

PERFORMANCE REPORT

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This column features the performance leaders in central bull tests hosted across the country.

MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program Announcement

The Michigan Cattlemen's Ass'n (MCA) and Michigan State University (MSU) are making plans for their 36th annual bull evaluation, featuring bulls born Sept. 1, 2022-March 31, 2023. Nominations are due Sept. 1 for the test, hosted at Wernette Cattle Co. near Remus, Mich.

The bulls are divided into junior and senior divisions, and will be fed a roughage-based ration designed to allow for a 3.2-lb. average daily gain (ADG).

Delivery of the bulls is scheduled for Oct. 6, and initial weights will be recorded Oct. 26-27. Interim weights are scheduled to be collected Nov. 20 as well as Jan. 12, 2024, and the evaluation will conclude with final weights recorded Feb. 8-9. An open house will be hosted March 2, and the test sale will be March 16.

For additional information contact Dan Buskirk at 517-432-0400 or buskirk@msu.edu; Karl Wernette, station manager, at 989-506-7715 or karl.wernette@gmail.com; or visit the test website at www.mibulls.com.

Cal Poly Bull Test Mid-evaluation report (July 23)

The 2023 Cal Poly Bull Test is conducted at the Cal Poly Beef Center, located north of San Luis Obispo, Calif. The bulls being evaluated were born Aug. 1-Oct. 31, 2022. Angus bulls are indexed in groups for calving ease (CE), multi-

trait (MT) and growth (GR).

HIGH-ADG CE ANGUS Lot 100; owner: Dixie Valley Ranch, Lee Nobmann and Morgon Patrick, Montague; sire: Connealy Clarity; ADG: 5.37 lb.; wt.: 1,135 lb.

CE ANGUS AVERAGES (29 HEAD) ADG: 3.48 lb.; wt.: 1,031 lb.

HIGH-ADG MT ANGUS Lot 2; owner: Westwind Ranch Angus, Dave Holden, Oroville; sire: T/D Doc Ryan 049; ADG: 5.43 lb.; wt.: 1,345 lb.

MT ANGUS AVERAGES (40 HEAD) ADG: 4.19 lb.; wt.: 1,133 lb.

HIGH-ADG GR ANGUS Lot 67; owner: Popovits Family Ranch, Valley Springs; sire: Ankonian Paragon 0C4; ADG: 5.51 lb.; wt.: 1,200 lb.

GROWTH ANGUS AVERAGES (31 HEAD) ADG: 3.68 lb.; wt.: 1,072 lb.

Final weights will be recorded Aug. 12-13, and the 67th annual Cal Poly Bull Sale will be hosted Oct. 1. For more information, visit the test website at <https://bulltest.calpoly.edu>, call the bull test office at 805-756-2685 or email bulltest@calpoly.edu. You can also contact Zachary McFarlane, beef cattle specialist, at zmcfarla@calpoly.edu.

Virginia BCIA Culpeper Senior Bull Test

Initial report (July 11)

The Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) Culpeper Senior Bull Test is conducted at Riverview Farms Cattle, Louisa. The bulls were delivered to the test station June 27, and initial weights were recorded July 11. Bulls

in the 112-day evaluation are fed a silage-based ration to achieve a target ADG of 3.5 lb., and were born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2022.

The 110 Angus bulls being evaluated represent 20 producers, and weighed an average of 846 lb. at the beginning of the test. All 166 bulls being evaluated weighed an average of 852 lb.

Interim weights will be recorded Sept. 5 and Oct. 3. Off-test weights will be recorded Oct. 30-31. An open house is planned for Dec. 3, and the 66th annual test sale will be hosted Dec. 9. For more information contact Scott Greiner at 540-231-9159 or sgreiner@vt.edu; Steve or Blake Hopkins at 540-205-7798 or 540-223-1886; or visit the test website, <https://www.bcia.apsc.vt.edu/>.

NC BCIP Waynesville Bull Test On-test report (July 6)

The NC Beef Cattle Improvement Program (BCIP) is conducting its Waynesville Bull Test, featuring bulls born between Aug. 1 and Nov. 15, 2022. The test is conducted at the Mountain Research Station at Waynesville.

Initial weights were recorded July 5-6. Eighteen of the 32 bulls enrolled are Angus, and all 32 bulls weighed an average of 857 lb.

