

PERFORMANCE REPORT

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

NC BCIP Butner Bull Test

84-day report (Oct. 10)

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, 2022, and are fed a silage-based diet.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 1; owner: Oakview Farm, Yanceyville; sire: Tehama Patriarch F028; ADG: 4.36 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; wt.: 1,350 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (53 HEAD) ADG: 3.27 lb.; wt.: 1,095 lb.

Final weights are scheduled to be observed Nov. 6-7. The test sale is scheduled to be hosted Dec. 15. 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/>.

Florida Bull Test

56-day report (Oct. 11)

The 2023-2024 Florida Bull Test is hosted at the North Florida Research and Education Center at Marianna, Fla., 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 were fed a total mixed ration 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 2226; owner: Clear Springs Ranch; ADG: 4.80 lb.; WDA: 3.03 lb.; wt.: 972 lb.; index: 7.83; index ratio: 119

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 2299; owner: Hubert Hightower, Waukeelah; sire: SydGen Enhance; ADG: 4.33 lb.; WDA: 3.75 lb.; wt.: 1,463 lb.; index: 8.08; index ratio: 123

HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 2273; owner: Moriah Hill Farm; Woodstock, Ala.; sire: SAV Rainfall 6846; ADG: 4.78 lb.; WDA: 3.37 lb.; wt.: 1,368 lb.; index: 8.15; index ratio: 124

OVERALL AVERAGES ADG: 3.57 lb.; WDA: 3.00 lb.; wt.: 1,082 lb.

Interim weights will be recorded 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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Nebraska Bull Test

On-test report (Oct. 14)

The Nebraska Bull Test has begun its 2023-2024 bull test at Rohde Farms, Mason City, Neb. Bulls were received Oct. 2 for the 120-day evaluation, which features bulls born Jan. 1-March 31, 2023. The bulls are fed a ration designed to allow

a 3.5-pound (lb.) average daily gain (ADG).

One-hundred twenty-three Angus bulls are among the bulls being evaluated. The Angus bulls weighed an average of 812 lb. All 141 bulls weighed an average of 796 lb.

Interim weights will be collected Dec. 12, as well as Jan. 11, 2024. Final weights will be collected Feb. 11-12. The test sale will be hosted March 27. For more information contact Chris Beutler, test manager, at 402-380-8244 or beutlerworkplace@hotmail.com or visit the test website, www.nebulltest.com.

Tifton HERD Program

Initial report

The University of Georgia (UGA) is now conducting its 2023-2024 Heifer Evaluation and Reproductive Development (HERD) Program at Tifton. The evaluation features 137 heifers representing 23 consignors.

The heifers, born Sept.-Nov. 2022, will be evaluated on performance, reproductive traits and disposition. They will be synchronized and bred by artificial insemination (AI) to GAR Sure Fire, or Baldrige Marksman for heifers closely related to GAR Sure Fire. The heifers will then be pasture-exposed to cleanup bulls beginning Dec. 19.

As of Oct. 23, the heifers weighed an average of 802 lb. Weights will also be recorded Nov. 8, Dec. 11; and final weights will be recorded March 13.

The Tifton HERD sale is planned to be hosted April 16.

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

Virginia BCIA Culpeper Senior Bull Test

99-day report (Oct. 18)

The Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) Culpeper Senior Bull Test is conducted at Riverview Farms Cattle LLC, Louisa. Bulls in the 112-day evaluation are fed a silage-based ration to achieve a target ADG of 3.5 lb., and were born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2022.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 53; owner: TL & AT Farms, Andrea and Terry Grech, Broadnax, Va.; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 5.13 lb.; ADG ratio: 138; WDA: 3.37 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,360 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 57; owner: Little Windy Hill Farms, Doug Hughes, Max Meadows; sire: Mill Brae Identified 4031; ADG: 5.10 lb.; ADG ratio: 137; WDA: 3.91 lb.; WDA ratio: 126; wt.: 1,610 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (107 HEAD) ADG: 3.72 lb.; WDA: 3.10 lb.; wt.: 1,217 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (163 HEAD) ADG: 3.62 lb.; WDA: 3.07 lb.; wt.: 1,201 lb.

Off-test weights will be recorded Oct. 30-31. An open house is planned for Dec. 3, and the 66th annual test sale will be hosted Dec. 9.

For more information contact Scott Greiner at 540-231-9159 or sgreiner@vt.edu; Steve or Blake Hopkins at 540-205-7798 or 540-223-1886; or visit the test website, <https://www.bcia.apsc.vt.edu/>.

NC BCIP Waynesville Bull Test

Final 112-day report (Oct. 25)

The NC Beef Cattle Improvement

Program (BCIP) is conducting its Waynesville Bull Test featuring bulls born between Aug. 1 and Nov. 15, 2022. The evaluation is conducted at the Mountain Research Station at Waynesville.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 16; owner: Berry-Wells Farm; sire: SydGen Enhance; ADG: 4.5 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; wt.: 1,303 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (18 HEAD) ADG: 3.6 lb.; wt.: 1,285 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (31 HEAD) ADG: 3.5 lb.; wt.: 1,242 lb.

