



Performance Report

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

► Calhoun HERD Program

The 15th Calhoun Heifer Evaluation and Reproductive Development (HERD) Program officially started with 153 heifers delivered by 24 consignors Dec. 4, 2014. Jason Duggin, extension beef specialist, says the health status of the group has been good as a whole.

The first workday was Jan. 6, when they were given booster vaccinations along with hip height and weight measurements. The group was on target with an ADG of 1.6 lb.

The second workday was Jan. 28. At that time all heifers were examined for pelvic area, reproductive tract maturity score (RTMS), disposition and gain. Heifers gaining less than 20 lb. during the 22-day period were measured for elevated rectal temperature as a precaution. CIDR[®]s were implanted Jan. 28, with removal scheduled for Feb. 11. Lutalyse[®] was given and weights taken Feb. 27. Heifers were to be time-bred March 2.

The Calhoun HERD sale will be May 28.

For more information visit www.caes.uga.edu/commodities/animals/beef/index.html.

► Treasure Bull Test

Broken O Ranch Feedlot, Simms, Mont. 60-day report (Jan. 2, 2015)

The 120-day Treasure Bull Test received 125 Angus bulls at the Broken O Ranch Feedlot in Simms, Mont. The spring division is for bulls born Dec. 15, 2013-April 15, 2014. The fall division is for bulls born Aug. 1-Dec. 14, 2013. The bulls were weighed on test Nov. 1-2, 2014.

High-ADG Jackpot Angus—Lot 16; owner: Can Am Cattle Co., Irl & Anne Rincker, Shelbyville, Ill.; sire: VAR Reserve 1111; ADG: 4.83 lb.; WDA: 3.22 lb.; wt.: 1,130 lb.

High-WDA Jackpot Angus—Lot 12; owner: Granger Angus, Jim and Beth Granger, Great Falls, Mont.; sire: Granger Great Falls 053; ADG: 4.58 lb.; WDA: 3.79 lb.; wt.: 1,185 lb.

High-ADG and high-WDA Angus—Lot 183; owner: Probst Enterprises, Seth Probst, Dillon, Mont.; sire: SD Pioneer 2062; ADG: 5.75 lb.; WDA: 3.80 lb.; wt.: 1,060 lb.

Top Angus sire group—three bulls; owner: Can Am Cattle Co.; sire: VAR Reserve 1111; avg. ADG: 4.00 lb.; avg. WDA: 3.24 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,130 lb.

High-ADG Fall Angus (tie)—Lot 301; owner:

Olson Cattle Co., Saint Ignatius, Mont.; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 4.00 lb.; wt.: 1,140 lb.

High-ADG Fall Angus (tie)—Lot 305; owner: Westbrook Angus, Chuck and Julie Boggs, Chimaicum, Wash.; sire: GAR-EGL Protege; ADG: 4.00 lb.; WDA: 2.79 lb.; wt.: 1,315 lb.

High-WDA Fall Angus—Lot 302; owner: North Camp Angus, Guy Laffin, Saint Ignatius, Mont.; sire: WK Pow Wow; ADG: 3.33 lb.; WDA: 2.95 lb.; wt.: 1,330 lb.

Angus averages (125 head)—ADG: 3.40 lb.; WDA: 3.03 lb.

Fall Angus averages (5 head)—ADG: 3.42 lb.; WDA: 2.87 lb.

The bulls will be weighed off test in mid-March. Approximately 75% of the bulls on test will sell April 13 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 Pepper at 406-264-5694 or 406-799-0174 or brtangus@3rivers.net. The test website is www.treasurebulltest.com.

► Wardensville Bull Test

West Virginia University Reymann Memorial Farm, Wardensville, W.Va. 27-day report (Dec. 22, 2014)

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 27-day report for the Wardensville Bull Test.

A maximum of 160 bulls were to be accepted for evaluation. To be eligible, bulls must have been born Jan. 20-March 26, 2014. The enrollment deadline was Sept. 20. Bulls were delivered Oct. 30, and on-test weights were taken Nov. 24-25, 2014, for 151 bulls. There are 135 Angus bulls on test.

The bulls are being 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—Lot 10; owner: Kinsey's Oak Front Farm, Flemington, W.Va.; sire: HARB Big Shooter 279 JH; ADG: 5.85 lb.; ADG ratio: 156; WDA: 3.30 lb.; wt.: 1,012 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 34; owner: Richard Snuffer & Sons, Surveyor, W.Va.; sire: Sitz Wisdom 481T; ADG: 4.48 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 3.65 lb.; wt.: 1,094 lb.

