■ OBI Angus Test No. 61 Stillwater, Okla.

112-day final report (Oct. 6)

Born in September-October 2005, bulls on Oklahoma Beef Inc. (OBI) Angus Test No. 61 went on test June 16. The bulls were fed twice daily in fenceline feedbunks or self-feeders. The ration composition was controlled by Don Gill of Oklahoma State University (OSU). The OBI test index is a sum of half the average daily gain (ADG) ratio and half the adjusted 365-day weight ratio.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 7186; owner: Jackson & Johnson Cattle Co., Orlando; sire: EXAR New Look 2971; ADG: 5.76 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 3.63 lb.; WDA ratio: 108; wt.: 1,345 lb.; SC: 41.0 cm; test index: 119

High-WDA Angus-Lot 7120; owner: Spur Ranch, Vinita; sire: Spur Success 2801; ADG: 5.03 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 4.13 lb.; WDA ratio: 123; wt.: 1,470 lb.; SC: 38.0 cm; test index: 118

High-indexing Angus—Lot 7035; owner: H&H Land & Cattle Co. LLC, Vinita; sire: H&H L&C Phoenix 3030; ADG: 5.67 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 3.71 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,433 lb.; SC: 36.0 cm; test index: 123

Angus averages (164 head)—ADG: 4.40 lb.; WDA: 3.40 lb.; wt.: 1,258 lb.

Top-performing bulls are eligible to sell in OBI's March sale. For more information contact Tim Stidham, station director, at (405) 624-1181 or okbeef@ionet.net, or visit the test web site at www.ansi.okstate.edu/ exten/obi.

□ OBI Angus Test No. 62 56-day report (Oct. 13)

Born in November-December 2005, bulls on OBI Angus Test No. 62 went on test Aug. 16. The bulls were fed twice daily in fenceline feedbunks or self-feeders a ration composed by OSU's Don Gill.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 7218; owner: H&H Land & Cattle Co. LLC, Vinita; sire: SpurMaster Concept 8089; ADG: 7.30 lb.; ADG ratio: 143; WDA: 3.63 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,235 lb.

High-WDA Angus-Lot 7224; owner: 74-51 Cattle Co. LLC, Oklahoma City; sire: Bon-View New Design 1407; ADG: 5.71 lb.; ADG ratio: 112; WDA: 4.11 lb.; WDA ratio: 128; wt.:

Angus averages (73 head)—ADG: 5.10 lb.; WDA: 3.22 lb.; wt.: 1,038 lb.

The bulls were scheduled to be reweighed Nov. 10. They will be weighed off test Dec. 8. Top-performing bulls will be eligible to sell in OBI's March sale. For more information contact Stidham or visit the test web site.

■ Virginia BCIA Bull Test Culpeper, Va.

Senior 84-day report (Oct. 17)

Senior bulls (born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2005) arrived at the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Ass'n (BCIA) bull test at Culpeper, Va., July 11. They were weighed on test July 25.

High-ADG Angus-Lot 49; owner: C.W. Pratt, Echo Ridge Farm, Atkins; sire: Rito 112 of 2536 Rito 616; ADG: 5.42 lb.; ADG ratio: 148; WDA: 3.52 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,370 lb.

High-WDA Angus-Lot 31; owner: A.J. Ellis Jr., and Jim Tate, Ellis & Tate, Beaverdam; sire: BFA Orville 3391 L12; ADG: 4.88 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; WDA: 3.66 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1.410 lb.

Angus averages (128 head)—ADG: 3.65 lb.; WDA: 3.06 lb.; wt.: 1,183 lb.

Overall averages (132 head)—ADG: 3.61 lb.; WDA: 3.05 lb.; wt.: 1,180 lb.

Bulls must meet minimum expected progeny differences (EPDs) based on the breed to be eligible to sell. In addition, they must have a test ADG ratio of 80, an adusted yearling weight ratio of 90 and a minimum frame score of 5.0 at the end of the test. They will be screened for health, reproductive soundness, structural soundness and disposition prior to sale.

