



# Performance Report

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

## ► Florida Bull Test

**NFREC, Marianna**

### 112-day final report (Dec. 7)

The 12th Florida Bull Test was conducted at the University of Florida North Florida Research and Education Center (NFREC) in Marianna, Fla. There were 63 consignments from 22 consignors from Florida, Alabama, Georgia and North Carolina. The bulls included 35 Angus, two Braford, two Brahman, three Hereford, 12 SimAngus and nine Simmental born August-December 2010.

Bulls were delivered in late July and initiated the 112-day test Aug. 16, 2011. The last day of the test was Dec. 7. At the completion of the test, the entire group of bulls averaged 3.32 lb. of gain per day.

**High-ADG and high-indexing Angus**—Lot 13; owner: R&A Angus; ADG: 5.23 lb.; WDA: 3.24 lb.; wt.: 1,515 lb.; test index: 135

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 17; owner: Pounds Bros. Angus, Boaz, Ala.; sire: PBA Marshall GT2 Commit 68; ADG: 3.66 lb.; WDA: 3.51 lb.; wt.: 1,535 lb.; test index: 114

**Angus averages (35 head)**—ADG: 3.35 lb.; WDA: 2.92 lb.; wt.: 1,210 lb.

Only bulls meeting specific benchmarks were eligible for the sale, which took place Jan. 14.

For more information contact Cliff Lamb, bull test coordinator, at 850-394-9124, ext. 106, or [gclamb@ufl.edu](mailto:gclamb@ufl.edu). Information is also available on the test website, [http://nfrec.ifas.edu/fl\\_bull\\_test/index.shtml](http://nfrec.ifas.edu/fl_bull_test/index.shtml).

## ► UT Junior Bull Test

**Middle Tennessee Research & Education Center, Spring Hill, Tenn.**

### 28-day report (Dec. 6, 2011)

Eighty-five Angus bulls were weighed on test Nov. 8, 2011, for the University of Tennessee (UT) Junior Bull Test. The test is for bulls born Dec. 16, 2010-March 15, 2011.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 23; owner: Harris

To access a state-by-state listing of current central bull tests, visit our virtual library online at [www.api-virtuallibrary.com/CentralBullTests.htm](http://www.api-virtuallibrary.com/CentralBullTests.htm).

The listing includes contact information, links to test websites, current test schedules and dates of upcoming tests.

Bros. Cattle Co., Morrison, Tenn.; sire: Rito 112 of 2536 Rito 616; ADG: 7.68 lb.; WDA: 3.75 lb.; wt.: 1,335 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 85; owner: Williams Angus, Gray; sire: GAR Predestined; ADG: 6.75 lb.; WDA: 3.91 lb.; wt.: 1,080 lb.

**Angus averages (85 head)**—ADG: 4.16 lb.

### 56-day report (Jan. 3, 2012)

**High-ADG Angus (tie)**—Lot 49; owner: Mathis Angus Farms, Duck River; sire: SydGen CC&7; ADG: 6.07 lb.; ADG ratio: 135; WDA: 3.48 lb.; wt.: 1,165 lb.

**High-ADG Angus (tie)**—Lot 23; owner: Harris Bros. Cattle Co.; sire: Rito 112 of 2536 Rito 616; ADG: 6.07 lb.; ADG ratio: 135; WDA: 3.84 lb.; wt.: 1,460 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 84; owner: Williams Angus; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 5.70 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 4.06 lb.; wt.: 1,195 lb.

**Angus averages (85 head)**—ADG: 4.51 lb. Off-test weights were scheduled for Jan. 30-31. The sale will be March 9.

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

## ► Virginia BCIA Southwest Bull Test Hillwinds Farm, Dublin, Va.

### 56-day report (Dec. 13, 2011)

The 33rd Southwest Virginia Bull Test sponsored by the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) weighed bulls on test Oct. 18. Junior division bulls were born Jan. 1-March 31, 2011, and included 76 Angus, five Charolais, three Gelbvieh, seven Polled Hereford, 12 Simmental, one Gelbvieh Balancer and 16 Simmental hybrids for a total of 120.

Senior bulls born Sept. 15-Dec. 31, 2010, included 41 Angus, four Polled Hereford, two Charolais, one Red Angus, two Gelbvieh, three Gelbvieh Balancer and 15 Simmental hybrids for a total of 68 bulls.

