



# Performance Report

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## ■ Virginia BCIA Culpeper Senior Test Glenmary Farm, Rapidan, Va. 56-day report (Sept. 9)

Eighty-seven Angus bulls were among the 92 bulls weighed Sept. 9 for the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) Culpeper Senior Test. The Virginia BCIA program is a postweaning full-gain test.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 89; owner: Echo Ridge Farm, C.W. Pratt, Atkins; sire: Rito 477 of 061 Rito 616; ADG: 5.80 lb.; ADG ratio: 136; WDA: 3.71 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,210 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 26; owner: Edgewood Angus, Pete Henderson, Williamsburg; sire: CRA Bextor 872 5205 608; ADG: 5.00 lb.; ADG ratio: 117; WDA: 3.73 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,275 lb.

**Angus averages (87 head)**—ADG: 4.27 lb.; WDA: 3.19 lb.; wt.: 1,115 lb.

**Overall averages (92 head)**—ADG: 4.25 lb.; WDA: 3.21 lb.; wt.: 1,120 lb.

The bulls are scheduled to be weighed off test with an average of weights taken Nov. 3 and 4. Qualifying bulls will sell Dec. 13 at Culpeper Ag Enterprises. For more information contact Scott Greiner, Extension beef specialist, at 540-231-9159 or [sgreiner@vt.edu](mailto: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.

### 28-day report (Aug. 19)

The 39th Calhoun Bull Evaluation Program began June 30-July 1 with the delivery of 132 bulls.

“As with most parts of the state, it has been hot, dry and dusty,” reports Ronnie Silcox, Extension animal scientist. “Health in general has been good, but we have had a few bulls that have been treated for respiratory illness.”

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.

“We changed to a soy hull, corn gluten and corn ration this year, giving up a little bit of gain to have a ration that you can afford,” Silcox says.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 61; owner: Richburg Cattle, Malcom Richburg, Auburn, Ala.; sire: Boyd On Target 1083; ADG: 5.71 lb.; ADG ratio: 169; WDA: 3.68 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,250 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 105; owner: Double

B Farms, Henry Bamberg, Bamberg, S.C.; sire: Sitz New Design 349M; ADG: 4.29 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 3.97 lb.; WDA ratio: 126; wt.: 1,230 lb.

**Angus averages (100 head)**—ADG: 3.38 lb.; WDA: 3.15 lb.; wt.: 987 lb.

**Overall averages (130 head)**—ADG: 3.35 lb.; WDA: 3.15 lb.; wt.: 974 lb.

### 56-day report (Sept. 11)

“The night temperatures are starting to cool as the day length shortens,” reports Ted Dyer, Extension animal specialist. “This has helped the bull’s appetites. The report shows some excellent gains with the new commodity byproduct corn ration.”

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 41; owner: Cabe Bros., Richmond, Ga.; sire: GAR Grid Maker; ADG: 4.96 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; WDA: 3.29 lb.; WDA ratio: 102; wt.: 1,060 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 105; owner: Double B Farms; sire: Sitz New Design 349M; ADG: 4.91 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 4.10 lb.; WDA ratio: 127; wt.: 1,385 lb.

**Angus averages (100 head)**—ADG: 3.71 lb.; WDA: 3.23 lb.; wt.: 1,100 lb.

**Overall averages (130 head)**—ADG: 3.70 lb.; WDA: 3.23 lb.; wt.: 1,087 lb.

Visitors are invited to the station at any time. For more information contact Dyer or Silcox, bull test supervisors, at 706-624-1398 or [tgdyer@uga.edu](mailto:tgdyer@uga.edu). Test information can be found at [www.tifton.uga.edu/pc-web](http://www.tifton.uga.edu/pc-web).

## ■ OBI Angus Test No. 81 Stillwater, Okla.

### 84-day report (Sept. 12)

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 7066; owner: Blackjack Angus Farm, Seminole, Okla.; sire: EXAR 263C; ADG: 6.25 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 3.20 lb.; WDA ratio: 106; wt.: 1,290 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 7354; owner: 74-51 Cattle Co., Oklahoma City, Okla.; sire: EX Pit Boss 409; ADG: 4.11 lb.; ADG ratio: 109; WDA: 3.68 lb.; WDA ratio: 122; wt.: 1,260 lb.