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

Calhoun Bull Evaluation

84-day final report (Oct. 24)

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 98; owner: Bridges Angus, Lexington, Ga.; sire: SydGen Enhance; ADG: 6.49 lb.; ADG ratio: 133; WDA: 3.66 lb.; WDA ratio: 104; wt.: 1,483 lb.; test index: 10.15

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 64; owner: Brigadoon Farm, Beth Burns, Pikeville, Tenn.; sire: GAR Ashland; ADG: 4.62 lb.; ADG ratio: 95; WDA: 4.28 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,533 lb.; test index: 8.9

ANGUS AVERAGES (72 HEAD) ADG: 4.88 lb.; WDA: 3.53 lb.; wt.: 1,364 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (87 HEAD) ADG: 4.78 lb.; WDA: 3.49 lb.; wt.: 1,344 lb.

The index is calculated as ADG + WDA.

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 the test website at <https://bit.ly/PT-CalhounBT>.

Tifton Bull Evaluation

On-test report (Oct. 25)

The University of Georgia Extension has begun its 66th Tifton Bull Evaluation, featuring bulls born Dec. 1, 2022, to Feb. 28, 2023.

Bulls representing 28 producers were received at the test station Oct. 5, and on-test weights recorded Oct. 24-25. Sixty-one Angus bulls are among the bulls on test, with an average weight of 869 lb. All 110 bulls weighed an average of 858 lb.

Interim weights will be collected Nov. 21 and Dec. 19, and final weights will be collected Jan. 16-17, 2024.

The Tifton Beef Cattle Short Course is planned to be hosted March 5, and the 66th annual test sale is planned to be hosted March 6, 2023.

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

Virginia BCIA Southwest Bull Test

On-test report (Oct. 24)

The Virginia BCIA Southwest Bull Test is conducted at Mountain Spring Farm, Wytheville. The test features a senior division for bulls born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2022, and a junior division featuring bulls born Jan. 1-March 31, 2023.

Bulls were received at the test station Oct. 3 and weighed on test Oct. 23-24. The junior division features 54 Angus bulls, and they weighed an average of 838 lb. at the start of the evaluation. The overall

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average weight for all 121 bulls was 809 lb.

Forty Angus bulls are included in the senior division, and they weighed an average of 1,061 lb. The overall average weight for all senior bulls on test was 1,052 lb.

Interim weights will be collected Dec. 19 and Jan. 16, 2024, and final weights will be collected Feb. 12-13. An open house will be hosted March 17, and the test sale will be hosted March 23. For more information contact Scott Greiner at 540-231-9159 or sgreiner@vt.edu; Brian Umberger at 276-620-1194; or visit the test website, <https://www.bcia.apsc.vt.edu/>.

UBIA Performance Bull Test On-test report (Oct. 18)

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

Bulls in the senior division were born Sept. 15-Dec. 31, 2022. Junior division bulls were born Jan. 1-March 20, 2023.

Bulls were received at the test station Oct. 2, and 77 Angus bulls are among those being evaluated. Overall, all 114 bulls weighed an average of 743 lb. when initial weights were collected Oct. 16 and Oct. 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.

Clemson Bull Test 56-day report (Oct. 19)

The Clemson University Bull Test, Clemson, S.C., features a senior division consisting of bulls born Sept. 1-Oct. 31, 2022, and a junior division for bulls born Nov. 1-Dec. 31, 2022.

HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS Lot 42; owner: Berry-Wells Farm, Johnathan Wells, Rayle, Ga.; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 5.86 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 3.52 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 1,416 lb.

HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS Lot 24; owner: Shuffler Farm, Eugene Shuffler, Union Grove, N.C.; sire: Kessler's Commodore 6516; ADG: 4.95 lb.; ADG ratio: 107; WDA: 3.83 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,352 lb.

SENIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (28 HEAD) ADG: 4.62 lb.; WDA: 3.28 lb.; wt.: 1,277 lb.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 58; owner: Paul Boyd Angus, Neil Boyd, Clover; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 4.94 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 3.28 lb.; WDA ratio: 109 lb.; wt.: 1,156 lb.

JUNIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (5 HEAD) ADG: 3.85 lb.; WDA: 3.02 lb.; wt.: 1,027 lb.

The bulls will be weighed off-test Nov. 16. The test sale will be hosted Feb. 3, 2024, with a snow date of Feb. 7.

For more information, contact Brian Bolt, extension livestock

specialist, at 864-934-2104 or bolt@clemson.edu, or visit the test website at <http://bit.ly/bt-Clemson>.

MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program Initial report (Oct. 2)

The Michigan Cattlemen's Ass'n (MCA) and Michigan State University (MSU) are conducting their 36th annual bull evaluation featuring bulls born Sept. 1, 2022-March 31, 2023. The test is hosted at Wernette Cattle Co. near Remus, Mich.

The bulls are divided into junior and senior divisions, and fed a roughage-based ration designed to allow for a 3.2-lb. ADG.

Initial weights will be recorded Oct. 26-27, and all bulls weighed an average of 880 lb. Forty-three of the 100 bulls on test are Angus bulls.

Interim weights are scheduled to be collected Nov. 20 as well as Jan. 12, 2024, and the evaluation will conclude with final weights recorded Feb. 8-9. An open house will be hosted March 2, and the test sale will be March 16.

For additional information contact Dan Buskirk at 517-432-0400 or buskirk@msu.edu; Karl Wernette, station manager, at 989-506-7715 or karl.wernette@gmail.com; or visit the test website at www.mibulls.com. 