



Performance Report

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LSU Beef Bull Evaluation Test

Alexandria, La.

112-day final report (Feb. 14)

The 97th Louisiana State University (LSU) Beef Bull Evaluation Test began Oct. 25, 2006. Fifty-one bulls representing five breeds and 13 breeders completed the test. Thirty-seven bulls are Angus. The cattle were grouped in 10 pens. Weights were taken at 28-day intervals for the 112-day test. Several bulls were treated for coccidiosis. All bulls were treated with Cydectin® Oct. 25 and Dec. 20, 2006. The LSU performance ratio is calculated as the average of the 365-day adjusted yearling weight ratio and the average daily gain (ADG) ratio.

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus—Lot 4; owner: Carroll Boudreaux, Darnall Place Farm, New Iberia, La.; sire: CA Future Direction 5321; ADG: 5.02 lb.; ADG ratio: 138; WDA: 2.93 lb.; wt.: 1,255 lb.; performance ratio: 120

High-WDA Angus—Lot 19; owner: Vernal & Zach Comeaux, Cquin Angus Farm, Scott, La.; sire: Precision of Cquin; ADG: 4.13 lb.; ADG ratio: 114; WDA: 3.46 lb.; wt.: 1,196 lb.; performance ratio: 118

Angus averages (37 head)—ADG: 3.64 lb.; WDA: 2.87 lb.; wt.: 1,128 lb.

Overall averages (51 head)—ADG: 3.54 lb.; WDA: 2.90 lb.; wt.: 1,126 lb.

Bulls were weighed off test Feb. 14, and qualifying bulls were scheduled to sell March 3, 2007, at noon at the new Dean Lee Research Station Showbarn on Highway 71 South at Alexandria. The sale will also feature approximately 50 3- to 6-year-old Angus-cross replacement cows from the Dean Lee and Rosepine Research Station cow herds. For more information, contact Danny Coombs, professor at the LSU Dean Lee Research Station, Alexandria, at (318) 473-6528 or dcoombs@agctr.lsu.edu. Information is also available on the test web site, www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our_offices/research_stations/Deanlee/Features/bull_test_station/.

Midland Bull Test

Columbus, Mont.

90-day report (Feb. 3)

The 45th Annual Midland Bull Test currently has 1,186 bulls on test, including 703 Angus, 190 Red Angus, 90 South Devon, 88 Salers, 59 Gelbvieh, 34 Charolais, eight Simmental, six Shorthorn, three Maine Anjou, two Braunvieh, two Murray Grey and one Limousin.

The bulls arrived for test in October 2006 and underwent a two-week conditioning period before starting the test. They are being fed a ration that is more than 80% roughage, with the grain including whole oats.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 1259; owner: Gardiner Prime Angus Ranch, Porthill, Idaho; sire: GAR Grid Maker; ADG: 4.61 lb.; ADG ratio: 143; WDA: 3.64 lb.; wt.: 1,320 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 321; owner: Beaver Ridge Farm, Middletown, Ind.; sire: GAR Grid Maker; ADG: 3.30 lb.; WDA: 3.99 lb.; wt.: 1,370 lb.

High-ADG Angus sire group—Three bulls; owner: Meadow Mist Farms, Landisburg, Pa.; sire: GAR Grid Maker; avg. ADG: 3.97 lb.

High-WDA Angus sire group—Three bulls; owner: Cordingley Angus Ranch, Ashton, Idaho; sire: Benson Universe; avg. WDA: 3.73 lb.

Angus averages (703 head)—ADG: 3.24 lb.; WDA: 3.15 lb.

All bulls will have been ultrasound scanned, semen tested, tested negative for persistent infection (PI) of bovine viral diarrhea (BVD), screened for soundness, and carry a Range Ready™ Guarantee. Bulls will be delivered free of charge within 400 miles. Mileage beyond that can be arranged.

The top 70% of the Angus bulls will sell April 6. For more information contact Leo or Sam McDonnell at (406) 322-5597 or bulltest@wtp.net or visit the test web site at www.midlandbulltest.com.

North Dakota Angus Bull Test

Ridl Farms, Dickinson, N.D.

84-day report

The North Dakota Angus Association's 19th Annual Bull Test is at Ridl Farms, Dickinson N.D. This year the sale will be April 23 at the Stockmen's Livestock Exchange, Dickinson, N.D. In addition to the bull test sale, the North Dakota Angus Association will again be sponsoring a pen heifer calf sale.

