▶ NDAA 21st Annual Bull Test Dickinson, N.D.

Final report (March 18-19)

The North Dakota Angus Association (NDAA) 21st Annual Bull Test took place at Ridl Farms, Dickinson N.D. The sale was April 27 at Stockmen's Livestock Exchange, Dickinson, N.D.

L.J. & Janet Dohrmann of Taylor, N.D., bull test committee chairmen, report that 68 bulls consigned by 29 Angus breeders competed in the test. At the final 112-day mark the 68 bulls had an average weight of 1,314 pounts (lb.), an average daily gain (ADG) of 3.57 lb. and a weight per day of age (WDA) of 3.35 lb.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 30; owner: Anchor Angus, Glendive, Mont.; sire: Sitz Upward; ADG: 4.58 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 4; owner: Maier Ranch, New Salem; sire: TC Total 410; WDA:

High-indexing Angus—Lot 3; owner: Maier Ranch, New Salem; test index: 119

Contact L.J. or Janet Dohrmann, chairmen, at 701-974-2187 or 701-260-2650 for more information on the bull test.

Midland Bull Test Columbus, Mont.

Second intermediate report (Feb. 6-7)

The 2009 Midland Bull Test evaluated 1.195 bulls comprised of 11 breeds. The top 70% in each breed were sold April 7-10 at the bull test station in Columbus, Mont.

The final weights for the bulls in the first efficiency group were taken Feb. 6 and Feb. 7. Bulls in the second efficiency group were weighed off test March 7 and March 8. Angus winners were split into two groups: Green Tag [low birth weight (BW): 84 lb. and under actual BW] and White or Yellow Tag (moderate birth weight: more than 84 lb. actual).

High-ADG green-tag Angus—Lot 170; owner: Harrison Angus Ranch, Boyd, Mont.; sire: SAV Final Answer 0035; ADG: 4.58 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 3.19 lb.; wt.: 1,153 lb.; RFI: -1.37; test index: 116

High-WDA green-tag Angus—Lot 229; owner: Beaver Ridge Farm, Middletown, Ind.; sire: Nichols Extra K205; ADG: 3.85 lb.; ADG ratio: 117; WDA: 3.50 lb.; wt.: 1,400 lb.; RFI: -1.59: test index: 114

High-ADG white-tag Angus—Lot 36; owner: Mark Murphey, Ruston, La.; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 4.71 lb.; ADG Ratio: 154; WDA: 3.36 lb.; wt.: 1,258 lb.; RFI: 0.40; test index: 120

High-WDA white-tag Angus-Lot 142; owner: Granger Angus, Great Falls, Mont.;

sire: Connealy Onward; ADG: 4.58 lb.; ADG ratio: 139; WDA: 3.84 lb.; wt.: 1,458 lb.; RFI: 0.00; test index: 126

High-ADG Angus sire group—Lots 161, 162 & 164: owner: Harrison Angus Ranch: sire: Connealy Onward; avg. ADG: 4.25 lb.; avg. WDA: 3.29 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,160 lb.

High-WDA Angus sire group-Lots 184, 185 & 187; owner: Harrison Angus Ranch; sire: REB Freedom 1156; avg. ADG: 3.49 lb.; avg. WDA: 3.37 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,099 lb.

Green-tag Angus averages—ADG: 3.38 lb.; WDA: 3.04 lb.

White-tag Angus averages—ADG: 3.38 lb.; WDA: 3.11 lb.

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.

■ Kansas Bull Test No. 68 Tipton, Kan.

112-day final report (March 10)

Thirteen Angus herds consigned 71 bulls to the Kansas Bull Test at Tipton. Regardless of breed, the consignors should be extremely proud of the bulls they have put on test, reports Lori Schmitt of H.M. Schmitt Inc.

