



# Performance Report

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## 2008 Edisto Forage Bull Test Blackville, S.C.

### 28-day report (Dec. 11, 2007)

Test weights for the 81 bulls during the first 28 days on test were variable as usual, reported Larry Olson, Extension animal scientist, Clemson University. Health of the bulls has been very good, he adds.

**High-ADG Angus (tie)**—Lot 19; owner: Hurricane Creek Angus, Jesse Adkins, Pelzer; sire: Lemmon Newsline C804; ADG: 3.96 lb.; ADG ratio: 169; WDA: 2.65 lb.; WDA ratio: 90; wt.: 828 lb.

**High-ADG Angus (tie)**—Lot 40; owner: Clemson Beef Cattle Farm, Clemson; sire: Bon-View New Design 878; ADG: 3.96 lb.; ADG ratio: 169; WDA: 2.58 lb.; WDA ratio: 88; wt.: 886 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 26; owner: Black Crest Farms, William McLeod, Sumter; sire: Bon-View New Design 208; ADG: 2.11 lb.; ADG ratio: 90; WDA: 3.30 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,040 lb.

**Angus averages (61 head)**—ADG: 2.35 lb.; WDA: 2.93 lb.; wt.: 908 lb.

**Overall averages (81 head)**—ADG: 2.34 lb.; WDA: 2.92 lb.; wt.: 904 lb.

The bulls were scheduled to be reweighed Jan. 8 for their 56-day weight. Qualifying bulls will sell in the 2008 Edisto Forage Bull Test Sale Oct. 11.

For more information contact Olson at [lolson@clemson.edu](mailto:lolson@clemson.edu) or visit the test web site at [www.clemson.edu/edisto/edisto.html](http://www.clemson.edu/edisto/edisto.html).

## 2008 Clemson Bull Test Simpson Experiment Station, Pendleton, S.C.

### 84-day report (Dec. 4, 2007)

This test features 77 bulls, including Angus, Red Angus, Gelbvieh, Balancer and SimAngus. There is a senior Angus division and a junior Angus division.

**High-ADG Senior Angus**—Lot 26; owner: Shuffler Farm, Eugene Shuffler, Hamptonville, N.C.; sire: WAR Alliance 9126 6006; ADG: 5.74 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 3.38 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 1,480 lb.

**High-WDA Senior Angus**—Lot 24; owner: Black Crest Farms, William McLeod, Sumter, S.C.; sire: Rito 2V1 of 2536 1407; ADG: 5.32 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 3.89 lb.; WDA ratio: 123; wt.: 1,575 lb.

**High-ADG Junior Angus**—Lot 39; owner: Paul Boyd Angus, Neil Boyd, Clover, S.C.; sire: Mytty In Focus; ADG: 5.48 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 3.30 lb.; WDA ratio: 99; wt.: 1,315 lb.

**High-WDA Junior Angus**—Lot 29; owner:

Stillwater Cattle Co., Seneca, S.C.; sire: Rito 112 of 2536 Rito 616; ADG: 4.68 lb.; ADG ratio: 109; WDA: 3.76 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,375 lb.

**Senior Angus averages (26 head)**—ADG: 4.43 lb.; WDA: 3.17 lb.; wt.: 1,374 lb.

**Junior Angus averages (27 head)**—ADG: 4.28 lb.; WDA: 3.33 lb.; wt.: 1,244 lb.

**Overall averages (77 head)**—ADG: 4.41 lb.; WDA: 3.28 lb.; wt.: 1,322 lb.

The 114-day final weights are scheduled to be taken Jan. 2-3. Qualifying bulls will be eligible to sell in the 2008 Clemson Bull Test & Heifer Sale Feb. 2. For more information contact Larry Olson at [lolson@clemson.edu](mailto:lolson@clemson.edu) or visit the test web site at [www.clemson.edu/edisto/cubt/cubt.htm](http://www.clemson.edu/edisto/cubt/cubt.htm).

