



Performance Report

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

► OBI Report No. 122

Stillwater, Okla.

112-day final report (Feb. 1)

Test 122 was for bulls born Nov. 2011-Feb. 2012. Bulls were delivered to the station Sept. 28-29, 2012, to go on test Oct. 13.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 151; owner: H&H Land & Cattle Co., Vinita, Okla.; sire: H&H L&C Success 8136; ADG: 5.41 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 3.63 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,515 lb.; test index: 110

High-WDA Angus—Lot 107; owner: Brink Angus, Frederick, Okla.; sire: 74-51 Totally Tuned 0017; ADG: 4.93 lb.; ADG ratio: 119; WDA: 3.93 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,380 lb.; test index: 110

High-indexing Angus (tie)—Lot 89; owner: Simpson Angus Ranch, Edmond, Okla.; sire: RDDA Big Rig 2461R of SCC; ADG: 4.37 lb.; ADG ratio: 105; WDA: 3.30 lb.; WDA ratio: 101; wt.: 1,355 lb.; test index: 117

High-indexing Angus (tie)—Lot 101; owner: Frey Angus, Kingfisher, Okla.; sire: Connealy Consensus 7229; ADG: 4.33 lb.; ADG ratio: 104; WDA: 3.31 lb.; WDA ratio: 101; wt.: 1,180 lb.; test index: 117

Angus averages (96 head)—ADG: 4.16 lb.; WDA: 3.27 lb.; wt.: 1,246 lb.

The test sale was scheduled for March 28. For more information contact Tim Stidham,

station manager, at 405-624-1181 or okbeef@provalue.net; Bob Kropp, OBI executive secretary, at 405-744-9287; fax: 405-744-7390; or Carrie Doyle at carrie.doyle@okstate.edu. Information is also available on the test website, www.ansi.okstate.edu/outreach-extension/beef/oklahoma-beef-inc/bull-testing-1.

► OBI Report No. 123

Stillwater, Okla.

56-day report (Feb. 8)

Test 123 is for bulls born March-April 2012. Bulls were delivered to the station Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 2012, to go on test Dec. 15.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 191; owner: Glen Jones, Ardmore, Okla.; sire: EXAR Totally Tuned 71281; ADG: 5.98 lb.; wt.: 950 lb.

84-day report (March 8)

High-ADG Angus—Lot 191; owner: Glen Jones; sire: EXAR Totally Tuned 71281; ADG: 5.71 lb.; wt.: 1,095 lb.

112-day final report (April 5)

High-ADG Angus—Lot 191; owner: Glen Jones; sire: EXAR Totally Tuned 71281; ADG: 5.54 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 3.11 lb.; WDA ratio: 98; wt.: 1,235 lb.; test index: 102

High-WDA Angus—Lot 209; owner:

Kiamichilink, Finley, Okla.; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 5.32 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 3.61 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,325 lb.; test index: 116

High-indexing Angus—Lot 206; owner: Kiamichilink; sire: Poss Total Impact 745; ADG: 4.80 lb.; ADG ratio: 108; WDA: 3.54 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,385 lb.; test index: 118

The test sale was scheduled for May 2.

For more information contact Tim Stidham, station manager, at 405-624-1181 or okbeef@provalue.net; Bob Kropp, OBI executive secretary, at 405-744-9287; fax: 405-744-7390; or Carrie Doyle at carrie.doyle@okstate.edu. Information is also available on the test website, www.ansi.okstate.edu/outreach-extension/beef/oklahoma-beef-inc/bull-testing-1.

► Tucumcari Bull Test

Tucumcari, N.M.

Sale-day report (March 16)

The bulls on test for the 2012-2013 Tucumcari Bull Test, born Jan. 1-April 30, 2012, were fed a roughage-based diet backed with Cargill's NutreBeef Limiter feed product.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 13; owner: McCall Land & Cattle, Albuquerque, N.M.; sire: LCC New Standard; ADG: 4.43 lb.; WDA: 3.00 lb.; wt.: 1,105 lb.; test index: 106

High-WDA and high-indexing Angus—Lot 7; owner: Cornerstone Ranch, Fort Sumner, N.M.; sire: Lazy JB Watch Out 9001; ADG: 4.38 lb.; WDA: 3.91 lb.; wt.: 1,315 lb.; test index: 121

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

► Edisto Forage Bull Test

Blackville, S.C.

