

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 84-day report (Oct. 15)

Hosted by the University of Georgia, the 50th Calhoun Bull Evaluation is being conducted at the Calhoun Bull Evaluation Center, Calhoun, Ga. To be eligible, bulls must have been born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2018. The 110 bulls on the test gained an average of 4.69 pounds (lb.) per day during this 28-day period.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 44; owner: Bridges Angus Farm LLC, Phillip and Alan Bridges, Lexington, Ga.; sire: GAR Ashland; ADG: 5.42 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 3.78 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,520 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 7; owner: Berry-Wells Farm, Johnathan Wells, Rayle, Ga.; sire: Bridges Foretold; ADG: 4.91 lb.; ADG ratio: 116; WDA: 3.96 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,505 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (91 HEAD) ADG: 4.24 lb.; WDA: 3.34 lb.; wt.: 1,266 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (110 HEAD) ADG: 4.19 lb.; WDA: 3.31 lb.; wt.: 1,255 lb.

The bulls were weighed off test Nov. 11-12. Cattlemen are invited to a Beef Cattle Seminar Dec. 5, the day prior to the 50th Annual Sale Dec. 6. For more information contact Jason Duggin at 706-728-4354 or visit the test website at <https://beef.caes.uga.edu/programs/georgia-bull-evaluation-centers.html>.

Tennessee Bull Test 56-day report (Oct. 22)

Bulls were weighed on test Aug. 26-27 for the University of Tennessee 2019-2020 Senior Bull Test. The test is being conducted at the Middle Tennessee Research & Education Center in cooperation with Tennessee Extension.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 49; owner: Harris Bros. Cattle Co., Mount Juliet; sire: Deer Valley Patriot 6151; ADG: 6.93 lb.; ADG ratio: 155; WDA: 4.10 lb.; wt.: 1,500 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (78 HEAD) ADG: 4.47 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (104 HEAD) ADG: 4.32 lb.

Final 112-day weights were taken Nov. 19. Qualifying bulls will sell Jan. 10, 2020. For more information contact David Kirkpatrick, Extension beef cattle specialist and test director, at 865-974-7294 or fkirkpat@utk.edu. Rules and forms are available at <https://ag.tennessee.edu/AnimalScience/Pages/BullTestProgram.aspx>.

NC BCIP Waynesville Bull Test 112-day final report (Oct. 29)

Bulls were weighed on test July 8-9 for the North Carolina (NC) Beef Cattle Improvement Program (BCIP) Waynesville Bull Test. The 112-day test for bulls born Aug. 1-Nov. 15,

2018, was conducted at the NC Department of Agriculture Mountain Research Station at Waynesville.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 14; owner: Broadway Cattle Co., Chuck Broadway, Monroe; sire: Mead Magnitude; ADG: 3.58 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 3.10 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,280 lb.; index: 121; frame: 5.9

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 23; owner: H&H Farm, Buddy Hamrick, Boiling Springs; sire: TEX Playbook 5437; ADG: 3.16 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 3.26 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,220 lb.; index: 118; frame: 5.9

ANGUS AVERAGES (37 HEAD) ADG: 2.75 lb.; WDA: 2.70 lb.; wt.: 1,088 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (49 HEAD) ADG: 2.72 lb.; WDA: 2.69 lb.; wt.: 1,090 lb.

The sale will be Dec. 7 at the WNC Regional Livestock Center in Canton, N.C. For more details, visit <https://beef.ces.ncsu.edu/beef-bull-test/>, contact Gary Gregory at 919-515-4027, or contact Kyle Miller, station manager, at 828-456-3943.

NC BCIP Butner Bull Test 84-day report (Oct. 15)

Bulls were weighed on test July 22-23 for the NC BCIP Butner Bull Test. The 112-day test for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 15, 2018, is being conducted at the Butner Beef Cattle Field Laboratory at Bahama.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 9; owner: Britt Family Farm, James Britt, Calypso; sire: Yon High Cotton D885; ADG: 4.00 lb.; ADG ratio: 141; WDA: 2.70 lb.; WDA ratio: 100; wt.: 1,035 lb.; frame: 5.3

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 40; owner: Smith Creek Angus Farm, Marty & Lynne Rooker, Warrenton; sire: Connealy Consensus 7229; ADG: 3.64 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 3.12 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,130 lb.; frame: 6.0

ANGUS AVERAGES (56 HEAD) ADG: 2.84 lb.; WDA: 2.71 lb.; wt.: 1,037 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (67 HEAD) ADG: 2.80 lb.; WDA: 2.68 lb.; wt.: 1,028 lb.