Interim weights are scheduled to be collected Aug. 30 and Sept. 27, with final weights planned Oct. 24-25.

The test sale will be hosted Dec. 2 at the WNC Regional Livestock

Center in Canton. For more information contact Kyle Miller, station manager, at 828-456-3943, or visit the test website at <https://beef.ces.ncsu.edu/beef-bull-test/>.

NC BCIP Butner Bull Test Initial report (July 18)

The North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement Program (BCIP) Butner Bull Test is operated by the NC State University Agricultural Research Service at the Butner Beef Cattle Field Laboratory near Bahama. Bulls enrolled in the 112-day evaluation were born Aug. 15-Nov. 15, 2022, and are fed a silage-based diet.

Forty-five Angus bulls are among the 55 bulls delivered to the test station July 5 and weighed on test July 17-18. Overall, the bulls weighed an average of 820 lb. The bulls represent a total of 14 producers.

Interim weights will be observed Sept. 12 and Oct. 10, and final weights will be observed Nov. 6-7.

The test sale is scheduled to be hosted Dec. 15. For more information contact Greg Shaeffer, station manager, at 919-471-6872, or visit <https://beef.ces.ncsu.edu/beef-bull-test/>.

Great Basin Bull Test Interim report

The 2023-2024 Great Basin Bull Test is hosted at Snyder Livestock, Nev., and features three age divisions. The evaluation is hosted in cooperation with the Nevada Cattleman's Association, by three breeders: Charlie Hone, David Holden and Kris Gudel. Individual feed intake and data are collected via a GrowSafe system as part of the 112-day evaluation. Bulls will be categorized in divisions of at least five bulls according to breed and calving ease.

The early fall and late fall divisions are currently being evaluated, and entries for the spring division are planned to be received.

Interim weights were collected on the early fall bulls on June 21. The high-gaining bull was Westwind Doc Holliday DJH239. The son of T/D Doc Ryan 049 was gaining 6.25 lb. per day at the time of the report on June 21, and 6.07 at the time of the July report.

Interim weights will also be recorded July 21 and Aug. 18, and final weights will be recorded Sept. 15.

Eligible late fall bulls were born Oct. 1-Dec. 31, 2022. Delivery of the bulls was scheduled for July 1-6, and initial weights are planned to be recorded July 29. Interim weights are scheduled to be collected Aug. 25, Sept. 22, and Oct. 20, with final weights scheduled Nov. 17.

Spring bulls eligible for the evaluation were born Jan. 1-Feb. 28, 2023. They are scheduled to be received at the feedlot Sept. 1-5, and weighed on test Sept. 30. Interim weights are planned to be collected Oct. 27, Nov. 24 and Dec. 22, and final weights are planned Jan. 19, 2024.

The Great Basin Bull Sale is planned for Feb. 17. For more information visit www.greatbasinbulltest.com or email greatbasinbullsale@gmail.com; or contact Charlie Hone at 775-691-1838, Dave Holden at 530-736-0727, or Kris Gudel at 916-208-7258.

IBEP Summer 2023 Bull Test 64-day report (July 19)

The Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) 2023 Summer Bull Test is being conducted at the Feldun Purdue Agriculture Center, Bedford, Ind. The test features a roughage-based ration targeting 3.25-3.5-pound

(lb.) gain, and features junior and senior divisions.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING SENIOR ANGUS Lot 28; owner: Jim Trietsch, Trietsch Farms, Atlanta; sire: EWA West Point 7258; ADG: 4.89 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 2.58 lb.; WDA ratio 93; wt.: 1,200 lb.; index: 116

HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS Lot 1; owner: Steve and Pam Ritter, Shady Springs Farm, Norman; sire: Connealy Capitalist; ADG: 3.51 lb.; ADG ratio: 95; WDA: 2.83 lb.; WDA ratio: 102; wt.: 1,460 lb.; index: 89

SENIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (5 HEAD) ADG: 3.95 lb.; WDA: 2.83 lb.; wt.: 1,245 lb.