56-day report (Feb. 5)

The 2013 Edisto Forage Bull Test began Dec. 10 in Blackville after the delivery of 47 bulls Nov. 30. Scott Sell, area livestock/forage extension agent and bull test coordinator, says the weather during this 28-day period has been "a mixed bag" of warm days and bitter cold mixed with rainfall, which has helped the overall forage availability and condition.

Sell continues to remind consignors that a forage test is a marathon and not a sprint, and is very different from a traditional grain test. Interim weights for the 168-day test were scheduled for March 5, April 2 and April 30, with off-test weights May 28-29.

High-ADG and high-indexing junior Angus—Lot 41; owner: Black Grove, Newberry, S.C.; sire: Black Grove Elation; ADG: 2.79 lb.; ADG ratio: 165; WDA: 2.04 lb.;

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WDA ratio: 99; wt.: 746 lb.; test index: 4.82

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 13; owner: Rice Farms, Fountain Inn, S.C.; sire: Sarratt's Bismark 0343; ADG: 1.46 lb.; ADG ratio: 87; WDA: 2.41 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 950 lb.; test index: 3.87

High-ADG, high-WDA and high-indexing senior Angus—Lot 35; owner: Clemson University, Blackville, S.C.; sire: OCC Prototype 847P; ADG: 3.11 lb.; ADG ratio: 181; WDA: 2.43 lb.; WDA ratio: 124; wt.: 1,010 lb.; test index: 5.54

Junior Angus averages (15 head)—ADG: 1.69 lb.; WDA: 2.07 lb.; wt.: 783 lb.

Senior Angus averages (16 head)—ADG: 1.72 lb.; WDA: 1.96 lb.; wt.: 844 lb.

Overall averages (47 head)—ADG: 1.86 lb.; WDA: 1.91 lb.; wt.: 775 lb.

84-day report (March 5)

High-ADG and high-indexing junior Angus—Lot 19; owner: Hawk's Nest Ranch, Hickory Grove, S.C.; sire: TC Total 410; ADG: 3.24 lb.; ADG ratio: 151; WDA: 2.45 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 850 lb.; test index: 5.69

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 13; owner: Rice Farms; sire: Sarratt's Bismark 0343; ADG: 2.64 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; WDA: 2.55 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,000 lb.; test index: 5.19

High-ADG and high-indexing senior Angus—Lot 23; owner: Hawk's Nest Ranch; sire: HNR Special Design Exacto; ADG: 2.67 lb.; ADG ratio: 133; WDA: 2.27 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 944 lb.; test index: 4.94

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 35; owner: Clemson University; sire: OCC Prototype 847P; ADG: 2.01 lb.; ADG ratio: 100; WDA: 2.49 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,035 lb.; test index: 4.51

Junior Angus averages (15 head)—ADG: 2.14 lb.; WDA: 2.28 lb.; wt.: 849 lb.

Senior Angus averages (16 head)—ADG: 2.00 lb.; WDA: 2.13 lb.; wt.: 903 lb.

Overall averages (47 head)—ADG: 2.09 lb.; WDA: 2.13 lb.; wt.: 846 lb.

112-day report (April 2)

High-ADG and high-WDA junior Angus—Lot 13; owner: Rice Farms; sire: Sarratt's Bismark 0343; ADG: 3.14 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 2.69 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,130 lb.

High-ADG senior Angus—Lot 31; owner: Country Boy Farms, Edgefield, S.C.; sire: OCC Prototype 847P; ADG: 3.32 lb.; ADG ratio: 135; WDA: 1.87 lb.; WDA ratio: 83; wt.: 896 lb.

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 35; owner: Clemson University; sire: OCC Prototype 847P; ADG: 2.49 lb.; ADG ratio: 102; WDA: 2.58 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,145 lb.

Junior Angus averages (15 head)—ADG: 2.51 lb.; WDA: 2.38 lb.; wt.: 950 lb.

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.

Senior Angus averages (16 head)—ADG: 2.45 lb.; WDA: 2.24 lb.; wt.: 1,025 lb.

Overall averages (47 head)—ADG: 2.58 lb.; WDA: 2.24 lb.; wt.: 954 lb.

