



Performance Report

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■ MCA/MSU Bull Test

Plank Farms, Crystal, Mich.

56-day report (Dec. 29, 2005)

There were 62 Angus bulls among the 109 scheduled to be weighed on test Nov. 3 for the Michigan Cattlemen's Association/Michigan State University (MCA/MSU) Bull Test at Plank Farms, Crystal, Mich. The 112-day test features a senior division for bulls born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2004, and a junior division for bulls born Jan. 1-April 30, 2005. The index formula includes the percentiles for birth weight (BW), weaning weight (WW), yearling weight (YW), maternal milk (MM), percent intramuscular fat (IMF), ribeye area (REA), average daily gain (ADG) and weight per day of age (WDA). For this test, a low index is better.

High-ADG and low-indexing junior Angus—

Owner: John MacMaster, Harrisville, Mich.; sire: Bon-View New Design 1407; ADG: 4.91 lb.; ADG ratio: 139; WDA: 3.55 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,180 lb.; percentile index: 20.00; frame: 5.8

High-WDA junior Angus—Owner: Cherry Creek Cattle Co., Deckerville, Mich.; sire: WCC Precision E161 J239; ADG: 3.84 lb.; ADG ratio: 109; WDA: 3.79 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,125 lb.; percentile index: 26.88; frame: 6.2

High-ADG senior Angus—Owner: Bordner Angus Farms, Sturgis, Mich.; sire: Rito 616 of 4B20 6807; ADG: 4.73 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; WDA: 3.16 lb.; WDA ratio: 100; wt.: 1,225 lb.; percentile index: 39.38; frame: 5.9

High-WDA senior Angus—Owner: W.L. Bryson, Bellevue, Mich.; sire: Aberlea Freightliner 71; ADG: 2.90 lb.; ADG ratio: 82; WDA: 3.25 lb.; WDA ratio: 102; wt.: 1,430 lb.; percentile index: 60.63; frame: 6.1

Low-indexing senior Angus—Owner: Harvey Farms LLC, Buchanan, Mich.; sire: SVF Bandolier; ADG: 4.64 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 2.91 lb.; WDA ratio: 92; wt.: 1,100 lb.; percentile index: 36.88; frame: 4.4

Overall Angus averages (62 head)—ADG: 3.53 lb.; WDA: 3.18 lb.

The next scheduled weights were to be collected Jan. 26. The final weights of the 112-day test will be collected Feb. 22-23. Qualifying bulls will be eligible to sell March 18. For more information contact David Hawkins, MSU, at (517) 355-8386 or hawkin12@msu.edu. Information is available online at www.micattlemen.org/bulltest.htm.

■ Treasure Bull Test

Broken O Ranch Feedlot, Simms, Mont.

60-day report (Jan. 4, 2006)

The 109 spring Angus bulls and nine fall bulls on test are gaining well considering the cold weather, report Russ and Barb Pepper, test managers.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 7; owner: Riverfront Angus Ranch, Bozeman, Mont.; sire: Riverfront; ADG: 5.58 lb.; wt.: 1,195 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 109; owner: John Dalbey, Hamilton, Mont.; sire: WCC Special Design L309; WDA: 3.78 lb.; wt.: 1,265 lb.

High-ADG Angus sire group—Six bulls; owner: Robert and Robin Roal, Richland, Wash.; sire: Rathbun Freightliner L578; avg. ADG: 3.97 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,110 lb.

High-WDA Angus sire group—Three bulls; owner: Mardi Linhart/Mike Vanek, Lewiston, Mont.; sire: BR Midland; avg. WDA: 3.20 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,032 lb.

High-ADG fall Angus—Lot 304; owner: Nissen Angus, Chinook, Mont.; sire: B/R New Frontier 095; ADG: 4.00 lb.; wt.: 1,400 lb.

High-WDA fall Angus—Lot 309; owner: Landes Angus, Evans, Wash.; sire: Landes Patrick Rosco; WDA: 3.08 lb.; wt.: 1,170 lb.

Spring Angus averages (109 head)—ADG: 3.21 lb.; WDA: 3.19 lb.

Fall Angus averages (9 head)—ADG: 3.20 lb.; WDA: 2.80 lb.

Treasure Bull Test bulls sell on April 10 at the Western Livestock Auction, Great Falls, Mont. For more information contact Russ Pepper at (406) 264-5694 or brtangus@3rivers.net.

■ OPSU 54th Annual Beef Bull Performance Test

Goodwell, Okla.

84-day report (Dec. 31, 2005)

There are 84 Angus bulls on the Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU) bull test, which is a 112-day test. The bulls are being fed a diet consisting of dry-rolled corn and oats, cottonseed hulls, alfalfa hay, molasses and supplement. The test features divisions for senior-age and junior-age bulls, and the test

index is 50% ADG, 50% WDA. The test does figure a pen feed efficiency calculated as pounds (lb.) of feed required on an as-fed basis per pound of gain (F/G).

