



Performance Report

► Bull test reports and other performance-related items

Edisto Forage Bull Test Blackville, S.C.

Following are two weight reports for the Edisto Forage Bull Test being conducted at the Edisto Research & Education Center, Blackville, S.C.

112-day report (March 6)

There was not an overabundance of winter grazing in the 28 days preceding the 112-day weigh point of the Edisto Forage Bull Test, reports Lary Olson, Extension animal scientist and bull test coordinator. The bulls gained an average of 2.8 pounds (lb.) per day during the 28-day period.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 14; owner: Sarratt Farms, Cody Bright, Gaffney, S.C.; sire: BR Midland; ADG: 4.00 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; WDA: 3.12 lb.; WDA ratio: 106; wt.: 1,330 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 32; owner: Black Crest Farms, Billy McLeod, Sumter, S.C.; sire: Meldons Bando 112; ADG: 2.89 lb.; ADG ratio: 97; WDA: 3.38 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,300 lb.

Angus averages (57 head)—ADG: 2.98 lb.; WDA: 2.95 lb.; wt.: 1,173 lb.

Overall averages (78 head)—ADG: 2.95 lb.; WDA: 2.97 lb.; wt.: 1,180 lb.

140-day report (April 3)

Olson referred to the bulls' performance during the March 7-April 3 feeding period as "spectacular," with good winter grazing available. The bulls gained an average of 4.67 lb. per day during the period.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 12; owner: Sarratt Farms; sire: GAR Grid Maker; ADG: 4.03 lb.;

ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 3.38 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,545 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 32; owner: Black Crest Farms; sire: Meldons Bando 112; ADG: 3.28 lb.; ADG ratio: 98; WDA: 3.47 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,435 lb.

Angus averages (57 head)—ADG: 3.34 lb.; WDA: 3.07 lb.; wt.: 1,306 lb.

Overall averages (78 head)—ADG: 3.30 lb.; WDA: 3.08 lb.; wt.: 1,310 lb.

The bulls were scheduled to be weighed off test April 30-May 1, at which time they were to be placed on a 168-day post-test feeding program. Qualifying bulls are scheduled to sell Oct. 13 at the Edisto Research & Education Center at Blackville.

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

Southeast Colorado Bull Test Holly

112-day final report (March 12)

Fifty-two bulls were weighed off test for 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 were 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.

Feed conversions are higher than normal due to weather conditions since the beginning of 2007, notes Bruce Fickenscher, Colorado State University (CSU) Extension specialist/Southeast area.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 253; owner: Anetta's Angus-Raybon, Springfield; sire: Anetta Baca Star Brody 2; ADG: 4.17 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 3.03 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,143 lb.; pen F:G: 7.16:1

High-WDA Angus—Lot 235; owner: Taylor Livestock, Karval; sire: DCC Rito Direct 3C3; ADG: 3.63 lb.; ADG ratio: 108; WDA: 3.23 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,244 lb.; pen F:G: 7.84:1

High-ADG Angus sire group—Lots 242, 244 and 245; owner: Anetta's Angus-Raybon; sire: Anetta's Hoff Hipower 325; avg. ADG: 3.65 lb.; avg. WDA: 2.86 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,012 lb.; pen F:G: 7.16:1

High-WDA Angus sire group—Lots 234-236; owner: Taylor Livestock; sire: DCC Rito Direct 3C3; avg. ADG: 3.23 lb.; avg. WDA: 2.94 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,147 lb.; pen F:G: 7.84:1

Angus averages (34 head)—ADG: 3.37 lb.; WDA: 2.69 lb.; wt.: 1,059 lb.

Overall averages (52 head)—ADG: 3.33 lb.; WDA: 2.74 lb.; wt.: 1,095 lb.

The performance-testing program is conducted with the cooperation of Trail City Livestock, the Southeast Colorado Bull Test Association, and 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> (click the "Agriculture Programs" icon).

Qualifying bulls were scheduled to sell April 10. For more information contact Fickenscher at 719-438-5321 or kiowa@coop.ext.colostate.edu.

IBEP Winter Test Feldun-Purdue Ag Center, Bedford, Ind. 125-day final report (March 26)

Bulls went on test for the Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) 2006 Winter Test Nov. 21, 2006. The index formula is 60% average daily gain (ADG) ratio, plus 40% weight per day of age (WDA) ratio.

