



# Performance Report

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## ▣ Tucumcari Bull Test

### Tucumcari, N.M.

#### 112-day final report (March 4)

The Tucumcari Bull Test at Tucumcari, N.M., weighed all test groups March 4. All bulls were fertility-tested and verified trichomoniasis- and PI-BVD- (persistently infected with bovine viral diarrhea) negative. The test index is 40% average daily gain (ADG), 40% weight per day of age (WDA) and 20% feed-to-gain ratio (F/G).

**High-ADG Angus (tie)**—Lot 13-2; owner: J-C Angus Ranch, John and Cathy Heckendorn, Moriarty, N.M.; sire: AB Midland 4013; ADG: 5.08 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; WDA: 3.28 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; wt.: 1,253 lb.; frame: 5.0; test index: 114

**High-ADG (tie) and high-indexing Angus**—Lot 14-3; owner: Running Water Land & Cattle, Roy and Trudy Hartzog, Bovina, Texas;

sire: EXAR Professional 4141; ADG: 5.07 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; WDA: 3.31 lb.; WDA ratio: 106; wt.: 1,298 lb.; frame: 5.4; test index: 116

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 16-2; owner: A Lazy 6 Angus, Bob and Kay Anderson, Watrous, N.M.; sire: KCH Precision 100; ADG: 4.73 lb.; ADG ratio: 110; WDA: 3.70 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,388 lb.; frame: 6.9; test index: 114

**High Angus sire group**—Lots 14-1-14-4; owner: Running Water Land & Cattle; sire: EXAR Professional 4141; avg. ADG: 4.34 lb.; avg. WDA: 3.11 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,227 lb.; avg. frame: 5.3; avg. test index: 102

**Angus averages (30 head)**—ADG: 4.30 lb.; WDA: 3.11 lb.; wt.: 1,201 lb.

All performance-tested bulls were to sell with 112-day performance and ultrasound data, as well as a full panel of GeneStar®

marker tests for quality grade, tenderness and feed efficiency. The 47th Annual Bull and Heifer Sale was scheduled for March 21. For more information contact Manny Encinias, Extension beef cattle specialist, at 505-927-7935 or mencia@nmsu.edu, or visit the test web site at <http://cahe.nmsu.edu/beefperformancetest>.

## ▣ Nebraska Bull Test

### Broken Bow, Neb.

#### 120-day final report (Feb. 21)

The Nebraska Bull test is conducting its 45th annual bull test and sale this year. The bulls are fed at Rohde Farms, located just west of Mason City, Neb. Bulls officially went on test Oct. 25, 2007. The 78 Angus bulls averaged 753 pounds (lb.) to start the test.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 54; owner: Domeier-Verola Farms, Vaughn and Judith Domeier, Sutton; sire: Bush Big Time 452; ADG: 5.16 lb.; ADG ratio: 138; WDA: 3.73 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,369 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 50; owner: Domeier-Verola Farms; sire: Connealy Lead On; ADG: 5.04 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; WDA: 3.94 lb.; WDA ratio: 123; wt.: 1,467 lb.

**High-indexing Angus sire group**—Lots 49-51; owner: Domeier-Verola Farms; sire: Connealy Lead On; avg. ADG: 4.40 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 117; avg. WDA: 3.57 lb.; avg. WDA ratio: 111; avg. wt.: 1,325 lb.

**Angus averages (78 head)**—ADG: 3.75 lb.; WDA: 3.21 lb.; wt.: 1,203 lb.

Bulls were scheduled to sell March 26. For more information contact station manager Mick Phillips at 205 Phillips Dr., Arthur, NE 69121; 308-764-2378 or micolin@neb-sandhills.net. Also visit [www.nebraskabulltest.com](http://www.nebraskabulltest.com) for the latest test updates.

## ▣ Edisto Forage Bull Test

### Blackville, S.C.

#### 112-day report (March 4)

Bulls went on winter grazing Jan. 8 for the 2008 Edisto Forage Bull Test.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 36; owner: Clemson Beef Cattle Farm, Gary Burns, Clemson, S.C.; sire: GAR Predestined; ADG: 3.21 lb.; ADG ratio: 141; WDA: 2.98 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 1,200 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 55; owner: Highland Farm, Trossie Wall, Morganton, N.C.; sire: GAR Integrity; ADG: 2.67 lb.; ADG ratio: 117; WDA: 3.12 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,105 lb.

