



# Performance Report

► Bull test reports and other performance-related items. Compiled by **Mathew Elliott**.

## ▣ Calhoun Bull Evaluation Calhoun, Ga.

### 84-day report (Oct. 19)

Ted Dyer, Extension animal scientist-beef cattle at the University of Georgia, reports that the bulls appear to be in great condition as they enter the final weigh period.

The feed ration remained the same as last year. In addition, the bulls have access to free-choice hay. The bulls are also able to graze some in the 2-acre lots due to abundant rainfall this year.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 67; owner: Hillside Angus Farm, Jay Tinter, Cumming, Ga.; sire: SS Objective T510 OT26; ADG: 5.35 lb.; ADG ratio: 135; WDA: 3.25 lb.; WDA ratio: 102; wt.: 1,215 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 88; owner: Gillis Angus Farm, Windell Gillis, Eastman, Ga.; sire: B/R New Frontier 095; ADG: 4.54 lb.; ADG ratio: 114; WDA: 3.93 lb.; WDA ratio: 123; wt.: 1,285 lb.

**Angus averages (91 head)**—ADG: 3.97 lb.; WDA: 3.19 lb.; wt.: 1,165 lb.

**Overall averages (121 head)**—ADG: 3.98 lb.; WDA: 3.20 lb.; wt.: 1,161 lb.

This report, along with other reports, can be accessed electronically by going to [www.caes.uga.edu/commodities/animals/beef/stations/index.html](http://www.caes.uga.edu/commodities/animals/beef/stations/index.html).

The final weigh day was scheduled for Nov. 16. Guests are invited to stop by and view the bulls at any time. If you have any questions or have any problems accessing the report online, you can contact Dyer by phone at 706-624-1403 or by e-mail at [tgdyer@uga.edu](mailto:tgdyer@uga.edu).

## ▣ Clemson Bull Test Simpson Experiment Station, Pendleton, S.C. 56-day test (Nov. 2)

Forty-one bulls had a great second 28-day period, reports Larry Olson, Extension animal scientist and bull test coordinator. He reports that the bulls have gained an average of 5.10 lb. per day and that health has been excellent. Senior bulls were born Sept. 1-Oct. 31, 2009; Junior bulls were born Nov. 1-Dec. 31, 2009.

**High-ADG senior Angus**—Lot 10; owner: Hawk's Nest Ranch, Hickory Grove, S.C.; sire: Bon-View New Design 1407; ADG: 5.46 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 3.09 lb.; WDA ratio: 99; wt.: 1,145 lb.; SC: 35.7 cm.

**High-WDA senior Angus**—Lot 2; owner: MPAC Angus, Marvin Zeigler, Bamberg, S.C.; sire: HSAF Bando 1961; ADG: 5.30 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; WDA: 3.54 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,460 lb.; SC: 37 cm.

**High-ADG and high-WDA junior Angus**—Lot 21; owner: MPAC Angus, Marvin Zeigler, Bamberg, S.C.; sire: SAV Net Worth 4200; ADG: 6.32 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.68 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,270 lb.

**Senior Angus averages (19 head)**—ADG: 4.31 lb.; WDA: 3.13 lb.; wt.: 1,237 lb.

**Junior Angus averages (12 head)**—ADG: 4.79 lb.; WDA: 3.20 lb.; wt.: 1,114 lb.

**Overall averages (41 head)**—ADG: 4.41 lb.; WDA: 3.19 lb.; wt.: 1,208 lb.

Bulls were to be reweighed Nov. 30. The 2011 Clemson Bull Test and Heifer Sale is scheduled for Feb. 5, 2011. For more

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.

information contact Olson at 803-284-3343, ext. 231, or visit the test website at [www.clemson.edu/extension/beef](http://www.clemson.edu/extension/beef).

▣ **OBI Angus Test No. 101**  
**Stillwater, Okla.**

**112-day final report (Oct. 8)**

Oklahoma Beef Inc. (OBI) Test No. 101, featuring 74 Angus bulls from 13 consignors, began June 18. Bulls were fed twice daily in fenceline feedbunks or self-feeders. Bulls tested negative for persistent infection with bovine viral diarrhea (PI-BVD).

**High-ADG and high-indexing Angus**—Lot 7336; owner: H&H Land & Cattle LLC, Vinita, Okla.; sire: H&H Franchise 7070; ADG: 6.42 lb.; ADG ratio: 144; WDA: 3.66 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,455 lb.; test index: 128; SC: 37 cm.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 7308; owner: Nault Bros. Angus, Okeene, Okla.; sire: EXAR 263C; ADG: 5.57 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 3.98 lb.; WDA ratio: 122; wt.: 1,460 lb.; test index: 122; SC: 39 cm.

**Angus averages (74 head)**—ADG: 4.47 lb.; WDA: 3.28 lb.; wt.: 1,238 lb.

Bulls that successfully completed testing were eligible for the OBI All-Breed Performance Tested Fall Bull Sale in October at the OBI test station in Stillwater.