Angus averages (135 head)—ADG: 3.74 lb.; WDA: 2.96 lb.; wt.: 912 lb.

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The test sale is scheduled for March 26 at the WVU Reymann Memorial Farm at Wardensville.

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/.

▣ **St. Croix Valley Bull Test**
UW Mann Valley Farm, River Falls, Wis.
56-day report (Dec. 27, 2014)

The St. Croix Valley Bull Test (SCVBT) is conducted at the University of Wisconsin (UW) Mann Valley Farms at River Falls, Wis. The 140-day test features a high-roughage ration of corn silage, haylage, shell corn, protein and mineral to provide a targeted ADG of 3 lb.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 18-1; owner: Neenah Creek Angus, Owen and Chris Wade, Endeavor, Wis.; sire: AAR Ten X 7008 SA; ADG: 5.16 lb.; ADG ratio: 145; WDA: 3.52 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,030 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 2-2; owner: KLS Farm, Kody Stork, New Richmond, Wis.; sire: GAR Predestined; ADG: 3.13 lb.; ADG ratio: 88; WDA: 3.79 lb.; WDA ratio: 123; wt.: 998 lb.

Angus averages (62 head)—ADG: 3.56 lb.; WDA: 3.08 lb.; wt.: 894 lb.

For more information contact Stacy Myers at rockton@mwt.net or Jerry Lausted at glausted@wwt.net.

▣ **Southern West Virginia Bull Test**
Point Pleasant, W.Va.
30-day report (Dec. 4, 2014)

The 2015 Southern West Virginia Bull Test accepted delivery of 87 bulls Oct. 19, 2014. The bulls went on test Nov. 4-5, 2014. Off-test weights for the 100-day test were to be taken Feb. 11-13, 2015.

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 302; owner: River Front Cattle Co., Buckhannon; sire: SAV Pioneer 7301; ADG: 4.57 lb.; ADG ratio: 181; WDA: 3.06 lb.; wt.: 1,070 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.

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

High-WDA Angus—Lot 307; owner: River Front Cattle Co.; sire: CJ C219 Final Answer; ADG: 2.73 lb.; ADG ratio: 108; WDA: 3.09 lb.; wt.: 894 lb.

Angus averages (81 head)—ADG: 2.53 lb.; WDA: 2.69 lb.; wt.: 853 lb.

The test sale is scheduled for March 28.

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.

▣ **OPSU Bull Performance Test**
Goodwell, Okla.
84-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.

High-ADG junior Angus—owner: Wink Farms Angus, Panhandle, Texas; sire: GAR Progress; ADG: 5.81 lb.

Top Angus junior group—five bulls; owner: Wink Farms Angus; sires: GAR Progress, Circle A Incentive; avg. ADG: 4.95 lb.

High-ADG senior Angus—owner: B&M Angus, Edmond, Okla.; sire: B&M CC&7 117; ADG: 6.57 lb.

Top Angus senior group—four bulls; owner: B&M Angus; sires: B&M Mandate 129, Hoover Dam and B&M CC&7 117; avg. ADG: 5.68 lb.

Angus averages (113 head)—ADG: 4.21 lb.; WDA: 3.10 lb.

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 were 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 at gwen@opsu.edu.

▣ **Southwest Virginia BCIA Bull Test**
Hillwinds Farm, Dublin, Va.
56-day report (Dec. 23, 2014)

The junior and senior tests at the Southwest Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) Bull Test are being conducted simultaneously. Senior bulls must have been born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2013. Junior bulls must have been born Jan. 1-March 31, 2014. Entries for both divisions were due Sept. 5. Delivery was accepted Oct. 7 at Hillwinds Farm. A total of 84 senior bulls and 104 junior bulls went on test Oct. 28.

The senior Angus bulls began the test with an average weight of 1,042 lb. and an average WDA of 2.80 lb. The junior Angus bulls weighed on test with an average weight of 723 lb. and an average WDA of 2.82 lb.

High-ADG senior Angus—Lot 18; owner: Lucas Farm, Joe and Timmy Lucas, Blacksburg; sire: Rito 9M25 of Rita 5F56 Pred; ADG: 5.36 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.02 lb.; WDA ratio: 102; wt.: 1,360 lb.