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 17-3; owner: Phillip Light, Turpin, Okla.; sire: SS Traveler 6807 T510; ADG: 6.15 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 4.01 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,315 lb.; test index: 126

High-WDA and high-indexing junior Angus—Lot 29-3; owner: Larry Weinkauff, Orlando, Okla.; sire: Circle S 598 Bando 1037; ADG: 6.06 lb.; ADG ratio: 138; WDA: 4.50 lb.; WDA ratio: 126; wt.: 1,331 lb.; test index: 132

High-ADG (tie) and high-WDA junior Angus pen—Three bulls; owner: Weinkauff; sire: Circle S 598 Bando 1037; avg. ADG: 5.42 lb.; avg. WDA: 4.41 lb.

High-ADG (tie) junior Angus pen—Three bulls; owner: Leroy Mindemann, Apache, Okla.; sires: Empirette J R Upshot and Littlerobe Design 969; avg. ADG: 5.42 lb.

High-ADG and high-indexing senior Angus—Lot 8-2; owner: Melvin and Betty Boling, Edmond, Okla.; sire: B/R New Design 323-9150; ADG: 6.49 lb.; ADG ratio: 139; WDA: 3.47 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,684 lb.; test index: 125

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 10-2; owner: Boling; sire: SAF Strategy 9015; ADG: 5.88 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.49 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,674 lb.; test index: 119

High-ADG and most efficient senior Angus pen—Four bulls; owner: Al Rutledge, Stillwater, Okla.; sires: Connealy Lead On, Rutledge New Design 296M, GAR Expectation 4915 and TC Moonshine 001; avg. ADG: 5.58 lb.; F/G: 6.65

The top 70 bulls will be consigned to the 54th Annual OPSU Performance-Tested Bull Sale, scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 1 p.m. CST in the England Activity Building, University Farm, Goodwell. Those interested in performance reports or a sale book can contact Gwen Martin at (580) 349-1500 or gwen@opsu.edu.

■ Ohio Bull Test

Eastern Agricultural Research Station Belle Valley, Ohio

28-day report (Dec. 20, 2005)

The Ohio Bull Test is located at the Eastern Agricultural Research Station in Belle Valley, Ohio, and is a program of the Ohio Cattlemen's Association conducted in educational partnership with the Ohio State University Extension and Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center. The 112-day feed test contains divisions for junior-age (born March-April 2005) and senior-age (born January-February 2005) bulls. The test index is 60% ADG ratio, 40% WDA ratio.

■ 2005 Calhoun Bull Evaluation Performance Test & Sale, Dec. 8, 2005, Calhoun, Ga.



► **W.B. Crump** of Triple C Angus, Calhoun, Ga., consigned the high-indexing Angus bull. CCC Edition 061 is an Oct. 2004 son of Champion Hill Edition 2029. He posted an ADG of 5.63 lb. Pictured are (from left) Tim Wilson, University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service, with Lee Crump and Banks Crump, both of Triple C Angus.

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High-ADG and high-indexing junior

Angus—Lot 139; owner: Kohli Farms, Circleville; sire: GAR Expectation 4915; ADG: 7.18 lb.; ADG ratio: 158; WDA: 3.16 lb.; WDA ratio: 98; wt.: 906 lb.; test index: 134

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 114; owner: Sykes Angus Farm, Williamsport; sire: Weaverland1418 Commitment039; ADG: 4.96 lb.; ADG ratio: 109; WDA: 3.82 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,040 lb.; test index: 113

High-ADG and high-indexing senior

Angus—Lot 127; owner: Way View Cattle Co. LLC, Hebron; sire: Hyline Right Time 338; ADG: 6.46 lb.; ADG ratio: 138; WDA: 3.23 lb.; WDA ratio: 104; wt.: 1,105 lb.; test index: 124

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 173; owner: Oak Hill Angus Farm LLC, Avella, Pa.; sire: TC Advantage; ADG: 4.11 lb.; ADG ratio: 88; WDA: 3.90 lb.; WDA ratio: 125; wt.: 1,375 lb.; test index: 103

High-ADG Angus sire group—Lots 160-162; owner: Kent Bauman, Otway; sire: SAV Traveler 004; avg. ADG: 5.80 lb.

Junior Angus averages (43 head)—ADG: 4.56 lb.; WDA: 3.24 lb.; wt.: 881 lb.

Senior Angus averages (43 head)—ADG: 4.70 lb.; WDA: 3.11 lb.; wt.: 991 lb.

Overall averages (117 head)—ADG: 4.49 lb.; WDA: 3.14 lb.; wt.: 925 lb.

The 37th Annual Ohio Bull Test Sale will be April 15 at the research station. For more information, including a complete test report, contact Justin Lahmers at (614) 771-6752 or ohiobulltest@wowway.com, or visit the test Web site at <http://bulltest.osu.edu>.

