

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.

OPSU Beef Cattle Performance Testing Program

Announcement

Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU) is now conducting its 70th annual Bull Performance Test. The test, conducted at OPSU near Goodwell, Okla., features a junior and a senior division. Bulls are fed a targeted-gain, roughage growing ration with 13% crude protein (CP). Hay is provided ad lib.

Seventy-one bulls representing 17 producers were weighed on test Oct. 9 for the 112-day evaluation. Final weights will be recorded Jan. 29, 2022, and the test sale will be hosted Feb. 21.

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

NC BCIP Butner Bull Test

84-day report (Oct. 12)

Bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 15, 2020, were weighed on test for the North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement Program (NC BCIP) Butner Bull Test July 21. The 112-day evaluation is conducted at the Butner Beef Cattle Field Laboratory near Bahama, N.C. The bulls are fed a silage-based diet.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 19; owner: Overcash Angus, Dennis Overcash,

Mooresville, N.C.; sire: Sitz Accomplishment 720F; ADG: 4.15 lb.; ADG ratio: 150; WDA: 3.0 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,160 lb.; frame: 5.5

HIGH-WDA ANGUS (TIE) Lot 5; owner: Oakview Farm, Bobby Aldridge, Yanceyville, N.C.; sire: SydGen Enhance; ADG: 3.98 lb.; ADG ratio: 144; WDA: 3.4 lb.; WDA ratio: 123; wt.: 1,170 lb.; frame: 6.3

HIGH-WDA ANGUS (TIE) Lot 17; owner: Overcash Angus; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 3.36 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 3.4 lb.; WDA ratio: 122; wt.: 1,290 lb.; frame: 6.8

HIGH-WDA ANGUS (TIE) Lot 39; owner: Hi-Lo Farms LLC, Katie Reichert, Fuquay-Varina, N.C.; sire: Jindra Acclaim; ADG: 2.98 lb.; ADG ratio: 108; WDA: 3.4 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,205 lb.; frame: 6.4

ANGUS AVERAGES (59 HEAD) ADG: 2.77 lb.; WDA: 2.8 lb.; wt.: 1,054 lb.

Bulls were scheduled to be weighed off test Nov. 8-9, and qualifying bulls will sell in the test sale Dec. 17.

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/>.

Calhoun Bull Evaluation

84-day final report (Oct. 28)

The University of Georgia Extension has concluded its 52nd

Calhoun Bull Evaluation. The 93 bulls on test were born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2020.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 36; owner: Broadway Cattle Farm LLC, Chuck Broadway, Monroe, N.C.; sire: Byergo Maverick 8400; ADG: 5.38 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.57 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; wt.: 1,315 lb.; index: 8.95

HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 67; owner: Wyatt Farms, Steven Bryan and Josh Wyatt, Woodbury, Ga.; sire: SydGen Enhance; ADG: 4.94 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 4.13 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,448 lb.; index: 9.07

ANGUS AVERAGES (69 HEAD) ADG: 4.07 lb.; WDA: 3.41 lb.; wt.: 1,302 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (96 HEAD) ADG: 3.88 lb.; WDA: 3.32 lb.; wt.: 1,274 lb.

The test sale will be hosted Dec. 3. For more information contact Jason Duggin at 706-624-1403, 229-386-3683, or jduggin@uga.edu; or visit the test website at <http://bit.ly/PT-Calhoun>.

Tifton Bull Evaluation

On-test report (Oct. 26)

The University of Georgia Extension is now conducting its 64th Tifton Bull Evaluation. Bulls in the 84-day test were born between Dec. 1, 2020, and Feb. 28, 2021.

Fifty-nine Angus from 16 consignors were among the 109 bulls

weighed on test Oct. 25-26. The Angus bulls averaged 872 lb., with an average frame score of 5.1. The average weight for all bulls was 864 lb., with an average frame score of 5.

Interim weights will be recorded Nov. 23 and Dec. 21, with the final weights observed Jan. 18-19, 2022.

There will be a Tifton Beef Cattle Short Course March 1, and the test sale will be hosted March 2.

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

MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program

Initial report (Oct. 22)

The Michigan Cattlemen's Ass'n (MCA) and Michigan State University (MSU) have weighed bulls on test for their 34th annual bull evaluation, conducted at the Plank Farm, Crystal, Mich.

Bulls will be divided into four pens of no more than 28 per pen, based on age and weight. The oldest pen will constitute the senior division, with the remaining pens composing the junior division. Bulls within each classification will be fed an identical diet formulation. The bulls will be fed a high-fiber, moderate-energy ration designed to allow for an average daily gain (ADG) of 3.4 lb.