The 112-day test is conducted at the Southwest Bull Test Station, Hillwinds Farm, which is owned and managed by Tim Sutphin. Interim weights were scheduled to be taken Jan. 10. Both junior and senior bulls will be weighed off test Feb. 6-7.

**High-ADG junior Angus**—Lot 48; owner: Grassy Valley Farm, Lee Duckworth, Afton, Tenn.; sire: Boyd Forward 6025; ADG: 6.52 lb.; ADG ratio: 144; WDA: 3.33 lb.; WDA ratio: 104; wt.: 1,070 lb.

**High-WDA junior Angus**—Lot 103; owner: Cassell Angus Farm, Jason Cassell, Independence; sire: B/R Destination 928-619; ADG: 5.71 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 4.04 lb.; WDA ratio: 126; wt.: 1,205 lb.

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**High-ADG senior Angus**—Lot 33; owner: Cassell Angus Farm; sire: B/R Destination 928-619; ADG: 5.98 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 2.92 lb.; WDA ratio: 97; wt.: 1,300 lb.

**High-WDA senior Angus**—Lot 29; owner: J&M Windy Acres, Mike Connatser, Maryville, Tenn.; sire: Werner War Party 2417; ADG: 4.38 lb.; ADG ratio: 97; WDA: 3.71 lb.; WDA ratio: 123; wt.: 1,375 lb.

**Junior Angus averages (76 head)**—ADG: 4.53 lb.; WDA: 3.20 lb.; wt.: 995 lb.

**Junior overall averages (120 head)**—ADG: 4.40 lb.; WDA: 3.21 lb.; wt.: 986 lb.

**Senior Angus averages (41 head)**—ADG: 4.53 lb.; WDA: 3.00 lb.; wt.: 1,218 lb.

**Senior overall averages (68 head)**—ADG: 4.42 lb.; WDA: 3.00 lb.; wt.: 1,216 lb.

The test sale will be March 24. For more information call Sutphin at 540-980-5848 or visit the BCIA website at <http://bcia.apsc.vt.edu/>.

#### ▣ **MCA/MSU Bull Test Plank Farm, Crystal, Mich.**

##### **49-day report (Dec. 16, 2011)**

Bulls in the Michigan Cattlemen's Association/Michigan State University (MCA/MSU) Bull Test were weighed on test Oct. 27-28, 2011. The average weight of the 110 bulls on test was 814 lb. The test is for bulls born Sept. 1, 2010-April 30, 2011. The 112-day test is conducted at Plank Farm, Crystal, Mich.

Bulls were to be divided into four feeding groups of no more than 27 per pen, based, as much as practical, on incoming age and weight.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 27; owner: Apple Hill Angus, John MacMaster, Harrisville; sire: SAV Bismarck 5682; ADG: 5.36 lb.; ADG ratio: 162; WDA: 2.93 lb.; WDA ratio: 96; wt.: 1,240 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 42; owner: MSU, East Lansing; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 3.88 lb.; ADG ratio: 117; WDA: 3.66 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,190 lb.

**Overall averages (110 head)**—ADG: 3.31 lb.; WDA: 3.06 lb.; wt.: 976 lb.

The last interim weight was scheduled to be taken Jan. 20. Bulls will be weighed off test Feb. 16-17, with the sale scheduled for March 17.

For more information contact Kathleen Hawkins, MCA executive vice president, at 517-347-8117 or [micattlemen@aol.com](mailto:micattlemen@aol.com); Dan Buskirk, performance coordinator and MSU Extension beef specialist, at 517-432-0400 or [buskirk@msu.edu](mailto:buskirk@msu.edu); or Brian Plank, test manager, Plank Farm, 989-235-6253, 989-506-2061 (cell) or [psf@cmsinter.net](mailto:psf@cmsinter.net). The test website is <http://beef.msu.edu/MSUPrograms/BullTest/tabid/622/Default.aspx>.

#### ▣ **Tifton Bull Evaluation Program Tifton Bull Evaluation Center, Tifton, Ga. 56-day report (Dec. 20, 2011)**

The 54th Tifton Bull Evaluation Program began Oct. 3 and 4, with the first interim

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weights taken Nov. 22. The 112-day test features bulls born Dec. 1, 2010-Feb. 28, 2011. All bulls tested negative for persistent infection with bovine viral diarrhea (PI-BVD).

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 124; owner: Acres Away, Hampton, Ga.; sire: B/R New Day 454; ADG: 6.20 lb.; ADG ratio: 143; WDA: 3.51 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,180 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 135; owner: Four Mile Farm, James Holman, Blakely, Ga.; sire: JFH Total W101; ADG: 3.84 lb.; ADG ratio: 88; WDA: 3.76 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,285 lb.

