

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

#### Virginia BCIA Southwest Bull Test Hillwinds Farm, Dublin, Va. 84-day report (Jan. 10)

The 33rd Southwest Virginia Bull Test sponsored by the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) weighed bulls on test Oct. 18, 2011. Junior division bulls were born Ian. 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. Both junior and senior bulls were scheduled to be weighed off test Feb. 6-7.

High-ADG junior Angus-Lot 113; owner: Fox Run Farm, Sam Daniel, Oxford, N.C.; sire: Rito 8MM6 of Rita 5FK8 Pred; ADG: 5.77 lb.; ADG ratio: 143; WDA: 3.46 lb.; WDA ratio: 108; wt.: 1,245 lb.; frame: 7.1

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 103; owner: Cassell Angus Farm, Jason Cassell, Independence, Va.; sire: B/R Destination 928-619; ADG: 4.46 lb.; ADG ratio: 111; WDA: 3.87 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,260 lb.; frame: 7.0

High-ADG senior Angus-Lot 38; owner: Cassell Angus Farm; sire: B/R Destination 928-619; ADG: 5.42 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; WDA: 2.79 lb.; WDA ratio: 93; wt.: 1,355 lb.

High-WDA senior Angus-Lot 29; owner: J&M Windy Acres, Mike Connatser, Maryville, Tenn.; sire: Werner War Party 2417; ADG: 4.05 lb.; ADG ratio: 100; WDA: 3.68 lb.; WDA ratio: 123; wt.: 1,470 lb.

Junior Angus averages (76 head)—ADG: 4.03 lb.; WDA: 3.19 lb.; wt.: 1,080 lb.

Senior Angus averages (41 head)—ADG: 4.05 lb.; WDA: 3.01 lb.; wt.: 1,304 lb.

Overall junior averages (120 head)—ADG: 3.95 lb.; WDA: 3.20 lb.; wt.: 1,072 lb.

Overall senior averages (68 head)-ADG:

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4.00 lb.; WDA: 3.01 lb.; wt.: 1,304 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/.

#### **WBIA Central Bull Test** Platteville Pioneer Prairie Farm, Platteville. Wis.

36-day report (Jan. 10)

Nominations for the 2011-2012 Wisconsin Beef Improvement Association (WBIA) Central Bull Test were due Sept. 23, 2011. The 100-day test is conducted at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville Pioneer Prairie Farm, Platteville, Wis. Bulls were weighed on test Dec. 5-6 following delivery Nov. 7.

Bulls in the test were born Jan. 1-April 15, 2011. The growth index will determine the bulls that qualify for the sale. The growth index will be weighted 50% ADG ratio + 30% 365-day ratio + 20% WDA ratio.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 12; owner: Slager Angus, Larry Slager, Polo, Ill.; sire: LDS Alliance 553; ADG: 6.53 lb.; ADG ratio: 150; WDA: 3.75 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,070 lb.

High-WDA Angus-Lot 6; owner: Borkdale Angus, Lloyd Bork, Grand Marsh, Wis.; sire: Sitz New Design 458N; ADG: 3.33 lb.; ADG ratio: 76; WDA: 4.11 lb.; WDA ratio: 126; wt.: 1.110 lb.

Angus averages (77 head)—ADG: 4.37 lb.; WDA: 3.28 lb.

A 65-day weight was scheduled to be taken Feb. 9. Bulls will be weighed off test March 14-15. Bulls meeting sale requirements will be sold at the farm in Platteville April 7.

For more information contact John Freitag, WBIA executive director, at wbia@tds.net;

1-800-297-5747 or 608-527-5747. More information can be found on the test website at http://wisconsinbeef.com/home.html.

#### UBIA Bull Test Kenison Feedlot, Levan, Utah 84-day report (Jan. 15)

The Utah Beef Improvement Association (UBIA) received junior and senior bulls Oct. 10, 2011, at Kenison Farm and Feedlot, 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-ratioing junior growth division Angus-Lot 16; owner: Crozier Angus, Kelly Crozier, Neola, Utah; sire: Werner War Party 2417; ADG: 4.24 lb.; ADG ratio: 135; WDA: 3.84 lb.; wt.: 1,220 lb.; sale ratio: 131

High-WDA junior growth division Angus-Lot 24; owner: Crozier Angus; sire: Connealy 044 062; ADG: 3.96 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.98 lb.; wt.: 1,270 lb.; sale ratio: 127

