



# Performance Report

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## ► Kilgore College Ag Club Bull Evaluation Test No. 3

Overton, Texas

### On-test report (Dec. 16, 2006)

Bulls were weighed on test at the Kilgore College Ag Club Bull Evaluation Test at Overton, Texas, on Dec. 16, 2006. Bulls continued to be accepted for the test until Jan. 5, 2007.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 316; owner: Kilgore College; WDA: 2.88 lb.; wt.: 690 lb.

**Overall averages**—WDA: 2.31 lb.; wt.: 684 lb.

For more information contact Bob Young, agricultural instructor and farm manager, at (903) 834-6255 or bobyong@kilgorecollegeagfarm.org, or visit the test web site at [www.kilgorecollegeagfarm.org](http://www.kilgorecollegeagfarm.org).

## ► IBEP Winter Test

Feldun-Purdue Ag Center, Bedford, Ind.

### 28-day report (Dec. 19, 2006)

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 Angus**—Lot 24; owner: Rolling Acres Angus, Freetown, Ind.; sire: GAR Integrity; ADG: 6.57 lb.; ADG ratio: 168; WDA: 3.20 lb.; WDA ratio: 102; wt.: 1,040 lb.; test index: 141

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 162; owner: Kiata

Farms Inc., Hamilton, Ohio; sire: Bon-View New Design 208; ADG: 4.75 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 3.96 lb.; WDA ratio: 126; wt.: 1,105 lb.; test index: 123

**High-indexing Angus**—Lot 164; owner: Kiata Farms Inc.; sire: CRA Bextor 872 5205 608; ADG: 6.07 lb.; ADG ratio: 155; WDA: 3.82 lb.; WDA ratio: 122; wt.: 1,225 lb.; test index: 142

**Angus averages (171 head)**—ADG: 3.92 lb.; WDA: 3.14 lb.; wt.: 954 lb.

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

## ► LSU Beef Bull Evaluation Test

Alexandria, La.

### 56-day report (Dec. 20, 2006)

The 97th Louisiana State University (LSU) Beef Bull Evaluation Test began Oct. 25 with 53 bulls representing five breeds and 14 breeders. Currently, 37 bulls are Angus. Bulls LTS 48 and LTS 25 died. The cattle are being group-fed in 10 pens. Weights are being taken at 28-day intervals for the 112-day test. Several bulls have been treated for coccidiosis. All bulls were treated with Cydectin® Oct. 25 and Dec. 20, 2006.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 10; owner: Warren

Bryan, Bryan's Twin Oaks Plantation, Ruston, La.; sire: SAV 8180 Traveler 004; ADG: 6.07 lb.; wt.: 978 lb.

**Angus averages (37 head)**—ADG: 4.46 lb.; wt.: 970 lb.

**Overall averages (51 head)**—ADG: 4.37 lb.; wt.: 974 lb.

Bulls will be weighed off test Feb. 14, 2007, and qualifying bulls are scheduled to sell March 3. To be eligible for the sale, bulls must have a performance ratio of 95 or higher and pass a breeding soundness exam (sometimes referred to as a BSE). Performance ratio is calculated as 365-day adjusted yearling weight ratio, plus ADG ratio on test, divided by two. For more information, contact Danny Coombs, professor at the LSU Dean Lee Research Station, at (318) 473-6528 or dcoombs@agcenter.lsu.edu. Information is also available on the test web site, [www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our\\_offices/research\\_stations/Deanlee/Features/bull\\_test\\_station/](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our_offices/research_stations/Deanlee/Features/bull_test_station/).

## ► OBI Angus Test No. 62

Stillwater, Okla.

