



# Performance Report

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

## ■ South Mississippi Gain on Forage Bull Test

**HHH Farms Test Station, Tylertown, Miss.**

### 168-day final report (May 3)

Bulls in the 26th annual South Mississippi Gain-on-Forage bull test were delivered to HHH Farms in Tylertown, Miss., Nov. 1, 2010. The test was for bulls born Sept. 1, 2010-March 31, 2011. Bulls were to be weighed off test May 3 or when adequate grazing was no longer available.

Bulls meeting the requirements after completing the test were offered for private treaty sale at the end of the test. Of the 68 bulls starting the test, 50 completed the test and 22 met the qualifications to be sold at private treaty.

**Angus averages (11 head)**—ADG: 2.40 lb.; WDA: 2.18 lb.; wt.: 1,065 lb.

**Overall averages (50 head)**—ADG: 2.39 lb.; WDA: 2.16 lb.; wt.: 1,020 lb.

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## ■ 108th LSU Beef Bull Evaluation Test

**Dean Lee Research Station, Alexandria, La.**

### On-test report (June 6)

The 108th Louisiana State University (LSU) Beef Bull Evaluation Test began June 6 with 46 bulls representing four breeds and eight breeders. There are 15 Angus bulls on test. Six additional bulls are being evaluated but are not officially on test due to not meeting age or minimum weight requirements.

The bulls are being group-fed in six pens. Weights will be taken at 28-day intervals for the 112-day test.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 4; owner: Carroll Boudreaux, New Iberia; sire: TC Total 410; WDA: 3.53 lb.; wt.: 695 lb.

**Angus averages (15 head)**—WDA: 2.96 lb.; wt.: 724 lb.

**Overall averages (46 head)**—WDA: 2.80 lb.; wt.: 697 lb.

## 28-day report (July 4)

The bulls on test have adjusted well and there were no health problems since the start of the test, said Sid DeRouen, animal science professor and test manager. He added that gains were excellent during this period in spite of the heat.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 4; owner: Boudreaux; sire: TC Total 410; ADG: 6.11 lb.; wt.: 866 lb.

**Angus averages (15 head)**—ADG: 3.76 lb.; wt.: 829 lb.

**Overall averages (46 head)**—ADG: 4.20 lb.; wt.: 815 lb.

For test information contact Sid DeRouen, professor and test coordinator, at 318-473-6589 or [sderouen@agctr.lsu.edu](mailto:sderouen@agctr.lsu.edu). Test information is also available on the website at [www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our\\_offices/research\\_stations/Deanlee/Features/bull\\_test\\_station](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our_offices/research_stations/Deanlee/Features/bull_test_station).

## ■ IBEP 2012 Summer Test

**Feldun-Purdue Ag Center, Bedford, Ind.**

### 28-day report (June 19)

The Indiana Bull Evaluation Program (IBEP) 2012 Summer Test began with the delivery May 1 of 60 bulls and four get-of-sire groups consigned by 27 cooperators from Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin. Seven breeds (Angus, Charolais, Hereford, Limousin, Red Angus, SimAngus and Simmental) were weighed on test May 22. Interim weights were scheduled to be taken at 28-day intervals, with the 63-day weight July 24 and the 91-day weight scheduled for Aug. 21.

**High-ADG and high-indexing Angus**—Lot 211; owner: Tucker Angus Farm, Morgantown, Ky.; sire: Woodall 8138 of 588 771B; ADG: 8.57 lb.; ADG ratio: 156; WDA: 3.11 lb.; WDA ratio: 95; wt.: 1,290 lb.; test index: 132

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 71; owner: Ebony Hill Farm, Terre Haute, Ind.; sire: EH Big Rig 2W; ADG: 6.79 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; WDA: 3.92 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,310 lb.; test index: 122

**High-ADG and high-WDA sire group**—four bulls, owner: Kiata Farms, Hamilton, Ohio; sire: CRA Bextor 872 5205 608; avg. ADG: 5.88 lb.; ADG ratio: 107; avg. WDA: 3.62 lb.; avg. wt.: 980 lb.; test index: 109

**Angus averages (35 head)**—ADG: 5.51 lb.; WDA: 3.26 lb.; wt.: 994 lb.

**Overall averages (59 head)**—ADG: 5.46 lb.; WDA: 3.29 lb.; wt.: 984 lb.

Bulls are scheduled to be weighed off test Sept. 24. The test sale will be Oct. 20 at the Springville Feeder Auction, Springville, Ind., and will take place in conjunction with the Springville Feeder Auction Association's Bred Heifer Sale.

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## ■ 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 10. The test is a 112-day test for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2011. Interim weights will be collected Sept. 4 and Oct. 2, with off-test weights collected Oct. 29-30. The test sale is scheduled to be Dec. 8 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. 7. Delivery will be accepted Oct. 2 at Hillwinds Farm. The bulls will go on test Oct. 15-16, with interim weights scheduled for collection Dec. 11 and Jan. 8, 2013. The bulls will be weighed off test with an average of weights collected Feb. 4-5. The test sale will be at the farm March 23.

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

To access a state-by-state listing of current central bull tests, visit our virtual library online at [www.api-virtuallibrary.com/CentralBullTests.htm](http://www.api-virtuallibrary.com/CentralBullTests.htm). The listing includes contact information, links to test websites, current test schedules and dates of upcoming tests.

■ **OBI announces 2011-2012 tests**

Tests dates are available for the 2012-2013 bull test at Oklahoma Beef Inc. (OBI) in Stillwater, Okla.

Test 121 is for bulls born May-October 2011. Bulls were delivered to the station June 1-2, 2012, to go on test June 16. Interim weights will be collected Aug. 11 and Sept. 8, and final weights will be taken Oct. 6.

Test 122 is for bulls born November 2011-February 2012. Bulls will be accepted at the station Sept. 28-29 to go on test Oct. 13. Interim weights will be collected Dec. 8 and Jan. 5, 2013, and final weights will be taken Feb 2. The sale is scheduled for March 28.

Test 123 is for bulls born March-April 2012. Bulls will be accepted at the station Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 2012, to go on test Dec. 15. Interim weights will be collected Feb. 9, 2013, and March 9, and final weights will be taken April 6. The sale is scheduled for May 2.

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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](http://www.ansi.okstate.edu/outreach-extension/beef/oklahoma-beef-inc/bull-testing-1).

■ **North Carolina bull tests**

The North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement Program (BCIP) has announced test dates for the 2012-2013 test year.

The Butner BCIP Bull Test is a 112-day test for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 15, 2011. Bulls will be delivered to the test station July 11 to start the test July 23-24. Interim weights will be collected Sept. 18 and Oct. 16. Final weights will be taken Nov. 12-13. The test sale is scheduled for Dec. 21 at the Granville County Livestock Arena, Oxford, N.C.

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919-471-6872. Information is available on the test website, [www.cals.ncsu.edu/an\\_sci/extension/animal/bcip/Ahbcip.html](http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/animal/bcip/Ahbcip.html).

The Waynesville BCIP Bull Test is a 112-day test for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2011. Bulls will be accepted for delivery to the station July 25. On-test weights will be collected Aug. 6-7. Interim weights are scheduled for collection Oct. 2 and Oct. 30. Bulls will be weighed off test Nov. 25-26. The test sale will be Jan. 5, 2013, at the Haywood County Agricultural Office Building, Waynesville, N.C.

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