High-ADG and high-ratioing junior LBW division Angus-Lot 116; owner: Lowe Livestock LLC, Lorin Lowe, Toquerville, Utah; sire: Mr. Objective 904; ADG: 4.43 lb.; ADG ratio: 143; WDA: 3.09 lb.; wt.: 1,130 lb.; sale ratio: 130

**High-WDA junior LBW division Angus** (tie)—Lot 132; owner: Saddle Horn Ranch,

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Chad, Gina and Kane Stevenson, Altamont, Utah; sire: SAV Bismarck 5682; ADG: 3.50 lb.; ADG ratio: 113; WDA: 3.36 lb.; wt.: 1,200 lb.; sale ratio: 114

High-WDA junior LBW division Angus (tie)—Lot 142; owner: Strawberry River Angus, Travis Clayburn, Strawberry River, Utah; sire: SS Objective T510 0T26; ADG: 3.29 lb.; ADG ratio: 106; WDA: 3.36 lb.; wt.: 1,160 lb.; sale ratio: 109

**High-ADG and high-ratioing senior Angus**—Lot 251; owner: Adams Angus, Ryan Adams, Brigham City, Utah; sire: VDAR Hero 6018; ADG: 4.52 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 2.69 lb.; wt.: 1,145 lb.; sale ratio: 114

**High-WDA senior Angus**—Lot 256; owner: Lowe Livestock LLC; sire: Mr. Objective 904; ADG: 3.45 lb.; ADG ratio: 97; WDA: 3.12 lb.; wt.: 1,220 lb.; sale ratio: 103

Junior growth division Angus averages (84 head)—ADG: 3.15 lb.

Junior LBW division Angus averages (48 head)—ADG: 3.11 lb.

**Overall junior averages (207 head)**—ADG: 3.13 lb.

**Overall senior averages (28 head)**—ADG: 3.57 lb.

Bulls were scheduled to be 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.

#### North Dakota Angus Ass'n 24th Annual Bull Test Ridl Farms, Dickinson, N.D. 61-day report (Jan. 23)

The North Dakota Angus Association's 24th Annual Bull Test is being conducted at Ridl Farms, Dickinson, N.D.

L.J. and Janet Dohrmann of Taylor, N.D., Bull Test Committee chairmen, report that 72 bulls consigned by 28 Angus breeders are competing in a 112-day test.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 13; owner: Schmidt Angus Ranch, Gladstone; sire: Wildes Armour 6210; ADG: 4.34 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 10; owner: Schmidt Angus Ranch; sire: SAV Peacemaker 3179; WDA: 3.82 lb.

**Angus averages (72 head)**—ADG: 3.65 lb.; WDA: 3.27 lb.; wt.: 1,074 lb.

The sale will be April 23 at Stockmen's Livestock Exchange, Dickinson, N.D. Contact the Dohrmanns at 701-974-2187 for more information on the bull test.

#### Tifton Bull Evaluation Program Tifton Bull Evaluation Center, Tifton, Ga. 84-day report (Jan. 17)

The 54th Tifton Bull Evaluation Program began with an average of weights collected Oct. 3 and 4. 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 59; owner: Meldon Farm, Jefferson, Ga.; sire: SydGen Mandate 6079; ADG: 5.42 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 3.60 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,285 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 135; owner: Four Mile Farm, James Holman, Blakely, Ga.; sire: JFH Total W101; ADG: 4.17 lb.; ADG ratio: 100; WDA: 3.84 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,420 lb.

**Angus averages (77 head)**—ADG: 4.18 lb.; WDA: 3.27 lb.; wt.: 1,230 lb.

**Overall averages (157 head)**—ADG: 4.16 lb.; WDA: 3.30 lb.; wt.: 1,242 lb.

Final weights were scheduled 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.

#### IBEP 2011 Winter Test Feldun-Purdue Ag Center, Bedford, Ind. 63-day report (Jan. 24)

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

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breeds represented. Average on-test weight was 814 lb.

