



Performance Report

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Midland Bull Test

Columbus, Mont.

77-day report (Dec. 27, 2008)

Seven hundred fifty bulls were weighed Dec. 27, 2008, for the Midland Bull Test's 77-day interim report. Including all breeds, there are 1,155 bulls on test at Midland this year.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 778; owner: Brand Angus, Lake City, Minn.; sire: Quaker Hill Objective 3J15; ADG: 4.85 lb.; ADG ratio: 172; WDA: 3.10 lb.; wt.: 1,090 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 142; owner: Granger Angus, Great Falls, Mont.; sire: Connealy Onward; ADG: 4.38 lb.; ADG ratio: 155; WDA: 3.69 lb.; wt.: 1,245 lb.

Angus averages (750 head)—ADG: 3.03 lb.; WDA: 2.95 lb.

The Midland Bull Test Sale will be April 8-10, with Angus featured on the 10th. For more information, contact Steve or Lindsay Williams at 406-322-5597 or bulls@midlandbulltest.com. Information can also be found on the test web site, www.midlandbulltest.com.

WCA/WSU Bull Test

WSU Research Center, Prosser, Wash.

80-day report (Jan. 24)

The 16th Annual Washington Cattleman's Association/Washington State University (WCA/WSU) Bull Test has issued a progress report for the first 80 days of the 120-day test. Consigned by 38 producers, there are 103 bulls born Jan. 1-March 31, 2008, on test, including Angus, Red Angus, Polled and Horned Hereford, ChiAngus, Gelbvieh, SimAngus and Simmental.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 46; owner: Jay and Connie Kayser, Centerville, Wash.; sire: SS Objective T510-0T26; ADG: 4.86 lb.; WDA: 3.60 lb.; wt.: 1,290 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 20; owner: Columbia

Gorge Angus, Washougal, Wash.; sire: Connealy Thunder; ADG: 3.54 lb.; WDA: 3.70 lb.; wt.: 1,205 lb.

Angus averages (65 head)—ADG: 3.59 lb.; WDA: 3.13 lb.; wt.: 1,094 lb.

Overall averages (103 head)—ADG: 3.54 lb.; WDA: 3.13 lb.

The test sale is scheduled for March 25 at the WSU Research Center at Prosser. WCA Allied Industries members will sponsor a trade show beginning at 8 a.m. sale day. A social hour and forum will be conducted the evening before the sale and will feature Larry Gran, territory manager for Pfizer Animal Genetics, who will discuss "transforming livestock production through technology."

Bulls on test may be viewed at any time at the research center. For more information, contact Sharon Taff, test data coordinator, at 509-786-9220 or Kendall Cattle Sales, sale manager, at 208-858-2163. Test data can be viewed online at www.prosser.wsu.edu.

North Dakota Angus Ass'n Bull Test

Ridl Farms, Dickinson, ND

56-day report

Bull test committee chairmen L.J. and Janet Dohrmann report that 72 bulls consigned by 29 Angus producers are competing in the 112-day test.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 30; owner: Anchor Angus, Glendive, Mont.; sire: Sitz Upward; ADG: 4.95 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 4; owner: Maier Ranch, New Salem, N.D.; sire: TC Total 410; WDA: 4.18 lb.

Angus averages (72 head)—ADG: 3.46 lb.; WDA: 3.27 lb.; wt.: 1,080 lb.

The test sale will be April 27 at Stockmen's Livestock Exchange, Dickinson, N.D. For more information, contact L.J. or Janet at 701-974-2187.

SIUC Bull Test

Carbondale, Ill.

84-day report (Jan. 19)

The 34th Annual Performance Tested Bull Test at Southern Illinois University—Carbondale (SIUC) weighed 41 bulls representing breeders in two states Jan. 19.

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 31; owner: Triple S Farm, Camargo, Ill.; sire: Underwood Dominique 262; ADG: 6.37 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; F/G: 4.29 lb.; F/G ratio: 126; wt.: 1,375 lb.

Angus averages (30 head)—ADG: 5.06 lb.; F/G: 5.39 lb.; wt.: 1,223 lb.

The bulls were scheduled to be 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 ratkinsn@siu.edu. Information is also available on the test web site at www.siu.edu/~animal/bulltest.

Pennsylvania Bull Testing Program

Pennsylvania Furnace, Pa.

84-day report (Jan. 20)

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.

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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 66 Angus, 20 Simmentals, 13 Herefords, eight Red Angus, four Limousin, five Charolais and one crossbred.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 46; owner: River Bend Farm, Peapack, N.J.; sire: Connealy Front Page 0228; ADG: 6.05 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 3.29 lb.; WDA ratio: 97; wt.: 1,220 lb.