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus—Lot 24; owner: Rolling Acres Angus, Freetown, Ind.; sire: GAR Integrity; ADG: 5.11 lb.; ADG ratio: 141; WDA: 3.54 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,495 lb.; frame: 5.7; test index: 129

High-WDA Angus—Lot 70; owner: Underwood Angus Farms, North Manchester, Ind.; sire: UAF Rubicon; ADG: 4.49 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 3.87 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,355 lb.; frame: 6.8; test index: 122

High-indexing Angus get-of-sire—Lots

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125, 126 and 127; owner: Beaver Ridge Farm, Middletown, Ind.; sire: Nichols Extra K205; avg. ADG: 4.62 lb.; avg. WDA: 3.62 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,302 lb.; avg. frame: 6.3; avg. test index: 121

Angus averages (167 head)—ADG: 3.62 lb.; WDA: 3.23 lb.; wt.: 1,297 lb.

The sale was scheduled for April 19 at the Springville Feeder Auction in Springville, Ind., and at 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. Information is also available on the test web site at www.ansc.purdue.edu/ibep/.

▣ Tucumcari Bull Test Tucumcari, N.M.

112-day final report (Feb. 27)

Bulls and heifers at the 46th Annual Tucumcari (N.M.) Bull Test and Heifer Development Program were weighed off test Feb. 26-27. Bulls featured in the test were born January-April 2006.

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus—Lot 3-3; owner: J-C Ranch, John and Cathy Heckendorn, Moriarty, N.M.; sire: Bon-View New Design 1407; ADG: 5.18 lb.; ADG ratio: 139; WDA: 3.37 lb.; WDA ratio: 104; wt.: 1,320 lb.; frame: 5.4; test index: 121

High-WDA Angus—Lot 31-1; owner: Hartzog Angus Cattle, Roy and Trudy Hartzog, Farwell, Texas; sire: EXAR 1112; ADG: 4.25 lb.; ADG ratio: 114; WDA: 3.76 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,338 lb.; frame: 6.3; test index: 111

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: 4.69 lb.; avg. WDA: 3.25 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,287 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: 3.85 lb.; avg. WDA: 3.57 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,243 lb.

Angus averages (27 head)—ADG: 4.01 lb.; WDA: 3.25 lb.; wt.: 1,207 lb.

Overall averages (69 head)—ADG: 3.83 lb.; WDA: 3.09 lb.; wt.: 1,088 lb.

The Performance Tested and Consignors Offering Bull and Heifer Sale was scheduled for March 16. For more information contact Manny Encinia, Extension beef cattle specialist, at 505-374-2566 or mencia@nmsu.edu. Information regarding this year's bull test and heifer development program is also available online at <http://cahe.nmsu.edu/beefperformancetest>.

▣ Midland Bull Test Columbus, Mont.

90-day report (Feb. 3)

The 45th Annual Midland Bull Test featured 1,186 bulls, 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 were fed a ration of more than 80% roughage.

Bulls designated as "green tag" Angus bulls have birth weight expected progeny differences (BW EPDs) of 2.5 or less and actual birth weights of 85 lb. or less. "White tag" Angus bulls have BW EPDs greater than 2.5 or an actual birth weight over 85 lb.

High-ADG green tag Angus—Lot 309; owner: Price Angus Ranch, Nyssa, Ore.; sire: GAR Integrity; ADG: 4.56 lb.; ADG ratio: 138; WDA: 3.19 lb.; wt.: 1,420 lb.; SC: 34.0 cm; test index: 121

High-WDA green tag Angus—Lot 307; owner: Bluegrass Angus Farm, Lyons, Neb.; sire: Connealy Freightliner; ADG: 3.93 lb.; ADG ratio: 119; WDA: 3.98 lb.; wt.: 1,615 lb.; SC: 38.5 cm; test index: 118

High-indexing green tag Angus—Lot 344; owner: Four Ace Angus, Fort Ripley, Minn.; sire: SAV 8180 Traveler 004; ADG: 4.17 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.67 lb.; wt.: 1,495 lb.; SC: 40.0 cm; test index: 128

High-ADG and high-indexing white tag Angus—Lot 1259; owner: Gardiner Prime Angus Ranch, Porthill, Idaho; sire: GAR Grid Maker; ADG: 5.04 lb.; ADG ratio: 149; WDA: 3.83 lb.; wt.: 1,510 lb.; SC: 39.0 cm; test index: 131

High-WDA white tag Angus—Lot 321; owner: Beaver Ridge Farm, Middletown, Ind.; sire: GAR Grid Maker; ADG: 3.39 lb.; ADG ratio: 100; WDA: 3.96 lb.; wt.: 1,480 lb.; SC: 36.5 cm; test index: 110

High-ADG Angus sire group—Lots 79, 80 and 81; owner: Winding River Angus, Billings, Mont.; sire: TC Total 410; avg. ADG: 4.06 lb.

