



Performance Report

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

► Un. of Tennessee Senior Bull Test Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center, Spring Hill, Tenn.

84-day final report (Nov. 24, 2014)

The University of Tennessee Bull Testing Program weighed a total of 84 bulls on test for the 2014-2015 senior test. The 84-day test was conducted at the Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center, Spring Hill, Tenn. Senior bulls must be born Sept. 1-Dec. 15, 2013. The nomination deadline for senior bulls was July 18, with delivery accepted Aug. 19. There were 62 Angus bulls on test.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 35; owner: Mathis Angus Farms, Duck River; sire: Deer Valley Bismark 1128; ADG: 5.81 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 3.32 lb.; WDA ratio: 101; wt.: 1,495 lb.; frame score: 5.9; SC: 39.2 cm

High-WDA Angus—Lot 34; owner: Mathis Angus Farms; sire: AAR Ten X 7008 SA; ADG: 5.48 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; WDA: 3.74 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,625 lb.; frame score: 6.6; SC: 39.2 cm

Angus averages (58 head)—ADG: 4.63 lb.; WDA: 3.28 lb.

Overall averages (79 head)—ADG: 4.41 lb.; WDA: 3.22 lb.

The sale was Jan. 15.

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fax: 865-974-0429 or fkirkpat@utk.edu; or Kevin Thompson, station manager, at 931-486-2129; fax: 931-486-0142. Test information is also available at <https://ag.tennessee.edu/AnimalScience/Pages/BullTestProgram.aspx>

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

112-day final report (Dec. 2, 2014)

A total of 36 bulls, 28 of them Angus, were weighed on test Aug. 12 for the North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement Program (BCIP) Waynesville Bull Test with an average on-test weight of 909 lb. The 112-day test is for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2013. Nominations were due July 9, with bulls accepted for delivery July 30.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 4; owner: Baird Angus, William Baird, Bluff City, Tenn.; sire: BGS Iron Mountain 711; ADG: 4.79 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA: 3.17 lb.; WDA ratio: 100; wt.: 1,263 lb.; frame score: 5.8

High-WDA Angus—Lot 14; owner: H&H Farm, Buddy Hamrick, Boiling Springs; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 3.29 lb.; ADG ratio: 83; WDA: 3.73 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,715 lb.; frame score: 6.7

Angus averages (28 head)—ADG: 3.94 lb.; WDA: 3.16 lb.; wt.: 1,346 lb.

Overall averages (35 head)—ADG: 3.87 lb.; WDA: 3.18 lb.; wt.: 1,347 lb.

The test sale was Jan. 3 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.

► Florida Bull Test Marianna, Fla.

112-day final report (Dec. 9-10, 2014)

The North Florida Research and Education Center (NFREC) Bull Test in Marianna, Fla., has reported final test results. Bulls were accepted for delivery July 29, 2014, with on-test weights taken Aug. 19 and 20. The test was for bulls born Aug. 15-Dec. 31, 2013.

Purebred animals had to be registered, and composites had to be out of registered parents. All Angus and Angus derivatives had to be tested for AM status or accompanied by a letter from the breed association to indicate they were not a carrier.

Bulls were fed a grain- and forage-based diet formulated to provide a target average daily gain (ADG) of 4 lb. per day with *ad libitum* access to hay, adequate for allowing expression of growth potential and development without overconditioning the bulls.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 1298; owner: Gizmo Angus, Molino; sire: SAV Final Answer 0035; ADG: 4.51 lb.; WDA: 2.93 lb.; wt.: 1,295 lb.; test index: 7.44; index ratio: 118

High-WDA Angus—Lot 1260; owner: C&L Farm, Valdosta, Ga.; sire: FF Rito1J01 of 356H Impress; ADG: 3.81 lb.; WDA: 3.51 lb.; wt.: 1,303 lb.; test index: 7.32; index ratio: 116

High-indexing Angus—Lot 1283; owner: Grayhaven Farms, Monticello; sire: Connealy Impression; ADG: 4.46 lb.; WDA: 3.23 lb.; wt.: 1,445 lb.; test index: 7.70; index ratio: 122

Angus averages—ADG: 3.32 lb.; WDA: 2.96 lb.; wt.: 1,270 lb.