**Angus averages (61 head)**—ADG: 2.28 lb.; WDA: 2.79 lb.; wt.: 1,097 lb.

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### ▶ Edisto Forage Bull Test continued 140-day report (April 1)

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 40; owner: Clemson Beef Cattle Farm; sire: Bon-View New Design 878; ADG: 3.50 lb.; ADG ratio: 136; WDA: 2.78 lb.; WDA ratio: 98; wt.: 1,265 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 15; owner: Palmetto Cattle Co., Ron Metz, Starr, S.C.; sire: SAV 8180 Traveler 004; ADG: 2.84 lb.; ADG ratio: 111; WDA: 3.19 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,325 lb.

**Angus averages (60 head)**—ADG: 2.56 lb.; WDA: 2.85 lb.; wt.: 1,201 lb.

Bulls were to be weighed off the 168-day test, with an average of weights taken April 28 and 29. Qualifying bulls will sell Oct. 11. For more information contact Larry Olson, test coordinator, at 803-284-3343, ext. 231, or visit the test web site at [www.clemson.edu/edisto/efbt/efbt.htm](http://www.clemson.edu/edisto/efbt/efbt.htm).

### ▶ Midland Bull Test Columbus, Mont. Final report (Feb. 22, March 3-4)

The Midland Bull Test evaluated 1,120 bulls comprised of 11 breeds. Final weights

were taken Feb. 22 on 400 bulls and March 3-4 on the rest.

New to the test this year was a GrowSafe System to measure individual feed intake to calculate both residual feed intake (RFI) and feed conversion, reports Leo McDonnell, manager of the test. (See “First-ever individual efficiency test completed at Midland Bull Test,” page 125, for feed efficiency results.)

There were 690 head of Angus bulls on test separated into two groups: green tag

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[low-birth-weight category for bulls with an expected progeny difference (EPD) of 2.0 or less and an actual birthweight of 84 lb. or less] and white tags.

**High-ADG green-tag Angus (tie)**—Lot 474; owner: Spencer Angus, Fromberg, Mont.; sire: Connealy Danny Boy; ADG: 4.38 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.51 lb.; wt.: 1,400 lb.

**High-ADG green-tag Angus (tie)**—Lot 378; owner: Black Pine Farm, Heron, Mont.; sire: Mytty In Focus; ADG: 4.38 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.56 lb.; wt.: 1,465 lb.

**High-WDA green-tag Angus**—Lot 244; owner: Meadow Mist Farm, Landisburg, Pa.; sire: CA Future Direction 5321; ADG: 3.78 lb.; ADG ratio: 116; WDA: 3.75 lb.; wt.: 1,543 lb.

**High-ADG white-tag Angus**—Lot 451; owner: Flat Mountain Ranch, Menahga, Minn.; sire: KCF Bennett Coalition SCC; ADG: 4.55 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; WDA: 3.67 lb.; wt.: 1,358 lb.

**High-WDA white-tag Angus**—Lot 626; owner: Giem Ranches Inc., Twin Bridges, Mont.; sire: MAR Peacemaker 3068; ADG: 3.76 lb.; ADG ratio: 111; WDA: 3.83 lb.; wt.: 1,465 lb.

**High-ADG Angus sire group**—Lots 612, 614-615; owner: Neilson Bros. Angus, Ashton, Idaho; sire: Hoff Head of the Class SC 456; ADG: 4.02 lb.

**High-WDA Angus sire group**—Lots 450-452; owner: Flat Mountain Ranch; sire: KFC Bennett Coalition FCC; WDA: 3.58 lb.

**Green-tag Angus averages**—ADG: 3.29 lb.; WDA: 3.06 lb.

**White-tag Angus averages**—ADG: 3.38 lb.; WDA: 3.15 lb.

The top-performing bulls of each breed were to sell April 2-4 at Midland Bull Test, Columbus, Mont. For more information contact Leo or Sam McDonnell at

406-322-5597, 406-322-4447 or [bulltest@wtp.net](mailto:bulltest@wtp.net); contact Steve or Lindsay Williams at 406-322-9044, or visit [www.midlandbulltest.com](http://www.midlandbulltest.com).

### Kansas Bull Test #67 Tipton, Kan.

#### 112-day final report (March 3)

Seventeen Angus herds had 98 bulls on test at the Kansas Bull Test at Tipton. Regardless of breed, the consignors should be extremely proud of the bulls they have put on test, reports Lori Schmitt of H.M. Schmitt Inc.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 230; owner: Clearwater Genetics, John Dugan, Clearwater, Kan.; sire: SAV Bandolier 1916; ADG: 4.70 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 3.45 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,284 lb.; test index: 121

**High-WDA and high-indexing Angus**—Lot 313; owner: Cedar Hill South, Larry Weinkauf, Orlando, Okla.; sire: Circle S 598 Bando 1037; ADG: 4.60 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 3.70 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,247 lb.; test index: 124

Test #65 sale was scheduled for April 2 at the Mitchell County Fairgrounds in Beloit, Kan. This year there was no official open house; however, potential buyers were encouraged to view the bulls at their leisure.

