



Performance Report

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Edisto Forage Bull Test

Edisto Research & Education Center, Blackville, S.C.

168-day final report (May 1)

Performance was good during the last 28 days of the test because of the availability of ryegrass to graze, reports Larry Olson, Extension animal scientist and bull-testing program coordinator. The index for this test is calculated as the average daily gain (ADG) plus the weight per day of age (WDA).

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus—Lot 52; owner: Edisto Research & Education Center, Blackville; sire: Hyline Right Time 338; ADG: 4.20 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 3.29 lb.; WDA ratio: 106; wt.: 1,543 lb.; test index: 7.49

High-WDA Angus—Lot 32; owner: Black Crest Farms, Billy McLeod, Sumter, S.C.; sire: Meldon's Bando 112; ADG: 3.63 lb.; ADG ratio: 107; WDA: 3.59 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,585 lb.; test index: 7.22

Angus averages (57 head)—ADG: 3.39 lb.; WDA: 3.10 lb.; wt.: 1,409 lb.

Overall averages (78 head)—ADG: 3.36 lb.; WDA: 3.11 lb.; wt.: 1,413 lb.

"Sixty-two of the 78 bulls on test met the

minimum performance and yearling scrotal circumference requirements and passed the screening committee's evaluation of muscling and structural soundness to be eligible for sale," Olson reports. Qualifying bulls are scheduled to sell Oct. 13 at the research center.

For more information contact Olson at lolson@clermson.edu or 803-284-3343, ext. 231, or visit the test web site at www.clemson.edu/edisto/efbt/efbt.htm.

OBI Angus Test No. 64 Stillwater, Okla.

112-day final report (April 6)

The Oklahoma Beef Inc. (OBI) test index is a sum of half the ADG ratio and half the adjusted 365-day weight ratio. Test No. 64 includes bulls born March-April 2006.

High-ADG (tie) and high-indexing Angus—Lot 224; owner: Meadowbrook Angus, Brandon Beaver, Tishomingo, Okla.; sire: GAR Grid Maker; ADG: 5.85 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 3.78 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,323 lb.; test index: 121

High-ADG Angus (tie)—Lot 200; owner: LS Angus, Marshall, Okla.; sire: EXAR New Look

2971; ADG: 5.85 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 3.52 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; wt.: 1,408 lb.; test index: 116

High-WDA Angus—Lot 196; owner: 74-51 Cattle Co., Oklahoma City, Okla.; sire: BR Midland 11; ADG: 4.80 lb.; ADG ratio: 106; WDA: 4.09 lb.; WDA ratio: 122; wt.: 1,558 lb.; test index: 114

Angus averages (113 head)—ADG: 4.53 lb.; WDA: 3.36 lb.; wt.: 1,268 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 (sometimes referred to as a BSE). The October sale also features a select group of heifers consigned by OBI clients.

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.

MBCIA Bull Test Jackson, Minn.

140-day final report (March 30)

Bulls were weighed off test at the Minnesota Beef Cattle Improvement Association (MBCIA) Bull Tests at Jackson and Spring Grove March 30. Two Charolais, 44 Angus bulls, 10 Red Angus and nine Simmental bulls were weighed off test at Jackson.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 6056; owner: Bulfer Angus, Fairmont, Minn.; sire: Bulfer's 711 Alliance 123; ADG: 4.69 lb.; WDA: 3.69 lb.; wt.: 1,327 lb.; test index: 117; frame: 5.6; SC: 36 cm

High-WDA and high-indexing Angus—Lot 643; owner: Shady Hill Farms, Blue Earth, Minn.; sire: Vermilion Dateline 7078; ADG: 4.49 lb.; WDA: 4.15 lb.; wt.: 1,679 lb.; test index: 120; frame: 7.4; SC: 40 cm

Angus averages (44 head)—ADG: 3.83 lb.; WDA: 3.43 lb.; wt.: 1,328 lb.

Overall averages (65 head)—ADG: 3.77 lb.; WDA: 3.41 lb.; wt.: 1,321 lb.

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.

