



Performance Report

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

North Florida Research & Education Center (NFREC) Bull Test Marianna, Fla.

28-day report (Sept. 19)

Bulls nominated for the annual North Florida Research and Education Center (NFREC) Bull Test in Marianna, Fla., were accepted for delivery July 31 with initial weights taken Aug. 21 and 22. The test is for bulls born Aug. 15-Dec. 31, 2011. 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.

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus—Lot 1072; owner: Pintlala Cattle Co., Hope Hull, Ala.; sire: BCC Traveler 589 114-7535; ADG: 4.96 lb.; WDA: 3.12 lb.; wt.: 1,005 lb.; test index: 135

High-WDA Angus—Lot 1014; owner: Bar Farm; ADG: 2.05 lb.; WDA: 3.14 lb.; wt.: 1,160 lb.; test index: 86

Best feed-efficiency Angus—Lot 1063; owner: The John B Ranch, Hope Hull, Ala.; sire: R/M Ironstone 4047; ADG: 3.11 lb.; WDA: 2.59 lb.; F:G: 5.85; RFI, lb./day: -5.94; wt.: 994 lb.; test index: 95

Overall averages (93 head)—ADG: 3.17 lb.; WDA: 2.83 lb.; wt.: 965 lb.

56-day report (Oct. 16-17)

High-ADG, high-WDA and high-indexing Angus—Lot 1072; owner: Pintlala Cattle Co.; sire: BCC Traveler 589 114-7535; ADG: 4.58 lb.; WDA: 3.22 lb.; wt.: 1,123 lb.; test index: 127

Best feed-efficiency Angus—Lot 1026; owner: Jason Jerkins, Bristol, Fla.; sire: SAV Bismarck 5682; ADG: 3.30 lb.; WDA: 2.51 lb.; F:G: 4.38; RFI, lb./day: -3.80; wt.: 843 lb.; test index: 94

Overall averages (93 head)—ADG: 3.27 lb.; WDA: 2.89 lb.; wt.: 1,060 lb.

Weights were to be taken at 28-day intervals for the 112-day test. Interim weights

were scheduled to be taken Nov. 14, with final weights taken Dec. 11 and 12. The test sale will be Jan. 19, 2013.

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.

Green Springs Summer Bull Test Nevada, Mo.

112-day final report (Oct. 4)

The Green Springs Summer Bull Test at Nevada, Mo., received bulls for the test June 2-5. The test is a 112-day performance test with bulls grouped by breed and size, as much as possible, offering an optimum growth environment. Bulls must be weaned and vaccinated. The summer test is for bulls born in September-November 2011.

Bulls were fed for a 14-day warm-up period before the official test began. Bulls were fed a high-quality ration formulated by a qualified nutritionist and adequate for a targeted gain of 3.5 lb. per day.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 12123; owner: Dr. & Mrs. Norman Garton, Nevada, Mo.; sire: Rito 616 of 4B20 6807; ADG: 3.90 lb.; wt.: 1,305 lb.

For more information contact Kent Abele, owner, at 417-465-2240 or 417-448-7416; email him at gsgbulltest@gmail.com or visit the test website at www.greenspringsbulltest.com.

61st Annual OPSU Bull Performance Test Goodwell, Okla.

On-test report (Oct. 6)

The bulls consigned to the 61st annual Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU) Bull Performance test were weighed on test Oct. 6. This year's test includes bulls consigned by 18 breeders.

The test is a 112-day test, during which average daily gain (ADG), feed intake and efficiency on a pen basis, and WDA will be

collected on the bulls. Other data collected will be frame score, scrotal circumference, semen quality, fat thickness, ribeye area and marbling score.

OPSU students working on the test include Craig Bohl, Ulysses, Kan.; Gideon Busieni, Kenya; Heather Crow, Lahoma, Okla.; Chris Malone, Ulysses, Kan.; and Roger Unwin, Pritchett, Colo.