High-ADG, high-WDA and high-indexing Angus-Lot 39; owner: Wanda Guess, R Bar W Ranch, Mayetta, Kan.; sire: Sitz New Design 458N; ADG: 6.0 lb.; ADG ratio: 144; WDA: 4.4 lb.; WDA ratio: 129; wt.: 1,631 lb.; test index: 137

Angus averages (71 head)—ADG: 4.2 lb.; WDA: 3.4 lb., wt.: 1,225 lb.

Overall averages (167 head)—ADG: 4.1 lb.; WDA: 3.5 lb.; wt.: 1,226 lb.

The sale was April 1 at Beloit, Kan. For more information contact Doug or Lori Schmitt at 785-373-4824, or visit the test web site at www.kansasbulltest.com.

□ Tucumcari Bull Test Tucumcari, N.M.

112-day final report (March 10)

The Tucumcari Bull Test at Tucumcari, N.M., weighed all test groups March 10. Bulls were fertility-tested and verified trichomoniasisand PI-BVD- (persistently infected with bovine viral diarrhea) negative. The test index is 40% ADG, 40% WDA and 20% feedto-gain ratio (F/G).

High-ADG Angus-Lot 20-2; owner: Art and Roseanne Porter, Porter Angus Ranch, Mule Creek, N.M.; sire: HV 338 Alliance 6084; ADG: 5.63 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 3.17 lb.; WDA ratio: 103; wt.: 1,290 lb.; test index: 112

High-WDA and high-indexing Angus-Lot

■ South Carolina Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Anderson, March 20



► Consignors recognized are (from left) Larry Olson, Clemson University, Clemson, top-indexing bull at 2008 Edisto Bull Test; and Marvin Zeigler, MPAC Angus, Bamberg, top-indexing senior bull at the 2009 Clemson Bull Test.

12-4; owner: Roy and Trudy Hartzog, Hartzog Angus Cattle, Farwell, Texas; sire: EXAR Precision 5290; ADG: 5.28 lb.; ADG ratio: 117; WDA: 3.74 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,390 lb.; test index: 119

High-indexing Angus sire group—Lots 12-1-12-4; owner: Roy and Trudy Hartzog; sire: EXAR Precision 5290; avg. ADG: 5.09 lb.; avg. WDA: 3.57 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,298 lb.; avg. frame score: 6.4; avg. test index: 115

Angus averages (79 head)—ADG: 4.53 lb.; WDA: 3.08 lb.; wt.: 1,221 lb.

The 47th Annual Bull and Heifer Sale was March 21. 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.

▶ Nebraska Bull Test Broken Bow. Neb.

120-day final report (Feb. 21)

The Nebraska Bull test concluded its 46th annual bull test and sale this year. The bulls were fed at Rohde Farms, located just west of Mason City, Neb. Bulls officially went on test Oct. 22, 2008.

High-ADG and high-WDA Angus—Lot 56; owner: Domeier-Verola Farms, Vaughn and Judith Domeier, Sutton; sire: SAV Net Worth; ADG: 4.88 lb.; ADG ratio: 139; WDA: 3.58 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,333 lb.

Angus averages (81 head)—ADG: 3.52 lb.; WDA: 3.17 lb.; wt.: 1,184 lb.

Bulls were scheduled to sell March 25. For more information contact station manager Mick Phillips at 308-764-2378 or micolin@ neb-sandhills.net or visit the test web site, www.nebraskabulltest.com for the latest test updates.

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■ Edisto Forage Bull Test Blackville, S.C.

112-day final report (March 10)

Winter grazing during the last 28-day period was not as good and abundant as expected, reports Bull Testing Program Coordinator Larry Olson. The 75 bulls gained only 2.31 lb. per day during the period. Health of the bulls has been excellent.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 1; owner: Cedar Creek Farms, Ted Bourne, Donalds, S.C.; sire: Boyd On Target 1083; ADG: 4.20 lb.; ADG ratio: 156; WDA: 2.94 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; wt.: 1,265 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 20; owner: River Hill Farm, Stephanie Clark, Fountain Inn, S.C.; sire: Basin Max 602C; ADG: 3.20 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; WDA: 3.28 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,270 lb.

