



Performance Report

► Bull test reports and other performance-related items. Compiled by **Linda Robbins**.

▣ 61st Annual OPSU Bull Performance Test Goodwell, Okla.

28-day report (Nov. 3)

The bulls consigned to the 61st annual Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU) Bull Performance test were weighed on test Oct. 6. This year's test includes bulls consigned by 18 breeders.

The test is a 112-day test, during which average daily gain (ADG), feed intake and efficiency on a pen basis, and weight per day of age (WDA) will be collected on the bulls. Other data collected will be frame score, scrotal circumference, semen quality, fat thickness, ribeye area and marbling score.

OPSU students working on the test include Craig Bohl, Ulysses, Kan.; Gideon Busieni, Kenya; Heather Crow, Lahoma, Okla.; Chris Malone, Ulysses, Kan.; and Roger Unwin, Pritchett, Colo.

High-ADG junior Angus pen—four bulls; owner: Phil Light, Turpin, Okla.; sire: Connealy Final Product; ADG: 4.87 lb.

High-ADG junior Angus—owner: Phil Light; sire: Connealy Final Product; ADG: 6.82 lb.

High-ADG senior Angus pen (tie)—owner: B&M Angus, Edmond, Okla.; ADG: 5.10 lb.

High-ADG senior Angus pen (tie)—owner: Howard McCall, Albuquerque, N.M.; ADG: 5.10 lb.

Overall averages—ADG: 4.32 lb.

56-day report (Nov. 3)

High-ADG junior Angus pen—four bulls; owner: Phil Light, Turpin, Okla.; sire: Connealy Final Product; ADG: 5.09 lb.

High-ADG junior Angus—owner: Phil Light; sire: GAR Progress; ADG: 6.38 lb.

High-ADG senior Angus pen—four bulls; owner: Wink Farms, Panhandle, Texas; sires: WAR Alliance 9126 6006 and Bon-View New Design 1407; ADG: 5.75 lb.

High-ADG senior Angus—owner: Howard McCall, Albuquerque, N.M.; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 6.43 lb.

Overall averages—ADG: 4.71 lb.

The 84-day interim weigh date was scheduled for Dec. 29, 2012. The test ends

Jan. 26, 2013, and the top 70 bulls will sell Feb. 18. Those interested in following the performance of the bulls during the test can contact Gwen Martin at 580-349-1500 or at gwen@opsu.edu.

▣ Calhoun Bull Test Calhoun, Ga.

112-day final report (Nov. 13)

The 43rd Calhoun Bull Evaluation Program began July 2-3 with the delivery of 162 bulls born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2011. The bulls were weighed on test July 23-24.

The feed ration is the same as last year. The bulls have free access to Bermuda-grass hay.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 53; owner: Richburg Cattle, Mahlon Richburg, Auburn, Ala.; sire: SAV Bismarck 5682; ADG: 5.04 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.58 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 1,560 lb.; SC: 36.0 cm

High-WDA Angus—Lot 48; owner: Emilan Angus Farm, Lanny Benson, LaFayette, Ga.; sire: SAV Mandan 5664; ADG: 4.23 lb.; ADG ratio: 106; WDA: 4.01 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,410 lb.; SC: 37.0 cm

Angus averages (90 head)—ADG: 4.00 lb.; WDA: 3.34 lb.; wt.: 1,327 lb.

Overall averages (161 head)—ADG: 3.98 lb.; WDA: 3.34 lb.; wt.: 1,333 lb.

Due to the death of Ted Dyer, Ronnie Silcox will be working with the Bull Test program and Lawton Stewart will be working with the upcoming Calhoun Herd Program. Silcox and Stewart are located in Athens, Ga. Phil Worley, Travis Turnquist and Karen Rapp are the contacts in Calhoun. The sale was Dec. 7.