Overall averages—ADG: 3.38 lb.; WDA: 2.93 lb.; wt.: 1,264 lb.

The test sale was scheduled for Jan. 17, 2015.

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.

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► **Clemson Bull Test**

Clemson, S.C.

112-day final report (Dec. 10-11, 2014)

Sixty-one bulls were delivered to the 2015 Clemson Bull Test at the Clemson Beef Cattle Farm near Pendleton Aug. 7. Purebred breeders from four states consigned bulls (South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia). There are 32 senior Angus bulls and seven junior Angus bulls on test.

The bulls were weighed on test Aug. 21-22 following a 14-day warm-up period. Matthew Burns, extension animal scientist and Clemson Bull Test coordinator, says winter has finally arrived, and the health of the bulls has been excellent.

High-ADG senior Angus—Lot 32; owner: Williams Angus, George Williams, Gray, Tenn.; sire: GAR Prophet; ADG: 5.38 lb.; ADG ratio: 137; WDA: 3.74 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,738 lb.

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 29; owner: Shuffler Farm; sire: WRA Vindicator W2; ADG: 3.75 lb.; ADG ratio: 95; WDA: 3.76 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,595 lb.

High-ADG and high-WDA junior Angus—Lot 53; owner: Paul Boyd Angus, Neil Boyd, Clover, S.C.; sire: SAV Final Answer 0035; ADG: 5.12 lb.; ADG ratio: 119; WDA: 3.72 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,473 lb.

Senior Angus averages (32 head)—ADG: 3.94 lb.; WDA: 3.24 lb.; wt.: 1,439 lb.

Junior Angus averages (7 head)—ADG: 4.30 lb.; WDA: 3.39 lb.; wt.: 1,317 lb.

The sale was scheduled for Feb. 7, 2015.

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► **IBEP Winter Test**

Feldun-Purdue Ag Center, Bedford, Ind.

28-day report (Dec. 16, 2014)

A total of 215 bulls and 20 get-of-sire groups were delivered Oct. 28 for the 2014 Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) Winter Test. Angus, Hereford, Red Angus, SimAngus, Simmental and Charolais are represented.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 137; owner: Eastview Angus Farm LLC, Corunna, Ind.; sire: Styles Upgrade J59; ADG: 6.96 lb.; ADG ratio: 149; WDA: 3.35 lb.; WDA ratio: 103; wt.: 1,055 lb.; test index: 131

High-WDA Angus—Lot 194; owner: Cooper Angus, Tippecanoe, Ind.; sire: EXAR Upshot 0562B; ADG: 3.75 lb.; ADG ratio: 80; WDA: 4.10 lb.; WDA ratio: 127; wt.: 1,215 lb.; test index: 99

High-indexing Angus—Lot 15; owner: Bill Washburn, Olney, Ill.; sire: EXAR Upshot 0562B; ADG: 6.79 lb.; ADG ratio: 145; WDA: 3.73 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,240 lb.; test index: 133

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus sire group—four bulls; owner: Bill Washburn; sire:

To access a state-by-state listing of current central bull tests, visit our 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.

EXAR Upshot 0562B; avg. ADG: 5.94 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; avg. WDA: 3.52 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; avg. wt.: 1,088 lb.; test index: 120

High-WDA Angus sire group—four bulls; owner: Tucker Family Farms, Spencer, Ind.; sire: SydGen Contact 1010; avg. ADG: 4.66 lb.; ADG ratio: 99; avg. WDA: 3.64 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,012 lb.; test index: 105

Angus averages (157 head)—ADG: 4.68 lb.; WDA: 3.24 lb.; wt.: 979 lb.

Overall averages (215 head)—WDA: 4.63 lb.; WDA: 3.25 lb.; wt.: 977 lb.

Interim weigh dates were scheduled for Jan. 20, 2015; and Feb. 17. The bulls will be weighed off test March 23. There are 156 Angus bulls in the test.

Bulls will sell April 16 in the 73rd IBEP Bull Sale and Springville Feeder Auction Association Bred Heifer Sale.