L.J. and Janet Dohrmann of Taylor, N.D., bull test committee chairmen, report that 104 bulls consigned by 41 Angus breeders are competing in a 112-day test.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 11; owner: Schmidt Angus Ranch, Gladstone; sire: Boyd Poundmaker; ADG: 4.76 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 76; owner: Carlson Angus, Regent; sire: Hoff Yukon 9301 172; WDA: 4.10 lb.

Angus averages (104 head)—ADG: 3.80 lb.; WDA: 3.32 lb.; wt.: 1,158 lb.

Contact L.J. or Janet Dohrmann at (701) 974-2187 for more information on the bull test or the heifer sale.

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▣ Southeast Colorado Bull Test

Holly

77-day report (Feb. 6)

There are 52 bulls in the 33rd Annual Southeast Colorado Bull Test. Breeds represented include Angus, Brangus, Salers, Polled Hereford, and Composite or Crossbred who have a predominance of one breed but are not eligible for registry in a breed association.

The bulls are being fed a moderate-energy growing ration designed to develop them for use as yearlings. This ration allows the bulls to express their genetic potential for feedlot traits, but is not designed for maximum gain.

Overall weights for the 77-day period were lower than previous weights due to severe winter storms and extremely cold temperatures.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 253; owner: Anetta's Angus-Raybon, Springfield; sire: Anetta Baca Star Brody 2; ADG: 4.23 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; WDA: 2.90 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,002 lb.; pen F:G: 4.55:1

High-WDA Angus—Lot 233; owner: Taylor Livestock, Karval; sire: Connealy Dateline; ADG: 3.25 lb.; ADG ratio: 102; WDA: 2.92 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,146 lb.; pen F:G: 4.76:1

High-ADG Angus sire group—Lots 242, 244 and 245; owner: Anetta's Angus-Raybon; sire: Anetta's Hoff Hipower 325; avg. ADG: 3.37 lb.; avg. WDA: 2.67 lb.; avg. wt.: 863 lb.; pen F:G: 4.55:1

High-WDA Angus sire group—Lots 231-233; owner: Taylor Livestock; sire: Connealy Dateline; avg. ADG: 3.16 lb.; avg. WDA: 2.80 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,105 lb.; pen F:G: 4.76:1

Angus averages (34 head)—ADG: 3.17 lb.; WDA: 2.53 lb.; wt.: 925 lb.

Overall averages (52 head)—ADG: 3.18 lb.; WDA: 2.61 lb.; wt.: 967 lb.

Final weights were to be taken March 11-12. At that time, bulls will undergo a breeding soundness exam (sometimes referred to as a BSE) and ultrasound scanning. All bulls entered in the test have been certified BVD PI-negative.

The performance-testing program is conducted with the cooperation of Trail City Livestock, the Southeast Colorado Bull Test Association, and Colorado State University (CSU) Cooperative Extension. Data sheets may be obtained by contacting the Kiowa County Extension office at (719) 438-5321 or online at <http://kiowacounty.colostate.edu>.

The sale is scheduled for April 10 at noon Mountain time at the Winter Livestock Commission Co., La Junta, Colo. For more information contact Bruce Fickensher, Colorado State University Extension/Southeast area, at (719) 438-5321 or kiowa@coop.ext.colostate.edu, or visit the test web site at <http://kiowacounty.colostate.edu> (click the "Agriculture Programs" icon).

▣ IBEP Winter Test

Feldun-Purdue Ag Center, Bedford, Ind.

91-day report (Feb. 20)

Bulls went on test for the Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) 2006 Winter Test Nov. 21, 2006. The index formula is 60% ADG

ratio, plus 40% weight per day of age (WDA) ratio.

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus—Lot 29; owner: Stewart Select Angus LLC, Greensburg, Ind.; sire: GAR Retail Product; ADG: 5.11 lb.; ADG ratio: 142; WDA: 3.57 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,475 lb.; test index: 130

High-WDA Angus (tie)—Lot 162; owner: Kiata Farms Inc., Hamilton, Ohio; sire: Bon-View New Design 208; ADG: 3.71 lb.; ADG ratio: 103; WDA: 3.83 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,310 lb.; test index: 110

High-WDA Angus (tie)—Lot 164; owner: Kiata Farms Inc.; sire: CRA Bextor 872 5205 608; ADG: 4.56 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.83 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,470 lb.; test index: 124

Angus averages (169 head)—ADG: 3.61 lb.; WDA: 3.20 lb.; wt.: 1,173 lb.

The sale is scheduled for April 19, 2007, at the Springville Feeder Auction in Springville, Ind., and video sites. For more information contact Kern Hendrix at (765) 494-4832 or khendrix@purdue.edu, or Richard Huntrods at (812) 279-8554 or huntrods@purdue.edu, or visit the test web site at www.ansc.purdue.edu/ibep/.

