



Performance Report

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SIUC Bull Test

Carbondale, Ill.

56-day report (Dec. 18, 2008)

The 34th Annual Performance Tested Bull Test at Southern Illinois University—Carbondale (SIUC) weighed 41 bulls representing breeders in two states Dec. 18, 2008.

Bulls are fed Purina's Impact Grower mix using intake modifier technology. This diet consists of 12.5% crude protein (CP). Rumensin® and Tylan are added. Corn will be rolled or cracked. The station has the facilities to assess feed-to-gain conversion (F/G) of 72 bulls for a 112-day test period.

High-ADG and best F/G Angus—Lot 4; owner: Betzold Farms, Nokomis; sire: Dr. J Analyst B78; ADG: 7.19 lb.; ADG ratio: 133; F/G: 3.66 lb.; F/G ratio: 135; wt.: 1,370 lb.

Angus averages (30 head)—ADG: 5.39 lb.; F/G: 4.95 lb.; wt.: 1,100 lb.

The bulls were scheduled to be weighed Jan. 19, 2009, for the 84-day report and weighed off test Feb. 12. The 34th Annual SIUC Performance Tested Bull Sale is scheduled for March 13. For more information contact George Wiedlocher at 618-201-6838 or bullman@siu.edu, or Rebecca Atkinson at 618-453-5000 or ratkins@siu.edu. Information is also available on the test web site at www.siu.edu/~animal/bulltest.

LSU 101st Beef Bull Evaluation

Alexandria, La.

56-day report (Dec. 23, 2008)

The second 28-day period of the Louisiana State University (LSU) 101st Beef Bull Evaluation Test ended Dec. 23, 2008. "Weight gains averaged 3.86 pounds (lb.)

per day for the second period," reports Danny Coombs, test station manager. "After 56 days on test, the group averaged 4.02 pounds daily gain. All bulls were treated with Cydectin® on the weigh date."

High-gaining Angus—Lot 19; owner: Jay & Anna Duhon, Duhon Farms Inc., Sulphur, La.; sire: Clark's High Prime 4097; ADG: 6.21 lb.; wt.: 956 lb.

Angus averages (33 head)—ADG: 4.58 lb.; wt.: 944 lb.

Overall averages (80 head)—ADG: 4.02 lb.; wt.: 933 lb.

The third 28-day period was scheduled to end Jan. 20, 2009. For additional test information, test data and reports, contact Coombs at dcoombs@agcenter.lsu.edu or 318-473-6528.

Florida Bull Test

Marianna, Fla.

84-day final report (Dec. 9-10, 2008)

The Florida Bull Test began Sept. 2-3, 2008, at the University of Florida's (UF) North Florida Research and Education Center near Marianna, Fla. The test was for bulls born August-December 2007 and included Angus, Charolais, Limflex, Santa Gertrudis, SimAngus and Simmental bulls.

In previous years, the Florida Bull Test had been a 112-day full-feed test; however, due to rising feed prices, the test was shortened to an 84-day test to keep consignment costs from rising.

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus—Lot 4-766; owner: Lawler Farms, Opelika, Ala.; sire: GAR Yield Grade; ADG: 4.87 lb.; WDA: 3.29 lb.; wt.: 1,289 lb.; test index: 128

High-WDA Angus—Lot 12-800; owner: C&L Farm, Charles Flythe, Valdosta, Ga.; sire:

JAC's Midland 4260; ADG: 3.02 lb.; WDA: 3.46 lb.; wt.: 1,323 lb.; test index: 102

For more information visit the web page at <http://fbulltest.ifas.ufl.edu>, or contact Cliff Lamb at 850-482-9904 or gclamb@ufl.edu.

Pennsylvania Bull Testing Program

Pennsylvania Furnace, Pa.

Beef producers from Connecticut, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and West Virginia consigned 120 bulls to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's 2008-2009 performance bull test at the Samuel E. Hayes Jr. Livestock Evaluation Center at Pennsylvania Furnace.

The winter test is a 112-day performance test for bulls born Jan. 1-April 15, 2008.

