



# Performance Report

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

## ICA Bull Evaluation Program Guthrie Center and Cedar Rapids, Iowa Delivery report (Nov. 8, 2013)

Bulls were delivered to the Bloomfield and Dunlap test stations for the Iowa Cattlemen's Association (ICA) 2014 Bull Evaluation Program, with 43 consignors delivering 125 bulls (111 spring-born and 14 fall-born bulls). Spring-born bulls are at the test station at the Van Meter Feedyard in Guthrie Center, Iowa, and fall-born bulls are at the test station at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The bulls were to complete a 21-day warm-up period following their respective delivery dates. Bulls are to be weighed twice going on test. The first two weights will be averaged and will mark the start of the 112-day test. The top three-quarters of each breed meeting test requirements will be offered for sale.

Both spring and fall Bloomfield bulls will be sold March 17 at the Bloomfield Livestock Auction Market. Spring bulls will be sold at the Dunlap Livestock Auction Market March 28.

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## OPSU Bull Performance Test Goodwell, Okla.

### 56-day report (Dec. 7, 2013)

The bulls consigned to the 62nd annual Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU) Bull Performance test were weighed on test Oct. 11, 2013. 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 weight per day of age (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 Gideon Busieni, Kenya; Beau and Brady Ewton, both of Whitesboro, Texas; and Nathan Johnson, Longmont, Colo.

**High-ADG junior Angus**—owner: Phil Light,

Turpin, Okla.; sire: Connealy Final Product; ADG: 5.55 lb.

**High-ADG senior Angus**—owner: Al Rutledge, Stillwater, Okla.; sire: GAR New Design 5050; ADG: 5.91 lb.

**Top junior Angus pen**—three bulls; owner: Phil Light; avg. ADG: 4.48 lb.

**Top senior Angus pen**—three bulls; owner: Al Rutledge; avg. ADG: 5.26 lb.

**Overall averages**—ADG: 4.15 lb.

### 84-day report (Jan. 4, 2014)

**High-ADG junior Angus**—Owner: Phil Light, Turpin; sire: Connealy Final Product; ADG: 5.31 lb.

**High-ADG senior Angus**—Owner: B&M Angus, Edmond; sire: SydGen Mandate 6079; ADG: 5.87 lb.

**High-ADG junior Angus pen**—Owner: J-C Angus, Moriarty, N.M.; avg. ADG: 4.52 lb.

**High-ADG senior Angus pen**—Owner: Al Rutledge, Stillwater; avg. ADG: 4.59 lb.

**Overall averages**—ADG: 4.11 lb.

The test ends Feb. 1, 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](mailto:gwen@opsu.edu).

## Connors State College Bull Test Warner, Okla.

### Test sale report (Nov. 14, 2013)

The Connors State All-Breeds Performance Test Station started in 1962 and currently hosts two 112-day tests each year. Following each test, the top 75 gaining bulls will be sold.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 142; owner: Lee; sire: PF Mr. Net Worth 1518; ADG: 5.9 lb.; ADG ratio: 133; wt.: 1,646 lb.

The sale took place Dec. 5.

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## University of Tennessee Senior Bull Test Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center, Spring Hill, Tenn.

### 84-day final report (Dec. 3, 2013)

The University of Tennessee Bull Testing Program weighed a total of 103 bulls on test Sept. 10, 2013. The 84-day test was being conducted at the Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center, Spring Hill, Tenn. Senior bulls must have been born Sept. 1-Dec. 15, 2012. There were 92 Angus bulls on test. The sale was scheduled for Jan. 23, 2014.

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**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 31; owner: Harris Bros. Cattle Co., Morrison; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 5.25 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 4.05 lb.; WDA ratio: 125; wt.: 1,688 lb.; frame: 6.9; SC: 41 cm

**Angus averages (90 head)**—WDA: 3.25 lb.

**Overall averages (101 head)**—WDA: 3.23 lb.

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### University of Tennessee Junior Bull Test Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center, Spring Hill, Tenn. 28-day report (Dec. 3, 2013)

The University of Tennessee Bull Testing Program has 65 bulls on test, 60 of them Angus. The 84-day test will be conducted at the Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center, Spring Hill, Tenn.