■ WIU Bull Testing Program

Macomb, Ill.

56-day report (Dec. 20, 2005)

All bulls entered in the Western Illinois University (WIU) Bull Testing Program were Merial SureHealth certified and screened for persistent infection (PI) with bovine viral diarrhea (BVD). In addition, they must have been born to a dam or herd tested negative for Johne's disease. The test is for bulls born Jan. 1-April 15, 2005. The final test index will be 40% ADG ratio, 40% F/G ratio, 20% WDA ratio.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 410; owner: Blue Ridge Land & Cattle Co., Monticello, Ill.; sire: Connealy Lead On; ADG: 5.70 lb.; WDA: 3.51 lb.; wt.: 1,204 lb.; F/G: 4.81

High-WDA Angus—Lot 301; owner: Brianna Springer, Metamora, Ill.; sire: Dameron PVF Lombardi 210; ADG: 4.41 lb.; WDA: 4.25 lb.; wt.: 1,250 lb.; F/G: 6.87

Low-F/G Angus—Lot 408; owner: James Schreacke, Camp Point, Ill.; sire: MA Elixir 960; ADG: 6.07 lb.; WDA: 3.74 lb.; wt.: 1,108 lb.; F/G: 3.94

The bulls were scheduled to be weighed again Jan. 17. Final weights will be collected Feb. 13. Approximately 60 bulls will be offered for sale at the WIU livestock center March 17, beginning at 7 p.m. All bulls offered for sale will have completed a breeding soundness exam (sometimes referred to as a BSE). For more information and a sale book, contact station directors Ken Nimrick at (309) 298-1288 or Bruce Engnell at (309) 298-2613. The

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sale book and additional information are available on the test Web site at www.wiu.edu/bulltest.

LSU 95th Beef Bull Evaluation Test Dean Lee Research Station Alexandria, La.

56-day report (Dec. 28, 2005)

Louisiana State University's (LSU's) 95th bull test began Nov. 2, 2005, with 141 bulls, including 94 Angus. A performance ratio is calculated as 365-day adjusted YW ratio plus ADG ratio on test, divided by 2.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 55; owner: Dave Means, Gloster, La.; sire: BR Midland; ADG: 7.14 lb.; wt.: 1,040 lb.

Angus averages (93 head)—ADG: 4.30 lb.; wt.: 981 lb.

Overall averages (138 head)—ADG: 4.14 lb.; wt.: 950 lb.

The bulls were scheduled to be weighed Jan. 25 for the 84-day report. They will be weighed off test Feb. 21. The bull test sale is scheduled for March 4, starting at noon. For more information contact Danny Coombs, program coordinator, at (318) 473-6528 or dcoombs@agctr.lsu.edu. Information is also available online at www.lsuagcenter.com (click "Research Stations").

OBI Angus Test No. 52 Stillwater, Okla.

112-day final report (Dec. 9, 2005)

The bulls at Oklahoma Beef Inc. (OBI) are on a high-protein, moderate-energy ration fortified with vitamins and minerals. Bulls were born November-December 2004.

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus—Lot 052; owner: LS Angus, Marshall, Okla.; sire:

B/R New Frontier 095; ADG: 6.21 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; WDA: 3.95 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,510 lb.; SC: 39.0 cm; test index: 126

High-WDA Angus (tie)—Lot 041; owner: Spur Ranch, Vinita, Okla.; sire: Spur Success 2801; ADG: 5.13 lb.; ADG ratio: 111; WDA: 4.09 lb.; WDA ratio: 123; wt.: 1,478 lb.; SC: 41.0 cm; test index: 116

High-WDA Angus (tie)—Lot 037; owner: H&H Land & Cattle Co. LLC, Vinita, Okla.; sire: Spur Master 0193; ADG: 5.59 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 4.09 lb.; WDA ratio: 123; wt.: 1,543 lb.; SC: 40.0 cm; test index: 122

Angus averages (62 head)—ADG: 4.63 lb.; WDA: 3.33 lb.; wt.: 1,253 lb.

Bulls eligible for the sale must index 94.2 or greater, or have minimum values for adjusted YW of 1,100 lb. and a cumulative ADG of 3.50 lb. Only the top 70% within each breed contemporary (age) group will be eligible to sell in the spring sale March 30. For more information contact Tim Stidham, director, at (405) 742-4553 or okbeef@ionet.net. Information is available on the Web site at www.ansi.okstate.edu/exten/OBI/.

OBI Angus Test No. 53 Stillwater, Okla.