The bulls were to be weighed off test Nov. 13-14 and are scheduled to sell Saturday. Dec. 9. For more information contact Scott Greiner, Extension beef specialist, at (540) 231-9159 or sgreiner@vt.edu, or visit the test web site at http://bcia.apsc.vt.edu.

■ Calhoun Bull Evaluation Program Calhoun, Ga.

84-day report (Oct. 17)

This test features bulls born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2005. They were delivered July 5-6, 2006, and went on test July 25. Gains have improved since the beginning of the test and are expected to remain at a high level throughout the remainder of the test. The test rules and regulations specify the "ration fed will be adequate for good growth and development."

High-ADG Angus-Lot 94; owner: Bricton Farm, C.L. Cook, Social Circle, Ga.; sire: GAR Yield Grade; ADG: 5.07 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 3.72 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,360 lb.

High-WDA Angus-Lot 75; owner: Britt Farm, Stacey Britt, Jefferson, Ga.; sire: Sitz Alliance 6595; ADG: 3.78 lb.; ADG ratio: 98; WDA: 3.89 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,590 lb.

Angus averages (125 head)—ADG: 3.87 lb.; WDA: 3.24 lb.; wt.: 1,191 lb.

Overall averages (168 head)— ADG: 3.88

lb.; WDA: 3.23 lb.; wt.: 1,177 lb.

Final weights were to be taken Nov. 14. Sale eligibility was to be determined at that time, with approximately the top two-thirds of the bulls qualifying for the sale, based on ADG and weight per day of age (WDA). Saleeligible bulls must have passed a semen test, which was to be conducted Nov. 21. Topperforming bulls are scheduled to sell Dec. 7.

For more information contact Timothy Wilson, Extension animal scientist, at (706) 624-1403 or twwilson@uga.edu, or visit the test web site at www.tifton.uga.edu/pc-web.

▶ Pennsylvania Performance **Bull Testing Program** Pennsylvania Furnace, Pa. On-test report (Oct. 31)

Bulls born between Jan. 1 and April 15, 2006, went on test for the Pennsylvania Performance Bull Testing Program on Oct. 31. Bulls are fed in group pens with access to a mixed ration of corn silage; cracked corn; cracked, roasted soybeans; and a mineralvitamin supplement. Bulls that complete the test and rank in the top 70%-75% of the test group on an index of performance traits, after meeting minimum standards for health and structural soundness, are usually sold at auction on the last Friday in March.

High-WDA Angus-Lot 78; owner: Burleigh Anderson; sire: M/M Ultra Unique 241; WDA: 3.79 lb.: wt.: 898 lb.

Angus averages (88 head)-WDA: 3.17 lb.; wt.: 788 lb.

For more information contact Glenn Eberly, director of the Pennsylvania Livestock Evaluation Center, at (814) 238-2527 or geberly@state.pa.us, or visit the test web site at www.agriculture.state.pa.us/lec.

■ Tifton Bull Evaluation Center Tifton, Ga.

On-test report (Oct. 24)

Bulls born Dec. 1, 2005-Feb. 28, 2006, on the 49th Tifton Bull Evaluation Center performance bull test were weighed on-test Oct. 24. They are being fed a ration that is "adequate for good growth and development." Bulls were to be weighed again Nov. 21. To qualify for the sale March 7, 2007, bulls should be in approximately the top two-thirds on a combination of rate-ofgain and WDA in each breed group.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 202; owner: Morgan Angus; sire: Rito 112 of 2536 Rito 616; WDA: 3.80 lb.; wt.: 973 lb.

Angus averages (104 head)—WDA: 3.06 lb.; wt.: 882 lb.

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Overall averages (190 head)—WDA: 3.07 lb.; wt.: 879 lb.

For more information contact Johnny Rossi, Extension animal scientist, at (229) 386-3870 or jrossi@uga.edu, or visit the test web site at www.tifton.ega.edu/pc-web.

■ OPSU Beef Bull Performance Test Goodwell, Okla. 28-day report (Nov. 4)

Bulls went on test at Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU) Oct. 7. The bulls' diet consists of dry-rolled corn and oats, cottonseed hulls, alfalfa hay, molasses and supplement. On an as-fed basis, it is a 70:30 concentrate:roughage diet containing approximately 13.5% protein. Through the first 28 days, the bulls have also been fed a small amount of grass hay. The index formula is 50:50 ADG:WDA.

