



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. 9)

The 58th Tifton Bull Evaluation Program began Sept. 28 and 29, 2015, with the delivery of 190 bulls representing nine different breeds and averaging 787 lb. The 112-day test featured bulls born Dec. 1, 2014-Feb. 28, 2015. All bulls tested negative for persistent infection with bovine viral diarrhoea (PI-BVD).

High-ADG (tie) Angus—Lot 75; owner: Meldon Farm, Melvin Porter, Jefferson, Ga.; sire: Connealy Impression; ADG: 5.04 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA: 3.30 lb.; WDA ratio: 98; wt.: 1,257 lb.; SC: 37.0 cm

High-ADG (tie) Angus—Lot 78; owner: Meldon Farm; sire: Connealy Consensus 7229; ADG: 5.04 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA: 3.51 lb.; WDA ratio: 104; wt.: 1,427 lb.; SC: 40.0 cm

High-WDA Angus—Lot 131; owner: Griffith Angus Farm, Winston Griffith, Tallahassee, Fla.; sire: HARB Pendleton 765 JH; ADG: 4.55 lb.; ADG ratio: 110; WDA: 4.01 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,700 lb.; SC: 39.0 cm

Angus averages (88 head)—ADG: 4.12 lb.; WDA: 3.36 lb.; wt.: 1,342 lb.

Overall averages (186 head)—ADG: 4.04 lb.; WDA: 3.35 lb.; wt.: 1,330 lb.

Qualifying bulls were sold March 2.

Visitors are welcome at the station 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, contact Jacob Segers, extension

animal scientist, at 229-386-3683 or at jacobs@uga.edu. 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 <http://www.caes.uga.edu/commodities/animals/beef/stations/index.html>.

► IBEP 2015 Winter Test Feldun-Purdue Ag Center, Bedford, Ind. 90-day report (Feb. 15)

A total of 215 bulls and 20 get-of-sire groups were delivered Oct. 28 for the 2015 Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) Winter Test. Angus, Hereford, Red Angus, SimAngus, Simmental and Charolais are represented.

There are 156 Angus bulls in the test.

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus—Lot 21; owner: Von Leer Farm, Mitchell, Ind.; sire: MW 964 Hoover Dam 11; ADG: 5.39 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.66 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,235 lb.; test index: 120

High-WDA Angus—Lot 168; owner: Cardinal Hill Farms, Glasgow, Ky.; sire: CHF 6079 Mandate 1066; ADG: 4.83 lb.; ADG ratio: 113; WDA: 4.21 lb.; WDA ratio: 128; wt.: 1,720 lb.; test index: 119

High-ADG Angus sire group—three bulls; owner: Underwood Angus Farms, Neil Underwood, North Manchester, Ind.; sire: GAR Prophet; avg. ADG: 4.94 lb.; ADG ratio: 116; avg. WDA: 3.42 lb.; WDA ratio: 104; avg. wt.: 1,203 lb.; test index: 111

High-WDA and high-indexing Angus sire group—three bulls; owner: Stewart Select Angus, Greensburg, Ind.; sire: SS Niagara Z29; avg. ADG: 4.86 lb.; ADG ratio: 114; avg. WDA: 3.76 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; avg. wt.: 1,408 lb.; test index: 114

Angus averages—ADG: 4.28 lb.; WDA: 3.29 lb.; wt.: 1,180 lb.

Overall averages—WDA: 4.22 lb.; WDA: 3.30 lb.; wt.: 1,182 lb.

The bulls were to be weighed off test March 23. Bulls will sell April 16 in the 73rd IBEP Bull Sale and Springville Feeder Auction Association Bred Heifer Sale.

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► IBEP 2016 Summer Test Feldun-Purdue Ag Center, Bedford, Ind. Call for entries

Entries are due April 4 for the IBEP 2016 Summer Test, with deliveries accepted April 26. The test will feature bulls born May 1-Oct. 31, 2015.

To be eligible, bulls must have birth weights and must have adjusted 205-day data and expected progeny differences (EPDs) for birth weight, weaning weight and maternal milk. Genomic testing with parentage verification is strongly encouraged. Bulls that are suspected to be carriers of a lethal or semi-lethal allele for which a DNA test is available must be DNA-tested and verified free of the lethal allele prior to entry in the test.

