



Performance Report

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Virginia BCIA Culpeper Senior Test Glenmary Farm, Rapidan, Va. On-test report (July 15)

Ninety Angus bulls were among the 95 bulls weighed on test for the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) Culpeper Senior Test. Angus bulls averaged 877 pounds (lb.) going on test for an average weight-per-day-of-age (WDA) of 2.99 lb. The entire set of bulls — also including Gelbvieh Balancer, Polled Hereford and Simmental bulls — averaged 882 lb. for an average WDA of 3.01 lb.

The Virginia BCIA program is a postweaning full-gain test. The bulls are scheduled to be weighed off test with an average of weights taken Nov. 4. Qualifying bulls will sell Dec. 13. For more information contact Scott Greiner, Extension beef specialist, at 540-231-9159 or sgreiner@vt.edu. Test information and weight reports are available on the test web site, <http://bcia.apsc.vt.edu>.

Calhoun Bull Test Calhoun, Ga.

On-test report (July 21-22)

The 38th Calhoun Bull Evaluation Program began June 30-July 1 with the delivery of 132 bulls.

The test's purpose is to record differences in ability of bulls to gain in a uniform environment, while providing breeders with a sound scientific basis for selecting bulls with ability to gain weight rapidly and to make such bulls available to cattlemen.

One hundred and two Angus bulls, representing 33 herds, are on test. They averaged 892 pounds (lb.) going on test July 21, for an average WDA of 3.13 lb. All 132 bulls averaged 880 lb., for an average WDA of 3.13 lb. The bulls will be weighed off test Nov. 10-11, and qualifying bulls will sell Dec. 5.

Visitors are invited to the station at any time. For more information contact Ted Dyer or Phil Worley, bull test supervisors, at 706-624-1398 or nwgastn@uga.edu. Test information can be found at www.tifton.uga.edu/pc-web.

North Carolina BCIP Bull Test Butner, N.C.

On-test report (Aug. 12)

Bulls on the North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement Program (BCIP) Bull Test went on test Aug. 12 at both the Butner and Waynesville test stations.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 34; owner: Dennis Overcash, Mooresville; sire: SS Objective T510 OT26; WDA: 3.27 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 947 lb.; frame: 6.3

Angus averages (55 head)—WDA: 2.79 lb.; wt.: 836 lb.; frame: 5.5

Overall averages (57 head)—WDA: 2.79 lb.; wt.: 834 lb.; frame: 5.5

The testing period will end Dec. 2.

Qualifying bulls may be eligible for sale Jan. 10, 2009. For more information contact Gary Gregory, bull test supervisor, at 919-515-4027 or gary_gregory@ncsu.edu. Test information can be found at www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/animal/bcip/Ahbcip.html.

North Carolina BCIP Bull Test Waynesville, N.C.

On-test report (Aug. 5)

High-WDA Angus—Lot 6; owner: Mike Connatser, Maryville, Tenn.; sire: TC Total 410; WDA: 3.58 lb.; WDA ratio: 125; wt.: 912 lb.; frame: 5.9

Angus averages (37 head)—WDA: 2.85 lb.; wt.: 859 lb.; frame: 5.2

Overall averages (43 head)—WDA: 2.89 lb.; wt.: 865 lb.; frame: 5.3

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2008 IBEP Summer Test Bedford, Ind.

91-day report (Aug. 19)

The 2008 Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) Summer Test is under way with 120 bulls on test, 89 of which are Angus. Bulls came from 43 cooperators from seven states. The test index for the IBEP is 60% of the average daily gain (ADG) ratio and 40% of the WDA ratio.

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus—Lot 98; owner: Top End Angus, Taylorsville, Ky.; sire: SAV 8180 Traveler 004; ADG: 5.67 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; WDA: 3.82 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,370 lb.; test index: 127

High-WDA Angus—Lot 36; owner: Hall Bros., Oaktown, Ind.; sire: HB New Design 512; ADG: 5.21 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 3.95 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,440 lb.; test index: 122

Angus averages (89 head)—ADG: 4.22 lb.; WDA: 3.32 lb.; wt.: 1,230 lb.

Overall averages (120 head)—ADG: 4.06 lb.; WDA: 3.30 lb.; wt.: 1,201 lb.

Bulls may be eligible for sale Oct. 18 at the Springville Feeder Auction in Springville, Ind., and online at www.dvauction.com.

For more information contact Kern Hendrix at 765-494-7832; Richard Huntrods at 812-279-8554; or Donna Lofgren by e-mail at

dlofgren@purdue.edu. Visit the test web site at www.ansc.purdue.edu/ibep.

OBI Angus Test No. 81 Stillwater, Okla. 56-day report (Aug. 15)

Test No. 81 of Oklahoma Beef Inc. (OBI) featuring 140 Angus bulls from 17 consignors began June 20. Bulls are fed twice daily in fenceline feedbunks or self-feeders. Bulls tested negative for persistent infection with bovine viral diarrhea (PI-BVD).