For more information contact Tim Stidham, test station manager, at 405-624-1181 or [okbeef@provalue.net](mailto:okbeef@provalue.net); or Bob Kropp, Oklahoma State University professor of animal science, at 405-744-9287. Reports are available on the test website at [www.ansi.okstate.edu/outreach-extension/beef/oklahoma-beef-inc](http://www.ansi.okstate.edu/outreach-extension/beef/oklahoma-beef-inc).

▣ **Virginia BCIA Culpeper Senior Bull Test**  
**Glenmary Farm, Rapidan, Va.**  
**90-day report (Oct. 11)**

Seventy-eight Angus bulls were among the 84 bulls weighed Oct. 11 for the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) Culpeper Senior Test.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 49; owner:

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Edgewood Angus, Pete Henderson, Williamsburg, Va.; sire: ALC Big Eye D09N; ADG: 5.39 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 3.68 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,395 lb.

**High-WDG Angus**—Lot 79; owner: Legacy at Pine Hill Farm, Anne & Charles Cardwell and Steve Jones, Forest, Va.; sire: KCF Bennett Performer; ADG: 5.28 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.96 lb.; WDA ratio: 125; wt.: 1,450 lb.

**Angus averages (78 head)**—ADG: 4.19 lb.; WDA: 3.16 lb.; wt.: 1,189 lb.

**Overall averages (85 head)**—ADG: 4.16 lb.; WDA: 3.17 lb.; wt.: 1,189 lb.

### **112-day off-test report of sale bulls (Nov. 2)**

**High-ADG and high-station-indexing Angus**—Lot 49; owner: Edgewood Angus; sire: ALC Big Eye D09N; ADG: 5.63 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; wt.: 1,540 lb.; station index: 131

**Angus averages (78 head)**—ADG: 4.30 lb.; wt.: 1,293 lb.

**Overall averages (85 head)**—ADG: 4.27 lb.; wt.: 1,292 lb.

The bulls are scheduled to sell Saturday, Dec. 11. Test information can be found at <http://bcia.apsc.vt.edu/>. For more information contact Scott Greiner, Extension beef specialist, at [sgreiner@vt.edu](mailto:sgreiner@vt.edu); or Tom Nixon, owner/manager of Glenmary Farm, at 540-672-7396.

### ▶ North Carolina BCIP Bull Test Butner, N.C.

#### **84-day report (Oct. 19)**

Bulls on the North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement Program (BCIP) Bull Test at Butner went on test July 27.

**High-ADG and high-WDA Angus**—Lot 42; owner: H&D Angus, Henry Vines, Snow Camp, N.C.; sire: H&D 4205 of 878; ADG: 4.10 lb.; ADG ratio: 135; WDA: 3.38 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,315 lb.; frame: 6.2

**Angus averages (46 head)**—ADG: 3.03 lb.; WDA: 2.83 lb.; wt.: 1,088 lb.

**Overall averages (51 head)**—ADG: 3.00 lb.; WDA: 2.82 lb.; wt.: 1,077 lb.

The testing period was scheduled to end Nov. 16. Qualifying bulls will be eligible for sale Dec. 17. For more information contact Gary Gregory, bull test supervisor, at 919-515-4027 or [gary\\_gregory@ncsu.edu](mailto:gary_gregory@ncsu.edu). Test information can be found at [www.cals.ncsu.edu/an\\_sci/extension/animal/bcip/Ahbcip.html](http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/animal/bcip/Ahbcip.html).

### ▶ LSU 105th Bull Evaluation Test Dean Lee Research Station, Alexandria, La.

#### **On-test report (Oct. 27)**

The 105th Beef Bull Evaluation Test began Oct. 27, with 13 bulls representing three breeds and six breeders. Thirteen bulls did not qualify for the test due to not meeting minimum body weight requirements. The bulls are being group-fed in four pens. The

free-choice ration consists of 42% corn, 20% oats, 20% cottonseed hulls, 8% cottonseed meal, 8% molasses and 2% vitamin/mineral premix. Interim weights will be taken at 28-day intervals, with weighings scheduled Nov. 24, Dec. 22, Jan. 19 and Feb. 15-16.

Weight per day of age (WDA) was calculated using the average of weights taken on Oct. 26-27.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 1; owner: Donald dela Houssaye, New Iberia, La.; WDA: 3.07 lb.; wt.: 885 lb.

**Angus averages (10 head)**—WDA: 2.64 lb.; wt.: 780 lb.

**Overall averages (13 head)**—WDA: 2.67 lb.; wt.: 767 lb.

The first period was scheduled to end Nov. 24, and a progress report will be mailed out shortly thereafter. The sale is tentatively scheduled for March 5, 2011.

For more information, contact Sid DeRouen at 318-473-6589 or [sderouen@agctr.lsu.edu](mailto:sderouen@agctr.lsu.edu). Livestock Testing Station information is also available on the Dean Lee Research Station 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/).

