

Performance Report

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

■ Calhoun HERD program Calhoun, Ga. Report 3 (March 1)

Representatives from Select Sires Al-bred 164 head Feb. 29 following the 14-day CIDR®-PG protocol. Jason Duggin, Extension beef specialist, said breeding day went very smoothly, with the process completed in three hours.

The cleanup bulls were to be placed with the heifers by March 1. The sale will take place June 1.

For more information contact Duggin at 706-728-4354.

■ Tifton HERD program Irwinville, Ga. Final report 4 (March 17)

The HERD program at the Tifton Bull Evaluation Center in Irwinville got under way with the delivery of 170 heifers Oct. 5, 2015.

Pregnancy examinations were done March 16 to determine which heifers were safe to the AI dates. Jacob Segers, extension animal scientist, said 52.5% of the heifers were confirmed pregnant to an AI sire. The 160 heifers included in the final report were pasture-exposed to calving-ease Angus sires from Dec. 22 until Feb. 5. The heifers will be pregnancy-tested again April 12. Any heifers not pregnant at that point will not be sale eligible.

The sale was scheduled for April 19. For more information contact Segers at jacobs@uga.edu or 229-386-1214.

■ ICA Bull Evaluation Program Guthrie Center and Cedar Rapids, Iowa Off-test reports (Feb. 22)

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■ Edisto Forage Bull Test 84-day report

■ Green Springs Bull Test 112-day final results

▶ Wardensville Bull Test 84-day final report

■ Wisconsin BIA Bull Test 100-day final report

Bulls were delivered to the Bloomfield and Dunlap test stations for the Iowa Cattlemen's Association (ICA) 2016 Bull Evaluation Program, with spring-born bulls at the test station at the Van Meter Feedyard, Guthrie Center, Iowa, and fall-born bulls at the test station at Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The Bloomfield test has 37 Angus bulls. The Dunlap test has 13 Angus spring-born bulls. There are 12 Angus fall-born bulls at Kirkwood. There were 58 spring-born Angus bulls delivered for the Tama test at the Van Meter Feedyard.

The bulls were to complete a 21-day warmup period following their respective delivery dates. Bulls were to be weighed twice going on test. The first two weights were to be averaged and mark the start of the 112-day test. The top three-quarters of each breed meeting test requirements will be offered for sale.

High-ADG and high-WDA Dunlap Angus— Lot 111; owner: G.N. Neumeyer, Golden Chute Ranch, Walker; sire: GG Total Impact 388; ADG: 5.33 lb.; ADG ratio: 135; WDA: 4.13 lb.; WDA ratio: 123; wt.: 1,595 lb.

High-ADG Bloomfield Angus—Lot 69; owner: Craig Foster, Exline, Iowa; sire: CF Bismarck 105; ADG: 4.73 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.32 lb.; WDA ratio: 104; wt.: 1,200 lb.

High-WDA Bloomfield Angus—Lot 54; owner: Ruhl and Cheryl Barker, Monticello; sire: Dameron First Impression; ADG: 4.31 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 3.69 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,320 lb.

High-ADG Bloomfield Fall Angus—Lot 38; owner: Robert Hawk, Hawk Angus Cattle Co., Wapello, Iowa; sire: WMR Timeless 458; ADG: 4.32 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 2.98 lb.; WDA ratio: 95; wt.: 1,268 lb.

High-WDA Bloomfield Fall Angus—Lot 32; owner: Ron and Kay Buch, Luzerne; sire: SH Raven 2460; ADG: 3.97 lb.; ADG ratio: 106; WDA: 3.53 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,757 lb.

Dunlap Angus averages—ADG: 3.94 lb.; WDA: 3.35 lb.; wt.: 1,223 lb.

Bloomfield Angus averages—ADG: 3.75 lb.; WDA: 3.19 lb.; wt.: 1,181 lb.

