



Performance Report

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

OPSU Beef Bull Performance Test

Goodwell, Okla.

112-day final report (Jan. 28)

The 99 beef bulls consigned to the 65th annual Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU) Beef Bull Performance Test were weighed on test Oct. 8, 2016. Consigned by 19 breeders, breeds represented were Angus, Maine-Anjou, Lim-Flex, Hereford and Polled Hereford.

In addition to the bull test ration, which is fed twice daily, the bulls have access to grass hay *ad libitum*.

High-ADG junior Angus—Owner: Ronald Coffee, Paul's Valley; sire: SAV Ten Percent 3085; ADG: 4.93 lb.; WDA: 3.72 lb.

High-ADG senior Angus—Owner: B&M Angus, Edmond; sire: B&M Upshot 304; ADG: 5.71 lb.; WDA: 3.54 lb.

Top junior Angus pen—Owner: R.J. Hollon, Woodward; avg. ADG: 4.51 lb.; avg. WDA: 3.50 lb.

Top senior Angus pen—Three bulls; owner: Al Rutledge, Stillwater, Okla.; sire: GAR Sunrise; avg. ADG: 4.97 lb.

Overall averages (99 head)—ADG: 4.18 lb.; WDA: 3.28 lb.

The sale was Feb. 27, 2017, in the England Activity Building, University Farm, Goodwell, Okla. Those interested in following the performance of the bulls during the test can contact Gwen Martin at 580-349-1500 or gwen@opsu.edu.

Nebraska Bull Test

Rohde Farms, Mason City, Neb.

120-day final report (Feb. 10-11)

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 Nebraska Bull Test reported that 30 consignors delivered 117 Angus bulls, including 56 calving-ease bulls, 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, Dighton, Kan.; sire: KM Broken Bow 002; ADG: 5.20 lb.; ADG ratio: 143; WDA: 3.86 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,429 lb.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 86; owner: Double D Angus, Linwood; sire: Chisum 6175; ADG: 5.07 lb.; ADG ratio: 135; WDA: 3.96 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,500 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 20; owner: Anderson Bros. Angus, Ong; sire: Koupal's B+B Fort Knox 2077; ADG: 4.43 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; WDA: 4.05 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,420 lb.

High-ADG Angus sire group—Lots 26CE, 27CE, 28CE, 29CE, 30; owner: Rocking M Livestock/Mill Iron Hanging O Cattle; sire: KM Broken Bow 002; avg. ADG: 4.56 lb.; ADG

ratio: 123; avg. WDA: 3.62 lb.; WDA ratio: 106; avg. wt.: 1,327 lb.

High-WDA Angus sire group—Lots 135-142; owner: Boyles Angus, Mason City; sire: SAV Angus Valley 1867; avg. ADG: 4.24 lb.; ADG ratio: 113; WDA: 3.82 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; avg. wt.: 1,507 lb.

Angus calving-ease averages (66 head)—ADG: 3.65 lb.; WDA: 3.34 lb.; wt.: 1,271 lb.

Angus averages (106 head)—ADG: 3.75 lb.; WDA: 3.46 lb.; wt.: 1,295 lb.

The test sale was to be March 22 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.nebraskabullsale.com.

UBIA Bull Test

Kenison Feedlot, Levan, Utah

112-day final report (Feb. 7)

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

Bulls were 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-indexing junior Angus—Lot 119; owner: McPherson Farms, Paul McPherson, Nephi; sire: SydGen Mandate 6079; ADG: 4.64 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 3.63 lb. wt.: 1,308 lb.; test ratio: 133

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 117; owner: McPherson Farms; sire: NBC; ADG: 3.95 lb.; ADG ratio: 119; WDA: 3.84 lb.; wt.: 1,350 lb.; test ratio: 119

High-ADG, high-WDA and high-ratio senior Angus—Lot 226; owner: Lowe Livestock, Toquerville; sire: Connealy Final Product; ADG: 4.71 lb.; ADG ratio: 144; WDA: 3.59 lb.; wt.: 1,475 lb.; test ratio: 139

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Angus junior averages (141 head)—ADG: 3.32 lb.

