



Performance Report

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Edisto Forage Bull Test

Edisto Research & Education Center,
Blackville, S.C.

140-day report (May 6)

The 2014 Edisto Forage Bull Test (EFBT) began Dec. 17, 2013, in Blackville, S.C., after the delivery of 57 bulls Nov. 25. Scott Sell, area livestock/forage extension agent and test coordinator, says the bulls have caught up and passed their contemporaries from previous years.

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 designed to performance-test bulls in an environment in which bull buyers expect their progeny to perform.

High-ADG, high-WDA and high-indexing senior Angus—Lot 43; owner: Fox Run Farm, Oxford, N.C.; sire: Rito 2V8 of 2536 1407; ADG: 3.84 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 2.69 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,320 lb.; index: 6.53

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 29; owner: Brian Ladiere, Abbeville, S.C.; sire: parentage pending; ADG: 3.46 lb.; ADG ratio: 119; WDA: 2.40 lb.; WDA ratio: 102; wt.: 1,045 lb.; index: 5.87

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 20; owner: Lindy Sheppard, Sylvania, Ga.; sire: SAV 004 Traveler 6129; ADG: 3.19 lb.; ADG ratio: 110; WDA: 2.67 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,215 lb.; index: 5.86

High-indexing junior Angus—Lot 19; owner: Sheppard; sire: SAV 004 Traveler 6129; ADG: 3.26 lb.; ADG ratio: 113; WDA: 2.64 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,205 lb.; index: 5.90

Senior Angus averages (18 head)—ADG: 3.08 lb.; WDA: 2.27 lb.; wt.: 1,162 lb.

Junior Angus averages (27 head)—ADG: 2.90 lb.; WDA: 2.35 lb.; wt.: 654 lb.

Overall averages (57 head)—ADG: 2.98 lb.; WDA: 2.33 lb.; wt.: 1,110 lb.

Off-test weights were scheduled for May 28-29, with the sale Oct. 11.

Sell can be contacted at 803-284-3343, ext. 223; 803-450-0995; or gsell@clemson.edu. Additional information is available on the test website at www.clemson.edu/extension/livestock/livestock/beef/bull_tests/efbt.html.

North Carolina bull tests

The North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement Program (BCIP) has announced test dates for the 2014-2015 test year.

The Butner BCIP Bull Test is a 112-day test for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 15, 2013. Bulls will be delivered to the test station July 16 to start the test July 28-29. Interim weights will be collected Sept. 23 and Oct. 21. Final

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.

weights will be taken Nov. 17-18. The test sale is scheduled for Dec. 19 at the Granville County Livestock Arena, Oxford, N.C.

For more information contact Gary Gregory at 919-515-4027, fax: 919-515-6884 or gary_gregory@ncsu.edu; or Dean Askew at 919-471-6872.

The Waynesville BCIP Bull Test is a 112-day test for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2013. Bulls will be accepted for delivery to the station July 30. On-test weights will be collected Aug. 11-12. Interim weights are scheduled for collection Oct. 7 and Nov. 4. Bulls will be weighed off test Dec. 1-2. The test sale will be Jan. 3, 2015, at Waynesville, N.C.

For more information contact Gary Gregory at 919-515-4027, fax: 919-515-6884 or gary_gregory@ncsu.edu; or Danny Hyatt, station manager, at 828-456-3943. Information is available on the test website, www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/animal/bcip/Ahbcp.html.

North Alabama test announced

The Alabama Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) and the North Alabama Bull Evaluation Center (NABEC) Advisory Committee have announced test dates for the 2014-2015 test year.

Bulls will be tested at Donaldson Farm, located 6 miles east of Cullman, Ala., where they were to be delivered July 8. Bulls must have been born Aug. 15-Nov. 15, 2013, to be eligible for the test. The 84-day test will begin Aug. 5 and end Oct. 28. The test sale is scheduled for Dec. 13 at the Cullman Stockyards.

For information contact Gerry Thompson, NABEC superintendent, at PO Box 159, Belle Mina, AL 35615 or call 256-353-8702, ext. 25, or 256-508-2020; or Michelle Elmore, extension animal scientist, at 205-646-0115 or 205-287-1080.

Florida Bull Test announced

The rules for the North Florida Research and Education Center (NFREC) Bull Test in Marianna, Fla., have been announced. Bulls will be accepted for delivery July 29 with on-test weights taken Aug. 19 and 20. The test is for bulls born Aug. 15-Dec. 31, 2013. 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. The diet will be a grain and forage-based diet formulated to target 4 lb. gain per day, with *ad libitum* access to hay, adequate for allowing expression of growth potential and development without overconditioning the bulls.

Interim weights are scheduled for Sept. 17, Oct. 14-15 and Nov. 12. Final weights will be taken Dec. 9-10, and the test sale will be Jan. 17, 2015.

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.

Virginia BCIA bull tests

The Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) will conduct three tests this fall — a senior test at the Culpeper station at Glenmary Farm, Rapidan, Va., and junior and senior tests at the Southwest Virginia test station at Hillwinds Farm, Dublin, Va.

The Culpeper Sr. Test is scheduled to begin July 15. The test is a 112-day test for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2013. Interim weights will be collected Sept. 9 and Oct. 7, with off-test weights collected Nov. 3-4. The test sale is scheduled to be Dec. 13 at Glenmary Farm.

The junior and senior tests at the Southwest Virginia BCIA Bull Test will be conducted simultaneously. Entries for both divisions are due Sept. 5. Delivery will be accepted Oct. 7 at Hillwinds Farm. The bulls will go on test Oct. 27-28, with interim weights scheduled for collection Dec. 23 and Jan. 20, 2015. The bulls will be weighed off test with an average of weights collected Feb. 16-17. The test sale will be at the farm March 28.

For more information contact Scott Greiner, extension beef specialist, at 540-231-9159; fax: 540-231-3713 or sgreiner@vt.edu; or Tom & Kim Nixon, owner/manager, Glenmary Farm, at 540-672-7396; fax: 540-672-3579 or glenmaryfarm@vabb.com. Information is also available on the test website, <http://bcia.apsc.vt.edu>.