



Performance Report

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

► Tifton HERD Program

The 15th HERD program at the Tifton Bull Evaluation Center in Irwinville is under way. The center received 133 heifers Oct. 7. The heifers were worked for the first time Oct. 29. CIDR® devices will be inserted Nov. 13 and removed Nov. 27. Lutalyse will be injected Dec. 13. All heifers will be bred Dec. 16 and injected with GnRH. Cleanup bulls will be placed with the heifers Dec. 24.

All heifers tested negative for PI-BVD.

For more information visit

www.caes.uga.edu/commodities/animals/beef/index.html.

► North Carolina BCIP Bull Test Mountain Research Station, Waynesville, N.C.

56-day report (Oct. 8)

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. Final interim weights were scheduled for collection Nov. 4. Bulls will be weighed off test Dec. 2-3.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 70; owner: Dwight King, King Angus Farm, Piney Flats, Tenn.; sire: GVF Forward 9042; ADG: 5.61 lb.; ADG ratio: 158; WDA: 3.24 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 1,160 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 66; owner: Buddy Hamrick, H&H Farm, Boiling Springs; sire: GAR New Design 5050; ADG: 3.79 lb.; ADG ratio: 107; WDA: 3.65 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,435 lb.

Angus averages (43 head)—ADG: 3.55 lb.; WDA: 3.02 lb.; wt.: 1,137 lb.

Overall averages (55 head)—ADG: 3.53 lb.; WDA: 3.00 lb.; wt.: 1,121 lb.

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.

► University of Tennessee Bull Test Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center, Spring Hill, Tenn. 28-day report (Oct. 8)

The University of Tennessee Bull Testing Program weighed a total of 103 bulls on test Sept. 10. The 84-day test is being 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. There are 92 Angus bulls on test. Interim weights were to be taken Oct. 8 and Nov. 5. Off-test weights are scheduled for Dec. 2-3, with the sale Jan. 23, 2014.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 58; owner: Mathis Angus Farms, Duck River; sire: Connealy Consensus 7229; ADG: 6.61 lb.; WDA: 3.39 lb.; wt.: 1,320 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 17; owner: Chimney Top Angus, Greeneville; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 4.82 lb.; WDA: 3.74 lb.; wt.: 1,320 lb.

Angus averages (92 head)—ADG: 3.71 lb. **Overall averages (103 head)**—ADG: 3.66 lb.

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► Virginia BCIA Culpeper Senior Test Glenmary Farm, Rapidan, Va. 93-day report (Oct. 9)

The 56th Culpeper Senior Test conducted by the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) began with the delivery of 90 bulls July 2. The bulls were weighed on test July 16. The test is conducted at Glenmary Farm, Rapidan, Va., and is a 112-day test for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2012. There are 81 Angus bulls on test.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 44; owner: Quaker Hill Farm, Charles Rosson, Louisa; sire: Summitcrest Complete 1P55; ADG: 4.29 lb.; ADG ratio: 153; WDA: 2.49 lb.; WDA ratio: 90; wt.: 975 lb.

High-WDA Angus (tie)—Lot 3; owner: Soldier's Hill Angus Farm, Dennis Pearson, Warrenton; sire: Connealy Right Answer 746; ADG: 3.12 lb.; ADG ratio: 111; WDA: 3.44 lb.; WDA ratio: 125; wt.: 1,380 lb.

High-WDA Angus (tie)—Lot 59; owner: Edgewood Angus, Pete & Peter Henderson, Williamsburg; sire: Rito 9M25 of Rita 5F56 Pred; ADG: 2.88 lb.; ADG ratio: 102; WDA: 3.44 lb.; WDA ratio: 125; wt.: 1,295 lb.

High-WDA Angus (tie)—Lot 62; owner: Edgewood Angus, Pete & Peter Henderson, Williamsburg; sire: GAR New Design 5050; ADG: 3.24 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 3.45 lb.; WDA ratio: 125; wt.: 1,285 lb.

Angus averages (81 head)—ADG: 2.81 lb.; WDA: 2.76 lb.; wt.: 1,067 lb.

Overall averages (91 head)—ADG: 2.83 lb.; WDA: 2.76 lb.; wt.: 1,067 lb.

Off-test weights were scheduled for Nov. 4-5. The test sale is to be Dec. 14 at Glenmary Farm.

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>.

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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.**

▣ **OBI Test No. 131**

Stillwater, Okla.

84-day report (Sept. 13)

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 collected Aug. 16 and Sept. 13, and final weights were taken Oct. 11.

A new ration was formulated and used for the test. The reformulation decreased 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: 6.21 lb.; wt.: 1,350 lb.

112-day final report (Oct. 11)

High-ADG Angus—Lot 225; owner: B&M Angus, Edmond, Okla.; sire: EXAR Upshot 0562B; ADG: 6.09 lb.; ADG ratio: 136; WDA: 3.61 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,445 lb.; test index: 111

High-WDA and high-indexing Angus—Lot 244; owner: H&H/Spur Ranch; sire: Spur Prosperity 8013; ADG: 5.91 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.71 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,490 lb.; test index: 120

Angus averages (61 head)—ADG: 4.47 lb.; WDA: 3.21 lb.; wt.: 1,234 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/).