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 15; owner: Lucas Farm; sire: KCF Bennett Upward W538; ADG: 4.46 lb.; ADG ratio: 110; WDA: 3.36 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,320 lb.

High-ADG junior Angus (tie)—Lot 62; owner: J&M Windy Acres, Mike Connatser, Maryville, Tenn.; sire: B/R New Day 454; ADG: 4.46 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 3.37 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,065 lb.

High-ADG junior Angus (tie)—Lot 83; owner: Lucas Farm; sire: Connealy Calvary 1149; ADG: 4.46 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 3.05 lb.; WDA ratio: 106; wt.: 1,005 lb.

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 86; owner: Lucas Farm; sire: GAR Prophet; ADG: 4.38 lb.; ADG ratio: 137; WDA: 3.47 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,175 lb.

Angus senior averages (39 head)—ADG: 4.07 lb.; WDA: 2.97 lb.; wt.: 1,269 lb.

Angus junior averages (59 head)—ADG: 3.19 lb.; WDA: 2.87 lb.; wt.: 899 lb.

Overall senior averages (84 head)—ADG: 3.88 lb.; WDA: 2.87 lb.; wt.: 1,235 lb.

Overall junior averages (104 head)—ADG: 3.25 lb.; WDA: 2.96 lb.; wt.: 922 lb.

The 84-day weight was scheduled for collection Jan. 20, 2015. The bulls were to be

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weighed off test Feb. 17. The test sale will be at the farm March 28.

For more information contact Scott Greiner, extension beef specialist, 366 Litton-Reaves Hall, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 24061; phone: 540-231-9159; fax: 540-231-3010; Joi Saville, extension associate, phone: 540-231-2257; Tim Sutphin, owner/manager, Hillwinds Farm, 5660 Thornspring Church Rd., Dublin, VA 24084; 540-980-5848; or visit the test website at <http://bcia.apsc.vt.edu>.

▶ ICA Bull Evaluation Program Guthrie Center and Cedar Rapids, Iowa Interim 1 reports (Dec. 23, 2014)

Bulls were delivered to the Bloomfield and Dunlap test stations for the Iowa Cattlemen's Association (ICA) 2015 Bull Evaluation Program, with spring-born bulls at the test station at the Van Meter Feedyard in Guthrie Center, Iowa, and fall-born bulls at the test station at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The Bloomfield test has 30 Angus bulls, the Dunlap test has 17 Angus spring-born bulls, and there are 14 Angus fall-born bulls at Kirkwood. There were 37 spring-born Angus bulls delivered for the Tama test at the Van Meter Feedyard.

The bulls were to complete a 21-day warm-up period following their respective delivery dates. Bulls were to be weighed twice going on test. The first two weights were to be

averaged and mark the start of the 112-day test. The top three-quarters of each breed meeting test requirements will be offered for sale.

High-ADG Dunlap Angus—Lot 104; owner: Larry Bridgewater, Golden Chute Ranch, Walker; sire: Deppe 628 Upward 008; ADG: 5.44 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA: 3.89 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,100 lb.

High-WDA Dunlap Angus—Lot 106; owner: George or Randy Graham, Gilman; sire: GA Upward 102; ADG: 5.04 lb.; ADG ratio: 113; WDA: 3.91 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,100 lb.

High-ADG Bloomfield Angus—Lot 84; owner: Mike Kaefring, Tipton; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 6.49 lb.; ADG ratio: 137; WDA: 3.67 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,185 lb.

High-WDA Bloomfield Angus—Lot 95; owner: G.N. Neumeyer, Golden Chute Ranch, Walker; sire: Connealy 044 062; ADG: 5.75 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 3.93 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,340 lb.

Dunlap Angus averages—ADG: 4.47 lb.; WDA: 3.34 lb.; wt.: 976 lb.

Bloomfield Angus averages—ADG: 4.74 lb.; WDA: 3.32 lb.; wt.: 1,053 lb.

Both spring and fall Bloomfield bulls will be sold March 16, 2015, at the Bloomfield Livestock Auction Market. Spring bulls will be sold at the Dunlap Livestock Auction Market March 27. The Tama bulls will be sold May 1, 2015.

For more information contact Kellie Carolan (kellie@iabeef.org), seedstock manager, Iowa Cattlemen's Ass'n, PO Box 1490, Ames, IA 50014; ICA phone: 515-296-2266; Kellie's cell: 641-751-0737; fax: 515-296-2261; www.iacattlemen.org.

