

108th LSU Beef Bull Evaluation Dean Lee Research Station, Alexandria, La. 56-day report (Aug. 1)

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 112day test.

The bulls on test have remained healthy and are performing well considering the heat and humidity, said Sid DeRouen, animal science professor and test manager. All bulls were treated with Cydectin® on the weigh date.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 4; owner: Carroll Boudreaux, New Iberia, La.; sire: TC Total 410; ADG: 5.71 lb.; wt.: 1,015 lb.

Angus averages (15 head)—ADG: 3.98 lb.; wt.: 947 lb.

Overall averages (46 head)—ADG: 4.23 lb.; wt.: 934 lb.

84-day report (Aug. 29)

High-ADG Angus—Lot 4; owner: Carroll Boudreaux, New Iberia, La.; sire: TC Total 410; ADG: 4.79 lb.; wt.: 1,097 lb.

Angus averages (15 head)—ADG: 3.88 lb.; wt.: 1,050 lb.

Overall averages (46 head)—ADG: 4.02 lb.; wt.: 1,035 lb.

Bulls were scheduled to be weighed off test Sept. 25-26. For test information contact DeRouen at 318-473-6589 or 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.

Virginia BCIA Culpeper Senior Test Glenmary Farm, Rapidan, Va. On-test report (July 10)

The 55th Culpeper Senior Test conducted by the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) began with the delivery of 92 bulls June 26. The bulls were weighed on test July 10. The test is conducted at Glenmary Farm, Rapidan, Va., and is an 84-day test for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2011. There are 79 Angus among the bulls on test.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 63; owner: Edgewood Angus, Pete and Peter Henderson, Williamsburg; sire: GAR New Design 5050; WDA: 3.41 lb.; WDA ratio: 123; wt.: 955 lb.

Angus averages (79 head)—WDA: 2.76 lb.; wt.: 807 lb.

Overall averages (92 head)—WDA: 2.76 lb.; wt.: 804 lb.

Interim 56-day weights were scheduled for Sept. 4. Off-test weights are scheduled to be collected Oct. 29-30, with the sale set for Dec. 8.

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Cal Poly Bull Test San Luis Obispo, Calif. 78-day report (Aug. 11)

Bulls arrived May 11-12, 2012, to go on test for the annual Cal Poly Bull Test. The test is for bulls born between Aug. 1 and Oct. 31, 2011. 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. New for the 2012 test, Angus bulls must have genomic-enhanced EPDs. 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 25-26, with final weights to be taken Aug. 31-Sept. 1.

High-ADG and high-indexing low-BW Angus—Lot 12; owner: Diablo Valley Angus, Byron, Calif.; sire: SAV Final Answer 0035;

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. ADG: 6.23 lb.; ADG ratio: 146; WDA: 3.77 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,380 lb.; test index: 133

High-WDA low-BW Angus—Lot 86; owner: Valley of the Moon Livestock, Sonoma, Calif.; sire: Sydgen Mandate 6079; ADG: 4.05 lb.; ADG ratio: 95; WDA: 3.97 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,480 lb.; test index: 108

High-ADG multi-trait Angus—Lot 54; owner: J/V Angus, Winters; sire: Bear Mtn. Owyhee 5012; ADG: 5.40 lb.; ADG ratio: 119; WDA: 3.65 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,204 lb.; test index: 114

High-WDA multi-trait Angus—Lot 169; owner: Furtado Angus, Turlock, Calif.; sire: TC Rito 416; ADG: 4.92 lb.; ADG ratio: 108; WDA: 4.02 lb.; WDA ratio: 122; wt.: 1,250 lb.; test index: 115

High-indexing multi-trait Angus—Lot 70; owner: Gudel Cattle Co., Wilton, Calif.; sire: Connealy Final Project; ADG: 5.24 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 3.96 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,345 lb.; test index: 117

High-ADG, high-WDA and high-indexing Angus—Lot 28; owner: Flyin' M Cattle Co., Tracy, Calif.; sire: GAR Concrete; ADG: 5.96 lb.; ADG ratio: 141; WDA: 4.19 lb.; WDA ratio: 125; wt.: 1,405 lb.; test index: 133

Low-BW Angus averages (65 head)—ADG: 4.26 lb.; WDA: 3.25 lb.; wt.: 1,118 lb.