High-ADG Angus—Lot 7357; owner: 74-51 Cattle Co., Oklahoma City, Okla.; sire: EXAR Lutton 1831; ADG: 6.61 lb.; ADG ratio: 152; WDA: 3.29 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,000 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 7354; owner: 74-51 Cattle Co., Oklahoma City, Okla.; sire: EX Pit Boss 409; ADG: 5.82 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; WDA: 3.68 lb.; WDA ratio: 122; wt.: 1,145 lb.

Angus averages (140 head)—ADG: 4.34 lb.; WDA: 3.01 lb.; wt.: 964 lb.

Bulls that successfully complete testing are 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, station manager, at 405-624-1181 or okbeef@provalue.net; or Bob Kropp, Oklahoma State University professor of animal science, at 405-744-9287. Reports are available on the test web site at www.ansi.okstate.edu/exten/obi.

52nd Annual Cal Poly Bull Test San Luis Obispo, Calif. Final report (Aug. 30)

The final weigh period of the Cal Poly Bull Test was Aug. 30. The test index for the Cal Poly Bull Test is 50% ADG ratio + 50% WDA ratio. It is a 105-day test. The test features three divisions — a general Angus division, a low-birth-weight (low-BW) division and a multitrait division. There are 123 Angus bulls on test. Bulls came from 33 cooperators from the state of California.

High-ADG low-BW Angus—Lot 63; owner: Bruin Ranch, Auburn; sire: Rito 112 of 2536 Rito 616; ADG: 4.27 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 2.91 lb.; WDA ratio: 93; wt.: 1,151 lb.; test index: 107

High-WDA low-BW Angus—Lot 146; owner: K Bar 6, San Luis Obispo; sire: SS Objective T510 OT26; ADG: 3.93 lb.; ADG ratio: 111; WDA: 3.44 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,152 lb.; test index: 110

High-indexing low-BW Angus—Lot 47; owner: Amador Angus, Modesto; sire: Ironwood New Level; ADG: 4.01 lb.; ADG ratio:

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113; WDA: 3.26 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,241 lb.; test index: 111

High-ADG multitrait Angus—Lot 126; owner: Cal Poly Ranch, San Luis Obispo; sire: GAR Retail Product; ADG: 4.35 lb.; ADG ratio: 119; WDA: 3.40 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; wt.: 1,173 lb.; test index: 126

High-WDA multitrait Angus—Lot 21; owner: Wine Glass Cattle, Napa; sire: PF 31654 Midland 5024; ADG: 4.14 lb.; ADG ratio: 113; WDA: 3.76 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,274 lb.; test index: 115

High-indexing multitrait Angus—Lot 28; owner: Rollingwood Ranch, Potter Valley; sire: CK Freedom of G112 068; ADG: 4.28 lb.; ADG ratio: 117; WDA: 3.68 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,240 lb.; test index: 117

High-ADG Angus—Lot 43; owner: Century Farm Black Angus, San Francisco; sire: GAR

Retail Product; ADG: 4.53 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 3.00 lb.; WDA ratio: 94; wt.: 1,172 lb.; test index: 109

High-WDA and high-indexing Angus—Lot 133; owner: Bar Nothing Ranch, San Luis Obispo; sire: Rito 616 of 4B20 6807; ADG: 4.39 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 3.73 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,303 lb.; test index: 118

Low-BW Angus averages (35)—ADG: 3.54 lb.; WDA: 3.11 lb.; wt.: 1,146 lb.

Multitrait Angus averages (46)—ADG: 3.65 lb.; WDA: 3.20 lb.; wt.: 1,179 lb.

Angus averages (42)—ADG: 3.63 lb.; WDA: 3.19 lb.; wt.: 1,176 lb.

The Cal Poly Bull Test Sale is scheduled for Oct. 5. For more information contact Mike Hall, beef cattle specialist, at 805-756-2685 or mhall@calpoly.edu, or visit the test web site at <http://bulltest.calpoly.edu>.

▶ **100th LSU Beef Bull Evaluation Alexandria, La. 84-day report (Sept. 5)**

The third 28-day period of the 100th Beef Bull Evaluation Test at Louisiana State University's (LSU's) Dean Lee Research Station in Alexandria ended Sept. 5. "After 84 days on test, the group averaged 3.17 pounds daily gain," reports Danny Coombs, test coordinator.

High-gaining Angus—Lot 15; owner: Dave Means, Roseneath Plantation, Gloster, La.; sire: SAV 8180 Traveler 004; ADG: 5.14 lb.; wt.: 1,126 lb.

Angus averages (20 head)—ADG: 3.73 lb.; wt.: 1,008 lb.

Overall averages (76 head)—ADG: 3.43 lb.; wt.: 954 lb.

There will not be a sale at the conclusion of this test, and bulls will not be allowed to return to the sale, which may take place in March. For more information contact Coombs at 318-473-6528 or dcoombs@agctr.lsu.edu. Livestock Testing Station information, as well as weight reports, are available on the test web site at www.lsuagcenter.com. 