For more information contact Silcox at 706-542-9102 or at rsilcox@uga.edu; Worley at PO Box 640, Calhoun, GA 30703; phone: 706-624-1403 or 706-624-1398; pworley@uga.edu; fax: 706-624-1400; or Rapp at 706-624-1398 or krapp@uga.edu.

Information is available on the test website, www.caes.uga.edu/commodities/animals/beef/stations/index.html.

▣ IBEP Winter Test Feldun-Purdue Ag Center, Bedford, Ind. On-test report (Nov. 20)

A total of 182 bulls and 22 get-of-sire groups were delivered Oct. 30 for the 2012 Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) Winter Test. Bulls were consigned by 61 cooperators from Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin. Angus, Hereford, Red Angus, SimAngus, Simmental and ChiMaine are the six breeds represented. Average on-test weight was 878 lb.

Interim weigh dates were scheduled for Dec. 18, 2012, Jan. 22 and Feb. 19, 2013. The bulls will be weighed off test March 25 and March 28. There are 126 Angus bulls in the test. They averaged 875 lb.

Bulls will sell April 18 in the 70th IBEP Bull Sale and Springville Feeder Auction Association Bred Heifer Sale.

For more information contact Richard Hüntrods, station manager, at 812-279-8554 (station), fax: 812-279-4390 or huntrods@purdue.edu; Terry Stewart, secretary-treasurer at 765-494-0138 (office), fax: 765-494-9436 or tstewart@purdue.edu; Donna Lofgren, performance records and website at 765-494-6439, fax: 765-494-9436 or dlofgren@purdue.edu. Information is also available on the test website at www.ansc.purdue.edu/ibep.

▣ Tifton Bull Evaluation Program Tifton Bull Evaluation Center, Tifton, Ga. 28-day report (Nov. 20)

The 55th Tifton Bull Evaluation Program began Oct. 1-2 with the delivery of 170 bulls representing 11 different breeds. On-test weights were taken Oct. 22-23. Weather conditions have been steady, and the health of the bulls has been good, says Ronnie Silcox, extension animal scientist.

The 112-day test features bulls born Dec. 1, 2011-Feb. 29, 2012. All bulls tested negative for persistent infection with bovine viral diarrhea (PI-BVD). Interim weights will be collected Dec. 18 and Jan. 15, 2013, and final weights are scheduled for collection Feb. 11-12. There are 100 Angus bulls on test.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 133; owner: Circle R Cattle Co., Larry & Virginia Rigsby, Chickamauga, Ga.; sire: SAV Final Answer 0035; ADG: 6.50 lb.; ADG ratio: 136; WDA: 3.32 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; wt.: 1,150 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 85; owner: Bamboo Road Farms, Marshallville, Ga.; sire: SAV Net Worth 4200; ADG: 5.61 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; WDA: 3.90 lb.; WDA ratio: 123; wt.: 1,290 lb.

To access a state-by-state listing of current central

bull tests, visit our virtual library online at

www.api-virtuallibrary.com/CentralBullTests.htm. The

listing includes contact information, links to test websites,

current test schedules and dates of upcoming tests.

Angus averages (100 head)—ADG: 4.77 lb.; WDA: 3.17 lb.; wt.: 1,007 lb.

Overall averages (170 head)—ADG: 4.84 lb.; WDA: 3.22 lb.; wt.: 1,017 lb.

Qualifying bulls may sell in the test sale March 6.

Visitors are welcome at the station 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. If weekend visits are desired, please call Mike Keeler at 229-831-5416. Bull and heifer reports can be accessed through the test website at www.caes.uga.edu/commodities/animals/beef/index.html.

▣ **Tifton Heifer Evaluation and Reproductive Development (HERD) Test**
Irwinville, Ga.

The heifers on the 2012-2013 Tifton Test at Irwinville, Ga., were worked Nov. 14, 2012. Report 2 for the heifers is available at www.caes.uga.edu/commodities/animals/beef/herd/index.html. Scroll down to Tifton HERD program. Click on Letter for Report 2 (pdf). Click on Report 2 (pdf).