Multi-trait Angus averages (28 head)— ADG: 4.56 lb.; WDA: 3.30 lb.; wt.: 1,122 lb.

Angus averages (45 head)—ADG: 4.23 lb.; WDA: 3.32 lb.; wt.: 1,103 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.

Calhoun Bull Evaluation Northwest Georgia Research and Education Center, Calhoun, Ga. 28-day report (Aug. 21)

The 43rd Calhoun Bull Evaluation Program began July 2 and 3 with the delivery of 162 bulls born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2011. The bulls were weighed on test July 23-24.

Ted Dyer, extension animal scientist, reports the bulls are off to a great start, with overall gains excellent and overall health outstanding. The feed ration is the same as last year. The bulls have free access to Bermuda-grass hay.

Interim weights were scheduled to be taken Sept. 18 and Oct. 16.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 79; owner: MPAC Angus, Marvin Zeigler, Bamberg, S.C.; sire: Sitz Wisdom 481T; ADG: 5.86 lb.; ADG ratio: 149; WDA: 3.07 lb.; WDA ratio: 97; wt.: 966 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 48; owner: Emilan Angus Farm, Lanny Benson, Lafayette, Ga.; sire: SAV Mandan 5664; ADG: 4.61 lb.; ADG ratio: 117; WDA: 3.97 lb.; WDA ratio: 126; wt.: 1,065 lb.

Angus averages (90 head)—ADG: 3.93 lb.; WDA: 3.16 lb.; wt.: 990 lb.

Overall averages (162 head)—ADG: 4.03 lb.; WDA: 3.17 lb.; wt.: 1,000 lb.

Final weights are to be taken Nov. 12-13, with the sale scheduled for Dec. 7, 2012. For more information contact Dyer at 706-624-1403 or tgdyer@uga.edu. Information is available on the test website, www.caes.uga.edu/commodities/animals/ beef/stations/index.html.

IBEP 2012 Summer Test Feldun-Purdue Ag Center, Bedford, Ind. 91-day report (Aug. 21)

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.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 211; owner: Tucker Angus Farm, Morgantown, Ky.; sire: Woodall 8138 of 588 771B; ADG: 5.66 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.27 lb.; WDA ratio: 98; wt.: 1,565 lb.; test index: 118

High-WDA Angus—Lot 215; owner: Kiata Farms, Hamilton, Ohio; sire: CRA Bextor 872 5205 608; ADG: 4.85 lb.; ADG ratio: 113; WDA: 3.94 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,355 lb.; test index: 115

High-indexing Angus—Lot 62; owner: NicKatie Farms, Columbus, Ind.; sire: Papa Perfection 915; ADG: 5.53 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 3.52 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; wt.: 1,325 lb.; test index: 119

High-ADG and high-WDA sire group—four bulls; owner: Kiata Farms; sire: CRA Bextor 872 5205 608; avg. ADG: 4.79 lb.; ADG ratio: 111; avg. WDA: 3.75 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; avg. wt.: 1,251 lb.; test index: 112

Angus averages—ADG: 4.30 lb.; WDA: 3.35 lb.; wt.: 1,231 lb.

Overall averages—ADG: 4.23 lb.; WDA: 3.36 lb.; wt.: 1,216 lb.

Bulls were 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.

OBI Angus Test No. 121 Stillwater, Okla.

56-day report (Aug. 10)

Test 121 is for bulls born May-October 2011. Bulls were delivered to the station June 1-2, 2012, to go on test June 12. An 84-day interim weight was scheduled for Sept. 8, and final weights will be taken Oct. 13.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 55; owner: H&H Land and Cattle, Vinita; sire: H&H Franchise 7070; ADG: 6.50 lb.; wt.: 1,075 lb.

Angus averages (84 head)—ADG: 3.94 lb.; wt.: 958 lb.

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