The bulls are evaluated, compared and indexed on average daily gain (ADG), weight-per-day-of-age (WDA), feed efficiency, loin eye area, fat thickness and meat quality traits.

Seven beef breeds are participating in this year's test, including 68 Angus, 20 Simmentals, 13 Herefords, eight Red Angus, five Limousin, five Charolais and one crossbred.

28-day report (Nov. 25, 2008)

High-ADG Angus—Lot 82; owner: Travis Reid, Dallastown; sire: Roseda Designed P083; ADG: 6.61 lb.; ADG ratio: 145; WDA: 3.28 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; wt.: 836 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 107; owner: River Bend Farm, Peapack, N.J.; sire: 21AR Coal Bank C014; ADG: 5.54 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 3.64 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,095 lb.

Angus averages (68 head)—ADG: 4.56 lb.; WDA: 3.11 lb.; wt.: 851 lb.

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56-day report (Dec. 23, 2008)

High-ADG Angus—Lot 118; owner: Russell & Judy Hollenback, Towanda; sire: SAV 8180 Traveler 004; ADG: 6.13 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.75 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,134 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 70; owner: Marlin & Steve Paul, Klingerstown; sire: PS Keystone Power; ADG: 5.16 lb.; ADG ratio: 106; WDA: 3.79 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 982 lb.

Angus averages (67 head)—ADG: 4.86 lb.; WDA: 3.30 lb.; wt.: 996 lb.

The bulls are scheduled to be weighed Jan. 20 for the 84-day report and Feb. 17 for the final report. They are available for inspection at any time. The data collected during the test will be used to qualify and rank bulls for the 36th Annual Pennsylvania Performance Tested Bull Sale, scheduled for Friday, March 27, at the Livestock Evaluation Center.

For more information about Pennsylvania's performance testing programs and sales, contact Livestock Evaluation Center Director Glenn Eberly at 814-238-2527 or geberly@state.pa.us or visit the test's web site at www.agriculture.state.pa.us/lec.

OBI Angus Test No. 83**Stillwater, Okla.****56-day report (Dec. 12, 2008)**

Test No. 83 of Oklahoma Beef Inc. (OBI), featuring 128 Angus bulls born January-February 2008, began Oct. 17, 2008. Bulls are fed twice daily in fenceline bunks or self-feeders. Bulls tested negative for persistent infection with bovine viral diarrhea (PI-BVD).

Bulls that successfully complete testing are eligible for the OBI All-Breed Performance Tested Bull Sale in March or in October at the OBI test station in Stillwater.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 149; owner: Pfeiffer Angus Farm, Mulhall, Okla.; sire: GAR Predestined; ADG: 7.63 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 3.65 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 1,175 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 214; owner: L.C. Price, Elk City, Okla.; sire: BC Marathon; ADG: 7.07 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 4.17 lb.; WDA ratio: 122; wt.: 1,285 lb.

Angus averages (128 head)—ADG: 5.83 lb.; WDA: 3.42 lb.; wt.: 1,080 lb.

The bulls were to be reweighed Jan. 9, with final weights to be taken Feb. 6, 2009. The Angus test index is 50% final cumulative ADG ratio plus 50% adjusted 365-day weight ratio. For more information contact Tim Stidham, station manager, at 405-624-1181 or okbeef@provalue.net. Reports are available on the test web site at www.ansi.okstate.edu/exten/obi.

Edisto Forage Bull Test**Blackville, S.C.****28-day report (Dec. 16, 2008)**

The 75 bulls consigned to the 2009 Edisto Forage Bull Test had a very good first period on test, reports Bull Testing Program Coordinator Larry Olson. "They gained an average of 1.98 lb. per day, which is above average for the first period on winter grazing," he says.