**Angus averages (78 head)**—ADG: 4.35 lb.; WDA: 3.23 lb.; wt.: 1,122 lb.

**Overall averages (160 head)**—ADG: 4.32 lb.; WDA: 3.26 lb.; wt.: 1,133 lb.

The last interim weigh date was scheduled for Jan. 17, with final weights to be taken Feb. 13-14. Qualifying bulls may sell in the test

sale March 7. Visitors are welcome at the station 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. If weekend visits are desired, 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](http://www.caes.uga.edu/commodities/animals/beef/index.html).

### ▶ SIUC Bull Test Carbondale, Ill.

#### 56-day report (Dec. 20, 2011)

The 48 bulls on test in the 37th annual Southern Illinois University–Carbondale (SIUC) Bull Test were weighed on test Oct. 24-25. Bulls are being individually fed the Purina Starter and Impact Grower Ration using the Calan Broadbent Feeding System. Senior bulls born Sept. 1-Dec. 17, 2010, will be tested for 84 days. Final weights for the

senior bulls were scheduled to be taken Jan. 17, 2012. Junior bulls born Dec. 18, 2010-March 17, 2011, will be tested for 112 days, with the last interim weight scheduled for Jan. 17, and final weights Feb. 14.

**High-ADG and best F:G junior Angus**—Lot 6; owner: Neubauer Farms, Shirley; sire: TC Rito 416; ADG: 7.63 lb.; ADG ratio: 141; F:G: 3.67; wt.: 1,360 lb.

**High-ADG and best F:G senior Angus**—Lot 37; owner: Rolling Hills Farm, Richview, Ill.; sire: SAV Net Worth 4200; ADG: 6.38 lb.; ADG ratio: 100; F:G 5.27; wt.: 1,545 lb.

**Overall Angus averages (44 head)**—ADG: 5.40 lb.; wt.: 1,083 lb.

**Senior Angus averages (1 head)**—ADG: 6.38 lb.; wt.: 1,545 lb.

The overall Angus average includes 43 junior bulls and one senior bull. The test sale

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is scheduled for March 9. For more information contact George Wiedlocher, bull test supervisor, at 618-457-6838 or [bullman@siu.edu](mailto:bullman@siu.edu) or Rebecca Atkinson at 618-453-5000 or [ratkinsn@siu.edu](mailto:ratkinsn@siu.edu). Test information can be found at <http://bulltest.siu.edu>.

### ▶ WIU Bull Test Macomb, Ill.

#### 56-day report (Dec. 20, 2011)

Western Illinois University (WIU) reports 65 bulls from 30 consignors were weighed Dec. 20 for the second 28-day interim period. Angus bulls on the 112-day test were born Jan. 1-March 6, 2011. The index this year will be calculated at 70% ADG ratio + 15% Marb + 15% REA.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 608; owner: Tree

Lane Farm, El Paso; sire: Tree Lane El Paso LBF; ADG: 5.98 lb.; wt.: 1,072 lb.

The next interim weight was scheduled for Jan. 7; off-test weights will be collected Feb. 13-14.

Qualifying bulls will be eligible for sale March 16. For more information contact Ken Nimrick, bull test supervisor, at [KO-nimrick@wiu.edu](mailto:KO-nimrick@wiu.edu). Test information can be found at [www.wiu.edu/bulltest](http://www.wiu.edu/bulltest).

### ▶ IBEP Winter Test Feldun-Purdue Ag Center, Bedford, Ind. 28-day report (Dec. 20, 2011)

A total of 210 bulls and 19 get-of-sire groups were delivered Nov. 1, 2011, for the 2011 Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) Winter Test. Bulls were consigned by 71 cooperators from Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky,

Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin. Angus, Charolais, Hereford, Lim-Flex, Red Angus, SimAngus and Simmental are the seven breeds represented. Average on-test weight was 814 lb.