The test sale is scheduled for Oct. 12, 2013. Sell can be contacted at 803-284-3343 ext. 223 (office), 803-450-0995 (cell) or gsell@clemson.edu.

Additional information is available on the test website at www.clemson.edu/extension/livestock/livestock/beef/bull_tests/efbt.html.

University of Tennessee Bull Test Middle Tennessee Research & Education Center, Spring Hill, Tenn. 84-day final report (Jan. 29)

Fifty-seven Angus bulls were weighed on test Nov. 6, 2012, for the University of Tennessee Junior Bull Test. The test is for bulls born Dec. 16, 2011-March 15, 2012.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 11; owner: LA Farms, Kingston Springs; sire: LA Mytty 42W; ADG: 6.20 lb.; ADG ratio: 135; WDA: 4.02 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,598 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 51; owner: University of Tennessee—Knoxville; sire: Nichols Quiet Lad T9; ADG: 6.07 lb.; ADG ratio: 133; WDA: 4.20 lb.; WDA ratio: 123; wt.: 1,590 lb.

Angus averages (56 head)—ADG: 4.58 lb.; WDA: 3.42 lb.; wt.: 1,243 lb.

Overall averages (64 head)—ADG: 4.55 lb.; WDA: 3.41 lb.; wt.: 1,243 lb.

The sale for the junior bulls was scheduled for March 7.

For more information contact David Kirkpatrick, professor of animal science, University of Tennessee, at 865-974-7294; fax: 865-974-0429 or fkirkpat@utk.edu; or Kevin Thompson, station manager, at 931-486-2129; fax: 931-486-0142. Test information is also available at <http://animalscience.ag.utk.edu/beef/bullTestingProgram.html>.

Southwest Virginia BCIA Bull Test Hillwinds Farm, Dublin, Va. 112-day final report (Feb. 5)

The junior and senior tests at the Southwest Virginia BCIA Bull Test were

conducted simultaneously. Entries for both divisions were due Sept. 7, 2012. Delivery was accepted Oct. 2 at Hillwinds Farm. The bulls went on test Oct. 15-16. The test sale was scheduled to be at the farm March 23, 2013.

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 105; owner: Brilee Farm, Robert Bahr, Timberville; sire: R/M Ironstone 4047; ADG: 4.42 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; wt.: 1,340 lb.; station index: 111; sale index: 95

High-indexing junior Angus—Lot 107; owner: Baird Angus Farm, Bluff City; sire: SAV Bismarck 5682; ADG: 4.20 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; wt.: 1,335 lb.; station index: 116; sale index: 102

High-ADG senior Angus—Lot 28; owner: Mount Yoe, John Archer, Darlington, Md.; sire: Weaverland Objective OT26 909; ADG: 4.69 lb.; ADG ratio: 133; wt.: 1,330 lb.; station index: 117; sale index: 101

High-indexing senior Angus—Lot 55; owner: J&M Windy Acres, Mike Connatser, Maryville; sire: Connealy Mentor 7374; ADG: 4.51 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; wt.: 1,535 lb.; station index: 122; sale index: 107

Junior Angus averages (67 head)—ADG: 3.65 lb.; wt.: 1,161 lb.

Senior Angus averages (59 head)—ADG: 3.54 lb.; wt.: 1,365 lb.

Overall junior averages (110 head)—ADG: 3.56 lb.; wt.: 1,160 lb.

Overall senior averages (98 head)—ADG: 3.35 lb.; wt.: 1,365 lb.

For more information contact Scott Greiner, extension beef specialist, at 540-231-9159; fax: 540-231-3713 or sgreiner@vt.edu; or Tim Sutphin, owner/manager, Hillwinds Farm, 5660 Thornspring Church Rd., Dublin, VA 24084; 540-980-5848.

Information is also available on the test website, <http://bcia.apsc.vt.edu>.

Wardensville Bull Test West Virginia University Reymann Memorial Farm, Wardensville, W.Va. 59-day report (Jan. 24)

The Wardensville Bull Test received 158 bulls for the 2013 test. There were 132

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Angus, 16 Hereford, five Charolais, three Limousin and two SimAngus on test.