The bulls went on ryegrass pasture Nov. 25, 2008. Olson reports that gains were all over the board and ranged from 0 to 5.39 lb. per day, which indicates some bulls have made the adjustment quicker than others. This is a 168-day test.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 1; owner: Ted Bourne, Cedar Creek Farms, Donalds, S.C.; sire: Boyd On Target 1083; ADG: 5.39 lb.;

ADG ratio: 260; WDA: 2.73 lb.; WDA ratio: 98; wt.: 946 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 24; owner: Billy McLeod, Black Crest Farms, Sumter, S.C.; sire: Rito 112 of 2536 Rito 616; ADG: 3.04 lb.; ADG ratio: 146; WDA: 3.27 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,115 lb.

Angus averages (67 head)—ADG: 2.08 lb.; WDA: 2.77 lb.; wt.: 877 lb.

Overall averages (75 head)—ADG: 1.98 lb.; WDA: 2.76 lb.; wt.: 873 lb.

The bulls are scheduled to be weighed for interim weights Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 10 and April 7, 2009. Final 168-day weights are scheduled for collection May 5. The test sale will be Oct. 10. For more information contact Olson at 803-284-3343, ext. 231, or visit the test web site at www.clemson.edu/edisto/efbt/efbt.htm.

St. Croix Valley Bull Test**Mann Valley Farm**

The St. Croix Valley Bull Test is under way at the University of Wisconsin—River Falls (UWRF) Mann Valley Farm.

28-day report (Nov. 29, 2008)

High-ADG Angus—Lot 15-2; owner: Stacy & Jodi Myers, Burr Ridge Angus, Hillsboro, Wis.; sire: Woodhill Blend 1448-132M; ADG: 3.55 lb.; ADG ratio: 149; WDA: 2.90 lb.; WDA ratio: 97; wt.: 747 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 8-6; owner: Melvin & Sharon Niemann, Emerald Lane Angus, Edgar, Wis.; sire: Quaker Hill Objective 3J15; ADG: 3.45 lb.; ADG ratio: 145; WDA: 3.57 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 790 lb.

Angus averages (46 head)—ADG: 2.38 lb.; WDA: 3.00 lb.; wt.: 760 lb.

56-day report (Dec. 29, 2008)

High-ADG Angus—Lot 9-2; owner: Mike & June Chadwick, Chadwick Angus, Marshall, Wis.; sire: Twin Valley Precision E161; ADG: 4.17 lb.; ADG ratio: 147; WDA: 3.31 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 960 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 8-6; owner: Emerald Lane Angus; sire: Quaker Hill Objective 3J15; ADG: 3.43 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 3.55 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 892 lb.

Angus averages (46 head)—ADG: 2.84 lb.; WDA: 3.02 lb.; wt.: 858 lb.

The sale will be at the UWRF and is scheduled for April 18, 2009. For more information contact Don Prochnow, manager, at 715-235-5882.

Clemson Bull Test**Simpson Experiment Station, Pendleton, S.C. 112-day final report (Dec. 30, 2008)**

The 42 bulls on the 2009 Clemson Bull Test broke test records with an off-test average weight of 1,506 pounds (lb.), a 112-day average daily gain (ADG) of 4.61 lb. per day, and a weight-per-day-of-age (WDA) of 3.43 lb. per day.

"MPAC Angus' No. 1 senior bull was the top

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bull in all performance categories,” reports Larry Olson, Extension animal scientist and bull testing program coordinator. “He was the heaviest bull at 1,943 lb., which is a new record.”

High-ADG and high-WDA senior Angus—Lot 1; owner: Marvin Zeigler, MPAC Angus, Bamberg, S.C.; sire: TC Grid Topper 355; ADG: 6.29 lb.; ADG ratio: 136; WDA: 4.01 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,943 lb.

High-ADG (tie) and high-WDA junior Angus—Lot 27; owner: Sac Alexander, Alexander Angus Farm, Six Mile, S.C.; sire: SAV 8180 Traveler 004; ADG: 5.49 lb.; ADG ratio: 117; WDA: 3.96 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,560 lb.

High-ADG (tie) junior Angus—Lot 23; owner: Mike Ryan, Stillwater Cattle Co., Seneca, S.C.; sire: Rito 4L60 2536 BVND 208; ADG: 5.45 lb.; ADG ratio: 117; WDA: 3.84 lb.; WDA ratio: 106; wt.: 1,558 lb.