**High-ADG and high-indexing Angus**—Lot 6; owner: J-M Ranch; sire: Mytty In Focus; ADG: 6.61 lb.; ADG ratio: 143; WDA: 3.84 lb.; WDA ratio: 123; wt.: 1,195 lb.; test index: 135

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 169; owner: Grubbs Angus Farm, Hillsboro; sire: Pine Ridge Hammer S322; ADG: 5.57 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 3.90 lb.; WDA ratio: 125; wt.: 912 lb.; test index: 122

**High-ADG Angus get-of-sire**—three bulls; owner: Stewart Select Angus, Greensburg; sire: SydGen Mandate 6079; avg. ADG: 5.76 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; avg. WDA: 3.20 lb.; WDA

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ratio: 103; avg. wt.: 1,083 lb.; test index: 116

**High-WDA Angus get-of-sire**—three bulls; owner: Bill Washburn, Olney, Ill.; sire: R/M Ironstone 4047; avg. ADG: 5.02 lb.; ADG ratio: 109; avg. WDA: 3.33 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; avg. wt.: 1,030 lb.; test index: 108

**Angus averages (151 head)**—ADG: 4.61 lb.; WDA: 3.12 lb.; wt.: 947 lb.

**Overall averages (210 head)**—ADG: 4.48 lb.; WDA: 3.13 lb.; wt.: 939 lb.

Additional interim weigh dates were scheduled for Jan. 24 and Feb. 21, 2012. The bulls will be weighed off test March 26 and March 29. There are 151 Angus bulls in the test.

Bulls will sell April 19 in the 69th IBEP Bull Sale and Springville Feeder Auction Association Bred Heifer Sale.

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

### Nebraska Bull Test

**Rohde Farms, Ansley, Neb.**

**60-day report (Dec. 20, 2011)**

The 49th Nebraska Bull Test began Oct. 19-20, 2011. Bulls on test were born Jan. 1-April 1, 2011. The bulls are being fed to gain a targeted 3.5 lb. per day at Shane and Jill Rohde Farms in Mason City, Neb. Eighteen Angus sire groups were identified.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 111; owner: Boyles Angus, Jim Boyles, Mason City; sire: SAV Bismarck 5682; ADG: 4.51 lb.; ADG ratio: 145; WDA: 3.45 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,130 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 96; owner: Stepladder Angus Ranch, Brian and Dean Thompson, Sutherland; sire: Stepladder Topper; ADG: 3.59 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 3.82 lb.; WDA ratio: 124; wt.: 1,162 lb.

**High-ADG Angus get-of-sire**—six bulls; owner: Boyles Angus; sire: SAV Bismarck 5682; avg. ADG: 3.90 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; avg.

WDA: 3.19 lb.; WDA ratio: 103; avg. wt.: 1,057 lb.

**High-WDA Angus get-of-sire**—three bulls; owner: Macholan Angus, Jim, Jessica & Keaton Macholan, Linwood; sire: Jindra Dynamite; avg. ADG: 3.26 lb.; ADG ratio: 105; avg. WDA: 3.61 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; avg. wt.: 1,074 lb.

**Angus averages (137 head)**—ADG: 3.11 lb.; WDA: 3.09 lb.; wt.: 946 lb.

The next 60-day interim weights were scheduled to be taken Jan. 29, with the final 120-day weights scheduled for Feb. 17-18.

The test sale will be March 28 at the Central Nebraska Commission Co. in Broken Bow, Neb.

For more information contact Mick Phillips, manager, at 308-764-2378 or micolin@nebnet.net. Information is also available on the test website at [www.nebraskabulltest.com](http://www.nebraskabulltest.com).

### St. Croix Valley Bull Test

**UW Mann Valley Farm, River Falls, Wis.**

**58-day report (Dec. 26, 2011)**

The St. Croix Valley Bull Test (SCVBT) started Oct. 15, 2011, at the University of Wisconsin (UW) Mann Valley Farms at River Falls, Wis. The 140-day test features a high-roughage ration of corn silage, haylage, shell corn, protein and mineral to provide a targeted ADG of 3 lb.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 16-4; owner: Riek's Black Angus, Wheeler; sire: SydGen CC&7; ADG: 5.40 lb.; ADG ratio: 145; WDA: 2.86 lb.; WDA ratio: 93; wt.: 888 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 4-2; owner: 3D Angus Farms, Pardeeville; sire: 2K Stout 527; ADG: 4.79 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 3.69 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 886 lb.

**Angus averages (57 head)**—ADG: 3.72 lb.; WDA: 3.09 lb.; wt.: 861 lb.

Final weights will be collected April 14, 2012, with the sale at the farm. The top two-thirds of the bulls will sell based on an index that is 75% ADG ratio + 25% WDA ratio.