The Tifton HERD Sale is scheduled for April 23, 2013.

▣ **WCA All Breed Bull Test**
Eltopia, Wash.

On-test report (Nov. 3-4)

The 20th annual Washington Cattlemen's Association (WCA) All-Breed Bull Test began Nov. 3-4 with the initial weigh-in of 161 bulls consisting of 99 Angus, 10 Polled Hereford, 22 Horned Hereford, 11 Red Angus, six SimAngus, six ChiAngus and seven Simmental consigned by 54 breeders. The bulls will be fed under the supervision of Bob and Nina Lundgren at their Bonina Feed Facility at Eltopia.

The 120-day test will end March 1-2, 2013. At that time breeding soundness exams, semen tests and ultrasound data will be compiled prior to the sale, scheduled for March 27. Genetic profile enhancement through DNA samples will be used again this year on many of the bulls selling.

The bulls can be viewed at any time at the Bonina facility. Interim reports and sale information are available by contacting the WCA office at 509-925-9871 or wacattle@kvalley.com; on the WCA website at www.washingtoncattlemen.org; or via sale manager Kendall Cattle Sales at 208-858-2163 or kendall@potlatch.com.

▣ **Virginia BCIA Culpeper Senior Test**
Glenmary Farm, Rapidan, Va.
Bull sale report (Nov. 1)

The 55th Culpeper Senior Test conducted by the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement

Association (BCIA) began with the delivery of bulls June 26. The bulls were weighed on test July 10. The test was conducted at Glenmary Farm, Rapidan, Va., and was for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2011. There were 79 Angus among the bulls on test; 73 completed the test and will be offered for sale.

High-ADG (tie) and high-sale-index (tie)

Angus—Lot 16; owner: Quaker Hill Farms, Charles Rosson, Louisa, Va.; sire: Quaker Hill Straw Boss 7A1; ADG: 4.21 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; wt.: 1,220 lb.; station index: 113; test index: 102

High-ADG (tie) Angus—Lot 19; owner: Quaker Hill Farms; sire: Quaker Hill Straw Boss 7A1; ADG: 4.21 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; wt.: 1,185 lb.; station index: 111; test index: 92

High-test-index (tie) Angus and high-sale-index (tie) Angus—Lot 64; owner: Edgewood Angus, Pete & Peter Henderson, Williamsburg, Va.; sire: Rito 2x15 of Rita 8Z22 EXP; ADG: 3.64 lb.; ADG ratio: 106; wt.: 1,350 lb.; station index: 116; test index: 102

High-test-index (tie) Angus—Lot 49; owner: Lucas Farm, Joe & Tammy Lucas, Blacksburg, Va.; sire: HARB Pendleton 765 JH; ADG: 4.17 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; wt.: 1,330 lb.; station index: 116; test index: 100

Angus averages (73 head)—ADG: 3.43 lb.; wt.: 1,182 lb.

Overall averages (86 head)—ADG: 3.42 lb.; wt.: 1,180 lb.

The sale was scheduled for Dec. 8.

For more information contact Scott Greiner, extension beef specialist, at 540-231-9159, fax: 540-231-3010 or sgreiner@vt.edu; or Tom and Kim Nixon, owner/manager of Glenmary Farm, at 540-672-7396, fax: 540-672-3579 or glenmaryfarm@vabb.com. Information is available on the test website at <http://bcia.apsc.vt.edu>.

▣ **UBIA Bull Test**
Kenison Feedlot, Levan, Utah
On-test report (Oct. 22)

The Utah Beef Improvement Association (UBIA) received 188 junior and 28 senior bulls to be tested Oct. 8, 2012, at Kenison Farm and Feedlot, Levan. There are 116 junior Angus and 18 senior Angus in the test. Bulls were weighed on test Oct. 22. Bulls entered in the senior test were born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2011. Bulls entered in the junior test were born Jan. 1-March 15, 2012.

