



Performance Report

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

■ ICA Tama Bull Test

**Van Meter Feedyard, Guthrie Center, Iowa
126-day final report (April 2)**

High-ADG Angus—Lot 256; owner: Franklin Schaefer, Waterloo; sire: SAV Satisfaction 8631; ADG: 5.34 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 3.55 lb.; WDA ratio: 108; wt.: 1,313 lb.; test index: 109

High-WDA and high-indexing Angus—Lot 206; owner: Jordan Barker; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 4.90 lb.; ADG ratio: 114; WDA: 3.90 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,413 lb.; test index: 114

Angus averages (59 head)—ADG: 4.29 lb.; WDA: 3.28 lb.; wt.: 1,220 lb.

Qualifying bulls were scheduled to sell May 4 at Tama Livestock, Tama, Iowa.

For more information contact Kellie Carolan, ICA, PO Box 1490, Ames, IA 50014; 515-296-2266; or 641-751-0737 (cell), or visit www.iacattlemen.org.

■ NDAA 24th Annual Bull Test

**Ridl Farms, Dickinson, N.D.
112-day final report (March 14-15)**

The North Dakota Angus Association (NDAA) 24th Annual Bull Test was conducted at Ridl Farms, Dickinson, N.D.

L.J. and Janet Dohrmann of Taylor, N.D., Bull Test Committee chairmen, reported that 72 bulls consigned by 28 Angus breeders competed in the 112-day test.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 68; owner: Farview Angus, Regent; sire: Sitz Upward 10107; ADG: 4.40 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 10; owner: Schmidt Angus Ranch, Gladstone; sire: SAV Peacemaker 3179; WDA: 3.88 lb.

High-indexing Angus—Lot 8; owner: K-6 Angus Ranch, Westhope; NDAA index ratio: 116

Angus averages (72 head)—ADG: 3.44 lb.; WDA: 3.31 lb.; wt.: 1,255 lb.

The sale was scheduled for April 23 at Stockmen's Livestock Exchange, Dickinson, N.D. Contact L.J. or Janet Dohrmann at 701-974-2187 for more information.

■ LSU 108th Performance Test

Bulls were delivered May 21 and 22 to the Dean Lee Research Station, Alexandria, La., for the 108th Louisiana State University bull performance test. The test, scheduled to begin with an adjustment period from May 23 to June 6, is conducted for bulls born between Sept.

1-Nov. 30, 2011. Bulls must be registered or eligible for registration and have a negative test for persistent infection with bovine viral diarrhoea (PI-BVD). Percentage bulls will be accepted if there is sufficient space.

Bulls will be fed free choice in groups. The ration consists of 31% corn, 26% soybean hulls, 21% distillers' dried grains (DDG), 15% cottonseed hulls, 5% molasses and 2% salt/vitamin/mineral premix.

Scheduled interim weights for the 112-day test are July 4, Aug. 1 and Aug. 29, with final weights taken Sept. 25 and 26.

Contact Sid DeRouen at 318-473-6589 or sderouen@agcenter.lsu.edu for more information or visit the test website at www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our_offices/research_stations/Deanlee/Features/bull_test_station/.

■ Cal Poly Bull Test

Bulls arrived May 11-12 to go on test for the 56th Annual Cal Poly Bull Test. The test is for bulls born between Aug. 1 and Oct. 31, 2011. All bulls must be registered and must be tested negative for PI-BVD. All Angus and composite bulls that are potential carriers of arthrogyrosis multiplex (AM), neuropathic hydrocephalus (NH) or any other genetic defect by ancestors must be tested prior to sale. No carrier animals will be eligible to sell.

The test, which has space for 300 bulls, is a 100-day test. Bulls are fed a high-roughage ration to gain a targeted 3-pound (lb.) average daily gain (ADG). Interim weights were scheduled to be collected May 25-26, June 23 and July 21, with final weights to be taken Aug. 31-Sept. 1. Qualifying bulls will sell Oct. 7.

