



Performance Report

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

► St. Croix Valley Bull Test UW Mann Valley Farm, River Falls, Wis. 84-day report (Jan. 26)

The St. Croix Valley Bull Test (SCVBT) is conducted 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 average daily gain (ADG) of 3 lb.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 8-1; owner: Emerald Lane Angus, Melvin and Sharon Niemann, Edgar, Wis.; sire: SS Objective T510 OT26; ADG: 4.87 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.49 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,290 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 5-2; owner: Bonte Angus Farm, Dan and Lana Bonte, Glenwood City, Wis.; sire: SS Objective T510 OT26; ADG: 4.42 lb.; ADG ratio: 114; WDA: 4.11 lb.; WDA ratio: 132; wt.: 1,225 lb.

Angus averages (63 head)—ADG: 3.86 lb.; WDA: 3.12 lb.; wt.: 992 lb.

An interim weight was scheduled for Feb. 23; with off-test weights to be collected March 22-23. The sale will be at the farm April 20. The top two-thirds of the bulls will sell based on an index that is 75% ADG ratio + 25% WDA ratio.

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► Treasure Bull Test Broken O Ranch Feedlot, Simms, Mont. 90-day report (Feb. 2)

The 120-day Treasure Bull Test received bulls at the Broken O Ranch Feedlot in

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

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

Simms, Mont. The spring division is for bulls born Dec. 15, 2011-April 15, 2012. The fall division is for bulls born Aug. 1-Dec. 14, 2011. The bulls were weighed on test Nov. 3, 2012.

High-ADG and high-WDA Jackpot Angus—Lot 320; owner: Lone Star Ranch, Larry Lease, Clements, Calif.; sire: Ayres Montana Upgrade 248; ADG: 4.62 lb.; WDA: 3.76 lb.; wt.: 1,285 lb.

High-ADG spring Angus—Lot 159; owner: Magic Valley Angus, Mike Weiseler, Mesa, Wash.; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 4.89 lb.; WDA: 3.57 lb.; wt.: 1,270 lb.

High-ADG and high-WDA Angus sire group—four bulls; owner: Magic Valley Angus, Mike Weiseler; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; avg. ADG: 4.07 lb.; avg. WDA: 3.30 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,180 lb.

Spring Angus averages (130 head)—ADG: 3.38 lb.; WDA: 3.08 lb.

Fall Angus averages (4 head)—WDA: 2.66 lb.

The bulls were scheduled to be weighed off test in mid-March. Approximately 75% of the bulls on test will sell April 8 at Western Livestock Auction, Great Falls, Mont. Sale

order will be determined by test index, which is one-third weaning ratio with a limit of 110, one-third gain ratio and one-third yearling ratio. Fall bulls will sell by their test index, which is determined by their weaning ratio with a limit of 110 and their WDA ratio.

For more information contact Russ and Barb Pepper or Jeff and Jamie Wood at 406-264-5694 or brtangus@3rivers.net. The test website is www.treasurebulltest.com.

► IBEP 2012 Winter Test Feldun-Purdue Ag Center, Bedford, Ind. 91-day report (Feb. 19)

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

There are 126 Angus bulls in the test. The bulls were to be weighed off test March 25 and March 28.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 61; owner: Brian Overdorf Angus, Tipton, Ind.; sire: SydGen Mandate 6079; ADG: 4.66 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 3.40 lb.; WDA ratio: 104; wt.: 1,370 lb.; test index: 119

High-WDA Angus—Lot 13; owner: Bill Washburn, Olney, Ill.; sire: Circle A Incentive; ADG: 4.23 lb.; ADG ratio: 117; WDA: 3.88 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,420 lb.; test index: 118

High-indexing Angus—Lot 165; owner: Cardinal Hill Farms, Glasgow, Ky.; sire: CHF 007 Royal Flush 0951; ADG: 4.56 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.71 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,505 lb.; test index: 121

Angus averages (126 head)—ADG: 3.61 lb.; WDA: 3.26 lb.; wt.: 1,203 lb.

Overall averages (182 head)—ADG: 3.55 lb.; WDA: 3.27 lb.; wt.: 1,201 lb.

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

For more information contact Brad Shelton, station manager, 1117 SR 458, Bedford, IN

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■ **WIU Bull Test**

Macomb, Ill.