For more information contact Doug or Lori Schmitt at 785-373-4824 or visit the test web site at [www.kansasbulltest.com](http://www.kansasbulltest.com).

### SIUC Bull Test Carbondale, Ill.

#### 112-day final report (March 6)

The 33rd Annual Performance Tested Bull Test at Southern Illinois University—Carbondale (SIUC) has come to an end. Fifty-two bulls representing breeders in three

states were weighed on test Nov. 15, 2007. Bulls were tested on the ability to gain rapidly and on F/G.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 30; owner: Blue Ridge Cattle LLC, Monticello, Ill.; sire: Connealy Lead On; ADG: 5.65 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; F/G: 5.34 lb.; F/G ratio: 111; wt.: 1,453 lb.

**Low-F/G Angus**—Lot 6; owner: Betzold Farms, Bruce Betzold, Nokomis, Ill.; sire: MA Broadside 1334-822; ADG: 5.50 lb.; ADG ratio: 117; F/G: 5.00 lb.; F/G ratio: 118; wt.: 1,588 lb.

**Angus averages (37 head)**—ADG: 4.71 lb.; F/G: 5.90 lb.; wt: 1,358 lb.

The bulls were scheduled to sell March 29. For more information contact George Wiedlocher at 618-201-6838 or [bullman@siu.edu](mailto:bullman@siu.edu), or Rebecca Atkinson at 618-453-5000 or [ratkinsn@siu.edu](mailto:ratkinsn@siu.edu). Information is also available on the test web site at [www.siu.edu/~animal/bulltest](http://www.siu.edu/~animal/bulltest).

### Southwest Virginia BCIA Bull Test Hillwinds Farm, Dublin, Va. Junior final report (March 4)

Bulls were weighed on test for the Southwest Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) Bull Test Oct. 23, 2007. The test was conducted at Hillwinds Farm, Dublin, Va. It is managed by the Virginia Tech Department of Animal and Poultry Science.

**High-ADG Angus (tie)**—Lot 110; owner: Mossy Spring Angus, Dan Eversole, Blacksburg; sire: WAR Alliance 9126 6006; ADG: 4.36 lb.; ADG ratio: 117; wt: 1,250 lb.; station index: 110; frame: 7.3; SC: 34.0 cm

**High-ADG Angus (tie)**—Lot 163; owner: J&M Windy Acres, Mike Connatser, Maryville, Tenn.; sire: Rito 2V1 of 2536 1407; ADG: 4.37 lb.; ADG ratio: 117; wt.: 1,545 lb.;

### Louisiana Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, March 7, Lecompte



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►Louisiana Angus breeders receiving bull test awards at the 2008 Louisiana Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet are (from left) **Dave Means III**, Gloster, La., consignor of the top-selling bull at the 2008 Louisiana Angus Ass'n Bull Sale; and **B.L. Bickham**, Shreveport, La., consignor of the top-performing bull at the 2007 Louisiana State University-A spring bull test.

### 50th Annual Tifton Performance Tested Bull Sale, March 5, Irwinville, Ga.



►The Georgia Angus Ass'n recognized **Gillis Angus Farm**, Eastman, for consigning the high-indexing Angus bull to the 50th Annual Tifton Performance Tested Bull Sale. GAF 631 of K205 is a Dec. 2006 son of Nichols Extra K205. He posted an average daily gain of 5.78 lb. Pictured are (from left) Windell and Brannon Gillis, owners; and Harvey Lemmon, presenter.

### South Carolina Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, March 14, Clemson, S.C.



►Recognized for consigning top-indexing bulls are (from left) **Larry Olson**, Edisto Research Center, Blackville, top-indexing bull at the 2007 Edisto Bull Test; and **William McLeod**, Black Crest Farms, Sumter, top-indexing junior and senior bulls at the 2008 Clemson Bull Test.