For more information contact SCVBT, N11875 CR Q, Downing, WI 54734 or call 715-265-4374. Additional information is available by contacting Phil Ketterhagen at

[pakangus@tds.net](mailto:pakangus@tds.net) or Sandy Drinkman at [sandy@pinehillangus.com](mailto:sandy@pinehillangus.com).

### 60th OPSU Beef Bull Performance Test Goodwell, Okla.

**84-day report (Dec. 31, 2011)**

The bulls consigned to the 60th annual Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU) Bull Performance Test were weighed on test Oct. 8. This year's test includes 15 consignors.

The test is a 112-day test for bulls born January-March 2010. Bulls are fed to express maximum gain.

**High-ADG junior Angus**—owner: Wink Farms, Panhandle, Texas; sire: SydGen Mandate 6079; ADG: 5.54 lb.

**High-ADG senior Angus**—owner: Wink Farms; sire: Connealy Danny Boy; ADG: 5.57 lb.

**High-ADG junior Angus pen**—three bulls; owner: Hollon Angus, Woodward; sire: LD Predestined 827; avg. ADG: 4.88 lb.

**High-ADG senior Angus pen**—three bulls; owner: Mindemann Angus, Apache; sire: JDD Midland 785; avg. ADG: 4.65 lb.

**Overall average**—ADG: 4.0 lb.

Final weights were scheduled to be taken Jan. 28. The top 70 bulls will sell Feb. 20. The test index is 50% ADG, 50% WDA.

Those interested in receiving the performance results and a sale book can contact Gwen Martin at 580-349-1500 or [gwen@opsu.edu](mailto:gwen@opsu.edu).

### 107th LSU Beef Bull Evaluation Test Dean Lee Research Station, Alexandria, La.

**56-day report (Jan. 4, 2012)**

A total of 39 bulls were nominated for the 107th Louisiana State University (LSU) Beef Bull Evaluation Test. The evaluation period began Nov. 9, 2011, with 24 bulls representing three breeds (Angus, Brangus, Charolais) and eight breeders. Fifteen bulls did not qualify for the test due to missing minimum body weight requirements. The bulls were born Dec. 17, 2010-March 26, 2011.

Weights will be taken at 28-day intervals for the 112-day test. There have been 10

## IPT Bull Sale website offers new benefits for buyers

Potential bull buyers will benefit from a new feature on the Illinois Performance Tested (IPT) Bull Sale website, [www.iptbullsale.com](http://www.iptbullsale.com). The site will now include photographs of bulls in the 2012 sale, and/or their sires.

In addition, the website offers a complete set of genetic and performance figures. These figures include pedigree information along with registration number, adjusted birth weight, weaning weight and yearling weight (on older bulls); and the expected progeny differences (EPDs) for calving ease direct, birth weight, weaning weight, yearling weight, maternal milk, marbling and ribeye.

Another economic analysis that prospective buyers will use are

dollar value indexes (\$Values) that combine traits together into an overall economic analysis of a bull. These indexes are listed as \$W and \$B for Angus, All Purpose Index and Terminal Index for Simmentals, and Baldy Maternal Index and Certified Hereford Beef Index for Polled Herefords.

The IPT Bull Sale will lead off the 2012 Illinois Beef Expo. The sale is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 23, at 11 a.m. in the Livestock Center on the Illinois State Fairgrounds. Breeds offered in the sale include Angus, Simmental, Polled Hereford and Red Angus.

For additional information and a copy of the sale book, contact Dave Seibert, IPT Bull Sale manager, at [seibertd@comcast.net](mailto:seibertd@comcast.net) or call 309-339-3694.

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cases of foot rot among the 39 bulls, reports Sid DeRouen, professor and test coordinator. Only one treatment per case was needed for the bulls to effectively heal. All bulls were treated with Cydectin® Jan. 4.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 10; owner: Moonshine Angus Farm, Ray Gendron, Baton Rouge; sire: SydGen CC&7; ADG: 5.45 lb.; wt: 1,075 lb.

**Angus averages (18 head)**—ADG: 3.97 lb.; wt.: 1,042 lb.

**Overall averages (24 head)**—ADG: 4.16 lb.; wt.: 1,028 lb.

The next interim weight is scheduled for collection Feb. 1, with final weights scheduled for Feb. 29. Test information is available by contacting DeRouen at 318-473-6589 or sderouen@agctr.lsu.edu. Test information is also available on the website,

[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 Test No. 202 (Report No. 112) Stillwater, Okla.

