



Performance Report

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

► Tifton Bull Evaluation Program

**Tifton Bull Evaluation Center, Tifton, Ga.
112-day final report (Feb. 10)**

The 57th Tifton Bull Evaluation Program began Sept. 29-30, 2014, with the delivery of 144 bulls representing nine breeds and averaging 781 lb. Performance continued to be good during the final weigh period, says Jacob Segers, extension animal scientist.

The 112-day test featured 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 112 days, the leaders are as follows.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 4; owner: Gillis Angus Farm, Eastman, Ga.; sire: Sitz Rainmaker 11127; ADG: 5.47 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 3.94 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,620 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 35; owner: MPAC Angus, Marvin Zeigler, Bamberg, S.C.; sire: Rito 9Q13 of Rita 5F56 GHM; ADG: 5.16 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 4.06 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,428 lb.

Angus averages (70 head)—ADG: 4.17 lb.; WDA: 3.43 lb.; wt.: 1,346 lb.

Overall averages (142 head)—ADG: 4.15 lb.; WDA: 3.36 lb.; wt.: 1,331 lb.

Qualifying bulls were to 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
112-day final report (Feb. 10)**

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 were 94 Angus bulls on test.

Bulls were fed by breed. Breeds that did not have adequate numbers to fill a pen (typically 50 head) were commingled with other breeds and fed together. There were two divisions within the junior Angus breed test — the traditional growth division and a low-birth-weight (LBW) division. 84-day leaders include the following.

High-ADG, high-WDA (tie) and high-indexing junior growth Angus—Lot 81; owner: Lisonbee Angus, James Lisonbee, Roosevelt; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 4.60 lb.; ADG ratio: 135; WDA: 3.5 lb.; wt.: 1,238 lb.; test index: 128

High-WDA (tie) junior growth Angus—Lot 140; owner: Strawberry River Angus, Travis Clayburn, Strawberry River; sire: Riverbend High Country X067; ADG: 4.20 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; WDA: 3.5 lb.; wt.: 1,213 lb.; test index: 121

High-WDA (tie) junior growth Angus—Lot 135; owner: Strawberry River Angus; sire: Summitcrest Complete 1P55; ADG: 3.84 lb.; ADG ratio: 113; WDA: 3.5 lb.; wt.: 1,215 lb.; test index: 112

High-ADG and high-indexing junior LBW Angus—Lot 100; owner: Lowe Livestock, Lorin Lowe, Toquerville; sire: MR Objective 904; ADG: 4.77 lb.; ADG ratio: 147; WDA: 3.5 lb.; wt.: 1,403 lb.; test index: 136

High-WDA junior LBW Angus—Lot 85; owner: Lisonbee Angus; sire: Riverbend SF Upward 120; ADG: 3.79 lb.; ADG ratio: 117; WDA: 3.6 lb.; wt.: 1,225 lb.; test index: 115

Junior Angus growth averages (47 head)—ADG: 3.40 lb.

Junior Angus LBW averages (41 head)—ADG: 3.25 lb.

Overall Junior Angus averages—ADG: 3.21 lb.

The test sale was 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.

► Nebraska Bull Test

**Rohde Farms, Mason City, Neb.
120-day final report (Feb. 14)**

The Nebraska Bull Test reported that 85 Angus bulls from 17 consignors were weighed on test Oct. 17 for the start of the

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2014-2015 test conducted at Rohde Farms, Mason City, Neb. At the 120-day mark, test leaders were as follows.

High-ADG calving-ease Angus—Lot 1CE; owner: Bredemeier Angus Farms, Mike Bredemeier, Stella; sire: Basin Excitement; ADG: 4.21 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 3.21 lb.; WDA ratio: 102; wt.: 1,237 lb.

High-WDA calving-ease Angus—Lot 78CE; owner: Macholan Angus, Keaton Macholan, Linwood; sire: Jindra Double Vision; ADG: 3.71 lb.; ADG ratio: 113; WDA: 3.60 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,404 lb.

High-ADG and high-WDA Angus—Lot 84; owner: Double D Angus, Linwood; sire: SAV Angus Valley 1867; ADG: 4.22 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; WDA: 3.92 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,490 lb.

