



Performance Report

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Nebraska Bull Test

**Rohde Farms, Mason City, Neb.
90-day report (Jan. 12, 2017)**

The Nebraska Bull Test reported that 30 consignors delivered 117 Angus bulls, including 56 calving-ease bulls, that were weighed on test Oct. 13-14 for the start of the 2016-2017 test. Delivery of bulls was accepted Oct. 3 for the 120-day test conducted at Rohde Farms, Mason City, Neb.

High-ADG and high-WDA calving-ease

Angus—Lot 28CE; owner: Rockin' M Livestock and Mill Iron Hanging O Cattle; sire: KM Broken Bow 002; ADG: 5.10 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 3.72 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,264 lb.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 135; owner: Boyles Angus, Mason City; sire: SAV Angus Valley 1867; ADG: 5.01 lb.; ADG ratio: 135; WDA: 4.10 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,524 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 20; owner: Anderson Bros. Angus, Ong; sire: Koupal's B+B Fort Knox 2077; ADG: 4.87 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 4.13 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,326 lb.

High-ADG Angus sire group—Lots 170CE, 171CE, 172CE, 175CE; owner: Lazy Black Diamond Ranch, Palmer; sire: TC Forthright 333; avg. ADG: 4.64 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; avg. WDA: 3.37 lb.; WDA ratio: 102; avg. wt.: 1,220 lb.

High-WDA Angus sire group—Lots 19CE, 20, 21CE owner: Anderson Bros.; sire: Koupal's B+B Fort Knox 2077; avg. ADG: 4.16 lb.; ADG ratio: 113; WDA: 3.69 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; avg. wt.: 1,192 lb.

Angus calving-ease averages (65 head)—ADG: 3.66 lb.; WDA: 3.31 lb.; wt.: 1,161 lb.

Angus averages (108 head)—ADG: 3.72 lb.; WDA: 3.42 lb.; wt.: 1,180 lb.

Final weights were scheduled to have been taken Feb. 10-11. The test sale will be March 22 at Central Nebraska Commission Co., Broken Bow, Neb.

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.

For more information contact Mick Phillips, test manager, at 308-764-2378 or Shane Rohde at 308-212-0157 or visit the test website at www.nebraskabullsale.com.

UBIA Bull Test

**Kenison Feedlot, Levan, Utah
84-day report (Jan. 10, 2017)**

The Utah Beef Improvement Association (UBIA) received 212 junior and 14 senior bulls at Kenison Farm and Feedlot, Levan. Bulls entered in the senior test must have been born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2015. Bulls entered in the junior test must have been born Jan. 1-March 15, 2016.

Bulls are being 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 (LBW) division.

High-ADG and high-ratio junior Angus—Lot 119; owner: Andrew McPherson, McPherson Farms, Nephi; sire: SydGen Mandate 6079; ADG: 4.85 lb.; ADG ratio: 147; WDA: 3.60 lb. wt.: 1,195 lb.; test ratio: 138

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 117; owner: Andrew McPherson, McPherson Farms; sire: Quaker Hill Rampage; ADG: 4.20 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 3.89 lb.; wt.: 1,260 lb.; test ratio: 125

High-ADG, high-WDA and high-ratio

senior Angus—Lot 226; owner: Lowe Livestock; sire: Connealy Final Product; ADG: 4.49 lb.; ADG ratio: 142; WDA: 3.46 lb.; wt.: 1,325 lb.; test ratio: 138

Angus junior averages (142 head)—ADG: 3.30 lb.

Overall junior averages (212 head)—ADG: 3.13 lb.

Overall senior averages (14 head)—ADG: 3.17 lb.

Bulls were to be weighed off test Feb. 6 and 8. The test sale is scheduled for March 18.

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.

Wardensville Bull Test

**West Virginia University Reymann Memorial Farm, Wardensville, W.Va.
56-day report (Jan. 17, 2017)**

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 received delivery of bulls Oct. 26, 2016, 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, 2016. The enrollment deadline was Sept. 16, 2016.