**High-ADG and high-indexing Angus**—Lot 22; owner: Bill Washburn, Olney, Ill.; sire: Hoover Dam; ADG: 5.76 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 3.58 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,075 lb.; test index: 122

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 169; owner: Grubbs Angus Farm, Hillsboro, Ind.; sire: Pine Ridge Hammer S322; ADG: 4.83 lb.; ADG ratio: 109; WDA: 3.94 lb.; WDA ratio: 122; wt.: 1,060 lb.; test index: 114

High-ADG Angus get-of-sire—five bulls;

owner: Schrader Farms Angus, Columbia City, Ind.; sire: Schrader By Design 5809; avg. ADG: 5.19 lb.; ADG ratio: 117; avg. WDA: 3.39 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; avg. wt.: 1,114 lb.; test index: 112

**High-WDA Angus get-of-sire**—three bulls; owner: Bill Washburn; sire: R/M Ironstone 4047; avg. ADG: 4.80 lb.; ADG ratio: 108; avg. WDA: 3.46 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; avg. wt.: 1,192 lb.; test index: 108

**Angus averages (151 head)**—ADG: 4.43 lb.; WDA: 3.24 lb.; wt.: 1,097 lb.

**Overall averages (210 head)**—ADG: 4.38 lb.; WDA: 3.25 lb.; wt.: 1,089 lb.

An interim weight was scheduled for Feb. 21. The bulls will be weighed off test in late March. 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*.

## Nebraska Bull Test Rohde Farms, Ansley, Neb. 90-day report (Jan. 19)

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. Seventeen Angus sire groups were identified.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 36; owner: Frese Angus, Columbus; sire: SAV Net Worth 4200; ADG: 4.83 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 3.28 lb.; WDA ratio: 101; wt.: 1,240 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 96; owner: Stepladder Angus Ranch, Brian Thompson, Sutherland; sire: Stepladder Topper; ADG: 4.44 lb.; ADG ratio: 119; WDA: 4.03 lb.; WDA ratio: 125; wt.: 1,346 lb.

**High-ADG Angus sire group**—Four bulls; owner: Lazy Black Diamond Ranch, Kevin Glause, Palmer; sire: RB Smooth Cat 987-303; avg. ADG: 4.36 lb.; ADG ratio: 117; avg. WDA: 3.53 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; avg. wt.: 1,168 lb.

**High-WDA Angus sire group**—Three bulls; owner: Macholan Angus, Jim, Jessica & Keaton Macholan, Lindwood; sire: Jindra Dynamite; avg. ADG: 3.77 lb.; ADG ratio: 101; avg. WDA: 3.71 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,218 lb.

**Angus averages (135 head)**—ADG: 3.73 lb.; WDA: 3.23 lb.; wt.: 1,095 lb.

The final 120-day weights were scheduled to be taken Feb. 17-18.

The top 120 bulls will sell March 28 in the 49th annual Nebraska Bull Test Sale 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.

# SIU Bull Test Carbondale, Ill. 84-day junior report (Jan. 17) 84-day final senior report (Jan. 17)

The 48 bulls on test in the 37th annual Southern Illinois University (SIU)–Carbondale Bull Test were weighed on test Oct. 24-25, 2011. 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, were tested for 84 days with final weights taken CONTINUED ON PAGE 220

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Jan. 17, 2012. Junior bulls born Dec. 18, 2010-March 17, 2011, will be tested for 112 days, with final weights taken Feb. 14.

**High-ADG and best F:G junior Angus**—Lot 6; owner: Neubauer Farms, Shirley, Ill.; sire: TC Rito 416; ADG: 7.05 lb.; ADG ratio: 138; F:G: 4.06 lb.; wt.: 1,525 lb.

**High-ADG and best F:G senior Angus**—Lot 37; owner: Rolling Hills Farm, Lawrence Beal, Richview, Ill.; sire: SAV Net Worth 4200; ADG: 6.10 lb.; ADG ratio: 100; F:G: 5.60 lb.; wt.: 1,700 lb.

**Junior Angus averages (43 head)**—ADG: 5.09 lb.; F:G: 5.45 lb.; wt.: 1,208 lb.

**Senior Angus averages (1 head)**—ADG: 6.10 lb.; F:G: 5.60 lb.; wt.: 1,700 lb.

The test sale is scheduled for March 9. For more information contact George Wiedlocher, bull test supervisor, at 618-457-6838 or bullman@siu.edu or Rebecca Atkinson at 618-453-5000 or ratkinsn@siu.edu. Test information can be found at http://bulltest.siuc.edu.

#### WIU Bull Test Macomb, Ill. 84-day report (Jan. 17)

Western Illinois University (WIU) reports 65 bulls from 30 consignors were weighed Jan. 17 for the third 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 507; owner: Keith Kramer, Kramer Farms, Farina, Ill.; sire: KF Tiger 5T; ADG: 5.07 lb.; ADG ratio: 111; wt.: 1,370 lb.