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 17-4; owner: Phil Light, Turpin, Okla.; sire: N-Bar Prime Time D806; ADG: 6.39 lb.; ADG ratio: 151; WDA: 3.51 lb.; WDA ratio: 104; wt.: 964 lb.; test index: 127

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 26-4; owner; Larry Weinkauf, Orlando, Okla.; sire: Circle 5 598 Bando 1037; ADG: 3.50 lb.; ADG ratio: 82; WDA: 4.31 lb.; WDA ratio: 128; wt.: 1,004 lb.; test index: 105

High-indexing junior Angus—Lot 26-1; owner: Larry Weinkauf; sire: Circle 5 598 Bando 1037; ADG: 5.61 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 4.19 lb.; WDA ratio: 125; wt.: 950 lb.; test index: 128

High-ADG senior Angus—Lot 12-1; owner: Al Rutledge, Stillwater, Okla.; sire: GAR Expectation 4915; ADG: 6.50 lb.; ADG ratio: 144; WDA: 2.69 lb.; WDA ratio: 90; wt.: 1,048 lb.; test index: 117

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 19-2; owner: Gary McPherson, Watonga, Okla.; sire: TC Foreman 016; ADG: 4.89 lb.; ADG ratio: 109; WDA: 3.71 lb.; WDA ratio: 124; wt.: 1,338 lb.; test index: 117

High-indexing senior Angus—Lot 14-3; owner: Larry Mindemann, Apache, Okla.; sire: Empirette 17695; ADG: 6.07 lb.; ADG ratio: 135; WDA: 3.22 lb.; WDA ratio: 108; wt.: 1,119 lb.; test index: 122

Overall averages (104 head)—ADG: 4.43 lb. The top 70 bulls determined by the test index are scheduled to sell Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2007, at 1 p.m. Central time in the England Activity Building, University Farm, Goodwell, Okla. For more information contact Jerry and Gwen Martin, OPSU, at (580) 349-1500 or gwen@opsu.edu.

■ Clemson Bull Test Pendleton, S.C. 56-day report (Nov.7)

This test is for senior bulls born Sept. 1-Oct. 31, 2005, and junior bulls born Nov. 1-Dec. 31,

2005.

High-ADG (tie) and high-WDA senior

Angus—Lot 11; owner: Riverhill Farm,

Stephanie Clark, Fountain Inn, S.C.; sire: SVF

Bandolier; ADG: 6.64 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 3.75 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,530 lb.

High-ADG senior Angus (tie)—Lot 20; owner: Rice Farms, Bob Rice, Fountain Inn, S.C.; sire: KCF Bennett Coalition SCC; ADG: 6.64 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 3.42 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,445 lb.

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 43; owner: Stillwater Cattle Co., Mike Ryan, Seneca, S.C.; sire: SAV 8180 Traveler 004; ADG: 5.36 lb.; ADG ratio: 113; WDA: 3.63 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,140 lb.

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 41; owner: Stillwater Cattle Co.; sire: GAR Predestined; ADG: 5.11 lb.; ADG ratio: 108; WDA: 3.76 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,180 lb.

Senior Angus averages (29 head)—ADG: 5.15 lb.; WDA: 3.15 lb.; wt.: 1,280 lb.

Junior Angus averages (19 head)—ADG: 4.75 lb.; WDA: 3.17 lb.; wt.: 1,081 lb.

Overall averages (81 head)—ADG: 4.84 lb.; WDA: 3.18 lb.; wt.: 1,201 lb.

Bulls were to be weighed again Dec. 5. The sale date is set for Feb. 3, 2007. For more information contact Larry Olson, Extension animal scientist and bull testing program coordinator, at (803) 284-3343, ext. 231, or lolson@clemson.edu; or visit the test web site at www.clemson.edu/edisto/cubt/cubt.htm.

