



Performance Report

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

► Cal Poly Bull Test

San Luis Obispo, Calif. 57-day report (July 21)

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.

During the 100-day test the 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 the next interim weight to be collected Aug. 10. Final weights were scheduled for Aug. 30-31, with the sale Oct. 6.

High-ADG low-BW Angus—Lot 19; owner: Diablo Valley Angus, Byron, Calif.; sire: Styles Upgrade J59; ADG: 4.79 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA: 3.42 lb.; wt.: 1,138 lb.; test index: 117

High-WDA low-BW Angus—Lot 9; owner: C2-It Cattle Co.; sire: Connealy Confidence; ADG: 3.88 lb.; ADG ratio: 99; WDA: 3.74 lb.; wt.: 1,300 lb.; test index: 110

High-indexing low-BW Angus—Lot 23; owner: Diablo Valley Angus; sire: Basin Unlimited 009X; ADG: 4.74 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 3.67 lb.; wt.: 1,098 lb.; test index: 119

High-ADG and high-indexing multi-trait Angus—Lot 13; owner: Westwind Angus, Oroville, Calif.; sire: EXAR 263C; ADG: 5.04 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; WDA: 3.25 lb.; wt.: 1,082 lb.; test index: 121

High-WDA multi-trait Angus—Lot 16; owner: Diablo Valley Angus; sire: SAV Final Answer 0035; ADG: 3.89 lb.; ADG ratio: 103; WDA: 3.55 lb.; wt.: 1,216 lb.; test index: 111

High-ADG general Angus—Lot 51; owner: Rollingwood Ranch, Potter Valley, Calif.; sire: GDAR Game Day 449; ADG: 5.19 lb.; ADG ratio: 133; WDA: 3.21 lb.; wt.: 1,026 lb.; test index: 116

High-WDA general Angus—Lot 76; owner: Circle 7 Angus Ranch, San Luis Obispo, Calif.; sire: EXAR Upshot 0562B; ADG: 3.56 lb.; ADG ratio: 91; WDA: 3.65 lb.; wt.: 1,116 lb.; test index: 101

High-indexing general Angus—Lot 15; owner: Westwind Angus; sire: Summitcrest Complete IP55; ADG: 4.96 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 3.59 lb.; wt.: 1,152 lb.; test index: 121

Low-BW Angus averages (56 head)—ADG: 3.92 lb.; WDA: 3.20 lb.

Multi-trait Angus averages (24 head)—ADG: 3.77 lb.; WDA: 3.16 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.

General Angus averages (28 head)—ADG: 3.92 lb.; WDA: 3.22 lb.

To qualify for the sale, bulls must have a Cal Poly performance index of 100 or more based on yearling weight ratio and ADG ratio, have a 365-day adj. SC of 32 cm, have no reproductive or soundness problems, and be free of any structural unsoundness. 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; 805-756-2685 or mhall@calpoly.edu. Visit the test website at <http://bulltest.calpoly.edu/participate.html> for more information.

► IBEP 2013 Summer Test Feldun-Purdue Ag Center, Bedford, Ind. 63-day report (July 23)

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 will be taken at 28-day intervals, with the 91-day weight scheduled for Aug. 20.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 19; owner: Bev & Ken Torr, Greencastle, Ind.; sire: SAV Iron Mountain 8066; ADG: 6.03 lb.; ADG ratio: 136; WDA: 3.22 lb.; WDA ratio: 97; wt.: 1,410 lb.; test index: 121

High-WDA and high-indexing Angus—Lot 44; owner: Kiata Farms, Hamilton, Ohio; sire: GAR Ingenuity; ADG: 5.54 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 4.11 lb.; WDA ratio: 124; wt.: 1,335 lb.; test index: 125

High-ADG and high-indexing (tie) Angus sire group—three bulls; owners: Bev & Ken Torr; Irish Acres Angus, Cox's Creek, Ky.; and Yandell Angus Farm, Tunnel Hill, Ill.; sire: SAV Bismarck 5682; avg. ADG: 4.70 lb.; ADG ratio: 106; avg. WDA: 3.29 lb.; WDA ratio: 99; avg. wt.: 1,151 lb.; test index: 104

High-WDA and high-indexing (tie) Angus sire group—three bulls; owner: Kiata Farms; sire: GAR Ingenuity; avg. ADG: 4.44 lb.; ADG ratio: 100; avg. WDA: 3.66 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; avg. wt.: 1,106 lb.; test index: 104

Angus averages (50 head)—ADG: 4.42 lb.; WDA: 3.31 lb.; wt.: 1,096 lb.

