

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.

Cal Poly Bull Test

Final report (Aug. 7)

Bulls were weighed on test May 15-16 for the 2021 Cal Poly Bull Test. The test was conducted at the Cal Poly Beef Center located north of San Luis Obispo. Eligible bulls were born Aug. 1-Oct. 31, 2020. Angus bulls were indexed in groups for calving ease (CE), multi-trait (MT) and growth (GR).

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING CE ANGUS Lot 92; owner: Dixie Valley Angus, Los Molinos, Calif.; sire: SS Enforcer E812; ADG: 5.77 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 3.86 lb.; wt.: 1,420 lb.; test index: 124

HIGH-WDA CE ANGUS Lot 26; owner: Borges Angus Ranch, Joe and Patricia Borges, Byron, Calif.; sire: Musgrave 316 Exclusive; ADG: 5.12 lb.; ADG ratio: 116; WDA: 4 lb.; wt.: 1,485 lb.; test index: 118

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING MT ANGUS Lot 97; owner: Dixie Valley Angus; sire: Connealy Gary; ADG: 5.7 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.78 lb.; wt.: 1,400 lb.; test index: 115

HIGH-WDA MT ANGUS Lot 81; owner: Eagle Grip Cattle Co., Denair, Calif.; sire: Connealy Lone Star; ADG: 3.67 lb.; ADG ratio: 81; WDA: 4.34 lb.; wt.: 1,450 lb.; test index: 100

HIGH-ADG GR ANGUS Lot 131; owner: Flying R J Ranch, Richard & Geraldine Libby, Live Oak, Calif.; sire: VAR Legacy 8006; ADG: 5.27 lb.; ADG ratio: 116; WDA: 3.68 lb.; wt.: 1,370 lb.; test index: 107

HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING GR ANGUS Lot 89; owner: Eagle Grip Cattle Co.; sire: Hoover No Doubt; ADG: 5.12 lb.; ADG ratio: 113; WDA: 4.68 lb.; wt.: 1,545 lb.; test index: 119

CE ANGUS AVERAGES (40 HEAD) ADG: 4.41 lb.; WDA: 3.33 lb.

MT ANGUS AVERAGES (29 HEAD) ADG: 4.54 lb.; WDA: 3.64 lb.

GR ANGUS AVERAGES (19 HEAD) ADG: 4.54 lb.; WDA: 3.75 lb.

Cal Poly will host a field day Oct. 2 prior to the test sale Oct. 3.

For more information and to access the sale book, 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.

the evaluation, the heifers will be synchronized and artificially inseminated, and then will be exposed to a cleanup bull for at least 45 days.

Heifers eligible for the Tifton program were born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2020. The entry deadline was Sept. 1. Delivery of the heifers is scheduled Oct. 4. The Tifton HERD sale will be April 19, 2022.

To be eligible for the Calhoun program, heifers must have been born Dec. 1, 2020-Feb. 28, 2021. The entry deadline for the Calhoun evaluation is Nov. 1. The heifers will be received Dec. 2, and the Calhoun HERD sale will be June 1, 2022.

For more information contact Jason Duggin at 706-624-1403 or jduggin@uga.edu, or visit the test website at ugabeef.com.

Tifton and Calhoun HERD Programs Announcement

The University of Georgia has announced the schedule for its Heifer Evaluation and Reproductive Development (HERD) Programs at Tifton and Calhoun.

During the HERD program, the heifers are evaluated based on performance, reproductive traits and disposition. The ration will consist of hay plus a supplement designed for growth and development, and the heifers will be fed to gain 1.5-1.75 pounds (lb.) per day. During

IBEP Summer 2021 Bull Test 91-day report (Aug. 17)

Bulls were weighed on test May 18 for the Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) Summer 2021 Test being conducted at the Feldun-Purdue Ag Center near Bedford, Ind. The bulls, born April 1-Sept. 30, 2020, are fed a roughage-based diet for a targeted gain of 3.25 lb.-3.50 lb. per day during the 125-day evaluation.