▣ **Calhoun Bull Evaluation**

Northwest Georgia Research and Education Center, Calhoun, Ga.

84-day report (Oct. 15)

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 bulls appear to be in good condition as they enter the final weigh period.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 106; owner: Hillside Angus, Jay Tinter, Marietta, Ga.; sire: GAR Prophet; ADG: 4.89 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 3.37 lb.; WDA ratio: 108; wt.: 1,315 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 88; owner: Emilan Angus Farm, Lanny Benson, Lafayette, Ga.; sire: Connealy Mentor 7374; ADG: 4.86 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 3.70 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,230 lb.

Angus averages (90 head)—ADG: 3.80 lb.; WDA: 3.12 lb.; wt.: 1,134 lb.

Overall averages (147 head)—ADG: 3.78 lb.; WDA: 3.15 lb.; wt.: 1,156 lb.

Off-test weights were to be taken Nov. 11-12. 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.

▣ **Clemson Bull Test**

Clemson, S.C.

55-day report (Oct. 14)

The 2014 Clemson University Bull Test has a total of 78 bulls on 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.

Bulls were delivered Aug. 7 and went on test Aug. 20. Matthew Burns, extension animal scientist and Clemson Bull Test coordinator, says the weather has been good and the health of the bulls has been excellent.

High-ADG and high-WDA junior Angus—Lot 13; owner: Trax Cattle, Saint George, S.C.; sire: SAV Final Answer 0035; ADG: 4.80 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; WDA: 3.57 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,060 lb.

High-ADG senior Angus—Lot 61; owner: Stillwater Cattle Co., Inman, S.C.; sire: Basin Payweight 107S; ADG: 5.58 lb.; ADG ratio: 136; WDA: 3.08 lb.; WDA ratio: 103; wt.: 1,110 lb.

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 53; owner: MPAC Angus, Bamberg, S.C.; sire: Nichols Quiet Lad T9; ADG: 4.95 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 3.69 lb.; WDA ratio: 123; wt.: 1,475 lb.

Junior Angus averages (20 head)—ADG: 3.92 lb.; WDA: 3.14 lb.; wt.: 1,007 lb.

Senior Angus averages (38 head)—ADG: 4.11 lb.; WDA: 3.01 lb.; wt.: 1,146 lb.

The next interim weight was scheduled for Nov. 12, with final weights to be taken Dec. 10. The sale is scheduled for Feb. 1, 2014.

For additional information contact Matthew 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.

▣ **OPSU Bull Performance Test**

Goodwell, Okla.

On-test report (Oct. 11)

The bulls consigned to the 62nd annual Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU) Bull Performance test were weighed on test Oct. 11. This year's test includes bulls consigned by 14 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 Beau and Brady Ewton, both of Whitesboro, Texas; Nathan Johnson, Longmont, Colo.; and Brenna Kuhlman, Shattuck, Okla.

The test ends Feb. 1, 2014, and the top bulls will sell Feb. 24. 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.

▣ **Nebraska Bull Test**

Mason City, Neb.

On-test report (Oct. 18)

The 51st Nebraska Bull Test began Oct. 18, 2013, with a total of 128 bulls. There are 94 Angus with an average weight of 846 lb., and 25 calving ease Angus with an average weight of 819 lb. Bulls on test were born Jan. 1-April 1, 2013. The bulls are being fed to gain a targeted 3.5 lb. per day at Shane and Jill Rohde Farms. The 60-day weight will be taken Dec. 17, 2013. The 90-day weight is scheduled for Jan. 16, 2014.

Bulls will be weighed off test Feb. 14-15. The sale will take place March 26 at the Central Nebraska Commission Co. in Broken Bow, Neb.

For more information or progress reports contact Mick Phillips, manager, Nebraska Bull Test, 205 Phillips Dr., Arthur, NE 69121; phone: 308-764-2378; email: micolin@nebnet.net. Information is also available on the test website at www.nebraskabulltest.com.

▣ **Tifton Bull Evaluation Program**

Tifton Bull Evaluation Center, Tifton, Ga.

On-test report (Oct. 22)

The 56th Tifton Bull Evaluation Program began Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 with the delivery of 128 bulls representing nine different breeds and averaging 761 lb. Weather conditions have been steady, and the health of the bulls has been excellent, says Jacob Segers, extension animal scientist.

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The 112-day test features bulls born Dec. 1, 2012-Feb. 28, 2013. All bulls tested negative for persistent infection with bovine viral diarrhea (PI-BVD).