Overall junior averages (211 head)—ADG: 3.15 lb.

Overall senior averages (14 head)—ADG: 3.28 lb.

The test sale was 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.

■ **MBCIA Bull Test**

Spring Grove, Minn.

100-day report (Feb. 17)

The 2016-2017 Minnesota Beef Cattle Improvement Association (MBCIA) bull test is taking place in Spring Grove, Minn. Foundation Feeders Inc. has hosted the MBCIA Bull Test since 1999. The bulls are being fed a high-protein total mixed ration (TMR) to enhance rumen stretch, ADG and fertility. Bulls eligible for the 133-day test must have been born between Jan. 1-May 15, 2016.

High-ADG—Lot 29; owner: Peter Hassing, Wells; ADG: 5.36 lb.; WDA: 3.06 lb.; wt.: 1,175 lb.; test index: 116

High-WDA Angus—Lot 13; owner: Freeburg Ridge Farm, Joseph Hammell, Caledonia; sire: Shipwheel Montana 2600; ADG: 4.25 lb.; WDA: 4.04 lb.; wt.: 1,435 lb.; test index: 114

High-indexing Angus—Lot 49; owner:

Shady Hill Farms, Blue Earth; sire: Mogck Bullseye; ADG: 4.79 lb.; WDA: 3.83 lb.; wt.: 1,290 lb.; test index: 119

Overall averages—ADG: 3.90 lb.; WDA: 3.37 lb.; wt.: 1,181 lb.

Off-test weights were scheduled for March 17, with the sale March 29 at 6 p.m. in Jackson, Minn.

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

■ **Iowa Angus Association Bull Test Benton, Iowa**

100-day final report (Feb. 10)

The Iowa Angus Association (IAA) accepted delivery of 72 bulls for its 100-day 2016-2017 bull test. The test is for bulls born Jan. 1-March 31, 2016.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 9; owner: Katelyn Holmes, Columbia, Mo.; sire: HCC Scotty 19733; ADG: 5.79 lb.; wt.: 1,650 lb.

The sale is scheduled for April 1.

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.

■ **Tucumcari Bull Test**

Tucumcari, N.M.

115-day final report (Feb. 23)

There were significant changes to the 2015-2016 Tucumcari Bull Test. The addition of GrowSafe® feed intake technology allowed the

measurement of feed intake per individual bull. This equipment also assists in calculating residual feed intake (RFI) efficiency for each year's set of bulls. The structure of the test itself was changed due to the new technology. There are now separate contemporary groups 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. Group A includes older bulls that 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. Group C is considered the individually tested bulls.

High-ADG group A Angus—Lot 5-3; owner: J-C Angus, Moriarty, N.M.; sire: AAR Ten X 7008 SA; ADG: 4.98 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 3.73 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; RFI: -3.4; wt.: 1,455 lb.

High-WDA group A Angus—Lot 12-4; Walker Angus, Tucumcari; sire: EXAR Impression 3590B; ADG: 4.52 lb.; ADG ratio: 112; WDA: 3.97 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; RFI: -1.6; wt.: 1,365 lb.

Best RFI group A Angus—Lot 5-2; owner: J-C Angus; sire: AAR Ten X 7008 SA; ADG: 4.50 lb.; ADG ratio: 112; WDA: 3.34 lb.; WDA ratio: 100; RFI: -5.0; wt.: 1,350 lb.

High-ADG group B Angus—Lot 9-2; owner: Riverside Angus, Las Animas, Colo.; sire: Sedgwick Jupiter X220; ADG: 4.88 lb.; ADG

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ratio: 123; WDA: 3.45 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,125 lb.; RFI: -2.1

High-WDA group B Angus—Lot 6-11; owner: McCall Land & Cattle Co., Albuquerque; N.M.; sire: JMc Answer 9485 529B; ADG: 4.83 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA: 3.81 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,288 lb.; RFI: 1.0

Best RFI group B Angus—Lot 5-16; owner: J-C Angus; sire: EXAR Resistol 3710B; ADG: 3.83 lb.; ADG ratio: 97; WDA: 2.88 lb.; WDA ratio: 91; RFI: -5.6; wt.: 1,125 lb.