Senior Angus averages (16 head)—ADG: 4.64 lb.; WDA: 3.33 lb.; wt.: 1,590 lb.

Junior Angus averages (13 head)—ADG: 4.67 lb.; WDA: 3.61 lb.; wt.: 1,429 lb.

Overall averages (42 head)—ADG: 4.61 lb.; WDA: 3.43 lb.; wt.: 1,506 lb.

The 2009 Clemson Bull Test Sale is scheduled for Feb. 7, 2009. For more information contact Olson at 803-284-3343, ext. 231, or visit the test web site at www.clemson.edu/edisto/cubt/cubt.htm.

▣ 51st Tifton Bull Evaluation Program Tifton, Ga.

56-day report (Dec. 16, 2008)

The 56-day weigh-in of the 51st Tifton Bull Evaluation Program was Dec. 16, 2008, weighing 159 bulls, 82 of which were Angus. “We have a tremendous set of bulls, with quality running deep in every breed,” Robert Stewart, Extension animal scientist, reports.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 141; owner: Arnold Brown, Brown’s Twin Oaks, Orchard Hill, Ga.; sire: Rito 2V1 of 2536 1407; ADG: 7.05 lb.; ADG ratio: 153; WDA: 3.18 lb.; WDA ratio: 95; wt.: 1,124 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 92; owner: Harvey Lemmon, Lemmon Cattle Ent., Woodbury, Ga.; sire: B/R Destination 727-928; ADG: 6.18 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; WDA: 4.29 lb.; WDA ratio: 128; wt.: 1,350 lb.

Angus averages (82 head)—ADG: 4.60 lb.; WDA: 3.35 lb.; wt.: 1,126 lb.

Overall averages (159 head)—ADG: 4.68 lb.; WDA: 3.35 lb.; wt.: 1,124 lb.

Bulls are scheduled to be weighed again Jan. 13, 2009. Final weights will be collected Feb. 9-10. The Tifton Bull Evaluation Sale is scheduled for March 4, following the Tifton Beef Cattle Short Course March 3.

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 Stewart

at 229-386-3683 or rstewart@uga.edu, or visit the test web site www.tifton.uga.edu/pc-web.

▣ IBEP 2008 Winter Test Bedford, Ind.

28-day report (Dec. 16, 2008)

The Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) 2008 Winter Test is under way at the Feldun-Purdue Ag Center at Bedford, Ind. There are 227 bulls on test, including 156 Angus representing 61 owners.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 77; owner: Shelton Angus, Mike Shelton, Deputy, Ind.; sire: GAR Grid Maker; ADG: 6.68 lb.; ADG ratio: 161; WDA: 3.30 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 1,065 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 184; owner: Grubbs Angus Farm, Hillsboro, Ind.; sire: EXAR Lutton 1831; ADG: 5.00 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 3.97 lb.; WDA ratio: 129; wt.: 1,195 lb.

Angus averages (156 head)—ADG: 4.15 lb.; WDA: 3.08 lb.; wt.: 930 lb.

Overall averages (227 head)—ADG: 3.97 lb.; WDA: 3.07 lb.; wt.: 923 lb.

The 63-day weights were to be taken Jan. 20, 2009; 93-day weights, Feb. 17; and final weights, March 23. The 63rd IBEP Bull Sale will be April 16 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 Hundtrods, station manager, at 812-279-8554 or hundtrods@purdue.edu. For test information visit the web site at www.ansc.purdue.edu/ibep.

▣ UBIA Bull Test

Kenison Farms & Feed Lot, Levan, Utah 56-day report (Dec. 22, 2008)

The Utah Beef Improvement Association (UBIA) Bull Test weighed 125 Angus bulls on test Oct. 27, 2008. Weights at the 56-day interval were taken Dec. 22, 2008.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 88; owner: Chase Fullmer, Sigurd, Utah; sire: Connealy Freightliner; ADG: 5.25 lb.; ADG ratio: 150; WDA: 2.93 lb.; wt.: 992 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 132; owner: Paul McPherson, McPherson Farms, Nephi, Utah; sire: PM ND 1407 VDR7078 6449; ADG: 4.45 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 3.82 lb.; wt.: 1,160 lb.