For more information contact Terry Stewart at tstewart@purdue.edu or 765-494-0138; fax: 765-494-9346; Brad Shelton, test station manager, at 812-279-8554 or sheltonb@purdue.edu; or Donna Lofgren, performance records and website, at dlofgren@purdue.edu. Information is available on the website at www.ansc.purdue.edu/ibep.

► **WIU Bull Test**

Macomb, Ill.

28-day report (Nov. 17, 2014)

The Western Illinois University (WIU) Bull Testing Program weighed 69 bulls, 44 of them Angus, on test Oct. 20-21. Bulls entered in the 112-day test must have been born Jan. 1-March 31, 2014, and must have been entered by Aug. 31. Bulls were delivered Sept. 29-30.

Bulls will be indexed by breed group (if there are more than four of a breed), as well as against all bulls on test. Both indexes are based on 70% ADG ratio + 15% marbling ratio + 15% REA ratio.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 410; owner: Schreake Angus, Camp Point, Ill.; sire: Musgrave Foundation; ADG: 5.4 lb.; wt.: 1,070 lb.

56-day report (Dec. 15, 2014)

High-ADG Angus—Lot 501; owner: Galls Angus Farm, Odell, Ill.; sire: WK Contender; ADG: 5.2 lb.; wt.: 1,100 lb.

The test is to conclude Feb. 9-10 with the 43rd annual test sale March 13 in Macomb, Ill.

For more information contact Samantha Cunningham, assistant professor; Knoblauch Hall B12, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL 61455; Cunningham phone: 309-298-1288 (office); s-cunningham@wiu.edu; www.wiu.edu/ag.

► **Tifton Bull Evaluation Program**

Tifton Bull Evaluation Center, Tifton, Ga.

56-day report (Dec. 16, 2014)

The 57th Tifton Bull Evaluation Program began Sept. 29-30, 2014, with the delivery of 144 bulls representing nine different breeds and averaging 781 lb. Performance has been excellent with a few exceptions, says Jacob Segers, extension animal scientist.

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. 21, the 71 Angus bulls averaged 879 lb. for a WDA of 3.13 lb., while all 143 bulls averaged 867 lb. with a WDA of 3.05 lb. At 56 days, the leaders are as follows.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 7; owner: Gillis Angus Farm, Eastman, Ga.; sire: EXAR Upshot 0562B; ADG: 5.73 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 3.42 lb.; WDA ratio: 102; wt.: 1,220 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 63; owner: Griffith Angus Farm, Winston Griffith, Tallahassee, Fla.; sire: Sitz New Design 458N; ADG: 3.13 lb.; ADG ratio: 70; WDA: 4.04 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,285 lb.

Angus averages (70 head)—ADG: 4.48 lb.; WDA: 3.36 lb.; wt.: 1,130 lb.

Overall averages (142 head)—ADG: 4.49 lb.; WDA: 3.29 lb.; wt.: 1,118 lb.

Another interim weight was scheduled to be collected Jan. 15, 2015, and final weights are to be collected Feb. 9-10. Qualifying bulls may sell in the test sale March 4.

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.

► **Nebraska Bull Test**

Rohde Farms, Mason City, Neb.

60-day report (Dec. 16, 2014)

The Nebraska Bull Test reported that 85 Angus bulls from 17 consignors were weighed on test Oct. 17 for the start of the 2014-2015 test. Nominations for the test were due Sept. 24, with delivery accepted Oct. 6 for the 120-day test conducted at Rohde Farms, Mason City, Neb. At the 60-day mark, test leaders were as follows.

High-ADG calving-ease Angus—Lot 6; owner: Bredemeier Angus Farms, Mike Bredemeier, Stella; sire: AAR Ten X 7008; ADG: 5.16 lb.; ADG ratio: 143; WDA: 3.33 lb.; WDA ratio: 104; wt.: 1,126 lb.

High-WDA calving-ease Angus—Lot 40;

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owner: Reiter Angus, Chris & Amber Reiter, Miller; sire: Whispering Wind 48; ADG: 5.02 lb.; ADG ratio: 139; WDA: 3.63 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,254 lb.

High-ADG and high-WDA Angus—Lot 84; owner: Double D Angus, Linwood; sire: SAV Angus Valley 1867; ADG: 5.33 lb.; ADG ratio: 138; WDA: 4.08 lb.; WDA ratio: 122; wt.: 1,304 lb.

