

PERFORMANCE REPORT

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This column features the performance leaders in central bull tests hosted across the country. To access a state-by-state listing of central bull tests, visit our Virtual Library online at www.api-virtuallibrary.com/CentralBullTests.htm. The listing includes contact information, links to test websites, current test schedules and dates of upcoming tests.

Calhoun Bull Evaluation

28-day report (Aug. 18)

Bulls were weighed on test July 22 following a 21-day warm-up period for the University of Georgia Calhoun Bull Test. To be eligible for the 112-day test, bulls must have been born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2019.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 69; owner: Allgood Angus, Athens, Ga.; sire: EWA Peyton 642; ADG: 7.68 pounds (lb.); ADG ratio: 173; WDA: 3.34 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; wt.: 1,160 lb.; test index: 11.02

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 19; owner: Meldon Farm, Jefferson, Ga.; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 4.25 lb.; ADG ratio: 96; WDA: 4.0 lb.; WDA ratio: 126; wt.: 1,055 lb.; test index: 8.25

The 82 Angus bulls averaged 1,001 lb., with an average ADG of 4.43 lb. and an average WDA of 3.18 lb. All 106 bulls averaged 991 lb., with an average ADG of 4.33 lb. and an average WDA of 3.13 lb. Interim weights are scheduled to be recorded Sept. 15 and Oct. 13, with final weights for the 112-day test recorded Nov. 9-10. The Calhoun Beef Cattle Seminar will be hosted Dec. 3, before the 51st Annual Calhoun Bull Test Sale on Dec. 4.

For more information please contact Jason Duggin at 706-728-4354 or 229-386-3683, or visit the test website at <http://bit.ly/PT-Calhoun>.

IBEP Summer 2020 Bull Test

91-day report (Aug. 18)

32 bulls were delivered April 28 to the Feldun-Purdue Ag Center near Bedford, Ind., for the Indiana Beef Evaluation Program's (IBEP's) summer 2020 bull test. The bulls were born between May 1 and Oct. 31, 2019, and are being fed a forage-based diet with a target gain of 3.25 lb. per day.

Going on test the 18 Angus bulls averaged 730 lb., and all 32 bulls averaged 733 lb.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 421; owner: Kerley Beef Farm, Simpson, Ill.; sire: Basin Payweight 1682; ADG: 3.59 lb.; ADG ratio: 117; WDA: 2.53 lb.; WDA ratio: 88; wt.: 910 lb.; test index: 105

HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 403; owner: Hall's Angus, James Hall, Eddyville, Ill.; sire: Vermilion Spur B024; ADG: 3.41 lb.; ADG ratio: 111; WDA: 3.52 lb.; WDA ratio: 123; wt.: 1,275 lb.; test index: 115

HIGH-ADG, HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS GET-OF-SIRE Lots 404, 407 and 410; owners: Hall's Angus and Bennett Angus, Carole Bennett, Eddyville, Ill.; sire: KCF Bennett Fortress; avg. ADG: 3.27 lb.; ADG ratio: 106; avg. WDA: 3.31 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; avg. wt.: 1,127 lb.; test index: 110

ANGUS AVERAGES (18 HEAD) ADG: 3.08 lb.; WDA: 2.87 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,010 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (32 HEAD) ADG: 3.14 lb.;

WDA: 2.92 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,019 lb.

Final weights were scheduled to be recorded Sept. 20-21. The test sale will be Oct. 17 at the Springville Feeder Auction. Bulls must perform in the top two-thirds of the test on the performance index and pass a structural soundness and disposition evaluation in addition to a breeding soundness exam to qualify.

For more information, contact Nick Minton, beef systems specialist, at nminton@purdue.edu or 812-279-4330; Brad Shelton, station manager, at sheltonb@purdue.edu or 812-279-8554; or Donna Lofgren, performance records and website, at dlofgren@purdue.edu or 765-494-6439. Information is available on the test website, <https://ag.purdue.edu/ansc/ibep/>.

Florida Bull Test

On-test report (Aug. 11-12)

The 2020 Florida Bull Test is hosted at the North Florida Research and Education Center in Marianna, Fla. The test features bulls born between Aug. 15 and Dec. 31, 2019, with a limit of 132 bulls. Bulls will be fed for a target gain of 3.5 lb. per day to allow expression of growth potential and development.