The junior bulls must be born Dec. 16, 2012-March 15, 2013. The nomination deadline for junior bulls was Sept. 17, 2013, with delivery Oct. 22. The next interim weight was scheduled to be taken Dec. 31. Junior bulls were to be weighed off test Jan. 27-28, 2014, with the sale scheduled for March 6.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 36; owner: Mills Angus Farm, Cookeville; sire: SydGen Magnitude; ADG: 5.46 lb.; WDA: 3.21 lb.; wt.: 1,125 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 29; owner: Lynn Angus, Kingston Springs; sire: LA Mytty 42W; ADG: 4.61 lb.; WDA: 3.77 lb.; wt.: 1,015 lb.

**Angus averages (61 head)**—ADG: 3.73 lb.

**Overall averages (66 head)**—ADG: 3.67 lb.

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### Southern West Virginia Bull Test Point Pleasant, W.Va. 30-day report (Dec. 5, 2013)

The 2014 Southern West Virginia Bull Test accepted delivery of 104 bulls Oct. 10, 2013. The bulls went on test Nov. 5, 2013. Off-test weights for the 100-day test are to be taken Feb. 13.

The Point Pleasant Test utilizes a forage-based ration. Bulls are fed to achieve a target ADG of approximately 3.25 lb. The program stresses a total performance approach, not only measuring gain on test, but also reporting indicators of reproductive and carcass performance. Consignors are required to be active participants in the herd improvement program of their respective breeds.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 345; owner: Triple O Farms, Vernon O'Dell, Amma; sire: TOF Extra ND; ADG: 5.33 lb.; ADG ratio: 147; wt.: 903 lb. The test sale will be March 29.

For more information contact Rodney Wallbrown, Mason County WVU Extension Service, 525 Viand St., Point Pleasant, WV 25550; phone: 304-675-0888; fax: 304-674-6154; or visit the test website at [www.wvbeef.org/bulltest](http://www.wvbeef.org/bulltest).

### North Carolina BCIP Bull Test Mountain Research Station, Waynesville, N.C. 114-day final report (Dec. 5, 2013)

A total of 55 bulls, 43 of them Angus, were weighed on test Aug. 13, 2013, 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.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 70; owner: King Angus Farm, Dwight King, Piney Flats, Tenn.; sire: GVF Forward 9042; ADG: 4.67 lb.; ADG ratio: 138; WDA: 3.31 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; frame: 6.9; wt.: 1,378 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 66; owner: H&H Farm, Buddy Hamrick, Boiling Springs; sire: GAR New Design 5050; ADG: 3.35 lb.; ADG ratio: 99; WDA: 3.56 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; frame: 7.5; wt.: 1,605 lb.

**Angus averages (43 head)**—ADG: 3.37 lb.; WDA: 3.04 lb.; wt.: 1,323 lb.

**Overall averages (55 head)**—ADG: 3.35 lb.; WDA: 3.02 lb.; wt.: 1,306 lb.

The test sale was Jan. 4, 2014, at the Haywood County Agricultural Office Building, Waynesville, N.C.

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### WBIA Bull Test University of Wisconsin, Platteville, Wis. On-test report (Dec. 6)

The Wisconsin Beef Improvement Association (WBIA) has conducted and overseen a central performance bull test each year since 1957. Young beef bulls from all over Wisconsin and the Midwest have been delivered to the University of Wisconsin-Platteville farm to develop a performance proof in an unbiased environment designed to let the cream rise to the top. More than 5,000 bulls from more than 250 consignors have been tested.

A total of 123 bulls, 96 of them Angus, were delivered Nov. 4, 2013, for the 2014 WBIA Bull Test for an on-test date of Dec. 6. The 100-day test is for bulls born Jan. 1-April 15, 2013.

Bulls are fed a soy- or oat-hull-based ration adjusted with locally available ingredients in a ration designed to promote lean, efficient growth while providing adequate energy to allow individuals to express their genetic potential. At the test conclusion, bulls are ultrasounded scanned for carcass traits and evaluated for breeding soundness.

Interim weights were scheduled to be taken Jan. 7 and Feb. 6. Off-test weights are to be taken March 12-13, with a sale date scheduled for April 5, 2014.

More information is available by contacting John Freitag, Wisconsin BIA executive director, PO Box 955, New Glarus, WI 53574; phone: 608-527-5747; fax: 608-527-3010; or at [wbia@tds.net](mailto:wbia@tds.net). Information is also available on the WBIA website at [www.wisconsinbeef.com](http://www.wisconsinbeef.com).