Three bulls with the same sire can be entered as a sire group.

After a warm-up period, bulls will be weighed on test May 17. The bulls will be fed a total mixed ration with a dry-matter composition of approximately 55% corn silage, 22% corn grain, 20% dried distillers' grains with solubles (DDGS) and 3% balancer. Salt and minerals will be provided free choice. Feed consumption will be recorded for each lot. Interim weights will be collected June 14, July 19 and Aug. 16, with final weights taken Sept. 19.

The test index is determined by the sum of each bull's within-breed percentile ranking for average daily gain (ADG) ratio, weight per day of age (WDA) ratio, percent retail product, percent intramuscular fat, calving ease direct (CED) EPD, weaning weight (WW) EPD and maternal milk (MILK) EPD. In case of identical

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trait rankings among two or more bulls, the performance index will determine their sale order. Qualifying bulls will sell Oct. 15.

Entries can be made online at www.ansc.purdue.edu/ibep/entry/entrywelcome.htm. For more information, visit www.ansc.purdue.edu/ibep/.

▣ **UBIA Bull Test**
Kenison Feedlot, Levan, Utah
112-day final report (Feb. 9)

The Utah Beef Improvement Association (UBIA) received a total of 265 junior and senior bulls Oct. 5 at Kenison Farm and Feedlot, Levan. Bulls entered in the senior test must have been born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2014. Bulls entered in the junior test must have been born Jan. 1-March 15, 2015. 159 junior Angus bulls averaged 740 lb. going on test; 20 senior bulls averaged 890 lb. going 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 were fed together. There were two divisions within the junior Angus breed test — the traditional growth division and a low-birth-weight (LBW) division.

High-ADG and high-WDA junior growth Angus—Lot 142; owner: McPherson Farms, Paul McPherson, Nephi; sire: Connealy Combination 0188; ADG: 4.44 lb.; ADG ratio: 141; WDA: 3.72 lb.; wt.: 1,290 lb.

High-ADG junior LBW Angus—Lot 66; owner: Farnsworth Angus Ranch, Ray Farnsworth, Gusher; sire: Riverbend SF Upward 120; ADG: 4.20 lb.; ADG ratio: 138; WDA: 3.63 lb.; wt.: 1,308 lb.

High-WDA junior LBW Angus—Lot 86; owner: Kelly Crozier, Neola; sire: Deer Valley All In; ADG: 3.68 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 3.69 lb.; wt.: 1,290 lb.

High-ADG and high-WDA senior Angus—Lot 265; owner: Gardner Ranch, Wes Gardner, Mountain Home; sire: PVF Insight 0129; ADG: 4.42 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 3.35 lb.; wt.: 1,533 lb.

Junior growth Angus averages (70 head)—ADG: 3.14 lb.; wt.: 1,110 lb.

Junior LBW Angus averages (85 head)—ADG: 3.04 lb.; wt.: 1,066 lb.

Senior Angus averages (18 head)—ADG: 3.15 lb.; wt.: 1,238 lb.

The test sale was scheduled for March 19. 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.

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.

▣ **Nebraska Bull Test**
Rohde Farms, Mason City, Neb.
120-day final report (Feb. 13)

The Nebraska Bull Test reported that 23 consignors delivered 117 Angus bulls, including 56 calving-ease bulls, to Rohde Farms, Mason City, Neb., Oct. 5. The bulls were weighed on test Oct. 16 for the start of the 120-day test

High-ADG calving-ease Angus—Lot 156CE; owner: Lazy Black Diamond Ranch, Kevin Glause, Palmer; sire: TC Forthright 333; ADG: 4.98 lb.; ADG ratio: 147; WDA: 3.61 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,343 lb.

High-WDA calving-ease Angus—Lot 123CE; owner: Bredemeier Angus Farms, Mike Bredemeier, Stella; sire: SAV Potential 0205; ADG: 4.29 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.68 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,313 lb.

High-ADG and high-WDA Angus—Lot 60; owner: Double D Angus, David, Diane, Cassie and Tasha Macholan, Linwood; sire: CCC Merritt 030; ADG: 4.68 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 3.98 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,493 lb.