SENIOR OVERALL AVERAGES (10 HEAD) ADG: 3.52 lb.; WDA: 2.79 lb.; wt.: 1,201 lb.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 22; owner: Small Cattle Farms, West Lafayette; sire: FHCC Energize 8562; ADG: 5.16 lb.; ADG ratio: 135; WDA: 3.48 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,270 lb.; index: 124

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 64; owner: Hall's Angus, Eddyville, Ill.; sire: Ellingson Homegrown 6035; ADG: 3.56 lb.; ADG ratio: 93; WDA: 3.70 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,140 lb.; index: 102

JUNIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (37 HEAD) ADG: 3.84 lb.; WDA: 3.19 lb.; wt.: 1,061 lb.

OVERALL JUNIOR AVERAGES (54 HEAD) ADG: 3.81 lb.; WDA: 3.14 lb.; wt.: 1,027 lb.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS GET OF SIRE Lots 9, 11, 12 and 13; owner: NickKatie Farms, Columbus; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; avg. ADG: 4.02 lb.; avg. WDA: 2.99 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,090 lb.; index: 101

HIGH-WDA ANGUS GET OF SIRE Lots 55, 60 and 64; owner: Hall's Angus; sire: Ellingson Homegrown 6035; avg. ADG: 3.65 lb.; avg. WDA: 3.50 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,088 lb.; index: 101

HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS GET OF SIRE Lots 53, 57 and 59; owner: Bennett Angus, Eddyville, Ill., and Hall's Angus; sire: Sitz Resilient 10208; avg. ADG: 3.94

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lb.; avg. WDA: 3.39 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,068 lb.; index: 105

The index is calculated as 60% ADG ratio + 40% WDA ratio, within a breed group consisting of six bulls. Bulls in a breed group of less than six are indexed against all bulls on test.

Interim weights are again scheduled to be observed Aug. 13. Final weights will be collected Sept. 15-16, and the test sale will be hosted Oct. 12.

For more information, contact Nick Minton, beef systems specialist, at nminton@purdue.edu or 812-279-4330. Information is available at <https://ag.purdue.edu/ansc/ibep/>.

IBEP Winter 2023 and Summer 2024 Bull Tests Announcement

The IBEP has announced the schedule for its Winter 2023 and Summer 2024 evaluations. The 125-day tests will feature a junior and senior division, and feature a roughage-based ration targeting 3.25-3.5 lb.

Bulls eligible for the Winter 2023 test were born Oct. 1, 2022, to March 30, 2023. Entries are due Sept. 22.

Bulls will be received at the test station Oct. 24, and weighed on-test Nov. 13-14. Interim weights will be collected Dec. 12, Jan. 16 and Feb. 13. Final weights will be observed March 17-18, and the 93rd IBEP Bull Sale will be hosted April 13.

Bulls nominated for the Summer 2024 Test must have been born April 1-Sept. 30, 2023. Delivery of the bulls will take place April 23, and initial weights are scheduled May 13-14. Mid-evaluation weights will be observed June 11, July 16 and Aug. 13, with final weights observed Sept.

15-16. The test sale is planned to be hosted Oct. 12, 2024.

For more details, contact Nick Minton, beef systems specialist, at nminton@purdue.edu or 812-279-4330. Information is also available by visiting <https://ag.purdue.edu/ansc/ibep/>.

Western Illinois University Bull Test Announcement

Western Illinois University is making preparations for its 2023-2024 Bull Test, which will feature bulls born Dec. 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023. The evaluation takes place near Macomb, Ill. The deadline for entries is Sept. 13, and participating bulls will be received at the test station Oct. 3. Initial weights will be recorded Oct. 24 after a 21-day warm-up period.

The test sale will be hosted March 8. For more information contact Keela Trennepohl, bull test director, at 805-440-8421 or km-trennepohl@wiu.edu, or visit www.wiu.edu/cbt/agriculture/bull_test/.

Calhoun Bull Evaluation Initial report (Aug. 1)

The University of Georgia Extension is now conducting its 2023-2024 Calhoun Bull Evaluation for bulls born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2022.

The bulls were received at the test station July 10 and weighed on test July 31-Aug. 1, and represented 21 consignors. Eighty-eight bulls began the evaluation and weighed an average of 943 lb. Seventy-two Angus are among the bulls being evaluated, and they weighed an average of 956 lb.

Interim weights will be collected Aug. 29 and Sept. 26, and final weights will be collected Oct. 23-24.

There will be a Calhoun Beef Cattle Seminar Nov. 30, and the test sale will be hosted Dec. 1. For more information contact Jason Duggin at 706-624-1403 or jduggin@uga.edu, or visit the test website at <https://bit.ly/PT-CalhounBT>.