Mid-test 84-day weights were to be collected Jan. 19, 2009. Final weights are scheduled for Feb. 16 and 18. The sale will be March 21. 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 web site at www.ubiabulls.com.

▣ Southwest Virginia Bull Test Hillwinds Farm, Dublin, Va.

56-day report (Dec. 16, 2008)

Bulls were weighed on test for the Southwest Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) Bull Test Oct. 21. The test is being conducted at Hillwinds Farm, Dublin, Va. It is managed by the Virginia Tech Department of Animal and Poultry Science.

High-ADG junior Angus (tie)—Lot 90; owner: Doug Hughes, Little Windy Hill Farms,

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Max Meadows, Va.; sire: GAR Predestined; ADG: 6.52 lb.; ADG ratio: 135; WDA: 3.68 lb.; WDA ratio: 108; wt.: 1,275 lb.

High-ADG junior Angus (tie)—Lot 105; owner: Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Va.; sire: Quaker Hill Objective 3J15; ADG: 6.52 lb.; ADG ratio: 135; WDA: 3.90 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,295 lb.

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 122; owner: Sara Pratt, Echo Ridge Farm, Fredericksburg, Va.; sire: Rito 6F40 of Rita 4011 FD; ADG: 6.07 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 4.12 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,145 lb.

High-ADG senior Angus—Lot 68; owner: Charles Cassell, Mountain View Farm, Independence, Va.; sire: Rito 112 of 2536 Rito 616; ADG: 7.23 lb.; ADG ratio: 144; WDA: 3.41 lb.; WDA ratio: 108; wt.: 1,530 lb.

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 58; owner: Mike Connatser, J&M Windy Acres, Maryville, Tenn.; sire: TC Total 410; ADG: 6.34 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.90 lb.; WDA ratio: 124; wt.: 1,470 lb.

Angus junior averages (63 head)—ADG: 4.82 lb.; WDA: 3.40 lb.; wt: 1,070 lb.

Overall junior averages (103 head)—ADG: 4.67 lb.; WDA: 3.35 lb.; wt: 1,043 lb.

Angus senior averages (76 head)—ADG: 5.04 lb.; WDA: 3.15 lb.; wt: 1,290 lb.

Overall senior averages (105 head)—ADG: 4.98 lb.; WDA: 3.10 lb.; wt: 1,267 lb.

Senior bulls are scheduled to be weighed Jan. 13 and off test Feb. 9-10, 2009; junior bulls are scheduled to be weighed Jan. 13, Feb. 10 and off test March 3. The sale for both senior and junior bulls is scheduled for March 28.

For more information contact Scott Greiner, Extension beef specialist, at 540-

231-9159 or sgreiner@vt.edu, or visit the test web site at <http://bcia.apsc.vt.edu>.

▶ Southern West Virginia Bull Test Point Pleasant, W.Va. 35-day report (Dec. 20, 2008)

The Point Pleasant Test provides seedstock producers an opportunity to improve the genetic merit of their cattle through performance testing. The Point Pleasant Test utilizes a forage-based ration, and bulls are fed to achieve a target ADG of approximately 3.25 lb.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 381; owner: Rohr Valley Farms, Buckhannon; sire: SAV 5175 Bando 2214; ADG: 6.80 lb.; ADG ratio: 174; WDA: 3.20 lb.; wt.: 1,108 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 352; owner: Sykes Angus Farm, Williamsport, Ohio; sire: Three Trees High Prime 3670; ADG: 4.37 lb.; ADG ratio: 112; WDA: 3.55 lb.; wt.: 1,001 lb.

Angus averages (113 head)—ADG: 3.90 lb.; WDA: 2.89 lb.; wt: 957 lb.