The bulls were fed a ration ($NE_m=0.68$, $NE_g=0.41$) that included 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 77; owner: Stalnaker Farm, Weston, W.Va.; sire: N-Bar Emulation EXT; ADG: 4.61 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 3.56 lb.; wt.: 1,190 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 3; owner: Rocking P Farm, Horner, W.Va.; sire: CSP Objective U023; ADG: 3.75 lb.; ADG ratio: 106; WDA: 3.75 lb.; wt.: 1,338 lb.

Angus averages (132 head)—ADG: 3.53 lb.; WDA: 3.17 lb.; wt.: 1,089 lb.

87-day final report (Feb. 21)

High-ADG Angus—Lot 106; owner: Shriver Farms, Grafton, W.Va.; sire: Diamond Shear Force 8603; ADG: 4.45 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.28 lb.; wt.: 1,186 lb.; RFI: -1.33

High-WDA Angus—Lot 3; owner: Rocking P Farm, Horner, W.Va.; sire: CSP Objective U023; ADG: 3.89 lb.; ADG ratio: 110; WDA: 3.78 lb.; wt.: 1,455 lb.; RFI: -3.30

Best RFI Angus—Lot 54; owner: Poling Angus Farm, Philippi, W.Va.; sire: OFF Retail Product T134; ADG: 4.03 lb.; ADG ratio: 114; WDA: 3.72 lb.; wt.: 1,446 lb.; RFI: -7.76

Angus averages (131 head)—ADG: 3.53

lb.; WDA: 3.20 lb.; wt.: 1,187 lb.

The sale was scheduled for March 28 at the Reymann Memorial Farm, Wardensville, W.Va.

Test information is available from Phil Osborne, WVU extension livestock specialist, at 304-293-2651; Jerry Yates, WVU Reymann Memorial Farm manager, at 304-874-3561; or Jim Bostic, executive secretary of the West Virginia Livestock Association, at 304-472-4020; and on the test website, www.wvbeef.org.

WCA All-Breed Bull Test Eltopia, Wash.

Sale-day report (March 6)

The 20th annual Washington Cattlemen's Association (WCA) All-Breed Bull Test began Nov. 3-4 with the initial weigh-in of 161 bulls consigned by 54 breeders, consisting of 99 Angus; 32 Hereford (10 polled, 22 horned); 11 Red Angus; six SimAngus; six ChiAngus; and seven Simmental. The bulls were fed during the 120-day test under the supervision of Bob and Nina Lundgren at their Bonina Feed Facility at Eltopia.

Genetic profile enhancement through DNA samples was used again this year on many of the bulls selling.

High-ADG, high-WDA and high-indexing growth Angus—Lot 158; owner: Gardiner Prime Angus Ranch, Bonners Ferry, Idaho; sire: JVC Emulation EXT V910; ADG: 4.20 lb.;

ADG ratio: 144; WDA: 3.63 lb.; wt.: 1,276 lb.; test index: 128

High-ADG and high-indexing low-BW

Angus—Lot 162; owner: E Arrow Acres, Dennis & Pat Smith, Cheney, Wash.; sire: WHS Limelight 64V; ADG: 3.83 lb.; ADG ratio: 133; WDA: 3.35 lb.; wt.: 1,339 lb.; test index: 122

High-WDA low-BW Angus—Lot 90; owner: Center Valley Angus, Chimacum, Wash.; sire: Coleman Regis 904; ADG: 3.57 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 3.48 lb.; wt.: 1,312 lb.; test index: 119

Growth Angus averages (74 head)—ADG: 2.93 lb.; WDA: 3.09 lb.; wt.: 1,226 lb.

Low-BW Angus averages (25 head)—ADG: 2.87 lb.; WDA: 3.05 lb.; wt.: 1,213 lb.

The test sale was scheduled for March 27.

For more information, contact the WCA office at 509-925-9871, at wacattle@kvalley.com; on the WCA website at www.washingtoncattlemen.org; sale manager Kendall Cattle Sales at 208-858-2163 or kendall@potlatch.com.

Southern West Virginia Bull Evaluation Point Pleasant, West Va.