■ University of Tennessee Bull Test Spring Hill, Tenn. Junior 28-day report (Oct. 31) Senior 84-day report (Oct. 31)

Bulls on the University of Tennessee Bull Test at Spring Hill went on test Aug. 8. Senior bulls were born Sept. 1-Dec. 15, 2005. Junior bulls were born Dec. 16, 2005-Mar. 15, 2006.

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 52; owner: Mills Angus, Cookeville; sire: TC Foreman 016; ADG: 6.36 lb.; WDA: 3.15 lb.; wt.: 946 lb.

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 71; owner: Sensabaugh Angus, Mount Carmel; sire: GAR Grid Maker; ADG: 5.86 lb.; WDA: 3.85 lb.; wt.: 1,000 lb.

High-ADG senior Angus—Lot 23; owner: Garrett Farms, Jamestown; sire: LGS Neutron 9024; ADG: 5.81 lb.; ADG ratio: 139; WDA: 3.63 lb.; wt.: 1,510 lb.

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 56; owner: McCoys Angus, Bone Cave; sire: FAR Krugerrand 410H; ADG: 3.21 lb.; ADG ratio: 77; WDA: 3.87 lb.; wt.: 1,595 lb.

Junior Angus averages (77 head)—ADG: 4.30 lb.

Junior overall averages (80 head)—ADG: 4.34 lb.

Senior Angus averages (104 head)—ADG: 4.19 lb.

Senior overall averages (109 head)—ADG: 4.19 lb.

For more information contact F. David Kirkpatrick, professor of animal science, at (865) 974-7294 or fkirkpat@utk.edu, or visit the test web site at

http://animalscience.ag.utk.edu/beef/bulltest.htm.

■ Auburn University BCIA Bull Test Auburn, Ala.

Junior 56-day report (Nov. 6) Senior 84-day report (Nov. 6)

Bulls on the Auburn University BCIA Bull Test went on test July 20. Junior bulls will be weighed off-test Nov. 30, and senior bulls will be weighed off-test Dec. 9.

High-ADG junior Angus (tie)—Lot 137; owner: E-Muck-Faw Creek Farm; sire: Mytty In Focus; ADG: 4.48 lb.; ADG ratio: 104; WDA: 3.19 lb.; WDA ratio: 95; wt.: 966 lb.; F:G: 5.80:1 lb.; F:G ratio: 104; frame: 4.4

High-ADG (tie) and high-WDA junior Angus—Lot 140; owner: E-Muck-Faw Creek Farm; sire: Bon-View New Design 1407; ADG: 4.50 lb.; ADG ratio: 104; WDA: 3.65 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,095 lb.; F:G: 5.53:1 lb.; F:G ratio: 108; frame: 7.2

High-ADG and high-WDA senior Angus— Lot 116; owner: AU Beef Teaching Unit; sire: BR Midland; ADG: 5.60 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.80 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,515 lb.; F:G: 6.57:1 lb.; F:G ratio: 109; frame: 5.8

Junior Angus averages (4 head)—ADG: 4.33 lb.; WDA: 3.34 lb.; wt.: 1,057 lb.

Senior Angus averages (27 head)—ADG: 4.24 lb.; WDA: 3.25 lb.; wt.: 1,286 lb.

Senior bulls were scheduled to sell Dec. 9, and junior bulls are scheduled to sell Feb. 9, 2007. For more information contact Lisa Kriese-Anderson, Extension animal scientist, at (334) 844-1561 or kiresla@auburn.edu, or visit the test web site at www.albcia.org.

North Carolina BCIP Bull Test Butner

56-day report (Oct. 10)

Bulls on the North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement Program (BCIP) Bull Test went on test Aug. 15 at both the Butner and Waynesville test stations.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 9; owner: J.F. and Carolyn Lancaster, Ann Angus Farm, Rocky Mount; sire: Bon-View New Design 1407; ADG: 5.91 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.31 lb.; WDA ratio: 108; wt.: 1,275 lb.; frame: 6.2

High-WDA Angus—Lot 44; owner: W. Henry Vines, H&D Angus, Snow Camp; sire: Bon-View New Design 878; ADG: 5.30 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; WDA: 3.66 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,420 lb.; frame: 7.2

Angus averages (53 head)—ADG: 4.49 lb.; WDA: 3.07 lb.; wt.: 1,099 lb.; frame: 6.0

Overall averages (57 head)—ADG: 4.52 lb.; WDA: 3.09 lb.; wt.: 1,109 lb.; frame: 6.0

For more information contact Gary Gregory, bull test supervisor, at (919) 515-4027 or Gary_Gregory@ncsu.edu; Dean Askew, station manager, at (919) 471-6872; or visit the test web site at www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/animal/bcip/Ahbcip.html.