Bloomfield Fall Angus averages—ADG: 3.76 lb.: WDA: 3.14 lb.: wt.: 1.525 lb.

Both spring and fall Bloomfield bulls were sold March 21 at the Bloomfield Livestock Auction Market. Spring bulls were to be sold at the Dunlap Livestock Auction Market April 1. The Tama bulls will be sold May 6.

For more information contact Matt Deppe, seedstock manager, Iowa Cattlemen's Ass'n, PO Box 1490, Ames, IA 50014; ICA phone: 515-296-2266; Matt's cell: 515-468-7785; fax: 515-296-2261; www.iacattlemen.org.

■ ICA Bull Evaluation Program Guthrie Center, Iowa Interim report (Feb. 1)

There were 58 spring-born Angus bulls delivered for the Tama test at the Van Meter Feedyard, Guthrie Center, Iowa.

The bulls were to complete a 21-day warm-up period following their delivery date. Bulls were to be weighed twice going on test. The first two weights were to be averaged and mark the start of the 112-day test. The top three-quarters of each breed meeting test requirements will be offered for sale.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 220; owner: Dennis Deppe, Waverly; sire: Deppe RL42 Bando 3052; ADG: 5.61 lb.; ADG ratio: 135; WDA: 3.72 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,090 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 251; owner: Raasch Bros., Dean Raasch, Bridgewater; sire: SAV Renown 3439; ADG: 3.98 lb.; ADG ratio: 96; WDA: 3.94 lb.; WDA ratio: 122; wt.: 1,295 lb.

Angus averages—ADG: 4.15 lb.; WDA: 3.23 lb.; wt.: 993 lb.

The Tama bulls will be sold May 6. For more information contact Matt Deppe, seedstock manager, Iowa Cattlemen's Ass'n, PO Box 1490, Ames, IA 50014; ICA phone: 515-296-2266; Matt's cell: 515-468-7785; fax: 515-296-2261; www.iacattlemen.org.

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Bulls were fed for a 14-day warm-up period before the official test began. Bulls were fed a high-quality ration formulated by a qualified

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Nevada, Mo., weighed bulls off test Feb. 8. The test is a 112-day performance test with bulls grouped by breed and size as much as possible, offering an optimum growth

The Green Springs Spring Bull Test at

Green Springs Spring Bull Test

112-day final report (Feb. 8)

environment. Bulls must be weaned and vaccinated. Bulls were fed for a 14-day warm-up period nutritionist and adequate for a targeted ADG of 3.5 lb.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 15741; owner: Smith Land & Cattle, Carol Smith, Claremore, Okla.; sire: B/R Destination 928-630; ADG: 5.74 lb.; ADG ratio: 150; WDA: 3.22 lb.; WDA ratio: 100; RFI: 1.74; test index: 121; SC: 35 cm; wt.: 1,148 lb.

High-WDA Angus-Lot 15583; owner: Davis; ADG: 5.25 lb.; ADG ratio: 137; WDA: 3.95 lb.; WDA ratio: 123; RFI: 2.54; test index: 130; SC: 34 cm; wt.: 1,378

Best RFI Angus-Lot 15738; owner: Smith Land & Cattle; sire: SCR Right Cross 70024; ADG: 4.02 lb.; ADG ratio: 105; WDA: 3.23 lb.; WDA ratio: 101; RFI: -5.97; test index: 103; SC: 37 cm; wt.: 1,150 lb.

Angus averages (104 head)—ADG: 3.82 lb.; WDA: 3.21 lb.

The test sale took place March 28. For more information contact Kent Abele, owner, at 417-465-2240 or 417-448-7416; email him at gsbulltest@gmail.com or visit the test website at www.greenspringsbulltest.com.

► Southwest Virginia BCIA Bull Test Hillwinds Farm, Dublin, Va. 112-day final report (Feb. 16)

The junior and senior tests at the Southwest Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) Bull Test were conducted simultaneously. Senior bulls must have been born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2014. Junior bulls must have been born Jan. 1-March 31, 2015.