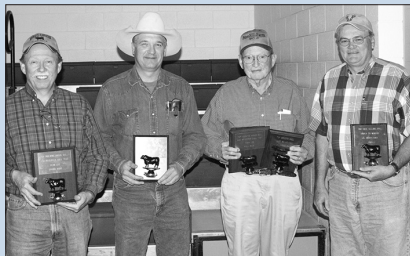
Spring Grove, Minn.

There were 4 Angus bulls and 13 Simmental bulls tested at Spring Grove.

High-ADG, high-WDA and high-indexing Angus—Lot 649; owner: Goodrich, Scandia, Minn.; sire: Rito 2V1 of 2536 1407; ADG: 4.40 lb.; WDA: 4.18 lb.; wt.: 1,359 lb.; test index: 124; frame: 7.2; SC: 34 cm

Louisiana Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, March 9, LeCompte, La.

► Dave Means III (left), Gloster, was recognized for consigning the top-indexing bulls to Louisiana State University's Louisiana Angus Bull Test. Also pictured are (from left) David Billingsley Jr., Keithville, consignor of the third-high-selling bull over 20 months of age; B.L. Bickham, Shreveport, consignor of the top- and second-high-selling bull over 20 months of age; and Warren Bryan, Ruston, consignor of the second-high-selling bull under 20 months of age.



IBEP Performance-Tested Sale, April 19, Springville, Ind.

► Rolling Acres Angus, Freetown, Ind., consigned the high-indexing Angus bull to the 2007 Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) Performance-Tested Sale. Pictured are (from left) Kimberly Rotert, Laura Vauge, Dan Vauge and Rich Rotert, all of Freetown; and Mark Smith, president of the Indiana Angus Ass'n.



► Beaver Ridge Farm, Middletown, Ind., consigned the high-indexing get-of-sire to the 2007 IBEP Performance-Tested Sale. Pictured are Byron Fagg (left), IBEP president; and Robert Watkins, Middletown, Ind., consignor. The group was sired by Nichols Extra K205.

Angus averages (4 head)—ADG: 3.62 lb.; WDA: 3.49 lb.; wt.: 1,222 lb.

Overall averages (17 head)—ADG: 3.60 lb.; WDA: 3.35 lb.; wt.: 1,232 lb.

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■ **Foundation Feeders Bull Test**

Spring Grove, Minn.

140-day final report (March 30)

Bulls were weighed off test at 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 31; owner: Freeburg Ridge Angus, Caledonia, Minn.; sire: Boyd New Day; ADG: 4.69 lb.; WDA: 3.44 lb.; wt.: 1,332 lb.; test index: 111; frame: 6.1; SC: 40 cm

High-WDA and high-indexing Angus—Lot 5; owner: Freeburg Ridge Angus; sire: Freeburg Bushwacker 7331; ADG: 4.53 lb.; WDA: 4.01 lb.; wt.: 1,449 lb.; test index: 117; frame: 7.5; SC: 40.5 cm

Overall averages (45 head)—ADG: 3.90 lb.; WDA: 3.43 lb.; wt.: 1,282 lb.

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Great Western Beef Expo reaches 129-day mark

Charolais and Angus-sired calves are leading the Great Western Beef Expo in feed conversion and feedlot gain at the 129-day point of the test. Touchstone Angus, Lusk, Wyo., and Aristocrat Angus Ranch, Platteville, Colo., consigned the top pens.

The top pen in feed conversion was consigned by Touchstone. The set of steers, sired by 103P, posted a feed conversion of 4.78 pounds (lb.) of feed per 1 lb. of gain.

The top-gaining pen was consigned by Aristocrat Angus. Sired by AAR Neutron N064, they posted an ADG of 3.87 lb.

The 192 animals in the test gained an overall average of 3.10 lb. per day after deducting a 4% pencil shrink. The average feed conversion was 5.82-to-1.

The Great Western Beef Expo was scheduled to conclude its 38th Annual Sire Progeny Test with an awards dinner and program May 25. Slade Thorpe of Intervet was scheduled to be the keynote speaker, addressing “The Science of Effective Deworming for Cattle.”

For a copy of the current weight report or to be added to the Great Western Beef Expo mailing list, call David Colburn at 970-522-3200, ext. 283, or write to Great Western Beef Expo, 508 S. 10th Ave., Ste. #1, Sterling, CO 80751. All weight reports can be viewed on the test web page at www.greatwesternbeefexpo.org.