▶ MBCIA Jackson Bull Test Spring Grove, Minn. 56-day report (Jan. 4, 2015)

The Minnesota Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) has a total of 66 bulls, 47 of them Angus, on test. To be eligible for the test, bulls must be born between Jan. 1-May 15, 2014. Application forms were due Oct. 10, 2014. Bulls were delivered Oct. 25, with the test weigh-in Nov. 7-8.

Bulls will be fed in two lots with 250 feet of bunk space per pen. Bulls are assigned to lots depending on size and weight. Good-quality forages consisting of corn silage, alfalfa haylage, corn, distillers' grains, mineral mix and vitamins are fed.

High-ADG (tie) and high-indexing Angus—Lot 9; owner: Richland Prairie Farm, Lanesboro; sire: Plattemere Weigh Up K360; ADG: 5.09 lb.; WDA: 4.01 lb.; wt.: 1,295 lb.; test index: 124

High-ADG (tie) Angus—Lot 17; owner: Riley Bros. Farms, Darlington, Wis.; ADG: 5.09 lb.; WDA: 3.53 lb.; wt.: 1,140 lb.; test index: 117

High-WDA Angus—Lot 31; owner: Goodrich

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Place Inc., Emerald, Wis.; sire: Connealy Shrek 4242; ADG: 4.46 lb.; WDA: 4.32 lb.; wt.: 1,135 lb.; test index: 120

Angus averages (47 head)—ADG: 3.96 lb.; WDA: 3.48 lb.; wt.: 1,086 lb.

Overall averages (67 head)—ADG: 3.93 lb.; WDA: 3.42 lb.; wt.: 1,071 lb.

The next interim weight was scheduled for Feb. 19, with off-test weights to be taken March 26. The sale will be April 10.

For more information contact Ron Holty, test station manager, at Foundation Feeders Inc., 21685 South View Rd., Spring Grove, MN 55974; phone: 507-498-5839 or cell: 507-429-7963; or ronholty@gmail.com.

▶ Tifton Bull Evaluation Program Tifton Bull Evaluation Center, Tifton, Ga. 84-day report (Jan. 13, 2015)

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. The bulls have continued to perform very well, 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 84 days, the leaders are as follows.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 4; owner: Gillis Angus Farm, Eastman, Ga.; sire: Sitz Rainmaker 11127; ADG: 5.57 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 3.85 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,475 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 63; owner: Griffith Angus Farm, Winston Griffith, Tallahassee, Fla.; sire: Sitz New Design 458N; ADG: 3.33 lb.; ADG ratio: 78; WDA: 4.02 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,390 lb.

Angus averages (70 head)—ADG: 4.26 lb.; WDA: 3.39 lb.; wt.: 1,237 lb.

Overall averages (142 head)—ADG: 4.28 lb.; WDA: 3.33 lb.; wt.: 1,226 lb.

Final weights were 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.

▶ UBIA Bull Test Kenison Feedlot, Levan, Utah 84-day report (Jan. 12, 2015)

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. 84-day leaders include the following.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 96; owner: Lowe Livestock, Lorin Lowe, Toquerville; sire: MR Objective 904; ADG: 4.79 lb.; ADG ratio: 135; WDA: 3.4 lb.; wt.: 1,235 lb.; test index: 128

High-WDA and high-indexing junior growth Angus (tie)—Lot 140; owner: Strawberry River Angus, Travis Clayburn, Strawberry River; sire: Riverbend High Country X06; ADG: 4.73 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; WDA: 3.6 lb.; wt.: 1,140 lb.; test index: 128

High-ADG and high-indexing junior LBW Angus—Lot 110; owner: Lowe Livestock; sire: MR Objective 904; ADG: 4.73 lb.; ADG ratio: 138; WDA: 3.4 lb.; wt.: 1,265 lb.; test index: 129

High-WDA junior LBW Angus—Lot 85; owner: Lisonbee Angus, James Lisonbee, Roosevelt; sire: Riverbend SF Upward 120;

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ADG: 4.17 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA: 3.7 lb.; wt.: 1,150 lb.; test index: 119

Junior Angus growth averages (47 head)—ADG: 3.54 lb.

Junior Angus LBW averages (41 head)—ADG: 3.42 lb.