### Clemson Bull Test Simpson Experiment Station, Pendleton, S.C. 112-day final report (Dec. 9-10, 2013)

The Clemson University Bull Test (CUBT) is located at the Clemson Beef Cattle Farm on the Simpson Experiment Station near Pendleton, S.C. It is a 112-day feedlot test

### 2013 Calhoun Bull Evaluation PT Bull Sale, Dec. 6, Calhoun

► John Kiker, Kiker Angus Farms, Dalton, Ga., consigned the high-indexing Angus bull to the 2013 Calhoun Bull Evaluation Performance Test and Sale. KAF Potential 1230 is an October 2012 son of SAV Potential 0205. He posted an average daily gain of 4.94 lb., with an adjusted yearling weight of 1,357 lb. Pictured are (from left) Gary Hill, Georgia bull test advisory committee; and John Kiker, consignors.



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feeding a commodity byproduct-based bull test ration. This service and educational program is co-sponsored by Clemson University (Cooperative Extension Service, Clemson Experiment Station and Animal & Veterinary Sciences Department) and the South Carolina Cattlemen's Association.

The 2014 test had a total of 77 bulls on test. Senior bulls must have been born Sept. 1-Oct. 31, 2012, and junior bulls must have been 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 winter has arrived, but the bulls look really good, and health has been excellent.

**High-ADG junior Angus**—Lot 28; owner: Stillwater Cattle Co., Steve McPhail, Inman; sire: Basin Payweight 025S; ADG: 4.75 lb.; ADG ratio: 117; WDA: 3.23 lb.; WDA ratio: 98; wt.: 1,260 lb.; test index: 7.98

**High-WDA and high-indexing junior Angus**—Lot 13; owner: Trax Cattle, Chuck Traxler, Saint George; sire: Final Answer; ADG:

4.48 lb.; ADG ratio: 111; WDA: 3.67 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,298 lb.; test index: 8.14

**High-ADG senior Angus**—Lot 44; owner: Black Crest Farms, Sumter; sire: Sitz Onward 8337; ADG: 4.77 lb.; ADG ratio: 113; WDA: 3.37 lb.; WDA ratio: 106; wt.: 1,455 lb.; test index: 8.14

**High-WDA and high-indexing senior Angus**—Lot 53; owner: MPAC Angus, Marvin Zeigler, Bamberg; sire: Nichols Quiet Lad T9; ADG: 4.66 lb.; ADG ratio: 111; WDA: 3.77 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,725 lb.; test index: 8.44

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**Junior Angus averages (20 head)—ADG:** 4.05 lb.; WDA: 3.30 lb.; wt.: 1,246 lb.

**Senior Angus averages (37 head)—ADG:** 4.20 lb.; WDA: 3.17 lb.; wt.: 1,390 lb.

**Overall averages (77 head)—ADG:** 4.04 lb.; WDA: 3.20 lb.; wt.: 1,336 lb.

The sale was scheduled for Feb. 1, 2014.

For additional information contact Matthew Burns at burns5@clmson.edu or at 864-940-2428 (cell) or Gary Burns, Clemson University Beef Farm manager and Clemson Bull Test manager at gburns@clmson.edu or at 864-617-3402 (cell). Information is also available on the test website at [www.clemson.edu/extension/livestock/beef/bulltests-cubt](http://www.clemson.edu/extension/livestock/beef/bulltests-cubt).

#### ▶ **UBIA Bull Test**

##### **Kenison Feedlot, Levan, Utah 56-day report (Dec. 16, 2013)**

The Utah Beef Improvement Association (UBIA) received 162 junior and 8 senior bulls to be tested Oct. 6, 2013, at Kenison Farm and Feedlot, Levan. There are 95 junior Angus and three senior Angus in the test. Bulls were weighed on test Oct. 22. Bulls entered in the senior test were born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2012. Bulls entered in the junior test were born Jan. 1-March 15, 2013.

Bulls will be fed by breed. Breeds that do not have adequate numbers to fill a pen (typically 50 head) will be commingled with other breeds and fed together. There will be two divisions within the junior Angus breed test. Those divisions will be the traditional growth division and a low-birth-weight (low-BW) division.