High-ADG Angus sire group—three bulls; owner: Bredemeier Angus Farms; sire: AAR Ten X 7008; avg. ADG: 4.03 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; avg. WDA: 3.37 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; avg. wt.: 1,305 lb.

High-WDA Angus sire group—three bulls; owner: Macholan Angus; sire: S Chisum 6175; avg. ADG: 3.62 lb.; ADG ratio: 105; avg. WDA: 3.48 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; avg. wt.: 1,389 lb.

Calving-ease Angus averages (48 head)—ADG: 3.27 lb.; WDA: 3.16 lb.; wt.: 1,187 lb.

Angus averages (80 head)—ADG: 3.44 lb.; WDA: 3.27 lb.; wt.: 1,241 lb.

The test sale was 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.

▣ St. Croix Valley Bull Test

UW Mann Valley Farm, River Falls, Wis. 112-day report (Feb. 21)

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 and high-WDA Angus—Lot 18-2; owner: Neenah Creek Angus, Owen and Chris Wade, Endeavor, Wis.; sire: MCC Daybreak; ADG: 4.61 lb.; ADG ratio: 135; WDA: 3.75 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,260 lb.

Angus averages (62 head)—ADG: 3.42 lb.; WDA: 3.11 lb.; wt.: 1,077 lb.

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.

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.

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

■ Snake River Bull Test

Twin Falls, Idaho

120-day final report (Feb. 8)

The Snake River Bull Test reported 53 junior Angus bulls from a total of 79 bulls were weighed on test Oct. 20, 2014. Final report leaders included the following.

High-ADG junior Angus (tie)—Lot 21; owner: Andrew McPherson, Nephi, Utah; sire: AAR Ten X 7008 SA; ADG: 4.0 lb.; wt.: 1,175 lb.

High-ADG junior Angus (tie)—Lot 9; owner: Double T Angus, Jerome, Idaho; sire: SAV Priority 7283; ADG: 4.0 lb.; wt.: 1,255 lb.

High-ADG junior Angus (tie)—Lot 24; owner: McPherson Farm, Nephi, Utah; sire: PM Upward E161 6J4 T48; ADG: 4.0 lb.; wt.: 1,223 lb.

High-ADG senior Angus—Lot 101; owner: Rocky Mountain Genetics, Jerome, Idaho; sire: RMUG Captain America 649X; ADG: 4.8 lb.; wt.: 1,623 lb.

Junior Angus averages (59 head)—ADG: 3.0 lb.; wt.: 1,058 lb.

Senior Angus averages (19 head)—ADG: 3.5 lb.; wt.: 1,344 lb.

The test sale was March 6.

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.

112-day final report (Feb. 10)

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 were born Jan. 1-March 31, 2014.

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

High-ADG Angus—Lot 503; owner: Gall's Angus Farm, Odell, Ill.; sire: Barstow Cash; ADG: 5.4 lb.; WDA: 3.5 lb.; wt.: 1,334 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 409; owner: Schrecke Angus, Camp Point, Ill.; sire: Musgrave Foundation; ADG: 4.9 lb.; WDA: 4.0 lb.; wt.: 1,543 lb.

The 43rd annual test sale was 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.

■ Green Springs Fall Bull Test Nevada, Mo.

112-day final report (Jan. 28)

The Green Springs Fall Bull Test at Nevada, Mo., weighed bulls off test Jan. 28. The test is a 112-day performance test with bulls grouped by breed and size, as much as possible, offering an optimum growth environment. Bulls must be weaned and vaccinated prior to the test.

Bulls were fed for a 14-day warm-up period before the official test began. Bulls were fed a high-quality ration formulated by a qualified nutritionist and adequate for a targeted gain ADG of 3.5 lb.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 370691-989; owner: 2S Cattle Co., Marshall, Mo.; ADG: 5.04 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 3.81 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,460 lb.; RFI: -3.17; test index: 112; SC: 39.0 cm

High-WDA and high-indexing Angus—Lot 370691-899; owner: 2S Cattle Co.; sire: ADG: 5.00 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 3.92 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,455 lb.; RFI: -3.50; test index: 118; SC: 42.0 cm

Best RFI Angus—Lot: 370691-972 owner: 2S Cattle Co.; ADG: 4.33 lb.; ADG ratio: 111; WDA: 3.05 lb.; WDA ratio: 92; wt.: 1,190 lb.; RFI: -8.51; test index: 104; SC: 40.0 cm

Angus averages (56 head)—ADG: 3.89 lb.; WDA: 3.32 lb.

