



Performance Report

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Edisto Forage Bull Test Blackville, S.C.

140-day report (April 30)

The 2013 Edisto Forage Bull Test began Dec. 10 in Blackville after the delivery of 47 bulls Nov. 30. Scott Sell, area livestock/forage extension agent and bull test coordinator, says the bulls continue to perform well and health is excellent.

Sell continues to remind consignors that a forage test is a marathon and not a sprint, and is very different from a traditional grain test. Off-test weights were scheduled for May 28-29.

High-ADG senior Angus (tie)—Lot 31; owner: Country Boy Farms, Edgefield, S.C.; sire: OCC Prototype 847P; ADG: 3.13 lb.; ADG ratio: 116; WDA: 1.89 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; wt.: 1,150 lb.

High-ADG senior Angus (tie)—Lot 24; owner: Hawk's Nest Ranch, Hickory Grove, S.C.; sire: HNR Special Design Exacto; ADG: 3.13 lb.; ADG ratio: 116; WDA: 2.43 lb.; WDA ratio: 82; wt.: 962 lb.

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 35; owner: Clemson University, Blackville, S.C.; sire: OCC Prototype 847P; ADG: 2.64 lb.; ADG ratio: 98; WDA: 2.62 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,235 lb.

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 19; owner: Hawk's Nest Ranch; sire: TC Total 410; ADG: 3.30 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; WDA: 2.58 lb.; WDA ratio: 104; wt.: 1,040 lb.

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 13; owner: Rice Farms, Fountain Inn, S.C.; sire: Sarratt's Bismark 0343; ADG: 3.19 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 2.73 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,225 lb.

Junior Angus averages (15 head)—ADG: 2.79 lb.; WDA: 2.47 lb.; wt.: 1,059 lb.

Senior Angus averages (16 head)—ADG: 2.69 lb.; WDA: 2.32 lb.; wt.: 1,130 lb.

Overall averages (47 head)—ADG: 2.78 lb.; WDA: 2.34 lb.; wt.: 1,060 lb.

The test sale is scheduled for Oct. 12, 2013.

Sell can be contacted at 803-284-3343, ext. 223 (office), 803-450-0995 (cell) or gsell@clemson.edu.

Additional information is available on the test website at www.clemson.edu/extension/livestock/beef/bulltests-efbt/.

Cal Poly Bull Test San Luis Obispo, Calif.

78-day report (Aug. 10)

Bulls arrived May 10-11 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 persistent infection with bovine viral diarrhea (PI-BVD). All Angus and composite bulls that are potential carriers of AM, NH or any other genetic defect by

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The listing includes contact information, links to test websites, current test schedules and dates of upcoming tests.

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.

High-ADG low-BW Angus—Lot 153; owner: Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo; sire: Connealy Right Answer 746; ADG: 4.67 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; WDA: 3.21 lb.; wt.: 1,118 lb.; test index: 111

High-WDA low-BW Angus—Lot 9; owner: C2-It Cattle Co.; sire: Connealy Confidence; ADG: 3.99 lb.; ADG ratio: 101; WDA: 3.77 lb.; wt.: 1,390 lb.; test index: 111

High-indexing low-BW Angus—Lot 23; owner: Diablo Valley Angus, Byron, Calif.; sire: Basin Unlimited 009X; ADG: 4.56 lb.; ADG ratio: 116; WDA: 3.70 lb.; wt.: 1,184 lb.; test index: 117

High-ADG and high-indexing multi-trait Angus—Lot 90; owner: J/V Angus, Winters, Calif.; sire: Rito 9M25 of Rita 5F56 Pred; ADG: 4.76 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 3.47 lb.; wt.: 1,144 lb.; test index: 115

High-WDA multi-trait Angus—Lot 84; owner: Circle 7 Angus Ranch, San Luis Obispo, Calif.; sire: PA Safeguard 021; ADG: 3.45 lb.; ADG ratio: 90; WDA: 3.59 lb.; wt.: 1,189 lb.; test index: 99