**High-ADG and high-indexing junior low-BW Angus—Lot 139;** owner: McPherson Farms, Paul McPherson, Nephi; sire: SydGen Mandate 6079; ADG: 3.70 lb.; ADG ratio: 141; WDA: 3.28 lb.; wt.: 965 lb.; test index: 133

**High-WDA junior low-BW Angus—Lot 160;** owner: Sunset Farms, Robert Law, Kaysville; sire: GAR Predestined; ADG: 2.93 lb.; ADG ratio: 112; WDA: 3.58 lb.; wt.: 1,145 lb.; test index: 118

**High-ADG and high-indexing junior growth Angus—Lot 90;** owner: Farnsworth Angus, Ray Farnsworth, Gusher; sire: ALC Big Eye D09N; ADG: 4.34 lb.; ADG ratio: 156; WDA: 3.41 lb.; wt.: 1,015 lb.; test index: 142

**High-WDA junior growth Angus—Lot 78;** owner: Kelly Crozier Angus, Neola; sire: SS New Day X66; ADG: 3.14 lb.; ADG ratio: 113; WDA: 3.58 lb.; wt.: 1,060 lb.; test index: 114

**High-ADG, high-WDA and high-indexing senior Angus—Lot 200;** owner: Lowe Livestock, Lorin Lowe, Toquerville; sire: ICC Bear River 69X; ADG: 2.89 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 2.93 lb.; wt.: 1,025 lb.; test index: 120

**Angus junior low-BW averages (54 head)—ADG:** 2.62 lb.

**Angus junior growth averages (41 head)—ADG:** 2.79 lb.

**Overall junior averages (162 head)—ADG:** 2.40 lb.

To access a state-by-state listing of current central bull tests, visit our Virtual Library online at [www.api-virtuallibrary.com/CentralBullTests.htm](http://www.api-virtuallibrary.com/CentralBullTests.htm).

The listing includes contact information, links to test websites, current test schedules and dates of upcoming tests.

**Overall senior averages (8 head)—ADG:** 2.34 lb.

The last interim weight was scheduled for Jan. 13, with off-test weights taken Feb. 10 and 12. The test sale will be March 15.

For more information contact Kim Chapman, Utah State University Extension area animal scientist, at 435-892-0474 or kimc@ext.usu.edu; or Dale Kenison at 435-250-0090; or visit the test website, [www.ubiabulls.com](http://www.ubiabulls.com).

#### ▶ **Treasure Bull Test**

##### **Broken O Ranch Feedlot, Simms, Mont. 60-day report (Jan. 2, 2014)**

The 120-day Treasure Bull Test received bulls at the Broken O Ranch Feedlot in Simms, Mont. The spring division is for bulls born Dec. 15, 2012-April 15, 2013. The fall division is for bulls born Aug. 1-Dec. 14, 2012. The bulls were weighed on test Nov. 2, 2013.

**High-ADG Jackpot Angus—Lot 13;** owner: R.K. Perry, Ryan & Karnel Perry, Power, Mont.; sire: S Chisum 6175; ADG: 5.08 lb.; WDA: 3.55 lb.; wt.: 1,185 lb.

**High-WDA Jackpot Angus—Lot 2;** owner: Dalbey Angus, John Dalbey, Corvallis, Mont.; sire: HF Tiger 5T; ADG: 3.58 lb.; WDA: 3.55 lb.; wt.: 1,275 lb.

**High-ADG Angus—Lot 173;** owner: Can Am Cattle Co., Irl & Anne Rincker, Shelbyville, Ill.; sire: EXAR Upshot U562B; ADG: 5.33 lb.; WDA: 3.42 lb.; wt.: 1,190 lb.

**High-WDA Angus—Lot 169;** owner: R.K. Perry; sire: S Chisum 6175; ADG: 4.67 lb.; WDA: 3.71 lb.; wt.: 1,205 lb.

**Top Angus sire group—three bulls;** owner: Grandview Angus, Don Thibault, Jerome, Idaho; sire: AAR Ten X 7008 SA; avg. ADG: 4.67 lb.; avg. WDA: 3.41 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,200 lb.

**Angus averages (99 head)—ADG:** 3.76 lb.; WDA: 3.10 lb.

The bulls will be weighed off test in mid-March. Approximately 75% of the bulls on test will sell April 14 at Western Livestock Auction, Great Falls, Mont. Sale order will be determined by test index, which is one-third weaning ratio with a limit of 110, one-third gain ratio and one-third yearling ratio.

For more information contact Russ and Barb Pepper or Jeff and Jamie Wood at 406-264-5694 or [brtangus@3rivers.net](mailto:brtangus@3rivers.net). The test website is [www.treasurebulltest.com](http://www.treasurebulltest.com).

#### ▶ **Edisto Forage Bull Test**

##### **Edisto Research & Education Center, Blackville, S.C.**

##### **On-test report (Dec. 17, 2013)**

The 2014 Edisto Forage Bull Test (EFBT) began Dec. 17 in Blackville after the delivery of 57 bulls Nov. 25. Scott Sell, area livestock/forage extension agent and bull test coordinator, says the bulls look great and are doing well.