Entries for both divisions were due Sept. 5. Delivery was accepted Oct. 6 at Hillwinds Farm. A total of 92 senior bulls and 132 junior bulls went on test Oct. 27.

The senior Angus bulls began the test with an average weight of 1,288 lb. and an average WDA of 2.79 lb. The junior Angus bulls weighed on test with an average weight of 992 lb. and an average WDA of 2.87 lb.

High-ADG and high-indexing senior Angus-Lot 46; owner: J&M Windy Acres, Mike Connatser, Maryville, Tenn.; sire: GAR Prophet; ADG: 4.12 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; wt.: 1,285 lb.; SC: 36 cm; test index: 115

High-ADG and high-indexing junior Angus-Lot 72; owner: Lucas Farm, Joe and Timmy Lucas, Blacksburg; sire: AAR Ten X 7008 SA; ADG: 4.77 lb.; ADG ratio: 146; wt.: 1,240 lb.; SC: 38 cm; test index: 121

Senior Angus averages (46 head)—ADG: 3.08 lb.; wt.: 1,393 lb.

Junior Angus averages (69 head)—ADG: 3.26 lb.; wt.: 1,086 lb.

Overall senior averages (92 head)—ADG: 3.05 lb.; wt.: 1,359 lb.

Overall junior averages (132 head)—ADG: 3.21 lb.; wt.: 1,087 lb.

The test sale was at the farm March 26. For more information contact Scott Greiner. extension beef specialist, 366 Litton-Reaves Hall, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 24061; phone: 540-231-9159; fax: 540-231-3010; Joi Saville, extension associate, phone: 540-231-2257; Tim Sutphin, owner-manager, Hillwinds Farm, 5660 Thornspring Church Rd.,

Dublin, VA 24084; 540-980-5848; or visit the test website at http://bcia.apsc.vt.edu.

■ Tucumcari Bull Test Tucumcari, N.M. 120-day final report (Feb. 17)

There have been significant changes to the 2015-2016 Tucumcari Bull Test. The addition of GrowSafe® feed intake technology has allowed the measurement of feed intake per individual bull. This equipment also assists in calculating residual feed intake (RFI) efficiency for this year's set of bulls. The structure of the test itself has changed due to the new technology. There are now three separate contemporary groups (A, B and C) vs. one complete test group as in years past. Instead of 38 individual pens, the test facility now has two large pens and 10 individual pens. Bulls in the large pens are the RFItested bulls. Because of age, management and time of year, it seemed appropriate to break out the 147 bulls currently on test into three separate contemporary groups.

Group A includes older bulls born Jan. 1-Feb. 28, 2015. They were placed in the RFItesting pen to measure intake for the first 60 days of the test. Group B consists of the younger calves scheduled to be RFI-tested during the last 60 days of the overall test. These calves are in a similar-sized pen as Group A; however, they are a bit lighter due to being 60 days younger. Group C is considered the individually tested bulls.

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These bulls are penned in groups of two to four head per pen. The management of these bulls is similar to years past, with calves penned separately by owner. This group has some of the largest bulls on test.

High-ADG group A Angus—Lot 53; owner: Lust Angus, Abernathy, Texas; sire: EF Complement 8088; ADG: 5.20 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 3.55 lb.; wt.: 1,323 lb.; RFI: -0.47; test index: 116

High-WDA group A Angus—Lot 65; owner: McCall Land & Cattle, Albuquerque, N.M.; sire: EF Impression 2648; ADG: 4.79 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 3.88 lb.; wt.: 1,345 lb.; RFI: 0.34; test index: 117

High-indexing and best RFI group A
Angus—Lot 72; owner: McCall Land & Cattle;
sire: EF Impression 2648; ADG: 4.55 lb.; ADG
ratio: 109; WDA: 3.29 lb.; WDA ratio: 100;
wt.: 1,213 lb.; RFI: -2.59; test index: 118

