

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

IBEP 2013 Summer Test Feldun-Purdue Ag Center, Bedford, Ind. 28-day report (June 18)

The Indiana Bull Evaluation Program (IBEP) 2013 Summer Test began with the delivery April 30 of 64 bulls. Eligible bulls were born May 1-Oct. 1, 2012, and were weighed on test May 21. Interim weights were scheduled to be taken at 28-day intervals, with the 63-day weight to be taken July 23 and the 91-day weight scheduled for Aug. 20.

High-ADG Angus (tie)—Lot 49; owner: Dolph Angus, Walkerton, Ind.; sire: Connealy Lead On; ADG: 6.43 lb.; ADG ratio: 142; WDA: 3.55 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,260 lb.; test index: 130

High-ADG Angus (tie) and high-indexing Angus—Lot 50; owner: Dolph Angus; sire: SydGen CC&7; ADG: 6.43 lb.; ADG ratio: 142; WDA: 3.71 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,300 lb.; test index: 132

High-WDA Angus—Lot 44; owner: Kiata Farms, Hamilton, Ohio; sire: GAR Ingenuity; ADG: 4.79 lb.; ADG ratio: 106; WDA: 3.86 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,120 lb.; test index: 112

Angus averages (50 head)—ADG: 4.52 lb.; WDA: 3.19 lb.; wt.: 944 lb.

Overall averages (64 head)—ADG: 4.64 lb.; WDA: 3.26 lb.; wt.: 954 lb.

Bulls are scheduled to be weighed off test Sept. 23. The test sale will be Oct. 19 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 16. The test is a 112-day test for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2012. Interim weights will be collected Sept. 10 and Oct. 8, with offtest weights collected Nov. 4-5. The test sale is scheduled to be Dec. 14 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. 6. Delivery will be accepted Oct. 1 at 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.

Hillwinds Farm. The bulls will go on test Oct. 21-22, with interim weights scheduled for collection Dec. 17 and Jan. 14, 2014. The bulls will be weighed off test with an average of weights collected Feb. 10-11. The test sale will be at the farm March 22.

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.

OBI announces 2013-2014 tests

Tests dates are available for the 2013-2014 bull test at Oklahoma Beef Inc. (OBI) in Stillwater, Okla.

Test 131 is for bulls born May-October 2012. Bulls were delivered to the station June 7-8, 2013, to go on test June 21. Interim weights will be collected Aug. 16 and Sept. 13, and final weights will be taken Oct. 11.

Test 132 is for bulls born November 2012-April 2013. Bulls will be accepted at the station Sept. 27-28 to go on test Oct. 11. Interim weights will be collected Dec. 6 and Jan. 3, 2014, and final weights will be taken Jan. 31.

A new ration has been formulated and will be used for the tests. The reformulation decreases net energy values in order to lower overall fatness of bulls completing the test.

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. The test website, www.ansi.okstate.edu/outreach-extension/ beef/Oklahoma Beef Inc., features additional information.

North Carolina bull tests

The North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement Program (BCIP) has announced test dates for the 2013-2014 test year.

The Butner BCIP Bull Test is a 112-day test for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 15, 2012. Bulls will be delivered to the test station July 17 to start the test July 29-30. Interim weights will be collected Sept. 23 and Oct. 21. Final weights will be taken Nov. 18-19. The test sale is scheduled for Dec. 20 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. Information is available on the test website, 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, 2012. Bulls will be accepted for delivery to the station July 31. On-test weights will be collected Aug. 12-13. Interim weights are scheduled for collection Oct. 7 and Nov. 4. Bulls will be weighed off test Dec. 2-3. The test sale will be Jan. 4, 2014, at the Haywood County Agricultural Office Building, 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/Ahbcip.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 2013-2014 test year.

Bulls will be tested at Donaldson Farm, located 6 miles east of Cullman, Ala., where they were to be delivered July 9. Bulls must have been born Aug. 15-Nov. 15, 2012, to be eligible for the test. The 84-day test will begin Aug. 6 and end Oct. 29. The test sale is scheduled for Dec. 14 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 (office) or 256-508-2020 (cell).

Cal Poly Bull Test begins

Bulls arrived May 10-11, 2013, to go on test for the annual Cal Poly Bull Test. The test is for bulls born between Aug. 1 and Oct. 31, 2012. All bulls must be registered and must be tested negative for PI-BVD. All Angus and composite bulls that are potential carriers of AM, NH or any other genetic defect by ancestors must be tested prior to sale. No carrier animals will be eligible to sell. Angus bulls are tested in low-birth-weight (BW), multi-trait and general divisions.

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). On-test weights were collected May 24-25, with interim weights scheduled to be collected June 22, July 20, and Aug. 10. Final weights are scheduled for Aug. 30-31, with the sale Oct. 6.

Georgia bull tests announced

The Georgia Bull Evaluation centers have announced dates for the 44th Calhoun and 56th Tifton bull tests. Bulls eligible for the Calhoun test must be born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2012. Delivery for the test was July 1-2, with on-test weights scheduled for July 22-23. Interim weights are to be taken Aug. 20, Sept. 17 and Oct. 15, with off-test weights scheduled for Nov. 11-12. The Calhoun sale will be Dec. 6.

Bulls eligible for the Tifton test must be born Dec. 1, 2012-Feb. 28, 2013. The entry deadline for the Tifton test is Sept. 2, with delivery dates scheduled for Sept. 30-Oct. 1. On-test weights will be taken Oct. 21-22, with interim weights scheduled for Nov. 19, Dec. 17 and Jan. 14, 2014. Off-test weights will be taken Feb. 10-11, with the sale scheduled for March 5.

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