Bulls will be fed by breed. Breeds that do not have adequate numbers to fill a pen (typically 50 head) will be commingled with other breeds and fed together. There will be two divisions within the junior Angus breed test. Those divisions will be the traditional

growth division and a low-birth-weight (LBW) division.

Interim weights were scheduled to be taken Dec. 17 and Jan. 14, 2013. Bulls will be weighed off test Feb. 11 and 13. The test sale will be March 16.

For more information contact Kim Chapman, Utah State University Extension area animal scientist, at 435-892-0474 or kimc@ext.usu.edu; or Dale Kenison at 435-250-0090; or visit the test website, www.ubiabulls.com.

▣ **North Florida Research & Education Center (NFREC) Bull Test**
Marianna, Fla.

56-day report (Oct. 16-17)

Bulls nominated for the annual North Florida Research and Education Center (NFREC) Bull Test in Marianna, Fla., were accepted for delivery July 31 with initial weights taken Aug. 21 and 22. The test is for bulls born Aug. 15-Dec. 31, 2011. Purebred animals must be registered and composites must be out of registered parents.

All Angus and Angus derivatives must be tested for AM status, or must be accompanied by a letter from the breed association to indicate they are not a carrier.

High-ADG, high-WDA and high-indexing Angus—Lot 1072; owner: Pintlata Cattle Co., Hope Hull, Ala.; sire: BCC Traveler 589 114-7535; ADG: 4.58 lb.; WDA: 3.22 lb.; wt.: 1,123 lb.; test index: 127

Best feed-efficiency Angus—Lot 1026; owner: Jason Jerkins, Bristol, Fla.; sire: SAV Bismarck 5682; ADG: 3.30 lb.; WDA: 2.51 lb.; F:G: 4.38; RFI, lb./day: -3.80; wt.: 843 lb.; test index: 94

Overall averages (93 head)—ADG: 3.27 lb.; WDA: 2.89 lb.; wt.: 1,060 lb.

84-day report (Nov. 14)

High-ADG, high-WDA and high-indexing Angus—Lot 1072; owner: Pintlata Cattle Co.; sire: BCC Traveler 589 114-7535; ADG: 4.81 lb.; WDA: 3.36 lb.; wt.: 1,270 lb.; test index: 119

Overall averages (93 head)—ADG: 3.84 lb.; WDA: 3.03 lb.; wt.: 1,199 lb.

Weights were to be taken at 28-day intervals for the 112-day test.

Final weights were scheduled for Dec. 11 and 12. The test sale will be Jan. 19, 2013.

For more information contact Cliff Lamb, bull test coordinator, University of Florida-NFREC, 3925 Hwy. 71, Marianna, FL 32446; phone: 850-394-9124, ext. 106, or visit the test website at http://nfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/fl_bull_test/index.shtml.

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University of Tennessee Junior Bull Test Middle Tennessee Research & Education Center, Spring Hill, Tenn.

On-test report (Nov. 6)

Fifty-seven Angus bulls were weighed on test Nov. 6, 2012, for the University of Tennessee Junior Bull Test. The test is for bulls born Dec. 16, 2011-March 15, 2012. Interim weights were to be taken Dec. 4, 2012, and Jan. 2, 2013. Off-test weights are scheduled for Jan. 28-29.

The sale for the junior bulls will be March 7.

For more information contact David Kirkpatrick, professor of animal science, University of Tennessee, at 865-974-7294, fax: 865-974-0429 or fkirkpat@utk.edu; or Kevin Thompson, station manager, at 931-486-2129 or fax: 931-486-0142. Test information is also available at <http://animalscience.ag.utk.edu/Beef?bullTestingProgram.html>.

University of Tennessee Senior Bull Test Middle Tennessee Research & Education Center, Spring Hill, Tenn.