### 112-day final report (Dec. 8, 2006)

Born in November-December 2005, bulls on Oklahoma Beef Inc. (OBI) Angus Test No. 62 went on test Aug. 18, 2006. The bulls were fed twice daily in fenceline feedbunks or self-feeders with a ration composed by Don Gill of Oklahoma State University. The OBI test index is a sum of half the ADG ratio and half the adjusted 365-day weight ratio.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 7201; owner: Charles Simpson, Edmond; sire: SAF 598 Bando 5175; ADG: 6.08 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 3.58 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 1,398 lb.; SC: 37.0 cm; test index: 119

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 7224; owner: 74-51 Cattle Co. LLC, Oklahoma City; sire: Bon-View New Design 1407; ADG: 4.69 lb.; ADG ratio: 101; WDA: 4.04 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,560 lb.; SC: 38.5 cm; test index: 110

**High-indexing Angus**—Lot 7271; owner: John Pfeiffer, Mulhall; sire: Bon-View New Design 1407; ADG: 5.83 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.99 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,568 lb.; SC: 38.0 cm; test index: 122

**Angus averages (74 head)**—ADG: 4.63 lb.; WDA: 3.35 lb.; wt.: 1,269 lb.

Top-performing bulls will be eligible to sell in OBI's March sale. 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](http://www.ansi.okstate.edu/exten/obi).

## ► 2006 Calhoun Bull Evaluation Test & Sale, Calhoun, Ga., Dec. 7, 2006

► Thad Rush, Crestview Angus, Rome, Ga., consigned the high-indexing Angus bull. Crestview New Design 100 100 is a November 2005 son of GAR New Design 5050. He posted a 5.15-lb. ADG, with an adjusted yearling weight of 1,418 lb. He was the high-indexing Angus bull, as well as the high-indexing bull overall. Pictured are (from left) David Gazda, American Angus Association regional manager, presenting the plaque from the Georgia Angus Ass'n, and Rush.



▣ **Edisto Forage Bull Test**  
**Blackville, S.C.**

**28-day report (Dec. 12, 2006)**

“Health of the bulls has been excellent. Only 16 bulls have been treated for temperatures. This is the fewest ever treated during the first period of the test,” said Larry Olson, Extension animal scientist and bull testing program coordinator. “The bulls were turned onto winter grazing on Dec. 1. They are about halfway through their three- to four-week adaptation to winter grazing period.”

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 12; owner: Sarratt Farms, Gaffney, S.C.; sire: GAR Grid Maker; ADG: 4.79 lb.; ADG ratio: 203; WDA: 3.23 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,115 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 27; owner: Black Crest Farms, Billy McLeod, Sumter, S.C.; sire: Rito 7Z24 of 4M8 Cal T; ADG: 2.00 lb.; ADG ratio: 85; WDA: 3.46 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 984 lb.

**Angus averages (57 head)**—ADG: 2.36 lb.; WDA: 2.88 lb.; wt.: 905 lb.

**Overall averages (78 head)**—ADG: 2.14 lb.; WDA: 2.90 lb.; wt.: 909 lb.

The third weigh period was scheduled for Jan. 9. For more information contact Olson at (803) 284-3343, ext. 231, lolson@clemson.edu, or visit the test web site at [www.clemson.edu/edisto/edisto.html](http://www.clemson.edu/edisto/edisto.html).

▣ **OBI Angus Test No. 63**  
**Stillwater, Okla.**

**56-day report (Dec. 12, 2006)**

The OBI test index is a sum of half the ADG ratio and half the adjusted 365-day weight ratio.

**High-ADG and high-WDA Angus**—Lot 7287; owner: Clay Creek Corral, Cherokee, Okla.; sire: EXAR Dateline 2899; ADG: 7.84 lb.; ADG ratio: 152; WDA: 4.16 lb.; WDA ratio: 128; wt.: 1,290 lb.

**Angus averages (272 head)**—ADG: 5.15 lb.; WDA: 3.26 lb.; wt.: 1,025 lb.

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](http://www.ansi.okstate.edu/exten/obi).