High-ADG group C Angus—Lot 6-37; owner: McCall Land & Cattle Co.; sire: Baldrige Waylon W34; ADG: 4.89 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; WDA: 3.09 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; wt.: 978 lb.

High-WDA group C Angus—Lot 6-36; owner: McCall Land & Cattle Co.; sire: Baldrige Waylon W34; ADG: 3.31 lb.; ADG ratio: 91; WDA: 3.34 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 988 lb.

Angus Group A averages—ADG: 4.03 lb.; WDA: 3.35 lb.; FE: 5.65

Angus Group B averages—ADG: 3.97 lb.; WDA: 3.17 lb.; FE: 6.34

Angus Group C averages—ADG: 3.69 lb.; WDA: 3.01 lb.; FE: 8.68

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>.

Southwest Virginia BCIA Bull Test Hillwinds Farm, Dublin, Va. 112-day final report (Feb. 15)

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, 2015. Junior bulls were 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.

High-ADG senior Angus—Lot 18; owner: Brilee Angus Ranch, Bob Bahr, Timberville; sire: VAR Discovery 2240; ADG: 5.00 lb.; ADG ratio: 145; wt.: 1,230 lb.; SC: 34.5 cm

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 81; owner: Silver Creek Angus, John Prekker, Danville; sire: Werner War Party 2417; ADG: 4.22 lb.; ADG ratio: 133; wt.: 1,305 lb.; SC: 35.5 cm

Angus senior averages (44 head)—ADG: 3.45 lb.; wt.: 1,415 lb.

Overall senior averages (95 head)—ADG: 3.33 lb.; wt.: 1,390 lb.

Angus junior averages (80 head)—ADG: 3.18 lb.; wt.: 1,092 lb.

Overall junior averages (126 head)—ADG: 3.11 lb.; wt.: 1,090 lb.

The test sale was to 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>.

Southern West Virginia Bull Test Point Pleasant, W.Va. 100-day final report (Feb. 10)

The 2017 Southern West Virginia Bull Test accepted delivery of 90 bulls that went on test Nov. 10, 2016, with Angus bulls averaging 805 lb.

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 117; owner: Jeffrey Shy, Kenova; sire: Connealy Counselor; ADG: 5.09 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; wt.: 1,308 lb.; SC: 36.7 cm

Overall Angus averages (86 head)—ADG: 3.80 lb.; wt.: 1,159 lb.

The test sale was scheduled for March 25. 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, Morgantown, WV 26506; phone: 304-293-2669; or visit the test website at <http://southernsires.ext.wvu.edu>.

Wardensville Bull Test West Virginia University Reymann Memorial Farm, Wardensville, W.Va. 100-day final report (Feb. 17)

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 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 40; owner: Kinsey's Oak Front Farm, Flemington; sire: The West Virginian X134; ADG: 5.00 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; wt.: 1,287 lb.; SC: 35.6 cm

Angus averages (155 head)—ADG: 3.86 lb.; wt.: 1,164 lb.

The test sale was 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/.

MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program Plank Farm, Crystal, Mich. 112-day final report (Feb. 9-10)

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 nine 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: 4.75 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; WDA: 2.98 lb.; WDA ratio: 95; wt.: 1,483 lb.

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 26; owner: KB Farms, Kevin Beckington, Merritt; sire: EXAR Denver 2002B; ADG: 4.24 lb.; ADG ratio: 105; WDA: 3.45 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,458 lb.

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 55; owner: Apple Hill Angus, John MacMaster, Harrisville; sire: Raven Power Hitter 1341; ADG: 4.67 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 3.28 lb.; WDA ratio: 100; wt.: 1,088 lb.

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 23; owner: Eastview Angus Farm, Corunna, Ind.; sire: EXAR Resistol 3710B; ADG: 4.46 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; WDA: 3.78 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,320 lb.

Overall averages—ADG: 3.71 lb.; WDA: 3.24 lb.; wt.: 1,200 lb.