The test ends Jan. 26, 2013, and the top 70 bulls will sell Feb. 18. Those interested in following the performance of the bulls during the test can contact Gwen Martin at 580-349-1500 or at gwen@opsu.edu.

Virginia BCIA Culpeper Senior Test Glenmary Farm, Rapidan, Va.

91-day report (Oct. 9)

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 77 Angus among the bulls on test.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 76; owner: Green Valley Genetics, Brandon Fields, Lebanon; sire: R/M Ironstone 4047; ADG: 4.51 lb.; ADG ratio: 137; WDA: 2.86 lb.; WDA ratio: 99; wt.: 1,130 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 75; owner: Silver Creek Angus, John Prekker, Danville; sire: HA Rainmaker 6780; ADG: 4.29 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 3.44 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,210 lb.

Angus averages (77 head)—ADG: 3.30 lb.; WDA: 2.88 lb.; wt.: 1,103 lb.

Overall averages (90 head)—ADG: 3.29 lb.; WDA: 2.88 lb.; wt.: 1,099 lb.

Off-test weights were scheduled for collection Oct. 29-30, with the sale set for Dec. 8.

For more information contact Scott Greiner, extension beef specialist at 540-231-9159; fax: 540-231-3010; sgreiner@vt.edu; or Tom and Kim Nixon, owner/manager of Glenmary Farm; 540-672-7396; fax: 540-672-3579; glenmaryfarm@vabb.com; or visit the test website at <http://bcia.apsc.vt.edu>.

Calhoun Bull Evaluation Calhoun, Ga.

83-day report (Oct. 15)

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

The feed ration is the same as last year.

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.

The bulls have free access to Bermuda-grass hay.

Ronnie Silcox, extension animal scientist, says due to the way birth dates fell on the bulls and the many varied rules among different breed associations, only one day was available to conduct ultrasound scanning that would work for everyone. That is the reason this is an 83-day rather than an 84-day report.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 72; owner: R&A Angus, Bob DeLozier, Mebane, N.C.; sire: Kessler's Frontman R001; ADG: 4.84 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 3.21 lb.; WDA ratio: 100; wt.: 1,275 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 48; owner: Emilan Angus Farm, Lanny Benson, LaFayette, Ga.; sire: SAV Mandan 5664; ADG: 3.36 lb.; ADG ratio: 91; WDA: 3.76 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,215 lb.

Angus averages (90 head)—ADG: 3.69 lb.; WDA: 3.22 lb.; wt.: 1,186 lb.

Overall averages (162 head)—ADG: 3.66 lb.; WDA: 3.22 lb.; wt.: 1,191 lb.

The final weigh day was scheduled for Nov. 13. Due to the death of Ted Dyer, Silcox will be working with the Bull Test program and Lawton Stewart will be working with the upcoming Calhoun Herd Program. Silcox and Stewart are located in Athens, Ga. Phil Worley, Travis Turnquist and Karen Rapp are the contacts in Calhoun. The sale will be Dec. 7.

For more information contact Silcox at 706-542-9102 or at rsilcox@uga.edu; Worley at PO Box 640, Calhoun, GA 30703; phone: 706-624-1403 or 706-624-1398; pworley@uga.edu; fax: 706-624-1400; or Rapp at 706-624-1398 or krapp@uga.edu.

Information is available on the test website, www.caes.uga.edu/commodities/animals/beef/stations/index.html.

▣ **Butner BCIP Bull Test**

Bahama, N.C.

84-day report (Oct. 16)

The Butner BCIP Bull Test hosted by the North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement Program (BCIP) is a 112-day test for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 15, 2011. Bulls were delivered to the test station July 11 to start the test July 23-24. Final weights were scheduled for Nov. 12-13.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 16; owner: Smith Creek Angus, Marty Rooker, Warrenton, N.C.; sire: TC Total 410; ADG: 4.55 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 3.35 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,315 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 3; owner: Oakview Farms, Bobby Aldridge, Yanceyville, N.C.; sire: SS Objective T510 OT26; ADG: 3.94 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA: 3.47 lb.; WDA ratio: 122; wt.: 1,320 lb.