#### 56-day report (Dec. 24, 2011)

The Oklahoma Beef Inc. (OBI) 2011-2012 bull test No. 202 at Stillwater, Okla., began Oct. 14-15, 2011, with on-test weights taken Oct. 29. The test is for bulls born December 2010-March 2011. The test is a 112-day test.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 3384; owner: Simpson Angus Ranch, Charlie Simpson, Edmond, Okla.; sire: GAR MC Total J6002; ADG: 8.61 lb.; wt.: 1,130 lb.

**Angus averages (148 head)**—ADG: 5.00 lb.; wt.: 997 lb.

Interim weights are scheduled to be taken

Jan. 21 and Feb. 25, 2012. Bulls are fed twice daily in fenceline bunks or self-feeders.

For more information contact Tim Stidham, station manager, at 405-624-1181 or okbeef@provalue.net; Bob Kropp, OBI executive secretary, at 405-744-9287 or Carrie Doyle at carrie.doyle@okstate.edu. Information is also available on the test website at [www.ansi.okstate.edu/outreach-extension/beef/oklahoma-beef-inc/bull-testing-1](http://www.ansi.okstate.edu/outreach-extension/beef/oklahoma-beef-inc/bull-testing-1).

### ▶ UBIA Bull Test Kenison Feedlot, Levan, Utah 56-day report (Dec. 19, 2011)

The Utah Beef Improvement Association (UBIA) received junior and senior bulls Oct. 10, 2011, at Kenison Farm and Feedlot,

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Levan. Bulls were weighed on test Oct. 24-26. Bulls entered in the senior test were born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2010. Bulls entered in the junior test were born Jan. 1-March 15, 2011.

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.

**High-ADG and high-indexing junior growth Angus**—Lot 51; owner: Lyman Livestock, Eric Lyman, Salem, Utah; sire: SydGen CC&7; ADG: 4.71 lb.; ADG ratio: 154; WDA: 3.43 lb.; wt.: 1,100 lb.; sale index: 137

**High-WDA junior growth Angus**—Lot 24; owner: Crozier Angus, Kelly Crozier, Neola, Utah; sire: Connealy 044 062; ADG: 3.71 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 3.92 lb.; wt.: 1,145 lb.; sale ratio: 124

**High-ADG and high-indexing junior LBW Angus**—Lot 125; owner: McPherson Farms, Paul McPherson, Nephi, Utah; sire: SydGen Mandate 6079; ADG: 4.46 lb.; ADG ratio: 145; WDA: 3.14 lb.; wt.: 998 lb.; sale ratio: 131

**High-WDA junior LBW Angus**—Lot 142; owner: Strawberry River Angus, Travis Clayburn, Strawberry River, Utah; sire: SS Objective T510 0T26; ADG: 3.32 lb.; ADG ratio: 108; WDA: 3.36 lb.; wt.: 1,070 lb.; sale ratio: 111

**High-ADG and high-ratioing senior Angus**—Lot 253; owner: Adams Angus, Ryan Adams, Brigham City, Utah; sire: SAV Final Answer 0035; ADG: 4.75 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 2.73 lb.; wt.: 1,210 lb.; sale ratio: 117

**High-WDA senior Angus**—Lot 256; owner: Lowe Livestock LLC, Lorin Lowe, Toquerville, Utah; sire: MR Objective 904; ADG: 3.66 lb.; ADG ratio: 98; WDA: 3.12 lb.; wt.: 1,135 lb.; sale ratio: 105

**Junior growth Angus averages (84 head)**—ADG: 3.06 lb.

**Junior LBW Angus averages (48 head)**—ADG: 3.08 lb.; wt.: 960 lb.

**Overall junior averages (207 head)**—ADG: 3.11 lb.

**Overall senior averages (28 head)**—ADG: 3.72 lb.

Interim weights were scheduled to be taken Jan. 16, with bulls weighed off test Feb. 13 and 15. The test sale will be March 17.

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](http://www.ubiabulls.com).

### ▶ Pennsylvania Bull Test Pennsylvania Livestock Evaluation Center, Pennsylvania Furnace, Pa. 28-day report (Nov. 29, 2011)

The bull testing program is administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture with Penn State University, the Pennsylvania Cattleman's Association and the state breed associations as cooperators. The testing facility houses 30-50 bulls in each of five pens in a 112-day official gain testing program. The 84 Angus bulls on test have been consigned by breeders from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York.