Waynesville

83-day report (Oct. 30)

High-ADG Angus—Lot 17; owner: Ben Winslow, Halifax; sire: Hyline Right Time 338; ADG: 5.64 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 3.11 lb.;

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WDA ratio: 100; wt.: 1,280 lb.; frame: 5.9 **High-WDA Angus**—Lot 43; owner: Tony Deal, Absolute Angus, Bristol, Tenn.; sire: Hyline Right Time 338; ADG: 5.41 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 3.71 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,385 lb.: frame: 5.9

Angus averages (44 head)—ADG: 4.33 lb.; WDA: 3.11 lb.; wt.: 1,214 lb.; frame: 5.8

Overall averages (50 head)—ADG: 4.36 lb.; WDA: 3.11 lb.; wt.: 1,205 lb.; frame: 5.8

For more information contact Gregory; or Danny Hyatt, station manager, at (828) 456-3943; or visit the test web site.

OPSU bull test under way

The annual Beef Bull Performance Test at Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU), Goodwell, Okla., is under way once again. This is the test station's 55th annual test. The bulls consigned to the test this year were officially weighed on test Oct. 7. There are 122 bulls consigned, representing three breeds — Angus, Red Angus and Simmental. Seventeen cooperators from Oklahoma and Nebraska have bulls on test.

The test covers a period of 112 days during which data will be collected on each bull's ADG, WDA, frame score, scrotal circumference, fat thickness, ribeye area and

marbling score. Feed efficiency is measured on a pen basis. The bulls are being fed a growing ration consisting of rolled corn, rolled oats, chopped alfalfa, cottonseed hulls, molasses and protein supplement. Performance summaries will be reported at 28-day intervals during the test. The test will be completed Jan. 27, 2007, and the 55th annual bull sale is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 28.

The bulls are being cared for by OPSU student employees Ty LaRue, Ponca City, Okla.; Terry McSparrin, Colony, Okla.; John Ward, Ramona, Okla.; and Bryant Weber, Woodward, Okla.

If you would like to be placed on the mailing list to receive the performance reports, please contact Gwen or Jerry Martin, Oklahoma Panhandle State University, PO Box 430, Goodwell, OK 73939, call (580) 349-1500 or e-mail gwen@opsu.edu.

LSU 97th Beef Bull Evaluation Test started

The 97th Louisiana State University (LSU) Beef Bull Evaluation Test began Oct. 25 with 53 bulls representing five breeds and 14 breeders, including 38 Angus bulls. The cattle are being group-fed in 10 pens. Weights will be taken at 28-day intervals for the 112-day test. Bulls have adjusted fairly well at this time, says Danny Coombs, professor at the LSU Dean Lee Research Station, Alexandria, where the bulls are being tested. Several bulls have been treated for coccidiosis. All bulls were treated with Cydectin® on Oct. 25.

WDA was calculated using the average of weights taken on Oct. 24 and 25. Leading the Angus division of the test is lot 17, owned by Vernal and Zack Comeaux, CQUIN Angus Farm, Scott, La. A son of Precision of CQUIN, the bull had a WDA of 3.29 pounds (lb.) and weighed in at 807 lb.

Angus averages for WDA and weight were 2.56 lb. and 721 lb., respectively. Overall averages were 2.64 lb. and 730 lb., respectively.

Bulls will be weighed off test Feb. 14, and qualifying bulls are scheduled to sell March 3. For more information, contact Coombs at (318) 473-6528 or dcoombs@agcenter.lsu.edu. Information for this test was not yet available at press time on the test web site, www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our_offices/research_stations/Deanlee/Features/bull_test_station/.