The sale was scheduled for March 18.

For more information contact Dan Buskirk, extension beef specialist, buskirk@msu.edu, 2265 Anthony Hall, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824; 517-432-0400; Brian Plank, manager, brianplank@

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▶ IBEP Winter Test

Feldun-Purdue Ag Center, Bedford, Ind. 90-day report (Feb. 21)

A total of 220 bulls and 21 get-of-sire groups were delivered for the 2016 Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) Winter Test. Angus, Hereford, Red Angus, SimAngus, Simmental, Maine-Anjou, Lim-Flex and Charolais are represented with 76 owners from six different states.

The bulls were scheduled to be weighed off test March 21.

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus—Lot 193; owner: Underwood Angus Farms, North Manchester; sire: VAR Generation 2100; ADG: 5.30 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; WDA: 3.30 lb.; WDA ratio: 101; wt.: 1,295 lb.; test index: 121

High-ADG Angus—Lot 44; owner: Benson Angus, Greensburg; sire: AAR Ten X 7008 SA; ADG: 4.22 lb.; ADG ratio: 107; WDA: 3.99 lb.; WDA ratio: 122; wt.: 1,420 lb.; test index: 113

High-ADG and high-indexing (tie) Angus sire group—four bulls; owner: Fritz Homer Farm, Terre Haute; sire: Connealy Power Surge 3115; avg. ADG: 4.57 lb.; ADG ratio: 116; avg. WDA: 3.19 lb.; WDA ratio: 98; avg. wt.: 1,298 lb.; test index: 109

High-WDA and high-indexing (tie) Angus sire group—seven bulls; owners: Rolling Acres Angus, Freetown; Snider-Clayton Farm, Goshen; and Underwood Angus Farms; sire: SS Niagara Z29; avg. ADG: 4.31 lb.; ADG ratio: 109; avg. WDA: 3.55 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; avg. wt.: 1,213 lb.; test index: 109

High-indexing Angus sire group (tie)—four bulls; owner: Brown Family Farms, Rockville; sire: PVF Insight 0129; avg. ADG: 4.47 lb.; ADG ratio: 113; avg. WDA: 3.34 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,248 lb.; test index: 109

Angus averages (151 head)—ADG: 3.94 lb.; WDA: 3.26 lb.; wt.: 1,199 lb.

Overall averages (217 head)—ADG: 3.80 lb.; WDA: 3.26 lb.; wt.: 1,187 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. 90-day report (Feb. 3)

▶ Tifton Performance Tested Bull Sale, March 1, Irwinville

▶ **Oakdale Farms**, Rome, Ga., consigned the high-indexing Angus bull. Oakdale Rampage 1605 5071 is a December 2015 son of Quaker Hill Rampage 0A36. He posted an average daily gain of 5.02 lb. Pictured are (from left) Gary Hill, Bull Test Advisory committee chairman; Kyle Gillooly, Georgia Cattlemen's Ass'n president; Bill and Judy Watters, owners of Oakdale Farms, recipients; and Tommy Rampley, Oakdale Farms, recipient.



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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 2; owner: Cornerstone Genetics, Dan and Ashley Hutchins, Raymond Ore.; sire: KLR Maximizer 1487; ADG: 3.89 lb.; WDA: 3.36 lb.; wt.: 1,250 lb.

High-WDA Jackpot Angus—Lot 15; owner: Olson Cattle Co., Wendy & Kayla Olson, Saint Ignatius, Mont.; sire: Vision Unanimous 1418; ADG: 3.06 lb.; WDA: 3.65 lb.; wt.: 1,150 lb.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 134; owner: Mill Creek Angus, Matt Hutchins, West Mansfield, Ohio; sire: Basin Payweight 107S; ADG: 4.94 lb.; WDA: 3.14 lb.; wt.: 1,175 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 181; owner: R.K. Perry, Ryan and Karnell Perry, Power, Mont.; sire: Plattermere Weigh Up K360; ADG: 2.89 lb.; WDA: 3.76 lb.; wt.: 1,270 lb.