The test is located at the Edisto Research & Education Center near Blackville, S.C., and offers a unique approach to gain-testing bulls. It is a 168-day pasture-based test. EFBT was developed, built and started in 1982 with the commercial cow-calf producer in mind and capitalizing on the Southeast's advantage in the cattle business — the ability to grow high-quality, lush forages year-round. EFBT was designed to performance-test bulls in an environment in which bull buyers expect their progeny to perform.

So far this year the bulls are heavier, but the curve is the same. Sell says during last year's warm-up, the bulls lost an average of 0.80 lb. per day as they adjusted to the forages, and they did the exact same thing this year.

Off-test weights are scheduled for May 28-29, with the sale Oct. 11.

Sell can be contacted at 803-284-3343 ext. 223 (office); 803-450-0995 (cell) or [gsell@clmson.edu](mailto:gsell@clmson.edu).

Additional information is available on the test website at [www.clemson.edu/extension/livestock/livestock/beef/bull\\_tests/efbt.html](http://www.clemson.edu/extension/livestock/livestock/beef/bull_tests/efbt.html).

#### ▶ **IBEP Winter Test**

##### **Feldun-Purdue Ag Center, Bedford, Ind. 28-day report (Dec. 17)**

A total of 232 bulls and 31 get-of-sire groups were delivered Oct. 29 for the 2013 Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) Winter Test. Angus, Hereford, Red Angus, SimAngus, Simmental, Charolais, Shorthorn and LimFlex are the breeds represented.

The test is for bulls born Jan. 1-April 30, 2013. Bulls are fed a total mixed ration (TMR) that is approximately 55% corn silage, 22% corn grain, 20% distillers' dried grains with solubles and 3% balancer, along with free access to salt and minerals. Feed intake is recorded for each lot. Hay or small-grain crop silage may be substituted for the corn silage, depending on supply. A test index is 60% ADG ration + 40% WDA ratio.

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Interim weigh dates were scheduled for Jan. 21, 2014, and Feb. 18. The bulls will be weighed off test March 24. There are 163 Angus bulls in the test.

**High-ADG and high-indexing Angus**—Lot 29; owner: Bill Washburn, Olney, Ill.; sire: Connealy Confidence 0100; ADG: 7.00 lb.; ADG ratio: 149; WDA: 3.43 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 1,180 lb.; test index: 132

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 150; owner: Kohli Farms, Circleville, Ohio; sire: WHS Limelight 64V; ADG: 4.79 lb.; ADG ratio: 102; WDA: 3.78 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,040 lb.; test index: 108

**High-ADG and high-indexing Angus sire group**—four bulls; owner: Bill Washburn; sire: Connealy Confidence 0100; avg. ADG: 6.04 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; avg. WDA: 3.37 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; avg. wt.: 1,112 lb.; test index: 119

**High-WDA Angus sire group**—four bulls; owner: Underwood Angus Farms, Mark Underwood, North Manchester, Ind.; sire: SS Mandate X130; avg. ADG: 4.48 lb.; ADG ratio: 95; avg. WDA: 3.69 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; avg. wt.: 969 lb.; test index: 103

**Angus averages**—ADG: 4.70 lb.; WDA: 3.22 lb.; wt.: 984 lb.

**Overall averages (232 head)**—WDA: 4.60 lb.; WDA: 3.22 lb.; wt.: 975 lb.

Bulls will sell April 17 in the 72nd IBEP Bull Sale and Springville Feeder Auction Association Bred Heifer Sale.

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### ■ Nebraska Bull Test Rohde Farms, Mason City, Neb. 60-day report (Dec. 17, 2013)

The 51st Nebraska Bull Test began Oct. 18, 2013, with a total of 128 bulls. There were 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 90-day weight was scheduled for Jan. 16, 2014.

**High-ADG calving-ease Angus**—Lot 33; owner: Boyles Angus, Jim Boyles, Mason City; sire: Connealy Irish 0204; ADG: 5.33 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 3.57 lb.; WDA ratio: 106; wt.: 1,152 lb.

**High-WDA calving-ease Angus (tie)**—Lot 89; owner: James Angus, Ian James, Bloomington; sire: SAV Final Answer; ADG: 4.15 lb.; ADG ratio: 93; WDA: 3.66 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,124 lb.