Overall Junior Angus averages—ADG: 3.33 lb.

Bulls were to 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.

▶ IBEP Winter Test

Feldun-Purdue Ag Center, Bedford, Ind. 63-day report (Jan. 20, 2015)

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.

The next interim weigh date was scheduled for Feb. 17. The bulls will be weighed off test March 23. There are 156 Angus bulls in the test.

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus—Lot 137; owner: Eastview Angus Farm LLC, Corunna, Ind.; sire: Styles Upgrade J59; ADG: 6.43 lb.; ADG ratio: 148; WDA: 3.61 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,265 lb.; test index: 132

High-WDA Angus—Lot 194; owner: Cooper Angus, Tippecanoe, Ind.; sire: EXAR Upshot 0562B; ADG: 3.49 lb.; ADG ratio: 80; WDA: 4.02 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,330 lb.; test index: 97

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus sire group—four bulls; owner: Stewart Select Angus, Greensburg, Ind.; sire: SS Niagara Z29; avg. ADG: 5.20 lb.; ADG ratio: 119; avg. WDA: 3.58 lb.; WDA ratio: 108; avg. wt.: 1,027 lb.; test index: 115

High-WDA Angus sire group—five bulls; owner: Apple Hill Angus, Harrisville, Mich.; sire: Woodhill Foresight; avg. ADG: 4.83 lb.; ADG ratio: 111; avg. WDA: 3.68 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; avg. wt.: 1,069 lb.; test index: 111

Angus averages (156 head)—ADG: 4.35 lb.; WDA: 3.32 lb.; wt.: 1,123 lb.

Overall averages (215 head)—WDA: 4.29 lb.; WDA: 3.33 lb.; wt.: 1,118 lb.

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

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▶ Kansas Angus Ass'n Bull Test Wamego, Kan.

Mid-test report (Jan. 2, 2015)

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. Final weights were to be taken Feb. 21 and

23. The test sale will take place April 1 at the Mitchell County Fairgrounds, Beloit, Kan.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 230; owner: H. Jensen, Blair Hills Angus Farm, Wathena; sire: EXAR Wind Talker 9533B; ADG: 5.3 lb.; ADG ratio: 142; WDA: 2.8 lb.; WDA ratio: 97; wt.: 944 lb.; test index: 120

High-WDA Angus—Lot 425; owner: Miles Pearson, Scott City; sire: LAR New Present Value 831; ADG: 3.8 lb.; ADG ratio: 101; WDA: 3.6 lb.; WDA ratio: 122; wt.: 1,050 lb.; test index: 112

High-indexing Angus—Lot 192; owner: J.W. and Carol Brune, Overbrook; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 4.7 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 3.4 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,198 lb.; test index: 123

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.

▶ WBIA Bull Test University of Wisconsin, Platteville, Wis. 35-day report (Jan. 5, 2015)

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 99 bulls, 96 of them Angus, were delivered Nov. 3, 2014, for the 2015 WBIA

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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 isonated (scanned by ultrasound) for carcass traits and evaluated for breeding soundness.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 61; owner: Charles Wimmer, Afolkey Springs Farm, Dakota, Ill.; sire: SydGen Turbo 8992; ADG: 7.00 lb.; ADG ratio: 155; WDA: 3.36 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 1,160 lb.

High-WDA Angus (tie)—Lot 20; owner: Tim Ryan, Ryan Cattle, Lodi; sire: Connealy Capitalist 028; ADG: 5.86 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 3.75 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,060 lb.

High-WDA Angus (tie)—Lot 75; owner: Brian Nodolf, Biddick Inc., Livingston; sire: SS Incentive XII; ADG: 6.14 lb.; ADG ratio: 136; WDA: 3.75 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,130 lb.

Angus averages (77 head)—ADG: 4.52 lb.; WDA: 3.13 lb.

The next interim weight was scheduled for Feb. 4. 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 WBA website at www.wisconsinbeef.com.

Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Ass'n Douglas Bull Test Station, Carberry, Man. 56-day report (Jan. 8, 2015)

The 51st Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Association Bull & Heifer Development Test accepted delivery Oct. 14-17, 2014, at the Douglas Bull Test Station in Carberry, Man., Canada. Consignors must be members of the Manitoba Beef Cattle Association, and bulls must have been born Jan. 1-April 12, 2014, to be eligible for the 112-day test.