High-ADG Angus sire group—three bulls; owner: Lazy Black Diamond Ranch; sire: TC Forthright 333; avg. ADG: 4.33 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; avg. WDA: 3.36 lb.; WDA ratio: 106; avg. wt.: 1,265 lb.

High-WDA Angus sire group—three bulls; owner: Boyles Angus, Jim Boyles, Mason City; sire: SAV Angus Valley 1867; avg. ADG: 4.29 lb.; ADG ratio: 119; avg. WDA: 3.61 lb.; WDA ratio: 108; avg. wt.: 1,436 lb.

Angus calving-ease averages (66 head)—ADG: 3.39 lb.; WDA: 3.15 lb.; wt.: 1,176 lb.

Angus averages (104 head)—ADG: 3.61 lb.; WDA: 3.34 lb.; wt.: 1,259 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 or visit the test website at www.nebraskabulltest.com.

▣ **Treasure Bull Test**
Broken O Ranch Feedlot, Simms, Mont.
90-day report (Feb. 5)

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, 2015. The fall division is for bulls born Aug. 1-Dec. 14, 2014. The bulls were weighed on test Oct. 30, 2015.

High-ADG Jackpot Angus—Lot 5; owner: Granger Angus, Jim and Beth Granger, Great Falls, Mont.; sire: PA Powertool 9108; ADG: 4.11 lb.; WDA: 3.54 lb.; wt.: 1,230 lb.

High-WDA Jackpot Angus—Lot 9; owner: R.K. Perry, Ryan and Karrel Perry, Power, Mont.; sire: Koupal's B&B Identity 0020; ADG: 2.94 lb.; WDA: 3.72 lb.; wt.: 1,255 lb.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 129; owner: McDonnell Angus, Leo and Sam McDonnell, Columbus, Mont.; sire: Schafer 21C of 514 1005; ADG: 4.22 lb.; WDA: 3.51 lb.; wt.: 1,190 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 128; owner: McDonnell Angus; sire: Mid SF Total Package 1337; ADG: 2.89 lb.; WDA: 3.64 lb.; wt.: 1,220 lb.

High-ADG Fall Angus—Lot 305; owner: Ascent Angus Farms, Chris Miller Family, Oakland, Ill.; sire: MCR Horizon 081; ADG: 3.83 lb.; WDA: 2.81 lb.; wt.: 1,180 lb.

High-WDA Fall Angus—Lot 304; owner: R.K. Perry; sire: Vermilion Bear Paw; ADG: 3.72 lb.; WDA: 3.72 lb.; wt.: 1,765 lb.

Angus averages (109 head)—ADG: 3.20 lb.; WDA: 3.13 lb.

Fall Angus averages (5 head)—ADG: 3.03 lb.; WDA: 3.10 lb.

The bulls were to be weighed off test Feb. 29. Approximately 75% of the bulls on test will sell April 11 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.

▣ **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

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for targeted gains of about 3 lb. per day. Group 1 bulls were received Sept. 13-23, 2015. Group 2 bulls were received Oct. 11-21, 2015.

High-ADG Group 1 Angus—Lot 196; owner: Three Forks Ranch, Fort Gibson, Okla.; sire: VAR Discovery 2240; ADG: 4.48 lb.; WDA: 3.45 lb.; wt.: 1,323 lb.

High-WDA (tie) Group 1 Angus—Lot 30; owner: Probst Ent., Dillon, Mont.; sire: SAV Resource 1441; ADG: 3.49 lb.; WDA: 3.78 lb.; wt.: 1,275 lb.

High-WDA (tie) Group 1 Angus—Lot 252; owner: Deppe Angus, Waverly, Iowa; sire: AAR Ten X 7008 SA; ADG: 3.62 lb.; WDA: 3.78 lb.; wt.: 1,330 lb.

High-ADG Group 2 Angus—Lot 539; owner: Sunny Okanogan, Omak, Wash.; sire: Vision Unanimous 1418; ADG: 4.62 lb.; WDA: 3.40 lb.; wt.: 1,320 lb.

High-WDA Group 2 Angus—Lot 352; owner: Hay Cow, Lincoln, Calif.; sire: McD SF Total Package 1337; ADG: 4.31 lb.; WDA: 4.20 lb.; wt.: 1,460 lb.

