



Performance Report

► Bull test reports and other performance-related items

■ OBI Angus Test No. 82 Stillwater, Okla. 56-day report (Oct. 10)

Test No. 82 of Oklahoma Beef Inc. (OBI), featuring 36 Angus bulls from 12 consignors, began Aug. 15. Bulls are fed twice daily in fenceline feedbunks or self-feeders. Bulls tested negative for persistent infection with bovine viral diarrhea (PI-BVD).

Bulls eligible for the sale must index 95.2 or greater, or have minimum values for adjusted yearling weight of 1,100 pounds (lb.) and cumulative average daily gain (ADG) of 3.50 lb. Bulls must also have a minimum off-test scrotal circumference of 32 centimeters (cm).

High-ADG Angus—Lot 110; owner: RT Angus Farm, Bennington, Okla.; sire: SAV 8180 Traveler 004; ADG: 6.64 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 3.46 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,160 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 124; owner: Carol Smith, Claremore, Okla.; sire: SS Objective T510 0T26; ADG: 5.96 lb.; ADG ratio: 117; WDA: 3.72 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,280 lb.

Angus averages (36 head)—ADG: 5.10 lb.; WDA: 3.13 lb.; wt.: 1,011 lb.

Final weights were to be taken Dec. 5. 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.

■ University of Tennessee Senior Bull Test Spring Hill, Tenn. 82-day report (Oct. 7)

The University of Tennessee Senior Bull Test began with 101 Angus bulls averaging 1,055 lb. on-test Sept. 9 at the Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center in Spring Hill. The 84-day test is a standard, impartial postweaning gain test for registered bulls of any recognized beef breed or three-quarter blood or higher percentage bulls of breeds that have an open herd book. The senior bull test is for bulls born Sept. 1-Dec. 15, 2007. The test will furnish records that will be useful to the consignor in his or her breeding program.

Bulls were given a 14-day adjustment period before the official test began. Weights were to be taken at 28-day intervals Oct. 7 and Nov. 4, with the off-test weight collected as an average of weights taken Dec. 1 and Dec. 2. Qualifying bulls will sell Jan. 22, 2009, at the Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center.

Ninety-nine Angus bulls finished the first 28-day weigh period with an ADG of 5.35 lb.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 51; owner: Kemmer Farms, Crossville; sire: Rito 4L60 of 2536 BVND 208; ADG: 7.61 lb.; WDA: 3.57 lb.; wt.: 1,215 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 47; owner: Hope Hill Farm, Milan; sire: Papa Equator 2928; ADG: 5.96 lb.; WDA: 4.01 lb.; wt.: 1,365 lb.

Angus averages (99 head)—ADG: 5.35 lb.; WDA: 3.23 lb.; wt.: 1,316 lb.

Overall averages (100 head)—ADG: 5.34 lb.; WDA: 3.30 lb.; wt.: 988 lb.

For more information contact F. David Kirkpatrick, professor of animal science, at 865-974-7294 or fkirkpat@utk.edu. Information is available on the test web site at <http://animalscience.ag.utk.edu/beef/bulltest.htm>.

■ 51st Tifton Bull Evaluation Tifton, Ga.

On-test report (Oct. 21)

The 51st Tifton Bull Evaluation began Sept. 29-30 with the delivery of 162 bulls, with 84 Angus.

“The weather has been good, and the health of the bulls has been excellent with a few exceptions,” reports Robert Stewart, Extension animal scientist. “Our consignors are to be commended for the quality of bulls sent this year. At this point, the quality is deep in every breed.”

Bulls were tested negative for PI-BVD and in addition to visual tags, electronic identification (EID) tags were provided. “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,” says Ronnie Silcox, Extension animal scientist.

On-test weights were taken Oct. 21 after the initial warm-up period. Angus bulls

averaged a WDA of 3.10 lb. with an average weight of 868 lb. The first 28-day weigh period was scheduled for Nov. 18.

For more information contact Stewart, test supervisor, at 229-986-3683 or rstewart@uga.edu; or Patsie Cannon, test secretary, at ptcannon@uga.edu. Test information is also available at the test web site at www.tifton.uga.edu/pc-web.

■ Calhoun Bull Test Calhoun, Ga. 84-day report (Oct. 14)

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

“Average daily gains have increased to 3.92 pounds, with gains for this weigh period averaging 4.31 pounds per day,” reports Ted Dyer, Extension animal scientist. “As hoped, gains continue to improve and should continue to remain at a high level as we complete the testing period.”

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

High-ADG Angus (tie)—Lot 98; owner: C.L. Cook, Brifton Farm, Social Circle, Ga.; sire: GAR Retail Product; ADG: 5.00 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 3.50 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; wt.: 1,125 lb.

