■ Edisto Forage Bull Test, Blackville, S.C. 168-day final report (April 28)

Testing has concluded at the 2008 Edisto Forage Bull Test at Clemson University in Blackville, S.C. Program coordinator Larry Olson reports an overall average daily gain (ADG) of 2.55 pounds (lb.) and weight per day of age (WDA) of 2.82 lb.

High-ADG Angus (tie)—Lot 38; owner: Clemson Beef Cattle Farm, Clemson; sire: GAR Predestined; ADG: 3.53 lb.; ADG ratio: 136; WDA: 3.08 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,345 lb.

High-ADG Angus (tie)—Lot 40; owner: Clemson Beef Cattle Farm; sire: Bon-View New Design 878; ADG: 3.51 lb.; ADG ratio: 136; WDA: 2.83 lb.; WDA ratio: 100; wt.: 1,365 lb.

High-WDA Angus (tie)—Lot 55; owner: Highlands Farm, Morganton; sire: GAR Integrity; ADG: 2.88 lb.; ADG ratio: 111; WDA: 3.15 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,290 lb.

High-WDA Angus (tie)—Lot 15; owner: Palmetto Cattle Co., Greenwood; sire: SAV 8180 Traveler 004; ADG: 2.78 lb.; ADG ratio: 107; WDA: 3.14 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,395 lb. **Angus averages (60 head)**—ADG: 2.59 lb.; WDA: 2.84 lb.; wt.: 1,277 lb.

Overall averages (80 head)—ADG: 2.55 lb.; WDA: 2.82 lb.; wt.: 1,292 lb.

Qualifying bulls are scheduled to sell Oct. 13 at the Edisto Research & Education Center at Blackville. For more information contact Olson at lolson@clemson.edu or 803-284-3343, ext. 231, or visit the test web site at www.clemson.edu/edisto/efbt/efbt.htm.

■ University of Florida Bull Test Marianna, Fla.

84-day final report (Dec. 20, 2007)

The University of Florida Bull Test at the North Florida Research and Education Center in Marianna, Fla., wrapped up the 2007 annual bull test Dec. 20, 2007. By controlling the environmental factors in the test and taking expected progeny differences (EPDs) into account, the data clearly emphasized the dual importance of genetics and environment in all cattle types, reports Doug Mayo, Jackson County Extension livestock specialist.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 696; owner: The Hills, Jack Wainwright, Greensboro, Fla.; sire: SA Neutron 377; ADG: 5.99 lb.; WDA: 3.70 lb.; wt.: 1,636 lb.; frame: 6.9

High-WDA Angus—Lot 694; owner: The Hills; sire: SA Neutron 377; ADG: 5.69 lb.; WDA: 3.73 lb.; wt.: 1,650 lb.; frame: 6.5

Angus averages (26 head)—ADG: 4.54 lb.; WDA: 3.32 lb.; wt.: 1,414 lb.

Overall averages (45 head)—ADG: 4.19 lb.; WDA: 3.31 lb.; wt.: 1,406 lb.

Bulls were scheduled to sell Jan. 19. For more information contact Mayo at 850-482-9620 or by e-mail at demayo@ ufl.edu, or visit the test web site at http://flbulltest.ifas.ufl.edu.

■ OBI Angus Test No. 74, Stillwater, Okla. 112-day final report (April 11)

Test No. 74 of Oklahoma Beef Inc. (OBI) featuring 77 Angus bulls was completed April 11 in Stillwater. Bulls were fed twice daily in fenceline feed bunks or self-feeders. Bulls tested negative to persistent infection with bovine viral diarrhea (PI-BVD).

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus—Lot 7323; owner: McPherson Angus, Watonga, Okla.; sire: TC Total 410; ADG: 6.30 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; WDA: 3.72 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,398 lb.; test index: 125; SC: 40.0 cm

High-WDA Angus—Lot 7280; owner: 74-51 Cattle Co., Stillwater, Okla.; sire: EXAR Anchorbabe 9479; ADG: 3.98 lb.; ADG ratio: 85; WDA: 3.81 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,476 lb.; test index: 102; SC: 38.5 cm

Angus averages (77 head)—ADG: 4.7 lb.; WDA: 3.22 lb.; wt.: 1,254 lb.

Bulls that successfully completed testing are eligible for the OBI All-Breed Performance Tested Fall Bull Sale in October at the OBI station in Stillwater.

For more information contact Tim Stidham, station manager, at 405-624-1181 or okbeef@provalue.net. Reports are available on the test web site at www.ansi.okstate.edu/exten/obi.

■ 2008 IBEP Summer Test

The 2008 Summer Test began with delivery of bulls on April 29. There are 121 bulls on test, and 90 are Angus. Other breeds are Charolais, Gelbvieh Balancer, Hereford, SimAngus and Simmental. Bulls came from 43 cooperators from seven states. On-test weights were taken May 20. The first report will be sent after 28-day weights are taken lune 17.

For more information contact Donna Lofgren at 765-494-6439 or dlofgren@purdue.edu, or visit the test web site at www.ansc.purdue.edu/ibep.