The test sale was March 16.

For more information contact Kent Abele, owner, at 417-465-2240 or 417-448-7416; email him at gsgbulltest@gmail.com or visit the test website at www.greenspringsbulltest.com.

■ Tucumcari Bull Test

Tucumcari, N.M.

56-day report (Dec. 19, 2014)

The bulls on test for the 2013-2014 Tucumcari Bull Test, born Jan. 1-April 30, 2013, were fed a roughage-based diet backed with Cargill's NutreBeef Limiter feed product.

High-ADG and high-WDA Angus—Lot 23-2; owner: Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU), Goodwell, Okla.; sire: B&M Right Time 667; ADG: 5.38 lb.; ADG ratio: 142; WDA: 4.12 lb.; WDA ratio: 141; wt.: 1,220 lb.

High ADG Angus sire group—two bulls; owner: Sanchez Angus, Belen, N.M.; sire: AAR Ten X 7008 SA; avg. ADG: 4.38 lb.; ADG ratio: 116

High-WDA Angus sire group—two bulls; owner: OPSU; sire: B&M Right Time 667; avg. WDA: 3.49 lb.; WDA ratio: 119

84-day report (Jan. 16, 2015)

High-ADG and high-WDA Angus—Lot 23-2; owner: OPSU; sire: B&M Right Time 667; ADG: 5.38 lb.; ADG ratio: 138; WDA: 4.20 lb.; WDA ratio: 139; wt.: 1,360 lb.

High-ADG Angus sire group—three bulls; owner: Riverside Angus, Los Animas, Colo.; sire: SAV Worth While Y9; avg. ADG: 4.50 lb.; ADG ratio: 115

High-WDA Angus sire group—two bulls;

owner: OPSU; sire: B&M Right Time 667; avg. WDA: 3.53 lb.; WDA ratio: 117

112-day final report (Feb. 13)

High-ADG Angus—Lot 23-2; owner: OPSU; sire: B&M Right Time 667; ADG: 4.85 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 3.92 lb.; WDA ratio: 127; wt.: 1,463 lb.; test index: 119

High-WDA and high-indexing Angus—Lot 9-2; owner: Sanchez Angus, Belen, N.M.; sire: EXAR Emblazon 1010B; ADG: 4.83 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 3.94 lb.; WDA ratio: 127; wt.: 1,370 lb.; test index: 120

High-ADG, high-WDA and high-indexing Angus sire group—three bulls; owner: Sanchez Angus; sires: EXAR Emblazon 1010B; avg. ADG: 4.32 lb.; ADG ratio: 111; avg. WDA: 3.46 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; overall index: 109

Best pen feed efficiency—three bulls; owner: Netherton Angus, Las Animas, Colo.; sire: Sitz Onward 377S; FE: 6.86; ratio: 124

Angus averages (80 head)—ADG: 3.90 lb.; WDA: 3.09 lb.; wt.: 1,057 lb.

Overall averages (105 head)—ADG: 3.65 lb.; WDA: 3.20 lb.; wt.: 1,038 lb.

The test sale was March 15. For more information contact Marcy Ward at 575-646-5947 (office) or 575-644-3379 (cell) or visit the test website at <http://tucbulltest.nmsu.edu>.

■ Un. of Tennessee Junior Bull Test

Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center, Spring Hill, Tenn.

56-day report (Jan. 6)

The University of Tennessee Bull Testing Program tested 52 bulls, 43 of them Angus. The 84-day test was at the Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center, Spring Hill, Tenn.

The junior bulls were born Dec. 1, 2013-Feb. 28, 2014.