Angus averages (Group 1)—ADG: 3.34 lb.; WDA: 3.19 lb.

Angus averages (Group 2)—ADG: 3.22 lb.; WDA: 3.20 lb.

The Angus sale is scheduled for April 8.

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.

▶ Tucumcari Bull Test Tucumcari, N.M. 90-day report (Feb. 16)

There have been significant changes to the 2015-2016 Tucumcari Bull Test. The addition of GrowSafe® feed intake technology has allowed the measurement of feed intake per individual bull. This equipment also assists in calculating residual feed intake (RFI) efficiency for this year's set of bulls. The structure of the test itself has changed due to the new technology. There are now three separate contemporary groups (A, B and C), vs. one complete test group as in years past. Instead of 38 individual pens, the test facility now has two large pens and 10 individual pens. Bulls in the large pens are the RFI-tested bulls. Because of age, management and time of year, it seemed appropriate to break out the 147 bulls currently on test into three separate contemporary groups.

Group A includes older bulls born Jan. 1-Feb. 28, 2015. They were placed in the RFI-testing pen to measure intake for the first 60 days of the test. Group B consists of the younger calves scheduled to be RFI-tested

during the last 60 days of the overall test. These calves are in a similar sized pen as Group A; however, they are a bit lighter due to being 60 days younger. Group C is considered the individually tested bulls. These bulls are penned in groups of two to four head per pen. The management of these bulls is similar to years past, with calves penned separately by owner. This group has some of the largest bulls on test.

High-ADG group A Angus—Lot 77; owner: Miller Angus, Floyd, N.M.; sire: Miller Bando Canyon 311; ADG: 5.11 lb.; wt.: 1,200 lb.

High-WDA group A Angus—Lot 65; owner: McCall Land & Cattle, Albuquerque, N.M.; sire: EF Impression 2648; ADG: 5.00 lb.; WDA: 3.77 lb.; wt.: 1,230 lb.

High-ADG group B Angus—Lot 42; owner: J-C Angus, Moriarty, N.M.; sire: Bluegrass Final Answer 309; ADG: 4.30 lb.; WDA: 2.96 lb.; wt.: 1,000 lb.

High-WDA group B Angus—Lot 16; owner: Cornerstone Ranch Inc., Fort Sumner, N.M.; sire: Lazy JB O'Reilly Factor 3038; WDA: 3.37 lb.

High-ADG group C Angus—Lot 67; owner: McCall Land & Cattle; sire: EF Impression 2648; ADG: 5.25 lb.

High-WDA group C Angus—Lot 86; owner: Netherton Angus, Las Animas, Colo.; sire: Sitz Onward 377S; WDA: 3.82 lb.

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Angus averages (Group A)—ADG: 3.69 lb.; wt.: 940 lb.

Angus averages (Group B)—ADG: 3.07 lb.; wt.: 792 lb.

Angus average (Group C)—ADG: 4.13 lb.; wt.: 1,080 lb.

The test sale was scheduled for March 12.

For more information contact Marcy Ward, extension livestock specialist, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM 88003; office phone: 575-646-5947 or cell: 575-644-3379; or visit the test website at <http://tucbulltest.nmsu.edu>.

▣ Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Ass'n Douglas Bull Test Station, Carberry, Man. 112-day final report (Feb. 23)

The 52nd Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Association Bull & Heifer Development Test accepted delivery Oct. 5-9, 2015, 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 April 1-June 30, 2015, to be eligible for the 112-day test.

A total of 149 bulls were weighed on test Nov. 14, including six Blonde D'Aquitaine, 19 Limousin, nine Salers, 54 Angus (red and black tested together), 39 Simmental, six Maine-Anjou and 16 Shorthorn. The average on-test WDA for the Angus bulls was 3.40 lb.

High-ADG and high-WDA Angus—Lot 13; owner: KLM Angus, Kurtis and Holly McKee, Bagot, Man.; sire: Backroads 1418 Legend 1582; ADG: 5.15 lb.; WDA: 4.33 lb.; wt.: 1,596 lb.

Angus averages (53 head)—ADG: 4.08 lb.; WDA: 3.61 lb.; wt.: 1,315 lb.

Overall averages (144 head)—ADG: 3.77 lb.; WDA: 3.49 lb.

The sale is scheduled for April 2.