56-day report (Oct. 30)

Ninety-eight Angus were among the 102 bulls weighed on test Sept. 3-4 for the University of Tennessee Senior Bull Test. Final 84-day weights were to be collected as an average of weights Nov. 26-27. The sale for the senior bulls is scheduled for Jan. 24, 2013.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 77; owner: Rainbow Angus, Piney Flats; sire: SAV Providence 6922; ADG: 6.41 lb.; ADG ratio: 145; WDA: 3.48 lb.; wt.: 1,300 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 11; owner: Chimney Top Angus, Johnson City; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 5.41 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA: 3.91 lb.; wt.: 1,505 lb.

Angus averages (92 head)—ADG: 4.43 lb.

Overall averages (94 head)—ADG: 4.42 lb.

For more information contact David Kirkpatrick, professor of animal science, University of Tennessee, at 865-974-7294; fax: 865-974-0429 or fkirkpat@utk.edu; or Kevin Thompson, station manager, at 931-486-2129 or fax: 931-486-0142. Test information is also available at <http://animalscience.ag.utk.edu/Beef?bullTestingProgram.html>.

North Carolina BCIP Bull Test Mountain Research Station, Waynesville, N.C.

86-day report (Nov. 1)

The 112-day Waynesville Beef Cattle Improvement Program (BCIP) Bull Test is for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2011. Bulls were accepted July 25 for an on-test date of Aug. 6-7. Bulls were scheduled to be weighed off test Nov. 25-26. There are 48 bulls overall, 35 of them Angus.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 58; owner: King Angus Farm, Dwight King, Piney Flats, Tenn.; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 4.45 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 3.20 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 1,110 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 53; owner: H&H Farm, Buddy Hamrick, Boiling Springs; sire: Hilltops Design Maker 008; ADG: 3.53 lb.; ADG ratio: 102; WDA: 3.48 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,210 lb.

Angus averages (35 head)—ADG: 3.47 lb.; WDA: 2.99 lb.; wt.: 1,130 lb.

Overall averages (48 head)—ADG: 3.47 lb.; WDA: 2.93 lb.; wt.: 1,121 lb.

The test sale will be Jan. 7, 2012, at the Haywood County Agricultural Office Building, Waynesville. For more information contact Gary Gregory at 919-515-4027, fax: 919-515-6884 or gary_gregory@ncsu.edu; or Danny Hyatt, station manager, at 828-456-3943. Information is available on the test website, www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/animal/bcip/Ahbcip.html.

Butner BCIP Bull Test Bahama, N.C.

112-day final report (Nov. 13)

The Butner BCIP Bull Test hosted by the North Carolina BCIP is a 112-day test for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 15, 2011. Bulls were delivered to the test station July 11 to start the test July 23-24. The test sale was Dec. 21 at the Granville County Livestock Arena, Oxford, N.C.

High-ADG and high-WDA Angus—Lot 16; owner: Smith Creek Angus Farm, Marty Rooker, Warrenton, N.C.; sire: TC Total 410; ADG: 4.87 lb.; ADG ratio: 144; WDA: 3.51 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,478 lb.; frame: 6.3

Angus averages (42 head)—ADG: 3.39 lb.; WDA: 2.92 lb.; wt.: 1,222 lb.

Overall averages (49 head)—ADG: 3.34 lb.; WDA: 2.90 lb.; wt.: 1,214 lb.

For more information contact Gary Gregory at 919-515-4027, fax: 919-515-6884 or gary_gregory@ncsu.edu; or Dean Askew at 919-471-6872. Information is available on the test website, www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/animal/bcip/Ahbcip.html.

MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program Plank Farms, Crystal, Mich.

26-day report (Nov. 21, 2012)

The 25th Michigan Cattlemen's Association/Michigan State University (MCA/MSU) Bull Evaluation at Plank Farms, Crystal, Mich., accepted delivery of 110 bulls Oct. 12-13, 2012, for a 112-day test. The test is for bulls born Sept. 1, 2011-April 30, 2012. Bulls went on test Oct. 25-26, 2012. Interim weights were scheduled for Dec. 14 and Jan. 18. Bulls will be weighed off test Feb. 14-15, 2013.