High-ADG and high-WDA Angus—Lot 35; owner: Turnbull Angus, Franklin; sire: Prime Objective U210; ADG: 6.27 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 4.03 lb.; wt.: 1,305 lb.

Angus averages (43 head)—ADG: 4.84 lb.

Overall averages (52 head)—ADG: 4.82 lb.

84-day final report (Feb. 3)

High-ADG and high-WDA Angus—Lot 4; owner: Bandy Acres Farm, Irvington, Ky.; sire: Plattemere Weigh Up K360; ADG: 6.29 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 4.15 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,410 lb.; frame: 5.8; SC: 37.5 cm

Angus averages (41 head)—ADG: 4.79 lb.; WDA: 3.45 lb.; wt.: 1,272 lb.

Overall averages (50 head)—ADG: 4.75 lb.; WDA: 3.42 lb.; wt.: 1,261 lb.

The sale was 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

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<https://ag.tennessee.edu/AnimalScience/ExtBull/Forms/AllItems.aspx>.

▶ Southwest Virginia BCIA Bull Test Hillwinds Farm, Dublin, Va. 84-day report (Jan. 20)

The junior and senior tests at the Southwest Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) Bull Test were conducted simultaneously. Senior bulls were born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2013. Junior bulls were born Jan. 1-March 31, 2014. 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 and high-WDA senior Angus—Lot 19; owner: Lucas Farm, Joe and Timmy Lucas, Blacksburg; sire: Rito 9M25 of Rita 5F56 Pred; ADG: 5.06 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; WDA: 3.45 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,640 lb.

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 99; owner: Williams Angus, George Williams, Gray, Tenn.; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 4.35 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.29 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,100 lb.

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 86; owner: Lucas Farm; sire: GAR Prophet; ADG: 4.29 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 3.51 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,290 lb.

Angus senior averages (39 head)—ADG: 3.79 lb.; WDA: 2.99 lb.; wt.: 1,360 lb.

Overall senior averages (84 head)—ADG: 3.65 lb.; WDA: 2.89 lb.; wt.: 1,327 lb.

Angus junior averages (59 head)—ADG: 3.46 lb.; WDA: 2.97 lb.; wt.: 1,012 lb.

Overall junior averages (104 head)—ADG: 3.33 lb.; WDA: 3.00 lb.; wt.: 1,021 lb.

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High-ADG and high-indexing senior Angus—Lot 19; owner: Lucas Farm; sire: Rito 9M25 of Rita 5F56 Pred; ADG: 3.84 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; wt.: 1,645 lb.; station index: 115; sale index: 101; frame: 6.6; SC: 36.0 cm

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 58; owner: J&M Windy Acres, Mike Connatser, Maryville, Tenn.; sire: Indian Springs Jack Daniel; ADG: 4.11 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; wt.: 1,150 lb.; station index: 115; sale index: 99; Frame: 6.0; SC: 37.0 cm

High-indexing junior Angus—Lot 86; owner: Lucas Farm; sire: GAR Prophet; ADG: 3.88 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; wt.: 1,365 lb.; station index: 117; sale index: 103; frame: 6.1; SC: 36.0 cm

Angus senior averages (39 head)—ADG: 3.15 lb.; wt.: 1,395 lb.

Overall senior averages (84 head)—ADG: 3.12 lb.; wt.: 1,370 lb.

Angus junior averages (59 head)—ADG: 3.25 lb.; wt.: 1,086 lb.

Overall junior averages (104 head)—ADG: 3.19 lb.; wt.: 1,099 lb.

The test sale was 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>.

▶ Wardensville Bull Test West Virginia University Reymann Memorial Farm, Wardensville, W.Va. 57-day report (Jan. 21)

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 57-day and 84-day final reports 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. Bulls were delivered Oct. 30, and on-test weights were taken Nov. 24-25, 2014, for 151 bulls. There were 135 Angus bulls on test.

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The bulls were fed a ration ($NE_m=0.68$, $NE_g=0.41$) that included 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: 5.30 lb.; ADG ratio: 135; WDA: 3.43 lb.; wt.: 1,156 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 34; owner: Richard Snuffer & Sons, Surveyor, W.Va.; sire: Sitz Wisdom 481T; ADG: 4.47 lb.; ADG ratio: 114; WDA: 3.72 lb.; wt.: 1,228 lb.

