

PERFORMANCE REPORT

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

Calhoun Bull Evaluation

56-day report (Sep. 27)

The University of Georgia Extension is conducting its 53rd Calhoun Bull Evaluation.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 29; owner: Berry-Wells Farm, Johnathan Wells, Rayle, Ga.; sire: RAR Revolution; ADG: 6.04 lb.; ADG ratio: 133; WDA: 3.46 lb.; WDA ratio: 103; wt.: 1,290 lb.; index: 9.50

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 63; owner: Meldon Farm, Melvin Porter, Jefferson, Ga.; sire: Myers Fair-N-Square M39; ADG: 4.82 lb.; ADG ratio: 106; WDA: 3.89 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,310 lb.; index: 8.71

HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 55; owner: Emilan Angus Farm, Lanny Benson, Lafayette, Ga.; sire: EWA Peyton 642; ADG: 5.93 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 3.80 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,205 lb.; index: 9.73

ANGUS AVERAGES (55 HEAD) ADG: 4.55 lb.; WDA: 3.37 lb.; wt.: 1,171 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (73 HEAD) ADG: 4.27 lb.; WDA: 3.30 lb.; wt.: 1,160 lb.

Final weights are scheduled to be collected Oct. 24-25. There will be a Calhoun Beef Cattle Seminar Dec. 1, and the test sale will be hosted Dec. 2.

For more information contact Jason Duggin at 706-624-1403, or visit the test website at <https://bit.ly/PT-CalhounBT>.

IBEP Summer 2022 Bull Test

Final report (Sept. 19)

The Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) Summer 2022 Bull Test featured bulls born April 1-Sept. 30, 2021. The 125-day test was conducted at the Feldun Purdue Ag Center near Bedford, Ind.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 58; owner: Underwood Angus Farms, Neil Underwood, North Manchester, Ind.; sire: Magnitude of CC&7 59G; ADG: 3.99 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 2.94 lb.; WDA ratio: 96; wt.: 1,278 lb.; frame: 4.5; index: 114

HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 43; owner: Halls' Angus, Eddyville, Ill.; sire: Connealy Blackhawk 6198; ADG: 3.64 lb.; ADG ratio: 114; WDA: 3.52 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,348 lb.; frame: 6.0; index: 115

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS GET-OF-SIRE Lots 11, 12, 14; sire: FHCC Energize 8562; owner: Small Cattle Farms, West Lafayette, Ind.; avg. ADG: 3.68 lb.; avg. WDA: 2.94 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,269 lb.; avg. index: 108

HIGH-WDA ANGUS GET-OF-SIRE Lots 37, 44, 45; sire: Connealy Blackhawk 6198; owners: Bennett Angus and Halls' Angus; avg. ADG: 3.33 lb.; avg. WDA: 3.35 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,292 lb.; avg. index: 106

ANGUS AVERAGES (29 HEAD) ADG: 3.19 lb.; WDA: 3.06 lb.; wt.: 1,194 lb.; frame: 5.1

OVERALL AVERAGES (62 HEAD) ADG: 3.14 lb.; WDA: 3.03 lb.; wt.: 1,206 lb.

The test index is calculated as 60% ADG + 40% WDA. The bulls will be scanned for IMF, REA and BF; receive scores for claw set and foot angle; and be evaluated for disposition. Bulls must have successfully passed a breeding soundness exam (sometimes referred to as a BSE), be parent-verified to their sire and dam, and have genomic-enhanced EPDs to qualify for the sale, which was planned to be hosted Oct. 15. Visitors are always welcome.

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/>.

Virginia BCIA Culpeper Senior Bull Test

56-day report (Sept. 6)

The Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) Culpeper Senior Bull Test is conducted at Riverview Farms Cattle LLC, Louisa. The 112-day test features a silage-based ration fed to achieve a target ADG of 3.5 lb. The bulls were born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2021.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 78; owner: Lawson Family Farms, Ewing, Va.; sire: Lawson's Demarini E131; ADG: 5.18 lb.; ADG ratio: 153; WDA: 3.17 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 1,150 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 63; owner: Little Windy Hill Farm, Max Meadows, Va.; sire: Jindra Acclaim; ADG: 3.57 lb.; ADG ratio: 105; WDA: 3.45 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,245 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (86 HEAD) ADG: 3.39 lb.; WDA: 2.96 lb.; wt.: 1,054 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (146 HEAD) ADG: 3.38 lb.; WDA: 2.98 lb.; wt.: 1,060 lb.

Interim weights are scheduled to be observed Oct. 4, and the bulls will be weighed off test Nov. 1. The test sale will be hosted Dec. 10.

For more information contact Scott Greiner at 540-231-9159 or sgreiner@vt.edu, or visit the test website, <https://www.bcia.apsc.vt.edu/>.

NC BCIP Butner Bull Test

56-day report (Sept. 13)

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, N.C. Bulls enrolled in the 112-day evaluation were born Aug. 15-Nov. 15, 2021 and are being fed a silage-based diet.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 11; owner: Oakview Farm, Bobby Aldridge, Yanceyville, N.C.; sire: Oakview Excaliber 1221; ADG: 4.4 lb.; ADG ratio: 137; wt.: 1,310 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (43 HEAD) ADG: 3.2 lb.; wt.: 1,062 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (70 HEAD) ADG: 3.2 lb.; wt.: 1,063 lb.

Final weights are scheduled to be observed Nov. 7-8. The test sale will be hosted Dec. 16, at the Granville County Livestock Arena in Oxford.

For more information contact Greg Shaeffer, station manager, at 919-471-6872, or visit the test website at <https://beef.ces.ncsu.edu/beef-bull-test/>.