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 51; owner: Shriver Farms, Grafton, W.Va.; sire: Diamond Roundup 073Z; ADG: 5.75 lb.; ADG ratio: 137; WDA: 3.59 lb.; wt.: 1,094 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 5; owner: River Front Cattle Co., Buckhannon; sire: Riverfront 3fa2 of G229; ADG: 4.70 lb.; ADG ratio: 112; WDA: 3.72 lb.; wt.: 1,213 lb.

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Angus averages (155 head)—ADG: 4.20 lb.; WDA: 3.18 lb.; wt.: 1,063 lb.

The test sale is scheduled for March 23 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/.

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

28-day report (Jan. 17, 2017)

The 2017 Edisto Forage Bull Test (EFBT)

began Dec. 20 in Blackville after the delivery of 54 bulls Dec. 6, 2016. Senior bulls eligible for the test were born Nov. 1, 2015-Jan. 31, 2016. Junior bulls eligible for the test were born Feb. 1-March 31, 2016.

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 its 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.

High-ADG and high-indexing senior Angus—Lot 34; owner: Burton Family Farm,

Westminster, S.C.; sire: WTN Catawba Warrior X085; ADG: 5.93 lb.; WDA: 1.44 lb.; wt.: 550 lb.; test index: 7.36

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 22; owner: Lindy Sheppard Farm; Sylvania, Ga.; sire: GAR Sundown M5591; ADG: 4.11 lb.; WDA: 2.62 lb.; wt.: 1,080 lb.; test index: 6.73

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 52; owner: Clemson EREC, Blackville, S.C.; sire: Yon Upward A713; ADG: 4.54 lb.; WDA: 2.05 lb.; wt.: 698 lb.; test index: 6.58

High-WDA and high-indexing junior Angus—Lot 46; owner: Primus Genetics, Millers Creek, N.C.; sire: Primus Upward 1338; ADG: 3.82 lb.; WDA: 2.96 lb.; wt.: 868 lb.; index: 6.78

Overall averages (54 head)—ADG: 3.42 lb.; WDA: 2.22 lb.; wt.: 800 lb.

The bulls will be weighed off test June 6.

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The sale is scheduled for Oct. 14.

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

▶ WIU Bull Test

Macomb, Ill.

84-day report (Jan. 24, 2016)

The 45th Western Illinois University (WIU) Bull Test received 63 bulls from five states, representing the Angus, Simmental, Polled Hereford, Red Angus and Charolais breeds, plus a number of Simmental composites and a Barzona composite, according to WIU School of Agriculture Bull Test Director John Carlson. The bulls officially began the test Oct. 19, 2016.

The bulls were to be weighed every 28 days throughout the test, and the test website updated after each weigh date.

High-ADG—Lot 401; owner: Eagle River Angus, Phil Ehle, Dunlap, Ill.; sire: VAR Generation 2100; ADG: 5.56 lb.; wt.: 1,236 lb.

Off-test weights were to be taken Feb. 7 and 8, 2017. The test sale is scheduled for March 10, 2017.

For more information about the test and for the full final test report, contact Carlson at 309-298-1288 or jp-carlson@wiu.edu. The test website is www.wiu.edu/bulltest.

▶ Southwest Virginia BCIA Bull Test

Hillwinds Farm, Dublin, Va.

84-day report (Jan. 4, 2017)

The junior and senior tests at the Southwest Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement

Association (BCIA) Bull Test will be conducted simultaneously. Senior bulls must have been born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2015. Junior bulls must have been born Jan. 1-March 31, 2016. Entries for both divisions were due Sept. 5. Delivery was accepted Oct. 4 at Hillwinds Farm. A total of 97 senior bulls and 128 junior bulls went on test Oct. 25.

The senior Angus bulls began the test with an average weight of 1,040 lb. and an average WDA of 2.70 lb. The junior Angus bulls weighed on test with an average weight of 735 lb. and an average WDA of 2.86 lb.

The bulls were to be weighed off test with an average of weights collected Feb. 13 and 14.