Angus averages (135 head)—ADG: 3.92 lb.; WDA: 3.06 lb.; wt.: 1,034 lb.

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High-ADG Angus—Lot 10; owner: Kinsey's Oak Front Farm; sire: HARB Big Shooter 279 JH; ADG: 4.77 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 3.45 lb.; wt.: 1,255 lb.; RFI: -1.09; frame: 5.8; SC: 36.5 cm

High-WDA Angus—Lot 34; owner: Richard Snuffer & Sons; sire: Sitz Wisdom 481T; ADG: 3.96 lb.; ADG ratio: 105; WDA: 3.66 lb.; wt.: 1,306 lb.; RFI: -1.51; frame: 5.9; SC: 37.5 cm

Best-RFI Angus—Lot 37; owner: Richard Snuffer & Sons; sire: Schurrtop Exclusive K179; ADG: 4.48 lb.; ADG ratio: 119; WDA: 3.27 lb.; wt.: 1,190 lb.; RFI: -8.95; frame: 6.6; SC: 38.2 cm

Angus averages (135 head)—ADG: 3.77 lb.; WDA: 3.09 lb.; wt.: 1,128 lb.

The test sale was 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/.

Southern West Virginia Bull Test Point Pleasant, W.Va.

73-day report (Jan. 16)

The 2015 Southern West Virginia Bull Test accepted delivery of 87 bulls Oct. 19, 2014. The bulls went on test Nov. 4-5, 2014.

The Point Pleasant Test utilizes a forage-based ration. During the 100-day test, 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 and high-WDA Angus—Lot 314; owner: Circle J Farm, Buckhannon; sire: CJ U216 CC&7; ADG: 3.77 lb.; ADG ratio: 135; WDA: 3.13 lb.; wt.: 1,259 lb.

Angus averages (80 head)—ADG: 2.79 lb.; WDA: 2.73 lb.; wt.: 980 lb.

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High-ADG and high-WDA Angus—Lot 314; owner: Circle J Farm; sire: CJ U216 CC&7; ADG: 3.79 lb.; ADG ratio: 136; WDA: 3.18 lb.; wt.: 1,363 lb.; frame: 6.8; SC: 35.0 cm

Angus averages (80 head)—ADG: 2.79 lb.; WDA: 2.73 lb.; wt.: 1,056 lb.

The test sale was 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.

MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program

Plank Farm, Crystal, Mich.

112-day final report (Nov. 21)

The Michigan Cattlemen's Association (MCA) and Michigan State University (MSU) have 108 bulls on test in the 2014-2015 MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program. Consignors must be paid members of the MCA and have their 2015 dues paid in advance. To be eligible for the test, bulls must have been born Sept. 1, 2013-March 31, 2014.

All bulls were evaluated at the MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program Station located at Plank Farm, Crystal, Mich.

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 8; owner: Rietberg Farms, Hudsonville, Mich.; sire: AAR Ten X 7008 SA; ADG: 4.35 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 3.32 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; wt.: 1,293 lb.

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 23; owner: KB Farms LLC, Merritt, Mich.; sire: GAR Ingenuity; ADG: 4.20 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 3.69 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,368 lb.

High-ADG senior Angus—Lot 10; owner: VanDenBerg Angus LLC, Hudsonville, Mich.; sire: GAR Fusion; ADG: 5.07 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.36 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,745 lb.

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 46; owner: Apple Hill Angus, Harrisville, Mich.; sire: Plattermere Weigh Up K360; ADG: 4.58 lb.; ADG ratio: 119; WDA: 3.61 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,635 lb.

Overall averages (108 head)—ADG: 3.48 lb.; WDA: 3.14 lb.; wt.: 1,226 lb.

The sale was March 14.

For more information contact Dan Buskirk, extension beef specialist; 474 Shaw Ln., Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824; 517-432-0400; Brian Plank, manager, 325 Mount Hope Rd., Crystal, MI 48818; cell: 989-506-2061; Michigan Cattlemen's Ass'n, 2145 University Park Dr., Ste. 300, Okemos, MI 48864; phone: 517-347-8117; <http://MIBulls.com>.