High-ADG group B Angus—Lot 68; owner: McCall Land & Cattle; sire: Baldridge Uppercrust U135; ADG: 4.70 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 3.26 lb.; WDA ratio: 102; wt.: 1,138 lb.; RFI: 0.65; test index: 112

High-WDA group B Angus—Lot 16; owner: Cornerstone Ranch, Fort Sumner, N.M.; sire: Lazy JB O'Reilly Factor 3038; ADG: 4.50 lb.; ADG ratio: 119; WDA: 3.79 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,193 lb.; RFI: -0.76; test index: 115

High-indexing group B Angus—Lot 57; owner: McCall Land & Cattle; sire: EXAR Denver 2002B; ADG: 4.46; ADG ratio: 119; WDA: 3.11; WDA ratio: 98; wt.: 1,055 lb.; RFI: 0.84; test index: 116

High-ADG group C Angus—Lot 67; owner: McCall Land & Cattle; sire: EF Impression 2648; ADG: 5.09 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 3.02 lb.; WDA ratio: 87; test index: 106

High-WDA group C Angus—Lot 81; owner:

Netherton Angus, Las Animas, Colo.; sire: Sitz Onward 377S; ADG: 4.56 lb.; ADG ratio: 109; WDA: 4.21 lb.; WDA ratio: 122; test index: 110

High-indexing group C Angus—Lot 86; owner: Netherton Angus; sire: Sitz Onward 377S; ADG: 4.80 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 4.05 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,313 lb.; test index: 111

The test sale was scheduled for March 12. For more information contact Marcy Ward, extension livestock specialist, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM 88003; office phone: 575-646-5947 or cell: 575-644-3379; or visit the test website at http://tucbulltest.nmsu.edu.

■ Wardensville Bull Test West Virginia University Reymann Memorial Farm, Wardensville, W.Va. 84-day final report (Feb. 19)

The West Virginia Young Sire Evaluation Program, sponsored by the West Virginia University (WVU) Cooperative Extension, the WVU Division of Animal and Nutritional Sciences, the West Virginia Department of Agriculture and the West Virginia Cattlemen's Association received delivery of 143 bulls, 127 of them Angus, Oct. 28, 2015, for the Wardensville Bull Test.

A maximum of 160 bulls were to be accepted for evaluation. To be eligible, bulls must have been born Jan. 20-March 26, 2015. The enrollment deadline was Sept. 18.

The bulls are being fed a ration (NE_m =0.68, NE_g =0.41) that includes 20% ground mixed hay, 24% wheat midds, 23% soybean hulls, 8% distillers' grains, 4% cottonseed hulls, 4% corn, 10% hominy feed, and 7% miscellaneous ingredients.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 85; owner: Triple O Farm, Amma, W.Va.; sire: TOF Durham Ten X; ADG: 4.79 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.40 lb.; wt.: 1,287 lb.; RFI: 1.44; SC: 38.0 cm

High-WDA Angus—Lot 5; owner: Kinsey's Oak Front Farm, Flemington, W.Va.; sire: HARB Big Shooter 279 JH; ADG: 4.15 lb.; ADG ratio: 114; WDA: 3.71 lb.; wt.: 1,260 lb.; RFI: -0.19; SC: 33.9 cm

Best RFI Angus—Lot 18; owner: Kinsey's Oak Front Farm; sire: HM Ten X 40U; ADG: 3.02 lb.; ADG ratio: 83; WDA: 3.00 lb.; wt.: 1,094 lb.; RFI: -4.01; SC: 35.2 cm

Angus averages (126 head)—ADG: 3.63 lb.; WDA: 3.14 lb.; wt.: 1,143 lb.

The test sale was scheduled for March 24 at the WVU Reymann Memorial Farm at Wardensville.

