

PERFORMANCE REPORT

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

IBEP Summer 2023 Bull Test 91-day report (Aug. 15)

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.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING SENIOR ANGUS Lot 29; owner: Jim Trietsch, Trietsch Farms, Atlanta; sire: Grubbs Freney 135; ADG: 4.19 lb.; ADG ratio: 142; WDA: 2.46 lb.; WDA ratio 91; wt.: 1,170 lb.; index: 122

HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS Lot 1; owner: Steve and Pam Ritter, Shady Springs Farm, Norman; sire: Connealy Capitalist; ADG: 1.72 lb.; ADG ratio: 58; WDA: 3.01 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,450 lb.; index: 80

SENIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (5 HEAD) ADG: 3.13 lb.; WDA: 2.74 lb.; wt.: 1,278 lb.

SENIOR OVERALL AVERAGES (10 HEAD) ADG: 2.95 lb.; WDA: 2.69 lb.; wt.: 1,234 lb.

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 13; owner: NickKatie Farms, John Finke and Deena Stoner, Columbus, Ind.; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 3.97 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 2.99 lb.; WDA ratio: 97; wt.: 1,145 lb.; index: 113

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 64; owner: Hall's Angus, Eddyville, Ill.; sire: Ellingson Homegrown 6035; ADG: 2.99 lb.; ADG ratio: 94; WDA: 3.54 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,185 lb.; index: 102

HIGH-INDEXING JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 22; owner: Small Cattle Farms, Terry Small,

West Lafayette, Ind.; sire: FHCC Energize 8562; ADG: 3.89 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA: 3.30 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 1,295 lb.; index: 116

JUNIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (37 HEAD) ADG: 3.19 lb.; WDA: 3.07 lb.; wt.: 1,107 lb.

OVERALL JUNIOR AVERAGES (54 HEAD) ADG: 3.16 lb.; WDA: 3.02 lb.; wt.: 1,072 lb.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS GET OF SIRE Lots 9, 11, 12 and 13; owner: NickKatie Farms; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; avg. ADG: 3.56 lb.; avg. WDA: 2.96 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,158 lb.; index: 106

HIGH-WDA ANGUS GET OF SIRE Lots 55, 60 and 64; owner: Hall's Angus; sire: Ellingson Homegrown 6035; avg. ADG: 2.96 lb.; avg. WDA: 3.33 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,125 lb.; index: 100

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.

Final weights will be collected Sept. 17-18, and the test sale will be hosted Oct. 14. 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/>.

Pennsylvania Bull Test Announcement

The Pennsylvania Bull Test will be conducted at the PA Livestock Evaluation Center, Pennsylvania Furnace, Pa., for bulls born Jan.

1-April 15, 2023. Nominations were due Aug. 20 for the 112-day evaluation.

Delivery of the bulls to the test center is scheduled for Oct. 10. Initial weights will be recorded Oct. 31, and interim weights will be recorded Nov. 28, and Dec. 26; as well as Jan. 23, 2024. Final weights will be collected Feb. 20, and the test sale will be hosted March 29.

For more information contact Greg Hubbard, station manager, at 814-238-2527 or ghubbard@pa.gov, or visit the test website at <http://bit.ly/PA-BT>.

UBIA Performance Bull Test Announcement

The Utah Beef Improvement Ass'n (UBIA) is making preparations for its Performance Bull Test at Kenison Farms Feedlot, Levan, Utah. The test is on a roughage-based ration and features junior and senior divisions. The junior division is divided into growth and low birth weight divisions.

Bulls eligible for the senior division were born Sept. 15-Dec. 31, 2022. Junior division bulls must have been born Jan. 1-March 20, 2023. Nominations were due Sept. 15.

Participating bulls will be received at the test station Oct. 2 to be weighed on test Oct. 16-18. Interim weights will be collected Nov. 14, Dec. 12 and Jan. 9. Final weights will be collected Feb. 5 and 7. The test sale

will be hosted March 16 at Producers Livestock Market, Salina.

For more information visit www.ubiabulls.com, or email ubiabulls@gmail.com.

OPSU Bull Performance Test Program Announcement

Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU) has announced plans for its Dr. Jerry and Gwen Martin 72nd Annual Bull Performance Test at OPSU near Goodwell, Okla. Eligible bulls were born Sept. 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023. Bulls will be fed twice daily *ad libitum* with a well-balanced growing ration.

Participating bulls will be received for the 112-day evaluation Sept. 25-Oct. 1, to be weighed on test Oct. 10. Interim weights will be collected at 28-day intervals. The test sale will be hosted Feb. 27, 2024.

For more information, contact Crystal Tolle at 580-273-5060 or crystal.tolle@opsu.edu.

Florida Bull Test Initial report (Aug. 16)

The 2023-2024 Florida Bull Test is hosted at the North Florida Research and Education Center at Marianna, featuring bulls born Aug. 15-Dec. 31, 2022.