76-day report (Jan. 23)

Bulls were delivered for the Southern West Virginia Bull Evaluation at Point Pleasant Oct. 11, 2012, for an on-test date of Nov. 8. The 100-day test utilizes a forage-based ration and bulls are fed to achieve a target ADG of

New HD DNA Test for Angus

AGI, Neogen Corp. release the GeneSeek Angus GGP-HD test.

by *Sally Northcutt, American Angus Association*

Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) and GeneSeek®, a Neogen Corp. subsidiary headquartered in Lincoln, Neb., announce the availability of the GeneSeek Angus GGP-HD test to Angus breeders. Results from this advanced test will be incorporated into Angus genomic-enhanced expected progeny differences (GE-EPDs), which are available on a weekly basis through the American Angus Association National Cattle Evaluation (NCE).

"High-density DNA tests are of great benefit to Angus breeders seeking to improve their herds through genomic-enhanced EPDs," says Bill Bowman, Association COO and AGI president. "These EPDs incorporate all known sources of information, including pedigree, performance records and genomic results. The new test provides genetic selection tools for breeders of all sizes and expands the options for those already using DNA technology."

The GeneSeek Angus GGP-HD test, or GeneSeek Genomic Profiler, replaces the well-known Igenity® Profile for Angus test and is priced at \$75. The custom, high-density GeneSeek Genomic Profiler features a new design with single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNP) content selectively chosen from studies on thousands of animals.

Bowman emphasizes that a key goal with the GeneSeek Angus GGP-HD test is to provide an additional option for Angus breeders

interested in genomic-enhanced EPDs, while offering a cost-effective way to include additional tests, as well. The test includes parentage at no extra charge, and specialty add-on tests will be available for a number of genetic conditions for as little as \$8 per test.

AGI has been collaborating with Igenity since 2009 to provide the beef industry with Angus-specific genomic-enhanced EPDs. GeneSeek, a subsidiary of Neogen, acquired the Igenity bioinformatics system in 2012. Since that time, AGI has continued to foster the research and implementation strategy with GeneSeek to continue to bring high-quality genomic tests into the weekly EPD updates used by Angus breeders and their customers.

"The technology we provide at GeneSeek allows us to deliver a high-density genomic test with quality lab procedures at an attractive price," says Stewart Bauck, GeneSeek beef genomics director. "We value our relationship with AGI and members of the American Angus Association, and see the GGP-HD as an exciting next step in the evolution of genomic technology."



Editor's Note: *Sally Northcutt is director of genetic research for the American Angus Association.*

approximately 3.25 lb. The on-test average WDA for the 119 Angus bulls in the 2012-2013 test was 2.77 lb., with an average on-test weight of 792 lb.

Bulls were scheduled to be weighed off test Feb. 16, with the sale scheduled for March 30.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 384; owner: Turkey Run Angus, Otway, Ohio; sire: Connealy Answer 71; ADG: 4.55 lb.; ADG ratio: 146; WDA: 3.30 lb.; wt.: 1,142 lb.

High-WDA Angus (tie)—Lot 382; owner: Turkey Run Angus; sire: GAR New Design 5050; ADG: 3.75 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 3.36 lb.; wt.: 1,177 lb.

High-WDA Angus (tie)—Lot 396; owner: Green Valley Farm; sire: WHS Limelight 64V; ADG: 4.00 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 3.36 lb.; wt.: 1,285 lb.

Angus averages (119 head)—ADG: 3.12 lb.; WDA: 2.84 lb.; wt.: 1,029 lb.

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High-ADG Angus—Lot 404; owner: Rocking P Farm, Horner, W.Va.; sire: CSP Objective U023; ADG: 4.01 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 3.01 lb.; wt.: 1,112 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 382; owner: Turkey Run Angus; sire: GAR New Design 5050; ADG: 3.60 lb.; ADG ratio: 116; WDA: 3.35 lb.; wt.: 1,245 lb.

Angus averages (119 head)—ADG: 3.11 lb.; WDA: 2.85 lb.; wt.: 1,096 lb.

The test sale was scheduled for March 31. For more information contact Rodney Wallbrown at 304-675-0888.

Information is also available on the test website at www.wvbeef.org.