Bulls are fed in group pens with access to a mixed ration consisting of corn silage; cracked corn; cracked, roasted soybeans; and a mineral/vitamin supplement. The total mixed ration (TMR) is fed free-choice and will normally be 13% crude protein and 72% TDN.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 230; owner: Rains Angus, Dale Rains, Mercer; sire: Kesslers Frontman R001; ADG: 6.57 lb.; ADG ratio: 153; WDA: 3.19 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; wt.: 980 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 125; owner: Corle Land & Cattle, John Corle, Imler; sire: SAV High Noon 9320; ADG: 5.38 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 3.97 lb.; WDA ratio: 131; wt.: 1,104 lb.

**Angus averages (84 head)**—ADG: 4.29 lb.; WDA: 3.03 lb.; wt.: 816 lb.

### 56-day report (Dec. 27, 2011)

**High-ADG and high-WDA Angus**—Lot 125; owner: Corle Land & Cattle; sire: SAV High

Noon 9320; ADG: 6.35 lb.; ADG ratio: 136; WDA: 4.28 lb.; WDA ratio: 133; wt.: 1,309 lb.

**Angus averages (84 head)**—ADG: 4.66 lb.; WDA: 3.22 lb.; wt.: 956 lb.

Bulls completing the test may be selected to be sold at auction March 30.

For more information contact Greg Hubbard, assistant director, Pennsylvania Livestock Evaluation Center, at [gghubbard@state.pa.us](mailto:gghubbard@state.pa.us) or 814-238-2527. Information is available on the website at [www.livestockevaluationcenter.com/BullTesting.aspx](http://www.livestockevaluationcenter.com/BullTesting.aspx).

### ▶ Southern West Virginia Bull Evaluation Point Pleasant, West Va. 35-day report (Dec. 15, 2011)

The test utilizes a forage-based ration and bulls are fed to achieve a target ADG of approximately 3.25 lb. The on-test average WDA for the 120 Angus bulls was 2.79 lb., with an average on-test weight of 806 lb.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 316; owner: River Front Cattle Co., Buckhannon; sire: Sinclair MT Time 6PU1; ADG: 4.97 lb.; ADG ratio: 157; WDA: 3.14 lb.; wt.: 1,076 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 402; owner: Coombs Farm, Morgantown; sire: Three Trees Top Performer; ADG: 4.83 lb.; ADG ratio: 152; WDA: 3.28 lb.; wt.: 1,078 lb.

**Angus averages (118 head)**—ADG: 3.17 lb.; WDA: 2.84 lb.; wt.: 919 lb.

The next interim weight was scheduled for Jan. 26, with final weights to be taken Feb. 17.

For more information contact Rodney Wallbrown at 304-675-0888. The test sale is scheduled for March 31.

Information is also available on the test website at [www.wvbeef.org](http://www.wvbeef.org).

### ▶ Wardsville Bull Test West Virginia University Reymann Memorial Farm, Wardsville, W.Va. 41-day report (Dec. 29, 2011)

The Wardsville Bull Test measures individual feed efficiency expressed as residual feed intake (RFI), which is the difference between actual and expected feed intake. There are no single consignments to this bull program, and producers often enter 10 or more head.

The bulls are being fed a ration ( $NE_m=0.68$ ,  $NE_g=0.41$ ) that includes 20% ground mixed hay, 24% wheat midds, 23% soybean hulls, 8% distillers' grains, 4% cottonseed hulls, 4% corn, 10% hominy feed, and 7% miscellaneous ingredients.

The 126 Angus bulls in the test had an average on-test WDA of 2.85 lb., and an average on-test weight of 788 lb.

**High-ADG Angus (tie)**—Lot 51; owner: West Virginia University, Morgantown; sire: Schurr 77 X723 6001; ADG: 5.27 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 3.37 lb.; wt.: 1,008 lb.

**High-ADG Angus (tie)**—Lot 65; owner: Harold Kessel, Burlington; sire: HJK In Focus

### ▶ Calhoun Bull Evaluation Performance Test & Sale, Calhoun, Ga., Dec. 9, 2011

▶ **Lanny Benson** (left), Emilan Angus Farm, La Fayette, Ga., receives the award for consigning the high-indexing Angus bull from Christy Page, Georgia Angus Ass'n executive secretary. Emilan Special Agent 007 is a Nov. 2010 son of GAR Predestined. He posted an average daily gain (ADG) of 4.84 pounds (lb.), with an adjusted yearling weight of 1,136 lb.



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819; ADG: 5.27 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 3.40 lb.; wt.: 1,106 lb.