Test information is available from Kevin Shaffer, program coordinator, WVU Extension Service, 2084 Agricultural Sciences Bldg., PO Box 6108, Morgantown, WV 26505; phone: 304-293-2669; Kevin.Shaffer@mail.wvu.edu; or Jerry Yates, WVU Reymann Memorial Farm, phone: 304-874-3561; or on the test website, www.wvbeef.org/bulltest/.

■ Royal Hoofers Bull Test Wilbur, Neb. 100-day final report (Feb. 23)

The 100-day Royal Hoofers Bull Test received bulls at the Kenneth Kruptcka Farm in Wilbur, Neb., Nov. 1, 2015, after a nomination deadline of Oct. 24. After a 10-day preconditioning trial the bulls are weighed on test. Weights are taken every 60 days. The ration is WDGs and hay.

High-ADG and high-WDA Angus—Lot 29; owner: Double D Angus, Dave Macholan, Linwood, Neb.; sire: KMacholan Shrapnel 541; ADG: 5.75 lb.; WDA: 3.70 lb.; wt.: 1,435 lb.

The test sale was April 16 at Beatrice 77 Livestock, Beatrice, Neb.

For more information contact Jim Fixemer, manager, 10777 W. Midway, Denton, NE 68339; phone: 402-797-5415; or visit the test website at www.royalhoofers.com.

► Kansas Angus Ass'n Bull Test Wamego, Kan.

112-day final report (Feb. 23-24)

There were 232 bulls, 84 of them Angus, delivered to Kansas Bull Development LLC, Wamego, Oct. 23-24, 2015, for the Kansas Angus Association Bull Test. Nominations were due Oct. 5. The test was conducted and managed at Kansas Bull Development LLC by Brian Hagedorn.

To be eligible for the 112-day test, bulls must have been born Jan. 1-April 15, 2015.

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus—Lot 164; owner: Clarks Creek Angus, Cary Granzow, Herrington; sire: SS Incentive 9117; ADG: 4.8 lb.; ADG ratio: 135; WDA: 3.3 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,377 lb.; test index: 125

High-WDA (tie) Angus—Lot 233; owner: Pearson Angus, Clint and Lisa Pearson, Scott City; sire: LAR Protégé 327; ADG: 3.8 lb.; ADG ratio: 107; WDA: 3.4 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,096 lb.; test index: 113

High-WDA (tie) Angus—Lot 187; owner: R Bar W Ranch, Wanda Guess, Mayetta; sire: EF Complement 8088; ADG: 4.1 lb.; ADG ratio: 116; WDA: 3.4 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,300 lb.; test index: 116 **Angus averages**—ADG: 3.53 lb.; WDA: 2.91 lb.: wt.: 1.101 lb.

The test sale was scheduled for April 6 at the Mitchell County Fairgrounds, Beloit, Kan. For more information contact Hagedorn at 785-458-2137 (cell); 785-456-2636 (home, Brian and Megan); feedlot fax: 785-456-2721; email: kansasbulls@gmail.com; or visit the website at www.kansasbulltest.com.

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

The 120-day Treasure Bull Test received 125 Angus bulls at the Broken O Ranch Feedlot in Simms, Mont. The spring division is for bulls born Dec. 15, 2013-April 15, 2015. The fall division is for bulls born Aug. 1-Dec. 14, 2014. The bulls were weighed on test Oct. 30, 2015.