▣ Treasure Bull Test

Broken O Ranch Feedlot, Simms, Mont. 100-day report (Feb. 14)

Treasure Bull Test has now completed 100 days of their test on 130 Angus bulls. The

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test is being conducted at the Broken O Ranch Feedlot, located 10 miles west of Simms, Mont., on Highway 21.

High-ADG spring Angus—Lot 206; owner: Allison Dubs, Billings, Mont.; sire: TC Freedom 104; ADG: 4.50 lb.; WDA: 3.07 lb.; wt.: 1,155 lb.

High-WDA spring Angus—Lot 154; owner: Charles and Alice Echelman, Centerville, Wash.; sire: Mytty In Focus; ADG: 4.00 lb.; WDA: 3.69 lb.; wt.: 1,385 lb.

High-WDA fall Angus—Lot 302; owner: Milk River Genetics, Kathy Creighton-Smith, Chinook, Mont.; sire: B/R New Frontier 095; WDA: 3.06 lb.; wt.: 1,590 lb.

High-ADG Angus sire group—Three bulls; owner: Windy Ridge Angus, Chuck and Karen Davis, Geraldine, Mont.; sire: O Bar X Right Time 702; avg. ADG: 3.72 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,268 lb.

High-WDA Angus sire group—Four bulls; owner: Linhart Angus, Mardi Linhart and Mike Vanek, Lewistown, Mont.; sire: ICC Precision E161-4377; avg. ADG: 3.63 lb.; avg. WDA: 3.45 lb.

Spring Angus averages (121 head)—ADG: 3.34 lb.; WDA: 3.12 lb.

Fall Angus averages (9 head)—WDA: 2.76 lb.

Treasure Bull Test bulls sell April 9 at the Western Livestock Auction, Great Falls, Mont. For additional information contact Russ and Barb Pepper at (406) 264-5694 or brtangus@3rivers.net, or visit the test web site, www.treasurebulltest.com.

■ Pennsylvania Performance Bull Testing Program

Pennsylvania Furnace, Pa.

112-day final report (Feb. 20)

Bulls born between Jan. 1 and April 15, 2006, went on test for the Pennsylvania Performance Bull Testing Program Oct. 31, 2006. Producers from Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York, West Virginia and New Jersey started 138 bulls participating in the 112-day performance-testing program. Seven breeds participated in this year's program, with Angus representing more than 60% of the bulls. At the conclusion of the test, there were 84 Angus, 18 Simmental, 10 Red Angus, eight Hereford, five Charolais, three Limousin, one Gelbvieh and one Crossbred bulls.

Bulls were fed in group pens with access to a mixed ration of corn silage; cracked corn; cracked, roasted soybeans; and a mineral-vitamin supplement.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 65; owner: Gary Seefeldt, Port Allegany; sire: GAR Grid Maker; ADG: 5.92 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 3.89 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 1,560 lb.; index: 117; F:G ratio: 5.31:1; SC: 38.0 cm; frame: 6.3

High-WDA and high-indexing (tie)

Angus—Lot 76; owner: John and Jo Ann Hausner, Dover; sire: Vermilion Dateline 7078; ADG: 5.67 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA:

4.32 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,538 lb.; index: 119; F:G ratio: 5.30:1; SC: 36.0 cm; frame: 8.4

High-indexing Angus (tie)—Lot 127; owner: Marlin and Steve Paul, Klingerstown; sire: PS Designer 207 923; ADG: 5.74 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 4.24 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,386 lb.; index: 119; F:G ratio: 4.73:1; SC: 36.5 cm; frame: 7.4

Angus averages (84 head)—ADG: 4.64 lb.; WDA: 3.63 lb.; wt.: 1,310 lb.

The bulls were evaluated, compared and indexed on ADG, WDA, feed efficiency, ribeye area and fat deposition. The data collected during the test was used to rank the bulls for the 34th Annual Pennsylvania Performance-Tested Bull Sale, which was scheduled for March 30, 2007, in conjunction with the 2007 Pennsylvania Beef Expo.

For more information contact Glenn Eberly, director, 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.

■ WBIA Central Test

New Glarus, Wis.

65-day report (Feb. 7)

Bulls went on test at the Wisconsin Beef Improvement Association (WBIA) Central Test in November 2006.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 118; owner: William Hilleman, Hilleman Angus, Richland Center, Wis.; sire: B/R New Frontier 095; ADG: 5.38 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.52 lb.; WDA ratio: 103; wt.: 1,120 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 103; owner: Herman Wolters, Wolters Farm Inc., Cuba City, Wis.; sire: Hoff Limited Edition SC 594; ADG: 4.67 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 4.12 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,260 lb.