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.

▣ SIU Bull Test Carbondale, Ill.

84-day final report (Feb. 2)

Southern Illinois University (SIU) accepted 40 bulls for testing Oct. 8-9, 2015, most of them junior bulls, for the 39th annual bull test for 2015-2016. Applications were due Sept. 8, with bulls tested in junior and senior divisions for 84 days this year. The test began Nov. 9-10, 2015.

The bull test station team is student-run this year, with Rebecca Atkinson, associate professor of animal science, food and

nutrition for beef cattle, providing advisory oversight and hands-on training. The objective is to test the bulls' potential for producing superior calves that will grow fast and efficiently. To be eligible for the program, bulls must be registered with a recognized national breed association, come to the facility in good health and meet other criteria set by Atkinson and the bull test station advisory board.

The student team will have the opportunity to learn to handle large livestock and assess animal health. Each bull is fitted with a magnetic collar that, when in close proximity to its assigned feed stall, unlocks the door. This helps the team ensure that each bull receives only its measured portion of grain. In addition, the student team will learn to conduct the ultrasonic tests and to conduct the scheduled weigh-ins.

The team includes Claire Hoffman, Alissa Hoyt, Alexis Johnson and Megan Tockstein.

High-ADG and best F/G junior Angus—Lot 13; owner: Mitchell Washburn, Olney; sire: VAR Discovery 2240; ADG: 6.52 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; best F/G: 4.16 lb.; F/G ratio: 141; wt.: 1,563 lb.

High-ADG and best F/G senior Angus—Lot 49; owner: Austin Betzold, Betzold Farms, Nokomis; sire: Connealy Right Answer 746;

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ADG: 5.32 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; best F/G: 4.68 lb.; F/G ratio: 128; wt.: 1,900 lb.

Angus junior averages—ADG: 4.86 lb.; F/G: 5.87 lb.; wt.: 1,288 lb.

Angus senior averages—ADG: 4.37 lb.; F/G: 5.97 lb.; wt.: 1,506 lb.

The sale was scheduled for March 11. For more information contact Atkinson at SIU—Carbondale, Department of Animal Science, Food & Nutrition, Mail Code 4417, 1205 Lincoln Dr., Carbondale, IL 62901; phone: 618-453-5000; fax: 618-453-5231; or ratkinsn@siu.edu. Information is also available on the test website at <http://bulltest.siu.edu/>.

▶ UT Junior Bull Test Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center, Spring Hill, Tenn. 84-day final report (Feb. 2)

The University of Tennessee (UT) Bull Testing Program weighed 49 bulls on test, 48 of them Angus. The 84-day test was conducted at the Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center, Spring Hill, Tenn.

The test featured bulls born Dec. 1, 2014-Feb. 28, 2015.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 22; owner: Lazy S Angus, Chuckey; sire: GVF Answer 1028; ADG: 6.07 lb.; ADG ratio: 136; WDA: 3.16 lb.; WDA ratio: 95; wt.: 1,348 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 7; owner: Chimney Top Angus, Johnson City; sire: AAR Ten X 7008 SA; ADG: 5.40 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 3.97 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,445 lb.

Angus averages (45 head)—ADG: 4.48 lb.; WDA: 3.32 lb.; wt.: 1,273 lb.

Overall averages (46 head)—ADG: 4.50 lb.; WDA: 3.34 lb.; wt.: 1,275 lb.

The sale was scheduled for March 10.

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

▶ WBIA Bull Test University of Wisconsin, Platteville, Wis. 65-day report (Feb. 4)

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 103 bulls, 70 of them Angus, were delivered Nov. 2, 2015, for the 2016 WBIA Bull Test to go on test Dec. 1. The 100-day test is for bulls born Jan. 1-April 15, 2015.

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 scanned by ultrasound for carcass traits and evaluated for breeding soundness.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 13; owner: Neenah Creek Angus, Owen Wade, Endeavour; sire: AAR Ten X 7008 SA; ADG: 5.72 lb.; ADG ratio:

156; WDA: 3.67 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,200 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 41; owner: Ryan Cattle, Tim Ryan, Lodi; sire: AAR Ten X 7008 SA; ADG: 4.20 lb.; ADG ratio: 114; WDA: 4.24 lb.; WDA ratio: 128; wt.: 1,315 lb.