112-day final report (Feb. 11-12)

Western Illinois University (WIU) reports 74 bulls from 32 consignors were weighed Jan. 15 for the first 84-day interim period. Angus bulls on the 112-day test were born Jan. 1-April 15, 2012.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 605; owner: Rolling Acres Angus, Freetown, Ind.; sire: SAV Bravo 9449; ADG: 5.38 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; wt.: 1,452 lb.; test index: 120

High-indexing Angus—Lot 504; owner: Bill Wyffels, Geneseo, Ill.; sire: GAR Predestined; ADG: 5.10 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; wt.: 1,592 lb.; test index: 133

Angus averages (36 head)—ADG: 4.36 lb.; wt.: 1,311 lb.

Overall averages (74 head)—ADG: 4.18 lb.; wt.: 1,310 lb.

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

■ **Tifton Bull Evaluation Program**

Tifton Bull Evaluation Center, Tifton, Ga.

112-day final report (Feb. 12)

The 55th Tifton Bull Evaluation Program began Oct. 1-2 with the delivery of 170 bulls representing 11 different breeds. On-test weights were taken Oct. 22-23. Bull performance continued to be good during the final weigh period, says Ronnie Silcox, extension animal scientist.

The 112-day test featured bulls born Dec. 1, 2011-Feb. 29, 2012. All bulls tested negative for persistent infection with bovine viral diarrhea (PI-BVD). There were 100 Angus bulls on test.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 143; owner: Lemmon Cattle Enterprises, Mr. & Mrs. A. Harvey Lemmon, Woodbury, Ga.; sire: GAR New Design 5050; ADG: 5.30 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.64 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,470 lb.; SC: 41.0 cm

High-WDA Angus—Lot 85; owner: Bamboo Road Farms, Marshallville, Ga.; sire: SAV Net Worth 4200; ADG: 4.60 lb.; ADG ratio: 110; WDA: 3.97 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,648 lb.; SC: 39.0 cm

Angus averages (100 head)—ADG: 4.20 lb.; WDA: 3.35 lb.; wt.: 1,344 lb.

Overall averages (170 head)—ADG: 4.17 lb.; WDA: 3.38 lb.; wt.: 1,349 lb.

Qualifying bulls were to sell in the test sale March 6.

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

■ **Nebraska Bull Test**

Rohde Farms, Ansley, Neb.

120-day final report (Feb. 16)

The 50th Nebraska Bull Test began Oct. 17-18, 2012. Bulls on test were born Jan. 1-April 1, 2012. The bulls are being fed to gain a targeted 3.5 lb. per day at Shane and Jill Rohde Farms.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 33; owner: Boyles Angus, Jim Boyles, Mason City; sire: HARB Pendleton 765 JH; ADG: 5.34 lb.; ADG ratio: 133; WDA: 3.85 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,547 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 116; owner: KLC Angus, Tom & Karla Knott, Broken Bow; sire: Connealy Final Product; ADG: 4.84 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 4.11 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,519 lb.

High-ADG Angus sire group—four bulls; owner: James Angus, Ian James, Naponee; sire: SAV Net Worth 4200; avg. ADG: 4.66 lb.; ADG ratio: 116; avg. WDA: 3.73 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; avg. wt.: 1,424 lb.

High-WDA Angus sire group—six bulls; owner: KLC Angus, Tom & Karla Knott; sire: Connealy Final Product; avg. ADG: 4.43 lb.; ADG ratio: 110; avg. WDA: 3.76 lb.; WDA ratio: 108; avg. wt.: 1,364 lb.

Angus averages (149 head)—ADG: 4.03 lb.; WDA: 3.49 lb.; wt.: 1,299 lb.

The top bulls were scheduled to sell March 27 in the 50th annual Nebraska Bull Test LLC 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.

■ **ICA Tama Bull Test**

Van Meter Feedyard, Guthrie Center, Iowa

Interim 1 report (Jan. 29, 2013)

The Iowa Cattlemen's Association (ICA) Bull Evaluation Program Tama test is a 126-day test that takes place at Van Meter Feedyard at Guthrie Center. Bulls eligible for the test are born March 1-May 15, 2011. A total of 64 Angus bulls were received Nov. 5, 2012, and were weighed on test Nov. 26-27. The bulls were scheduled to be weighed off test April 1, 2013.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 265; owner: Amanda Wical, Grundy Center, Iowa; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 5.20 lb.; ADG ratio: 142; WDA: 3.42 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,135 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 206; owner: Jordan Barker, Monticello, Iowa; sire: R&C Pit Boss 8500; ADG: 4.84 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA:

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3.83 lb.; WDA ratio: 123; wt.: 1,030 lb.

Angus averages (64 head)—ADG: 3.67 lb.; WDA: 3.12 lb.; wt.: 973 lb.

The ICA Tama Bull Test sale is scheduled for May 3, after the evening Tama Heifer sale at Tama Livestock, Tama, Iowa.