High-WDA Angus (tie)—Lot 70; owner: Marlin & Steve Paul, Klingerstown; sire: PS Keystone Power; ADG: 5.06 lb.; ADG ratio: 107; WDA: 3.90 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,118 lb.

High-WDA Angus (tie)—Lot 118; owner: Russell & Judy Hollenback, Towanda; sire: SAV 8180 Traveler 004; ADG: 5.96 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.92 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,292 lb.

Angus averages (66 head)—ADG: 4.73 lb.; WDA: 3.40 lb.; wt.: 1,121 lb.

The bulls are scheduled to be weighed 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.

84-day report (Jan. 9)

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 and high-WDA Angus—Lot 230; owner: Brink Angus, Terry Brink, Frederick, Okla.; sire: Stevenson Moneymaker R185; ADG: 7.19 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 4.35 lb.; WDA ratio: 123; wt.: 1,575 lb.

Angus averages (128 head)—ADG: 5.45 lb.; WDA: 3.53 lb.; wt.: 1,212 lb.

The bulls were scheduled for final weights to be taken Feb. 6. 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.

56-day report (Jan. 13)

The performance of the 75 bulls consigned to the 2009 Edisto Forage Bull Test improved as more bulls reached that adaptation point for winter grazing, reports Bull Testing Program Coordinator Larry Olson.

"They gained an average of 2.68 lb. per day," he says.

The bulls were on winter grazing during the whole period, Olson reports. This is a 168-day test.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 1; owner: Ted Bourne, Cedar Creek Farm, Donalds, S.C.; sire: Boyd On Target 1083; ADG: 4.46 lb.; ADG ratio: 187; WDA: 2.79 lb.; WDA ratio: 101; wt.: 1,045 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 24; owner: Billy McLeod, Black Crest Farms, Sumter, S.C.; sire: Rito 112 of 2536 Rito 616; ADG: 3.39 lb.; ADG ratio: 142; WDA: 3.31 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,220 lb.

Angus averages (67 head)—ADG: 2.39 lb.; WDA: 2.77 lb.; wt.: 953 lb.

Overall averages (75 head)—ADG: 2.33 lb.; WDA: 2.76 lb.; wt.: 948 lb.

The bulls are scheduled to be weighed for interim weights Feb. 10, March 10 and April 7. 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.

▶ 51st Tifton Bull Evaluation Program Tifton, Ga.

84-day report (Jan. 13)

The 84-day weigh-in of the 51st Tifton Bull Evaluation Program was Jan. 13 weighing 159 bulls, 82 of which were Angus. "Bulls have performed much better than expected to this point considering the change in the ration," 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: 6.32 lb.; ADG ratio: 144; WDA: 3.30 lb.; WDA ratio: 97; wt.: 1,260 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 92; owner: Harvey Lemmon, Lemmon Cattle Ent., Woodbury, Ga.; sire: B/R Destination 727-928; ADG: 5.48 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 4.27 lb.; WDA ratio: 126; wt.: 1,464 lb.

Angus averages (82 head)—ADG: 4.40 lb.; WDA: 3.40 lb.; wt.: 1,238 lb.

Overall averages (159 head)—ADG: 4.49 lb.; WDA: 3.41 lb.; wt.: 1,239 lb.

Final weights were to 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.

▶ UBIA Bull Test Kenison Farms & Feedlot, Levan, Utah

84-day report (Jan. 19)

The Utah Beef Improvement Association (UBIA) Bull Test weighed 125 Angus bulls on test Oct. 27, 2008. Weights at the 84-day interval were taken Jan. 19.

High-ADG Junior Angus—Lot 88; owner: Chase Fullmer, Sigurd, Utah; sire: Connealy Freightliner; ADG: 4.96 lb.; ADG ratio: 154; WDA: 3.04 lb.; wt.: 1,115 lb.

High-WDA Junior Angus—Lot 65; owner: Carson Angus Ranch, Larry Carson, Highland, Utah; sire: Stevenson CE Deluxe 1914; ADG: 4.14 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 3.91 lb.; wt.: 1,405 lb.

High-ADG Senior Angus—Lot 231; owner: Brigham Young University, Rexburg, Idaho; sire: Connealy Foresight; ADG: 3.13 lb.; ADG ratio: 109; WDA: 3.00 lb.; wt.: 1,510 lb.

High-WDA Senior Angus—Lot 240; owner: Steve Smith Angus, Lehi, Utah; ADG: 3.01 lb.; ADG ratio: 105; WDA: 3.17 lb.; wt.: 1,325 lb.