**High-ADG Angus (tie)**—Lot 80; owner: Triple O Farms, Amma; sire: Connealy Reflection; ADG: 5.27 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 3.06 lb.; wt.: 1,042 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 30; owner: Shriver Farms, Grafton; sire: OFF Rite Solution; ADG: 4.54 lb.; ADG ratio: 113; WDA: 3.56 lb.; wt.: 1,010 lb.

**Angus averages (126 head)**—ADG: 4.02 lb.; WDA: 3.01 lb.; wt.: 955 lb.

The test sale is scheduled for March 22,

2012, at the Reymann Memorial Farm, Wardensville, W.Va.

Test information is available from Jim Bostic, executive secretary of the West Virginia Livestock Association, at 304-472-4020 and on the test website, [www.wvbeef.org](http://www.wvbeef.org).

### ▶ Midland Bull Test Columbus, Mont.

#### First interim report (early January)

The Midland Bull test is a 120-day gain test with a 70-day efficiency test. Bulls are fed a

44 Mcal diet that is high in roughage for targeted gains of about 3 lb. per day. There were 612 Angus bulls weighed on test. The first efficiency test group was weighed on test Oct. 8, 2011. The second efficiency test group was weighed on test Nov. 5, 2011.

**High-ADG and high-WDA group 1 Angus**—Lot 283; owner: Abegglen Livestock, Garneill, Mont.; sire: Werner War Party 2417; ADG: 4.26 lb.; WDA: 3.87 lb. wt.: 1,320 lb.

**High-ADG group 2 Angus**—Lot 603; owner: Flat Mountain Ranch, Menahga, Mont.; sire: GAR EGL Protégé; ADG: 5.08 lb.; WDA: 3.68 lb.; wt.: 1,140 lb.

**High-WDA group 2 Angus**—Lot 558; owner: Harrison Angus Ranch, Boyd, Mont.; sire: HARB Imus; ADG: 4.67 lb.; WDA: 3.88 lb.; wt.: 1,145 lb.

**Angus averages (550 head)**—ADG: 3.11 lb.; WDA: 3.07 lb.

Qualifying Angus bulls will sell April 6, 2012.

For more information contact Steve and Lindsey Williams at 406-322-5597 or [bulls@midlandbulltest.com](mailto:bulls@midlandbulltest.com). Information is available on the test website at [www.midlandbulltest.com](http://www.midlandbulltest.com).

### ▶ MBCIA Jackson Bull Test Spring Grove, Minn.

#### 52-day report (Jan. 4, 2012)

A total of 85 bulls, including 64 Angus, are on test at Foundation Feeders Inc. near Spring Grove, Minn., for the 2011-2012 Minnesota Beef Cattle Improvement Association (MBCIA) Jackson test. Bulls are being fed a ration of corn silage, alfalfa haylage, corn, distillers' grains, minerals and vitamins as a TMR.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 24; owner: Dennis Youngerberg, Springfield, Minn.; sire: SAV Heritage 6295; ADG: 5.28 lb.; WDA: 3.65 lb.; wt.: 1,150 lb.; test index: 128.8

**High-WDA (tie) Angus**—Lot 33; owner: Oakridge Farm, Decorah, Iowa; sire: EXAR Lutton; ADG: 4.95 lb.; WDA: 3.77 lb.; wt.: 1,325 lb.; test index: 126

**High-WDA (tie) Angus**—Lot 51; owner: Riley Bros., Darlington, Wis.; sire: Werner War Party; ADG: 4.12 lb.; WDA: 3.77 lb.; wt.: 1,300 lb.; test index: 114

**High-indexing Angus**—Lot 32; owner: Shady Hill Farms, Blue Earth, Minn.; sire: PVF Payoff; ADG: 5.23 lb.; WDA: 3.73 lb.; wt.: 1,145 lb.; test index: 129.3

**Angus averages (64 head)**—ADG: 3.86 lb.; WDA: 3.03 lb.; wt.: 968 lb.

**Overall averages (85 head)**—ADG: 3.85 lb.; WDA: 3.08 lb.; wt.: 979 lb.

Bulls indexing in the top 75%-80% of the entire Jackson group (all breeds) will be eligible for the MBCIA Bull Test Sale in Jackson, Minn., scheduled for April 7. The test index is 50% Test ADG ratio + 50% WDA ratio. For more information, contact Ron Holty, manager, at 507-498-5839 or [rkholy@springgrove.coop](mailto:rkholy@springgrove.coop).