High-WDA Angus sire group—Lots 335, 336 and 338; owner: Cordingley Angus Ranch, Ashton, Idaho; sire: Benson Universe; avg. WDA: 3.77 lb.

Angus green tag averages—ADG: 3.35 lb.; WDA: 3.15 lb.

Angus white tag averages—ADG: 3.39 lb.; WDA: 3.24 lb.

The top 70% of Angus bulls were to 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.

▣ WCA/WSU Bull Test

WSU Research Center, Prosser, Wash. 114-day final report (March 9)

The 14th Annual Washington Cattleman's Association (WCA)-sponsored WCA/Washington State University (WSU) Bull Test concluded March 9 with the collection of final weights for the 114-day test. Tested were 168 bulls, comprised of Angus, Red Angus, Polled and Horned Herefords, Simmentals, SimAngus, and ChiAngus. Born Jan. 1-March 31, 2006, these bulls represented 59 Northwest seedstock herds. Low-BW-EPD Angus bulls have BW EPDs of 2.0 or less. The test index was half ADG and half adjusted yearling weight index.

High-ADG low-BW-EPD Angus—Lot 35; owner: Black Knight Ranch, Sedro-Woolley, Wash.; sire: GAR Integrity; ADG: 4.48 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 3.34 lb.; wt.: 1,341 lb.; SC: 34.0 cm; test index: 113

▣ Illinois Performance-Tested Bull Sale, Springfield, Ill., Feb. 21



► Consigning the top-indexing Angus lots to the 2007 Illinois Performance-Tested Bull Sale are (from left) **Michael Callan**, Callan Farms Inc., Stonington, Ill., second-high-indexing bull; **T.J. Curtin**, Blue Ston Farms, Stonington, Ill., third-high-indexing bull; Bryan Armendariz, Fort Dodge Animal Health, presenting awards; and **Connie Neubauer**, Shirley, Ill., high-indexing bull.

▣ Tifton Performance-Tested Bull Sale, Tifton, Ga., March 7



► Turnpike Creek Farms, Milan, Ga., consigned the high-indexing Angus bull to the 2007 Tifton Performance-Tested Bull Sale. The bull is a December 2005 son of LD Exactly 1912. He posted a 5.72-lb. ADG. David Williams (center) is pictured with his family.

High-WDA low-BW-EPD Angus—Lot 46; owner: C. Eshelman Angus, Centerville, Wash.; sire: Bon-View New Design 1407; ADG: 4.04 lb.; ADG ratio: 112; WDA: 3.72 lb.; wt.: 1,407 lb.; SC: 36.0 cm; test index: 112

High-indexing low-BW-EPD Angus—Lot 27; owner: Carstens Angus Ranch, Concrete, Wash.; sire: GAR Yield Grade; ADG: 4.17 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 3.63 lb.; wt.: 1,458 lb.; SC: 40.0 cm; test index: 115

High-ADG growth Angus—Lot 41; owner: West Brook Farms, Chimacum, Wash.; sire: Connealy Lead On; ADG: 5.03 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 3.61 lb.; wt.: 1,529 lb.; SC: 39.0 cm; test index: 119

High-WDA and high-indexing growth Angus—Lot 50; owner: Tea Cup Angus Farm, Walla Walla, Wash.; sire: B/R New Frontier 095; ADG: 4.98 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 3.82 lb.; wt.: 1,572 lb.; SC: 42.0 cm; test index: 123

Low-BW-EPD Angus averages (41 head)—ADG: 3.62 lb.; WDA: 3.20 lb.; wt.: 1,257 lb.

Growth Angus averages (57 head)—ADG: 3.83 lb.; WDA: 3.22 lb.; wt.: 1,275 lb.