Junior Angus averages (124 head)—ADG: 3.23 lb.; wt.: 1,190 lb.

Junior overall averages (219 head)—ADG: 3.06 lb.; WDA: 3.12 lb.; wt.: 1,170 lb.

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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. 84-day report (Jan. 13)

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, Max Meadows, Va.; sire: GAR Predestined; ADG: 4.88 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.53 lb.; WDA ratio: 108; wt.: 1,320 lb.

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 122; owner: Sara Pratt, Echo Ridge Farm, Fredericksburg, Va.; sire: Rito 6F40 of Rita 4011 FD; ADG: 4.52 lb.; ADG ratio: 117; WDA: 3.87 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,185 lb.

High-ADG and high-WDA senior Angus—Lot 58; owner: Mike Connatser, J&M Windy Acres, Maryville, Tenn.; sire: TC Total 410;

ADG: 5.36 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; WDA: 3.86 lb.; WDA ratio: 126; wt.: 1,565 lb.

Angus junior averages (63 head)—ADG: 3.87 lb.; WDA: 3.28 lb.; wt: 1,125 lb.

Overall junior averages (103 head)—ADG: 3.75 lb.; WDA: 3.23 lb.; wt: 1,097 lb.

Angus senior averages (76 head)—ADG: 4.00 lb.; WDA: 3.07 lb.; wt: 1,344 lb.

Overall senior averages (105 head)—ADG: 3.96 lb.; WDA: 3.02 lb.; wt: 1,321 lb.

Senior bulls are scheduled to be weighed off test Feb. 9-10; junior bulls are scheduled to be weighed 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>.

▶ MCA/MSU Bull Test Plank Farm, Crystal, Mich. 56-day report (Jan. 2)

Bulls were weighed for the Michigan Cattlemen's Association/Michigan State University (MCA/MSU) Bull Test Jan. 2, 2009. 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 24; owner: Rietberg Farms, Hudsonville, Mich.; sire: GAR Retail Product R644; ADG: 5.92 lb.; ADG ratio: 145;

WDA: 3.25 lb.; WDA ratio: 103; wt.: 1,525 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 32; owner: Sumerix Angus Farm, Lachine, Mich.; sire: Woodhill Foresight; ADG: 4.43 lb.; ADG ratio: 109; WDA: 3.78 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,045 lb.

Overall averages (107 head)—ADG: 4.08 lb.; WDA: 3.17 lb.

84-day report (Jan. 29)

Bulls were weighed again Jan. 29 for the 84-day interim report.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 24; ADG: 5.21 lb.; ADG ratio: 138; WDA: 3.28 lb.; WDA ratio: 104; wt.: 1,625 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 32; ADG: 4.20 lb.; ADG ratio: 112; WDA: 3.78 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,145 lb.

Overall averages (107 head)—ADG: 3.77 lb.; WDA: 3.17 lb.

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. 56-day report (Jan. 6)

The University of Tennessee Junior Bull Test weighed 62 Angus for the 56-day report at the Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center in Spring Hill Jan. 6. The 84-day test is a standard, impartial 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 63; owner: Richview Angus Farm, Lancing; sire: FAR Krugerrand 410H; ADG: 6.84 lb.; ADG ratio: 141; WDA: 3.73 lb.; wt.: 1,445 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 19; owner: Chimney Top Angus LLC, Greeneville; sire: GAR Predestined; ADG: 5.59 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 4.14 lb.; wt.: 1,530 lb.

Angus averages (62 head)—ADG: 4.86 lb.

84-day final report (Feb. 3)

High-ADG Angus—Lot 63; ADG: 5.99 lb.; ADG ratio: 133; WDA: 3.77 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,565 lb.; SC: 38.0 cm

High-WDA Angus—Lot 18; owner: Chimney Top Angus LLC; sire: Boyd On Target 1083; ADG: 4.58 lb.; ADG ratio: 102; WDA: 4.20 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,365 lb.; SC: 40 cm

Angus averages (61 head)—ADG: 4.51 lb.; WDA: 3.47 lb.; wt.: 1,294 lb.

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>.

West Virginia Young Sire Evaluation Wardensville, W.Va. 28-day report (Jan. 6)

The West Virginia Young Sire Evaluation is under way with 101 Angus bulls on test at the West Virginia University Reymann Memorial Farm in Wardensville. In addition to traditional measures of growth, fertility and body composition, this test measures individual feed intake (FI) and provides insight into each bull's ability to convert feed into marketable product.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 61; owner: Wolfe Angus, Philippi; sire: OCC Great Plains 943G; ADG: 5.14 lb.; ADG ratio: 147; WDA: 2.85 lb.; wt.: 984 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 24; owner: Kinsey's Oak Front Farm, Flemington; sire: Mytty in Focus; ADG: 3.82 lb.; ADG ratio: 109; WDA: 3.56 lb.; wt.: 1,160 lb.