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station index: 100; frame: 6.6; SC: 43.0 cm

**High-indexing Angus**—Lot 164; owner: R&A Angus, Robert and Alice Delozier, Mebane, N.C.; sire: Nichols Extra K205; ADG: 4.33 lb.; ADG ratio: 116; wt.: 1,460 lb.; station index: 111; frame: 6.4; SC: 37.0 cm

**Angus averages (72 head)**—ADG: 3.73 lb.; wt.: 1,312 lb.

**Overall averages (119 head)**—ADG: 3.63 lb.; wt.: 1,295 lb.

The sale for both senior and junior bulls was scheduled for March 29 in Wytheville, Va. For more information contact Scott Greiner, Extension beef specialist, at 540-231-9163 or [sgreiner@vt.edu](mailto:sgreiner@vt.edu), or visit the test web site at <http://bcia.apsc.vt.edu>.

### ■ Southeast Colorado Bull Test Eads, Colo.

#### 104-day final report (March 11)

The Southeast Colorado Bull Test came to an end on March 11.

**High-ADG and high-indexing Angus**—Lot 6-14; owner: Taylor Livestock, Karval; sire: FAR Krugerrand 410H; ADG: 4.71 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 3.12 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,304 lb.; test index: 112

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 8-31; owner: Anetta's Angus, Laura Anetta Raybon, Edler; sire: TG Spirit 52; ADG: 4.50 lb.; ADG ratio: 110; WDA: 3.19 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,193 lb.; test index: 110

**Angus averages (20 head)**—ADG: 4.11 lb.; WDA: 2.86 lb.; wt.: 1,133 lb.

**Overall averages (38 head)**—ADG: 3.99 lb.; WDA: 2.85 lb.; wt.: 1,136 lb.

The sale was scheduled for April 8. For more information contact Extension educator Bruce Fickenscher at 719-438-5321 or at [kiowa@ext.colostate.edu](mailto:kiowa@ext.colostate.edu). Also click "Agriculture Programs" at <http://kiowacounty.colostate.edu> for the latest test updates.

### ■ North Dakota Angus Association Bull Test Dickinson, N.D.

#### 112-day final report (Feb. 13)

The North Dakota Angus Association's 20th Annual Bull Test is at Ridl Farms, Dickinson. Bull test committee chairmen L.J. and Janet Dohrmann of Taylor, N.D., report that 104 bulls consigned by 41 Angus breeders competed in the 112-day test.

**High-ADG growth Angus**—Lot 114; owner: Farview Angus, Regent; sire: HARB High Plains 223; ADG: 4.85 lb.

**High-WDA growth Angus**—Lot 58; owner: Schaff Angus Cattle, Saint Anthony; sire: KF Dateline 419; WDA: 3.96 lb.

**High-ADG and high-WDA low-BW Angus**—Lot 47; owner: Thompson Angus, Kintyre; sire: Koupal's B&B Balancer 4017; ADG: 4.66 lb.; WDA: 3.91 lb.

**High-indexing Angus overall**—Lot 47  
**Angus averages (113 head)**—ADG: 3.43 lb.; wt.: 1,206 lb.

This year's sale was scheduled for April 28 at Dickinson. In addition to the Bull Test Sale, the North Dakota Angus Association again sponsored a pen heifer calf sale. For more information contact L.J. or Janet at 701-974-2187 or [dccattle@hotmail.com](mailto:dccattle@hotmail.com).

### ■ WBIA Central Test Platteville, Wis.

#### 100-day final report (March 20)

The Wisconsin Beef Improvement Association (WBIA) Central Test at Platteville, Wis., had 132 bulls on test, including 92 Angus, 21 Simmental, 14 Red Angus, four Simmental-Angus composites and two Herefords.

**High-ADG and high-indexing Angus**—Lot 4-88; owner: Afolkey Springs Farm, Charles

Wimmer, Dakota, Ill.; sire: Mytty In Focus; ADG: 5.20 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 3.76 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,590 lb.; test index: 120

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 4-97; owner: Wolters Farm Inc., Hermann Wolters, Cuba City, Wis.; sire: SAV 004 Traveler 4424; ADG: 4.55 lb.; ADG ratio: 110; WDA: 4.14 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,585 lb.; test index: 114

**Angus averages (92 head)**—ADG: 4.15 lb.; WDA: 3.42 lb.

The top 90 tested bulls were scheduled for sale April 5 at Platteville. For more information contact John Freitag, WBIA executive director, at 608-575-5000 or [wbia@tds.net](mailto:wbia@tds.net), or visit the test web site at [www.wisconsinbeef.com](http://www.wisconsinbeef.com).