## North Carolina BCIP Bull Test Butner

### 112-day report (Dec. 4, 2007)

Bulls on the North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement Program (BCIP) Bull Test went on test Aug. 14 at the Butner test station and Aug. 7 at the Waynesville station.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 35; owner: Marvin Rooker, Smith Creek Angus Farm, Norlina; sire: SAF Strategy; ADG: 4.40 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 3.34 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 1,448 lb.; frame: 6.2

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 15; owner: Timothy Glasscock, Little Buffalo Creek Farm, Buffalo Junction, Va.; sire: GAR Retail Product; ADG: 4.04 lb.; ADG ratio: 110; WDA: 3.46 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,353 lb.; frame: 6.4

**Angus averages (52 head)**—ADG: 3.67 lb.; WDA: 3.11 lb.; wt.: 1,275 lb.

**Overall averages (58 head)**—ADG: 3.67 lb.; WDA: 3.12 lb.; wt.: 1,283 lb.

For more information contact Gary Gregory, bull test supervisor, at 919-515-4027 or [gary\\_gregory@ncsu.edu](mailto: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 report (Nov. 27, 2007)

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 32; owner: Eugene Shuffler, Shuffler Farm, Hamptonville; sire: Millcreek Diversity; ADG: 5.19 lb.; ADG ratio: 135; WDA: 3.14 lb.; WDA ratio: 99; wt.: 1,468 lb.; frame: 5.4

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 15; owner: Mike Connatser, J&M Windy Acres, Maryville, Tenn.; sire: GAR Yield Grade; ADG: 4.51 lb.; ADG ratio: 117; WDA: 3.66 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,325 lb.; frame: 6.8

**Angus averages (43 head)**—ADG: 3.86 lb.; WDA: 3.16 lb.; wt.: 1,318 lb.

**Overall averages (48 head)**—ADG: 3.81 lb.; WDA: 3.16 lb.; wt.: 1,317 lb.

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

## 50th Tifton Bull Evaluation Program Tifton, Ga.

### 28-day report (Nov. 20, 2007)

The 50th Tifton Bull Evaluation Program began Oct. 1-2, with the delivery of 145 bulls.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 236; owner: Turkey Creek Farms, Douglas Bailey, Dudley, Ga.; sire: GAR Grid Maker; ADG: 8.21 lb.; ADG ratio: 148; WDA: 3.69 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,242 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 167; owner: Gillis Angus Farm, Windell Gillis, Eastman; sire: SAV 5175 Bando 0699; ADG: 7.36 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.98 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,354 lb.

**Angus averages (89 head)**—ADG: 5.57 lb.; WDA: 3.33 lb.; wt.: 1,056 lb.

**Overall averages (145 head)**—ADG: 5.49 lb.; WDA: 3.32 lb.; wt.: 1,044 lb.

The bulls were scheduled to be weighed again Dec. 18. The Tifton Bull Evaluation Sale is scheduled for March 5.

The Bull Evaluation Center is open for visitors between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you wish to visit on weekends, call Mike Keeler at 229-831-5416. For more information contact Johnny Rossi, Extension animal scientist, at 229-386-3870 or [jrossi@uga.edu](mailto:jrossi@uga.edu), or visit the test web site at [www.tifton.uga.edu/pc-web](http://www.tifton.uga.edu/pc-web).

## Calhoun Bull Evaluation Program Calhoun Bull Evaluation Center, Calhoun, Ga. 112-day final report (Nov. 13, 2007)

The 2007 Calhoun Bull Evaluation Program began July 2-3 with the delivery of 101 bulls. The bulls went on test July 24. Sixty-eight Angus bulls, representing 22 herds, are on test.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 98; owner: Whitner and Lewis, Dahlonga, Ga.; sire: GAR Grid Maker; ADG: 5.47 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 3.82 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,363 lb.; SC: 37.5 cm

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 34; owner: Lemmon Cattle Enterprises, Woodbury, Ga.; sire: Schurrtp MC 2500; ADG: 4.35 lb.; ADG ratio: 103; WDA: 3.89 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,608 lb.; SC: 40.0 cm

**Angus averages (68 head)**—ADG: 4.23 lb.; WDA: 3.43 lb.; wt.: 1,333 lb.

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**Overall averages (98 head)**—ADG: 4.14 lb.; WDA: 3.41 lb.; wt.: 1,312 lb.

Qualifying bulls were scheduled to sell Dec. 7. Visitors are invited to the station at any time. For more information contact Timothy Wilson, Extension animal scientist, at 706-624-1403 or [twwilson@uga.edu](mailto:twwilson@uga.edu) or visit the test web site at [www.tifton.uga.edu/pc-web](http://www.tifton.uga.edu/pc-web).