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

#### OBI Test No. 202 (Report 112) Stillwater, Okla.

#### 84-day report (Jan. 21)

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: Charlie Simpson, Simpson Angus Ranch, Edmond; sire: GAR MC Total J6002; ADG: 7.76 lb.; wt.: 1,300 lb.

**Angus averages (139 head)**—ADG: 5.00 lb.; wt.: 1,125 lb.

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.

#### Pennsylvania Bull Test Pennsylvania Livestock Evaluation Center, Pennsylvania Furnace, Pa. 84-dav report (lan. 24)

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 233; owner: Cedar View Farms, Monte Nisewander, Greencastle; sire: GAR-EGL Protege; ADG: 6.29 lb.; ADG ratio: 133; WDA: 3.44 lb.; WDA ratio: 102; wt.: 1,253 lb.

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High-WDA Angus—Lot 125; owner: Corle Land & Cattle, John Corle, Imler; sire: SAV High Noon 9320; ADG: 5.58 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; WDA: 4.26 lb.; WDA ratio: 127; wt.: 1,422 lb.

**Angus averages (84 head)**—ADG: 4.72 lb.; WDA: 3.36 lb.; wt.: 1,092 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 ghubbard@ state.pa.us or 814-238-2527. Information is available on the website at www.livestockevaluationcenter.com/ BullTesting.aspx.

## WCA All-Breed Bull Test Eltopia, Wash.

#### 80-day report (Jan. 28)

The 19th annual Washington Cattlemen's Association (WCA) All-Breed Bull Test began Nov. 8-9 with the initial weigh-in of 156 bulls consigned by 48 breeders, consisting of 96 Angus; 32 Hereford (18 Polled, 14 Horned); nine Red Angus; nine SimAngus; seven ChiAngus; and five Simmental. The bulls will be fed under the supervision of Bob and Nina Lundgren at their Bonina Feed Facility at Eltopia. The bulls range in age from Jan. 1 to March 31, 2011. High-ADG Angus—owner: West Brook Angus, Chimacum, Wash.; sire: Garden's Next Wave HE 17; ADG: 5.47 lb.; wt.: 1,373 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—owner: Black Knight Ranch, Ellensburg, Wash.; sire: Werner War Party 2417; WDA: 3.88 lb.; wt.: 1,401 lb.

**Angus averages (96 head)**—ADG: 3.85 lb.; WDA: 3.28 lb.

The 120-day test will end March 5-6, 2012. At that time breeding soundness exams, semen tests and ultrasound data will be compiled prior to the sale, scheduled for March 28. Only the top end of the bulls of each breed will be allowed to sell, based on the test final station index ( $\frac{1}{2}$  ADG and  $\frac{1}{2}$ adjusted yearling weight index), structure, physical and breeding soundness evaluation. Genetic profile enhancement through DNA samples will be introduced this year on many of the bulls selling.

The bulls can be viewed anytime at the Bonina facility. Interim reports and sale information are available by contacting the WCA office at 509-925-9871 or wacattle@ kvalley.com, or the sale manager, Kendall Cattle Sales at 208-858-2163 or kendall@ potlatch.com.

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

#### 112-day final report (Jan. 28)

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 included 15 consignors. The 112-day test was for bulls born January-March 2010. Bulls were fed to express maximum gain.

**High-ADG junior Angus**—owner: Wink Farms, Panhandle, Texas; sire: SydGen Mandate 6079; ADG: 5.36 lb.; WDA: 3.58 lb.

High-ADG senior Angus—owner: Wink Farms, Panhandle, Texas; sire: Connealy Danny Boy; ADG: 5.19 lb.

**High-ADG junior Angus pen**—three bulls; owner: Hollon Angus, Woodward, Okla.; sire: LD Predestined 827; avg. ADG: 4.34 lb.

**High-ADG senior Angus pen**—three bulls; owner: OPSU, Goodwell; sire: GAR Oaf 112 Rito 7041G; avg. ADG: 4.18 lb.

Angus averages—ADG: 3.74 lb.; WDA: 3.07 lb.

The top 70 bulls were scheduled to be sold Feb. 20. The test index is 50% ADG, 50% WDA.

Those interested in receiving the performance results can contact Gwen Martin at 580-349-1500 or gwen@opsu.edu.