56-day report (Dec. 16, 2005)

Operating since 1973, OBI is now the second-largest test station in the United States. OBI tests approximately 700 bulls yearly and merchandises 300 of them through two all-breed sales conducted in March and October. To qualify for the sale, bulls must perform in the top 70% of their contemporary group and pass a breeding soundness exam. This test is co-sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service of Oklahoma State University. Test No. 53 is for bulls born in January-February 2005.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 289; owner: Clay Creek Corral, Cherokee, Okla.; sire: EF 1680

Emperor 107; ADG: 8.46 lb.; ADG ratio: 167; WDA: 3.29 lb.; WDA ratio: 100; wt.: 1,000 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 150; owner: John Pfeiffer, Mulhall, Okla.; sire: GAR Retail Product; ADG: 6.46 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 4.33 lb.; WDA ratio: 132; wt.: 1,355 lb.

Angus averages (235 head)—ADG: 5.07 lb.; WDA: 3.28 lb.; wt.: 1,029 lb.

The bulls were scheduled to be reweighed Jan. 13 for an 84-day report. They will be weighed off test Feb. 10. Qualifying bulls will sell in OBI's spring sale March 30 at the test station. For more information contact Stidham or visit the test Web site.

Kilgore College Ag Club Bull Performance Evaluation Test No. 2 Overton, Texas

84-day final report (Dec. 31, 2005)

The test is at the Kilgore College Agricultural and Environmental Science Center at Overton. Test No. 2 is for bulls born November 2004-January 2005.

High-ADG and high-WDA Angus—Lot 230; owner: Ernest Shelton, New Boston, Texas; sire: White Oak Precise 6002; ADG: 5.24 lb.; WDA: 3.58 lb.; wt.: 1,345 lb.; SC: 37.0 cm

Overall averages (42 head)—ADG: 4.11 lb.; WDA: 2.91 lb.; wt.: 1,105 lb.

For more information contact Bob Young, agricultural instructor and farm manager, at (903) 834-6255 or bobyong@kilgorecollegefarm.org. Information is available on the test Web site, www.kilgorecollegefarm.org.

Virginia BCIA Southwest Bull Test Hillwinds Farm, Pulaski

56-day report (Dec. 13, 2005)

The Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) hosts central bull tests at two locations: the Culpeper Bull Test Station at Glenmary Farm, Rapidan, and Southwest Bull Test Station at Hillwinds Farm, Pulaski. Junior bulls born January-March 2005 and senior bulls born October-December 2004 were weighed on test at the Southwest Bull Test Station Dec. 13, 2005.

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 95; owner: C.W. Pratt, Atkins; sire: Rito 112 of 2536 Rito 616; ADG: 6.34 lb.; ADG ratio: 143; WDA: 3.84 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,115 lb.

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 102; owner: J&M Windy Acres, Maryville, Tenn.; sire: Rito 112 of 2536 Rito 616; ADG: 5.63 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 3.93 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,355 lb.

High-ADG senior Angus—Lot 56; owner: Jason Cassell, Independence; sire: Rainbow 6807-106; ADG: 7.59 lb.; ADG ratio: 163; WDA: 3.29 lb.; WDA ratio: 102; wt.: 1,345 lb.

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 30; owner: William Baird, Bluff City, Tenn.; sire: Bon-View New Design 878; ADG: 6.25 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; WDA: 3.74 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,355 lb.

Angus junior averages (83 head)—ADG: 4.44 lb.; WDA: 3.25 lb.; wt.: 992 lb.

Angus senior averages (62 head)—ADG: 4.65 lb.; WDA: 3.21 lb.; wt.: 1,278 lb.

The bulls were scheduled to be weighed Jan. 10 for an 84-day report. Senior bulls will be weighed off test Feb. 7, while junior bulls will

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be weighed off test Feb. 28. For more information contact Tim Sutphin, Southwest Bull Test Station owner/manager, at (540) 980-5848 or Scott Greiner, test supervisor, at (540) 231-9163 or sgreiner@vt.edu. Test reports are available online at <http://bcia.apsc.vt.edu>.

■ West Virginia Bull Evaluation Program Wardensville

42-day report (Dec. 20, 2005)

There are 144 Angus bulls on feed representing 18 cooperators. The bulls are being fed a ration formulated for a target average ADG of 3.3 lb. This is the second year in which the test has used the GrowSafe 4000E system to measure individual feed intake and feed efficiency. Residual feed intake (RFI) values will be calculated at the end of the test.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 62; owner: Rocking P Angus, Horner; sire: RP Bushwacker 3-944; ADG: 6.81 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 3.65 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 67; owner: Rocking P Angus; sire: RP Bushwacker 3-055; ADG: 3.93 lb.; ADG ratio: 81; WDA: 3.99 lb.

Angus averages (144 head)—ADG: 4.85 lb.; WDA: 3.34 lb.

Bulls will be scanned in February, and the sale is March 23. For more information, visit the test Web site at www.vvbeef.org or contact Wayne Wagner, Extension livestock specialist, at (304) 293-6131 or wayne.wagner@mail.wvu.edu.