Going on test Oct. 22, the 56 Angus bulls averaged 852 lb. for a weight per day of age (WDA) of 2.93 lb., while all 128 bulls averaged 845 lb. with a WDA of 2.94 lb. The next weigh day was scheduled for Nov. 19. Interim weights will be collected Dec. 17 and Jan. 14, 2014, and final weights are scheduled for collection Feb. 10-11. Qualifying bulls may sell in the test sale March 5.

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.

▶ Butner BCIP Bull Test Bahama, N.C.

84-day report (Oct. 22)

The Butner BCIP Bull Test reported 68 bulls weighed on test July 30. The 112-day test is for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 15, 2012, and has 62 Angus bulls on test. Bulls were delivered to the test station July 17. Final weights were to be taken Nov. 18-19.

High-ADG and high-WDA Angus—Lot 54; owner: George Williams, Williams Angus, Gray, Tenn.; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 4.94 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 3.50 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,475 lb.

Angus averages (61 head)—ADG: 3.84 lb.; WDA: 3.04 lb.; wt.: 1,202 lb.

Overall averages (65 head)—ADG: 3.86 lb.; WDA: 3.01 lb.; wt.: 1,193 lb.

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.

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

28-day report (Sept. 18)

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

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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.

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus—Lot 1152; owner: Uncle Henry Farms, Graceville; sire: Connealy Capitalist 028; ADG: 5.04 lb.; WDA: 2.77 lb.; wt.: 1,035 lb.; test index ratio: 146

High-WDA Angus—Lot 1118; owner: Triple D Angus, Whigham, Ga.; sire: 9V3 of ST15-5050; ADG: 3.86 lb.; WDA: 3.17 lb.; wt.: 984 lb.; test index ratio: 131

Best RFI Angus—Lot 1156; owner: Uncle Henry Farms; sire: SAV Net Worth 4200; ADG: 2.36 lb.; F:G: 2.94; RFI: -9.34; wt.: 794 lb.

56-day report (Oct. 15-16)

High-ADG and high-indexing (tie) Angus—Lot 1096; owner: BOSH Cattle Co., Marianna; sire: Kensington 458N Design W109; ADG: 4.50 lb.; WDA: 2.78 lb.; wt.: 983 lb.; test index ratio: 131

High-WDA and high-indexing (tie) Angus—Lot 1118; owner: Triple D Angus; sire: 9V3 of ST15-5050; ADG: 4.04 lb.; WDA: 3.26 lb.; wt.: 1,103 lb.; test index ratio: 131

Best RFI Angus—Lot 1128; owner: Jason

Jerkins, Bristol; sire: SAV Iron Mountain 8066; ADG: 2.57 lb.; F:G: 8.95; RFI: -7.79; wt.: 1,045 lb.

The final interim weight was scheduled for 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.

▶ Green Springs Summer Bull Test Nevada, Mo.

112-day final report (Oct. 15)

The Green Springs Summer Bull Test at Nevada, Mo., weighed bulls on test June 14.

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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 2012.

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 pounds (lb.) per day.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 13044; owner: Taber Angus Farm, Osceola, Mo.; sire: Taber's Ground Breaker 7184; ADG: 4.96 lb.; ADG ratio: 141; WDA: 3.73 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; RFI: -2.11 lb.; test index: 115

High-WDA Angus—Lot 13056; owner: Lee Angus, Austin Lee, Vinita, Okla.; ADG: 4.15 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; WDA: 3.83 lb.; WDA ratio: 124; RFI: 0.97 lb.; test index: 113

High-indexing Angus—Lot 13029; owner: Garton; ADG: 4.02 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 3.53 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; RFI: -1.98 lb.; test index: 121

Best RFI Angus—Lot 13046; owner: Taber Angus Farm; sire: Connealy Forward; ADG: 3.13 lb.; ADG ratio: 89; WDA: 3.15 lb.; WDA ratio: 102; RFI: -4.82 lb.; test index: 96

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.

▶ Southwest Virginia BCIA Bull Test Hillwinds Farm, Dublin, Va. On-test report (Oct. 22)

The junior and senior tests at the Southwest Virginia BCIA Bull Test will be conducted simultaneously. Entries for both

divisions were due Sept. 6. Delivery was accepted Oct. 1 at Hillwinds Farm. A total of 87 senior bulls and 106 junior bulls went on test Oct. 21-22.

The 54 senior Angus bulls began the test with an average weight of 996 lb. and an average WDA of 2.72 lb. The 60 junior Angus bulls weighed on test with an average weight of 739 lb. and an average WDA of 2.89 lb.

Interim weights are scheduled for collection Dec. 17 and Jan. 14, 2014.

The bulls will be weighed off test with an average of weights collected Feb. 10-11. The test sale will be at the farm March 22.

For more information contact Scott Greiner, extension beef specialist, at 540-231-9159; fax: 540-231-3713 or sgreiner@vt.edu; or Tim Sutphin, owner/manager, Hillwinds Farm, 5660 Thornspring Church Rd., Dublin, VA 24084; 540-980-5848. Information is also available on the test website, <http://bcia.apsc.vt.edu>.