Angus averages (67 head)—ADG: 2.70 lb.; WDA: 2.80 lb.; wt.: 1,121 lb.

The bulls were scheduled to be weighed April 7. Final 168-day weights are scheduled for May 5. The test sale is set for 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.

■ WBIA Central TestPlatteville, Wis.100-day final report (March 12)

The Wisconsin Beef Improvement Association (WBIA) Central Test at Platteville, Wis., had 132 bulls on test, including 54 Angus, 17 Simmental, 10 Red Angus and seven Simmental-Angus composites.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 4-80; owner: Larry Kapinus, Kapinus Farms, Prairie du Chien, Wis.; sire: 101; ADG: 5.35 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 3.39 lb.; WDA ratio: 98; wt.: 1,285 lb.; test index: 115

High-WDA Angus—Lot 4-96; owner: Wolters Farm Inc., Herman Wolters, Cuba City, Wis.; sire: GAR Retail Product; ADG: 4.75 lb.; ADG ratio: 113; WDA: 4.15 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,610 lb.; test index: 115

High-indexing Angus—Lot 4-92; owner: Wolters Farm Inc.; sire: SS Objective T510 0T26; ADG: 4.95 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; WDA: 4.03 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,650 lb.; test index: 117

Angus averages (54 head)—ADG: 4.21 lb.; WDA: 3.47 lb.

The top 54 bulls were scheduled for sale April 4 at Platteville. For more information contact John Freitag, WBIA executive director, at 608-575-5000 or wbia@tds.net, or visit the test web site at www.wisconsinbeef.com.

■ Southeast Colorado Bull Test Eads, Colo.

112-day final report

The Southeast Colorado Bull Test concluded March 11.

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus—Lot 7-41; owner: Cameron and Ashley Burk, Aguilar; sire: SAV 8180 Traveler 004; ADG:

4.53 lb.; ADG ratio: 117; WDA: 3.01 lb.; WDA ratio: 104; wt.: 1,248 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 7-48; owner: T.J. Verquer, Trinidad; sire: TG Spirit 54; ADG: 4.26 lb.; ADG ratio: 110; WDA: 3.34 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,240 lb.

Angus averages (13 head)—ADG: 3.87 lb.; WDA: 2.89 lb.; wt.: 1,176 lb.

Overall averages (44 head)—ADG: 3.41 lb.; WDA: 2.77 lb.; wt.: 1,120 lb.

The sale was scheduled for April 14 at La Junta, Colo. For more information contact Extension educator Bruce Fickenscher at 719-438-5321 or kiowa@ext.colostate.edu. Also click "Agriculture Programs" at http://kiowacounty.colostate.edu for the latest test updates.

➤ Treasure Bull Test Simms, Mont. 140-day final report (March 22)

The Treasure Bull Test has completed its 140-day test on 150 Angus bulls.

High-ADG spring Angus—Lot 202; owner: Jed Stevenson, Hobson, Mont.; sire: 21 AR Coal Bank C014; ADG: 4.14 lb.; WDA: 3.25 lb.; wt.: 1,295 lb.

High-WDA spring Angus—Lot 12; owner:

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Myers & Watson, Livingston, Mont.; sire: Sitz New Design 458N; ADG: 3.86 lb.; WDA: 3.85 lb.; wt.: 1,580 lb.

High-ADG spring Angus sire group—Four bulls; owner: Myers & Watson; sire: Schurrtop MC 2500; avg. ADG: 3.76 lb.; avg. WDA: 3.61 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,469 lb.

High-WDA spring Angus sire group—Five bulls; owner: Myers & Watson; sire: Rito 112 of 2536 Rito 616; avg. ADG 3.51 lb.; avg. WDA: 3.68 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,544 lb.

High-WDA fall Angus—Lot 301; owner: Jocko Valley Angus, Marvin Rehbein, Atlee, Mont.; sire: Twin Valley Precision E161; WDA: 3.29 lb.; wt.: 1,885 lb.