■ Clemson Bull Testing Program Simpson Experiment Station

Pendleton, S.C.

115-day final report (Dec. 30, 2005)

The test features two Angus divisions — a junior division for bulls born November-December 2004 and a senior division for bulls born September-November 2004. Both divisions are being fed a corn-silage-based ration.

High-ADG and WDA junior Angus—Lot 50; owner: Palmetto Angus, Starr, S.C.; sire: WCC Special Design L309; ADG: 4.68 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 3.62 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,318 lb.

High-ADG (tie) and WDA (tie) senior Angus—Lot 21; owner: Riverhill Farm, Foundation Inn, S.C.; sire: GAR Expectation 4915; ADG: 5.04 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA: 3.56 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,723 lb.

High-ADG senior Angus (tie)—Lot 4; owner: Oak Hill Farm, Six Mile, S.C.; sire: SA Neutron 377; ADG: 5.03 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA: 3.53 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,543 lb.

High-ADG senior Angus (tie)—Lot 3; owner: Oak Hill Farm; sire: B/R New Design 036; ADG: 5.03 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA: 3.24 lb.; WDA ratio: 101; wt.: 1,453 lb.

High-WDA senior Angus (tie)—Lot 5; owner: Double B Farms, Bamberg, S.C.; sire: Rito 616 of 4B20 6807; ADG: 4.97 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 3.56 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,640 lb.

Junior Angus averages (27 head)—ADG:

3.91 lb.; WDA: 3.18 lb.; wt.: 1,268 lb.

Senior Angus averages (35 head)—ADG: 4.13 lb.; WDA: 3.20 lb.; wt.: 1,476 lb.

Overall averages (85 head)—ADG: 3.99 lb.; WDA: 3.19 lb.; wt.: 1,372 lb.

Seventy-one bulls qualified to sell in the Clemson Bull Test & Heifer Sale Feb. 4. For more information contact Larry Olson, Extension animal scientist and bull testing coordinator, at (803) 284-3343 or lolson@clemson.edu, or visit the test Web site at www.clemson.edu/edisto/cubt/cubt.htm.

■ Northeast Colorado Bull Test Northeast Beef Improvement Center Akron, Co.

45-day report (Dec. 15, 2005)

The Northeast Colorado Bull Test Association (NCBTA) is at the first mid-term mark of its spring bull test. The test features a calving-ease Angus division with 19 bulls and a growth Angus division with 27 bulls.

High-ADG, high-WDA and high-indexing calving-ease Angus—Owner: Joe & Karen Kimmel, Stoneham; sire: Rito 112 of 2536 Rito 616; ADG: 6.28 lb.; ADG ratio: 150; WDA: 3.83 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,244 lb.; test index: 135

High-ADG, high-WDA and high-indexing growth Angus—Owner: Mark Kauffman, Keenesburg; sire: SAF Fame; ADG: 5.13 lb.; ADG ratio: 148; WDA: 3.51 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,127 lb.; test index: 131

Calving-ease Angus averages (19 head)—ADG: 4.19 lb.; WDA: 3.18 lb.; wt.: 988

Growth Angus averages (27 head)—ADG: 3.48 lb.; WDA: 3.06 lb.; wt.: 928 lb.

Overall averages (88 head)—ADG: 3.65 lb.; WDA: 3.03 lb.; wt.: 915 lb.

The bulls were scheduled to be reweighed in mid-January for the 77-day report. Off-test weights will be collected March 1.

NCBTA will have its 30th annual sale on Saturday, April 1, at NCBTA's test facilities adjacent to the Eastern Colorado Research Center north of Akron, just east of Colo. Hwy 63. A presale seminar featuring Tom Field, professor of animal science at Colorado State University, will begin at 11 a.m. Field will speak on "Industry Structural Change and How We Respond." A representative from Livestock Trust, the official livestock identification (ID) and tracking system for Colorado and the Tri-National Livestock Health & Identification Consortium, will also give a presentation and will be on hand to answer questions regarding animal ID. The sale is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m.

For more information or a copy of the latest weight report, contact David Colburn, test coordinator, at (970) 522-3200, Ext. 283, or davec@northeastcoloradobulltest.org. Test information is also available online at www.northeastcoloradobulltest.org.

■ Midland Bull Test Columbus, Mont.

60-day report (Jan. 2, 2006)

Midland presently feeds a 70% roughage

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ration, with more than half of the grain being whole oats. The Midland Bull Test is a 120-day performance test. There are 671 Angus bulls on test.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 87; owner: Sydenstricker Genetics, Mexico, Mo.; sire: Sydgen Bouncer 2458; ADG: 4.83 lb.; WDA: 3.45 lb.; wt.: 1,135 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 66; owner: Carl Dethlefs & Sons, Rockville, Neb.; sire: Sitz Traveler 8180; ADG: 4.00 lb.; WDA: 3.91 lb.; wt.: 1,180 lb.

