



# Performance Report

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

## ► MBCIA Jackson Bull Test Spring Grove, Minn. 105-day report (Feb. 24)

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 total mixed ration (TMR).

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 031; owner: Richland Prairie Farm, David and Debra Lawstuen, Lanesboro, Minn.; sire: SydGen CC&7; ADG: 4.98 lb.; WDA: 3.08 lb.; wt.: 1,175 lb.; test index: 112

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 177; owner: Riley Bros. Farms, Darlington, Wis.; sire: Werner War Party 2417; ADG: 4.05 lb.; WDA: 3.79 lb.; wt.: 1,495 lb.; test index: 109

**High-indexing Angus**—Lot 109; owner: James Anderson, Milan, Minn.; sire: GAR Predestined; ADG: 4.56 lb.; WDA: 3.72 lb.; wt.: 1,325 lb.; test index: 115

**Angus averages (64 head)**—ADG: 3.94 lb.; WDA: 3.27 lb.; wt.: 1,165 lb.

**Overall averages (85 head)**—ADG: 3.91 lb.; WDA: 3.28 lb.; wt.: 1,174 lb.

## 140-day final sale report (March 30)

**High-ADG and high-indexing Angus**—Lot 1; owner: Dennis Youngerberg, Springfield, Minn.; sire: SAV Heritage 6295; ADG: 4.57 lb.; WDA: 3.76 lb.; wt.: 1,510 lb.; test index: 117

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 10; owner: Riley Bros. Farms, Darlington, Wis.; sire: Werner War Party 2417; ADG: 4.02 lb.; WDA: 3.81 lb.; wt.: 1,645 lb.; test index: 110

**Overall averages (85 head)**—ADG: 3.83 lb.; WDA: 3.31 lb.; wt.: 1,310 lb.

Bulls indexing in the top 75%-80% of the

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

entire Jackson group (all breeds) were eligible for the MBCIA Bull Test Sale in Jackson, Minn., scheduled for April 7. The test index was 50% test ADG ratio + 50% WDA ratio. For more information contact Ron Holty, manager, at 507-498-5839 or rkholyt@springgrove.coop.

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

### 120-day final report (March 5-6)

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 (19 Polled, 14 Horned); nine Red Angus; nine SimAngus; seven ChiAngus; and five Simmental. The bulls were fed under the supervision of Bob and Nina Lundgren at their Bonina Feed Facility at Eltopia. The bulls ranged in age from Jan. 1-March 31, 2011.

**High-ADG low-BW-EPD Angus**—Lot 143; owner: JSL Angus, Molalla, Ore.; sire: SAV Bismarck 5682; ADG: 4.73 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 3.58 lb.; wt: 1,316 lb.; index: 110; SC: 40.5 cm

**High-WDA low-BW-EPD Angus**—Lot 161; owner: Tonne Cattle Co., Ephrata, Wash.; sire:

Mytty Upward W329; ADG: 4.04 lb.; ADG ratio: 103; WDA: 3.79 lb.; wt: 1,440 lb.; index: 106; SC: 46.0 cm

**High-indexing low-BW-EPD Angus**—Lot 128; owner: C. Eshelman Angus, Centerville, Wash.; sire: HARB Pendleton 765 JH; ADG: 4.58 lb.; ADG ratio: 116; WDA: 3.72 lb.; wt: 1,527 lb.; index: 113; SC: 36.0 cm

**High-ADG and high-indexing growth Angus**—Lot 132; owner: West Brook Angus, Chimacum, Wash.; sire: Garden's Heat Wave HE 17; ADG: 5.61 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 3.77 lb.; wt.: 1,597 lb.; test index: 124; SC: 41.0 cm

**High-WDA growth Angus**—Lot 115; owner: Black Knight Ranch, Ellensburg, Wash.; sire: Werner War Party 2417; ADG: 4.16 lb.; ADG ratio: 104; WDA: 4.00 lb.; wt.: 1,610 lb.; test index: 111; SC: 38.0 cm

**Angus low-BW-EPD averages (96 head)**—ADG: 3.93 lb.; WDA: 3.39 lb.; wt.: 1,323 lb.

**Angus high-growth averages (36 head)**—ADG: 4.00 lb.; WDA: 3.51 lb.; wt.: 1,381 lb.

The 120-day test ended March 5-6. Breeding soundness exams, semen tests and ultrasound data were to be compiled prior to the sale, which was scheduled for March 28. Only the top end of the bulls of each breed were allowed to sell, based on the test final station index (½ ADG and ½ adjusted yearling weight index), structure, physical and breeding soundness evaluation. Genetic profile enhancement through DNA samples was introduced this year on many of the bulls selling.