High-ADG and high-indexing general Angus—Lot 51; owner: Rollingwood Ranch, Potter Valley, Calif.; sire: GDAR Game Day 449; ADG: 5.38 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 3.37 lb.; wt.: 1,150 lb.; test index: 121

High-WDA (tie) general Angus—Lot 76; owner: Circle 7 Angus Ranch; sire: EXAR Upshot 0562B; ADG: 3.88 lb.; ADG ratio: 101; WDA: 3.72 lb.; wt.: 1,216 lb.; test index: 107

High-WDA (tie) general Angus—Lot 83; owner: Circle 7 Angus Ranch; sire: Hoover Dam; ADG: 3.86 lb.; ADG ratio: 100; WDA: 3.72 lb.; wt.: 1,226 lb.; test index: 107

Low-BW Angus averages (59 head)—ADG: 3.94 lb.; WDA: 3.24 lb.

Multi-trait Angus averages (24 head)—ADG: 3.85 lb.; WDA: 3.25 lb.

General Angus averages (25 head)—ADG: 3.85 lb.; WDA: 3.24 lb.

100-day final report (Sept. 1)

High-ADG low-BW Angus—Lot 23; owner: Diablo Valley Angus; sire: Basin Unlimited 009X; ADG: 4.89 lb.; test index: 123

High-ADG multi-trait Angus—Lot 90; owner: J/V Angus; sire: Rito 9M25 of Rita 5F56 Pred; ADG: 4.54 lb.; test index: 111

High-ADG general Angus—Lot 15; owner: Westwind Angus; sire: Summitcrest Complete 1P55; ADG: 4.81 lb.; test index: 120

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. 6.

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> for more information.

OBI Report No. 131 Stillwater, Okla.

56-day report (Aug. 16)

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 were to be collected Sept. 13, and final weights will be taken Oct. 11.

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.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 244; owner: H&H/Spur Ranch, Vinita, Okla.; sire: Spur Prosperity 8013; ADG: 7.45 lb.; wt.: 1,245 lb.

Angus averages (61 head)—ADG: 4.75 lb.; wt.: 1,000 lb.

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 Cassie Jackson at cassie.jackson@okstate.edu or visit the test website, [www.ansi.okstate.edu/outreach-extension/beef/OklahomaBeefInc./](http://www.ansi.okstate.edu/outreach-extension/beef/OklahomaBeefInc/).

▣ **IBEP 2013 Summer Test**
Feldun-Purdue Ag Center, Bedford, Ind.
91-day presale report (Aug. 20)

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 to be taken at 28-day intervals.

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus—Lot 49; owner: Dolph Angus, Walkerton, Ind.; sire: Connealy Lead On; ADG: 5.77 lb.; ADG ratio: 133; WDA: 3.84 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,605 lb.; test index: 125

High-WDA Angus—Lot 44; owner: Kiata Farms, Hamilton, Ohio; sire: GAR Ingenuity; ADG: 5.26 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 4.15 lb.; WDA ratio: 123; wt.: 1,465 lb.; test index: 122

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 stewart@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.

▣ **Calhoun Bull Evaluation**
Northwest Georgia Research and Education Center, Calhoun, Ga.
28-day report (Aug. 20)

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, extension animal scientist, says the performance of the bulls has been good, considering the wet and humid weather.

All 152 bulls tested negative for PI-BVD. Interim weigh dates were scheduled for Sept. 17 and Oct. 15, with off-test weights to be taken Nov. 11-12. The sale is set for Dec. 6.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 83; owner: Gafnea Angus, Whitesburg, Ga.; sire: LCC Standard; ADG: 5.25 lb.; ADG ratio: 172; WDA: 2.68 lb.; WDA ratio: 91; wt.: 946 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 156; owner: Meldon Farm, Melvin Porter, Jefferson, Ga.; sire: SAV Pioneer 7301; ADG: 4.11 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; WDA: 3.59 lb.; WDA ratio: 123; wt.: 1,015 lb.