High-ADG Angus sire group—Lots 212-214; owner: Black Pine Farm, Heron, Mont.; sire: Mytty In Focus 109; avg. ADG: 3.89 lb.

High-WDA Angus sire group—Lots 132, 133 and 136; owner: Rockin' Horse Genetics, Roberts, Mont.; sire: Rito 112 of 2536 Rito 616; avg. WDA: 3.63 lb.

Angus averages (671 head)—ADG: 3.19 lb.; WDA: 3.07 lb.

The bulls were scheduled to be reweighed Feb. 1 for the 90-day report. Angus bulls are scheduled to sell April 7 at the station. For more information contact Leo and Sam McDonnell at (406) 322-5597 or bulltest@wtp.net, or visit the test Web site at www.midlandbulltest.com.

■ NC BCIP Butner Bull Test Butner Bull Test Station, Butner, N.C. 112-day final report (Dec. 6, 2006)

The Butner test included bulls born between Sept. 15 and Dec. 15, 2004. The Butner Bull Test Station is located on the Butner Beef Cattle Field Laboratory managed by North Carolina State University Agricultural Research Service. The test and sale is sponsored by the North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement Program (NC BCIP) and conducted through the cooperative efforts of the North Carolina Cattlemen's Association, North Carolina State Agricultural Research Service and North Carolina Cooperative Extension.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 30; owner: Smith Creek Angus Farm, Warrenton, N.C.; sire: Bon-View New Design 878; ADG: 4.71 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 3.48 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,473 lb.; frame: 6.6

High-WDA Angus—Lot 15; owner: Ann Angus Farms, Rocky Mount, N.C.; sire: GAR Grid Maker; ADG: 3.94 lb.; ADG ratio: 109; WDA: 3.59 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,350 lb.; frame: 6.1

Angus averages (40 head)—ADG: 3.62 lb.; WDA: 3.06 lb.; wt.: 1,266 lb.; frame: 6.1

Overall averages (45 head)—ADG: 3.62 lb.; WDA: 3.08 lb.; wt.: 1,273 lb.; frame: 6.1

Thirty qualifying Angus bulls and four others were scheduled to sell Jan. 14. For more information contact Gary Gregory, Extension technician, at (919) 515-4027 or Gary_Gregory@ncsu.edu; call station manager Dean Askew at (909) 471-6782; or visit the test Web site at www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/animal/bcip/Ahbcip.html.

■ NC BCIP Waynesville Bull Test Waynesville Bull Test Station, Waynesville, N.C.

112-day final report (Nov. 29, 2005)

The Waynesville test featured bulls born between Aug. 15 and Nov. 30, 2004. The station is located on the Mountain Research Station of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. It is sponsored by the NC BCIP and conducted through the cooperative efforts of North Carolina Cooperative Extension, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and the North Carolina Cattlemen's Association.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 70; owner: Grassy Valley Farm, Greeneville, Tenn.; sire: Bon-View New Design 878; ADG: 4.74 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA: 3.15 lb.; WDA ratio: 102; wt.: 1,358 lb.; frame: 6.2

High-WDA Angus—Lot 90; owner: Nutbush Farms, Durham, N.C.; sire: Bon-View New Design 878; ADG: 3.92 lb.; ADG ratio: 101; WDA: 3.55 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,578 lb.; frame: 7.4

Angus averages (31 head)—ADG: 3.88 lb.; WDA: 3.08 lb.; wt.: 1,289 lb.; frame: 5.8

Overall averages (33 head)—ADG: 3.91 lb.; WDA: 3.10 lb.; wt.: 1,294 lb.; frame: 5.9

Twenty-one Angus bulls and two others were scheduled to sell in the test sale at the station Jan. 7. For more information contact Gregory, or station manager Danny Hyatt at (828) 456-3943, or visit the test Web site at www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/animal/bcip/Ahbcip.html.

■ UBIA Bull Test Central Bull Testing Station, Levan 56-day junior report (Dec. 19, 2005) 77-day senior report (Dec. 19, 2005)

The Utah Beef Improvement Association (UBIA) 2005-2006 bull test is well under way. There are 19 Angus bulls born October-December 2004 on the senior test and 123 Angus bulls born January-March 2005 on the junior test. The bulls are being fed a 70% TDN ration targeted for an average ADG of 3.0 lb.