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 57; owner: KB Farms LLC, Merritt, Mich.; sire: PA Power Tool 9108; ADG: 5.87 lb.; ADG ratio: 142; WDA: 3.31 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; wt.: 1,030 lb.

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 58; owner: KB Farms LLC; sire: SAV Bismarck 5682; ADG: 5.19 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.81 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 980 lb.

High-ADG senior Angus—Lot 5; owner: Apple Hill Angus, John MacMaster, Harrisville, Mich.; sire: B/R New Day 454; ADG: 6.35 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 3.09 lb.; WDA ratio: 95; wt.: 1,215 lb.

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 21; owner: Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich.; sire: Connealy Final Product; ADG: 4.81 lb.; ADG ratio: 92; WDA: 3.64 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,155 lb.

Overall averages—ADG: 4.39 lb.; WDA: 3.19 lb.; wt.: 939 lb.

The sale will be March 16, 2013.

For more information contact Dan Buskirk, extension beef specialist, at 2265 Anthony Hall, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824; 517-432-0400; Brian Plank, manager, 325 Mount Hope Rd., Crystal, MI 48818; phone: 989-235-6253 (office) or 989-506-2061 (cell); or Michigan Cattlemen's Ass'n, 2145 University Park Dr., Ste. 300, Okemos, MI 48864; phone: 517-347-8117. Information is also available on the test website at <http://beef.msu.edu/bulleval>.

WIU Bull Test Macomb, Ill.

28-day report (Nov. 20, 2012)

Western Illinois University (WIU) reports 74 bulls from 32 consignors were weighed Nov. 20 for the first 28-day interim period. Angus bulls on the 112-day test were born Jan. 1-April 15, 2012. Interim weights were scheduled for Dec. 18 and Jan. 15, 2013, with final weights to be taken Feb. 11-12.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 303; owner: Kramer Farms, Farina, Ill.; sire: SAV Brilliance 8077; ADG: 7.25 lb.; wt.: 1,070 lb.

Qualifying bulls will be eligible for sale March 15. For more information contact Ken Nimrick, bull test supervisor, at KO-nimrick@wiu.edu or 309-337-4352; or Samantha Cunningham, assistant professor, WIU, Knoblauch Hall B 12, Macomb, IL 61455; office phone: 309-298-1288. Test information can be found at www.wiu.edu/bulltest.

Pricing of DNA Test Reduced

Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI), a subsidiary of the American Angus Association, announces the availability of Pfizer® HD 50K genomic testing for Angus cattle at a new price point of \$75 per test. The DNA analysis still includes parentage as a no-cost benefit.

"The new price point is available as a result of improved genomic technology, research collaboration and volume usage by Angus breeders," says Bill Bowman, AGI president and Association COO. The new pricing structure is available immediately as a benefit to producers with registered-Angus cattle.

For details go to your AAA Login account at www.angus.org.

▣ **Clemson Bull Test
Pendleton, S.C.**

84-day report (Nov. 27, 2012)

Purebred breeders from three states (15 South Carolina, nine North Carolina and one Georgia) consigned the 65 bulls delivered to the Clemson Beef Cattle Farm near Pendleton, S.C., Aug. 21 for the 112-day 2013 Clemson Bull Test sponsored by Clemson University and the South Carolina Cattlemen's Association.

Matthew Burns, extension animal scientist and bull test coordinator, says the weather has been good and the bulls look really good.

High-ADG and high-WDA junior Angus—Lot 23; owner: Paul Boyd Angus, Clover, S.C.; sire: Mytty In Focus; ADG: 5.13 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; WDA: 3.65 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,375 lb.