The bulls were born Sept. 1, 2020-March 31, 2021, and received at the test station Oct. 8-9.

Fifty-seven Angus bulls are among the 100 bulls being evaluated. Fifteen of the Angus bulls are in the senior division, and 42 comprise the junior

Angus division. Overall, the bulls averaged 861 lb. going on test, with the junior bulls averaging 794 lb. and the senior division averaging 1,077 lb.

Additional weights are scheduled to be observed Nov. 19, Dec. 17 and Jan. 14, with final weights scheduled Feb. 10-11. An open house will be hosted March 5, and the test sale will be March 19.

For more information contact Dan Buskirk at 517-432-0400 or buskirk@msu.edu, or visit the test website at www.mibulls.com.

Un. of Tennessee Central Bull Test

56-day report (Oct. 19)

The University of Tennessee is now conducting its 2021-2022 UT Senior Bull Test at Spring Hill, Tenn. The test features bulls born Sept. 1-Dec. 15, 2020, and is based on a full-gain, high-concentrate ration.

The bulls were received Aug. 10 and weighed on test Aug. 23-24.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 47; owner: Mathis Angus Farm, Duck River, Tenn.; sire: KCF Bennett Summation; ADG: 6.52 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 3.40 lb.; wt.: 1,350 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 9; owner: Brigadoon Farm; ADG: 5.67 lb.; ADG ratio: 114; WDA: 4.06 lb.; wt.: 1,600 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (63 HEAD) ADG: 4.96 lb.; WDA: 3.29 lb.; wt.: 1,263 lb.

Final weights were to be recorded Nov. 15-16, and the test sale is scheduled to be hosted Jan. 13, 2022.

For more information contact Kevin Thompson at 931-486-2129 or kthomp44@utk.edu; or Matt Backus

at 931-270-2240 or wbackus1@utk.edu. Information is available online at <https://animalscience.tennessee.edu/bull-test-program>.

Tifton HERD Program

Initial report (Oct. 25)

The test station received 169 heifers Oct. 4 for the University of Georgia's 23rd annual Heifer Evaluation and Reproductive Development (HERD) Program at Tifton.

The heifers were born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2020. During the HERD program, the heifers are evaluated on performance, reproductive traits and disposition. The ration consists of hay plus a supplement designed for growth and development. The heifers are fed to gain 1.5-1.75 lb. per day.

The heifers weighed an average of 706 lb. at delivery Oct. 4, and 762 lb. Oct. 25 for an average weight per day of age (WDA) of 2.03 lb. Their average frame score was 4.6.

During the evaluation, the heifers will be synchronized and artificially inseminated, then exposed to a clean-up bull for at least 45 days. AI bulls chosen this year include GAR Sure Fire as the primary sire, and Baldrige Marksman for heifers closely related to Sure Fire.

The Tifton HERD sale will be April 19, 2022.

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

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Virginia BCIA Southwest Bull Test

On-test report (Oct. 26)

Bulls were weighed on test Oct. 26 for the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Ass'n (BCIA) Southwest Bull Test at Mountain Spring Farm, Wytheville. The bulls will be fed a silage-based ration targeting an ADG of 3.5 lb.

Bulls in the senior division were born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2020. Bulls in the junior division were born Jan. 1-March 31, 2021.

Seventeen producers consigned 48 senior Angus bulls, which weighed an average of 999 lb. at the start of the evaluation. Overall, all 90 bulls averaged 1,025 lb.

The 56 junior Angus bulls,

representing 20 producers, weighed an average of 740 lb. at the start of the test. All 135 junior bulls weighed an average of 746 lb.

Dates for interim weights to be recorded are Dec. 21 and Jan. 18, 2022, with final weights scheduled to be observed Feb. 14-15. The test sale is planned for March 26.

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/>.


Western Breeders' Ass'n Bull Test

On-test report (Oct. 29)

The Western Breeders' Ass'n LLC

(WBA) bull test is conducting its 2021-2022 Bull Test, hosted at Beus Livestock, Pasco, Wash. The bulls were born Jan. 1-March 31, 2021, and will be fed a full-gain ration during the 120-day test. Eighty-three Angus bulls are among the 122 bulls weighed on test. The Angus bulls averaged 792 lb.

Interim weights are scheduled to be recorded after 60 days, and final weights will be observed Feb. 26, 2022. The test sale will be March 16.

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

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