For more information contact Kellie Carolan, seedstock manager, at the ICA office: 515-296-2266; fax: 515-296-2261; Kellie's cell: 641-751-0737; or kellie@iabeef.org. Information can also be found on the ICA website at www.iacattlemen.org.

**ICA Bloomfield Fall Bull Test
Kirkwood Community College,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Interim 1 report (Jan. 8, 2013)**

The Iowa Cattlemen's Association (ICA) Bloomfield Fall Bull Test is a 112-day test conducted at Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. There were nine fall Angus bulls delivered to the test site Oct. 4, 2012, to go on test Oct. 29-30. Off-test weights were scheduled for Feb. 18.

High-ADG and high-WDA Angus—Lot 005; owner: G.N. Neumeyer, Golden Chute Ranch, Walker; sire: GPAR Weight Maker S15; ADG: 4.06 lb.; ADG ratio: 117; WDA: 3.95 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,760 lb.

Angus averages (9 head)—ADG: 3.46 lb.; WDA: 3.41 lb.; wt.: 1,534 lb.

The test sale was scheduled for March 18 at Bloomfield Livestock, Bloomfield, Iowa.

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**ICA Bloomfield Spring Bull Test
Van Meter Feedyard, Guthrie Center, Iowa
Interim 1 report (Dec. 27, 2012)**

The Iowa Cattlemen's Association (ICA) Bloomfield Spring Bull Test received 28 head Oct. 4-8, 2012, for an on-test date of Oct. 29-30. Bulls in the test are born Jan. 1-March 1, 2012.

High-ADG Angus (tie)—Lot 021; owner: Phil Jacobson, Jacobson Angus, Galva; sire: River Hills Objective T199; ADG: 4.92 lb.; ADG

ratio: 118; WDA: 2.89 lb.; WDA ratio: 91; wt.: 955 lb.

High-ADG Angus (tie)—Lot 024; owner: Fred Kaefering, Tipton; sire: Bon-View New Design 878; ADG: 4.92 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; WDA: 3.34 lb.; WDA ratio: 106; wt.: 1,085 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 030; owner: Kyle Lawstuen, Richland Prairie Farm, Lanesboro, Minn.; sire: B/R New Day 454; ADG: 4.83 lb.; ADG ratio: 116; WDA: 3.71 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,180 lb.

Angus averages (28 head)—ADG: 4.16 lb.; WDA: 3.16 lb.; wt.: 1,022 lb.

The sale was scheduled for March 18 at Bloomfield Livestock, Bloomfield, Iowa.

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**ICA Dunlap Bull Test
VanMeter Feedyard, Guthrie Center, Iowa
Interim 1 report (Dec. 27, 2012)**

The Iowa Cattlemen's Association (ICA) Dunlap Bull Test received 38 bulls at VanMeter Feedyard, Guthrie Center, Iowa, for a 112-day test. Bulls were delivered Oct. 8, 2012, to go on test Oct. 25. Bulls in the test were born Jan. 15-April 15, 2012. Off-test weights were scheduled for Feb. 18.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 136; owner: Alan Schulz, GS Ridge Top Ranch, Neola; sire: GSRT Charge Up 9113; ADG: 5.38 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 3.64 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,030 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 129; owner: Kendall Mintle, KM&S Farms, Glenwood; sire: SAV Mandan 8907; ADG: 4.70 lb.; ADG ratio: 114; WDA: 3.98 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,175 lb.

Angus averages (38 head)—ADG: 4.14 lb.; WDA: 3.29 lb.; wt.: 1,006 lb.

The test sale was scheduled for March 22 at Dunlap Livestock, Dunlap, Iowa.

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IBEP 2013 Summer Test Announced

The 72nd Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) Performance Test is accepting entries. The test is for bulls born May 1-Oct. 31, 2012. Entry deadline is April 8, 2013, with delivery of bulls scheduled for April 30. The bulls will be weighed on test May 21, with interim weigh dates scheduled for June 18, July 23 and Aug. 20. Bulls will be weighed off test Sept. 23, with the sale scheduled for Oct. 19.

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▣ MBCIA Jackson Bull Test Spring Grove, Minn.

105-day report (Feb. 22)

A total of 77 bulls, including 61 Angus, are on test at Foundation Feeders Inc. near Spring Grove, Minn., for the 2012-2013 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 total mixed ration (TMR).

High-ADG, high-WDA and high-indexing

Angus—Lot 9-64; owner: Freeburg Ridge Angus; sire: Sitz Upward; ADG: 5.63 lb.; WDA: 4.24 lb.; wt.: 1,495 lb.; test index: 127

Angus averages (61 head)—ADG: 4.32 lb.; WDA: 3.54 lb.; wt.: 1,268 lb.