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## First-ever individual efficiency test completed at Midland Bull Test

New this year to Midland Bull Test was a GrowSafe system to enable individual feed efficiencies and RFI (residual feed intake) to be measured (see "RFI assists effective selection for efficiency," April *Angus Journal*, p. 148). Midland currently has the capacity to test 400 head for a 70-day test, and thus two groups of 400 Midland Bull Test bulls were fed through the GrowSafe system this winter.

The first group of 400 bulls had their final GrowSafe weight taken on Jan. 6. During the test period, each bull was weighed prior to morning feeding every two weeks to remove any variables in weight that could occur on an individual weigh day. The feed efficiencies reported are on a dry-matter (DM) basis and are a comparison of DM intake (DMI) and gain of the animal.

RFI is a comparison of the amount of feed consumed by different animals to achieve the same level of performance and meet maintenance requirements. In other words if there are two bulls with the same body weight that both gained 3 pounds (lb.) per day and one consumed 18 lb. per day and the other consumed 26 lb. per day to achieve that 3-lb. gain, then the bull consuming 18 lb. would have proven to be more efficient and thus would have a negative RFI. A negative RFI is more desirable as it implies the animal ate less feed to achieve his gain and body maintenance than the average bull on test.

RFIs cannot be compared across locations or between breeds.

There were 247 head of Angus bulls that completed the first GrowSafe test. The RFI range on this group was from a best of -3.45 to 3.90. The feed-to-gain ratio (lb. of feed to gain 1 lb.; F/G) was from a best of 4.59 to 10.97.

The top RFI Angus bulls for this test were:

Lot 233—RFI: -3.45; owner: Truckenbrod Bros., Mendota, Ill.; sire: Rito 2V1 of 2536 1407

Lot 70—RFI: -3.14; owner: McCoy Angus, Imbler, Ore.; sire: EXAR New Look 2971

Lot 150—RFI: -2.77; owner: Harrison Angus Ranch, Boyd, Mont.; sire: Connealy Freightliner

Lot 92—RFI: -2.46; owner: Granger Ranch, Great Falls, Mont.; sire: Granger 338 Special 393

Lot 80; RFI: -2.25; owner: Olind Angus, Harrison, Mont.; sire: KCF Bennett Performer

The top feed efficiency Angus bulls for this test were:

Lot 70—F/G: 4.59; wt.: 946 lb.; owner: McCoy Angus, Imbler, Ore.; sire: EXAR New Look 2971

Lot 95—F/G: 4.91; wt.: 1,041 lb.; owner: Connelly Angus, Valier, Mont.; sire: CAR Tracker 461

Lot 73—F/G: 5.00; wt.: 1,082 lb.; owner: McCoy Angus, Imbler, Ore.; sire: B/R New Frontier 095

Lot 88—F/G: 5.15; wt.: 972 lb.; owner: Pine Valley Angus, York, Neb.; sire: OCC Legend 616L

Lot 98—F/G: 5.20; wt.: 1,167 lb.; owner: Mohogany Hollow Angus, Delta, Utah; sire: Connealy Freightliner

**▶ Treasure Bull Test****Broken O Ranch Feedlot, Simms, Mont.  
140-day final report (March 22)**

The Treasure Bull Test included 145 Angus bulls and 25 Simmental-Angus bulls divided into spring and fall divisions. The test was conducted at Broken O Ranch Feedlot near Simms, Mont. Weather conditions were ideal for gain, and the bulls performed extremely well, according to Russ Pepper, test manager.

**High-ADG spring Angus (tie)**—Lot 219; owner: Myers & Watson, Ted and Tim

Watson, Livingston, Mont.; sire: Bon-View New Design 1407; ADG: 4.32 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.86 lb.; wt.: 1,520 lb.

**High-ADG spring Angus (tie)**—Lot 126; owner: Gardiner Prime Angus Ranch, Pat and Ada Gardiner, Porthill, Idaho; sire: GAR Solution; ADG: 4.32 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.47 lb.; wt.: 1,445 lb.

**High-WDA spring Angus**—Lot 205; owner: Myers & Watson; sire: HSAF Bando 1961; ADG: 4.04 lb.; ADG ratio: 117; WDA: 3.88 lb.; wt.: 1,630 lb.

**High-WDA fall Angus**—Lot 316; owner: O Bar X Angus, Jim and Michelle Van Dyke, Sheridan, Mont.; sire: PAPA Equator 2928; WDA: 3.41 lb.; WDA ratio: 133; wt.: 1,640 lb.

**High-performing Angus sire group**—three bulls; owner: Myers & Watson; sire: Buffalo's Conclusive BN463; avg. ADG: 3.79 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,525 lb.