High-ADG Fall Angus—Lot 301; owner: Cornerstone Genetics; sire: SAV Cornerstone 3637; ADG: 3.78 lb.; WDA: 2.68 lb.; wt.: 1,500 lb.

High-WDA Fall Angus—Lot 303; owner: Dalbey Angus, John Dalbey, Corvallis, Mont.; sire: JD 3C Brilliance 2167; ADG: 2.72 lb.; WDA: 3.03 lb.; wt.: 1,465 lb.

Angus averages (102 head)—ADG: 3.01 lb.; WDA: 3.09 lb.

Fall Angus averages (3 head)—ADG: 3.19 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.

▶ Midland Bull Test Columbus, Mont.

Group 1 final and Group 2 intermediate reports (Feb. 3-7)

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. 17-26, 2016. Group 2 bulls were received Oct. 15-25, 2016. Bulls qualifying for the test must be born Dec. 15, 2015-April 15, 2016.

High-ADG Group 1 Angus—Lot 39; owner: Willekes Angus, Choteau, Mont.; sire: Quaker Hill Rampage 0A36; ADG: 4.79 lb.; WDA: 3.53 lb.; wt.: 1,288 lb.

High-WDA Group 1 Angus—Lot 233; owner: Curtin Land & Cattle, Blue Mound, Ill.; sire: SAV Resource 1441; ADG: 3.61 lb.; WDA: 3.64 lb.; wt.: 1,350 lb.

High-ADG and high-WDA Group 2 Angus—Lot 408; owner: Granger Angus Ranch, Great Falls, Mont.; sire: Barstow Cash; ADG: 4.65 lb.; WDA: 4.09 lb.; wt.: 1,485 lb.

Angus averages (Group 1)—ADG: 3.20 lb.; WDA: 3.13 lb.

Angus averages (Group 2)—ADG: 3.07 lb.; WDA: 3.13 lb.

Group 2 final weights were taken March 6-7.

The Angus sale is scheduled for April 7.

▶ WBIA Bull Test

University of Wisconsin, Platteville, Wis. 65-day report (Feb. 2)

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.

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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 58; owner: Morris & Miller, Clark Miller, Chadwick, Ill.; sire: Deer Valley All In; ADG: 6.08 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 3.66 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 1,290 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 26; owner: Biddick Inc., Brian Nodolf, Livingston; sire: Jindra Double Vision; ADG: 4.92 lb.; ADG ratio: 113; WDA: 4.01 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,290 lb.

Angus averages—ADG: 4.35 lb.; WDA: 3.43 lb.

Off-test weights were to be collected in March.

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.

**▶ Edisto Forage Bull Test
Edisto Research & Education Center,
Blackville, S.C.
56-day report (Feb. 14)**

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. It capitalizes 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.

Interim weights are scheduled to be taken April 11 and May 9.

High-ADG and high-indexing senior Angus—Lot 34; owner: Burton Family Farm, Westminster, S.C.; sire: WTN Catawba Warrior X085; ADG: 4.38 lb.; WDA: 1.53 lb.; wt.: 629 lb.; test index: 5.91

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 22; owner: Lindy Sheppard Farm; Sylvania, Ga.; sire: GAR Sundown M5591; ADG: 2.05 lb.; WDA: 2.45 lb.; wt.: 1,080 lb.; test index: 4.51

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 35; owner: Burton Family Farm; sire: WTN Catawba Warrior X085; ADG: 3.39 lb.; WDA: 1.83 lb.; wt.: 669 lb.; test index: 5.22

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 46; owner: Primus Genetics, Millers Creek, N.C.; sire: Primus Upward 1338; ADG: 2.50 lb.; WDA: 2.81 lb.; wt.: 901 lb.; index: 5.31

High-indexing junior Angus—Lot 45; owner: Primus Genetics; sire: Primus Upward 1338; ADG: 2.89 lb.; WDA: 2.76 lb.; wt: 915 lb.; index: 5.66

Overall averages (54 head)—ADG: 2.46 lb.; WDA: 2.17 lb.; wt.: 842 lb.

The bulls will be weighed off test June 6. The sale is scheduled for Oct. 14.

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