For more information about the Southern Bull Test, contact John McCutcheon, WVU Extension Service, at 304-647-7408 or jemccutcheon@mail.wvu.edu; or Rodney Wallbrown, WVU Extension Service, at 304-675-0888 or rmwallbrown@mail.wvu.edu; or visit the test web site at www.wvbeef.org/sbt/sbt.html.

▶ 57th Annual OPSU Bull Test Goodwell, Okla. 84-day report (Jan. 3, 2009)

The 57th Annual Beef Bull Performance Test at Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU) has 101 bulls consigned to the test,

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API STOCK PHOTO BY MICKY WILSON

representing three beef breeds — Angus, Hereford and Maine-Anjou. Seventeen cooperators from Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska and Texas have bulls on test this year.

The test covers a period of 112 days, during which data will be collected on each bull's ADG, WDA, frame score, scrotal circumference, fat thickness, REA and marbling score. Feed efficiency is measured on a pen basis.

The bulls are fed a growing ration consisting of rolled corn, rolled oats, chopped alfalfa, dry distillers' grain (DDG), cottonseed hulls, molasses and protein supplement. Performance summaries will be reported at 28-day intervals during the test.

High-ADG and high-indexing junior Angus—Lot 21-1; owner: Phil Light, Turpin, Okla.; sire: Morgan's Direction 111 9901; ADG: 6.14 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 4.01 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,318 lb.; test index: 121

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 27-4; owner: Larry Weinkauff, Orlando; sire: GAR Objective 5395; ADG: 5.20 lb.; ADG ratio: 110; WDA: 4.07 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,216 lb.; test index: 112

High-ADG and high-indexing senior Angus—Lot 5-2; Al Rutledge, Stillwater; sire: GAR Retail Product; ADG: 7.19 lb.; ADG ratio:

139; WDA: 3.55 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,655 lb.; test index: 125

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 22-3; Gary McPherson, Watonga; sire: TC Foreman 016; ADG: 6.27 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 3.99 lb.; WDA ratio: 126; wt.: 1,213 lb.; test index: 123

Angus averages (92 head)—ADG: 4.97 lb.; WDA: 3.42 lb.

Overall averages (98 head)—ADG: 4.93 lb.; WDA: 3.39 lb.

The test was scheduled to be completed Jan. 31, and the 57th Annual Bull Sale is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 23.

If you would like to be placed on the mailing list to receive the performance reports, contact Gwen or Jerry Martin, OPSU, PO Box 430, Goodwell, OK 73939, or by phone at 580-349-1500 or e-mail gwen@opsu.edu.

**▶ MCA/MSU Bull Test
Plank Farm, Crystal, Mich.
28-day report (Dec. 3, 2008)**

Bulls were weighed for the Michigan Cattlemen's Association/Michigan State University (MCA/MSU) Bull Test Dec. 3, 2008. The 112-day test is being conducted at Plank Farm, Crystal, Mich. The test index is based on the average percentile ranking

of a bull for six expected progeny differences (EPDs), plus ADG and WDA. Thus, a lower index is more desirable.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 31; owner: Wolfland Farms; sire: SAV 5175 Bando 1024; ADG: 7.68 lb.; ADG ratio: 190; WDA: 3.76 lb.; WDA ratio: 122; wt.: 960 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 32; owner: Sumerix Angus Farm, Lachine, Mich.; ADG: 3.30 lb.; ADG ratio: 82; WDA: 3.58 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 885 lb.

Overall averages (107 head)—ADG: 4.04 lb.; WDA: 3.08 lb.

Bulls were scheduled to be weighed again Jan. 2 and 29, 2009, for interim weights. Final 112-day weights will be collected Feb. 25-26. The sale is scheduled to be March 21. For more information on the test, contact Brian Plank, farm manager, at 989-235-5853 or psf@cmsinter.net, or visit the test web site at www.micattlemen.org.