High-ADG (tie) and high-WDA Angus—Lot 105; owner: Henry Bamberg, Double B Farms, Bamberg, S.C.; sire: Sitz New Design 349M; ADG: 5.00 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 4.18 lb.; WDA ratio: 126; wt.: 1,530 lb.

Angus averages (98 head)—ADG: 3.95 lb.; WDA: 3.32 lb.; wt.: 1,225 lb.

Overall averages (128 head)—ADG: 3.92 lb.; WDA: 3.31 lb.; wt.: 1,209 lb.

The last 28-day weigh period was scheduled for Nov. 11. Sale eligibility will be determined at that time, with approximately two-thirds (based on ADG and WDA) qualifying for the sale. Sale-eligible bulls must have then passed the breeding soundness exam on Nov. 17.

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

■ Western Illinois University Bull Test Macomb, Ill. On-test report (Oct. 6-7)

Fifty-five bulls were delivered to the

Correction

In the November “Performance Report” column, Mytty In Focus was named as the sire of the high weight-per-day-of-age bull on test at the 100th Louisiana State University (LSU) Beef Bull Evaluation. It has been brought to our attention that the correct listing should have reported:

High-WDA Angus—Lot 20; owner: Phillip and Beth Shoemaker, Winnsboro, La.; sire: Garden’s Prime Time Star; ADG: 3.07 lb.; ADG ratio: 94; WDA: 3.41 lb.; wt.: 1,232 lb.

Western Illinois University Bull Test Station Oct. 6 and 7. The official test began Oct. 28 and will continue for 112 days until bulls are weighed off test Feb. 17, 2009.

"Are you ready for higher feed prices?" asks Ken Nimrick, associate professor and test manager. "Balanced rations and good management can affect feed efficiency and cost of production; however, studies show that approximately 40% of the differences in feed efficiency are accounted for by genetics. With ration costs approaching \$220 per ton and each animal gaining 800 lb. from weaning to harvest, the result is a savings in feed cost of \$35.20 per animal. If that bull sires 100 calves over his lifetime, he will put \$3,520 more in your bank account compared to the other bull. Can you afford *not* to use a bull with documented feed efficiency? Can you as a breeder afford *not* to have the documented feed efficiency data customers will demand in the future? Remember, the benefits will continue to compound down the road as you save replacement females and your cows become more efficient as well. You can inherit the difference in your herd."

The annual sale will take place at 7 p.m. Friday, March 20, 2009, at the Western Illinois University Livestock Center located 1 mile west of Highway 67 on Tower Road.

For more information contact Nimrick at 309-298-1288 or ko-nimrick@wiu.edu. Test information is available on the test web site at www.wiu.edu/bulltest.

■ Culpeper Bull Test Glenmary Farm, Rapidan, Va. 84-day report (Oct. 7)

Eighty-seven Angus bulls were among the 92 bulls weighed at the 84-day mark for the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) Culpeper Senior Test, which features bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2007.

High-ADG Angus (tie)—Lot 54; owner: Roy Ash, Huntland Angus, Middleburg, Va.; sire: Rito 2 878 of 2536 BVND 878; ADG: 5.00 lb.; ADG ratio: 137; WDA: 3.47 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,355 lb.

High-ADG (tie) and high-WDA (tie) Angus—Lot 89; owner: C.W. Pratt, Echo Ridge Farm, Atkins, Va.; sire: Rito 477 of 061 Rito 616; ADG: 5.00 lb.; ADG ratio: 137; WDA: 3.69 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,305 lb.

High-WDA Angus (tie)—Lot 34; owner: Pete Henderson, Edgewood Angus, Williamsburg, Va.; sire: Rito 112 of 2536 Rito 616; ADG: 4.82 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.69 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,385 lb.

Angus averages (87 head)—ADG: 3.65 lb.; WDA: 3.13 lb.; wt.: 1,183 lb.

Overall averages (92 head)—ADG: 3.64 lb.; WDA: 3.15 lb.; wt.: 1,188 lb.

The bulls were to be weighed off test with an average of weights taken Nov. 3-4. Qualifying bulls were scheduled to 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>.

▶ Southwest Virginia Bull Test Hillwinds Farm, Dublin, Va. On-test report (Oct. 21)

The Southwest Virginia Bull Test began with 65 junior Angus bulls averaging 799 lb. and 76 senior Angus bulls averaging 1,008 lb. on-test Oct. 21 at Hillwinds Farm in Dublin, Va. The test is managed by the Virginia Tech Department of Animal and Poultry Science.

The 112-day test is a standard, impartial postweaning gain test providing a source of and market for performance-tested bulls. The junior bull test is for bulls born Jan. 1-March 31, 2008. The test will furnish records that will be useful to the consignor in his or her breeding program.

Bulls were given a 14-day adjustment period before the official test began. Weights were to be taken at 28-day intervals, with the off-test weight collected as an average of weights taken March 2-3. The sale for both senior and junior bulls is scheduled for March 28, 2009.

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