**Spring Angus averages (130 head)**—ADG: 3.44 lb.; WDA: 3.18 lb.

**Fall Angus averages (15 head)**—WDA: 2.76 lb.

Qualifying bulls were available for sale at the Treasure Bull Test Sale April 14 at Great Falls, Mont. For additional information contact Pepper at 406-264-5694 or 406-799-0174, or [brtangus@3rivers.net](mailto:brtangus@3rivers.net). Test information is also available on the test web site, [www.treasurebulltest.com/testdata.html](http://www.treasurebulltest.com/testdata.html).

**▶ Cattlemen's Edge Bull Test****Triple T Angus, Lewisburg, W.Va.  
Final report (March 6)**

The Cattlemen's Edge Bull Test has been completed with 60 junior-division Angus bulls on feed at Triple T Angus in Lewisburg, W.Va. The bulls were weighed on test Nov. 15, 2007, with an average weight of 749 pounds (lb.).

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 28; owner: Kee Hill

**Carcass ultrasound technician training and certification dates set**

The National Centralized Ultrasound Processing (CUP) Lab has announced the summer 2008 field technician training and certification dates. The Beginner Ultrasound Training Course will be offered at Iowa State University (ISU) in Ames, Iowa, June 2-4. The course will cover the proper collection and interpretation of ultrasound images for both feedlot and breeding cattle. Participants need no prior experience or equipment, but they must preregister by downloading a registration form at [www.cuplab.com](http://www.cuplab.com).

An Advanced Training Course will follow on June 5-7 in Ames with an opportunity to take the certification exam on June 9. Certification will be administered by the Ultrasound Guidelines Council (UGC) and co-hosted by ISU and The National CUP Lab. UGC certification will also be offered June 10-13.

Trainees are encouraged to register early, as classes fill quickly. For more information on ultrasound training or UGC certification, contact Patrick Wall, Walter & Associates LLC, P.O. Box 627, Ames, IA 50010-0627; phone: 515-232-9442; or e-mail: [cuplab@cuplab.com](mailto:cuplab@cuplab.com).

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Farm, Brian and Leslie Wickline, Union, W.Va.; sire: Connealy Freightliner; ADG: 3.75 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA: 2.76 lb.; wt.: 885 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 16; owner: Pleasant View Farms, Wayside, W.Va.; sire: Pleasant View Bando 209; ADG: 3.30 lb.; ADG ratio: 107; WDA: 3.26 lb.; wt.: 1,020 lb.

**High-indexing Angus**—Lot 43; owner: Triple T Angus, Lewisburg, W.Va.; sire: TTT Foresight; ADG: 3.57 lb.; ADG ratio: 116; WDA: 3.10 lb.; wt.: 925 lb.

**Angus averages (60 head)**—ADG: 3.07 lb.; WDA: 2.84 lb.; wt.: 922 lb.

The test sale was scheduled for April 5 at Fairlea, W.Va. For more information contact Byron Tuckwiller at 304-645-3410 or [tttangus@citynet.net](mailto:tttangus@citynet.net), or Brian Wickline at 304-646-2424 or [brian.wickline@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:brian.wickline@mail.wvu.edu).

### IBEP 2007 Winter Test

**Feldun-Purdue Ag Center, Bedford, Ind. 125-day final report (March 24)**

The Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) 2007 Winter Test has been completed at the Feldun-Purdue Ag Center at Bedford, Ind. Bulls were delivered Oct. 30, 2007. There were 222 bulls on test, including 155 Angus, representing 60 owners.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 66; owner: Mike

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## Great Western Beef Expo

Feedlot gain, feed conversion rates and current weights have been posted for the Great Western Beef Expo in Sterling, Colo. The 154 animals in the test are starting to respond better with the drying conditions and warmer weather since the February weigh day, reports David Colburn, Colorado State University Cooperative Extension livestock agent.

Leading in feed conversion and feedlot gain at the 114-day point of the test are pens of Charolais- and Angus-sired calves. DeBruycker Charolais, Dutton, Mont., has the top-gaining pen at 3.83 pounds (lb.) per day. These steers are sired by the Charolais bull R1312 and are out of Angus- and Red Angus-cross cows. Y Cross Ranch, Horse Creek, Wyo., is leading in feed conversion with a set of Angus-sired steers out of AAR Neutron 059 and Angus-cross cows. This pen posted a feed-to-gain ratio (F/G) of 4.06.