Angus spring bull averages (137 head)—ADG: 3.26 lb.; WDA: 3.07 lb.

Angus fall bull averages (13 head)—WDA: 2.81 lb.

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

► MBCIA Jackson Sale Foundation Feeders, Jackson, Minn. Final report

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus—Lot 49; owner: Shady Hill Farm, Blue Earth; sire: Mytty In Focus; ADG: 4.75 lb.; WDA: 3.68 lb.; wt.: 1,478 lb.; test index: 114

High-WDA Angus—Lot 24; owner: Oakridge Farm; sire: "Rito 112"; ADG: 4.41 lb.; WDA: 4.02 lb.; wt.: 1,660 lb.; test index: 114

Overall averages (73 head)—ADG: 3.93 lb.; WDA: 3.44 lb.; wt.: 1,341 lb.

The test index is based 50% on WDA and 50% on cumulative ADG. The sale was scheduled for April 3 at the Jackson Auction Barn in Jackson, Minn. For more information, contact Ron Holty at 507-429-7963 or rkholty@springgrove.coop.

■ IBEP 2008 Winter Test Bedford, Ind.

125-day final report (March 23)

The Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) 2008 Winter Test has been completed at the Feldun-Purdue Ag Center at Bedford, Ind. There were 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: 4.92 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 3.71 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,545 lb.; test index: 123

High-WDA Angus—Lot 95; owner: Highland Angus, Perrysville, Ind.; sire: TC Total 410; ADG: 4.16 lb.; ADG ratio: 109; WDA: 3.88 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,500 lb.; test index: 113

High-indexing Angus get-of-sire—Lots 5, 8 & 12; owner: Bill Washburn, Olney, Ill.; sire: Dr. J Analyst M250; avg. test index: 109

► Louisiana Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Lecompte, March 13

► Darnall Place Farm, New Iberia, was honored for consigning the top-indexing bull in the fall and winter Louisiana State University-A bull tests. Carroll Boudreaux is pictured receiving the awards.



Angus averages (156 head)—ADG: 3.82 lb.; WDA: 3.24 lb.; wt.: 1,291 lb.

Overall averages (227 head)—ADG: 3.73 lb.; WDA: 3.22 lb.; wt.: 1,277 lb.

The test index is 60% ADG ratio plus 40% WDA ratio. The 63rd IBEP Bull Sale was scheduled for April 16 at the Springville Feeder Auction, Springville, Ind.

For more information contact Terry Stewart at 765-494-0138; or Richard Huntrods, station manager, at 812-279-8554 or hundtrods@purdue.edu. For test information visit the web site at www.ansc.purdue.edu/ibep.

► Florida Bull Test 84-day final report

High-ADG Angus and high-indexing

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

High-WDA Angus—Lot 12-800; owner: C&L Farm, Valdosta, Ga.; sire: JAC's Midland 4260; ADG: 3.02 lb.; WDA: 3.46 lb.; wt.: 1,323 lb.; test index: 102

Overall averages (65 head)—ADG: 3.40 lb.; WDA: 2.96 lb.; wt.: 1,230 lb.

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

St. Croix Valley Bull Test Mann Valley Farm 140-day final report (March 21)

The St. Croix Valley Bull Test has ended at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 1-1; owner: PAK Angus, Philip Ketterhagen, Burlington, Wis.; SS Objective T510 0T26; ADG: 4.10 lb.; ADG ratio: 137; WDA: 3.34 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,305 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 2-2; owner: Mark & Claudine Goodrich, Goodrich Place Inc., Emerald, Wis.; sire: TC Total 410; ADG: 3.21 lb.; ADG ratio: 107; WDA: 3.45 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,230 lb.

Angus averages (46 head)—ADG: 3.00 lb.; WDA: 3.04 lb.; wt.: 1,113 lb.

The sale was scheduled for April 18.