Overall averages (64 head)—ADG: 4.49 lb.; WDA: 3.38 lb.; wt.: 1,107 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.

For more information contact Terry Stewart at tstewart@purdue.edu or 765-494-0138; fax: 765-494-9346; Brad Shelton, test station manager, at 812-279-8554 or sheltonb@purdue.edu; or Donna Lofgren, performance records and website, at dlofgren@purdue.edu. Information is available on the website at www.ansc.purdue.edu/ibep.

► IBEP announces 2013 winter, 2014 summer tests

The Indiana Bull Evaluation Program (IBEP) 2013 Winter Test has been scheduled. The entry deadline for bulls born Jan. 1-April 30, 2013, is Sept. 27. Delivery will be accepted Oct. 29, with the test scheduled to start Nov. 19. Interim weights are scheduled to be taken Dec. 17, Jan. 21, 2014, and Feb. 18, with off-test weights collected March 24. The 2013 Winter Test Sale is scheduled for April 17.

The 2014 IBEP Summer Test has an entry deadline of April 7, 2014. Delivery of the bulls is scheduled for April 29, with the test starting May 20. Interim weights are scheduled for June 17, July 22 and Aug. 19, with off-test weights to be taken Sept. 22. The 2014 summer test sale is scheduled for Oct. 18, 2014.

► WIU announces 2013-2014 test

The Western Illinois University (WIU) Bull Testing Program has announced its schedule for the 2013-2014 WIU Bull Test. Bulls entering the 112-day test must have been born Jan. 1-March 31, 2013, and must have been weaned by Aug. 16, with an entry deadline of Aug. 31. Bulls will be delivered Sept. 30-Oct. 1, and will begin the test Oct. 21-22.

Interim weights are scheduled to be taken Nov. 19, Dec. 17 and Jan. 14, 2014. The test will conclude Feb. 10-11, with the 42nd annual test sale March 14 in Macomb, Ill. Bulls will be indexed by breed group (if there

are more than four of a breed), as well as against all bulls on test. Both indexes are based on 70% ADG ratio + 15% Marbling ratio + 15% REA ratio.

For more information contact Ken Nimrick (ko-nimrick@wiu.edu), associate professor, and Samantha Cunningham (s-cunningham@wiu.edu), assistant professor; WIU, Knoblauch Hall B 12, Macomb, IL 61455; Nimrick phone: 309-337-4352 (cell); Cunningham phone: 309-298-1288 (office); www.wiu.edu/bulltest.

▣ MCA, MSU announce 2013-2014 test

The Michigan Cattlemen's Association (MCA) and Michigan State University (MSU) have announced the policies, rules and nomination deadline for the 2013-2014 MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program. Consignors must be paid members of the MCA and have their 2014 dues paid in advance. To be eligible for the test, bulls must have been born Sept. 1, 2012-March 31, 2013. Bulls will be divided into four pens of no more than 28 bulls per pen based on incoming age and weight. The 26 oldest bulls (1 pen) will be classified as "senior," with the remaining bulls classified as "junior."

All bulls will be evaluated at the MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program Station located at Plank Farm, Crystal, Mich. The deadline for entries for the 112-day test is Sept. 3, with a delivery date of Oct. 11-12. The test is scheduled to begin Oct. 24-25, with interim weights to be taken Nov. 22, Dec. 20 and Jan. 17, 2014. Final weights will be taken Feb. 13-14, with the sale scheduled for March 15.

For more information contact Dan Buskirk (buskirk@msu.edu) extension beef specialist; 2265 Anthony Hall, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824; 517-432-0400; Brian Plank, (brianplank@rocketmail.com) manager, 325 Mount Hope Rd., Crystal, MI 48818; phone: 989-235-6253 (office) or 989-506-2061 (cell); Michigan Cattlemen's Association (micattlemen@aol.com), 2145 University Park Dr., Ste. 300, Okemos, MI 48864; phone: 517-347-8117. Additional information can be found on the test website at <http://beef.msu.edu/bulleval>.