High-ADG, high-WDA and high-indexing Jackpot Angus—Lot 12; owner: Olson Cattle Co., Wendy and Kyla Olson, Saint Ignatius, Mont.; sire: RB Active Duty 010; ADG: 4.25 lb.; WDA: 3.99 lb.; wt.: 1,460 lb.; test index: 120

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus—Lot 163; owner: Olson Cattle Co.; sire: RB Active Duty 010; ADG: 4.71 lb.; WDA: 3.74 lb.; wt.: 1,405 lb.; test index: 119

High-WDA Angus—Lot 166; owner: Olson Cattle Co.; sire: RB Active Duty 010; ADG: 3.96 lb.; WDA: 3.87 lb.; wt.: 1,445 lb.; test index: 116

High-ADG Fall Angus—Lot 305; owner: Ascent Angus Farms, Chris Miller Family,

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► Griffith Angus Farm, Tallahassee, Fla., consigned the high-indexing Angus bull. GAF Pendleton CO3 is a December 2014 son of HARB Pendleton 765 J H. He posted an ADG of 4.55 lb. Pictured are (from left) Will Bentley, Georgia Cattlemen's Ass'n executive vice president; Doug Williams, Georgia Angus Ass'n president; Nick Griffith, Griffith Angus Farm, recipient; and Gary Hill, Georgia Bull Test Advisory Committee chairman.



Oakland, Ill.; sire: MCR Horizon 081; ADG: 4.00 lb.; WDA: 2.93 lb.; wt.: 1,315 lb.; test index: 101

High-WDA Fall Angus—Lot 304; owner: R.K. Perry, Ryan and Karrol Perry, Power, Mont.; sire: Vermilion Bear Paw; ADG: 3.29 lb.; WDA: 3.63 lb.; wt.: 1,825 lb.; test index: 100

High-indexing Fall Angus—Lot 302; owner: Hundred Acres Ranches, Dean Lusk, Jerome, Idaho; sire: HF Tiger 5T; ADG: 2.46 lb.; WDA: 3.26 lb.; wt.: 1,495 lb.; test index: 104

Jackpot Angus averages (18 head)—ADG: 3.44; WDA: 3.29

Angus averages (109 head)—ADG: 3.44 lb.; WDA: 3.29 lb.

Fall Angus averages (5 head)—ADG: 2.78 lb.; WDA: 3.04 lb.

Approximately 75% of the bulls on test sold April 11 at Western Livestock Auction,

Great Falls, Mont. Sale order was determined by test index, which is one-third weaning ratio with a limit of 110, one-third gain ratio and one-third yearling ratio.

For more information contact Russ Pepper at 406-264-5694 or 406-799-0174 or brtangus@3rivers.net. The test website is www.treasurebulltest.com.

Midland Bull Test Columbus, Mont.

120-day group 1 & 2 final reports (March 9)

The Midland Bull test is a 120-day gain test with a 70-day efficiency test. Bulls are fed a 44-Mcal diet that is high in roughage for targeted gains of about 3 lb. per day. Group 1 bulls were received Sept. 13-23, 2015. Group 2 bulls were received Oct. 11-21, 2015.

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High-ADG Group 1 Angus—Lot 196; owner: Three Forks Ranch, Fort Gibson, Okla.; sire: VAR Discovery 2240; ADG: 4.48 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; WDA: 3.45 lb.; wt.: 1,323 lb.; RFI: 0.49; efficiency ratio: 112; test index: 115; SC: 41.5 cm

High-WDA (tie) Group 1 Angus—Lot 30; owner: Probst Ent., Dillon, Mont.; sire: SAV Resource 1441; ADG: 3.49 lb.; ADG ratio: 105; WDA: 3.78 lb.; wt.: 1,275 lb.; RFI: -0.42; efficiency ratio: 102; test index: 109; SC: 38.0 cm

High-WDA (tie) Group 1 Angus—Lot 252; owner: Deppe Angus, Waverly, Iowa; sire:

AAR Ten X 7008 SA; ADG: 3.62 lb.; ADG ratio: 109; WDA: 3.78 lb.; wt.: 1,330 lb.; RFI: -2.03; efficiency ratio: 112; test index: 109; SC: 38.5 cm

Best RFI and high-indexing (tie) Group 1 Angus—Lot 257; owner: Deppe Angus; sire: PVF Insight 0129; ADG: 3.59 lb.; ADG ratio: 108; WDA: 3.69 lb.; wt.: 1,283 lb.; RFI: -10.36; efficiency ratio: 171; test index: 126; SC: 37.0 cm