Overall averages (77 head)—ADG: 4.29 lb.; WDA: 3.50 lb.; wt.: 1,262 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 5. The test index is 50% test ADG ratio + 50% WDA ratio. For more information contact Ron Holty, manager, at 507-498-5839 or rkholty@springgrove.coop.

▣ St. Croix Valley Bull Test UW Mann Valley Farm, River Falls, Wis. 112-day report (Feb. 23)

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High-ADG Angus—Lot 8-1; owner: Emerald Lane Angus, Melvin and Sharon Niemann, Edgar, Wis.; sire: SS Objective T510 OT26; ADG: 4.99 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.62 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,440 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 5-2; owner: Bonte Angus Farm, Dan and Lana Bonte, Glenwood City, Wis.; sire: SS Objective T510 OT26; ADG: 3.94 lb.; ADG ratio: 104; WDA: 3.97 lb.; WDA ratio: 126; wt.: 1,295 lb.

Angus averages (63 head)—ADG: 3.78 lb.; WDA: 3.15 lb.; wt.: 1,091 lb.

Off-test weights were scheduled for March 22-23. The sale will be at the farm April 20. The top two-thirds of the bulls will sell based on an index that is 75% ADG ratio + 25% WDA ratio.

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Tentative Schedule for BIF 2013 Announced

The 2013 Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Annual Meeting and Research Symposium is scheduled for June 12-15 in Oklahoma City, Okla. The symposium will be at the Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center. Themed "Where Profit and Progress Intersect," the program promises to provide the newest research insights and information presented in a practical manner. The event will also feature a fun night out at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, formerly known as the Cowboy Hall of Fame, as well as tours across the state.

This year's symposium is being hosted by BIF and Oklahoma State University. The following preliminary schedule has been posted to www.beefextension.com/genetics/. Access the website for updates.

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

noon-8 p.m. Registration
5 p.m.-7 p.m. Oklahoma Welcome Reception
7 p.m.-9:15 p.m. NAAB Symposium

Thursday, June 13, 2013

6 a.m.-6 p.m. Registration
8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. General Session I: Crossbreeding vs. Straightbreeding — Show Me the Money
8 a.m. Welcome
8:30 a.m. Crossbreeding: Considerations and Alternatives in an Evolving Market, Nevil Speer, Western Kentucky University, and Tom Brink, JBS Five Rivers Cattle Feeding
9 a.m. Situations Where Crossbreeding is an Effective Tool for Beef Production, Bob Weaber, Kansas State University, and Matt Spangler, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
9:30 a.m. Panel Discussion: Crossbreeding or Straightbreeding: How Does the Choice Impact Consumer Satisfaction?, participants TBA
10:30 a.m. Break
11 a.m. Breed Utilization and Production Efficiency, Merlyn Neilsen, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
11:45 a.m. That's Nice, but I Raise Cows, Dave Dailey, California State University-Chico
12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Awards Luncheon, presentations of Frank Baker awards, Roy Wallace Scholarship and commercial producer awards
2 p.m. Committee technical breakout sessions
• Live Animal, Carcass and End Point
• Selection Decisions
• Producer Applications
5:30 p.m.-10 p.m. Shuttle to Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Museum and return to headquarters hotel, museum tours and live entertainment by Bunkhouse Band and Cowboy Jim Garland
7 p.m.-8 p.m. Dinner and presentation of Seedstock Producer of the Year award

Friday, June 14, 2013

6 a.m.-6 p.m. Registration
8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. General Session II: Using Genetic Tools to Address Environmental Challenges and Cow Herd Efficiency
8 a.m. Addressing Cow Herd Efficiency in a World of Mixed Messages for Producers: Matching Production Levels to Environmental Conditions, Dave Lalman, Oklahoma State University
9 a.m. Bad News: They're all Carriers of Something — Understanding the Impact of Broken Genes in the Beef Business, Dorian Garrick, Iowa State University
10 a.m. Break
10:30 a.m. Do We Raise Cattle or Bugs? Exploring the Symbiotic Relationship Between Cattle and Microbes, Andrew Benson, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
11:30 a.m. Charge and Session Wrap-up
11:45 a.m. Annual meeting, regional caucuses and election of directors
12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Awards Luncheon: presentations of Pioneer awards, Continuing Service awards and president's address
2 p.m. Committee technical breakout sessions
• Cow Herd Efficiency and Adaptability
• Genetic Prediction
• Emerging Technology

Saturday, June 15, 2013

7 a.m.-6 p.m. Northern Oklahoma Tour
7 a.m.-6 p.m. Southern Oklahoma Tour

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