High-ADG Angus sire group—four bulls; owner: Bredemeier Angus Farms; sire: AAR Ten X 7008; avg. ADG: 4.77 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; avg. WDA: 3.31 lb.; WDA ratio: 102; avg. wt.: 1,099 lb.

High-WDA Angus sire group—four bulls; owner: Greenview Farms, Beatrice; sire: GV Hollywood 283; avg. ADG: 3.05 lb.; ADG ratio: 81; avg. WDA: 3.58 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; avg. wt.: 981 lb.

Calving-ease Angus averages (44 head)—ADG: 3.60 lb.; WDA: 3.21 lb.; wt.: 1,024 lb.

Angus averages (86 head)—ADG: 3.85 lb.; WDA: 3.34 lb.; wt.: 1,051 lb.

An interim weight was scheduled for Jan. 15, 2015, and final weights are to be taken Feb. 13 and 14. The test sale will be March 25 at Central Nebraska Commission Co., Broken Bow, Neb.

For more information contact Mick Phillips, test manager, at 308-764-2378 or Shane Rohde at 308-212-0157.

▶ **Edisto Forage Bull Test**
Edisto Research & Education Center,
Blackville, S.C.

On-test report (Dec. 16, 2014)

The 2014 Edisto Forage Bull Test (EFBT) began Dec. 16 in Blackville after the delivery of 89 bulls Dec. 2. 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.

Sell says this year's warm-up period went well, with the ADG overall average for the warm-up period at +0.30 lb. compared to last year's -0.80 lb. per day. Senior bulls

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■ **2014 Calhoun Bull Evaluation Performance Test Sale, Dec. 5, 2014, Calhoun, Ga.**

► Marvin Zeigler (left), MPAC Angus, Bamberg, S.C., receives the award for consigning the high-indexing Angus bull from Brenda Jackson, University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service. MPAC Magnum 162 124 is an Oct. 2013 son of Nichols Quiet Lad T9. He posted an average daily gain of 4.71 lb., with an adjusted yearling weight of 1,427 lb.



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qualifying for the test were born Nov. 1, 2013-Jan. 31, 2014. Junior bulls were born Feb. 1-March 31, 2014.

Interim weights were scheduled for Jan. 13, 2015; Feb. 10; March 10; April 7; and May 5. The bulls will be weighed off test June 2, 2015. The sale is scheduled for Oct. 10.

Sell can be contacted at 803-284-3343, ext. 223 (office); 803-450-0995 (cell) or gsell@clmson.edu. Additional information is available on the test website at www.clemson.edu/extension/livestock/livestock/beef/bull_tests/efbt.html.

▶ UBIA Bull Test Kenison Feedlot, Levan, Utah Mid-test report (Dec. 15, 2014)

The Utah Beef Improvement Association (UBIA) received a total of 160 junior and senior bulls Oct. 6 at Kenison Farm and Feedlot, Levan. Bulls entered in the senior test must have been born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2013. Bulls entered in the junior test must have been born Jan. 1-March 15, 2014. There are 94 Angus bulls on test.

Bulls are being fed by breed. Breeds that do not have adequate numbers to fill a pen (typically 50 head) are 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 (LBW) division. Mid-test leaders include the following.

High-ADG, high-WDA (tie) and high-indexing junior growth Angus—Lot 140; owner: Strawberry River Angus, Travis Clayburn, Duchesne; sire: Riverbend High Country X06; ADG: 5.13 lb.; ADG ratio: 143; WDA: 3.6 lb.; wt.: 1,030 lb.; test index: 135

High-WDA junior growth Angus (tie)—Lot 135; owner: Strawberry River Angus; sire:

Summitcrest Complete 1P55; ADG: 4.73 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.6 lb.; wt.: 1,050 lb.; test index: 127

High-ADG and high-indexing junior LBW Angus—Lot 113; owner: Murray Black Angus, Tyson Murray, Lapoint; sire: Werner War Party 2417; ADG: 5.18 lb.; ADG ratio: 148; WDA: 3.4 lb.; wt.: 1,015 lb.; test index: 136