### ▶ 99th LSU Beef Bull Evaluation Dean Lee Research Station, Alexandria 28-day report (Nov. 21, 2007)

Twenty-four Angus bulls were among the 36 weighed on test for Louisiana State University's (LSU's) 99th Beef Bull Evaluation Test Oct. 24. The cattle are being group-fed in six pens. Weights will be taken

at 28-day intervals for the duration of the 112-day test.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 10; owner: Darnall Place Farm, Carroll Boudreaux, Loreauville, La.; sire: SAV 8180 Traveler 004; ADG: 6.36 lb.; wt.: 892 lb.

**Angus averages (24 head)**—ADG: 4.57 lb.; wt.: 817 lb.

**Overall averages (36 head)**—ADG: 4.65 lb.; wt.: 842 lb.

There will not be a sale at the conclusion of this test because of the low number of bulls on test. For more information contact Danny Coombs, professor, at 318-473-6528 or [dcoombs@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:dcoombs@agcenter.lsu.edu). Information is also available on the web site at [www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our\\_offices/](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our_offices/)

[research\\_stations/Deanlee/Features/bull\\_test\\_station](http://research_stations/Deanlee/Features/bull_test_station).

### ▶ Pennsylvania Bull Test Samuel E. Hayes Jr. Livestock Evaluation Center, Pennsylvania Furnace 28-day report (Nov. 27, 2007)

Producers from five states consigned 160 bulls representing seven breeds to the 112-day Pennsylvania Bull Test.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 7019; owner: Oren Smith, Avella; sire: BR Ambush; ADG: 7.36 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.63 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,090 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 7030; owner: Penn State University, University Park; sire: PS Lead On 320 504; ADG: 5.11 lb.; ADG ratio: 91;

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WDA: 4.03 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 984 lb.

**Angus averages (91 head)**—ADG: 5.59 lb.; WDA: 3.32 lb.; wt.: 926 lb.

Data collected during the test will be used to rank bulls for the 35th Annual Pennsylvania Performance Tested Bull Sale, scheduled for Friday, March 28 at the Livestock Evaluation Center. The sale is in conjunction with the 2008 Pennsylvania Beef Expo.

The bulls are available for inspection at any time. For more information contact Glenn Eberly at 814-238-2527 or geberly@state.pa.us, or visit the Livestock Evaluation Center web site at [www.agriculture.state.pa.us/lec](http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us/lec).

### Alabama BCIA North Alabama Bull Evaluation Center

**Donaldson Farm, Cullman, AL**  
**84-day final report (Oct. 30, 2007)**

Thirty-eight Angus bulls were among the 59 bulls weighed on test at the 35th Annual Alabama Beef Cattle Improvement Association (AL BCIA) North Alabama Bull Evaluation Center. Bulls evaluated were born between Aug. 15-Oct. 31, 2006, and the Angus, Hereford, Simmental and Simmental-composite breeds were represented. Final ratios are calculated by equal weighting of average daily gain (ADG), weight per day of age (WDA) and expected progeny difference (EPD) percentile ratio.

**High-indexing Angus**—Lot 8; owner: Plantation Farms, Randy Crowell, Elrod; sire: SAV 8180 Traveler 004; ADG: 4.85 lb.; ADG ratio: 136; WDA: 3.42 lb.; WDA ratio: 108; wt.: 1,500 lb.; test index: 122; frame score: 6.1

**Angus averages (38 head)**—ADG: 3.56 lb.; WDA: 3.16 lb.; wt.: 1,275 lb.

**Overall averages (59 head)**—ADG: 3.71 lb.; WDA: 3.26 lb.; wt.: 1,320 lb.

Qualifying bulls were to be sold Dec. 8, 2007, along with the North Alabama BCIA Heifer Sale in Cullman. For more information contact Gerry Thompson, regional Extension educator at 256-353-8702 or thomppl@auburn.edu, or Michelle Elmore, Extension animal scientist/beef cattle improvement at 205-646-0115 or elmormf@auburn.edu. You may also visit the test center's web site at [www.albcia.org/nalbulltest.html](http://www.albcia.org/nalbulltest.html).