Angus represented four of the top five pens for feed conversion:

- ▶ 1st: Y Cross Ranch, Horse Creek, Wyo., 4.06;
- ▶ 2nd: Touchstone Angus, Lusk, Wyo., 4.61;
- ▶ 4th: Aristocrat Angus Ranch, Platteville, Colo., 4.87; and
- ▶ 5th: Schurrtop Angus & Charolais, Farnam, Neb., 4.96.

Among the top 10 pens for feedlot gain, Angus represented the second, third, fourth and fifth pens.

- ▶ 2nd: Triple B Angus/Knoll Ranch, North Platte, Neb., avg. 3.77 lb.;
- ▶ 3rd: Y Cross Ranch, Horse Creek, Wyo., avg. 3.62 lb.;
- ▶ 4th: Touchstone Angus, Lusk, Wyo., avg. 3.58 lb.; and
- ▶ 5th: Aristocrat Angus Ranch, Platteville, Colo., avg. 3.56 lb.

Dave Schutz, herdsman, is available at the test center to answer any questions you may have. For a copy of the current weight report or to be added to the Great Western Beef Expo mailing list, please call 970-522-3200, ext. 274 or 283, or write to Great Western Beef Expo, 508 S. 10th Ave., Ste. 1, Sterling, CO 80751. You can also view all the weight reports and breed averages at [www.greatwesternbeefexpo.org](http://www.greatwesternbeefexpo.org).

# AGI to Conduct Limousin Genetic Evaluation

North American Limousin Foundation selects AGI to conduct genetic evaluation beginning this summer.

A recent agreement with the North American Limousin Foundation (NALF), Centennial, Colo., has cleared the way for Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) to conduct the international genetic evaluation for the Limousin breed. Limousin is the sixth-largest beef breed in the United States, reporting 37,742 Limousin and Lim-Flex® recordings in 2007.

Land-grant universities have been responsible for performing the genetic evaluation of most registered seedstock in the United States. A recent shift in university resources and philosophy makes it necessary for beef industry associations to assume responsibility for genetic analysis, while land-grant university systems will focus on research. U.S. beef breed associations are turning to the private sector for genetic evaluations.

The NALF board of directors realizes the critical importance of genetic evaluation and the costs associated with hardware, software and highly skilled personnel. After 18 months of careful study, NALF selected AGI to provide its genetic evaluation services beginning in summer 2008.

“NALF is excited to begin this new chapter in genetic evaluation,” said NALF President Bob Millerberg, Draper, Utah. “We are privileged to work with such a solid, knowledgeable and innovative company as AGI, and we look forward to many years of having it help us deliver industry-leading genetic information to our members and customers.”

**Angus Genetics, Inc.** AGI is a wholly owned subsidiary of the American Angus

Association, Saint Joseph, Mo. The Association is responding to the beef industry by accepting a leadership role regarding the advancement of science and technology. AGI was created to conduct research, perform genetic evaluation services and implement new genomic technologies to benefit the beef industry and all producers who use Angus genetics.



**Editors Note:** This article was adapted from a release provided by the American Angus Association and the North American Limousin Foundation.

Shelton, Deputy, Ind.; sire: Boyd On Target 1083; ADG: 4.35 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 3.40 lb.; WDA ratio: 108; wt.: 1,460 lb.; frame: 4.9; test index: 118

**High-WDA and high-indexing (tie)**

**Angus**—Lot 8; owner: Bill Washburn, Olney, Ill.; sire: Sitz New Design 349M; ADG: 4.12 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; WDA: 3.76 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,630 lb.; frame: 7.3; test index: 119

**High-indexing Angus (tie)**—Lot 207; owner: Les Craft Angus, La Porte, Ind.; sire: EXAR New Look 2971; ADG: 4.26 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA: 3.60 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,295 lb.; frame: 5.0; test index: 119

**High-indexing Angus get-of-sire**—Lots 205, 206 & 207; owner: Les Craft Angus; sire: EXAR New Look 2971; ADG: 3.89 lb.; ADG ratio: 111; WDA: 3.38 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 1,288 lb.; frame: 5.5; test index: 110

**Angus averages (155 head)**—ADG: 3.49 lb.; WDA: 3.15 lb.; wt.: 1,249 lb.

**Overall averages (222 head)**—ADG: 3.43 lb.; WDA: 3.12 lb.; wt.: 1,236 lb.

Ninety-seven Angus bulls qualified for the 61st IBEP Bull Sale April 17 at the Springville Feeder Auction, Springville, Ind.