**High-WDA calving-ease Angus (tie)**—Lot 99; owner: Hadwiger & Woltemath, Matt Hadwiger & Dallas Woltemath, Kearney; ADG:

4.44 lb.; ADG ratio: 100; WDA: 3.66 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,274 lb.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 26; owner: Boyles Angus; sire: Tokach Update 9009; ADG: 6.59 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; WDA: 3.98 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,342 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 29; owner: Boyles Angus; sire: SAV 8180 Traveler 004; ADG: 5.57 lb.; ADG ratio: 113; WDA: 4.26 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,436 lb.

**Angus averages (94 head)**—ADG: 4.93 lb.; WDA: 3.53 lb.; wt.: 1,123 lb.

**Angus calving-ease averages (25 head)**—ADG: 4.45 lb.; WDA: 3.36 lb.; wt.: 1,086 lb.

Bulls are to 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](mailto:micolin@nebnet.net). Information is also available on the test website at [www.nebraskabulltest.com](http://www.nebraskabulltest.com).

### ■ Tifton Bull Evaluation Program Tifton Bull Evaluation Center, Tifton, Ga. 56-day report (Dec. 17, 2013)

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. The bulls went on test Oct. 22. There are 56 Angus bulls on test.

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). The bulls have maintained excellent performance with a few exceptions, says Jacob Segers, extension animal scientist.

An interim weight was scheduled for Jan. 14, 2014, with final weights to be taken Feb. 10-11. Qualifying bulls may sell in the test sale March 5.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 89; owner: Double C Farm, Wetumpka, Ala.; sire: Kensington Final Answer 907; ADG: 6.16 lb.; ADG ratio: 135; WDA: 3.17 lb.; WDA ratio: 99; wt.: 1,180 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 88; owner: Lemmon Cattle Ent., Woodbury, Ga.; sire: Summitcrest Complete 1P55; ADG: 4.64 lb.; ADG ratio: 102; WDA: 3.78 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,190 lb.

**Angus averages (52 head)**—ADG: 4.57 lb.; WDA: 3.19 lb.; wt.: 1,102 lb.

**Overall averages (124 head)**—ADG: 4.48 lb.; WDA: 3.19 lb.; wt.: 1,093 lb.

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](http://www.caes.uga.edu/commodities/animals/beef/index.html).

### ■ Southwest Virginia BCIA Bull Test Hillwinds Farm, Dublin, Va. 57- & 58-day reports (Dec. 18-19, 2013)

The junior and senior tests at the Southwest Virginia BCIA Bull Test were to 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 were scheduled for collection Jan. 14, 2014.

**High-ADG and high-WDA senior Angus**—Lot 39; owner: Lucas Farm, Joe and Timmy Lucas, Blacksburg; sire: GAR Prophet; ADG: 5.70 lb.; ADG ratio: 167; WDA: 3.27 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,470 lb.

**High-ADG junior Angus**—Lot 75; owner: Grassy Valley Farm, Lee Duckworth, Afton, Tenn.; sire: AAR Ten X 7008 SA; ADG: 4.74 lb.; ADG ratio: 138; WDA: 3.23 lb.; WDA ratio: 108; wt.: 1,050 lb.

**High-WDA junior Angus (tie)**—Lot 100; owner: Silver Creek Angus, John Prekker, Danville; sire: B/R New Day 454; ADG: 3.88 lb.; ADG ratio: 113; WDA: 3.63 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,275 lb.

**High-WDA junior Angus (tie)**—Lot 113; owner: Phillips Mountain Angus, Bud Phillips, Coeburn; sire: SAV Spotlight 8192; ADG: 3.97 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 3.63 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,015 lb.

**Junior Angus averages (59 head)**—ADG: 3.44 lb.; WDA: 3.00 lb.; wt.: 941 lb.

**Senior Angus averages (54 head)**—ADG: 3.41 lb.; WDA: 2.81 lb.; wt.: 1,191 lb.

**Overall junior averages (105 head)**—ADG: 3.42 lb.; WDA: 3.04 lb.; wt.: 951 lb.

**Overall senior averages (87 head)**—ADG: 3.43 lb.; WDA: 2.79 lb.; wt.: 1,174 lb.

Junior and senior bulls were scheduled to 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](mailto:sgreiner@vt.edu); or Tom & Kim Nixon, owner/manager, Glenmary Farm, at 540-672-7396; fax: 540-672-3579 or [glenmaryfarm@vabb.com](mailto:glenmaryfarm@vabb.com). Information is also available on the test website, <http://bcia.apsc.vt.edu>.