High-WDA junior LBW Angus (tie)—Lot 61; owner: Crozier Angus, Kelly Crozier, Neola; sire: JSK Upward 1132; ADG: 3.97 lb.; ADG ratio: 114; WDA: 3.6 lb.; wt.: 975 lb.; test index: 113

High-WDA junior LBW Angus (tie)—Lot 63; owner: Crozier Angus; sire: SS New Day X66; ADG: 3.66 lb.; ADG ratio: 105; WDA: 3.6 lb.; wt.: 1,080 lb.; test index: 106

High-WDA junior LBW Angus (tie)—Lot 85; owner: Lisonbee Angus, James Lisonbee, Roosevelt; sire: Riverbend SF Upward 120; ADG: 4.20 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 3.6 lb.; wt.: 1,035 lb.; test index: 118

Junior Angus growth averages (47 head)—ADG: 3.58 lb.; wt.: 1,125 lb.

Junior Angus LBW averages (41 head)—ADG: 3.50 lb.; wt.: 1,163 lb.

Overall Junior Angus averages—ADG: 3.42 lb.; wt.: 1,134 lb.

The next interim weight was scheduled for Jan. 12, 2015. Bulls will be weighed off test Feb. 9 and 11. The test sale is scheduled for March 21.

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.

■ **Snake River Bull Test
Twin Falls, Idaho**

Mid-test report (Dec. 13, 2014)

The Snake River Bull Test reported 53 junior Angus bulls from a total of 79 bulls were weighed on test Oct. 20, 2014. Entry deadline was Sept. 17, with a delivery date of Oct. 4. Mid-term leaders included the following.

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 39; owner: Thompson Angus Ranch, Mountain City, Nev.; ADG: 5.20 lb.; wt.: 1,040 lb.

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High-ADG senior Angus—Lot 103; owner: Rocky Mountain Genetics, Jerome, Idaho; sire: RMUG Capt. America 649X; ADG: 4.8 lb.; wt.: 1,220 lb.

Junior Angus averages (59 head)—ADG: 2.9 lb.; wt.: 876 lb.

Senior Angus averages (19 head)—ADG: 3.2 lb.; wt.: 1,138 lb.

The last interim weight was to be taken Jan. 10, 2015, with off-test weights scheduled for Feb. 7 and 9. The test sale will be March 6, 2015.

For more information contact Jason Anderson, 208-420-7352, jason@snakeriverbulltest.com; Ben Eborn, 208-399-2350, ben@snakeriverbulltest.com; Snake River Bull Test LLC, PO Box 6133, Twin Falls, ID 83303; or visit the test website at www.snakeriverbulltest.com.

▶ WBIA Bull Test

University of Wisconsin, Platteville, Wis. On-test report (Dec. 1, 2014)

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 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 99 bulls, 96 of them Angus, were delivered Nov. 3, 2014, for the 2015 WBIA Bull Test to go on test Dec. 1. The 100-day test is for bulls born Jan. 1-April 15, 2014.

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's conclusion, bulls are ultrasound scanned for carcass traits and evaluated for breeding soundness.

Interim weights were to be taken Jan. 6 and Feb. 4, 2015. Off-test weights are scheduled for March 12-13, with the sale April 5.

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. Information is also available on the WBIA website at www.wisconsinbeef.com.

▶ Un. of Tennessee Junior Bull Test Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center, Spring Hill, Tenn.

28-day report (Dec. 9, 2014)

The University of Tennessee Bull Testing Program has 54 bulls on test, 45 of them Angus. The 84-day test is at the Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center, Spring Hill, Tenn.

The junior bulls must be born Dec. 1, 2013-

Feb. 28, 2014. The nomination deadline for junior bulls was Sept. 30, 2014, with delivery Oct. 28.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 4; owner: Bandy Acres Farm, Irvington, Ky.; sire: Plattemere Weigh Up K360; ADG: 6.54 lb.; WDA: 3.75 lb.; wt.: 1,065 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 2; owner: Bandy Acres Farm; sire: Connealy Forward; ADG: 5.18 lb.; WDA: 3.81 lb.; wt.: 1,135 lb.

Angus averages (45 head)—ADG: 4.31 lb.