Angus averages (65 head)—ADG: 4.27 lb.; WDA: 3.41 lb.

Bulls were scheduled to be weighed off test in March and are to be sold April 7. For more information contact John Freitag, WBIA executive director, at (608) 527-5747 or wbia@tds.net, or visit the test web site at www.wisconsinbeef.com/wbia/home.htm.

■ University of Tennessee Bull Test

Spring Hill, Tenn.

Junior 112-day final report (Jan. 23)

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

High-ADG Angus—Lot 4; owner: BGS Angus, Piney Flats; sire: B/R New Frontier 095; ADG: 5.29 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 3.62 lb.; WDA ratio: 106; wt.: 1,437 lb.; SC: 39.5 cm; frame: 6.5

High-WDA Angus (tie)—Lot 76; owner: University of Tennessee, Knoxville; sire: UT MR 1214; ADG: 4.71 lb.; ADG ratio: 114; WDA: 3.93 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,353 lb.; SC: 34.2 cm; frame: 7.2

High-WDA Angus (tie)—Lot 18; owner: Four Hills Farm, Centerville; sire: Spur Success 2801; ADG: 4.82 lb.; ADG ratio: 117;

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WDA: 3.91 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,560 lb.; SC: 36.0 cm; frame: 7.8

High-WDA Angus (tie)—Lot 61; owner: Parham Angus Farm, Centerville; sire: GAR New Design 5050; ADG: 4.22 lb.; ADG ratio: 102; WDA: 3.91 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,398 lb.; SC: 34.7 cm; frame: 6.4

Angus averages (71 head)—ADG: 4.13 lb.; WDA: 3.41 lb.

Overall averages (73 head)—ADG: 4.14 lb.; WDA: 3.42 lb.

Qualifying bulls were scheduled to sell in the Junior Bull Test Sale March 8, 2007. For more information contact 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>.

▶ Northeast Colorado Bull Test Akron, Colo.

120-day final report (Feb. 27)

Bulls were weighed off test at the 120-day mark of the Northeast Colorado Bull Test Association (NCBTA) bull test Feb. 27.

The NCBTA kicked off its 31st annual performance test receiving 107 bulls from 29 seedstock producers, representing three states and six breeds. The 2006-2007 test started with 74 Angus, 10 Red Angus, six

Hereford, one Charolais, nine Simmental and seven Balancer bulls. All bulls were tested BVD PI-negative.

High-ADG calving-ease Angus—Lot 15; owner: Klein Angus, Wheatland, Wyo.; sire: Ironwood New Level; ADG: 4.31 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; WDA: 3.39 lb.; WDA ratio: 106; wt.: 1,363 lb.; test index: 115

High-WDA and high-indexing calving-ease Angus—Lot 27; owner: Netherton Angus, Alex Netherton, Las Animas, Colo.; sire: LAR 112 Rito 471; ADG: 4.15 lb.; ADG ratio: 119; WDA: 3.62 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,309 lb.; test index: 116

High-ADG (tie) Angus—Lot 75; owner: Jordan Cattle Co.; sire: B/R New Frontier 095; ADG: 3.89 lb.; ADG ratio: 116; WDA: 3.38 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; wt.: 1,277 lb.; test index: 111

High-ADG (tie) Angus—Lot 89; owner: WLR Angus; sire: GAR Expectation 4915; ADG: 3.88 lb.; ADG ratio: 116; WDA: 3.24 lb.; WDA ratio: 101; wt.: 1,284 lb.; test index: 109

High-ADG (tie) Angus—Lot 55; owner: Kimmel Angus; sire: GAR Pinnacle; ADG: 3.86 lb.; ADG ratio: 116; WDA: 3.46 lb.; WDA ratio: 108; wt.: 1,427 lb.; test index: 112

High-ADG (tie) and high-indexing Angus—Lot 58; owner: Dale Angus, Akron, Colo.; sire: Boyd New Day 8005; ADG: 3.86 lb.; ADG ratio: 116; WDA: 3.66 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,417 lb.; test index: 115

High-WDA Angus—Lot 71; owner: Dale Angus; sire: Boyd New Day 8005; ADG: 3.67

lb.; ADG ratio: 110; WDA: 3.75 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,437 lb.; test index: 113

Angus calving-ease averages (28 head)—ADG: 3.50 lb.; WDA: 3.20 lb.; wt.: 1,198 lb.

Angus averages (42 head)—ADG: 3.34 lb.; WDA: 3.21 lb.; wt.: 1,220 lb.