The sale was March 28. For more

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information contact Test Data Coordinator Jean Smith, Benton Franklin Area Extension educator, at 509-735-3551 or Sale Manager Kendall Cattle Sales at 208-858-2163. Test data can be viewed online at www.prosser.wsu.edu.

▶ St. Croix Valley Bull Test Menomonie, Wis.

140-day final report (March 31)

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 calving-ease Angus—Lot 1-1; owner: Phil

Ketterhagen, Burlington, Wis.; ADG: 3.94 lb.; ADG ratio: 110; WDA: 3.17 lb.; WDA ratio: 95; wt.: 1,183 lb.; test index: 106

High-WDA calving-ease Angus—Lot 11-3; owner: Gold Crown Angus, James

Schindlbeck, Grand Marsh, Wis.; ADG: 3.71 lb.; ADG ratio: 104; WDA: 3.47 lb.; WDA ratio: 104; wt.: 1,310 lb.; test index: 104

High-ADG and high-indexing

performance Angus—Lot 2-1; owner: Hawk Valley Angus, Rick and Susan Case, Ontario, Wis.; ADG: 4.27 lb.; ADG ratio: 119; WDA: 3.63 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,355 lb.; test index: 117

High-WDA performance Angus—Lot 11-1; owner: Gold Crown Angus; ADG: 3.98 lb.; ADG ratio: 111; WDA: 3.83 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,363 lb.; test index: 112

Angus averages (39 head)—ADG: 3.58 lb.; WDA: 3.33 lb.; wt.: 1,242 lb.

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

▶ Treasure Bull Test

Broken O Ranch Feedlot, Simms, Mont.

130-day final report (March 14)

Treasure Bull Test has now completed its 130-day Angus bull test at the Broken O Ranch Feedlot near Simms, Mont. Note that

the WDA for this test is an adjusted WDA.

High-ADG spring Angus—Lot 206; owner: Allison Dubs, Billings, Mont.; sire: TC Freedom 104; ADG: 4.35 lb.; ADG ratio: 135; adj. WDA: 3.20 lb.; wt.: 1,270 lb.

High-WDA and high-indexing spring Angus, and champion performance bull—Lot 107; owner: Windy Ridge Angus, Chuck and Karen Davis, Geraldine, Mont.; sire: O Bar X Right Time 702; ADG: 4.04 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; adj. WDA: 3.97 lb.; wt.: 1,460 lb.

High-WDA fall Angus—Lot 302; owner: Milk River Genetics, Kathy Creighton-Smith, Chinook, Mont.; sire: B/R New Frontier 095; adj. WDA: 3.13 lb.; wt.: 1,720 lb.

Single-Shot jackpot winner—Lot 9; owner: Perry Cattle Co., Ryan Perry, Power, Mont.; sire: ER Talon N738; ADG: 3.85 lb.; ADG ratio: 119; adj. WDA: 3.65 lb.; wt.: 1,440 lb.; test index: 115; jackpot index: 116

Champion youth bull—Lot 138; owner: Kirsten & Jill Love, Great Falls, Mont.; sire: Granger CMR g294; ADG: 4.12 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; adj. WDA: 3.54 lb.; wt.: 1,345 lb.; test index: 117

Champion Angus sire group—Three bulls; owner: Windy Ridge Angus; sire: O Bar X Right Time 702; avg. ADG: 3.71 lb.; avg. adj. WDA: 3.69 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,378 lb.; avg. test index: 113

Spring Angus averages (120 head)—ADG: 3.33 lb.; adj. WDA: 3.17 lb.

Fall Angus averages (9 head)—adj. WDA: 2.78 lb.

Treasure Bull Test bulls sold April 9. 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.

▶ Kilgore College Ag Club Bull

Performance Test No. 3

Kilgore College Bull Evaluation Center,

Overton, Texas

84-day final report (March 31)

Kilgore College's Test No. 3 was for bulls born February-April 2006. The bulls had a 21-

day warm-up period before being weighed on test Jan. 6, 2007. The bulls were weighed at 28-day intervals until the final weighing, March 31.

High-ADG and high-WDA Angus—Lot 316; owner: Kilgore College, Overton, Texas; ADG: 5.18 lb.; WDA: 3.42 lb.; wt.: 1,180 lb.; SC: 35.50 cm

Angus averages (10 head)—ADG: 4.48 lb.; WDA: 2.84 lb.; wt.: 1,133 lb.