Further information is available by contacting the WCA office at 509-925-9871 or wacattle@kvalley.com, or sale manager Kendall Cattle Sales at 208-858-2163 or kendall@potlatch.com.

## ► Treasure Bull Test Broken O Ranch Feedlot, Simms, Mont. 120-day final report (March 4-5)

Treasure Bull Test received bulls at the Broken O Ranch Feedlot in Simms, Mont., Oct. 19-29. The spring division is for bulls

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born Dec. 15, 2010-April 15, 2011. The fall division is for bulls born Aug. 1, 2010-Dec. 14, 2010. The bulls were weighed on test Nov. 4.

**High-ADG and high-indexing Jackpot Angus**—Lot 17; owner: Thousand Hills Angus, Rick and Halene Van Dyken, Toston, Mont.; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 4.54 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 3.44 lb.; wt.: 1,395 lb.; test index: 112; jackpot index: 117

**High-WDA Jackpot Angus**—Lot 21; owner: CS Angus, Craig and Shelby Weirather, Hot Springs, Mont.; sire: VDAR Bushwacker 3105; ADG: 3.71 lb.; ADG ratio: 107; WDA: 3.77 lb.; wt.: 1,390 lb.; test index: 109; jackpot index: 108

**High-ADG and high-indexing spring Angus**—Lot 171; owner: O Bar X Angus Ranch, Jim and Michelle Van Dyke, Sheridan, Mont.; sire: O Bar X W Focus-493; ADG: 4.88 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 3.99 lb.; wt.: 1,405 lb.; test index: 124

**High-WDA spring Angus**—Lot 143; owner: Dalbey Angus, John Dalbey, Corvallis, Mont.; sire: SAV Brilliance 8077; ADG: 3.79 lb.; ADG ratio: 109; WDA: 4.54 lb.; wt.: 1,455 lb.; test index: 119

**High-ADG Angus sire group**—four bulls; owner: O Bar X Angus Ranch; sire: O Bar X W Focus-493; avg. ADG: 3.94 lb.; avg. WDA: 3.56 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,324 lb.

**Overall averages (103 head)**—ADG: 3.47 lb.; WDA: 3.27 lb.

Approximately 75% of the bulls on test were sold April 9 at Western Livestock Auction, Great Falls, Mont. Sale order was determined by test index, which was one-third weaning ratio with a limit of 110, one-third gain ratio and one-third yearling ratio. Fall bulls were sold by their test index, which was 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 brt Angus@3rivers.net. The test website is [www.treasurebulltest.com](http://www.treasurebulltest.com).

▣ **St. Croix Valley Bull Test University of Wisconsin—River Falls Mann Valley Farm, River Falls, Wis. 140-day final report (March 17)**

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, high-WDA and high-ratioing Angus**—Lot 7-4; owner: Rick and Susan Case,

▣ **2012 Tifton Performance Tested Bull Sale, Irwinville, Ga., March 7**



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► **Melvin Porter**, Meldon Farm, Jefferson, Ga., consigned the high-indexing Angus bull to the 2012 Tifton Performance Tested Bull Sale. The bull is a January 2011 son of SydGen Mandate 6079. He posted an ADG of 4.78 lb. Pictured are (from left) Melvin Porter; Hutch Porter, Georgia Cattlemen's Association president, presenting the award.

Ontario, Wis.; sire: Hawk Valley Winter Hawk 158; ADG: 4.71 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 3.88 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,345 lb.; sale ratio: 123

**Angus averages (42 head)**—ADG: 3.78 lb.; WDA: 3.26 lb.; wt.: 1,174 lb.

The sale at the farm was scheduled for April 21. The top two-thirds of the bulls were to 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 or Sandy Drinkman at sandy@pinehillangus.com.

▣ **Midland Bull Test Columbus, Mont. final report (Group 1 Feb. 8, Group 2 March 1)**

The Midland Bull test was a 120-day gain test with a 70-day efficiency test. Bulls were fed a 44-Mcal diet that was 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.

The two Angus efficiency groups were further divided into green tags (BW EPD less than +1.9 and BW less than 85 lb.) and white

tags (BW EPD greater than +1.8 or BW greater than 85 lb.) for final performance measurements.