Overall averages (107 head)—ADG: 3.39 lb.; WDA: 3.19 lb.; wt.: 1,184 lb.; SC: 35.9 cm; frame: 5.8

ADG and WDA ratios were calculated for each bull and averaged to calculate a test index. All bulls were compared within their own division. Only bulls indexing at 95% or better qualified for the sale. In addition to ADG and WDA, NCBTA provides individual ultrasound data on all bulls to assist cattlemen in their selections. NCBTA expected 50-plus bulls to qualify for the 31st annual performance sale, which was to be March 31.

For more information or a more detailed copy of the test results, contact Dave Colburn at (970) 522-3200, ext. 283, or write NCBTA, 508 S. 10th Ave, Ste. #1, Sterling, CO 80751. You can also visit the web site at www.ncbta.net to view a copy of the weight reports.

▶ OBI Angus Test No. 63 Stillwater, Okla.

112-day final report (Feb. 9)

The Oklahoma Beef Inc. (OBI) test index is a sum of half the ADG ratio and half the adjusted 365-day weight ratio.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 7280; owner:

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Franklin Angus, Duncan, Okla.; sire: Ironwood New Level; ADG: 6.21 lb.; ADG ratio: 144; WDA: 3.61 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,450 lb.; index: 126; SC: 38.0 cm

High-WDA Angus—Lot 7287; owner: Clay Creek Corral, Cherokee, Okla.; sire: EXAR Dateline 2899; ADG: 5.78 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; WDA: 4.09 lb.; WDA ratio: 124; wt.: 1,498 lb.; index: 128; SC: 46.0 cm

High-indexing Angus—Lot 7395; owner: J&W Willis Farms, Marietta, Okla.; sire: B/R New Frontier 095; ADG: 5.84 lb.; ADG ratio: 135; WDA: 4.02 lb.; WDA ratio: 122; wt.: 1,400 lb.; index: 130; SC: 40.0 cm

Angus averages (270 head)—ADG: 4.32 lb.; WDA: 3.30 lb.; wt.: 1,220 lb.

OBI tests approximately 700 bulls each year and merchandises 300 of them through two all-breed sales conducted in March and October. To qualify for the sales, bulls must perform in the top 70% of their contemporary group and pass a breeding soundness exam. The October sale also features a select group of heifers consigned by OBI clients.

All bulls are tested according to the procedures recommended by the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) *Guidelines for Uniform Beef Improvement Programs*.

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. 64 Stillwater, Okla.

56-day report (Feb. 9)

The Oklahoma Beef Inc. (OBI) test index is a sum of half the ADG ratio and half the adjusted 365-day weight ratio.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 6171; owner: Diamond Hill Cattle Co., L.D. and Mark Barker, Nichols Hills, Okla.; sire: BR Midland; ADG: 8.02 lb.; ADG ratio: 158; WDA: 3.19 lb.; WDA ratio: 99; wt.: 978 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 6662; owner: 74-51 Cattle Co. LLC, Oklahoma City, Okla.; sire: BR Midland 11; ADG: 4.91 lb.; ADG ratio: 97; WDA: 3.98 lb.; WDA ratio: 124; wt.: 1,295 lb.

Angus averages (116 head)—ADG: 5.08 lb.; WDA: 3.22 lb.; wt.: 1,044 lb.

For more information contact Stidham at (405) 624-1181 or okbeef@ionet.net, or visit the test web site.

▶ Virginia BCIA Bull Test Culpeper, Va.

87-day junior report (Feb. 16)

Junior bulls went on test at the Virginia BCIA Bull Test Nov. 21, 2006.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 166; owner: Huntland and Llangollen Farms, John Wilkins, Middleburg; sire: Hyline Right Time 338; ADG: 4.77 lb.; ADG ratio: 141; WDA: 3.34 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,405 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 207; owner: Waddle Angus Farms, Wayne Waddle, Saltville; sire: B/R New Frontier 095; ADG: 4.08 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 3.64 lb.; WDA ratio: 124; wt.: 1,215 lb.

Angus averages (97 head)—ADG: 3.38 lb.; WDA: 2.94 lb.; wt.: 1,073 lb.

Overall averages (105 head)—ADG: 3.37 lb.; WDA: 2.93 lb.; wt.: 1,067 lb.

Bulls were scheduled to be weighed off test March 13, 2007, and are to sell April 6.

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>.

▶ Southwest Virginia BCIA Bull Test Blacksburg, Va.

133-day final junior report (Feb. 27)

112-day final senior report (Feb. 6)

Bulls were weighed on test for the Southwest Virginia BCIA Bull Test at Blacksburg Oct. 17, 2006. The test is managed by the Virginia Tech Department of Animal and Poultry Science.