▣ **North Carolina BCIP Bull Test**  
**Butner**

**112-day final report (Dec. 5, 2006)**

Bulls on the North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement Program (BCIP) Bull Test went on test Aug. 15 at both the Butner and Waynesville test stations.

**High-ADG Angus (tie)**—Lot 9; owner: J.F. and Carolyn Lancaster, Ann Angus Farm, Rocky Mount; sire: Bon-View New Design

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1407; ADG: 5.17 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 3.45 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,523 lb.; frame: 6.9; SC: 42.0 cm; test index: 115

**High-ADG Angus (tie)**—Lot 29; owner: Marty & Lynn Rooker, Smith Creek Angus Farm, Warrenton; sire: Bon-View New Design 878; ADG: 5.15 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 3.52 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,418 lb.; frame: 6.3; SC: 38.0 cm; test index: 114

**High-WDA and high-indexing Angus**—Lot 44; owner: Henry Vines, H&D Angus, Snow Camp; sire: Bon-View New Design 878; ADG: 5.04 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 3.80 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,688 lb.; frame: 7.4; SC: 42.0 cm; test index: 121

**Angus averages (53 head)**—ADG: 4.15 lb.; WDA: 3.17 lb.; wt.: 1,313 lb.

**Overall averages (57 head)**—ADG: 4.17 lb.; WDA: 3.19 lb.; wt.: 1,324 lb.

For more information contact Gary Gregory, bull test supervisor, at (919) 515-4027 or Gary\_Gregory@ncsu.edu; Dean Askew, station manager, at (919) 471-6872; or visit the test web site at [www.cals.ncsu.edu/an\\_sci/extension/animal/bcip/Ahbcip.html](http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/animal/bcip/Ahbcip.html).

### ▶ Waynesville

#### 112-day final report (Nov. 28, 2006)

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 17; owner: Ben Winslow, Halifax; sire: Hyline Right Time 338;

ADG: 4.92 lb.; ADG ratio: 133; WDA: 3.11 lb.; WDA ratio: 102; wt.: 1,368 lb.; frame: 6.4; SC: 37.0 cm; test index: 112

**High-WDA Angus (tie)**—Lot 14; owner: John Smith, Panther Creek Farms, Pink Hill; sire: Rosewood Apache 1084; ADG: 4.11 lb.; ADG ratio: 111; WDA: 3.43 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,503 lb.; frame: 6.7; SC: 36.0 cm; test index: 112

**High-WDA (tie) and high-indexing Angus**—Lot 21; owner: Lee Duckworth, Grassy Valley Farm, Greeneville, Tenn.; sire: Connealy Lead On; ADG: 4.43 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 3.45 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,530 lb.; frame: 6.3; SC: 40.0 cm; test index: 115

**Angus averages (44 head)**—ADG: 3.70 lb.; WDA: 3.04 lb.; wt.: 1,274 lb.

**Overall averages (50 head)**—ADG: 3.71 lb.; WDA: 3.03 lb.; wt.: 1,263 lb.

For more information contact Gregory; or Danny Hyatt, station manager, at (828) 456-3943; or visit the test web site.

### ▶ Southwest Virginia BCIA Bull Test Blacksburg, Va.

#### 56-day report (Dec. 12, 2006)

Bulls were weighed on test for the Southwest Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) Bull Test at Blacksburg on

Oct. 17, 2006. The test is managed by the Virginia Tech Department of Animal and Poultry Science.

**High-ADG junior Angus (tie)**—Lot 117; owner: Legacy Farm, Anne and Charles Cardwell, Forest; sire: Connealy Lead On; ADG: 6.34 lb.; ADG ratio: 144; WDA: 3.61 lb.; WDA ratio: 104; wt.: 1,245 lb.

**High-ADG junior Angus (tie)**—Lot 154; owner: Mike Connatser, J&M Windy Acres, Maryville, Tenn.; sire: Rito 2V1 of 2536 1407; ADG: 6.34 lb.; ADG ratio: 144; WDA: 3.97 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,275 lb.