IBEP Winter Test

Feldun-Purdue Ag Center, Bedford, Ind. 90-day report (Feb. 16)

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 bulls were to be weighed off test March 23. There are 156 Angus bulls in the test.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 137; owner: Eastview Angus Farm LLC, Corunna; sire: Styles Upgrade J59; ADG: 5.56 lb.; ADG ratio: 138; WDA: 3.61 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,360 lb.; test index: 126

High-WDA Angus—Lot 194; owner: Cooper Angus, Tippecanoe; sire: EXAR Upshot 0562B; ADG: 3.22 lb.; ADG ratio: 80; WDA: 3.91 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,400 lb.; test index: 95

High-indexing Angus—Lot 50; owner: Stewart Select Angus, Greensburg; sire: SS Niagara Z29; ADG: 5.53 lb.; ADG ratio: 137; WDA: 3.79 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,200 lb.; test index: 128

High-ADG, high-WDA and high-indexing Angus sire group—three bulls; owner: Stewart Select Angus; sire: SS Niagara Z29; avg. ADG: 4.95 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; avg. WDA: 3.65 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; avg. wt.: 1,145 lb.; test index: 118

Angus averages (156 head)—ADG: 4.03 lb.; WDA: 3.32 lb.; wt.: 1,211 lb.

Overall averages (215 head)—ADG: 4.00 lb.; WDA: 3.32 lb.; wt.: 1,207 lb.

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.

MBCIA Jackson Bull Test

Spring Grove, Minn.

105-day report (Feb. 20)

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 have been born Jan. 1-May 15, 2014. Bulls were delivered Oct. 25, with the test weigh-in Nov. 7-8.

Bulls are being 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 Angus—Lot 39; owner: Hufford Farms, Morris, Minn.; sire: Connealy Earnan 076E; ADG: 4.90 lb.; WDA: 4.12 lb.; wt.: 1,385 lb.; test index: 123

High-WDA and high-indexing Angus—Lot 31; owner: Goodrich Place Inc., Emerald, Wis.; sire: Connealy Shrek 4242; ADG: 4.86 lb.; WDA: 4.47 lb.; wt.: 1,390 lb.; test index: 127

Overall averages (67 head)—ADG: 3.90 lb.; WDA: 3.47 lb.; wt.: 1,254 lb.

Off-test weights were to be taken March 26. The sale will be April 10.

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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.

▶ Iowa Angus Association Bull Test Benton, Iowa

Mid-test report (Jan. 22)

The Iowa Angus Association (IAA) accepted delivery of 44 bulls for its 2014-2015 bull test. The test is for bulls born Jan. 1-March 31, 2014.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 11; owner: Katelyn

Holmes, Benton; sire: Connealy Consensus 7229; ADG: 5.36 lb.; wt.: 1,400 lb.

Angus averages—ADG: 4.23 lb.

For more information contact Tricia and Colby Holmes, coordinators, 1424 220th St., Benton, IA 50835; phone: 641-785-2315; fax: 641-785-2220; cholmes@iowatelecom.net; or visit the IAA website, www.iowaangus.org.

▶ Royal Hoofers Bull Test Denton, Neb.

100-day final report (Feb. 23)

The 48th Royal Hoofers Bull Test took delivery of 35 registered-Angus bulls for the

2014-2015 test. There was a 10-day preconditioning trial before the bulls began the test. The trial and test rations were wet distillers' grains (WDG) and hay.

High-ADG and high-WDA Angus—Lot 29; owner: Macholan Angus, Linwood, Neb.; sire: KMacholan Shrapnel 541; ADG: 5.75 lb.; WDA: 3.70 lb.; wt.: 1,435 lb.

Angus averages (35 head)—ADG: 4.28 lb.; WDA: 3.12 lb.; wt.: 1,217 lb.

The test sale was March 19 at the Beatrice 77 Sale Barn, Beatrice, Neb.