Final weights were taken Nov. 11-12. Qualifying bulls will be sold Dec. 20 at the Granville County Livestock Arena in Oxford, N.C.

For more information visit <https://beef.ces.ncsu.edu/beef-bull-test/>, contact Gary Gregory at 919-515-4027, or contact Greg Shaeffer, station manager, at 919-471-6872.

Clemson Bull Test 56-day report (Oct. 15)

Bulls were weighed on test Aug. 20 for the 2020 Clemson Bull Test. The test features a senior division for bulls born Sept. 1-Oct. 31, 2018, and a junior division for bulls born Nov. 1-Dec. 31, 2018. New this year, British breeds are being ratioed together, as are Continental and "Ear" breeds.

HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS Lot 5; owner: Broadway Cattle Farm LLC, Chuck Broadway, Monroe, N.C.; sire: 3F Epic 4631; ADG: 6.29 lb.; ADG ratio: 158; WDA: 3.44 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,350 lb.

HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS (TIE) Lot 36; owner: Black Crest Farms, Billy McLeod, Sumter, S.C.; sire: KCF Bennett Beef

Bank; ADG: 3.93 lb.; ADG ratio: 99; WDA: 3.69 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,385 lb.

HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS (TIE) Lot 1; owner: Shuffler Farm, Eugene Shuffler, Union Grove, N.C.; sire: KCF Bennett Fortress; ADG: 3.88 lb.; ADG ratio: 98; WDA: 3.68 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,420 lb.

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 17; owner: Currahee Cattle Co., Ken Whitfield, Carnesville, Ga.; sire: KCF Bennett Fortress; ADG: 5.13 lb.; ADG ratio: 136; WDA: 3.00 lb.; WDA ratio: 95; wt.: 1,045 lb.

HIGH-WDA (TIE) JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 66; owner: Shuffler Farm; sire: KCF Bennett Fortress; ADG: 4.04 lb.; ADG ratio: 107; WDA: 3.44 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,125 lb.

HIGH-WDA (TIE) JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 72; owner: Black Crest Farms; sire: BCF 6S3 Alliance Y232; ADG: 3.82 lb.; ADG ratio: 101; WDA: 3.47 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,050 lb.

SENIOR BRITISH BREED AVERAGES (41 HEAD) ADG: 3.97 lb.; WDA: 3.10 lb.; wt.: 1,208 lb.

JUNIOR BRITISH BREED AVERAGES (12 HEAD) ADG: 3.78 lb.; WDA: 3.17 lb.; wt.: 1,028 lb.

Another interim weight was collected Nov. 12. Final weights will be taken Dec. 10. Qualifying bulls will sell Feb. 1, 2020.

For more information, contact Steve Meadows, Extension animal scientist and test director, at 864-633-9970 or smdws@clemson.edu. Rules and forms are available at <https://www.clemson.edu/extension/bulltest/clemson/index.html>.

Culpeper Bull Test 84-day report (Oct. 8)

Bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2018, went on test July 16 for the Virginia

Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) Culpeper Senior Bull Test being conducted at Glenmary Farm, Rapidan, Va. The bulls are being fed a concentrate ration formulated to achieve gains of 3.5 lb. per day.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 73; owner: Quaker Hill Farm, Charles Rosson, Louisa, Va.; sire: Quaker Hill Rampage 0A36; ADG: 5.42 lb.; ADG ratio: 145; WDA: 3.36 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,275 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 24; owner: Little Windy Hill Farms, Doug Hughes, Max Meadows, Va.; sire: Jindra Acclaim; ADG: 4.76 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 3.61 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,420 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (80 HEAD) ADG: 3.74 lb.; WDA: 2.98 lb.; wt.: 1,163 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (92 HEAD) ADG: 3.70 lb.; WDA: 2.99 lb.; wt.: 1,159 lb.

The final 112-day weights were taken Nov. 5. Qualifying bulls will sell Dec. 14.

For more information contact Scott Greiner, Extension beef cattle specialist and test director, at 540-231-9159 or sgreiner@vt.edu. Rules and forms are available on the test website, <https://www.bcia.apsc.vt.edu>.