**High-WDA junior Angus**—Lot 148; owner: Mossy Spring Angus, Dan Eversole, Blacksburg; sire: G13 Structure; ADG: 6.16 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 4.14 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,155 lb.

**High-ADG senior Angus**—Lot 67; owner: Barksdale Farm, Randy Mink, Rocky Mount; sire: GAR Expectation 4915; ADG: 6.61 lb.; ADG ratio: 143; WDA: 3.71 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,415 lb.

**High-WDA senior Angus**—Lot 17; owner: Echo Ridge Farm, C.W. Pratt, Atkins; sire: Rito 335 of 028 ND878; ADG: 5.27 lb.; ADG ratio: 114; WDA: 4.01 lb.; WDA ratio: 126; wt.: 1,670 lb.

**Junior Angus averages (82 head)**—ADG: 4.39 lb.; WDA: 3.45 lb.; wt.: 1,033 lb.

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**Junior overall averages (129 head)—ADG:**  
4.23 lb.; WDA: 3.42 lb.; wt.: 1,027 lb.

**Senior Angus averages (69 head)—ADG:**  
4.61 lb.; WDA: 3.18 lb.; wt.: 1,272 lb.

**Senior overall averages (87 head)—ADG:**  
4.54 lb.; WDA: 3.22 lb.; wt.: 1,280 lb.

Senior bulls are scheduled to be weighed off test Feb. 6; junior bulls are scheduled to be weighed off test Feb. 27, 2007. The sale for both senior and junior bulls is scheduled for March 24.

For more information contact Scott Greiner, Extension beef specialist, at (540) 231-9159 or [sgreiner@vt.edu](mailto:sgreiner@vt.edu), or visit the test web site at <http://bcia.apsc.vt.edu>.

### ▶ Pennsylvania Performance

#### **Bull Testing Program**

#### **Pennsylvania Furnace, Pa.**

#### **56-day report (Dec. 26, 2006)**

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 have 138 bulls participating in the 112-day performance-testing program. Seven breeds are participating in this year's program, with Angus representing more than 60% of the bulls. Included are 89 Angus, 21 Simmental, 10 Red Angus, eight Hereford, six Charolais, three Limousin and one Gelbvieh.

Bulls are 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: 6.54 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 3.66 lb.; WDA ratio: 104; wt.: 1,263 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 112; owner: Michael Griffith, Pipestem, W.Va.; sire: SBP New Design 4028; ADG: 6.42 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 4.21 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,094 lb.

**Angus averages (88 head)—ADG:** 5.01 lb.; WDA: 3.51 lb.; wt.: 1,069 lb.

The bulls are evaluated, compared and indexed on ADG, WDA, feed efficiency, ribeye area and fat deposition. The data collected during the test will be used to rank bulls for the 34th Annual Pennsylvania Performance-Tested Bull Sale that is scheduled for Friday, March 30, at the Livestock Evaluation Center. The sale is 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](mailto:geberly@state.pa.us), or visit the test web site at [www.agriculture.state.pa.us/lec](http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us/lec).

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**▣ Northeast Colorado Bull Test  
Akron, Colo.****45-day report (Dec. 14, 2006)**

The Northeast Colorado Bull Test Association (NCBTA) kicked off its 31st annual performance test receiving 107 bulls from 29 seedstock producers — a strong showing representing three states and six breeds.

The 2006-2007 test features 74 Angus, 10 Red Angus, six Hereford, one Charolais, nine Simmental and seven Balancer bulls. All bulls tested negative for persistent infection (PI) with bovine viral diarrhea (BVD).