### ▶ Florida Bull Test Marianna, Fla.

#### **56-day report (Oct. 13)**

Bulls on the Florida Bull Test at Marianna went on test Aug 17.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 892; owner: Windy

Hill Angus Farm, Boaz, Ala.; ADG: 4.70 lb.; WDA: 3.04 lb.; wt.: 1,130 lb.; index: 124

**High-WDA and high-indexing Angus**—Lot 916; owner: Southern Cattle Co., Marianna, Fla.; ADG: 4.63 lb.; WDA: 3.75 lb.; wt.: 1,133 lb.; test index: 135

This is a 112-day test. Bulls are being fed forage and grain for a targeted gain of 3.5 lb. per day. Individual feed intake is collected to provide feed efficiency and feed conversion. Bulls are ranked based on ADG on test and WDA. The 84-day weights were to be collected Nov. 20, with final weights scheduled Dec. 7-8.

Qualifying bulls may be eligible for sale Jan. 15, 2011. For more information contact Cliff Lamb, bull test supervisor, at 850-394-9124, ext. 106, or [gclamb@ufl.edu](mailto:gclamb@ufl.edu). Test information can be found at [http://nfre.ifas.ufl.edu/fl\\_bull\\_test/index.shtml](http://nfre.ifas.ufl.edu/fl_bull_test/index.shtml).

#### ▣ Western Illinois Bull Test Macomb, Ill.

##### On-test report (Oct. 26)

Bulls on the Western Illinois University (WIU) Bull Test at Macomb went on test Aug. 17. The test is a 112-day test. Bulls are fed to gain a targeted 4 lb. per day.

The testing period will end Feb. 15, 2011. Interim weights will be collected every 28 days and are scheduled Nov. 23, Dec. 21 and Jan. 21, with off-test weights collected Feb. 14-15.

Qualifying bulls may be eligible for sale March 18, 2011. For more information contact Ken Nimrick, bull test supervisor, at [KO-Nimrick@wiu.edu](mailto:KO-Nimrick@wiu.edu). Test information can be found at <http://www.wiu.edu/bulltest/>.

#### ▣ 59th Annual OPSU Bull Performance Test Goodwell, Okla.

##### On-test report (Oct. 9)

The bulls consigned to the 59th Annual Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU) Bull Performance test were weighed on test Saturday, Oct. 9. This year's test includes 15 consignors.

Bulls are fed to express maximum gain. The test runs for 112 days, during which data will be collected on ADG, feed intake and efficiency on a pen basis, and WDA. The test index is 50% ADG, 50% WDA.

#### ▣ 59th Annual OPSU Bull Performance Test Goodwell, Okla.

##### 28-day report (Nov. 6)

**High-ADG junior Angus**—Lot 25-3; owner: Larry Weinkauff, Orlando, Okla.; ADG: 6.07 lb.

**High-ADG junior Angus pen**—owner: Larry Weinkauff, Orlando, Okla.; ADG: 4.75 lb.

**High-ADG senior Angus**—Lot 23-2; owner: Tim Meier, Hitchcock, Okla.; ADG: 6.00 lb.

**High-ADG senior Angus pen**—owner: B&M Angus, Edmond, Okla.; sire: Spur USPB 6401; ADG: 4.75 lb.

The test ends Jan. 29, 2011, and the top 70 bulls will sell in the 59th Annual OPSU Bull Test Sale scheduled for Feb. 21. For more information contact Gwen Martin at 589-349-1500 or [gwen@opsu.edu](mailto:gwen@opsu.edu).



## Proactive Handling

The Beef Marketing Group (BMG) hosted a training seminar with Tyson Fresh Meats to educate transportation companies and feedlot personnel on BMG policies related to cattle transport; current outside industry pressures; accountability; transport regulations; low-stress handling; and emergency action plans. The training seminar was Oct. 20 in Lyons, Kan.

“BMG has a focus and commitment to low-stress animal handling and welfare at all our feedlots, and we want to extend that to the hauling of cattle as well,” said BMG Director of Quality Assurance Heather Donley.

BMG is under more scrutiny from its customers on how cattle are handled throughout their lives, Donley shared. “To achieve the goal of a systems approach to animal well-being, we wanted to team up with packers and trucking companies.”

Industry experts were brought in to speak about key issues around transportation and low-stress handling. Kellye Pfalzgraf from the Tyson Fresh Meats Office of Well-Being discussed how transportation affects meat quality and proper handling of nonambulatory cattle upon arrival at the plant. Dan Thomson, Jones Professor of Production Medicine and Epidemiology at Kansas State University, covered why animal handling during transport is important to retail customers and consumers. Lastly, cattle

transportation expert Jennifer Woods spoke about cattle behavior, handling, transport regulations, stress and environmental management, loading densities, fitness to transport and risk management.

“BMG has been required by some customers to have third-party animal handling audits over the past couple years and a part of this includes transportation to and from the feedlots,” Donley said.

BMG's commitment to low-stress animal handling started in 2000 with the implementation of the Progressive Beef program at all 13 of its feedlots. Progressive Beef is a food safety, animal well-being and sustainable verified system to ensure beef is safe, well cared for and raised in a sustainable way. The system is based on standard operating procedures, training and verification of compliance with the Progressive Beef standard. The program was built using key industry experts' input to produce a verified production system that has substance and integrity.

BMG is a cooperative of 13 feedlots located in Kansas and Nebraska that collectively markets cattle and focuses on value-added programs to meet their customers' needs.



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