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bulls contact test manager Jim Fixemer 10777 W. Midway, Denton, NE 68339; phone: 402-797-5415; or jfixemer@gmail.com. Information is also available at www.royalhoofers.com.

WCA All-Breed Bull Test Eltopia, Wash.

Mid-test report (Dec. 30, 2014)

The 22nd annual Washington Cattlemen's Association (WCA) All-Breed Bull Test began Nov. 1-2 with the initial weigh-in of 133 bulls consisting of 73 Angus, 12 Polled Hereford, 21 Horned Hereford, seven Red Angus, seven SimAngus, and 13 Simmental consigned by 49 breeders. The bulls are being fed under the supervision of Bob and Nina Lundgren at their Bonina Feed Facility at Eltopia.

The 120-day test was to end Feb. 28, 2015. Genetic profile enhancement through DNA samples will be used again this year on many of the bulls selling.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 108; owner: Mark and Cathy Ferguson, Madras, Ore.; sire: BAR 22 Soul 946; ADG: 6.12 lb.; WDA: 3.38 lb.; wt.: 1,215 lb.

High-WDA Angus (tie)—Lot 66; owner: Dynamite Farms, Brownsville, Ore.; sire: Rock'n D Dateline 152; ADG: 3.75 lb.; WDA: 3.89 lb.; wt.: 1,215 lb.

High-WDA Angus (tie)—Lot 92; owner: McCall Angus, Tyson McCall, Endicott, Wash.; sire: Eshelman's Shooter J65/Pen; ADG: 5.04 lb.; WDA: 3.89 lb.; wt.: 1,350 lb.

Angus averages (73 head)—ADG: 3.26 lb.; WDA: 3.26 lb.; wt.: 1,073 lb.

The sale was March 25.

Information is available by contacting the WCA office at 509-925-9871, at wacattle@kvalley.com; on the WCA website at www.washingtoncattlemen.org; or via sale manager Kendall Cattle Sales at 208-858-2163, kendall@potlatch.com.

Edisto Forage Bull Test

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

56-day report (Feb. 10)

The 2015 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 up and down the last 28 days, but the bulls are continuing to do 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.

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 and high-indexing senior Angus—Lot 61; owner: Hawk's Nest Farm, Leicester, N.C.; sire: HNR Special Design Exacto; ADG: 3.75 lb.; ADG ratio: 185; WDA: 2.15 lb.; WDA ratio: 102; wt.: 902 lb.; test index: 5.90

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 39; owner: Fox Run Farm, Mexico, Mo.; sire: Rito 2V8 2536 1407; ADG: 1.61 lb.; ADG ratio: 79; WDA: 2.58 lb.; WDA ratio: 122; wt.: 1,010 lb.; test index: 4.18

High-ADG and high-indexing junior Angus—Lot 55; owner: Outlander Angus Farm; sire: GAR Prophet; ADG: 3.11 lb.; ADG ratio: 161; WDA: 2.30 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; wt.: 762 lb.; test index: 5.40

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 46; owner: Primus Genetics, Millers Creek, N.C.; sire: Connealy In Focus 4925; ADG: 2.11 lb.; ADG ratio: 109; WDA: 2.46 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 870 lb.; test index: 4.57

Angus senior averages (38 head)—ADG: 2.03 lb.; WDA: 2.11 lb.; wt.: 856 lb.

Angus junior averages (25 head)—ADG: 1.93 lb.; WDA: 2.21 lb.; wt.: 761 lb.

Overall averages (89 head)—ADG: 1.82 lb.; WDA: 2.16 lb.; wt.: 822 lb.

Interim weights were scheduled for 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@clemson.edu. Additional information is available on the test website at www.clemson.edu/extension/livestock/livestock/beef/bull_tests/efbt.html.

WBIA Bull Test

University of Wisconsin, Platteville, Wis. 67-day report (Feb. 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 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 isonated (scanned by ultrasound) for carcass traits and evaluated for breeding soundness.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 18; owner: Tim Ryan, Ryan Cattle, Lodi; sire: Connealy Capitalist 028; ADG: 6.04 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 3.54 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 1,210 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 39; owner: Hermann Wolters, Wolters Farm Inc., Cuba City; sire: Connealy In Focus 4925; ADG: 5.45 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 3.86 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,330 lb.