High-ADG senior Angus—Lot 18; owner: Brilee Angus Ranch, Bob Bahr, Timberville; sire: VAR Discovery 2240; ADG: 5.42 lb.; ADG

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ratio: 147; WDA: 2.67 lb.; WDA ratio: 93; wt.: 1,125 lb.

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 22; owner: Gray Mountain Angus, Tracy and Amy Gray, Pembroke; sire: RB Tour of Duty; ADG: 3.28 lb.; ADG ratio: 89; WDA: 3.26 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,395 lb.

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 81; owner: Silver Creek Angus, John Prekker, Danville; sire: Werner War Party 2417; ADG: 4.86 lb.; ADG ratio: 145; WDA: 3.26 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,240 lb.

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 78; owner: Cassell Angus Farm, Jason Cassell, Independence; sire: WHS Limelight 64V; ADG: 4.01 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 3.48 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,145 lb.

Angus senior averages (44 head)—ADG: 3.69 lb.; WDA: 2.87 lb.; wt.: 1,339 lb.

Overall senior averages (95 head)—ADG: 3.71 lb.; WDA: 2.87 lb.; wt.: 1,328 lb.

Angus junior averages (82 head)—ADG: 3.34 lb.; WDA: 2.98 lb.; wt.: 1,015 lb.

Overall junior averages (128 head)—ADG: 3.24 lb.; WDA: 2.98 lb.; wt.: 1,010 lb.

The test sale will be at the farm March 25.

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>.

▶ MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program Plank Farm, Crystal, Mich. 84-day report (Jan. 13, 2017)

The Michigan Cattlemen's Association (MCA) and Michigan State University (MSU) announced the beginning of the MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program, with 103 bulls weighing an average of 783 lb. Consignors must be paid members of the MCA and have their 2017 dues paid in advance. To be eligible for the test, bulls must have been born Sept. 1, 2015-March 31, 2016. There are 45 junior Angus bulls and 9 senior Angus bulls on test.

All bulls will be evaluated at the MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program Station located at Plank Farm, Crystal, Mich. The deadline for entries for the 112-day test was Sept. 1, with a delivery date of Oct. 7-8.

High-ADG senior Angus—Lot 43; owner: Bordner Angus Farms, Sturgis; sire: K-B Carcass Merit A02; ADG: 5.24 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 3.14 lb.; WDA ratio: 94; wt.: 1,390 lb.

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 26; owner: KB Farms, Kevin Beckington, Merritt; sire: EXAR Denver 2002B; ADG: 4.67 lb.; ADG ratio:

111; WDA: 3.75 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,375 lb.

High-ADG and high-WDA junior Angus—Lot 23; owner: Eastview Angus Farm, Corunna, Ind.; sire: EXAR Resistol 3710B; ADG: 5.12 lb.; ADG ratio: 138; WDA: 4.27 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,250 lb.

Overall averages—ADG: 3.81 lb.; WDA: 3.52 lb.; wt.: 1,103 lb.

Final weights were to be taken Feb. 10, 2017. The sale is scheduled for March 18.

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

▶ IBEP Winter Test Feldun-Purdue Ag Center, Bedford, Ind. 63-day report (Jan. 24, 2017)

A total of 220 bulls and 21 get-of-sire groups were delivered for the 2016 Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) Winter Test.

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Angus, Hereford, Red Angus, SimAngus, Simmental, Maine-Anjou, Lim-Flex and Charolais are represented with 76 owners from six different states.

Interim weigh dates were scheduled for Jan. 24 and Feb. 21, with the bulls weighed off test March 21.

