



Performance Report

► Bull test reports and other performance-related items

▣ OBI Angus Test No. 85

Stillwater, Okla.

56-day report (April 17)

Oklahoma Beef Inc. (OBI) Test No. 85, featuring nine Angus bulls born May-June 2008, began Feb. 20, 2009.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 361; owner: Jim Babylon, Eufaula; sire: Huff Conclusive SC 3130 29; ADG: 10.09 lb.; ADG ratio: 186; WDA: 3.68 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,200 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 358; owner: Rutledge Angus, Stillwater; sire: GAR Predestined; ADG: 9.29 lb.; ADG ratio: 172; WDA: 3.77 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,200 lb.

Angus averages (9 head)—ADG: 5.41 lb.; WDA: 3.20 lb.; wt.: 1,048 lb.

The Angus test index is 50% final cumulative ADG ratio plus 50% adjusted 365-day weight ratio. For more information contact Tim Stidham, station manager, at 405-624-1181 or okbeef@provalue.net. Reports are available on the test web site at www.ansi.okstate.edu/exten/obi.

▣ Edisto Forage Bull Test

Blackville, S.C.

168-day final report (May 5)

Health of the bulls has been excellent, reports Bull Testing Program Coordinator Larry Olson. As a result, the 75 bulls gained 3.42 lb. per day during the final period on ryegrass grazing.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 1; owner: Cedar Creek Farms, Ted Bourne, Donalds, S.C.; sire: Boyd On Target 1083; ADG: 4.32 lb.; ADG ratio: 145; WDA: 3.12 lb.; WDA ratio: 108

High-WDA Angus—Lot 20; owner: River Hill Farm, Stephanie Clark, Fountain Inn, S.C.; sire: Basin Max 602C; ADG: 3.41 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 3.35 lb.; WDA ratio: 116

Angus averages (67 head)—ADG: 2.98 lb.; WDA: 2.90 lb.

Overall averages (75 head)—ADG: 2.94 lb.; WDA: 2.88 lb.

Fifty-nine bulls qualified for the sale 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.

▣ IBEP 2009 Summer Test

Bedford, Ind.

Initial report

Bulls were delivered Tuesday, April 28. There are 74 bulls from 26 cooperators in the test. Of the 74 bulls, 55 of the entries were Angus.

The test's purpose is to promote performance testing and carcass evaluation of beef cattle and to serve as an educational tool to acquaint producers with their value; to complement on-farm performance testing; to provide a common environment for evaluating the performance of young bulls; to assist breeders in identifying sires whose progeny excel in growth rate, feed conversion and carcass value; and to aid beef producers in obtaining superior, performance-tested bulls that have been evaluated for growth, breeding and structural soundness, along with carcass merit.

Test information and weight reports are available on the test web site, www.ansc.purdue.edu/ibep/index.htm.

2009 Clemson Bull Testing

Program Nominations

The 2009 Clemson Bull Test nominations are due Aug. 1, and the 2009 Edisto Forage Bull Test nominations are due Oct. 15.

Signors should complete and submit their nominations, with the \$100-per-bull nomination fee, as soon as possible. If you know which bulls you will be nominating, do not wait on their weaning weights before sending in the nominations. Weaning weights can be added later. For an embryo transplant (ET) bull, the recipient's birth date should be provided. It is very important to provide the actual birth weight, weaning date and weaning weight for each bull. When deciding which bulls to nominate, breeders should pay particular attention to expected progeny differences (EPDs), muscling, structural soundness, disposition, scrotal circumference and weaning performance.

Nomination deadlines are set early enough to give consignors time to receive official notification of acceptance or rejection of their bulls before going to the expense of

brucellosis testing, persistent bovine viral diarrhea (PI BVD) testing and gathering of health papers.

For more information on the Clemson Bull Test and the Edisto Forage Bull test, go to the test's web site, www.clemson.edu/edisto/cubt/cubt.htm.



▣ Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP)

Winter Test, Springville, April 16



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► The high-indexing and high-selling Angus bull, CRA Bextor 872 5205 608, was consigned by **Kiata Farms Inc.**, Hamilton, Ohio. Pictured are (from left) Joseph Rode, IBEP president, David Long, Kiata Farms Inc., and Bruce Lamb, Indiana Angus Ass'n president.

► The top performance-indexing Angus bull, BR Grid Maker 82, was consigned by **Beaver Ridge Farm**, Middletown, Ind. Pictured are (from left) Rode and Cathy Watkins, Beaver Ridge Farm.



► **Bill Washburn**, Olney, Ill., was recognized by the Indiana Angus Ass'n for having the top-indexing Angus get-of-sire with progeny of Dr. J Analyst M250. Pictured are (from left) Rode, Bill Washburn and Lamb.