Angus averages (71 head)—ADG: 3.67 lb.; WDA: 3.31 lb.

Off-test weights were to be collected March 9-10, with the sale 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.

▶ Snake River Bull Test Twin Falls, Idaho 84-day report (Jan. 9, 2016)

The Snake River Bull Test reported 165 bulls weighed on test Oct. 18, including 92 junior Angus and 18 senior Angus. Junior Angus bulls averaged 673 lb., with the senior bulls averaging 923 lb.

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 45; owner: McPherson Farms, Nephi, Utah; sire: Connealy Consensus 7229; ADG: 4.2 lb.; ADG ratio: 138; WDA: 3.4 lb.; wt.: 1,185 lb.

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 35; owner: Allen Angus Ranch, Bend, Ore.; sire: Mohnen South Dakota 402; ADG: 3.0 lb.; ADG ratio: 101; WDA: 3.5 lb.; wt.: 1,348 lb.

High-ADG senior Angus—Lot 186; owner: Moj & Kelsey Broadie, Moore, Idaho; sire: SAV Final Answer 0035; ADG: 4.2 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 2.5 lb.; wt.: 1,330 lb.

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 189; owner: Hundred Acre Ranch, Jerome, Idaho; sire: Vin-Mar O'Reilly Factor; ADG: 2.8 lb.; ADG ratio: 88; WDA: 3.3 lb.; wt.: 1,385 lb.

Angus junior averages (89 head)—ADG: 3.0 lb.; WDA: 2.8 lb.; wt.: 1,000 lb.

Angus senior averages (18 head)—ADG: 3.1 lb.; WDA: 2.6 lb.; wt.: 1,245 lb.

The test sale was scheduled for March 4, 2016.

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. 9-10)

The Western Illinois University (WIU) Bull Testing Program weighed 73 bulls, 28 of them Angus, on test Oct. 20-21, 2015. The 112-day test features bulls born Jan. 1-March 31, 2015.

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% REA ratio.

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High-ADG Angus—Lot 506; owner: Eagle River Angus, Dunlap, Ill.; sire: Rito 9Q13 of Rita 5F56 GHM; ADG: 5.4 lb.; wt.: 1,518 lb.

The 44th annual test sale was March 11 in Macomb, Ill.

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▣ Edisto Forage Bull Test

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

56-day report (Feb. 9)

The 2015 Edisto Forage Bull Test (EFBT) began Dec. 15 in Blackville after the delivery of 61 bulls Dec. 1. Senior bulls eligible for the test were born Nov. 1, 2014-Jan. 31, 2015. Junior bulls eligible for the test were born Feb. 1-March 31, 2015.

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 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 4; owner: Mull Meadow Farm, Pendleton, S.C.; sire: Connealy Comrade 1385; ADG: 3.68 lb.; ADG ratio: 158; WDA: 2.27 lb.; WDA ratio: 104; wt.: 928 lb.; test index: 5.95

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 54; owner: Fox Run Farm, Sam Daniel, Oxford, N.C.; sire: Rito 2V8 2536 1407; ADG: 1.70 lb.; ADG ratio: 73; WDA: 2.62 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,125 lb.; test index: 4.32

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 1; owner: Mull Meadow Farm; sire: Rito 12E7 of 5F56 Rito 5M2; ADG: 2.75 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; WDA: 2.11 lb.; WDA ratio: 91; wt.: 736 lb.; test index: 5.34

High-WDA and high-indexing junior Angus—Lot 52; owner: Fox Run Farm; sire: Rito 2V8 2536 1407; ADG: 2.68 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 2.66 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 868 lb.; test index: 5.34

Angus senior averages (22 head)—ADG: 2.33 lb.; WDA: 2.18 lb.; wt.: 910 lb.

Angus junior averages (21 head)—ADG: 2.06 lb.; WDA: 2.32 lb.; wt.: 797 lb.

Interim weights were scheduled for March 8, April 5 and May 3. The bulls will be weighed off test May 31. The sale is scheduled for Oct. 8.

For more information contact Scott Sell at 803-284-3343, ext. 223 (office); 803-450-0995 (cell) or gsell@clmson.edu. Additional information is available on the test website at <http://www.clemson.edu/extension/bulltest/>.