For more information contact Mike Hall, beef cattle specialist, Animal Science Department, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407 at 805-756-2685 or mhall@calpoly.edu. Visit the test website at <http://bulltest.calpoly.edu/participate.html> for more information.

■ IBEP Summer Test

Bulls were delivered May 1 for the Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) 2012 Summer Test. The summer test is conducted at the IBEP Test Station at the Feldun-Purdue Ag Center, Bedford, Ind., for bulls born May 1 through Oct. 31, 2011.

Bulls must be registered. Bulls that are suspected to be carriers of a lethal allele for

which a DNA test is available must be DNA-tested and verified free of the lethal allele prior to entry. Breeders may enter three bulls from the same sire as a get-of-sire entry.

The bulls were to be weighed on test May 22. They will be fed a total mixed ration (TMR) of approximately 55% corn silage, 22% corn grain, 20% distillers' dried grains with solubles (DDGS) and 3% balancer. Salt and minerals will be supplemented free choice.

Interim weights will be collected June 19, July 24 and Aug. 21, with final weights taken Sept. 24. Eligible bulls are scheduled to sell Oct. 20 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; Terry Stewart, IBEP secretary-treasurer, at 765-494-0138 or tstewart@purdue.edu; or Donna Lofgren, performance records, at dlofgren@purdue.edu. You can also visit the test website at www.ansc.purdue.edu/ibep.

■ Green Springs Summer Bull Test

The Green Springs Summer Bull Test at Nevada, Mo., will receive bulls for the test June 2-5. The test is a 112-day performance test with bulls grouped by breed and size, as much as possible, offering an optimum growth environment. Bulls must be weaned and vaccinated. The summer test is for bulls born in September-November 2011.

Bulls will be fed for a 14-day period before the official test begins. Bulls are fed a high-quality ration formulated by a qualified nutritionist and adequate for a targeted 3.5-lb. ADG.

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.

■ Alabama BCIA 2012 Bull Test

The Alabama Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA), the North Alabama Bull Evaluation Center Advisory Committee and the managers of the North Alabama Bull Evaluation Center (NABEC) have announced the rules and regulations for the 2012 bull test. The test will be conducted at the Donaldson Farm, Cullman, Ala., with a minimum of 65 bulls and a maximum of 80. The nomination deadline is June 12. Bulls nominated for the evaluation must be registered or recorded in a recognized breed association.

The bulls will be housed in four

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.

permanently fenced lots suitable for feeding approximately 25 bulls each and one pen designated for sick or injured bulls.

Ration formulation shall be as recommended by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System and fed in self-feeders. Free-choice hay will be furnished in each paddock.

Delivery of the bulls is scheduled for July 10, with the 84-day evaluation beginning Aug. 7. Bulls must have been born Aug. 15-Nov. 15, 2011. The test will conclude Oct. 30, with the test sale scheduled for Dec. 8 at the Cullman Stockyards.

For more information contact Gerry Thompson, superintendent and regional

Extension educator, at 256-353-8702, ext. 25, or 256-508-2020 (cell); or Michelle Elmore, extension animal scientist, at 205-646-0115; or visit the BCIA website at www.albcia.com.

Florida Bull Test

The nomination deadline for the annual North Florida Research and Education Center (NFREC) Bull Test in Marianna, Fla., is June 15, with a limit of 100 bulls.

Nominated bulls will be accepted for delivery July 31 with initial weights scheduled for Aug. 21 and 22. The test is for bulls born Aug. 15-Dec. 31, 2011. Purebred animals must be registered and composites must be out of registered parents.

All Angus and Angus derivatives must be tested for AM status, or must be accompanied by a letter from the breed association to indicate they are not a carrier.

Weights will be taken at 28-day intervals for the 112-day test. Interim weights are scheduled for Sept. 19, Oct. 16-17 and Nov. 14, with final weights taken Dec. 11 and 12. The test sale will be Jan. 19, 2013.

For more information contact Cliff Lamb, bull test coordinator, University of Florida-NFREC, 3925 Hwy. 71, Marianna, FL 32446; phone: 850-394-9124, ext. 106, or visit the test website at http://nfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/fl_bull_test/index.shtml.