Clemson Bull Test

28-day report (Sept. 13)

The 112-day Clemson University Bull Test features a senior division consisting of bulls born Sept. 1-Oct. 31, 2021, and a junior division with bulls born Nov. 1-Dec. 31, 2021. As a new requirement this year, all bulls must be tested with a low-density genomic panel or higher for genomic-enhanced EPDs and parentage verified by breed association.

HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS Lot 21; owner: Berry-Wells Farm, William Wells, Rayles, Ga.; sire: RAR Revolution 8148; ADG: 5.54 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 3.46 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 1,230 lb.

HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS Lot 2; owner: Shuffler Farm, Union Grove, N.C.; sire: Kesslers Commodore 6516; ADG: 3.48 lb.; ADG ratio: 78; WDA: 3.52 lb.; WDA ratio: 108; wt.: 1,120 lb.

SENIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (22 HEAD) ADG: 4.48 lb.; WDA: 3.25 lb.; wt.: 1,130 lb.

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 43; owner: Triple S Farm, Oakboro, N.C.; sire: Triple L Enhance 917; ADG: 5.57 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; WDA: 3.40 lb.; WDA ratio: 99; wt.: 984 lb.

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 35; owner: Shuffler Farm; sire: SS Niagara Z29; ADG: 4.11 lb.; ADG ratio: 91; WDA: 3.70 lb.; WDA ratio: 108; wt.: 1,170 lb.

JUNIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (13 HEAD) ADG: 4.52 lb.; WDA: 3.43 lb.; wt.: 1,011 lb.

Interim weights will be observed

Oct. 11 and Nov. 8, and final weights are scheduled Dec. 6.

Qualifying bulls will sell Feb. 4, 2023. For more information contact Steve Meadows at 864-633-9970 or smdws@clemson.edu, or visit the test website at <http://bit.ly/bt-Clemson>.

Minnesota BCIA Bull Evaluation

Announcement

The Minnesota Beef Cattle Improvement Association (MBCIA) will conduct its 133-day evaluation at the Foundation Feeders test station near Spring Grove, Minn. Eligible bulls were born Aug. 15, 2021, to May 15, 2022. The bulls will be fed a high-protein total mixed ration (TMR) including corn silage, alfalfa haylage, corn, distillers' grains, mineral mix and vitamins.

Delivery of the bulls is scheduled for Oct. 29. On-test weights will be collected Nov. 11-12, and interim weights are scheduled to be collected Jan. 6 and Feb. 24, 2023. The bulls will be weighed off-test March 18.

The test sale will be hosted April 6 in Jackson, Minn., and will feature the top 75%-80% of the 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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Tucumcari Bull Test

Announcement

The 62nd Tucumcari Bull Test, hosted at Tucumcari, N.M., will begin Nov. 1, 2022. The test will feature two test groups based on in-weights and time of feed intake testing, and will be based on a TMR of 60% grain and 40% roughage. Eligible bulls were born Jan. 1-April 30, 2022.

Interim weights will be collected Nov. 30; Dec. 30; and Jan. 29, 2023. Final 120-day weights are scheduled to be collected Feb. 28.

The test sale will be hosted March 11. For more information go to <https://tucbulltest.nmsu.edu>, or contact Marcy Ward at 575-644-3379 or maward@nmsu.edu.

NC BCIP Waynesville Bull Test

56-day report (Aug. 30)

The NC Beef Cattle Improvement Program (BCIP) has begun conducting its Waynesville Bull Test, featuring bulls born between Aug. 1 and Nov. 15, 2021. The test is conducted at the Mountain Research Station at Waynesville.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 21; owner: Shuffler Farms, Union Grove, N.C.; sire: Kessler's Commodore 6516; ADG: 5.0 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; wt.: 1,215 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (27 HEAD) ADG: 4.0 lb.; wt.: 1,083 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (40 HEAD) ADG: 3.6 lb.; wt.: 1,042 lb.

84-day report (Sept. 27)

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 40; owner: Starnes Farms, Marcus Starnes, Greeneville, Tenn.; sire: Deer Valley Growth

Fund; ADG: 4.5 lb.; ADG ratio: 117; wt.: 1,080 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (27 HEAD) ADG: 3.9 lb.; wt.: 1,182 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (40 HEAD) ADG: 3.5 lb.; wt.: 1,130 lb.

Final weights will be recorded Oct. 24-25. The test sale will be hosted Dec. 3 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/>.

Florida Bull Test

28-day report (Sept. 7)

The 2022-2023 Florida Bull Test is being hosted at the North Florida Research and Education Center at Marianna, Fla., for bulls born Aug. 15-Dec. 31, 2021. The bulls were received at the test station July 19, and weighed an average of 875 lb. at the beginning of the evaluation Aug. 10-11.

The ration is formulated with a target gain of 3.5 lb. per day. During the first 56 days of the test, bulls will be fed a 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.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 2185; owner: Hubert Hightower, Waukeenah, Fla.; sire: SydGen Enhance; ADG: 4.91 lb.; WDA: 3.63 lb.; wt.: 1,290 lb.; index: 133

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 2193; owner: Hubert Hightower; sire: SydGen Enhance; ADG: 2.68 lb.; WDA: 3.88 lb.; wt.: 1,365 lb.; index: 102

OVERALL AVERAGES (96 HEAD) ADG: 3.51 lb.; WDA: 2.92 lb.; wt.: 973 lb.; index: 6.43

Interim weights are scheduled to be collected Oct. 4-5 and Nov 2. The evaluation will conclude Nov. 29-30.

The test sale will be hosted Jan. 14, 2023. To qualify for the sale, bulls must achieve an index ratio of 90, calculated as WDA+ADG.

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