**High-ADG green-tag Angus group 1**—Lot 95; owner: JSK Livestock, Millbrook, N.Y.; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 4.00 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 3.03 lb.; wt.: 1,133 lb.; RFI: 0.63; test index: 108; SC: 36.0 cm

**High-WDA green-tag Angus group 1**—Lot 283; owner: Abegglen Livestock, Garneill, Mont.; sire: Werner War Party 2417; ADG: 3.93 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA: 3.79 lb.; wt.: 1,425 lb.; RFI: -1.98; test index: 116; SC: 38.0 cm

**High-ADG white-tag Angus group 1**—Lot 85; owner: Steve Smith Angus, Lehi, Utah; sire: VNAR In Focus 7326; ADG: 4.16 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 3.46 lb.; wt.: 1,295 lb.; RFI: 2.54; test index: 107; SC: 37.0 cm

**High-WDA white-tag Angus group 1**—Lot 149; owner: Oetken Angus Ranch, Crawford, Neb.; sire: SAV Net Worth 4200; ADG: 3.34 lb.; ADG ratio: 106; WDA: 3.52 lb.; wt.: 1,253 lb.; RFI: 0.40; test index: 108; SC: 38.0 cm

**High-ADG green-tag Angus group 2**—Lot 450; owner: Gary Wall, Roundup, Mont.; sire: Hoover Dam; ADG: 4.27 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 3.39 lb.; wt.: 1,430 lb.; RFI: 2.92; test index: 110; SC: 37.0 cm

**High-WDA green-tag Angus group 2**—Lot 322; owner: JM Angus Ranch LLC, Joliet, Mont.; sire: HARB Pendleton 765 JH; ADG:

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4.03 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 3.58 lb.; wt.: 1,285 lb.; RFI: 0.71; test index: 111; SC: 36.0 cm

**High-ADG white-tag Angus group 2**—Lot 603; owner: Flat Mountain Ranch, Menahga, Minn.; sire: GAR EGL Protégé; ADG: 4.77 lb.; ADG ratio: 144; WDA: 3.78 lb.; wt.: 1,388 lb.; RFI: 2.62; test index: 116; SC: 37.0 cm

**High-WDA white-tag Angus group 2**—Lot 558; owner: Harrison Angus Ranch, Boyd, Mont.; sire: HARB Imus; ADG: 4.18 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.84 lb.; wt.: 1,350 lb.; RFI: -1.13; test index: 116; SC: 38.0 cm

**High-ADG Angus sire group**—three bulls; owner: Flat Mountain Ranch; sire: GAR EGL Protégé; avg. ADG: 4.30 lb.

**High-WDA Angus sire group**—three bulls; owner: Harrison Angus Ranch; sire: HARB Imus; avg. WDA: 3.70 lb.

**Angus green-tag averages**—ADG: 3.38 lb.; WDA: 3.14 lb.

**Angus white-tag averages**—ADG: 3.43 lb.; WDA: 3.23 lb.

Qualifying Angus bulls were scheduled to sell April 6.

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).

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

#### 100-day final report (March 14)

The Wisconsin Beef Improvement Association (WBIA) Central Bull Test is conducted at the University of Wisconsin—Platteville Pioneer Prairie Farm, Platteville, Wis. Bulls were weighed on test Dec. 5-6, 2011, following delivery Nov. 7. Bulls in the 100-day 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 and high-indexing Angus**—Lot 12; owner: Slager Angus, Polo, Ill.; sire: LDS Alliance 553; ADG: 5.85 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 4.07 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,410 lb.; test index: 125

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 6; owner: Borkdale Angus, Lloyd Bork, Grand Marsh, Wis.; sire: Sitz New Design 458N; ADG: 4.20 lb.; ADG ratio: 94; WDA: 4.22 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,420 lb.; test index: 105

**Angus averages (76 head)**—ADG: 4.45 lb.; WDA: 3.49 lb.

Bulls meeting sale requirements were scheduled to be sold at the farm in Platteville April 7.

For more information contact John Freitag, WBIA executive director, at [wbia@tds.net](mailto: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>.