Overall averages (54 head)—ADG: 4.24 lb.

The next interim weight was to have been taken Jan. 6. Junior bulls were to be weighed off test Feb 2-3, 2015, with the sale scheduled for March 12.

For more information contact David Kirkpatrick, professor of animal science, University of Tennessee, at 865-974-7294; fax: 865-974-0429 or fkirkpat@utk.edu; or Kevin Thompson, station manager, at 931-486-2129; fax: 931-486-0142. Test information is also available at <https://ag.tennessee.edu/AnimalScience/Pages/BullTestProgram.aspx>

▶ OPSU Bull Performance Test

Goodwell, Okla.

56-day report (Dec. 6, 2014)

The bulls consigned to the 63rd 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 113 bulls on test have a 56-day overall ADG of 4.03 lb. and a weight per day of age (WDA) of 3.10 lb.

Terry Brink, Frederick, Okla., has the top-gaining junior Angus bull with an ADG of 5.55 lb. He is a son of QLC Superior 146Y. Brink also has the top junior pen of four bulls with an ADG of 4.86 lb. Three of the bulls in the pen are sired by QLC Superior 146Y and one is sired by 74-51 Totally Tuned 0017.

The top pen of senior bulls had an average ADG of 5.68 lb. and is consigned by B&M Angus, Edmond, Okla. The sires represented in this pen are B&M Mandate 129, Hoover Dam and B&M CC&7 117. This pen also has the top-gaining senior bull with an ADG of 6.16 lb. sired by B&M Mandate 129. The next weigh date was scheduled for Jan. 3, 2015.

The test is a 112-day test, during which 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.

The test was to conclude Jan. 31, and the top bulls are scheduled to sell Feb. 23. Those interested in following the performance of the bulls during the test can contact Gwen Martin at 580-349-1500 or gwen@opsu.edu.

▶ Kansas Angus Ass'n Bull Test

Wamego, Kan.

On-test report (Nov. 4, 2014)

There were 220 bulls, 75 of them Angus,

delivered to Kansas Bull Development LLC, Wamego, Oct. 17-18 for the Kansas Angus Association Bull Test. Nominations were due Oct. 1, 2014. The test will be conducted and managed at Kansas Bull Development LLC by Brian Hagedorn.

To be eligible for the 112-day test, bulls must have been born Jan. 1-April 15, 2014. Mid-test weights were to be collected Dec. 30, 2014. Final weights are to be taken Feb. 21 and 23, 2015. The test sale will take place April 1 at the Mitchell County Fairgrounds, Beloit, Kan.

For more information contact Hagedorn at 785-458-2137 (cell); 785-456-2636 (home, Brian and Megan); feedlot fax: 785-456-2721; email: kansasbulls@gmail.com; or visit the website at www.kansasbulltest.com.

▶ Pennsylvania Bull Test

Pennsylvania Furnace, Pa.

On-test report (Oct. 28, 2014)

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Department of Dairy and Animal Science of Pennsylvania State University, the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association and the state breed associations, has announced the Oct. 7, 2014, delivery of 177 bulls, 77 of them Angus, for the 2014-2015 Winter Pennsylvania Performance Bull Test.

To be eligible for the winter test, bulls must be born Jan. 1-April 15, 2014. The nomination period for the winter test was Aug. 1-Aug. 20. At the 28-day mark, test leaders included the following.

28-day report (Nov. 25, 2014)

High-ADG Angus—Lot 312; owner: Elimsprings Farm, Tommy Hamm, Allenwood; sire: Rito 9Q13 of Rita; ADG: 7.07 lb.; ADG ratio: 141; WDA: 3.35 lb.; WDA ratio: 100; wt.: 874 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 125; owner: Rains Angus, Dale Rains, Mercer; sire: SAV Thunderbird 9061; ADG: 4.70 lb.; ADG ratio: 94; WDA: 4.24 lb.; WDA ratio: 127; wt.: 1,102 lb.

Angus averages (77 head)—ADG: 5.01 lb.; WDA: 3.34 lb.; wt.: 882 lb.

Additional interim weights were scheduled for Dec. 24 and Jan. 20, 2015. The final 112-day weights are to be taken Feb. 17, with the sale to take place March 27.

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