Overall averages (25 head)—ADG: 4.28 lb.; WDA: 2.86 lb.; wt.: 1,122 lb.

For more information contact Bob Young, ag instructor and farm manager, at 903-983-6969 or bobyyoung@kilgorecollegeagfarm.org; Cathy Ward, administrative assistant, at 903-834-6255 or cathyward@kilgorecollegeagfarm.org; or visit the test web site at www.kilgorecollegeagfarm.org.

▶ Tifton Bull Evaluation Program

Tifton Bull Evaluation Center, Tifton, Ga.

112-day final report (Feb. 13)

The 49th Tifton Bull Evaluation Program began Oct. 2-3, 2006, featuring 190 registered bulls born December 2005-February 2006. The bulls were fed an adequate ration for good growth and development.

High-ADG Angus (tie)—Lot 163; owner: Gillis Angus Farm, Windell Gillis, Eastman, Ga.; sire: Bon-View New Design 1407; ADG: 5.73 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 3.71 lb.; WDA ratio: 106; wt.: 1,548 lb.; SC: 38.0 cm

High-ADG Angus (tie)—Lot 203; owner: Turnpike Creek Farms, David Williams and Sons, Milan, Ga.; sire: LD Exactly 1912; ADG: 5.72 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 4.01 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,721 lb.; SC: 37.5 cm

High-WDA Angus—Lot 142; owner: Jarrell Angus, John Jarrell, Butler, Ga.; sire: BCC Bushwacker 41-93; ADG: 5.47 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; WDA: 4.09 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,537 lb.; SC: 36.0 cm

Angus averages (104 head)—ADG: 4.62 lb.; WDA: 3.49 lb.; wt.: 1,400 lb.

Overall averages (189 head)—ADG: 4.57 lb.; WDA: 3.49 lb.; wt.: 1,392 lb.

Qualifying bulls sold March 7. For more information contact Johnny Rossi, Extension animal scientist, at 229-386-3870 or jrossi@uga.edu; or Kip McMillan at 229-831-5416 or kcmcmillan@tifton.uga.edu. Information is also available online at www.tifton.uga.edu/pc-web.

▶ Iowa Angus Bull Test

Lamoni, Iowa

Final report (Feb. 20)

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus—Lot 1; owner: Holmes Cattle Co., Katelyn Holmes, Benton; sire: SAV 8180 Traveler 004; ADG: 5.42 lb.; WDA: 4.16 lb.; wt.: 1,660 lb.

For more information contact Tricia and Colby Holmes at 641-785-2315 or cholmes@iowatelecom.net.

▶ South Carolina Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Clemson, S.C., March 16



▶ William McLeod (left), Black Crest Farms, Sumter, receives a plaque for the top-indexing Angus bull in the 2006 Edisto Forage Bull Test. Larry Olson, Clemson University, presents the award.



▶ River Hill Farm, Fountain Inn, receives a plaque for the top-indexing senior Angus bull in the 2007 Clemson Bull Test. Pictured are (from left) Chisholm Clark; Olson, presenting the award; and Stephanie Clark.

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▶ OBI Angus Test No. 64 Stillwater, Okla.

84-day report (March 9)

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 Angus—Lot 200; owner: LS Angus, Marshall, Okla.; sire: EXAR New Look 2971; ADG: 6.39 lb.; ADG ratio: 135; WDA: 3.47 lb.; WDA ratio: 106; wt.: 1,290 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 196; owner: 74-51 Cattle Co. LLC, Oklahoma City, Okla.; sire: BR Midland 11; ADG: 4.58 lb.; ADG ratio: 96; WDA: 3.98 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,405 lb.

Angus averages (115 head)—ADG: 4.75 lb.; WDA: 3.29 lb.; wt.: 1,159 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.

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.

▶ Virginia BCIA Bull Test Culpeper, Va.

112-day junior report (March 13)

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

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus—Lot 166; owner: Huntland and Llangollen Farms, John Wilkins, Middleburg; sire: Hyline Right Time 338; ADG: 5.27 lb.; ADG ratio: 136; wt.: 1,580 lb.; frame: 6.1; SC: 47.5 cm; test index: 120

Angus averages (97 head)—ADG: 3.87 lb.; wt.: 1,213 lb.

Overall averages (105 head)—ADG: 3.86 lb.; wt.: 1,206 lb.