High-ADG (tie) and high-indexing Angus—Lot 218; owner: Way View Cattle Co., Fred Pinick, Hebron, Ohio; sire: Connealy Uptown 098E; ADG: 5.24 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.70 lb.; WDA ratio: 125; wt.: 1,430 lb.; test index: 125

High-ADG (tie)—Lot 38; owner: Rolling Acres Angus, Rick Rotert, Freetown; sire: Prairie Creek Boulder 3017; ADG: 5.24 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.57 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,210 lb.; test index: 124

High-ADG (tie) Angus—Lot 67; owner: Willer Timber Ridge, Greencastle; sire: Sitz Wisdom 481T; ADG: 5.24 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.14 lb.; WDA ratio: 98; wt.: 1,210 lb.; test index: 118

High-WDA Angus—Lot 44; owner: Benson Angus, Greensburg; sire: AAR Ten X 7008 S A; ADG: 4.52 lb.; ADG ratio: 114; WDA: 4.03 lb.; WDA ratio: 125; wt.: 1,325 lb.; test index: 119

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus sire group—four bulls; owner: Fritz Homer Farm, Terre Haute; sire: Connealy Power Surge 3115; avg. ADG: 4.91 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; avg. WDA: 3.15 lb.; WDA ratio: 98; avg. wt.: 1,197 lb.; test index: 114

High-WDA Angus sire group—two bulls; owner: Rolling Acres Angus; sire: SS Niagara Z29; avg. ADG: 4.20 lb.; ADG ratio: 106; avg. WDA: 3.46 lb.; WDA ratio: 108; wt.: 1,090 lb.; test index: 107

Angus averages (152 head)—ADG: 3.97 lb.; WDA: 3.21 lb.; wt.: 1,093 lb.

Overall averages (218 head)—ADG: 3.83 lb.; WDA: 3.22 lb.; wt.: 1,085 lb.

Bulls will sell April 20 in the 75th 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.

▶ Treasure Bull Test

Broken O Ranch Feedlot, Simms, Mont. 60-day report (Jan. 4, 2017)

The 120-day Treasure Bull Test received 120 Angus bulls at the Broken O Ranch Feedlot in Simms, Mont. The spring division is for bulls born Dec. 15, 2014-April 15, 2016. The fall division is for bulls born Aug. 1-Dec. 14, 2015.

High-ADG Jackpot Angus—Lot 16; owner: Lightning F Angus, J.C. Forgey, Douglas, Wyo.; sire: SAV Pioneer 7301; ADG: 4.25 lb.; WDA: 3.29 lb.; wt.: 1,180 lb.

High-WDA Jackpot Angus—Lot 15; owner: Olson Cattle Co., Wendy and Kyla Olson, Saint Ignatius, Mont.; sire: Vision Unanimous 1418; ADG: 3.83 lb.; WDA: 3.88 lb.; wt.: 1,105 lb.

High-ADG Angus (tie)—Lot 133; owner: Mill Creek Angus, Matt Hutchins, West Mansfield, Ohio; sire: MC Eathington Dynamic; ADG: 4.92 lb.; WDA: 3.49 lb.; wt.: 1,025 lb.

High-ADG Angus (tie)—Lot 194; owner: Willow Creek Angus, Gayle Suksdorf, Spangle, Wash.; sire: SAV Renown 3439; ADG: 4.92 lb.; WDA: 3.00 lb.; wt.: 1,060 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 176; owner: Olson Cattle Co.; sire: Musgrave Big Sky; ADG: 4.08 lb.; WDA: 3.79 lb.; wt.: 1,140 lb.

High-ADG Fall Angus—Lot 301; owner: Cornerstone Genetics, Dan and Ashley Hutchins, Raymond, Ohio; sire: SAV Cornerstone 3637; ADG: 4.00 lb.; WDA: 2.85 lb.; wt.: 1,400 lb.

High-WDA Fall Angus—Lot 303; owner: Dalbey Angus, John Dalbey, Corvallis, Mont.; sire: JD 3C Brilliance 2167; ADG: 3.17 lb.; WDA: 3.11 lb.; wt.: 1,410 lb.

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Wisconsin BIA 60th Bull Test

The Wisconsin Beef Improvement Association (WBIA) has managed a performance bull test each year since 1957. The WBIA is presently conducting its 60th test and will be hosting its annual bull sale Saturday, April 1, at the University of Wisconsin (UW) Platteville Pioneer Farm in Platteville, Wis., where the test has been located since 1970.