▣ MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program Plank Farm, Crystal, Mich.

112-day final report (Feb. 11-12)

The Michigan Cattlemen's Association (MCA) and Michigan State University (MSU) had 110 bulls on test in the 2015-2016 MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program. Consignors must be paid members of the MCA and have their 2016 dues paid in advance. To be eligible for the test, bulls must have been born Sept. 1, 2014-March 31, 2015.

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

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 28; owner: Eastview Angus Farm, Corunna, Ind.; sire: KB-Carcass Merritt A02; ADG: 4.51 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; WDA: 3.31 lb.; WDA ratio: 98; wt.: 1,170 lb.

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 34; owner: Dawson Farms LLC, Concord; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 4.15 lb.; ADG ratio: 109; WDA: 3.91 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,533 lb.

High-ADG senior Angus—Lot 13; owner: VanDenBerg Angus, Hudsonville; sire: GAR Anticipation; ADG: 5.22 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 3.11 lb.; WDA ratio: 103; wt.: 1,628 lb.

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 24; owner: Voogt Farms, Marne; sire: Lone Star Advantage E753; ADG: 4.98 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; WDA: 3.75 lb.; WDA ratio: 124; wt.: 1,583 lb.

Overall averages (108 head)—ADG: 3.88 lb.; WDA: 3.28 lb.; wt.: 1,288 lb.

The sale was scheduled for March 19.

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

100-day final report (Feb. 12)

The 2016 Southern West Virginia Bull Test accepted delivery of 94 bulls Oct. 12, 2015. The bulls went on test Nov. 12, 2015, with Angus bulls averaging 870 lb.

The 100-day 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 123; owner: Rocking P Farm, Horner; sire: GVF Limelight of PD 606; ADG: 4.98 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 3.57 lb.; wt.: 1,232 lb.; SC: 39.3 cm; frame: 6.0

High-WDA Angus—Lot 181; owner: River Front Cattle Co., Buckhannon; sire: Rito 9Q13 of Rita 5F56 GHM; ADG: 4.34 lb.; ADG ratio: 114; WDA: 3.85 lb.; wt.: 1,624 lb.; 36.9 cm; frame: 6.2

Angus averages (91 head)—ADG: 3.82 lb.; WDA: 3.18 lb.; wt.: 1,222 lb.

The test sale was scheduled for March 26.

For more information contact Kevin Shaffer, program coordinator, Kevin.Shaffer@mail.wvu.edu; West Virginia University Extension Service, 2084 Agriculture Science Bldg., PO Box 6108,

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Morgantown, WV 26506; phone: 304-293-2669; or visit the test website at <http://southernsires.ext.wvu.edu>.

▶ **MBCIA Bull Test Spring Grove, Minn.**

100-day report (Feb. 19)

The 2015-2016 Minnesota Beef Cattle Improvement Association (MBCIA) bull test will take place in Spring Grove, Minn. Foundation Feeders Inc. has hosted the MBCIA Bull Test since 1999. The bulls will be fed a high-protein total TMR ration that will

enhance rumen stretch, ADG and fertility. Bulls eligible for the 133-day test must have been born Jan. 1-May 15, 2015.

After a 14-day warm-up period, bulls were weighed to start the test Nov. 13-14.

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus—Lot 9; owner: Richland Prairie Farm, David and Debra Lawstuen, Lanesboro; ADG: 5.20 lb.; WDA: 3.75 lb.; wt.: 1,325 lb.; test index: 120

High-WDA Angus (tie)—Lot 50; owner: Freeburg Ridge Farm, Joseph Hammell, Caledonia; ADG: 4.26 lb.; WDA: 3.88 lb.; wt.: 1,495 lb.; test index: 109

High-WDA Angus (tie)—Lot 48; owner: Hufford Farms, Morris; ADG: 4.57 lb.; WDA: 3.88 lb.; wt.: 1,295 lb.; test index: 113

Overall averages (98 head)—ADG: 4.03 lb.; WDA: 3.43 lb.; wt.: 1,222 lb.

Off-test weights were scheduled for March 17, with the sale March 29.

For more information contact Ron Holty, test station manager, at 507-498-5839; cell: 507-429-7963 or ronholty@gmail.com.