### ■ MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program Plank Farm, Crystal, Mich. 56-day report (Dec. 20, 2013)

The Michigan Cattlemen's Association (MCA) and Michigan State University (MSU) announced 110 bulls weighing an average of 873 lb. were on test at Plank Farm, Crystal,

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Mich. Consignors must be paid members of the MCA and have their 2014 dues paid in advance. To be eligible for the test, bulls must have been born Sept. 1, 2012-March 31, 2013.

The deadline for entries for the 112-day test was Sept. 3, with a delivery date of Oct. 11-12. An 84-day report was scheduled for Jan. 17, 2014. Final weights were to be taken Feb. 13-14, with the sale scheduled for March 15.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 7; owner: Apple Hill Angus, The McMaster Family, Harrisville; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 5.22 lb.; ADG ratio: 141; WDA: 3.50 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,505 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 8; owner: Apple Hill Angus; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 4.91 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.64 lb.; WDA ratio: 122; wt.: 1,345 lb.

**Overall averages (110 head)**—ADG: 3.59 lb.; WDA: 3.12 lb.; wt.: 1,072 lb.

For more information contact Dan Buskirk, extension beef specialist; 2265 Anthony Hall, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824; 517-432-0400, buskirk@msu.edu; Brian Plank, manager, 325 Mount Hope Rd., Crystal, MI 48818; phone: 989-235-6253 (office) or 989-506-2061 (cell); brianplank@rocketmail.com; Michigan Cattlemen's Association, 2145 University Park Dr., Ste. 300, Okemos, MI 48864; phone: 517-347-8117, micattlemen@aol.com. Additional information can be found on the test website at <http://beef.msu.edu/bulleval>.

#### Wardensville Bull Test

##### West Virginia University Reymann Memorial Farm, Wardensville, W.Va.

##### 28-day report (Dec. 23, 2013)

The West Virginia Young Sire Evaluation Program, sponsored by the West Virginia University (WVU) Cooperative Extension, the WVU Division of Animal and Nutritional Sciences, the West Virginia Department of Agriculture and the West Virginia Cattlemen's Association provided a 28-day report for the Wardensville Bull Test.

A maximum of 160 bulls, including a maximum of 130 Angus and 18 Hereford bulls, were accepted for evaluation. Bulls must be born Jan. 20-March 27, 2013. The enrollment deadline was Sept. 20. Bulls were delivered Oct. 31, and on-test weights for 174 bulls were taken Nov. 25, 2013. There are 142 Angus bulls on test. Interim weights were scheduled for Jan. 28, 2014, with off-test weights scheduled Feb. 18-19. The test sale will be March 27 at the WVU Reymann Memorial Farm in Wardensville.

The bulls will be fed a ration ( $NE_m=0.68$ ,  $NE_g=0.41$ ) that includes 20% ground mixed hay, 24% wheat midds, 23% soybean hulls, 8% distillers' grains, 4% cottonseed hulls, 4% corn, 10% hominy feed, and 7% miscellaneous ingredients.

**High-ADG Angus (tie)**—Lot 11; owner:

Kinsey's Oak Front Farm, Flemington; sire: The West Virginian X134; ADG: 5.71 lb.; ADG ratio: 144; WDA: 3.19 lb.; wt.: 1,000 lb.

**High-ADG Angus (tie)**—Lot 106; owner: Richard Snuffer & Sons, Surveyor; sire: Schurrtop RTA Business; ADG: 5.71 lb.; ADG ratio: 144; WDA: 3.39 lb.; wt.: 1,072 lb.

**High-WDA Angus (tie)**—Lot 13; owner: Kinsey's Oak Front Farm; sire: The West Virginian X134; ADG: 5.29 lb.; ADG ratio: 133; WDA: 3.68 lb.; wt.: 1,070 lb.

**High-WDA Angus (tie)**—Lot 16; owner: Kinsey's Oak Front Farm; sire: Nichols Next Step X267; ADG: 4.46 lb.; ADG ratio: 112; WDA: 3.68 lb.; wt.: 1,178 lb.

**Angus averages (142 head)**—ADG: 3.98 lb.; WDA: 3.06 lb.; wt.: 944 lb.

Test information is available from Kevin Shaffer, program coordinator, WVU Extension Service, 2084 Agricultural Sciences Bldg., PO Box 6108, Morgantown, WV 26505; phone: 304-293-2669; Kevin.Shaffer@mail.wvu.edu; or Jerry Yates, WVU Reymann Memorial Farm, phone: 304-874-3561; or on the test website, [www.wvbeef.org/bulltest/](http://www.wvbeef.org/bulltest/).