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 154; owner: Mike Connatser, J&M Windy Acres, Maryville, Tenn.; sire: Rito 2V1 of 2536 1407; ADG: 4.81 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 3.92 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,560 lb.; index: 118; SC: 38.0 cm; frame: 6.6

High-WDA and high-indexing junior Angus—Lot 133; owner: Cassell Angus Farm,

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Jason Cassell, Independence; sire: Rito 2V1 of 2536 1407; ADG: 4.74 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 4.07 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,585 lb.; index: 120; SC: 38.0 cm; frame: 6.2

High-ADG senior Angus—Lot 4; owner: Justafew Angus, Ann Rambo, Max Meadows; sire: Connealy Lead On; ADG: 5.18 lb.; ADG ratio: 133; wt.: 1,385 lb.; index: 114; SC: 36.0 cm; frame: 6.0

High-indexing senior Angus—Lot 28; owner: Mullins Angus Farm, Freddie Mullins, Clintwood; sire: Rito 616 of 4B20 6807; ADG: 4.51 lb.; ADG ratio: 116; wt.: 1,445 lb.; index: 115; SC: 33.0 cm; frame: 6.0

Junior Angus averages (81 head)—ADG: 3.79 lb.; WDA: 3.43 lb.; wt.: 1,292 lb.

Junior Overall averages (127 head)—ADG: 3.79 lb.; WDA: 3.43 lb.; wt.: 1,293 lb.

Senior Angus averages (68 head)—ADG: 3.90 lb.; wt.: 1,449 lb.

Senior Overall averages (86 head)—ADG: 3.88 lb.; wt.: 1,460 lb.

The sale for both senior and junior bulls was scheduled for March 24.

For more information contact Greiner at (540) 231-9159 or sgreiner@vt.edu, or visit the test web site.

▶ Tucumcari Bull Test Tucumcari, N.M. 84-day report (Jan. 30)

The Tucumcari Bull Test, held at Tucumcari, N.M., is for bulls born January-April 2006.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 3-3; owner: J-C Ranch, John and Cathy Heckendorn, Moriarty, N.M.; sire: Bon-View New Design 1407; ADG: 5.12 lb.; ADG ratio: 116; WDA: 2.85 lb.; WDA ratio: 88; wt.: 1,219 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 31-1; owner: Hartzog Angus Cattle, Roy and Trudy Hartzog, Farwell, Texas; sire: EXAR 1112; ADG: 4.91 lb.; ADG ratio: 111; WDA: 3.89 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,275 lb.

High-ADG Angus sire group (3 head)—Lots 3-1, 3-3 and 3-4; owner: J-C Ranch; sire: Bon-View New Design 1407; avg. ADG: 4.88 lb.; avg. WDA: 2.99 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,197 lb.

High-WDA Angus sire group (4 head)—Lots 31-1, 31-2, 31-3 and 31-4; owner: Hartzog Angus Cattle; sire: EXAR 1112; avg. ADG: 4.33 lb.; avg. WDA: 3.67 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,176 lb.

Angus averages (27 head)—ADG: 4.34 lb.; WDA: 3.24 lb.; wt.: 1,124 lb.

Overall averages (69 head)—ADG: 4.01 lb.; WDA: 3.07 lb.; wt.: 995 lb.

Bulls were to be weighed off test Feb. 26-27. The Performance Tested and Consignors Offering Bull and Heifer Sale was scheduled for March 16.

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▶ MBCIA Bull Test Jackson, Minn. 108-day report (Feb. 26)

Bulls are at the 108-day mark at the Minnesota Beef Cattle Improvement Association (MBCIA) Bull Tests at Jackson and Spring Grove. There are 45 Angus bulls, two Charolais, 10 Red Angus and nine Simmental bulls on test at Jackson.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 6056; owner: Bulfer Angus, Fairmont, Minn.; sire: Bulfer's 711 Alliance 123; ADG: 4.95 lb.; WDA: 3.69 lb.; wt.: 1,205 lb.; test index: 118; frame: 5.6

High-WDA and high-indexing Angus—Lot 643; owner: Shady Hill Farms, Blue Earth, Minn.; sire: Vermilion Dateline 7078; ADG: 4.72 lb.; WDA: 4.18 lb.; wt.: 1,560 lb.; test index: 122; frame: 7.4

Angus averages (45 head)—ADG: 3.98 lb.; WDA: 3.43 lb.; wt.: 1,218 lb.

Overall averages (66 head)—ADG: 3.92 lb.; WDA: 3.41 lb.; wt.: 1,214 lb.

Final weights were to be taken March 30. The sale is scheduled for April 6 at 6 p.m.