High-indexing Group 1 Angus (tie) —Lot 99; owner: TM Angus, Oak Harbor, Ohio; sire: Barstow Cash; ADG: 3.81 lb.; ADG ratio: 114; WDA: 3.41 lb.; wt.: 1,193 lb.; RFI: -10.08; efficiency ratio: 176; test index: 126; SC: 40.0 cm

High-ADG Group 2 Angus—Lot 665; owner:

Double D Angus, Linwood, Neb.; sire: RB Tour of Duty 177; ADG: 4.67 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 3.22 lb.; wt.: 1,265 lb.; RFI: -0.09; efficiency ratio: 98; test index 112; SC: 32.5 cm

High-WDA Group 2 Angus—Lot 352; owner: Hay Cow, Lincoln, Calif.; sire: McD SF Total Package 1337; ADG: 3.92 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; WDA: 4.08 lb.; wt.: 1,550 lb.; RFI: 0.29; efficiency ratio: 97; test index: 108; SC: 39.5

Best RFI Group 2 Angus—Lot 459; owner: Sioux Pass Angus, Lodge Grass, Mont.; sire: SydGen Trust 6228; ADG: 3.35 lb.; ADG ratio: 101; WDA: 3.18 lb.; wt.: 1,315 lb.; RFI: -7.96; efficiency ratio: 129; test index: 110; SC: 36.0 cm High-indexing Group 2 Angus—Lot 680; owner: Blacktail Angus Ranch, Dillon, Mont.; sire: Connealy Black Granite; ADG: 4.02 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 3.48 lb.; wt.: 1,373 lb.; RFI: -7.78; efficiency ratio: 135; test index: 120; SC: 36.0 cm

Angus averages (Group 1)—ADG: 3.52 lb.; WDA: 3.28 lb.

Angus averages (Group 2)—ADG: 3.46 lb.; WDA: 3.30 lb.

The Angus sale was scheduled for April 8. For more information contact Steve and Lindsay Williams at 406-322-5597 (office); fax: 406-322-5210; email: bulls@ midlandbulltest.com or visit the test website at www.midlandbulltest.com.

≥ Edisto Forage Bull Test Edisto Research & Education Center, Blackville, S.C. 84-day report (Feb. 9)

The 2015 Edisto Forage Bull Test (EFBT) began Dec. 15 in Blackville after the delivery of 61 bulls Dec. 1. Senior bulls eligible for the test were born Nov. 1, 2014-Jan. 31, 2015. Junior bulls eligible for the test were born Feb. 1-March 31, 2015.

The test is located at the Edisto Research & Education Center near Blackville, S.C., and offers a unique approach to gain-testing bulls. It is a 168-day pasture-based test. EFBT was developed, built and started in 1982 with the commercial cow-calf producer in mind and capitalizing on the Southeast's

ability to grow high-quality, lush forages year-round. EFBT was designed to performance-test bulls in an environment in which bull buyers expect their progeny to perform.

High-ADG and high-indexing senior Angus—Lot 4; owner: Mull Meadow Farm, Pendleton, S.C.; sire: Connealy Comrade 1385; ADG: 3.37 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; WDA: 2.31 lb.; WDA ratio: 104; wt.: 1,005 lb.; test index: 5.67

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 54; owner: Fox Run Farm, Sam Daniel, Oxford, N.C.; sire: Rito 2V8 2536 1407; ADG: 2.32 lb.; ADG ratio: 92; WDA: 2.68 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,225 lb.; test index: 5.00

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High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 1; owner: Mull Meadow Farm; sire: Rito 12E7 of 5F56 Rito 5M2; ADG: 3.02 lb.; ADG ratio: 142; WDA: 2.22 lb.; WDA ratio: 96; wt.: 836 lb.; test index: 5.25

High-WDA and high-indexing junior Angus—Lot 52; owner: Fox Run Farm; sire: Rito 2V8 2536 1407; ADG: 2.64 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 2.66 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 868 lb.; test index: 5.30

Angus senior averages (22 head)—ADG: 2.52 lb.; WDA: 2.22 lb.; wt.: 991 lb.