High-ADG and high-indexing junior Angus—Lot 15; owner: Michael Cummings, Marion, Utah; sire: Basin Max 602C; ADG: 5.71 lb.; ADG ratio: 171; WDA: 2.70 lb.; WDA ratio: 88; wt.: 918 lb.; test index: 152

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 71; owner: Paul McPherson, Nephi, Utah; sire: PM TC Dividend of Emma 60; ADG: 4.48 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; WDA: 3.82 lb.; WDA ratio: 125; wt.: 1,215 lb.; test index: 130

High-ADG and high-indexing senior Angus—Lot 324; owner: Tim Vetere, Green River, Utah; sire: BRA Royal Royce; ADG: 5.32 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 3.71 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,445 lb.; test index: 131

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 325; owner: Vetere; sire: BRA Royal Royce; ADG: 5.19 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 3.91 lb.; WDA ratio: 126; wt.: 1,580 lb.; test index: 130

Angus junior averages (123 head)—ADG: 3.35 lb.; WDA: 3.06 lb.; wt.: 951 lb.

Overall junior averages (245 head)—ADG: 3.24 lb.; WDA: 3.06 lb.; wt.: 821 lb.

Overall senior averages (27 head)—ADG:

4.07 lb.; WDA: 3.10 lb.; wt.: 1,200 lb.

The bulls were scheduled to be reweighed Jan. 16 for the 84-day junior report and the 105-day senior report. Qualifying bulls will sell Saturday, March 18, at 1 p.m. For more information contact Kim Chapman, Utah State University Extension area animal scientist, at (435) 979-6343 or kimc@ext.usu.edu, or Dale Kenison, manager, at (435) 250-0090. Information is also available on the test Web site at www.ubiabulls.com.

■ Florida Bull Test NFREC-Marianna, Fla. 112-day final report (Dec. 14, 2005)

Sixty-eight Angus bulls completed the test at the North Florida Research and Education Center (NFREC-Marianna) Beef Research Unit. The bulls were fed a growing ration to meet a target ADG of 3.5 lb.

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus—Lot 584; owner: Charles Lawler, Opelika, Ala.; sire: Bon-View New Design 1407; ADG: 5.47 lb.; WDA: 3.52 lb.; wt.: 1,481 lb.; test index: 125; frame: 6.9

High-WDA Angus—Lot 576; owner: Oak Bowery Farms, Opelika, Ala.; ADG: 3.67 lb.; WDA: 3.90 lb.; wt.: 1,514 lb.; test index: 105; frame: 7.5

Overall averages—ADG: 3.86 lb.; WDA: 3.19 lb.; wt.: 1,312 lb.; frame: 6.3

Bulls with a test index greater than 90 were eligible to sell in the 6th Annual Florida Bull Test Jan. 21. For more information contact Gary Hansen, professor of animal science at the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS), at (850) 482-1243 or grhansen@mail.ifas.ufl.edu, or Mary Chambliss at (850) 482-9904 or mchambliss@mail.ifas.ufl.edu. Information is also available on the test Web site at <http://flbulltest.ifas.ufl.edu/archive.htm>.

■ 48th Tifton Bull Evaluation Program Tifton Bull Evaluation Center, Tifton, Ga. 56-day report (Dec. 13, 2005)

Bulls have maintained excellent performance during the last 28 days, according to Johnny Rossi, Extension beef specialist.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 82; owner: Turkey Creek Farms, Dudley, Ga.; sire: SAF 598 Bando 5175; ADG: 6.54 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 3.87 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,324 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 20; owner: Gillis Angus Farm, Eastman, Ga.; sire: RP 3rd Bushwacker; ADG: 5.30 lb.; ADG ratio: 105; WDA: 3.98 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,182 lb.

Angus averages (94 head)—ADG: 5.05 lb.; WDA: 3.38 lb.; wt.: 1,126 lb.

Overall averages (181 head)—ADG: 4.90 lb.; WDA: 3.33 lb.; wt.: 1,117 lb.

The next weigh and data collection day was scheduled for Jan. 10. The bulls will be weighed off test Feb. 7. The Tifton Beef Cattle Short Course is scheduled to be Feb. 28, followed by the bull sale March 1. The test center is open for visitors from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. For more information contact Rossi at (229) 386-3407 or jrossi@uga.edu, or visit the test Web site at www.tifton.uga.edu/pc-web.

**Union County Performance Bull Test
Monroe, N.C.**

102-day final report (Nov. 18, 2005)

One hundred eighteen bulls started the 102-day test in July after a three-week warm-up period. They were fed a high-fiber ration ad libitum and ranged on fescue pastures.

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus—Lot 88; owner: Parks Helms, Monroe, N.C.; sire: SA Neutron 377; ADG: 5.64 lb.; ADG ratio: 136; WDA: 3.78 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,475 lb.; test index: 125; frame: 6.7; SC: 39.0 cm

High-WDA Angus—Lot 19; owner: Bruce Shankle II, Polkton, N.C.; sire: Homestead Top Ideal; ADG: 4.24 lb.; ADG ratio: 112; WDA: 3.99 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,375 lb.; test index: 113; frame: 7.2; SC: 41.0 cm

The 30th annual sale is scheduled for Jan. 21. For more information contact Jerry Simpson, Extension agent-livestock, at (704) 283-3738 or jerry_simpson@ncsu.edu, or visit the test Web site at www.ces.ncsu.edu/copubs/ag/livestock/beef/041/.

