



Performance Report

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98th Beef Bull Evaluation Test Dean Lee Research Station, Alexandria, LA On-test report (June 5)

Louisiana State University's (LSU's) 98th Beef Bull Evaluation Test began June 5 with 61 bulls representing nine producers. The cattle are being group-fed in 10 pens. Weights will be taken at 28-day intervals for the 112-day test.

Twenty-one Angus bulls started the test at an average age of 236 days, weighing on average 690 lb. for an average weight per day of age (WDA) of 2.94 lb. In comparison, 20 Charolais bulls averaged 239 days of age and 728 lb. for an average WDA of 3.05 lb. The 20 Hereford bulls averaged 202 days of age and 603 lb., for an average WDA of 2.99 lb. Danny Coombs, professor and test coordinator, says the bulls have adjusted well.

If you would like to receive the 28-day progress reports by e-mail, contact Coombs at 318-473-6528 or dcoombs@agcenter.lsu.edu. Livestock Testing Station information is also available on the internet at the LSU AgCenter web site, www.lsuagcenter.com.

Great Western Beef Expo Completes 38th Year

The 38th Annual Great Western Beef Expo concluded May 25 with approximately 35 people attending the awards program in Sterling, Colo. This year's guest speaker was Slade Thorpe, sales manager for Intervet. Thorpe spoke on "The Science of Effective Deworming for Cattle."

As a group, the 192 cattle ended the 156-day test with an average daily gain (ADG) of 3.21 pounds (lb.), a 5.78-to-1 feed conversion, and a 71¢ cost of feed per pound of gain. Even with the decrease in performance, carcass quality on this group of cattle was very good. As a group, they graded 57.8% Choice or better with an average USDA Yield Grade (YG) of 2.91.

Champion in pounds of feed per pound of carcass gain was a set of Charolais-sired heifers, out of 323 from Schurrtop Angus & Charolais, Maywood, Neb. This set of heifers had a feed conversion of 6.69-to-1. Reserve champion honors went to Everett Segelke, Hillrose, Colo., with a set of Belgian Blue heifers. This set of heifers posted a feed conversion of 6.78-to-1.

Third through 10th included: Schurrtop Angus & Charolais, Maywood, Neb., Charolais, 6.97; Coleman Limousin Ranch, Charlo, Mont., Limousin, 7.05; DeBryucker

Charolais, Dutton, Mont., Charolais, 7.27; Hunt Limousin Ranch, Oxford, Neb., Limousin, 7.31; DeBryucker Charolais, Dutton, Mont., Charolais, 7.43; Aristocrat Angus Ranch, Platteville, Colo., Angus, 7.44; Brad James, Lusk, Wyo., Angus, 7.46; and the X7 Ranch, Merino, Colo., Angus, 7.47.

Champion honors in average daily carcass gain (ADCG) went to Aristocrat Angus Ranch, Platteville, Colo. This set of Angus-sired steers out of AAR Neutron N064 posted an ADCG of 2.68 lb. Reserve champion went to Guenzi Cattle Co., Sterling, Colo., with a set of Angus steers sired by Predestined 7 AN222. This set of steers posted an ADCG of 2.62 lb.

Third through 10th included: DeBryucker Charolais, Dutton, Mont., Charolais, 2.51; Schurrtop Angus & Charolais, Maywood, Neb., Charolais, 2.50; DeBryucker Charolais, Dutton, Mont., Charolais, 2.50; Lake View Piedmontese, Lake Andes, S.D., Piedmontese, 2.48; Schurrtop Angus & Charolais, Maywood, Neb., Charolais, 2.47; Hunt Limousin Ranch, Oxford, Neb., Limousin, 2.47; Aristocrat Angus Ranch, Platteville, Colo., Angus, 2.46; and DeBryucker Charolais, Dutton, Mont., Charolais, 2.46.

Champion honors in carcass price per pound went to Schurrtop Angus & Charolais, Maywood, Neb., with a set of Charolais-sired heifers. The champion pen was sired by 039 and received a contest-only carcass price per pound of \$1.5531. Reserve champion honors went to Triple B Angus/Knoll Ranch, North Platte, Neb., with a pen of Angus-sired steers by Triple BL Edition 814. This pen received a contest-only carcass price per pound of \$1.5519.

Third through 10th places included: Y Cross Ranch, Laramie, Wyo., Angus, \$1.5507; Triple B Angus/Knoll Ranch, North Platte, Neb., Angus, \$1.5484; D&B Cattle, Merino, Colo., Angus, \$1.5460; Groth Livestock, Merino, Colo., Angus, \$1.5460; TC Ranch, Akron, Colo., Angus, \$1.5460; Schurrtop Angus & Charolais, Maywood, Neb., Charolais, \$1.5350; Creekside Charolais, Holyoke, Colo., Charolais, \$1.5339; and George Rober, Sedgwick, Colo., Angus, \$1.5281. Ties are broken by the average marbling score for the pen.

Champion honors in net return went to Schurrtop Angus & Charolais, Maywood, Neb., with a pen of Charolais-sired heifers by 039. This pen had a net return of \$175.12 per head. Reserve champion honors went to Schurrtop Angus & Charolais (\$175.01 per head) with another set of Charolais-sired heifers. These heifers were sired by 323.

Third through 10th places included: Aristocrat Angus Ranch, Platteville, Colo., Angus, \$161.50; Groth Livestock, Merino, Colo., Angus, \$141.06; Guenzi Cattle Co., Sterling, Colo., Angus, \$132.65; Y Cross Ranch, Laramie, Wyo., Angus, \$132.17; DeBryucker Charolais, Dutton, Mont., Charolais, \$121.64; DeBryucker Charolais, Dutton, Mont., Charolais, \$117.71; Aristocrat Angus Ranch, Platteville, Colo., Angus, \$110.87; and Creekside Charolais, Holyoke, Colo., Charolais, \$98.92.

A complete copy of the results can be viewed on the Great Western Beef Expo web page at www.greatwesternbeefexpo.org. If you wish to receive a hard copy of the results or data from the 2007 Great Western Beef Expo, contact David Colburn at 970-522-3200, ext. 283, e-mail dave@greatwesternbeefexpo.org or write the Great Western Beef Expo, 508 S. 10th Ave. Ste. #1, Sterling, CO 80751.

Great Western Beef Expo Awards Program, Sterling, Colo., May 25



► **Marty Schurr** (left), Schurrtop Angus & Charolais, Maywood, Neb., receives the Champion Net Return Award at the 38th Annual Great Western Beef Expo Awards Program from board director Bill Fritzer. The Champion Net Return pen was sired by the Charolais bull 039 and had a net return of \$175.12 per head. This pen of heifers also received the champion award in carcass price per pound.