### Wyoming BCIA Test

Eighty-seven Angus bulls were among the bulls weighed on test for the Wyoming BCIA (WBCIA) bull test Nov. 1, 2007. The 120-day test is scheduled to conclude March 1. The top 70% of the bulls will sell April 5 at the test station, which is located 8 miles west of Shoshoni, Wyo.

For more information contact Robert Pingetzer at 307-856-4401 or rpping@wyoming.com; or visit [www.wbcia.org](http://www.wbcia.org) for more information.

### OPSU Bull Test

Through the first 28 days of the 56th Annual Beef Bull Performance Test at Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU), 86 bulls have an overall average ADG of 3.92 lb. and an average WDA of 3.05 lb.

Upon completion of the 112-day test the top end of the bulls will be consigned to the 56th Annual OPSU Performance Tested Bull Sale, which is set for Feb. 25 at 1 p.m. in the England Activity Building at the University Farm, Goodwell, Okla.

For more information contact Gwen Martin, Animal Science Department, at 580-349-1500.

### WBIA Bull Test

The Wisconsin Beef Improvement Association (WBIA) Central Test at Platteville,

Wis., weighed 135 bulls on test Dec. 3-4. There were 93 Angus, 22 Simmental, 14 Red Angus, four Simmental-Angus composites and two Polled Herefords.

Interim weights will be collected Jan. 8 and Feb. 4, and final weights will be taken March 12-13. Qualifying bulls are scheduled to sell April 5.

For more information contact John Freitag, WBIA executive director, at 608-527-5747, 608-575-5000 or [wbia@tds.net](mailto:wbia@tds.net). Test information is also available online at [www.wisconsinbeef.com](http://www.wisconsinbeef.com).

### SIUC Bull Test

The 33rd Annual Performance Tested Bull Test at Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC) is under way. Fifty-two bulls representing breeders in three states were weighed on test Nov. 15, 2007. The bulls were scheduled to be re-weighed Dec. 13.

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 [ratkins@siu.edu](mailto:ratkins@siu.edu). Information is also available on the test web site at [www.siu.edu/~animal/bulltest](http://www.siu.edu/~animal/bulltest).

### WSU/WCA Test

Nearly 180 bulls from throughout the state were gathered at the Washington State University (WSU) Irrigated Agriculture Research and Extension Center (IAREC) for the annual bull test sponsored by WSU and the Washington Cattlemen's Association (WCA).

The all-breed test features a high-forage diet designed to permit bulls to express their genetic potential while ensuring they will be sound and ready to go to work for their buyers after the March 26 sale. A team of WSU and industry experts evaluate the animals for breeding soundness and performance.

SHOWRING



# Show Schedule

► Information about **ANGUS** shows

### JANUARY NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW\*\*

Location: Denver, Colo.  
Date: Jan. 15-18  
Time: 8 a.m.  
Entry Deadline: Nov. 20  
Judge: Doug Satree

### NWSS CARLOAD & PEN SHOW

Location: Denver, Colo.  
Date: Jan. 19  
Time: 9 a.m.  
Entry Deadline: Nov. 20  
Judges: Brian Barragree, Rance Long and Matt Perrier

### SOUTHWEST EXPOSITION & LIVESTOCK SHOW\*

Location: Fort Worth, Texas  
Date: Jan. 26  
Time: 10 a.m.  
Entry Deadline: Dec. 1  
Judge: Jack Ward

### FEBRUARY FLORIDA STATE FAIR

Location: Tampa, Fla.  
Date: Feb. 7  
Time: 10 a.m.  
Entry Deadline: Dec. 9  
Judge: Jacob Tipp

### DIXIE NATIONAL\*

Location: Jackson, Miss.  
Date: Feb. 10  
Time: 7:30 a.m.  
Entry Deadline: Jan. 9  
Judge: Chris Sankey

### APRIL WESTERN NATIONAL ANGUS FUTURITY

Location: Reno, Nev.  
Date: April 27  
Time: 9 a.m.  
Entry Deadline: March 15  
Judge: Ernie Wallace

### MAY ATLANTIC NATIONAL

Location: Timonium, Md.  
Date: May 25  
Time: 8 a.m.  
Entry Deadline: April 15  
Judge: Doug Parrett

\*Denotes ROV shows  
\*\*Denotes Super ROV shows



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WCA members and county cattlemen's associations raised enough money to purchase a Gallagher electronic scale. Gallagher donated the electronic ear tags and matching visual tags for the bulls. A Powder River chute was donated by Powder River of Utah and Big R Stores of Spokane and Moses Lake.