**▶ University of Tennessee Junior Bull Test
Spring Hill, Tenn.
28-day report (Dec. 9, 2008)**

The University of Tennessee Junior Bull Test weighed 63 Angus for the 28-day report at the Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center in Spring Hill Dec. 9. The 84-day test is a standard, impartial

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postweaning gain test for registered bulls of any recognized beef breed or three-quarter-blood or higher-percentage bulls of breeds that have an open herd book. Junior bulls must have been born Dec. 16, 2007-March 15, 2008.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 55; owner: Mills Angus, Cookeville; sire: WAR Alliance 9126 6006; ADG: 7.82 lb.; WDA: 4.00 lb.; wt.: 1,220 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 18; owner: Chimney Top Angus LLC, Greeneville; sire: Boyd On Target 1083; ADG: 4.64 lb.; WDA: 4.13 lb.; wt.: 1,110 lb.

Angus averages (63 head)—ADG: 5.40 lb.; WDA: 3.38 lb.; wt.: 1,069 lb.

Bulls were scheduled to be weighed Jan. 6, 2009, for an interim weight and Feb. 2-3 for a final weight. Junior bulls are scheduled to sell March 12. For more information contact F. David Kirkpatrick, professor of animal science, at 865-974-7294 or fkirkpat@utk.edu. Information is available on the test web site at <http://animalscience.ag.utk.edu/beef/bulltest.htm>.

▶ Treasure Bull Test Broken O Ranch Feedlot, Simms, Mont. 60-day report (Dec. 31, 2008)

Treasure Bull Test has completed 60 days of its test on 150 Angus bulls, 18 SimAngus

bulls and 10 ChiAngus bulls. Temperatures have been well below zero on a number of nights in December, with considerable wind and snow making it a very cold December.

High-ADG spring Angus—Lot 202; owner: R&S Angus, Jed Stevenson, Hobson, Mont.; sire: 21 AR Coal Bank C014; ADG: 4.67 lb.; WDA: 3.10 lb.; wt.: 995 lb.

High-WDA spring Angus—Lot 216; owner: Myers & Watson, Livingston, Mont.; sire: Rito 112 of 2536 Rito 616; ADG: 3.83 lb.; WDA: 3.92 lb.; wt.: 1,245 lb.

High-performing spring Angus sire group—Five bulls; owner: Myers & Watson; sire: Schurrtop M 2500; avg. ADG: 3.85 lb.; avg. WDA: 3.39 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,167 lb.

High-WDA fall Angus—Lot 301; owner: Jocko Valley Cattle, Marvin Rehbein, Arlee, Mont.; sire: Twin Valley Precision E161; WDA: 3.26 lb.; wt.: 1,600 lb.

Spring Angus averages (137 head)—ADG: 3.12 lb.; WDA: 3.04 lb.

Fall Angus averages (13 head)—WDA: 2.69 lb.

Treasure Bull Test bulls sell April 13 at the Western Livestock Auction, Great Falls, Mont. For additional information contact Russ Pepper at 406-264-5694 or 406-799-0174 or brtangus@3rivers.net. The entire progress can be viewed at www.treasurebulltest.com.

▶ WIU Bull Test WIU Livestock Center, Macomb, Ill. 56-day report (Dec. 23, 2008)

The Western Illinois University Bull Test is under way. Fifty-five bulls were delivered to the WIU Test Station Oct. 6-7. The official test began Oct. 28 and will conclude after 112 days.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 508; owner: Atwood Farm, Bill & Blake Wyffels, Geneseo, Ill.; sire: KCF Bennet Performer; ADG: 5.16 lb.; F/G: 5.28; wt.: 1,106 lb.

Best F/G Angus—Lot 304; owner: Schrecke Angus, James Schrecke, Camp Point, Ill.; sire: HSAF Bando 1961; ADG: 4.71 lb.; F/G: 4.47; wt.: 1,060 lb.

The bulls were scheduled to be weighed again Jan. 20 and off-test Feb. 16-17, 2009. The annual sale will be Friday, March 20 at the WIU Livestock Center located 1 mile west of Highway 67. For more information contact Ken Nimrick at 309-298-1288 or ko-nimrick@wiu.edu, or visit the test web site www.wiu.edu/bulltest.