Angus averages (101 head)—ADG: 3.50 lb.; WDA: 2.96; wt.: 974 lb.

The annual bull sale is scheduled for March 26. For more information contact Wayne Wagner, test manager, at 304-293-6131, ext. 4205, or visit the test web site at www.wvbeef.org/wbt/wbt.html.

Tucumcari Bull Test

Tucumcari, N.M.

56-day report (Jan. 12)

The Tucumcari Bull Test at Tucumcari, N.M., weighed all test groups Jan. 12. All bulls are fertility tested, verified trichomoniasis and PI-BVD-negative. The test index is 40% ADG, 40% WDA and 20% feed-to-gain ratio.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 24-2; owner: Premium Beef Genetics, Canyon, Texas; sire:

GAR Solution; ADG: 6.05 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 3.03 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 1,080 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 12-4; owner: Hartzog Angus Cattle, Farwell, Texas; sire: EXAR Precision 5290; ADG: 5.64 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 3.54 lb.; WDA ratio: 126; wt.: 1,115 lb.

All performance-tested bulls will sell with 112-day performance and ultrasound data, as well as a full panel of GeneStar® marker tests for quality grade, tenderness and feed efficiency. The 48th Annual Bull and Heifer Sale is scheduled for March 20. For more information contact Manny Encinias, Extension beef cattle specialist, at 505-927-7935 or mencinia@nmsu.edu, or visit the test web site at <http://cahe.nmsu.edu/beefperformancetest>.

IBEP 2008 Winter Test Bedford, Ind.

63-day report (Jan. 20)

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 and high-indexing Angus—Lot 80; owner: Beaver Ridge Farm, Middletown, Ind.; sire: GAR Grid Maker; ADG: 5.40 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 3.59 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,270 lb.; test index: 130

High-WDA Angus—Lot 184; owner: Grubbs Angus Farm, Hillsboro, Ind.; sire: EXAR Lutton

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1831; ADG: 4.44 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 3.97 lb.; WDA ratio: 127; wt.: 1,335 lb.; test index: 120

Angus averages (156 head)—ADG: 3.87 lb.; WDA: 3.14 lb.; wt.: 1,057 lb.

Overall averages (227 head)—ADG: 3.78 lb.; WDA: 3.13 lb.; wt.: 1,049 lb.

The test index is 60% ADG ratio plus 40% WDA ratio. The 93-day interim weights were to be taken Feb. 17; and final weights are scheduled for 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 Huntrods, station manager, at 812-279-8554 or huntrods@purdue.edu. For test information visit the web site at www.ansc.purdue.edu/ibep.

■ LSU 101st Beef Bull Evaluation Alexandria, La.

84-day report (Jan. 20)

The third 28-day period of the Louisiana State University (LSU) 101st Beef Bull Evaluation Test ended Jan. 20. "Weight gains averaged 2.73 pounds (lb.) per day for the third period," reports Danny Coombs, test station manager. "After 84 days on test, the group averaged 3.59 pounds daily gain. Average weight at the end of the 84 days was 1,009 pounds."

High-gaining Angus—Lot 11; owner: Carroll Boudreaux, Darnall Place Farm, Loreauville, La.; sire: Boyd New Day 8005; ADG: 5.88 lb.; wt.: 1,142 lb.

Angus averages (33 head)—ADG: 4.06 lb.; wt.: 1,028 lb.

Overall averages (80 head)—ADG: 3.59 lb.; wt.: 1,009 lb.

The 112-day test was scheduled to end Feb. 17. For additional test information, test data and reports, contact Coombs at dcoombs@agctr.lsu.edu or 318-473-6528.

■ St. Croix Valley Bull Test Mann Valley Farm

84-day report (Jan. 24)

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

High-ADG Angus—Lot 9-2; owner: Mike & June Chadwick, Chadwick Angus, Marshall, Wis.; sire: Twin Valley Precision E161; ADG: 3.54 lb.; ADG ratio: 139; WDA: 3.21 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,015 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 8-6; owner: Melvin & Sharon Neimann, Emerald Lane Angus, Edgar, Wis.; sire: Quaker Hill Objective 3J15; ADG: 3.13 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; WDA: 3.45 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 956 lb.

Angus averages (46 head)—ADG: 2.54 lb.; WDA: 2.93 lb.; wt.: 907 lb.