Tifton Bull Tests On-test report (Oct. 14-15)

The University of Georgia weighed 122 bulls on test Oct. 14-15 for the 2019-2020 Tifton Bull Evaluation Program. The 112-day test features bulls born Dec. 1, 2018-Feb. 28, 2019, and is being conducted at the Tifton Bull Evaluation Center, Tifton, Ga.

Going on test, the 73 Angus bulls averaged 844 lb. for an average WDA of 2.99 lb. All 122 bulls averaged 835 lb. for an average WDA of 2.97 lb.

Interim weights will be collected

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Nov. 12, Dec. 10 and Jan. 7, 2020. The test will conclude Feb. 3-4.

New this year, all bulls must be genomic tested with parent verification to be eligible for sale. Cattlemen are invited to a short course March 3, the day prior to the test's sale March 4. For more information contact Jason Duggin at 706-728-4354 or 229-386-3683, or visit the test website at <http://beef.caes.uga.edu/programs/georgia-bull-evaluation-centers.html>.

Nebraska Bull Test

On-test report (Oct. 17-18)

A total of 118 bulls, including 116 Angus and two Hereford, were weighed on test for the Nebraska Bull Test Oct. 17-18. Twenty consignors are represented by a good mix of calving-ease and power bulls, reports test coordinator Jay Nordhausen, who adds that the quality this year is exceptional and deep.

Sixty- and 90-day interim weights will be taken Dec. 18 and Jan. 18, respectively, with final weights of the 120-day test collected Feb. 15-16.

Those meeting test requirements for ADG and WDA will sell March 25 in Broken Bow.

For more information contact Nordhausen at 308-289-1548 or jnordhausen@ogallalalive.com, or visit the test website at nebraskabulltest.com.

MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation

On-test report (Oct. 24-25)

Forty-five Angus bulls were among the 78 weighed on test for the 32nd Michigan Cattlemen's Association/Michigan State University (MCA/

MSU) Bull Evaluation Program Oct. 24-25. To be eligible, bulls must have been born Sept. 1, 2018-March 31, 2019. The 112-day test is being conducted at the MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program Station located at Plank Farm, Crystal, Mich.

The bulls averaged 796.5 lb. going on test, with bulls in the junior division averaging 758.4 lb. and the bulls in the senior division weighing 933.4 lb. The bulls gained an average of 2.89 lb. per day during the 14-day warm-up period.

Bulls will be weighed at 28-day intervals — Nov. 22, Dec. 20 and Jan. 17, 2020. Off-test weights will be taken Feb. 13-14.

Cattlemen are invited to an open house March 7. Qualifying bulls will sell in the test sale March 21.

For more information about the test contact Dan Buskirk, test coordinator, at 517-432-0400 or buskirk@msu.edu, or visit the test website at www.mibulls.com. Visitors are welcome at the station. Please review the biosecurity policy available on the website. Notify Brian Plank, station manager, at 989-506-2061 for a personal tour.

Florida Bull Test

84-day report (Nov. 6)

Bulls born Aug. 15-Dec. 31, 2018, began the 2019 Florida Bull Test Aug. 13-14. The 112-day test is being conducted at the North Florida Research and Education Center at Marianna, Fla.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 1836; owner: Williams Angus Farm, Newton, Ala.; sire: Turner Prophet 4512; ADG: 4.46 lb.; WDA: 3.47 lb.; wt.: 1,480 lb.; index: 7.93; index ratio: 124

OVERALL AVERAGES (98 HEAD) ADG: 3.44 lb.; WDA: 2.95 lb.; wt. 1,161 lb.

The bulls will be weighed off test Dec. 3-4. Qualifying bulls will sell Jan. 18, 2020. For more information, visit the test website at nfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/florida-bull-test or call 850-526-1621.

OPSU Bull Test

On-test report (Oct. 12)

Sixteen beef cattle breeders have consigned bulls to the 68th Annual Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU) Bull Performance Test. The bulls were weighed on test Oct. 12 after a 21-day warm-up period. Breeds represented are Angus, Hereford and Red Angus.

The full-gain test will feature a junior division for bulls born Jan. 1-March 31, 2019, and a senior division for bulls born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2018. The bulls will be fed a high-concentrate ration with roughage.