▣ Clemson Bull Test Program announces 2014 test

The 2014 Clemson University Bull Test has announced its calendar and requirements for nominations for the test. Senior bulls must be born Sept. 1-Oct. 31, 2012, and junior bulls must be born Nov. 1-Dec. 31, 2012, to be eligible for the test.

The nomination deadline was Aug. 1, with a delivery date of Aug. 7. After a 14-day warm-

up period, the test was to begin Aug. 20. Interim weights are scheduled for Sept. 17, Oct. 15 and Nov. 12, with final weights taken Dec. 10. The sale is scheduled for Feb. 1, 2014.

For additional information contact Matthew Burns, extension animal scientist and Clemson Bull Test coordinator at burns5@clemson.edu or at 864-940-2428 (cell) or Gary Burns, Clemson University Beef Farm manager and Clemson Bull Test manager at gburns@clemson.edu or at 864-617-3402 (cell). Information is also available on the test website at www.clemson.edu/extension/livestock/livestock/beef/bull_tests.

▣ Pennsylvania Bull Test announces winter test

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Department of Dairy and Animal Science of the Pennsylvania State University, the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association and the state breed associations has announced the 2013-2014 Winter Pennsylvania Performance Bull Test.

To be eligible for the winter test, bulls must be born Jan. 1-April 15, 2013. The nomination period for the winter test was Aug. 1-Aug. 20. Bulls are scheduled for delivery to the livestock evaluation center Oct. 8, with a test start date of Oct. 29. Interim weights are scheduled for Nov. 26, Dec. 24 and Jan. 21, 2014. The final 112-day weights are to be taken Feb. 18, with the sale to take place March 28.

Questions should be addressed to Greg Hubbard, station manager, 1494 West Pine Grove Rd., Pennsylvania Furnace, PA 16865; phone: 814-238-2527; or ghubbard@pa.gov.

▣ Florida Bull Test announced

Bulls nominated for the annual North Florida Research and Education Center (NFREC) Bull Test in Marianna, Fla., were accepted for delivery July 30 with initial weights taken Aug. 20 and 21. The test is for bulls born Aug. 15-Dec. 31, 2012. 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. 18, Oct. 15-16 and Nov. 13. Final weights will be taken Dec. 10-11, and the test sale will be Jan. 18, 2014.

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.

▣ University of Tennessee Bull Test nominations

The University of Tennessee Bull Testing Program has announced rules and dates for the 2013 tests. The 84-day tests are conducted at the Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center, Spring Hill, Tenn. Senior bulls must be born Sept. 1-Dec. 15, 2012. The nomination deadline for senior bulls was July 25, 2013, with delivery Aug. 27. The senior bulls will go on test Sept. 9-10, with interim weights taken Oct. 8 and Nov. 5. Off-test weights are scheduled for Dec. 2-3, with the sale Jan. 23, 2014.

Junior bulls must be born Dec. 16, 2012-March 15, 2013. The nomination deadline for junior bulls is Sept. 17, with delivery scheduled for Oct. 22. The junior bulls will go on test Nov. 4-5, with interim weights taken Dec. 3 and Dec. 31. Junior bulls will be weighed off test Jan. 27-28, 2014, with the sale scheduled for March 6.

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>.

▣ Calhoun Bull Evaluation Northwest Georgia Research and Education Center, Calhoun, Ga. On-test report (July 23)

The 44th Calhoun Bull Evaluation Program began July 1-2 with the delivery of 152 bulls representing eight breeds. Eligible bulls were born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2012. Ronnie Silcox says the bulls have adjusted well during the warm-up period and remain very healthy with limited problems.

All 152 bulls tested negative for PI-BVD. The next weigh date was to be Aug. 20. The sale is set for Dec. 6.

For more information contact Silcox, associate professor, Edgar L. Rhodes Center for Animal and Dairy Science (ADS), University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-2771; 706-542-9102 or rsilcox@uga.edu; or Patsie Cannon, program coordinator III, 2360 Rainwater Rd., Tifton, GA 31793; 229-386-3683 or ptcannon@uga.edu or visit the website at www.caes.uga.edu/commodities/animals/beef/stations/index.html.