#### Pennsylvania Bull Test

##### Pennsylvania Furnace, Pa.

##### 28-day report (Nov. 26, 2013)

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Department of Dairy and Animal Science of the Pennsylvania State University, the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association and the state breed associations has announced 161 bulls were weighed on test Oct. 29, 2013, for the 2013-2014 Winter Pennsylvania Performance Bull Test.

To be eligible for the winter test, bulls must be born Jan. 1-April 15, 2013. The nomination period for the winter test was Aug. 1-Aug. 20. Bulls were delivered to the livestock evaluation center Oct. 8. An interim weigh date was scheduled for Jan. 21, 2014. The final 112-day weights are to be taken Feb. 18, with the sale to take place March 28.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 101; owner: Hawthorn Valley Farm, Jesse Alspaugh, Richland; sire: CF Right Design 1802; ADG: 8.04 lb.; ADG ratio: 152; WDA: 3.49 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; wt.: 1,106 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 218; owner: Mitchell Farms, Matthew Mitchell, Reinholds; sire: SAV Brilliance 8077; ADG: 6.11 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 4.28 lb.; WDA ratio: 129; wt.: 1,024 lb.

**Angus averages (100 head)**—ADG: 5.29 lb.; WDA: 3.32 lb.; wt.: 896 lb.

##### 56-day report (Nov. 26, 2013)

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 101; owner: Hawthorn Valley Farm; sire: CF Right Design 1802; ADG: 5.93 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.52 lb.; WDA ratio: 104; wt.: 1,213 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 115; owner: Ebony Farm, Lance & Sheila Kauf, West Sunbury; sire: Daybreak Leveler 80; ADG: 5.03 lb.; ADG

ratio: 107; WDA: 4.24 lb.; WDA ratio: 125; wt.: 1,133 lb.

**Angus averages (100 head)**—ADG: 4.69 lb.; WDA: 3.39 lb.; wt.: 1,010 lb.

Questions should be addressed to Greg Hubbard, station manager, 1494 West Pine Grove Rd., Pennsylvania Furnace, PA 16865; phone: 814-238-2527; ghubbard@pa.gov or visit the test website at [www.livestockevaluationcenter.com/BullTesting.aspx](http://www.livestockevaluationcenter.com/BullTesting.aspx).

#### Tifton HERD Program

The 15th Heifer Evaluation and Reproductive Development (HERD) Program at the Tifton Bull Evaluation Center in Irwinville has released Report 2. The center received 133 heifers Oct. 7. The heifers were worked Nov. 13. Veterinarian Lee Jones of the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine and his team evaluated the heifers to provide reproductive tract scores (RTS). Two heifers had RTS less than 2 and three additional heifers had pelvic measurements of less than 140 sq. cm, making them ineligible to sell.

CIDR® devices were inserted to initiate a timed-AI breeding protocol that would result in the heifers being bred by AI Dec. 16 and exposed to cleanup bulls beginning Dec. 24 for a 52-day breeding period.

All heifers tested negative for PI-BVD.

For more visit [www.caes.uga.edu/commodities/animals/beef/index.html](http://www.caes.uga.edu/commodities/animals/beef/index.html).

#### MBCIA Jackson Bull Test

##### Spring Grove, Minn.

##### 56-day report (Jan. 4, 2014)

A total of 64 bulls, including 50 Angus, were delivered Oct. 26 and went on test Nov. 9, 2013, at Foundation Feeders Inc. near Spring Grove, Minn., for the 2013-2014 Minnesota Beef Cattle Improvement Association (MBCIA) Jackson test. Bulls are being fed a ration of corn silage, alfalfa haylage, corn, distillers' grains, minerals and vitamins as a total mixed ration (TMR). Bulls will be weighed off test March 21, 2014.

**High-ADG, high-WDA and high-indexing Angus**—Lot 1253; owner: Bulfer Angus, Fairmont, Minn.; sire: CB Block Party 156; ADG: 6.18 lb.; WDA: 4.03 lb.; wt.: 1,290 lb.; test index: 137

**Angus averages (50 head)**—ADG: 4.30 lb.; WDA: 3.08 lb.; wt.: 1,071 lb.

**Overall averages (64 head)**—ADG: 4.30 lb.; WDA: 3.14 lb.; wt.: 1,067 lb.

Bulls indexing in the top 75%-80% of the entire Jackson group (all breeds) will be eligible for the MBCIA Bull Test Sale in Jackson, Minn., scheduled for April 4. The test index is 50% test ADG ratio + 50% WDA ratio. For more information contact Ron Holty, manager, at 507-498-5839 or rkholy@springgrove.coop.