A total of 148 bulls were weighed on test Nov. 14, including three Blonde D'Aquitaine, nine Limousin, three Salers, four Charolais, 84 Angus*, 25 Simmental, three Maine Anjou and 17 Shorthorn. The average on-test WDA for all bulls was 3.21 lb.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 54; owner: Tobacco Creek Cattle Co., Miami, Man.; ADG: 5.68 lb.; WDA: 3.66 lb.; wt.: 1,257 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 9; owner: KLM Angus, Kurtis and Holly McKee, Bagot, Man.; sire: Backroads 1418 Legend; ADG: 5.34 lb.; WDA: 3.92 lb.; wt.: 1,259 lb.

Angus averages (84 head)—ADG: 4.29 lb.; WDA: 3.33 lb.; wt.: 1,064 lb.

Overall averages (148 head)—ADG: 4.06 lb.; WDA: 3.37 lb.

The bulls will be weighed off test March 4-5, 2015, with the sale scheduled for April 4.

For more information contact Ivan Ahnholz, station manager, office phone: 204-763-4696; cell: 204-724-6271; or Bev Walker, office manager, office phone: 204-763-4696; fax: 204-763-4102; bulltest@mynetset.ca; or visit the test website at www.manitobabulltest.co.

***Editor's Note:** Both red and black Angus are tested as Angus in this test.

Midland Bull Test Columbus, Mont. 66-day group 1 & 2 reports (Jan. 8-9, 2015)

The Midland Bull test is a 120-day gain test with a 70-day efficiency test. Bulls are fed a 44-Mcal diet that is high in roughage for targeted gains of about 3 lb. per day. Group 1 bulls were received Sept. 13-24, 2014. Group 2 bulls were received Oct. 8-18, 2014.

High-ADG Group 1 Angus—Lot 104; owner: Marda Angus Farm, Lodi, Wis.; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 4.51 lb.; ADG ratio: 148; WDA: 3.31 lb.; wt.: 1,280 lb.

High-WDA Group 1 Angus—Lot 202; owner: Fastert Farms, Rock Rapids, Iowa; sire: Basin Excitement; ADG: 3.72 lb.; WDA: 3.93 lb.; wt.: 1,445 lb.

High-ADG Group 2 Angus—Lot 505; owner: Willer Timber Ridge, Greencastle, Ind.; sire: Sitz Icon 1054; ADG: 4.95 lb.; ADG ratio: 162; WDA: 3.24 lb.; wt.: 1,180 lb.

High-WDA Group 2 Angus—Lot 606; owner: Deppe Angus, Waverly, Iowa; sire: SAV Angus Valley 459; ADG: 4.09 lb.; WDA: 4.10 lb.; wt.: 1,255 lb.

High-ADG Angus sire group—three bulls; owner: Coombs Cattle Co., Riverside, Utah; sire: Connealy Confidence 0100; avg. ADG: 4.03 lb.

High-WDA Angus sire group—three bulls; owner: Fastert Farms; sire: Basin Excitement; avg. WDA: 3.80 lb.

Angus averages—ADG: 3.17 lb.; WDA: 3.13 lb.

The Angus sale is scheduled for April 3, 2015.

For more information contact Steve and Lindsay Williams at 406-322-5597 (office); fax: 406-322-5210; email: bulls@midlandbulltest.com or visit the test website at www.midlandbulltest.com.

Snake River Bull Test Twin Falls, Idaho Mid-test report (Jan. 9, 2015)

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 22; owner: McPherson Farm, Nephi, Utah; sire: Connealy Consensus 7229; ADG: 4.0 lb.; wt.: 1,030 lb.

High-ADG senior Angus—Lot 110; owner: Rocky Mountain Genetics, Jerome, Idaho;

sire: RMUG Avenger Thor 123X; ADG: 5.2 lb.; wt.: 1,470 lb.

Junior Angus averages (59 head)—ADG: 2.9 lb.; wt.: 956 lb.

Senior Angus averages (19 head)—ADG: 3.5 lb.; wt.: 1,247 lb.

Off-test weights were 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.

WIU Bull Test Macomb, Ill. 84-day report (Jan. 12, 2015)

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 401; owner: Eagle River Angus, Dunlap, Ill.; sire: B/R New Day 454; ADG: 5.6 lb.; wt.: 1,354 lb.

The test was 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.