**High-ADG calving-ease Angus**—Lot 15; owner: Klein Angus, Wheatland, Wyo.; sire: Ironwood New Level; ADG: 5.47 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 3.34 lb.; WDA ratio: 104; wt.: 1,091 lb.; test index: 118

**High-WDA calving-ease Angus**—Lot 26; owner: Netherton Angus, Alex Netherton, Las Animas, Colo.; sire: LAR 112 Rito 471; ADG: 4.40 lb.; ADG ratio: 106; WDA: 3.68 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,004 lb.; test index: 110

**High-indexing calving-ease Angus**—Lot 27; owner: Netherton Angus, Alex Netherton, Las Animas, Colo.; sire: LAR 112 Rito 471; ADG: 5.14 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 3.63 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,042 lb.; test index: 119

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 89; owner: Double D Angus, Sterling, Colo.; sire: GAR Expectation 4915; ADG: 5.34 lb.; ADG ratio: 144; WDA: 3.30 lb.; WDA ratio: 102; wt.: 1,059 lb.; test index: 123

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 76; owner: Moonlight Ranch, Laporte, Colo.; sire: Buckeye 5454; ADG: 4.23 lb.; ADG ratio: 114; WDA: 3.85 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,071 lb.; test index: 116

**High-indexing Angus**—Lot 58; owner: Dale Angus, Akron, Colo.; sire: Boyd New Day 8005; ADG: 5.19 lb.; ADG ratio: 139; WDA: 3.80 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,187 lb.; test index: 128

**Angus calving-ease averages (30 head)**—ADG: 4.16 lb.; WDA: 3.20 lb.; wt.: 958 lb.

**Angus averages (44 head)**—ADG: 3.72 lb.; WDA: 3.24 lb.; wt.: 982 lb.

**Overall averages (107 head)**—ADG: 3.69 lb.; WDA: 3.20 lb.; wt.: 955 lb.

At the conclusion of the test, bulls will be indexed based on ADG and WDA. Only bulls indexing at 95% or better will qualify for the sale. In addition to ADG and WDA, NCBTA provides individual ultrasound data on all bulls to assist cattlemen in their selections.

The bulls will complete the 120-day test Feb. 27. The annual NCBTA sale will be Saturday, March 31, at the test site.

Visitors are always welcome at the test site, which is located between Atwood and Akron, Colo., on Colorado Highway 63.

For more information on the NCBTA bull test, visit <http://ncbta.net>. To be added to the mailing list, contact David Colburn, Logan County Extension educator and NCBTA test coordinator, at (970) 522-3200, ext. 283, or write NCBTA, 508 S. 10th Ave, Ste. #1, Sterling, CO 80751.

**▣ St. Croix Valley Bull Test  
Menomonie, Wis.****28-day report (Dec. 9, 2006)**

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

**High-ADG and high-indexing Angus**—Lot 8-1; owner: Mel and Sharon Niemann, Edgar, Wis.; ADG: 5.25 lb.; ADG ratio: 167; WDA: 3.34 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; wt.: 838 lb.; test index: 151

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 11-1; owner: James Schindlbeck, Grand Marsh, Wis.; ADG: 4.68 lb.; ADG ratio: 148; WDA: 3.84 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 936 lb.; test index: 142

**Angus averages (39 head)**—ADG: 3.15 lb.; WDA: 3.17 lb.; wt.: 829 lb.

**56-day report (Jan. 6, 2007)**

**High-ADG, high-WDA and high-indexing Angus**—Lot 11-1; owner: Schindlbeck; ADG: 5.00 lb.; ADG ratio: 145; WDA: 3.99 lb.; WDA ratio: 124; wt.: 1,085 lb.; test index: 140

**Angus averages (39 head)**—ADG: 3.44 lb.; WDA: 3.22 lb.; wt.: 934 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.

**▣ Virginia BCIA Bull Test  
Culpeper, Va.****On-test junior report (Nov. 21, 2006)**

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

**High-WDA Angus (tie)**—Lot 171; owner: Julian Heron, Washington, D.C.; sire: Twin Valley Precision E161; WDA: 3.48 lb.; WDA ratio: 124; wt.: 890 lb.