Angus averages (94 head)—ADG: 3.06 lb.; WDA: 2.93 lb.; wt.: 899 lb.

Overall averages (152 head)—ADG: 3.10 lb.; WDA: 2.98 lb.; wt.: 925 lb.

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.

▣ **2014 Clemson Bull Test begins**

Eighty bulls were delivered to the 2014 Clemson Bull Test at the Clemson Beef Cattle Farm near Pendleton Aug. 7. Purebred breeders from three states consigned bulls (57 South Carolina, 19 North Carolina and four Georgia). Matthew Burns, extension animal scientist and Clemson Bull Test coordinator, says the weather has been sloppy, but the health of the bulls has been excellent.

The bulls were weighed on test Aug. 20-21 following a 14-day warm-up period. Their average on-test weight was 894 lb. The 28-day weight was scheduled to be taken Sept. 17, with the 56-day weight to be taken Oct. 15, and the 84-day weight Nov. 12. Off-test weights were to be taken Dec. 10. The sale is scheduled for Feb. 1, 2014.

For additional information contact Burns 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/beef/bulltests-cubt/.

▣ **Virginia BCIA Culpeper Sr. on-test report**

The Culpeper Sr. Bull Test began July 16 with starting weights taken on 92 bulls. The average on-test weight for all bulls was 827 lb. There are 82 Angus bulls on test. The test is a 112-day test for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2012. Interim weights were to be collected Sept. 10 and Oct. 8, with off-test weights collected Nov. 4-5. The test sale is scheduled to be Dec. 14 at Glenmary Farm, Rapidan, Va.

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>.

▣ **Butner Bull Test on-test report**

The Butner BCIP Bull Test reports 68 bulls were weighed on test July 30 with an average on-test weight of 863 lb. The 112-day test is for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 15, 2012, and has 63 Angus bulls on test. Bulls were delivered to the test station July 17. Interim weights were to 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.

▣ **Waynesville Bull Test on-test report**

A total of 55 bulls, 43 of them Angus, were weighed on test Aug. 13 for the Waynesville

BCIP Bull Test with an average on-test weight of 924 lb. The 112-day test is for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2012. Nominations were due July 10, with bulls accepted for delivery July 31. 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.

▣ **Alabama Bull Test dates announced**

The Wiregrass Forage Based BCIA Bull Evaluation is conducted by the Alabama Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA). The 2013-2014 (25th annual) test is scheduled to begin at the Advance Genetic Resource LLC farm located near Elba, Ala.

Max Bozeman Jr. and Larry Reaves have been selected to serve as test managers for 2013-2014. The test coordinator is Rickey Hudson, regional extension agent with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System.

The program has the capacity to evaluate and develop 100 bulls; 75 bulls are required to conduct the evaluation. The nomination deadline was Sept. 1. Nominated bulls will be delivered Nov. 13, with an acclimation period from that day until Nov. 26. The forage-based evaluation will run from Nov. 27, 2013-April 23, 2014. The development period will take place April 24-Oct. 24, with an Oct. 25 sale date.

For more information contact Hudson at 334-693-2010; cell 334-726-6814; at hudsorg@aces.edu; or visit the test website, www.albcia.com.

▣ **2014 Edisto Forage Bull Test dates**

The Edisto Forage Bull Test (EFBT) located at the Edisto Research & Education Center near Blackville, S.C., is a 168-day pasture-based test with limit-feeding of a commodity byproduct-based test ration at 1% of body weight. EFBT was developed, built and started in 1982 with the commercial cow-calf producer in mind.

To be eligible for the 2014 EFBT, junior bulls must be born Feb. 1-March 31, 2013, and senior bulls must be born Dec. 1, 2012-Jan. 31, 2013. The nomination deadline is Oct. 1, with delivery scheduled for Nov. 25. On-test weights will be taken Dec. 9, with interim weights scheduled for Jan. 6, 2014, Feb. 3, March 3, March 31 and April 28. Off-test weights will be collected May 26, with the test sale Oct. 11.