Bulls were scheduled 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>.

▶ WBIA Central Test

University of Wisconsin-Platteville Farm 100-day final report (March 14)

The 2007 Wisconsin Beef Improvement Association (WBIA) Central Bull Test concluded March 14. Eighty of the 114 bulls tested at the University of Wisconsin (UW)-Platteville Farm, Platteville, Wis., were to sell April 7.

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus—Lot

124; owner: Brandancee Farms, Bill and Meredith Resop, Verona, Wis.; sire: BDC Pride Plus; ADG: 5.50 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 3.87 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,320 lb.; test index: 121

High-WDA Angus—Lot 103; owner: Herman Wolters, Wolters Farm Inc., Cuba City, Wis.; sire: Hoff Limited Edition SC 594; ADG: 4.40 lb.; ADG ratio: 104; WDA: 4.13 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,550 lb.; test index: 109

Angus averages (65 head)—ADG: 4.25 lb.; WDA: 3.49 lb.

Bulls were scheduled 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.

▶ North Dakota Angus Bull Test

Ridl Farms, Dickinson, N.D.

112-day final report (March 14)

The North Dakota Angus Association's 19th Annual Bull Test was at Ridl Farms, Dickinson N.D. L.J. and Janet Dohrmann of Taylor, N.D., bull test committee chairmen, report that 104 bulls consigned by 41 Angus breeders competed in the 112-day test, which concluded March 14.

High-ADG and high-WDA low-BW

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Angus—Lot 70; owner: Evenson Angus, Hettinger; sire: Rally New Frontier 5233; ADG: 4.78 lb.; WDA: 3.74 lb.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 66; owner: Dukart Angus, Dickinson; sire: Bush's Strut 756; ADG: 4.56 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 76; owner: Carlson Angus, Regent; sire: Hoff Yukon 9304 172; WDA: 4.08 lb.

Angus averages (104 head)—ADG: 3.70 lb.; WDA: 3.32 lb.; wt.: 1,253 lb.

Contact L.J. or Janet Dohrmann at 701-

974-2187 for more information on the bull test or the heifer sale.

LSU test to begin May 21

The next Louisiana State University (LSU) performance test for bull calves at the Dean Lee Research Station Livestock Testing Station at Alexandria, La., is scheduled to begin May 21. The test offers producers the opportunity to identify young bulls with the ability to gain weight rapidly for possible selection as future herd sires.

To be eligible, bulls born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2006, must be registered as a purebred (a copy of the registration paper is required).

Percentage bulls will be accepted if there is sufficient space. Priority will be given to bulls nominated by Louisiana breeders. Bulls nominated by out-of-state breeders will be accepted if space is available.

Bulls must meet all health regulations, including an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health papers). All bulls must have tested negative for persistent infection (PI) with bovine viral diarrhea (BVD). Bulls no longer have to be tested for brucellosis (Bang's disease).

Bulls must weigh at least 2.2 lb. per day of age at delivery. Birth and weaning weights of all calves are requested and strongly

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recommended. Bulls must be structurally sound and have a legible tattoo or brand. Bull calves should be above herd average for weaning weight, quality and conformation. They should be weaned at least three weeks prior to delivery to the station.

The cost to test a bull includes a \$100 nomination fee per bull plus 90¢ per lb. of gain during the 112-day test. The average cost will be approximately \$450 per bull.

For more information, contact Danny

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NCBTA presents Beef Value Leader award

Dale Angus Ranch, Akron, Colo., received The Beef Value Leader Award March 31 at the 31st Annual Northeast Colorado Bull Test Association (NCBTA) sale. The award was created last year by the NCBTA board of directors with input from industry leaders and encompasses average daily gain, weight

per day of age and carcass merit. Ultrasound data is used for the carcass merit calculation. Leland Dale of Dale Angus Ranch received a Sterling Silver belt buckle from Tim Stutzman, owner of High Plains Livestock Exchange, Brush, Colo.

Thirty-six bulls averaged \$1,641. Topping the sale at \$3,000 was an Angus bull consigned by Morgan Cattle Co., Greeley, Colo.

Producers interested in testing bulls with NCBTA during the 2007-2008 season should contact David Colburn, Logan County CSU Extension agent and bull test director at 970-522-3200, ext. 283, or www.ncbta.net.