Since 1957 more than 6,000 bulls from more than 250 consignors have taken part in the test. The test is open to all breeds with representatives from the Angus, Simmental, Red Angus and Tarentaise consigned this year. Commercial and purebred breeders from across the country, as well as nationally recognized bull studs, have purchased genetics at the annual WBIA auction hosted at the conclusion of each test. WBIA graduates can easily be identified by the Wisconsin-shaped freeze brand on their hip.

“For six decades producers have been bringing their best bulls to the WBIA test station to see how they measure up. By adding EPDs (expected progeny differences), carcass data and genomics to rate of gain data, producers have all the tools available to assist their bull-buying decisions. What started out as a simple concept to identify those that do best has grown into a reliable resource for producers, both sellers and buyers, and a model that has been successfully repeated across the country,” said Allan Arndt, WBIA president.

Students in the UW-Platteville School of Agriculture have had a unique opportunity to be a part of this annual program through many of their courses. Students from several classes are able to

evaluate the bulls with all the data generated in hand, to learn about selection and management as well as genetics. Additionally, the students have been able to assist with the day-to-day care of the bulls while also being a part of the ultrasound and breeding soundness exams.

“This long-standing partnership between UW-Platteville Pioneer Farm and the WBIA has provided a wealth of educational opportunities for our faculty, staff and students. It would not be possible without the dedication of the WBIA board members, consignors, buyers and our bull test station management, Alicia Prill-Adams and Justin Daugherty,” said Chuck Steiner, director of Pioneer Farm.

The WBIA Performance Bull Test is part of UW-Platteville Pioneer Farm’s mission, which includes education, demonstration and research. By having the bulls on test each year, the farm provides an important service to the beef industry and allows producers to see firsthand, up-and-coming genetics and glean valuable information.

“The WBIA bull test and subsequent sale, with the large number of participating consignors and producers, is another prominent example of how the university builds valuable partnerships with industry, state organizations, and the community,” said Wayne Weber, dean, College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture (BILSA).

WBIA invites you to help mark this milestone in person or online through DV Auction on Saturday, April 1, at 11 a.m. for the 60th Anniversary Sale.

Angus averages (102 head)—ADG: 3.20 lb.; WDA: 3.14 lb.

Fall Angus averages (3 head)—ADG: 3.33 lb.; WDA: 2.88 lb.

The bulls were to be weighed off test in February. Approximately 75% of the bulls evaluated will sell April 10 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 brtangus@3rivers.net. The test website is www.treasurebulltest.com.

▶ **Pennsylvania Bull Test**

Pennsylvania Furnace, Pa.

On-test report (Nov. 1, 2016)

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Department of Dairy and Animal Science at Pennsylvania State University, the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association and the state breed associations, announced the October delivery of 180 bulls, 106 of them Angus, for the 2016-2017 Winter Pennsylvania Performance Bull Test.

To be eligible for the winter test, bulls must be born Jan. 1-April 15, 2016. The nomination deadline for the winter test was Sept. 19, 2016. The final 112-day weights were to be taken Feb. 21.

The sale is scheduled to take place March 31.

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

▶ **WBIA Bull Test**

University of Wisconsin, Platteville, Wis.

35-day report (Jan. 2, 2017)

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 139 bulls, 88 of them Angus, were delivered Oct. 31, 2016, for the 2017 WBIA Bull Test to go on test Nov. 28. The 100-day test is for bulls born Jan. 1-April 15, 2016.

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.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 50; owner: Kuhle Family Farm, David Kuhle, Hazel Green; sire: Quaker Hill Rampage 0A36; ADG: 6.23 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 3.24 lb.; WDA ratio: 96; wt.: 992 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 26; owner: Biddick Inc., Brian Nodolf, Livingston; sire: Jindra Double Vision; ADG: 5.14 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 3.95 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,150 lb.

The next interim weight was scheduled for

February. Off-test weights are to be collected in March.

Angus averages (88 head)—ADG: 4.46 lb.; WDA: 3.37 lb.

The sale is scheduled for April 2.

More information is available by contacting John Freitag, WBIA 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.