For more information contact Scott Sell, livestock/forages agent and bull test coordinator, Edisto Research & Education Center, 64 Research Rd., Blackville, SC 29817; phone: 803-284-3343 (office); 803-450-0995 (cell); gsell@clemson.edu.

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Information is also available on the test website, www.clemson.edu/extension/livestock/beef/bulltests-efbt/.

▣ Kansas Bull Test dates announced

Nomination forms for Kansas Bull Test No. 73 were due Oct. 1. Bulls are scheduled for delivery to the Kansas Bull Development LLC in Wamego, Kan., Oct. 18-19. The test will be conducted and managed by Kansas Bull Development LLC, managed by Brian Hagedorn.

To be eligible for the test, bulls must be born Jan. 1-April 15, 2013. There will be a 12-day warm-up period before the start of the 112-day test. Bulls will be weighed on test Nov. 1 and 3. The 56-day weights are scheduled for collection Dec. 28, with final weights taken Feb. 21 and 23, 2014. The test sale will take place April 2, 2014, at the Mitchell County Fairgrounds, Beloit, Kan.

For more information contact Hagedorn at 785-458-2137 (cell); 785-456-2636 (home, Brian and Megan); feedlot fax: 785-456-2721; email: kansasbulls@gmail.com; or visit the website at www.kansasbulltest.com.

▣ Midland Bull Test dates announced

The Midland Bull test is a 120-day gain test with a 70-day efficiency test. Bulls are fed a 44-Mcal diet that is high in roughage for targeted gains of about 3 lb. per day. Group 1 bulls were received Sept. 11-21, with an on-test weight scheduled for Oct. 5-6. Group 1 60-day weights are scheduled for Dec. 7; 90-day weights for Jan. 4, 2014; with 120-day final weights scheduled for Feb. 1-2.

Group 2 bulls are to be received Oct. 16-26, with on-test weights scheduled for Nov. 9-10. Group 2 60-day weights will be taken Jan. 4, 2014; with 90-day weights scheduled for Feb. 8 and 120-day final weights scheduled for March 8.

The Angus sale date is April 4.

For more information contact Steve and Lindsay Williams at 406-322-5597 (office); fax: 406-322-5210; email: bulls@midlandbulltest.com or visit the test website at www.midlandbulltest.com.

▣ 2013-2014 Treasure Bull Test dates

The 120-day Treasure Bull Test will receive bulls at the Broken O Ranch Feedlot in Simms, Mont., Oct. 16-27. The spring division is for bulls born Dec. 15, 2012-April 15, 2013. For the spring division only, the Angus Single Shot Jackpot is limited to one bull per breeder. The bull must be nominated at the time the bulls arrive at the test.

The fall division is for bulls born Aug. 1-Dec. 14, 2012. All bulls are to be weighed on test in early November. The test sale will be at Western Livestock Auction, Great Falls, Mont., April 14, 2014.

For more information, contact Russ and Barb Pepper at brtangers@3rivers.net; phone:

406-264-5694; fax: 406-264-5968; PO Box 217, Simms, MT 59477; or visit the website at www.treasurebulltest.com.

▣ 2013-2014 UBIA Bull Test dates

The Utah Beef Improvement Association (UBIA) will receive junior and senior bulls Oct. 7 at Kenison Farm and Feedlot, Levan. Bulls entered in the senior test must be born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2012. Bulls entered in the junior test must be born Jan. 1-March 15, 2013. Delivery is scheduled for Oct. 7, with bulls to be weighed on test Oct. 22. Interim weights are scheduled for Dec. 16 and Jan. 13, 2014. Bulls will be weighed off test Feb. 10 and 12. The test sale is scheduled for March 15, 2014.