Tifton and Calhoun HERD Programs Announcement

The University of Georgia (UGA) is making plans for its 2023-2024 Heifer Evaluation and Reproductive Development (HERD) Program at Tifton. The evaluation will feature heifers born Sept.-Nov. 2022, and the entry deadline is Sept. 1.

The heifers will be evaluated on performance, reproductive traits and disposition. They will be synchronized and bred by artificial insemination (AI), and pasture exposed to cleanup bulls.

The heifers will be received Oct. 2. Weights will be recorded and reports issued Oct. 23, Nov. 8, Dec. 11; and final weights will be recorded March 13.

The Tifton HERD sale is planned to be hosted April 16.

UGA will also conduct its HERD Program at Calhoun for heifers born Dec. 2022-Feb. 2023. The heifers will be evaluated on performance, reproductive traits and disposition, and fed a ration to gain 1.5-1.75 lb. per day. Nominations are due Nov. 1.

The Calhoun program heifers will be received Nov. 30, and initial weights will be recorded Jan. 3, 2024. Interim weights will be recorded Jan. 24 and Feb. 26, and final weights are scheduled to be recorded March 26.

The Calhoun HERD sale will be hosted May 29.

For more information contact Jason Duggin at 706-624-1403 or

jduggin@uga.edu, or visit the test website at <https://bit.ly/PT-HERD>.

Midland Bull Test Announcement

Located at Columbus, Mont., the Midland Bull Test (MBT) evaluates about 1,100 purebred bulls representing more than 200 consignors and more than 32 states each year. The test features Angus bulls born Dec. 1, 2022-April 1, 2023, split into two groups. Group 1 is composed of half of the spring Angus bulls and all fall bulls of other breeds. Group 2 includes the remaining half of the spring Angus bulls and all spring bulls of other breeds.

The bulls in Group 1 will be received at the test station Sept. 13-23, to be weighed on test Oct. 9-10. Interim weights will be collected Dec. 11 as well as Jan. 8, 2024; final weights will be observed Jan. 29-30.

Group 2 bulls are scheduled to be delivered Oct. 11-21, and initial weights will be observed Nov. 6-7. Interim weights will be collected Jan. 8 and Feb. 5, and the evaluation will conclude with weights observed Feb. 26-27.

Angus bulls are scheduled to sell April 5, 2024. For more information contact Steve Williams by texting 406-322-5597, emailing bulls@midlandbulltest.com, or visiting www.midlandbulltest.com.

Wardensville Bull Evaluation Program

Announcement

The 2023 Wardensville Bull Evaluation Program will be hosted at the West Virginia University Reymann Memorial Farm near

Wardensville, W.Va. Eligible bulls were born Jan. 20-March 23, 2023, and nominations for the 80-day evaluation are due Oct. 1.

Delivery of the bulls is scheduled for Nov. 8, and the evaluation will begin with weights recorded Nov. 30-Dec. 1. Interim weights will be collected Dec. 20 and Jan. 17, 2024, and final weights will be collected Feb. 15-16.


The test sale will be hosted March 28, 2024. For more details visit www.wardensvillebulltest.com, or contact Kevin Shaffer, program coordinator, at 304-293-2669 or kevin.shaffer@mail.wvu.edu.

West Virginia Southern Bull Evaluation Program

Announcement

The West Virginia Southern Bull Test will be conducted at the Green Mesa Farm near Henderson, W.Va., for bulls born Dec. 25, 2022, to Feb. 28, 2023. Nominations are due Sept. 16 for the 85-day evaluation.

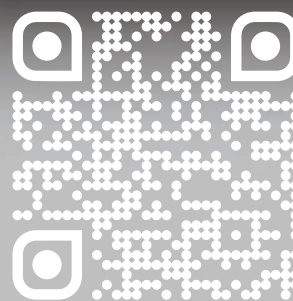
Delivery of the bulls is planned for Oct. 25. Initial weights will be collected Nov. 16-17, and interim weights Dec. 13 and Jan. 10, 2024. Final test weights will be observed Feb. 8-9.

The test sale will be hosted March 22. For more information contact Kevin Shaffer, program coordinator, at kevin.shaffer@mail.wvu.edu or 304-293-2669, or visit www.southernwvbulltest.com. 



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