Interim weights will be collected Nov. 9, Dec. 7 and Jan. 4, with the final 112-day weight collected Feb. 1. Qualifying bulls will sell in the test sale Feb. 24.

For more information, contact Gwen Martin at 580-349-1500 or gwen@opsu.edu.

WCA Bull Test

On-test report (Oct. 26)

A total of 115 bulls were delivered Oct. 12 to the Beus Feedlot, Pasco, Wash., for the 27th annual Washington Cattlemen's Association (WCA) All-Breeds Bull Test. Born Jan. 1-March 31, 2019, the bulls were given a 14-day warm-up period before going on test Oct. 26. This is a 120-day gain test for which the bulls

are being fed to gain approximately 3.25 lb. per day.

The test includes 74 Angus bulls. They averaged 880 lb. going on test and had an average birth weight of 79 lb. Greater than 90% are sired by artificial insemination (AI).

A mid-test weight will be taken mid-December. The bulls will be weighed off test Feb. 22.

The test index is 50% 365-day adjusted weight ratio and 50% gain on test ratio. Qualifying bulls will sell in the WCA All-Breeds Bull Sale March 18, 2020, at the Bonina Sale Facility at Eltopia, Wash.

For more information contact Lorren Hagen, test manager, at 509-936-4380 or hagencattleandhay@gmail.com.

Manitoba Bull Test

On-test report (Oct. 28-29)

Bulls were delivered to the Manitoba Bull Test Station at Douglas, Manitoba, Canada, Sept. 30-Oct. 4 to go on test Oct. 28-29. The 58 bulls — born Jan. 1-April 30, 2019 — had an average WDA of 3.13 lb. going on test. The test includes 21 Angus bulls with an average WDA of 3.15 lb., representing four consignors.

Interim weights will be collected Dec. 23 and Jan. 20, with final weights for the 112-day test scheduled for Feb. 17-18. Qualifying bulls will sell March 28.

The station is owned and operated by the Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Ass'n. It has been in operation for more than 50 years. Visitors are welcome at the station all year round.

For more information, contact Tyler Winters, station manager, at bulltest@mynetset.ca, 204-851-1165

or 204-763-4696. Information is also available on the test website, www.manitobabulltest.com.

UBIA Bull Test

On-test report (Oct. 22)

Thirty-one seedstock producers from Utah, Colorado and Idaho have consigned 175 bulls to the 47th Annual Utah Beef Improvement Association (UBIA) Performance Bull Test. The bulls were weighed on test Oct. 22, following a 14-day warm-up period. Represented in this year's test are Black Angus, Hereford, Red Angus, Simmental, Charolais, Gelbvieh, SimAngus and Balancers.

The test features a junior division for bulls born Jan. 1-March 20, 2019, and a senior division for bulls born Sept. 15-Dec. 31, 2018. The bulls are being fed a high-roughage ration containing less than 30% concentrate.

Interim weights will be collected Nov. 19, Dec. 17 and Jan. 14, with the final 112-day weight collected Feb. 11. Qualifying bulls that pass a breeding soundness exam will sell on March 21, 2020, at Producers Auction in Salina, Utah.

For more information go to ubiabulls.com or contact C. Kim Chapman at 435-893-0474 or kim.chapman@usu.edu.

Midland Bull Test

Schedule announcement

The Midland Bull Test (MBT) has announced its 2020 test schedule.

To be eligible for the test, Angus bulls must have been born Dec. 15, 2018-April 15, 2019. The test annually features about 1,100 bulls from 200

consignors, representing 32 states.

Group 1, featuring fall-born bulls and half of the Angus bulls, along with the Red Angus, Gelbvieh and Charolais bulls, were received Sept. 11-21 to go on test Oct. 7-8. Interim weights will be collected Dec. 6 and Jan. 5, with final weights taken Feb. 3-4.

Group 2 features the remainder of the Angus bulls, Salers, Simmental, South Devon and Hereford bulls. These bulls were received Oct. 9-19 to go on test Nov. 4-5. Interim weights will be collected Jan. 3 and Feb. 2, with final weights taken March 2-3.

The bulls are fed a low-energy ration for moderate gain for the duration of the 120-day test.

Only the top 70%-80% of the bulls will sell, determined by the MBT ADG ratio and the MBT 365-day ratio in their respective classes. Angus bulls will sell April 3, 2020.