Bulls will be fed by breed. Breeds that do not have adequate numbers to fill a pen (typically 50 head) will be commingled with other breeds and fed together. There will be two divisions within the junior Angus breed test. Those divisions will be the traditional growth division and a low-birth-weight (LBW) division.

For more information contact Kim Chapman, Utah State University Extension area animal scientist, at 435-892-0474 or kimc@ext.usu.edu; or Dale Kenison at 435-250-0090; or visit the test website, www.ubiabulls.com.

▣ 2013-2014 WCA All-Breed Bull Test dates

The Washington Cattlemen's Association (WCA) All-Breed Bull Test has announced 2013-2014 dates. Entry deadline for the test was Sept. 17, with delivery of the bulls to the test facility Oct. 18-19. Bulls are scheduled to be weighed on test Nov. 2-3. A 60-day weight will be taken Jan. 2, 2014, with off-test weights scheduled for Feb. 28-March 1. The sale will be March 26. The bulls will be fed under the supervision of Bob and Nina Lundgren at their Bonina Feed Facility at Eltopia, Wash.

Bulls in the 120-day test are born Jan. 1-March 31, 2013. Genetic-profile enhancement through DNA samples will be used again this year on many of the bulls selling. Only the top end of the bulls of each breed will be allowed to sell, based on the test station final index (one-half ADG and one-half adjusted yearling weight index), structure, physical soundness and breeding soundness.

The bulls can be viewed at any time at the Bonina facility. Interim reports and sale information are available by contacting the WCA office at 509-925-9871, at wacattle@kvalley.com; on the WCA website at www.washingtoncattlemen.org; or via sale manager Kendall Cattle Sales at 208-858-2163 or kendall@potlatch.com.

▣ Wardensville Bull Test dates announced

The West Virginia Young Sire Evaluation Program, sponsored by the West Virginia University (WVU) Cooperative Extension, the WVU Division of Animal and Nutritional Sciences, the West Virginia Department of Agriculture and the West Virginia Cattlemen's Association, has announced dates for the Wardensville Bull Test.

A maximum of 160 bulls, including a maximum of 130 Angus and 18 Hereford bulls, will be accepted for evaluation. Bulls must be born Jan. 20-March 27, 2013. The enrollment deadline was Sept. 20. Bulls are scheduled for delivery Oct. 31, with an on-test weight to be taken Nov. 25-26. Interim weights are scheduled for Jan. 2, 2014, and Jan. 28, with off-test weights taken Feb. 18-19. The test sale will be March 27 at the WVU Reymann Memorial Farm in Wardensville.

The bulls will be fed a ration ($NE_m=0.68$, $NE_g=0.41$) that includes 20% ground mixed hay, 24% wheat midds, 23% soybean hulls, 8% distillers' grains, 4% cottonseed hulls, 4% corn, 10% hominy feed, and 7% miscellaneous ingredients.

Test information is available from Kevin Shaffer, program coordinator, WVU Extension Service, 2084 Agricultural Sciences Bldg., PO Box 6108, Morgantown, WV 26505; Phone: 304-293-2669; email: Kevin.Shaffer@mail.wvu.edu; or Jerry Yates, WVU Reymann Memorial Farm, phone: 304-874-3561; or on the test website, www.wvbeef.org.

▣ WBIA Bull Test dates announced

The Wisconsin Beef Improvement Association (WBIA) has announced dates for its bull test, which will take place at the University of Wisconsin Pioneer Farm in Platteville. The 100-day test is for bulls born Jan. 1-April 15, 2013. Nominations were due Sept. 20, with delivery scheduled for Nov. 4. Bulls are scheduled to be weighed on test Dec. 2-3, with interim weigh dates of Jan. 7, 2014, and Feb. 6. Off-test weights will be taken March 12-13, with the sale set for April 5.

More information is available by contacting John Freitag, Wisconsin BIA executive director, PO Box 955, New Glarus, WI 53574; phone: 608-527-5747; fax: 608-527-3010; or at wbia@tds.net. Information is also available on the WBIA website at www.wisconsinbeef.com.