For more information contact Ron Holty, manager, at (507) 498-5839 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., at (507) 429-7963 during the day, or at rkholty@springgrove.coop.

Spring Grove, Minn.

There are 4 Angus bulls and 13 Simmental bulls on test at Spring Grove.

High-ADG, high-WDA and high-indexing Angus—Lot 649; owner: Goodrich, Scandia, Minn.; sire: Rito 2V1 of 2536 1407; ADG: 4.93 lb.; WDA: 4.35 lb.; wt.: 1,275 lb.; test index: 130; frame: 7.2

Angus averages (4 head)—ADG: 4.09 lb.; WDA: 3.64 lb.; wt.: 1,158 lb.

Overall averages (17 head)—ADG: 3.76 lb.; WDA: 3.37 lb.; wt.: 1,133 lb.

Final weights were to be taken March 30. The sale is scheduled for April 14.

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▶ Foundation Feeders Bull Test Spring Grove, Minn. 108-day report (Feb. 26)

Bulls are at the 108-day mark at the Foundation Feeders private bull test at Spring Grove. There are 43 Angus bulls, one Red Angus and one Simmental bull on the private test.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 6-68; owner: Freeburg Ridge Angus, Caledonia, Minn.; sire: Boyd New Day; ADG: 5.19 lb.; WDA: 3.48 lb.; wt.: 1,235 lb.; test index: 115; frame: 6.1

High-WDA and high-indexing Angus—Lot 34; owner: Freeburg Ridge Angus; sire: Freeburg Bushwacker 7331; ADG: 5.09 lb.;

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WDA: 4.15 lb.; wt.: 1,365 lb.; test index: 123; frame: 7.5

Overall averages (45 head)—ADG: 4.08 lb.; WDA: 3.45 lb.

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▶ **St. Croix Valley Bull Test Menomonie, Wis.**

112-day final report (March 3)

Bulls went on test at the St. Croix Valley Bull Test in Menomonie, Wis., Nov. 11, 2006.

The test features 39 Angus, eight Red Angus, seven Simmental and four Normande bulls.

High-ADG and high-indexing (tie)

Angus—Lot 8-1; owner: Mel and Sharon Niemann, Edgar, Wis.; ADG: 4.28 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 3.49 lb.; WDA ratio: 106; wt.: 1,170 lb.; test index: 116

High-WDA Angus—Lot 5-2; owner: Ken and René Speer, Emerald, Wis.; ADG: 3.86 lb.; ADG ratio: 108; WDA: 3.71 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,285 lb.; test index: 109

High-indexing Angus (tie)—Lot 2-1; owner: Rick and Susan Case, Ontario, Wis.; ADG: 4.22 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; WDA: 3.57 lb.; WDA ratio: 108; wt.: 1,230 lb.; test index: 116

Angus averages (39 head)—ADG: 3.57 lb.; WDA: 3.30 lb.; wt.: 1,140 lb.

Bulls are scheduled to sell April 21 at the University of Wisconsin—River Falls (UWRF). For more information contact Don Prochnow, manager, at (715) 235-5882.

▶ **Auburn University Wiregrass Forage-Based BCIA Bull Evaluation Phil and Susie Farris Farm, Elba, Ala.**

63-day report (Jan. 31)

Seventy-one bulls were weighed Jan. 31 for the 63-day report of this forage-based test. The test includes 17 Angus, 12 Charolais, two Limousin, 21 Simmental and 19 composite bulls born between Nov. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2006. Bulls were delivered to the station Nov. 2. After a warmup period, they were weighed on test Nov. 30. The test goal is to provide

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grazing and supplementation to allow adequate expression of growth potential and development without excessive conditioning during the evaluation.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 4; owner: Calvin Sanders Jr., Reedy Creek Farm, Fyffe, Ala.; sire: Hyline Right Time 338; ADG: 3.08 lb.; WDA: 2.20 lb.; wt.: 862 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 3; owner: Oak Bowery Farms, Opelika, Ala.; sire: SAV 5175 Bando 0699; ADG: -0.19 lb.; WDA: 2.94 lb.; wt.: 1,114 lb.

Angus averages (17 head)—ADG: 1.21 lb.;

WDA: 2.54 lb.; wt.: 1,012 lb.

Overall averages (71 head)—ADG: 2.31 lb.

The test will conclude approximately April 19, 2007. The 2006-2007 test sale is scheduled for Oct. 20, 2007.

For more information contact Diego Gimenez at (334) 844-1520 or dgimenez@acesag.auburn.edu, or visit the test web site at www.albcia.org/wiregrassbulltest.html.