The bulls were delivered July 21 and weighed on test Aug. 11-12. The 31 Angus bulls averaged 943 lb., and

all 103 bulls averaged 900 lb.

Interim weights are scheduled to be recorded Sept. 9, Oct. 6-7, and Nov. 4, with final weights recorded Dec. 1-2. The test sale is scheduled for Jan. 16, 2021. For more information, please visit the test website at <http://nfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/florida-bull-test>.

Iowa Cattlemen's Ass'n Bull Evaluation Program Announcement

The Iowa Cattlemen's Ass'n (ICA) has announced the schedule for its 2020-2021 bull tests at Bloomfield, Kirkwood and Knoxville.

The 112-day Bloomfield Test is conducted at Amstutz Cattle Co., Bloomfield. Eligible bulls were born Jan. 1 to March 31, 2020.

Delivery of the bulls is scheduled for Oct. 1, and bulls will be weighed on test Oct. 22-23. Interim weights are scheduled to be recorded Dec. 17, and final weights will be recorded Feb. 11-12, 2021.

There is also a 117-day Fall Test conducted at the Kirkwood Community College Tippie Beef Center in Cedar Rapids. Eligible bulls were born Aug. 15-Dec. 31, 2019, and will be received Sept. 24. The senior yearlings will be weighed on test Oct. 14-15. Interim weights will be taken Dec. 10 and final weights will be collected Feb. 8-9, 2021.

Bulls in the Bloomfield and Kirkwood Senior Yearling tests are scheduled to sell March 15, 2021, at Bloomfield Livestock.

The 112-day Kirkwood Test will be hosted at Amstutz Cattle Co. Eligible

bulls were born Jan. 15-April 15, 2020. Delivery of the bulls is scheduled for Oct. 1, and on-test weights will be recorded Oct. 22-23. Interim weights are scheduled to be recorded Dec. 17, and final weights Feb. 11-12, 2021. The Kirkwood sale will take place April 9, 2021.

The Knoxville Test will be hosted at the Werner Feed Efficiency Testing Center, Diagonal. The 112-day test will feature bulls born Feb. 1-May 2, 2020. Bulls will be received Oct. 21, and initial weights will be recorded Nov. 11-12. Interim weights are scheduled to be recorded Jan. 13, 2021, and final weights will be recorded March 17-18. The Knoxville bulls are scheduled to sell April 23.

For more information contact the association at 515-296-2266 (phone); 515-296-2261 (fax); email Lane Eads at lane@iacattlemen.org or visit the test website at <https://www.iacattlemen.org/ica-programs/bull-heifer-evaluation-program>.

Western Breeders' Bull Test Announcement

The Western Breeders' Ass'n LLC (WBA) has announced the schedule for its 2nd annual test. The test will be conducted at Beus Livestock, Pasco, Wash. To be eligible, bulls must have been born between Jan. 1 and March 31, 2020.

The bulls will be fed a full-gain ration during the 120-day test. Bulls have been consigned through preliminary entries from Washington, Oregon and Idaho. Angus bulls will be separated into divisions for calving ease and growth.

Delivery of the bulls is scheduled for Oct. 9, and on-test weights will be recorded Oct. 23. Interim weights are scheduled for Dec. 22, and final weights will be recorded Feb. 20, 2021.

The Bonina sale facility, Eltopia, Wash., will host the test sale on March 17.

While this is the second event for the WBA, members have been involved in this bull test and sale, formerly sponsored by the Washington Cattlemen's Association, for numerous years. Consignors typically represent Washington, Oregon and Idaho. Preliminary entries indicate 85 Angus bulls will be consigned.

For more information contact Julie Himmelberger at 509-386-5601 or mjh@columbiainet.com, or visit the test website at www.wballc.org.

Western Illinois University Bull Test Announcement

Western Illinois University has announced the schedule for its 2021 Bull Test, featuring bulls born between Dec. 15, 2019, and March 15, 2020. Bulls will be received Oct. 6-7 and weighed on test Oct. 29-30. Interim weights will be recorded Nov. 30 and Dec. 28. The bulls will be weighed off test Jan. 28-29, 2021.

The test sale is scheduled for March 12. For more information contact Keela Trennepohl at 805-440-8421 or KM-Trennepohl@wiu.edu, or visit www.wiu.edu/cbt/agriculture/bull_test/. 