Angus averages (76 head)—ADG: 4.74 lb.; WDA: 3.30 lb.

Off-test weights were 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.

Pennsylvania Bull Test Pennsylvania Furnace, Pa. 84-day report (Jan. 20)

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Department of Dairy and Animal Science of the Pennsylvania State University, the

Tifton Performance Tested Bull Sale, Irwinville, Ga., March 4

► Gillis Angus Farm, Eastman, Ga., consigned the high-indexing Angus bull and high-indexing bull over all breeds. GAF Rainmaker 316 is a December 2013 son of Sitz Rainmaker 11127. He posted an ADG of 5.47 lb. Pictured are (from left) Gary Hill, Georgia Bull Test Advisory Committee chairman, presenting; Windell Gillis, consignor; and Will Bentley, executive vice president of the Georgia Cattlemen's Association.



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Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association and the state breed associations, 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 have been born Jan. 1-April 15, 2014. At the 84-day mark, test leaders included the following.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 320; owner: Salansky Angus, Paul & Jan Salansky, Coal Center; sire: Connealy Confidence 0100; ADG: 5.60 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.59 lb.; WDA ratio: 103; wt.: 1,169 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 125; owner: Rains Angus, Dale Rains, Mercer; sire: SAV Thunderbird 9061; ADG: 4.18 lb.; ADG ratio: 95; WDA: 4.18 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,322 lb.

Angus averages (77 head)—ADG: 4.42 lb.; WDA: 3.48 lb.; wt.: 1,113 lb.

Final 112-day weights were to be taken Feb. 17. The sale took place March 27.

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.

▶ Midland Bull Test Columbus, Mont.

90-day group 1 & 2 reports (Feb. 8)

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 277; owner:

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Hauman Angus, Penn Yan, N.Y.; sire: S Chisum 6175; ADG: 4.44 lb.; ADG ratio: 143; WDA: 3.61 lb.; wt.: 1,360 lb.

High-WDA Group 1 Angus—Lot 202; owner: Fastert Farms, Rock Rapids, Iowa; sire: Basin Excitement; ADG: 4.02 lb.; WDA: 4.01 lb.; wt.: 1,590 lb.

High-ADG Group 2 Angus—Lot 512; owner: Ward Angus Ranch, Liberty, Utah; sire: Connealy Comrade 1385; ADG: 4.66 lb.; ADG ratio: 150; WDA: 3.47 lb.; wt.: 1,310 lb.

High-WDA Group 2 Angus—Lot 606; owner: Deppe Angus, Waverly, Iowa; sire: SAV Angus Valley 459; ADG: 3.75 lb.; WDA: 4.01 lb.; wt.: 1,345 lb.

High-ADG and high-WDA Angus sire group—three bulls; owner: Fastert Farms; sire: Basin Excitement; avg. ADG: 3.90 lb.; avg. WDA: 3.86 lb.

Angus averages—ADG: 3.19 lb.; WDA: 3.17 lb.

The Angus sale is scheduled for April 3. 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.

▶ **Treasure Bull Test
Broken O Ranch Feedlot, Simms, Mont.
90-day report (Jan. 30)**

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.

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 Mikkelson, 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 Enterprises, Seth Probst, Dillon, Mont.; sire: SD Pioneer 2062; ADG: 5.61 lb.; WDA: 3.94 lb.; wt.: 1,220 lb.

High-ADG Fall Angus—Lot 305; owner: Westbrook Angus, Chuck and Julie Boggs, Chimacum, Wash.; sire: GAR-EGL Protege;

ADG: 3.94 lb.; WDA: 2.84 lb.; wt.: 1,430 lb.

High-WDA Fall Angus—Lot 301; owner: Olson Cattle Co., Wendy Olson, Saint Ignatius, Mont.; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 3.28 lb.; WDA: 2.93 lb.; wt.: 1,435 lb.

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

Fall Angus averages (5 head)—ADG: 3.27 lb.; WDA: 2.85 lb.

The bulls were to 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.