Angus averages (46 head)—ADG: 3.24 lb.; WDA: 2.85 lb.; wt.: 1,104 lb.

Overall averages (52 head)—ADG: 3.19 lb.; WDA: 2.83 lb.; wt.: 1,103 lb.

The test sale will be Dec. 21 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.

▣ **Tifton Bull Evaluation Program** **Tifton Bull Evaluation Center, Tifton, Ga.** **On-test report (Oct. 22-23)**

The 55th Tifton Bull Evaluation Program began Oct. 1-2 with the delivery of 170 bulls, representing 11 different breeds, averaging 790 lb. Weather conditions have been steady, and the health of the bulls has been excellent, says Ronnie Silcox, extension animal scientist, with a few of the bulls being

treated for respiratory conditions.

The 112-day test features bulls born Dec. 1, 2011-Feb. 29, 2012. All bulls tested negative for persistent infection with bovine viral diarrhea (PI-BVD).

Going on test Oct. 22-23, the 100 Angus bulls averaged 897 lb. for a weight per day of age (WDA) of 3.02 lb., while all 170 bulls averaged 882 lb. with a WDA of 3.07 lb. The next weigh day was scheduled for Nov. 20. Interim weights will be collected Dec. 18 and Jan. 15, 2013, and final weights are scheduled for collection Feb. 11-12. Qualifying bulls may sell in the test sale March 6.

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Visitors are welcome at the station 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. If weekend visits are desired, please call Mike Keeler at 229-831-5416. Bull and heifer reports can be accessed through the test website at www.caes.uga.edu/commodities/animals/beef/index.html.

▶ **Clemson Bull Test Pendleton, S.C.**

56-day report (Oct. 30)

Purebred breeders from three states (15 South Carolina, nine North Carolina and one Georgia) consigned the 65 bulls delivered to the Clemson Beef Cattle Farm near Pendleton, S.C., Aug. 21 for the 112-day 2013 Clemson Bull Test sponsored by Clemson University and the South Carolina Cattlemen's Association.

Matthew Burns, extension animal scientist and bull test coordinator, says the weather has been good and the bulls look really good.

High-ADG, high-WDA and high-indexing senior Angus—Lot 43; owner: Shuffler Farm, Gene Shuffler, Union Grove, N.C.; sire: SAV Final Answer 0035; ADG: 6.34 lb.; ADG ratio: 145; WDA: 3.65 lb.; WDA ratio: 126; wt.: 1,460 lb.; test index: 123

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 26; owner: Mull Meadow Farms, Frankie Mullikin, Pendleton, S.C.; sire: TC Aberdeen 759; ADG: 5.05 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; WDA: 2.74 lb.; WDA ratio: 90; wt.: 974 lb.

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 23; owner: Paul Boyd Angus, Neil Boyd, Clover, S.C.; sire: Mytty in Focus; ADG: 4.57 lb.; ADG ratio: 112; WDA: 3.44 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,200 lb.

Senior Angus averages (41 head)—ADG: 4.36 lb.; WDA: 2.90 lb.; wt.: 1,148 lb.

Junior Angus averages (10 head)—ADG: 4.10 lb.; WDA: 3.06 lb.; wt.: 1,043 lb.

Overall averages (64 head)—ADG: 4.26 lb.; WDA: 2.94 lb.; wt.: 1,125 lb.

The bulls will be weighed off test Dec. 27-28. The test sale is scheduled for Feb. 2, 2013.

For more information contact Matthew Burns at PO Box 995, Pickens, SC 29671; phone: 864-878-1394, ext. 116, or 864-940-2428 (cell); fax: 864-878-6712; or Gary Burns, Clemson University farm manager; phone: 864-617-3402; www.clemson.edu/extension/livestock/livestock/beef/bull_tests/.