Edisto Forage Bull Test Edisto Research & Education Center, Blackville, S.C. 28-day report (Jan. 13, 2015)

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 weather has been wet and cold, but the grazing is holding up well at the moment.

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

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warm-up period at +0.30 lb. compared to last year's -0.80 lb. per day. Senior bulls qualifying for the test were born Nov. 1, 2013-Jan. 31, 2014. Junior bulls were born Feb. 1-March 31, 2014.

High-ADG senior Angus—Lot 61; owner: Hawk's Nest Farm, Leicester, N.C.; sire: HNR Special Design Exacto; ADG: 4.93 lb.; ADG ratio: 232; WDA: 2.12 lb.; WDA ratio: 100; wt.: 830 lb.

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 39; owner: Fox Run Farm; sire: Rito 2V8 2536 1407; ADG: 2.00 lb.; ADG ratio: 94; WDA: 2.68 lb.; WDA ratio: 126; wt.: 976 lb.

High-ADG and high-WDA (tie) junior Angus—Lot 55; owner: Outlander Angus Farm; sire: GAR Prophet; ADG: 6.21 lb.; ADG ratio: 316; WDA: 2.51 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 762 lb.

High-WDA (tie) junior Angus—Lot 44; owner: Primus Genetics, Millers Creek, N.C.; sire: Basin Payweight 107S; ADG: 1.93 lb.; ADG ratio: 98; WDA: 2.51 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 830 lb.

Angus senior averages (38 head)—ADG: 2.13 lb.; WDA: 2.12 lb.; wt.: 802 lb.

Angus junior averages (25 head)—ADG: 1.97 lb.; WDA: 2.24 lb.; wt.: 709 lb.

Overall averages (89 head)—ADG: 1.95 lb.; WDA: 2.19 lb.; wt.: 774 lb.

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

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

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▶ Nebraska Bull Test Rohde Farms, Mason City, Neb. 90-day report (Jan. 15, 2015)

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 90-day mark, test leaders were as follows.

High-ADG and high-WDA calving-ease Angus—Lot 40; owner: Reiter Angus, Chris & Amber Reiter, Miller; sire: Whispering Wind 48; ADG: 4.68 lb.; ADG ratio: 136; WDA: 3.66 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,374 lb.

High-ADG and high-WDA Angus—Lot 84; owner: Double D Angus, Linwood; sire: SAV Angus Valley 1867; ADG: 4.42 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 3.95 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,382 lb.

High-ADG Angus sire group—eight bulls; owner: Bredemeier Angus Farms; sire: AAR Ten X 7008; avg. ADG: 4.23 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; avg. WDA: 3.37 lb.; WDA ratio: 106; avg. wt.: 1,099 lb.

High-WDA Angus sire group—seven bulls; owner: Neben Ranch, Orlando, Fla.; sire: SAV Bismarck 5682; avg. ADG: 4.11 lb.; ADG ratio: 119; avg. WDA: 3.48 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; avg. wt.: 1,272 lb.

Calving-ease Angus averages (49 head)—ADG: 3.44 lb.; WDA: 3.19 lb.; wt.: 1,107 lb.

Angus averages (81 head)—ADG: 3.47 lb.; WDA: 3.27 lb.; wt.: 1,130 lb.

Final weights were 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.

▶ Tifton HERD Program

The 16th HERD program at the Tifton Bull Evaluation Center in Irwinville is under way. The center received 166 heifers Oct. 6. The heifers have been worked for the third time.

Lutalyse was to be injected Dec. 12. All heifers were to be bred Dec. 15 and injected with GnRH. Cleanup bulls were to be placed with the heifers Dec. 23 and were removed Feb. 13. Pregnancy examination is to be done March 18 to determine which heifers are safe to the AI dates.

The Tifton HERD sale is scheduled for April 21, 2015.

For more information visit www.caes.uga.edu/commodities/animals/beef/index.html.

▶ North Dakota Angus Ass'n Bull Test Ridl Farms, Dickinson, N.D. 56-day report (Jan. 21)

L.J. and Janet Dohrmann, Taylor, N.D., North Dakota Angus Association (NDAA) Bull Test committee chairmen, report that this year's test has 72 bulls consigned by 23 Angus breeders. A \$500 award goes to both the high-ADG and high-indexing bull, sponsored by the NDAA.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 10; owner: Schmidt Angus Ranch, Gladstone; sire: SAV Resource 1441; ADG: 6.18 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 22; owner: Thompson Angus, Kintyre; sire: Vision Unanimous; WDA: 3.98 lb.