"The generosity of the donors and the WCA is what has made this partnership so effective," said Robert Stevens, IAREC interim director and interim test manager for the project. For more information about the test, contact Stevens at 509-786-9231 or [stevensr@wsu.edu](mailto:stevensr@wsu.edu) or Kathy Barnard at 509-335-2806, 509-432-3317 or [kbarnard@wsu.edu](mailto:kbarnard@wsu.edu).

### ▣ UBIA Bull Test

The Utah Beef Improvement Association (UBIA) Bull Test weighed on test 95 junior-division Angus bulls and nine senior-division Angus bulls from 20 intermountain Angus ranches Oct. 22, 2007. Average weights for junior- and senior-division bulls as they were weighed on test were 795 lb. and 1,076 lb., respectively.

This fall has been a good feeding season with very little illness and good gains seen throughout the test, reports Kim Chapman, Utah State University Extension area animal scientist. Mid-test 56-day weights were to be collected Dec. 17.

For more information contact Chapman at 435-893-0474 or [kimc@ext.usu.edu](mailto:kimc@ext.usu.edu) or Dale Kenison at 435-250-0090, or visit the test web site [www.ubiabulls.com](http://www.ubiabulls.com).

### ▣ Midland Bull Test

The Midland Bull Test reports 700 Angus bulls on test at the Columbus, Mont., facility. New to the test this year is 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. Texas A&M University

will compile data and calculate both efficiency measures. The Montana State University Extension service has helped with the electronic identification (EID) tags and technology to gather the individual animal weights.

Sixty-day weights will be collected Jan. 2. Qualifying bulls are scheduled to sell April 4.

For more information contact Leo or Sam McDonnell at 406-322-5597, 406-322-4447 or [bulltest@wtp.net](mailto:bulltest@wtp.net); or contact Steve or Lindsay Williams at 406-322-9044. A new web site is near completion and will be available at [www.midlandbulltest.com](http://www.midlandbulltest.com).

### ▣ Florida Bull Test

The Florida Bull Test is under way with 45 bulls on feed at the University of Florida's North Florida Research and Education Center near Marianna, Fla., reports Doug Mayo, test coordinator. Fourteen consignors from Florida, Alabama, Georgia and North Carolina consigned bulls to the test. There are 26 Angus bulls, six Simmental, four Hereford, three Limousin, two Santa Gertrudis, two Red Angus and two Parthenais currently on test. These bulls were all born August-December 2006.

The bulls were delivered in September and have been on full feed for comparison since Sept. 25. The 84-day test will conclude Dec. 20.

In previous years, the Florida Bull Test had been a 112-day full-feed test, but due to rising feed prices, the test was shortened to keep consignment costs from rising. Through the first 56 days of the test, the entire group of bulls averaged 4.14 lb. ADG, with an average WDA of 3.25 lb. Twelve bulls were gaining more than 5 lb. per day.

The test sale is scheduled for Jan. 19. For more information visit the web page at <http://flbulltest.ifas.ufl.edu>, call 850-482-9904 or e-mail [demayo@ufl.edu](mailto:demayo@ufl.edu). Sale books will be available by request.



## The CUP Lab introduces new ultrasound interpretation system

The National Centralized Ultrasound Processing (CUP) Lab & Technology Center recently introduced computer software providing chute-side image interpretation of beef cattle in addition to image capture technology.

The Ultrasound Image Capture System (UICS) estimates USDA Yield and Quality Grade as animals are scanned, allowing feedlot operators to make sorting or marketing decisions before an animal leaves the chute. Commercial cattlemen can also use the software to adjust replacement heifers to a common age to make breeding or culling decisions.

For certified scanning technicians, UICS is the first paperless system on the market, using electronic chute order forms and barnsheets. This feature eliminates the need for postal mail or a fax machine by allowing technicians, feedlot operators or breeders to upload images and paperwork via the Internet.

The program is available to anyone wishing to utilize ultrasound as a selection or marketing tool, but it requires an approved carcass ultrasound machine and a comprehensive training course. For more information on carcass ultrasound technology, training or the UICS program, contact The National CUP Lab at 515-232-9442 or [cuplab@cuplab.com](mailto:cuplab@cuplab.com).