Nebraska Bull Test

Mike Weverka Farm, Broken Bow, Neb.

63-day report (Dec. 29, 2005)

The Nebraska Bull Test is conducting its 43rd annual test and sale this year. The 120-day test features 94 Angus and five Charolais bulls representing 18 consignors.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 1; owner: KLC Angus, Broken Bow; sire: Leadtime of Verola D173; ADG: 5.46 lb.; ADG ratio: 141; WDA: 3.50 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,046 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 25; owner: Boyles Angus, Mason City; sire: Stukle's Bandwith; ADG: 3.73 lb.; ADG ratio: 96; WDA: 3.81 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,246 lb.

High-ADG Angus sire group—Lots 28-33; owner: A&K Cattle Co., Miller; sire: PAF Krugerrand 201 6; avg. ADG: 4.53 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 117; avg. WDA: 3.44 lb.; avg. WDA ratio: 108; avg. wt.: 977 lb.

Angus averages (94 head)—ADG: 3.87 lb.; WDA: 3.19 lb.; wt.: 1,007 lb.

The sale is scheduled for March 29 at the Central Nebraska Commission Co. in Broken Bow. For more information contact manager Mick Phillips at (308) 764-2378 or micolin@neb-sandhills.net.

Tucumcari Bull Test

Tucumcari Bull Testing Station

Tucumcari, N.M.

28-day report (Dec. 2, 2005)

Nineteen Angus bulls are among the 57 bulls on test at the Tucumcari Bull Testing Station. Note that some of the bulls are being penned and fed individually to evaluate individual feed conversion. Pen feed conversion is provided for group-penned bulls. The test is for bulls born January-April 2005.

High-ADG Angus (tie)—Lot 24-1; owner: John Heckendorn, Tucumcari, N.M.; sire: A&B Yukon 1008; ADG: 6.07 lb.; WDA: 3.19 lb.; wt.: 876 lb.

High-ADG Angus (tie)—Lot 26-1; owner: Heckendorn; sire: A&B Yukon 1008; ADG: 6.07 lb.; WDA: 3.00 lb.; wt.: 812 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 22-2; owner:

Heckendorn; sire: Connealy Lead On; ADG: 5.82 lb.; WDA: 3.46 lb.; wt.: 1,002 lb.

Angus averages (19 head)—ADG: 4.99 lb.; WDA: 3.07 lb.; wt.: 888 lb.

Overall averages (57 head)—ADG: 4.33 lb.; WDA: 3.17 lb.; wt.: 864 lb.

The bulls were scheduled to be reweighed Jan. 3 and Jan. 31 for the 56-day and 84-day reports, respectively. They will be weighed off test Feb. 28. Qualifying bulls will sell March 17 at the performance-tested bull sale. For more information contact Ron Parker at (505) 646-1709 or rparker@nmsu.edu.

**Auburn University forage
test under way**

Seventeen Angus bulls are among 70 bulls weighed on test for the Auburn University Wiregrass Forage-Based BCIA Bull Evaluation being conducted on the Phil and Susie Farris farm near Elba, Ala. The test features bulls born November 2004-February 2005. Bulls are being grazed and supplemented to allow adequate expression of growth potential and development without overconditioning the bulls.

The 17 Angus bulls averaged 886 lb. going on test for an average WDA of 2.45 lb.

At the conclusion of the test, bulls will be ranked for sale using an index calculated within each breed as 33% ADG ratio, 33% WDA ratio and 33% EPD ratio. The bulls will be weighed off test April 19, and qualifying bulls are scheduled to sell Oct. 21.

For more information contact Lisa Kriese-Anderson, Extension beef cattle specialist, at (334) 844-1561 or kriesla@auburn.edu, or Diego Gimenez, Extension animal scientist and associate professor, at (334) 844-1520. More information is available on the test Web site at www.albcia.com.

Kansas grower project under way

The 6th Annual Kansas Angus Association Bull Grower Project is under way. A group of 60 registered Angus bulls has been on test since November 2005. The average starting weight was 798 lb.

The bulls on test were born between Jan. 1 and March 15, 2005. The bulls will be weighed periodically throughout the 120-day feeding period and ranked according to a formula based on weaning ratio, yearling ratio, ADG and WDA.

Forty of the top-performing bulls will be selected to sell in the Top Cut Bull Sale March 7 at the Farmers and Ranchers Commission Co. in Salina, Kan. Following the bull sale, approximately 40 registered and commercial purebred Angus heifers, cows and pairs will sell.

For more information, or to receive a sale book, contact the Kansas Angus Association at (620) 872-3915 or kansasangus@wbsnet.org. The Top Cut Sale book will be available online at www.kansasangus.org. 