The ration is formulated with a target gain of 3.5 lb. per day. During the first 56 days of the test, the bulls are fed a total mixed ration (TMR) with grain byproducts and forage. For the remainder of the test, bulls will receive the same diet in self-feeders, with a slightly reduced

amount of roughage and *ad libitum* access to hay.

At the beginning of the evaluation, the 116 bulls' average weight was 882 lb. Interim weights will be recorded Sept. 13, Oct. 10-11 and Nov. 8. Final weights will be collected Dec. 5-6. The test sale is scheduled to be hosted Jan. 20, 2024. To qualify, bulls must achieve an index ratio of 90, calculated as WDA + ADG.

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Calhoun Bull Evaluation 28-day report (Aug. 29)

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

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 76; owner: Berry-Wells Farm, Johnathan Wells, Rayle, Ga.; sire: GAR Greater Good; ADG: 7.93 lb.; ADG ratio: 169; WDA: 3.59 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,255 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 64; owner: Brigadoon Farm, Beth Burns, Pikeville, Tenn.; sire: ; ADG: 4.64 lb.; ADG ratio: 99; WDA: 4.22 lb.; WDA ratio: 128; wt.: 1,275 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (72 HEAD) ADG: 4.70 lb.; WDA: 3.29 lb.; wt.: 1,088 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (88 HEAD) ADG: 4.59 lb.; WDA: 3.26 lb.; wt.: 1,072 lb.

Interim weights will be collected 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 <https://bit.ly/PT-CalhounBT>.

Cal Poly Bull Test Final report (Aug. 13)

The 2023 Cal Poly Bull Test is conducted at the Cal Poly Beef Center, located north of San Luis Obispo, Calif. Bulls 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, Montague; sire: Connealy Clarity; ADG: 4.5 lb.; ADG ratio: 133; FCR: 7.92; FCR ratio: 92; wt.: 1,208 lb.; index: 112

CE ANGUS AVERAGES (27 HEAD) ADG: 3.38 lb.; FCR: 7.30; wt.: 1,118 lb.

HIGH-ADG MT ANGUS Lot 101; owner: Popovits Family Ranch, Valley Springs; sire: T/D Doc Ryan 049; ADG: 4.84 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; FCR: 6.85; FCR ratio: 107; wt.: 1,285 lb.; index: 119

MT ANGUS AVERAGES (41 HEAD) ADG: 3.69 lb.; wt.: 1,202 lb.

HIGH-ADG GROWTH ANGUS Lot 67; owner: Popovits Family Ranch; sire: Ankonian Paragon 0C4; ADG: 4.95 lb.; ADG ratio: 143; FCR: 4.92; FCR ratio: 133; wt.: 1,310 lb.; index: 138

GROWTH ANGUS AVERAGES (30 HEAD) ADG: 3.46 lb.; wt.: 1,153 lb.

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.

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NC BCIP Waynesville Bull Test 56-day report (Aug. 30)

The NC Beef Cattle Improvement Program (BCIP) is conducting its Waynesville Bull Test featuring bulls born between Aug. 1 and Nov. 15, 2022.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 16; owner: Berry-

Wells Farm, William Wells, Rayle, Ga.; sire: SydGen Enhance; ADG: 4.8 lb.; ADG ratio: 136; WDA: 3.1 lb.; WDA ratio: 97; wt.: 1,075 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS (TIE) Lot 5; owner: H&H Farm, Boiling Springs; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 3.5 lb.; ADG ratio: 101; WDA: 3.6 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,130 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS (TIE) Lot 11; owner:

Hawks Nest Farm, Leicester; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 4.2 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 3.6 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,315 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (18 HEAD) ADG: 3.5 lb.; WDA: 3.2 lb.; wt.: 1,081 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (31 HEAD) ADG: 3.3 lb.; WDA: 3.1 lb.; wt.: 1,043 lb.

Interim weights are scheduled Sept. 27, and final weights Oct. 24-25.


The test sale will be hosted Dec. 2. 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/>.

Minnesota BCIA Bull Evaluation Announcement

The Minnesota Beef Cattle Improvement Ass'n (MBCIA) will conduct its 133-day evaluation at Foundation Feeders near Spring Grove. Eligible bulls were born Aug. 15, 2022 to May 15, 2023.

The bulls will be fed a high-protein TMR including corn silage, alfalfa haylage, corn, distillers' grains, mineral mix and vitamins. Nominations are due Oct. 15.

Delivery of the bulls is scheduled for Oct. 28, and on-test weights will be collected Nov. 10-11. Interim weights will be collected Jan. 5 and Feb. 24, and final weights will be collected March 21. The bull sale will be hosted April 4, and will feature only bulls indexing in the top 75-80% of the entire group.

For more information contact Ron Holty, test station manager, at 507-498-5839 or 507-429-7963, ronholty@gmail.com or www.foundationfeedersinc.com. 

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