**High-WDA Angus (tie)**—Lot 207; owner: Waddle Angus Farms, Wayne Waddle, Saltville; sire: B/R New Frontier 095; WDA: 3.48 lb.; WDA ratio: 125; wt.: 860 lb.

**Angus averages (98 head)**—WDA: 2.79 lb.; wt.: 779 lb.

**Overall averages (106 head)**—WDA: 2.79 lb.; wt.: 774 lb.

Bulls are scheduled to be weighed off test March 13, and to sell in April. For more information contact Scott Greiner, Extension beef specialist, at (540) 231-9159 or [sgreiner@vt.edu](mailto:sgreiner@vt.edu), or visit the test web site at <http://bcia.apsc.vt.edu>.

**Treasure Bull Test 60-day report**

Treasure Bull Test has now completed 60 days of their test on 130 Angus bulls. The 121 spring Angus bulls on test are gaining 3.53 pounds (lb.) per day, with an average WDA of 3.13 lb. The nine fall bulls have a WDA of 2.87 lb.

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

Two bulls share the lead in ADG. Youth consignors Kirsten and Jill Love of Great Falls, Mont., own one of them: Lot 138, a son of Granger CM 294, weighs 1,105 lb., and has an ADG of 4.92 lb. The other top-gaining bull is Lot 164, an entry of Cody Lee, Florence, Mont., on an 1,105-lb. son of B/R New Frontier 095 with an ADG of 4.92 lb.

Leading all bulls in the WDA category is Lot 7, a 1,350-lb. son of SAF Strategy 9015 with a WDA of 3.84 lb. He is consigned by Willekes Angus, Bob and Sarah Willekes, Choteau, Mont.

The top-gaining sire group comes from Windy Ridge Angus, Chuck and Karen Davis, Geraldine, Mont., on three sons of

O Bar X Right Time 702 averaging 1,137 lb., with an average ADG of 4.00 lb. They are also the top WDA group, with the three of them averaging 3.45 lb. per day.

Leading the nine fall bulls in average WDA is an entry of Milk River Genetics, Kathy Creighton-Smith, Chinook, Mont., on Lot 302, a 1,470-lb. son of B/R New Frontier 095 with a WDA of 3.07 lb.

Treasure Bull Test bulls sell April 9 at the Western Livestock Auction, Great Falls, Mont. For additional information contact Russ and Barb Pepper, PO Box 217, Simms, MT 59477; phone: (406) 264-5694; fax: (406) 264-5978; [brtangus@3rivers.net](mailto:brtangus@3rivers.net); or at the web site [www.treasurebulltest.com](http://www.treasurebulltest.com).

**7th Annual Bull Growers Project Bull Test under way**

The 7th Annual Kansas Angus Association (KAA) Bull Growers Project is under way. A group of 52 registered Angus bulls selected for performance and genetics have been on test since November at the Reno Farm in Cheney, Kan. The average starting weight for the bulls was 760 lb., and average ending weight is expected to

be 1,250 lb. Forty of the top-performing bulls will be selected to sell in the Top Cut Bull Sale at 6 p.m., March 29, at the Farmers and Ranchers Commission Co. in Salina, Kan.

The bulls were born between Jan. 1 and March 15, 2006. The bulls are weighed throughout the 120-day feeding period and ranked according to a formula based on weaning ratio, yearling ratio, ADG and WDA. All sale bulls will be sold with complete ultrasound carcass data and breeding soundness examinations. The purpose of the project is to provide a venue for Angus operations of all sizes and from all areas of the state to make improvements in their own herds by seeing how their bulls compare to others in the state. In addition, the program provides top-quality performance-tested bulls for prospective commercial and registered producers.

For more information or to receive a sale book, contact the KAA at (620) 872-3915 or [kansasangus@wbsnet.org](mailto:kansasangus@wbsnet.org). The Top Cut sale book will be available online in early March at [www.kansasangus.org](http://www.kansasangus.org).