▶ UBIA Bull Test

Central Bull Testing Station, Levan, Utah 112-day final report (Feb. 13)

Senior bulls born September-December 2005 and junior bulls born January-March 2006 were weighed on test for the Utah Beef Improvement Association (UBIA) Bull Test Oct.

24, 2006, after a 21-day conditioning and warmup period. The bulls were full-fed a 70% TDN ration, developed with optimum productive life of the bulls in mind. The target overall test ADG was 3 lb. Junior and senior divisions were weighed off test Feb. 13 for a 112-day evaluation.

High-ADG and high-indexing junior

Angus—Lot 248; owner: Silver Nickel Angus, Nicole Standal, Bliss, Idaho; sire: Hyline Right Time 338; ADG: 4.97 lb.; ADG ratio: 147; WDA: 3.52 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,280 lb.; test index: 134

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 205; owner: Miles High Angus, Layne Miles, Altamont, Utah; sire: Hyline Right Time 338; ADG: 3.96

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lb.; ADG ratio: 117; WDA: 3.57 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,360 lb.; test index: 116

High-ADG and high-indexing senior

Angus—Lot 289; owner: Oldroyd Angus, Steve Oldroyd, Vernal, Utah; sire: Sitz Alliance 6595; ADG: 4.22 lb.; ADG ratio: 116; WDA: 3.35 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,525 lb.; test index: 113

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 288; owner: Oldroyd Angus; sire: Sitz Alliance 6595; ADG: 4.00 lb.; ADG ratio: 110; WDA: 3.37 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,585 lb.; test index: 110

Angus junior averages (154 head)—ADG: 3.38 lb.; WDA: 3.10 lb.

Overall senior averages (9 head)—ADG: 3.65 lb.; WDA: 3.00 lb.

Qualifying bulls were to sell March 17, 2007, at the UBIA Bull Test Sale.

For more information contact Kim Chapman, UBIA executive secretary, at (435) 893-0474 or kimc@ext.usu.edu or visit the test web site at <http://extension.usu.edu/ubia/index.htm>.

▶ WIU Performance Bull Test Macomb, Ill.

112-day final report (Feb. 13)

The Western Illinois University (WIU) Bull Test was for bulls born Jan. 1-April 15, 2006. The bulls were delivered Oct. 2-3 and went on test Oct. 24 after a warmup period.

IBEP summer test entries due April 9

Entries are due April 9 for the Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) 2007 Summer Performance Test. To be eligible, bulls must be born between May 1 and Oct. 31, 2006, and actual birth weights are required for entry. A complete list of health requirements is available online at www.ansc.purdue.edu/ibep/Summer07/Rules.html.

The test schedule includes delivery on May 1, 2007; test start May 22; progress reports June 19, July 24 and Aug. 21; and off test weights Sept. 24. The bulls will be fed a total mixed ration consisting approximately of 55% corn silage, 35% corn grain and 10% supplement on a dry-matter basis.

The test sale is scheduled for Oct. 20. For more information contact Kern Hendrix at (765) 494-4832 or khendrix@purdue.edu, or Richard Huntrods at (812) 279-8554 or huntrods@purdue.edu.

High-ADG and high-indexing (tie) Angus—Lot 507; owner: Strawson Angus, Claire and Ron Strawson, Wilmington, Ill.; sire: Connealy Lead On; ADG: 5.07 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; F:G: 5.39:1; F:G ratio: 114; wt.: 1,370 lb.; breed index: 116; test index: 117

High-indexing (tie) Angus—Lot 402; owner: Blue Ridge Cattle LLC, Steve Catlin, Monticello, Ill.; sire: SAV 8180 Traveler 004; ADG: 5.01 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; F:G: 4.88:1; F:G ratio: 126; wt.: 1,400 lb.; breed index: 116; test index: 117

High-indexing (tie) Angus—Lot 406; owner: K-Sha-K Farm, Marty Hamerlinck, Milan, Ill.; sire: K Sha K Provider 409; ADG: 4.61 lb.; ADG ratio: 112; F:G: 4.86:1; F:G ratio:

126; wt.: 1,304 lb.; breed index: 116; test index: 117

Approximately 60 bulls were to be selected for the sale based on their within-breed index. The test indexes are based on 40% ADG + 40% F:G + 10% marbling + 10% REA ratios, which reflects a change from previous years by not including WDA in the index. Bulls were scheduled to sell March 16 in the WIU Livestock Center.

For more information contact Ken Nimrick at (309) 298-2388 or ko-nimrick@wiu.edu or Bruce Engnell at (309) 298-2613. Information is also available on the test web site at www.wiu.edu/bulltest/.