WBIA Bull Test

University of Wisconsin, Platteville, Wis. 65-day report (Feb. 6)

A total of 118 bulls, 83 of them Angus, were delivered Nov. 7, 2012, for the Wisconsin Beef Improvement Association

(WBIA) Bull Test at the University of Wisconsin—Platteville farm for an on-test date of Dec. 4. The 100-day test is for bulls born Jan. 1-April 15, 2012.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 124; owner: GT Angus, John and Martin Andersen, Verona, Wis.; sire: GAR-EGL Protégé; ADG: 5.08 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 4.20 lb.; WDA ratio: 127; wt.: 1,330 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 69; owner: Pleasant View Farms, Josh/Gretchen Kamps; sire: SAV Free Spirit 8164; ADG: 4.00 lb.; ADG ratio: 102; WDA: 4.40 lb.; WDA ratio: 133; wt.: 1,440 lb.

Angus averages (82 head)—ADG: 3.92 lb.; WDA: 3.32 lb.

100-day final report (March 13)

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus—Lot 83; owner: K&M Angus, Marion & Kris Eden, Pearl City, Ill.; sire: PA Power Tool 9108; ADG: 5.05 lb.; ADG ratio: 137; WDA: 3.49 lb.;

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WDA ratio: 104; wt.: 1,260 lb.; test index: 125

High-WDA Angus—Lot 69; owner: Pleasant View Farms, Josh/Gretchen Kamps; sire: SAV Free Spirit 8164; ADG: 3.85 lb.; ADG ratio: 105; WDA: 4.32 lb.; WDA ratio: 129; wt.: 1,565 lb.; test index: 114

Angus averages (82 head)—ADG: 3.68 lb.; WDA: 3.35 lb.

The test sale was April 6.

More information is available by contacting John Freitag, Wisconsin BIA 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.

Georgia Bull Evaluation Program 2013-2014 tests announced

Ronnie Silcox, extension animal scientist at the University of Georgia, announced the scheduled and rules to the 2013-2014 Georgia Bull Evaluation Program.

The entry deadline for the 44th Calhoun Bull Evaluation featuring bulls born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2012, is June 3. The bulls will be accepted at the station July 1-2 and

maintained for a warm-up period until they are weighed on test July 22-23. Interim weights will be collected Aug. 20, Sept. 17 and Oct. 15, with off-test weights taken as an average of weights Nov. 11 and 12. The bulls will be scanned by ultrasound in October and will undergo breeding soundness exams in November.

Cattlemen are invited to a Calhoun Beef Cattle Seminar Dec. 5, the evening preceding the sale. The 44th Annual Calhoun Bull Evaluation Sale is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Dec. 6.

The entry deadline for the 56th Tifton Bull Evaluation featuring bulls born Dec. 1, 2012-Feb. 28, 2013, is Sept. 2. The bulls will be

accepted at the station Sept. 30-Oct. 1 and maintained for a warm-up period until they are weighed on test Oct. 21-22. Interim weights will be collected Nov. 19, Dec. 17 and Jan. 14, with off-test weights taken as an average of weights Feb. 10 and 11. The bulls will be scanned by ultrasound in January and will undergo breeding soundness exams in February.

Cattlemen are invited to the Tifton Beef Cattle Short Course March 4, prior to the 56th Annual Tifton Bull Evaluation Sale, which is scheduled to begin at 12:30 p.m. March 5.

Bulls must be registered, free of any known genetic defects and structurally sound. They must have a weight per day of age of 2.5 lb.

upon arrival, must have an official 205-day weight and a birth weight. The bulls will be fed a ration adequate to foster good growth and development.

For more information, contact Silcox at 706-542-9102 or rsilcox@uga.edu or Patsie Cannon at 229-386-3683 or ptcannon@uga.edu. Information is available on the test website at www.caes.uga.edu/commodities/animals/beef/stations/index.html.

■ **Florida Bull Test entries due June 15**

The deadline to enter bulls in the Florida Bull Test 2013 is June 15. Bulls must be born between Aug. 15 and Dec. 31, 2012.

The bulls will be accepted at the North

Florida Research and Extension Center (NFREC)—Marianna Beef Unit July 30, with on-test weights taken Aug. 20-21 and off-test weights collected Dec. 10-11. The bulls will be fed a grain- and forage-based ration with *ad libitum* access to hay to target an average daily gain of 4.0 lb.

The bulls will be scanned by ultrasound 30 days prior to the end of the test and will undergo breeding soundness exams. Qualifying bulls will be sold in the test sale Jan. 19.

Additional entry information is available online at http://nfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/fl_bull_test/index.shtml.