High-ADG, high-WDA and high-indexing senior Angus—Lot 43; owner: Shuffler Farm, Gene Shuffler, Union Grove, N.C.; sire: SAV Final Answer 0035; ADG: 5.65 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 3.69 lb.; WDA ratio: 123; wt.: 1,580 lb.; test index: 123; SC: 39.4 cm

Junior Angus averages (10 head)—ADG: 4.34 lb.; WDA: 3.19 lb.; wt.: 1,178 lb.

Senior Angus averages (40 head)—ADG: 4.40 lb.; WDA: 2.99 lb.; wt.: 1,267 lb.

Overall averages (63 head)—ADG: 4.33 lb.; WDA: 3.04 lb.; wt.: 1,246 lb.

The bulls were scheduled to be weighed off test Dec. 27-28, with the test sale Feb. 2, 2013.

For more information contact Matthew Burns at PO Box 995, Pickens, SC 29671; phone: 864-878-1394, ext. 116, or 864-940-2428 (cell); fax: 864-878-6712; or Gary Burns, Clemson University farm manager; phone: 864-617-3402; www.clemson.edu/extension/livestock/livestock/beef/bull_tests/.



NCBA's Cattlemen's College lineup set for Feb. 5-6 in Tampa

Now in its 20th year, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association's (NCBA) Cattlemen's College® has established a reputation as one of the most thorough cattle producer education programs in the nation. Sponsored by Pfizer Animal Health, the 2013 program offers a wide range of informative, one-of-a-kind, hands-on educational workshops designed for cattle operations of every size and sector.

The program will be Feb. 5-6 in Tampa, Fla., headlining the first day of activities at the 2013 Cattle Industry Convention and NCBA Trade Show. Early registration for Cattlemen's College and the convention ends Jan. 11.

Cattlemen's College workshops include an outstanding lineup of industry experts. On Tues., Feb. 5, attendees will be able to participate in classes about reproductive technologies and low-stress cattle-handling principles. Learn how to put reproductive technologies to work in your cow-calf operation to enhance the performance and profitability of your herd, as well as learn about appropriate methods of moving cattle as a herd, penning techniques and pressure points for moving animals.

On Tuesday evening, Cattlemen's College participants will be treated to Florida hospitality and enjoy a ranch horse competition sponsored by the American Quarter Horse Association. These cowboys and horses will show off their skills in reining, working cows and roping as they show the versatility, athleticism and willingness that make the American Quarter Horse the ultimate ranch tool.

Class begins early Wed., Feb. 6, with a keynote address by internationally respected futurist Lowell Catlett, who will educate the audience with his predictions for the long-range outlook for the agricultural industry and factors that influence profitability and sustainability of beef cattle production. Sessions will go from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and include a cattle-market update presented by CattleFax, preserving family relations on the ranch, weather predictions for 2013 and beyond, consumer attitudes toward beef and beef production, how to cope with drought and high feed prices, animal welfare issues, and how to identify risk factors that affect your bottom line.

"During Cattlemen's College producers not only have an opportunity to hear from some of the leading experts in topics that impact their cattle operations every day, but they also have the chance to interact with those experts and ask questions," said NCBA Executive Director of Producer Education John Paterson. "Many of the presenters are legends in the beef industry, and the wide variety of classes offers something for every producer."

Registration for Cattlemen's College includes all classes along with a two-hour lunch program Feb. 6. This schedule allows cattlemen to attend up to five 45-minute workshops. Registration also includes admission to the CattleFax Outlook Seminar Friday, Feb. 9. Topics will include a detailed outlook for cattle and beef inventories and prices, the state of the cattle cycle, analysis of feedgrain supplies and prices, a long-term weather outlook, global trade opportunities, and a discussion of emerging beef industry issues and trends.

Cattlemen's College registration information, as well as a complete schedule for the 2013 Cattle Industry Convention and NCBA Trade Show are available at www.beefusa.org.