### IBEP 2011 Winter Test Feldun-Purdue Ag Center, Bedford, Ind. 125-day final report (March 26)

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 50; owner: Schrader Farms Angus, Columbia City, Ind.; sire: Schrader By Design 5809; ADG: 5.63 lb.; ADG ratio: 137; WDA: 3.79 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,410 lb.; frame: 6.7; test index: 128

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 169; owner: Grubbs Angus Farm, Hillsboro, Ind.; sire: Pine Ridge Hammer S322; ADG: 4.99 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA: 4.17 lb.; WDA ratio: 125; wt.: 1,380 lb.; frame: 6.6; test index: 123

**High-ADG, high-WDA (tie) and high-**

**indexing Angus get-of-sire group**—five bulls; owner: Schrader Farms Angus; sire: Schrader By Design 5809; avg. ADG: 4.72 lb.; avg. WDA: 3.53 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,377 lb.; avg. frame: 5.7; test index: 111

**High-WDA (tie) Angus get-of-sire group**—three bulls; owner: Bill Washburn, Olney, Ill.; sire: R/M Ironstone 4047; avg. ADG: 4.34 lb.; avg. WDA: 3.53 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,432 lb.; avg. frame: 6.1; test index: 106

**Angus averages (150 head)**—ADG: 4.11 lb.; WDA: 3.32 lb.; wt.: 1,331 lb.

**Overall averages (209 head)**—ADG: 4.08 lb.; WDA: 3.34 lb.; wt.: 1,323 lb.

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

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

### 2011-2012 Tucumcari Bull Test Tucumcari, N.M. 112-day final report (Feb. 27-28)

The bulls on test for the 2011-2012 Tucumcari Bull Test were weighed on test Nov. 7-8, 2011. The bulls, born Jan. 1-April 30, 2011, were fed a roughage-based diet backed with Cargill's NutreBeef® Limiter feed product.

**High-ADG and high-indexing (tie) Angus**—Lot 1-1; owner: J-C Angus Ranch, Moriarty, N.M.; sire: B/R Future Direction 6171; ADG: 4.80 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA: 3.27 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,138 lb.; test index: 118

**High-WDA and high-indexing (tie) Angus**—Lot 6-1; owner: Miller Angus, Floyd, N.M.; sire: Miller Pendleton 975; ADG: 4.73 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 3.37 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,120 lb.; test index: 118

**High-ADG and high-indexing Angus sire group**—three bulls; owner: J-C Angus Ranch; sire: B/R Future Direction 6171; avg. ADG: 4.56 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 116; avg. WDA: 3.12 lb.; avg. WDA ratio: 104; avg. wt.: 1,098 lb.; pen F:G: 5.28

**High-WDA Angus sire group**—three bulls; owner: Miller Angus; sire: Miller Pendleton 975; avg. ADG: 4.22 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 107; avg. WDA: 3.16 lb.; avg. WDA ratio: 106; avg. wt.: 1,071 lb.; pen F:G: 5.69

**Angus averages (27 head)**—ADG: 3.94 lb.; WDA: 2.99 lb.; wt.: 1,098 lb.

**Overall averages (54 head)**—ADG: 3.96 lb.; WDA: 2.95 lb.; wt.: 1,062 lb.

The test sale was scheduled for March 16.

For more information contact Manny Encinias at 505-927-7935 or visit the test website at <http://tucbulltest.nmsu.edu>.

## LFTB discussion affects beef prices

The publicity about lean, finely textured beef (LFTB) and the unappealing new nickname associated with it is having a big effect on beef prices. The price spread between 90% lean fresh beef trimmings and 50% lean trimmings during the last week of March was a record \$134.77 per hundredweight (cwt.). Fresh 90% lean trimmings averaged \$217.71 per cwt., and fresh 50% lean trimmings were \$82.94 per cwt. The price spread widened further the first week of April.

The LFTB process has been used for years to remove fat from beef trimmings. The recent adverse publicity from calling the product "pink slime" has caused the value of high-fat beef trimmings to plummet. April 5, fresh 50% lean beef trimmings averaged \$54.80 per cwt. Five weeks previous, these trimmings averaged \$100.66 per cwt.

The beef cutout value was lower again the first week of April for the fifth consecutive week. On the morning of April 6, the Choice boxed beef carcass cutout value was \$177.41 per cwt., down \$6.40 from last week. The select carcass cutout was down \$8.17 from the previous Friday to \$174.98 per hundred pounds of carcass weight. The Choice-Select price spread was \$2.43, up from \$0.65 per cwt. from the week prior.

— Ron Plain, University of Missouri  
April 6, 2012, Cattle Outlook