Angus averages—ADG: 4.24 lb.; WDA: 3.47 lb.; wt.: 1,105 lb.

The NDAA 27th annual bull test sale will be April 27 at Stockmen's Livestock Exchange, Dickinson.

For more information contact the Dohrmanns at 9721 31R St. SW, Taylor, ND 58656 or call 701-974-2187 or 701-260-2650.

▶ St. Croix Valley Bull Test UW Mann Valley Farm, River Falls, Wis. 84-day report (Jan. 24, 2015)

The St. Croix Valley Bull Test (SCVBT) is conducted at the University of Wisconsin

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(UW) Mann Valley Farms at River Falls, Wis. The 140-day test features a high-roughage ration of corn silage, haylage, shell corn, protein and mineral to provide a targeted average daily gain (ADG) of 3 lb.

High-ADG and high-WDA Angus—Lot 18-2; owner: Neenah Creek Angus, Owen and Chris Wade, Endeavor, Wis.; sire: MCC Daybreak; ADG: 5.13 lb.; ADG ratio: 148; WDA: 3.81 lb.; WDA ratio: 123; wt.: 1,175 lb.

Angus averages (62 head)—ADG: 3.47 lb.; WDA: 3.10 lb.; wt.: 986 lb.

An interim weight was scheduled for late February, with off-test weights collected March 21. The sale will be at the farm April 18. The top two-thirds of the bulls will sell based on an index that is 75% ADG ratio + 25% WDA ratio.

For more information contact Stacy Myers at rockton@mwt.net or Jerry Lausted at glausted@wwt.net.

▣ Treasure Bull Test

Broken O Ranch Feedlot, Simms, Mont.

90-day report (Jan. 2, 2015)

The 120-day Treasure Bull Test received 125 Angus bulls at the Broken O Ranch Feedlot in Simms, Mont. The spring division is for bulls born Dec. 15, 2013-April 15, 2014. The fall division is for bulls born Aug. 1-Dec. 14, 2013. The bulls were weighed on test Nov. 1-2, 2014.

High-ADG Jackpot Angus—Lot 18; owner: RTM Ranches, Rod Mikkelsen, Hobson, Mont.; sire: Diamond Republic 2432; ADG: 4.83 lb.; WDA: 3.22 lb.; wt.: 1,140 lb.

High-WDA Jackpot Angus—Lot 12; owner: Granger Angus, Jim and Beth Granger, Great Falls, Mont.; sire: Granger Great Falls 053; ADG: 4.33 lb.; WDA: 3.78 lb.; wt.: 1,300 lb.

High-ADG and high-WDA Angus—Lot 183; owner: Probst Ent., Seth Probst, Dillon, Mont.; sire: SD Pioneer 2062; ADG: 5.61 lb.; WDA: 3.94 lb.; wt.: 1,220 lb.

Top Angus sire group—three bulls; owner: Bethany Ridge farms, Doug and Sherry Wirth, Oak Harbor, Wash.; sire: BV Pinpoint 1045; avg. ADG: 4.17 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,097 lb.

Angus averages (125 head)—ADG: 3.29 lb.; WDA: 3.06 lb.

The bulls will be weighed off test in mid-March. Approximately 75% of the bulls on test will sell April 13 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 Pepper at 406-264-5694 or 406-799-0174 or brtangus@3rivers.net. The test website is www.treasurebulltest.com.

▣ OPSU Bull Performance Test

Goodwell, Okla.

112-day final report (Jan. 31)

The bulls consigned to the 63rd annual Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU)

Bull Performance Test were weighed on test Oct. 11. 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. This year's test includes bulls consigned by 14 breeders.

High-ADG junior Angus—owner: Wink Farms Angus, Panhandle, Texas; sire: Circle A Incentive; ADG: 5.21 lb.; WDA: 3.33 lb.

High-ADG senior Angus—owner: B&M

Angus, Edmond, Okla.; sire: B&M Mandate 129; ADG: 5.20 lb.; WDA: 3.45 lb.

Angus averages (113 head)—ADG: 3.82 lb.; WDA: 3.17 lb.

Wink Farms had the top-gaining pen of junior bulls. B&M Angus had the top-gaining pen of senior-age bulls.

The sale was scheduled for Feb. 23. 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.