For more information contact Kern Hendrix, secretary-treasurer, at 765-494-4832 or

khendrix@purdue.edu; or Richard Huntrods, station manager, at 812-279-8554 or huntrods@purdue.edu. For test information visit the web site at [www.ansc.purdue.edu/ibep](http://www.ansc.purdue.edu/ibep).

**St. Croix Valley Bull Test Menomonie, Wis.****112-day final report (March 1)**

Bulls went on test at the St. Croix Valley Bull Test in Menomonie, Wis., Nov. 10, 2007. The test featured bulls from 12 Angus operations.

**High-ADG and high-indexing Angus**—Lot 6-4; owner: Marengo Valley Angus, Mark and Barbara Jolma, Marengo, Wis.; sire: Mohnen Day Ahead 144; ADG: 4.49 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; WDA: 3.80 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,413 lb.; test index: 122

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 2-3; owner: Goodrich Place Inc., Mark and Claudine Goodrich, Emerald, Wis.; sire: TC Total 410; ADG: 4.21 lb.; ADG ratio: 116; WDA: 4.10 lb.; WDA ratio: 126; wt.: 1,505 lb.; test index: 118

**Angus averages (44 head)**—ADG: 3.64 lb.; WDA: 3.26 lb.

For more information contact Don Prochnow, manager, at 715-235-5882.

**Cal Poly—San Luis Obispo now accepting entries**

Cal Poly—San Luis Obispo is now accepting entries for its 52nd Annual Cal Poly Bull Test. Last year's test consisted of 271 bulls from top seedstock producers in the West. Last year 103 bulls qualified for the sale, which averaged \$2,568.

This year's delivery dates for bulls are May 9-10 at Cal Poly's Beef Center. An entry fee of \$60 per bull is required to reserve a spot in the 2008 test.

Bulls must be born between Aug. 1 and Oct. 31, 2007. They must be weaned at least three weeks prior to delivery and vaccinated for clostridial and respiratory diseases. Again this year, all bulls entered must be delivered with a negative lab test for persistent infection with bovine viral diarrhea (PI-BVD).

Bulls will go on test May 24, and progress reports will be issued every 28 days, concluding with the final test weight Aug. 30. To qualify for the sale, bulls must index in the top half of their respective breed group. Test indexes are calculated from the ADG and adjusted yearling weight at the conclusion of the 100-day test. This year's sale will be Sunday, Oct. 5.

For more information and entry forms, contact Mike Hall at 805-756-2685, mhall@calpoly.edu or by visiting the test web site at <http://bulltest.calpoly.edu/>.

**NAAB announces convention, technical conference**

This year, the National Association of Animal Breeders (NAAB) will hold its 62nd Annual Convention Sept. 17-18, followed by the 22nd Biennial Technical Conference Sept. 18-19 in Milwaukee, Wis. The headquarters hotel will be the Wyndham Milwaukee Airport Hotel (formerly the Four Points Sheraton) located just across from the airport.

The NAAB Annual Business Meeting will include the "Chairman's Address" presented by Al Kuck, Genex Cooperative/CRI; a report on Certified Semen Services (CSS) by CSS Chairman Charles Brown, ABS Global; and the "President's Address" by NAAB President, Gordon Doak. Nominating Committee Chairman Bob Holterman, Accelerated Genetics, will report on candidates for the NAAB Board, and NAAB voting delegates will elect one director. Kuck is the one incumbent eligible for re-election. Delegates will also review the finances of the Association and act on any resolutions brought before the convention. Several vendors will display their products throughout the 2½-day event.

The 22nd Technical Conference on Artificial Insemination (AI) and Reproduction will begin at 8 a.m. Sept. 18. It will feature speakers and topics related to AI and reproductive physiology. Technical personnel involved in semen production, sire management and sire health will discuss and review scientific developments and important technical issues relevant to the AI industry.

At noon, an awards luncheon will feature this year's recipients of the NAAB Research Award, Distinguished Service Award, Member Director Award and the Pioneer Award. AI technicians who have serviced more than 100,000 cows, as well as industry sales people who have sold more than 500,000 units of semen, will be recognized.

The Technical Conference will continue with a Barn Breakout Session and Lab Breakout Session.

Friday, Sept. 19, the Technical Conference will resume at 8 a.m. and will include a student session and several other speakers with current topics of interest. The conference will conclude by noon.

For registration information contact Mary Derby, NAAB, P.O. Box 1033, Columbia, MO 65205, 573-445-4406; fax: 573-446-2279; or [naab-css@naab-css.org](mailto:naab-css@naab-css.org). Visit [www.naab-css.org](http://www.naab-css.org) for hotel information and to print off a registration form.