For more information contact Steve Williams by text at 406-321-7046 or email bulls@midlandbulltest.com. Or visit www.midlandbulltest.com for more.

Tucumcari Bull Test

Schedule announced

Bulls born Jan. 1-April 30, 2019, were delivered to the Tucumcari (N.M.) Bull Test Center Oct. 11 to go on test Oct. 22 for the 2019-2020 test. The bulls are being evaluated for 120-day gain, feed efficiency and WDA while being fed a high-roughage ration. They were divided into four groups according to weight going on test.

Interim weights will be collected Nov. 18, Dec. 19 and Jan. 18, with the final weights collected Feb. 17.

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Qualifying bulls will sell Mar. 14, 2020.

For more information go to tucbulltest.nmsu.edu or contact Marcy Ward at 575-644-3379 (phone), 575-646-3164 (fax), or maward@nmsu.edu.

WIU Bull Test

On-test report (Nov. 4)

Twenty-one beef cattle breeders have consigned bulls to the 48th Annual Western Illinois University (WIU) Bull Performance Test. The bulls were weighed on test Nov. 4-5 after a 21-day warm-up period. Breeds represented are Angus, SimAngus and Simmental.

The full-gain test features bulls born Dec. 15, 2018-March 15, 2019. They are being fed a high-fiber ration with roughage.

Interim weights will be collected Dec. 3 and Jan. 3, with the final 90-day weights collected Feb. 4-5. Qualifying bulls will sell in the test sale March 6.

For more information contact Keela Trennepohl at km-trennepohl@wiu.edu.

Iowa Angus Bull Test

On-test report (Nov. 7)

Bulls went on test at the Werner Feed Efficiency Center, Diagonal, Iowa, for the 2019-2020 Iowa Angus Bull Test. To be eligible for the test, bulls must have been born between Jan. 1 and March 15, 2019.

The bulls were weighed on test Nov. 7 and will be weighed off test Feb. 20. Qualifying bulls will sell in the test sale April 4.

For more information contact Tricia and Colby Holmes, coordinators, 1424 220th St., Benton, IA 50835; phone: 641-785-2315; fax: 641-785-2220; cholmes@iowatelecom.net; or visit the IAA website, www.iowaangus.org.

ICA Bull Evaluation

Test announcement

The Iowa Cattlemen's Association (ICA) bull and heifer evaluation program includes four evaluations to qualify bulls for three ICA sales hosted across the state: Bloomfield, Kirkwood and Knoxville. The top 75% of evaluated bulls and females in each breed that meet the criteria earn ICA's "Symbol of Excellence" and are sold at test sales.

The Bloomfield sale features bulls from the 112-day Bloomfield Test conducted at Amstutz Cattle Co., Bloomfield, and a 117-day Fall Test hosted at Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Bulls born Aug. 15-Dec. 31, 2018, went on the Fall Test Oct. 17-18. Interim weights will be collected Dec. 27, and the bulls will be weighed off test and scanned by ultrasound Feb. 12.

Bulls born Jan. 1-March 31, 2019, went on test for the Bloomfield Test on Oct. 21-22. Interim weights will be collected Dec. 30, and the bulls will be weighed off test and scanned by ultrasound Feb. 12.

The Bloomfield ICA Bull Sale is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. March 16 at the Bloomfield Livestock facility.

Kirkwood Test — Bulls born Jan. 15-April 15, 2019, went on test Oct. 21-22 at the Amstutz Cattle. Interim weights will be collected Dec. 30,

and the bulls will be weighed off test and scanned by ultrasound Feb. 12. The Kirkwood ICA Bull Sale is scheduled for 6 p.m. Friday, April 17, at the Kirkwood Community College Tippie Beef Center, Cedar Rapids.

Knoxville Test — Bulls born Feb. 1-May 2, 2019, will go on test Nov. 26-27 at the Werner Feed Efficiency Center at Diagonal, Iowa. Feed efficiency testing weights will be taken Jan. 2, 2020, and interim weights for the 112-day test will be collected Feb. 5. The bulls will be weighed off test March 12, and ultrasound information will be collected March 13. The Knoxville ICA Bull Sale is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. May 1 at the Knoxville Livestock facility.

For more information, contact Matt Deppe at matt@iabeef.org or 515-296-2266, or visit the test website at www.iacattlemen.org/bullheiferevaluationprogram.aspx. 