■ OBI Angus Test No. 75 Stillwater, Okla. 84-day report (May 9)

Test No. 75 of Oklahoma Beef Inc. (OBI) featuring eight Angus bulls began Feb. 15. Bulls are fed twice daily in fenceline feed bunks or self-feeders. Bulls tested negative for persistent infection with bovine viral diarrhea (PI-BVD).

High-performing Angus—Lot 7350; owner: Little "C" Angus, Orlando, Okla.; sire: JAC's New Design 2566; ADG: 7.86 lb.; ADG ratio: 111; WDA: 3.95 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,395 lb.

Angus averages (eight head)—ADG: 6.32 lb.; WDA: 3.41 lb.; wt.: 1,193 lb.

Bulls that successfully complete testing are eligble for the OBI All-Breed Performance Tested Fall Bull Sale in October at the OBI test 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.

Great Western Beef Expo

The 39th Annual Great Western Beef Expo concluded another successful test year. The Great Western Beef Expo board of directors would like to thank the following companies for their support: Premier Farm Credit; Intervet; Cargill Meat Solutions, Fort Morgan; and Colorado State University.

As a group, the 154 cattle ended the 156-day test with an average daily gain (ADG) of 3.16 pounds (lb.), 5.93 lb. of feed-to-gain (F/G) ratio and a 73¢ cost of feed per pound of gain. Even though the cattle didn't perform as well in the feedlot as last year, carcass quality was significantly higher. As a group, the cattle graded out at 64% Choice or better with an average calculated yield grade (YG) 2.60.

Champion in feed efficiency was a set of Angus-sired steers out of AAR Neutron 059 from Y Cross Ranch, Horse Creek, Wyo. This set of steers had a F/G ratio of 6.39 lb. Reserve champion honors went to Schurrtop Angus & Charolais, Maywood, Neb., with a set of Charolais steers.

Angus represented three of the top 10 pens for feed conversion:

- ► 1st: Y Cross Ranch, Horse Creek, Wyo., 6.39
- ► 6th: Touchstone Angus, Lusk, Wyo., 7.52
- ► 10th: Aristocrat Angus Ranch, Platteville, Colo., 7.94

Among the top 10 pens for feedlot gain, Angus reprensented the third and eighth pens.

- ► 3rd: Triple B Angus/Knoll Ranch, North Platte, Neb., avg. 2.60 lb.
- ► 8th: Y Cross Ranch, Horse Creek, Wyo., avg. 2.47 lb.

Dave Schutz, herdsman, is available at the test center to answer any questions you may have. A complete copy of the results can be viewed on the Great Western Beef Expo web site 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 to the Great Western Beef Expo, 508 S. 10th Ave., Ste. 1, Sterling, CO 80751.