**Angus averages (140 head)**—ADG: 5.70 lb.; WDA: 3.02 lb.; wt.: 1,126 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](mailto: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](http://www.ansi.okstate.edu/exten/obi).

## ■ 2008 IBEP Summer Test Bedford, Ind.

### 125-day final report (Sept. 22)

The 2008 Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) Summer Test ended Sept. 22 with 120 bulls, 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 weight-per-day-of-age (WDA) ratio.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 226; owner: Grubbs Angus Farm, Hillsboro; sire: Grubbs Newsbreak 85; ADG: 5.28 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 3.71 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,705 lb.; frame: 6.2; test index: 119

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 94; owner: Green Acres Angus, Walkerton; sire: Nichols Extra H6; ADG: 4.86 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 3.93 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,310 lb.; frame: 6.0; test index: 115

**High-indexing Angus**—Lot 232; owner: Betzold Farms/Austin, Nokomis, Ill.; sire: MA Freedom 475-492; ADG: 5.27 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 3.89 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,465 lb.; frame: 6.2; test index: 121

**Angus averages (89 head)**—ADG: 4.23 lb.; WDA: 3.40 lb.; wt.: 1,375 lb.

**Overall averages (120 head)**—ADG: 4.06 lb.; WDA: 3.37 lb.; wt.: 1,340 lb.

Qualifying bulls were eligible for sale Oct. 18 at the Springville Feeder Auction in Springville, Ind., and online at [www.dvauction.com](http://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](mailto:dlofgren@purdue.edu). Visit the test web site at [www.ansc.purdue.edu/ibep](http://www.ansc.purdue.edu/ibep).

#### ▣ 100th LSU Beef Bull Evaluation Alexandria, La.

##### 112-day final report (Oct. 1)

The final 28-day period of the 100th Beef Bull Evaluation Test at Louisiana State University's (LSU's) Dean Lee Research Station in Alexandria ended Oct. 1. "Carcass ultrasounding and breeding soundness exams were optional procedures offered to the participants at the end of this test," reports Danny Coombs, test coordinator.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 13; owner: Warren Bryan, Bryan's Twin Oak Plantation, Choudrant, La.; ADG: 4.00 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA: 3.00 lb.; wt.: 1,138 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 20; owner: Philip Shoemaker, Shoemaker Angus Farm, Winnsboro, La.; sire: Mytty In Focus; ADG: 3.07 lb.; ADG ratio: 94; WDA: 3.41 lb.; wt.: 1,232 lb.

**Angus averages (20 head)**—ADG: 3.27 lb.; WDA: 2.97 lb.; wt.: 1,061 lb.

**Overall averages (76 head)**—ADG: 3.02 lb.; WDA: 2.93 lb.; wt.: 1,005 lb.

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

#### ▣ Clemson Bull Test Simpson Experiment Station, Pendleton, S.C. 28-day report (Oct. 7)

The 2009 Clemson Bull Test began with a fruitful first 28-day period Oct. 7. "The 43 bulls on test gained an average of 5.69 pounds (lb.) per day," reports Larry Olson, Extension animal scientist and bull testing program coordinator. "As usual, ADGs (average daily gains) were all over the place for a first period on test, but some bulls [go

on] full feed faster than others. Health of the bulls has been good."

The Clemson Bull Test at Simpson Experiment Station near Pendleton, S.C., is a corn-silage-based bull test program.

**High-gaining junior Angus**—Lot 31; owner: Stephanie Clark, River Hill Farm, Fountain Inn, S.C.; sire: SAV 8180 Traveler 004; ADG: 8.11 lb.; ADG ratio: 143; WDA: 3.83 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,265 lb.

**High-gaining senior Angus**—Lot 1; owner: Marvin Zeigler, MPAC Angus, Bamberg, S.C.; sire: TC Grid Topper 355; ADG: 9.54 lb.; ADG ratio: 157; WDA: 3.76 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,505 lb.

**Junior Angus averages**—ADG: 5.67 lb.; WDA: 3.43 lb.; wt.: 1,070 lb.

**Senior Angus averages**—ADG: 6.08 lb.; WDA: 3.15 lb.; wt.: 1,241 lb.

For more information contact Olson at 803-284-3343, ext. 231, or visit the test web site at [www.clemson.edu/edisto/cubt/cubt.htm](http://www.clemson.edu/edisto/cubt/cubt.htm).