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

■ Southern West Virginia Bull Test Point Pleasant, W.Va.

74-day report (Jan. 26)

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 368; owner: Turkey Run Angus, Otway, Ohio; sire: CRA Bextor 872 5205 608; ADG: 5.42 lb.; ADG ratio: 146; WDA: 3.26 lb.; wt.: 1,253 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 345; owner: Wolfe Angus Farm, Philippi, W.Va.; sire: SAV 8180 Traveler 004; ADG: 4.04 lb.; ADG ratio: 109; WDA: 3.73 lb.; wt.: 1,220 lb.

Angus averages (95 head)—ADG: 3.72 lb.; WDA: 3.00 lb.; wt.: 1,103 lb.

The bulls were scheduled to be weighed off test Feb. 20. 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.

■ WIU Bull Test

WIU Livestock Center, Macomb, Ill.

84-day report (Jan. 20)

The Western Illinois University (WIU) Bull Test is under way. Fifty-five bulls were delivered to the WIU Test Station Oct. 6-7, 2008. The official test began Oct. 28 and will conclude after 112 days.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 509; owner: Atwood Farm, Geneseo, Ill.; sire: Basin Franchise P142; ADG: 4.8 lb.; F/G: 6.19; wt.: 1,338 lb.

Best F/G Angus—Lot 301; owner: Schreacke Angus, Camp Point, Ill.; sire: Dr. J Analyst; ADG: 3.61 lb.; F/G: 7.31; wt.: 1,080 lb.

The bulls were scheduled to be weighed off test Feb. 16-17, 2009. The annual sale will be Friday, March 20, at the WIU Livestock Center located one 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.

■ 57th Annual OPSU Bull Test Goodwell, Okla.

112-day final report (Jan. 31)

The beef bulls on the 57th Annual Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU) Performance Test at Goodwell, Okla., were weighed off test Saturday, Jan. 31. In preparation for the Feb. 23 sale, the bulls were measured for frame score, scrotal circumference and evaluated on semen quality.

The bulls were fed a growing ration consisting of rolled corn, rolled oats, chopped alfalfa, dry distillers' grain (DDG), cottonseed hulls, molasses and protein supplement.

High-ADG and high-Indexing Junior

Angus—Lot 23-1; owner: Gary McPherson, Watonga, Okla.; sire: TC Precision 308; ADG: 5.59 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 3.95 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,416 lb.; test index: 122

High-WDA Junior Angus—Lot 27-4; owner: Larry Weinkauff, Orlando, Okla.; sire: GAR Objective S395; ADG: 4.92 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 4.07 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,330 lb.; test index: 116

High-ADG and high-Indexing Senior

Angus—Lot 5-2; owner: Al Rutledge, Stillwater, Okla.; sire: GAR Retail Product; ADG: 6.49 lb.; ADG ratio: 143; WDA: 3.60 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,778 lb.; test index: 129

High-WDA Senior Angus—Lot 22-3; owner: Gary McPherson, Watonga, Okla.; sire: TC Foreman 016; ADG: 5.47 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 3.94 lb.; WDA ratio: 125; wt.: 1,826 lb.; test index: 125

Angus averages (92 head)—ADG: 4.42 lb.; WDA: 3.57 lb.

Overall averages (98 head)—ADG: 4.39 lb.; WDA: 4.39 lb.

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■ Virginia BCIA Culpeper Junior Bull Test Glenmary Farm, Rapidan, Va.

56-day report (Jan. 13)

Forty-one Angus bulls are on test at the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) Culpeper Junior Bull Test. Bulls were weighed Jan. 13 for the 56-day mid-term report.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 95; owner: C.W. Pratt, Echo Ridge Farm, Atkins; sire: GAR Prediction; ADG: 4.91 lb.; ADG ratio: 159; WDA: 3.23 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,120 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 104; owner: C.W. Pratt; sire: GAR Prediction; ADG: 4.20 lb.; ADG ratio: 136; WDA: 3.40 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,105 lb.

Angus averages (41 head)—ADG: 3.08 lb.; WDA: 2.87 lb.

Overall averages (58 head)—ADG: 2.70 lb.; WDA: 2.60 lb.

The bulls were scheduled to be reweighed Feb. 10 for an interim weight and weighed off test March 9-10. The sale is scheduled for April 3 with an open-house format. For more information contact Tom and Kim Nixon, station owners/managers, at 540-672-7396 or glenmaryfarm@crucialisp.com or Scott Greiner, educational advisor, at 540-231-9159 or sgreiner@vt.edu. Information is available on the test web site at <http://bcia.apsc.vt.edu>.