Angus junior averages (21 head)—ADG: 2.13 lb.; WDA: 2.32 lb.; wt.: 861 lb.

Interim weights were scheduled for April 5 and May 3. The bulls will be weighed off test May 31. The sale is scheduled for Oct. 8.

For more information contact Scott Sell at 803-284-3343, ext. 223 (office); 803-450-0995 (cell) or gsell@clemson.edu. Additional information is available on the test website at http://www.clemson.edu/extension/bulltest/.

■ WBIA Bull Test University of Wisconsin, Platteville, Wis. 100-day final report (March 10)

The Wisconsin Beef Improvement Association (WBIA) has conducted and overseen a central performance bull test each year since 1957. Young beef bulls from all over Wisconsin and the Midwest have been delivered to the University of Wisconsin– Platteville Farm to develop a performance proof in an unbiased environment designed to let the cream rise to the top. More than 5,000 bulls from more than 250 consignors have been tested.

A total of 103 bulls, 70 of them Angus, were delivered Nov. 2, 2015, for the 2016 WBIA Bull Test to go on test Dec. 1. The 100-day test is for bulls born Jan. 1-April 15, 2015.

Bulls are fed a soy- or oat-hull-based ration adjusted with locally available ingredients in a ration designed to promote lean efficient growth while providing adequate energy to allow individuals to express their genetic potential. At the test's conclusion, bulls are scanned by ultrasound for carcass traits and evaluated for breeding soundness.

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus—Lot 33; owner: Biddick Inc., Brian Nodolf, Livingston; sire: KG Solution 0018; ADG: 5.06 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.94 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,505 lb.; test index: 126

High-WDA Angus—Lot 41; owner: Ryan Cattle, Tim Ryan, Lodi; sire: AAR Ten X 7008 SA; ADG: 3.66 lb.; ADG ratio: 96; WDA: 4.08 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,408 lb.; test index: 105

Angus averages (71 head)—ADG: 3.82 lb.; WDA: 3.38 lb.

The sale was scheduled for April 2. More information is available by contacting John Freitag, WBIA executive director, PO Box 955, New Glarus, WI 53574; phone: 608-527-5747; fax: 608-527-3010; or at wbia@tds.net.

Information is also available on the WBIA website at www.wisconsinbeef.com.

■ MBCIA Bull Test Spring Grove, Minn. 133-day final report (March 17)

The 2015-2016 Minnesota Beef Cattle Improvement Association (MBCIA) bull test took place in Spring Grove, Minn. Foundation Feeders Inc. has hosted the MBCIA Bull Test since 1999. The bulls were fed a high-protein total TMR ration to enhance rumen stretch, ADG and fertility. Bulls eligible for the 133-day test must have been born between Jan. 1-May 15, 2015.

After a 14-day warm-up period, bulls were weighed to start the test Nov. 13-14.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 53; owner: Martin; sire: EXAR Upshot; ADG: 5.06 lb.; WDA: 3.71 lb.; wt.: 1,506 lb.; test index: 118

High-WDA Angus—Lot 18; owner: Bulfer; sire: Tour of Duty; ADG: 4.14 lb.; WDA: 3.94 lb.; wt.: 1,591 lb.; test index: 109

High-indexing Angus—Lot 34; owner: Goodrich; sire: Deer Valley All In; ADG: 4.94 lb.; WDA: 3.86 lb.; wt.: 1,389 lb.; test index: 119

Overall averages (98 head)—ADG: 3.97 lb.; WDA: 3.44 lb.; wt.: 1,366 lb.

The sale was scheduled for March 29.
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