HIGH-ADG, HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 425; owner: Jay Alcorn,

Greencastle, Ind.; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 4.04 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 3.74 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,230 lb.; test index: 119

HIGH-ADG ANGUS GET-OF-SIRE Lots 441, 442, 444; owners: Underwood Angus Farms; sire: KB-Beastmode of B0101 F52; avg. ADG: 3.57 lb.; ADG index: 106; avg. WDA: 3.07 lb.; WDA index: 96; avg. wt.: 1,009 lb.; test index: 102

HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS GET-OF-SIRE Lots 447, 448, 449; owners: Bennett Angus and Hall's Angus, both of Eddyville, Ill.; sire: Bar R Jet Black 5063; avg. ADG: 3.44 lb.; ADG index: 102; avg. WDA: 3.34 lb.; WDA index: 104; avg. wt.: 1,159 lb.; test index: 103

HIGH-WDA ANGUS GET-OF-SIRE Lots 454, 455, 456; owner: Hall's Angus; sire: Tehama Patriarch F028; avg. ADG: 3.31 lb.; ADG index: 98; avg. WDA: 3.37 lb.; WDA index: 105; avg. wt.: 1,194 lb.; test index: 101

ANGUS AVERAGES (34 HEAD) ADG: 3.38 lb.; WDA: 3.20 lb.; wt.: 1,133 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (47 HEAD) ADG: 3.36 lb.; WDA: 3.17 lb.; wt.: 1,134 lb.

Final weights were scheduled to be recorded Sept. 20. Qualifying bulls will sell in the test sale Oct. 16 at the Springville Feeder Auction.

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

Florida Bull Test On-test report (Aug. 11)

The 2021 Florida Bull Test is hosted at the North Florida Research and Education Center at Marianna,

Fla. The bulls were received July 20 and weighed on test Aug. 10-11.

Thirty-nine Angus bulls are among the 107 bulls currently on test. The overall average weight at the beginning of the evaluation was 879 lb.

Interim weights are scheduled Sept. 8, Oct. 5-6 and Nov. 3. Off-test weights will be recorded Nov. 30-Dec. 1, and the test sale is planned for Jan. 15, 2022.

For more information contact Nicolas DiLorenzo at 850-526-1615 or ndilorenzo@ufl.edu; David Thomas at 850-525-1620 or davidall@ufl.edu; or Olivia Hill at 850-526-1621 or oliviahh@ufl.edu; or visit the test website at <http://nfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/florida-bull-test>.

Edisto Forage Bull Test Announcement

The Edisto Forage Bull Test is unique in that it is one of the only university-sponsored tests based on grazing only for the entire 168-day evaluation, with no grain or silage added. To be conducted at the Edisto Research and Education Center near Blackville, S.C., it will feature divisions for senior bulls (born Dec. 1, 2020-Jan. 31, 2021) and junior bulls (born Feb. 1-March 31, 2021). Nominations for the evaluation are due Nov. 1.

Bulls will be received at the test station Dec. 7 and weighed on test Dec. 21. Interim weights will be recorded Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 15, April 12, and May 10, 2022. Final weights are scheduled to be recorded June 7, and qualifying bulls will sell in the test sale Oct. 8, 2022.

For more information contact Scott

Sell at 912-682-9590 (cell), 803-284-3684 (fax) or gsell@clemson.edu, or visit the test website at <https://www.clemson.edu/extension/bulltest/edisto/>.

Edisto Heifer Development Program Announcement

The schedule has been announced for the Clemson University Edisto REC Heifer-development Program. The program uses the latest in precision ag livestock technology combined with genomic testing to develop a group of heifers backed by data.

Nominations are due Nov. 1 for the program, which will feature heifers born Sept. 1, 2020-Jan. 31, 2021. Delivery of the heifers is scheduled for Dec. 7. In addition to recorded weights, the heifers will be evaluated for disposition, hip height, reproductive tract scores and pelvic area. The heifers will be synchronized and bred by timed artificial insemination (AI), followed by pasture exposure to cleanup bulls. Only heifers determined to be bred will sell in the sale Oct. 8, 2022.

For more information contact Scott Sell, bull test coordinator, at 912-682-9590 or gsell@clemson.edu. More information, including photos of the heifers, is available on the test website, <https://www.clemson.edu/extension/bulltest/edisto/>. 