



Performance Report

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

WCA All-Breed Bull Test Eltopia, Wash.

120-day final report (March 1)

The 22nd annual Washington Cattlemen's Association (WCA) All-Breed Bull Test began Nov. 1-2, 2014, 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 during the 120-day test under the supervision of Bob and Nina Lundgren at their Bonina Feed Facility at Eltopia.

Genetic profile enhancement through DNA samples will be used again this year on many of the bulls selling.

High-ADG and high-indexing low-BW Angus—Lot 132; owner: Eshelman Angus, Centerville, Wash.; sire: Coleman Regis 904; ADG: 3.95 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 3.49 lb.; wt.: 1,413 lb.; test index: 112; SC: 37.5 cm

High-WDA low-BW Angus—Lot 92; owner: McCall Angus, Endicott, Wash.; sire: Eshelman's Shooter J65/Pen; ADG: 3.52 lb.; ADG ratio: 107; WDA: 3.62 lb.; wt.: 1,483 lb.; test index: 111; SC: 41 cm

High-ADG, high-WDA and high-indexing growth Angus

—Lot 99; owner: Two Box Ranch, Toledo, Wash.; sire: GPAR Madison Z12; ADG: 4.73 lb.; ADG ratio: 143; WDA: 3.82 lb.; wt.: 1,355 lb.; test index: 128; SC 36 cm

Angus low-BW averages (18 head)—ADG: 3.37 lb.; WDA: 3.30 lb.; wt.: 1,290 lb.

Angus growth averages (48 head)—ADG: 3.27 lb.; WDA: 3.26 lb.; wt.: 1,258 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.

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MBCIA Jackson Bull Test Spring Grove, Minn.

140-day final report (March 26)

The Minnesota Beef Cattle Improvement Association (MBCIA) had 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 were fed in two lots with 250 feet of bunk space per pen. Bulls were assigned to lots depending on size and weight. Good-quality forages consisting of corn silage, alfalfa haylage, corn, distillers' grains, mineral mix and vitamins were fed.

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus—Lot 39; owner: Hufford Farms, Morris, Minn.; sire: Connealy Earnan 076E; ADG: 5.04 lb.; WDA: 4.23 lb.; wt.: 1,588 lb.; test index: 126; SC: 38.5 cm

High-WDA Angus—Lot 31; owner: Goodrich Place Inc., Emerald, Wis.; sire: Connealy Shrek 4242; ADG: 4.66 lb.; WDA: 4.42 lb.; wt.: 1,544 lb.; test index: 123; SC: 34.0 cm

Overall averages (67 head)—ADG: 3.87 lb.; WDA: 3.50 lb.; wt.: 1,397 lb.

The sale was April 10.

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

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.

■ **Midland Bull Test**
Columbus, Mont.

120-day group 1 & 2 final reports (March 9)

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. There were 1,000 bulls on test, composed of eight breeds.

For final test weights, the Angus bulls were split by group and then within group by birth weight. Green-tag bulls are low-birth-weight bulls with an actual birth weight of

less than 85 lb. and a BW EPD less than 1.9. White-tag bulls have an actual birth weight greater than 84 lb. or a BW EPD greater than 1.8.

High-ADG Group 1 green-tag Angus—Lot 104; owner: Marda Angus Farm, Lodi, Wis.; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 4.30 lb.; ADG ratio: 135; WDA: 3.33 lb.; wt.: 1,385 lb.; RFI: 2.67; efficiency ratio: 110; test index: 115; SC: 40.0 cm

High-WDA Group 1 green-tag Angus—Lot 81; owner: Haycow, Lincoln, Calif.; sire: McD SF Total 1348; ADG: 4.02 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 3.95 lb.; wt.: 1,370 lb.; RFI: -1.42;

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efficiency ratio: 117; test index: 118; SC: 36.0 cm

High-ADG Group 1 white-tag Angus—Lot 277; owner: Hauman Angus, Penn Yann, N.Y.; sire: S Chisum 6175; ADG: 4.44 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 3.61 lb.; wt.: 1,360 lb.; RFI: -1.76; efficiency ratio: 125; test index: 122; SC: 40.0 cm

High-WDA Group 1 white-tag Angus—Lot 202; owner: Fastert Farms, Rock Rapids, Iowa; sire: Basin Excitement; ADG: 4.02 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 4.01 lb.; wt.: 1,590 lb.; RFI: 2.47; efficiency ratio: 108; test index: 115; SC: 39.5 cm

High-ADG Group 2 green-tag Angus—Lot: 505; owner: Willer Timber Ridge, Greencastle, Ind.; sire: Sitz Icon 1054; ADG: 4.54 lb.; ADG ratio: 149; WDA: 3.35 lb.; wt.: 1,393 lb.; RFI: 2.71; efficiency ratio: 105; test index: 117; SC: 38.0 cm

High-WDA Group 2 green-tag Angus—Lot: 413; owner: Mytty Angus Ranch, Florence, Mont.; sire: Mytty Forefront 77P; ADG: 4.03 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.76 lb.; wt.: 1,455 lb.; RFI: 0.69; efficiency ratio: 100; test index: 114; SC: 40.0 cm

High-ADG Group 2 white-tag Angus—Lot: 493; owner: Sunny Okanogan Angus, Omak,

Wash.; sire: Plattemere Weigh Up K360; ADG: 4.30 lb.; ADG ratio: 138; WDA: 3.56 lb.; wt.: 1,490 lb.; RFI: 2.11; efficiency ratio: 112; test index: 122; SC: 38.0 cm

High-WDA Group 2 white-tag Angus—Lot: 606; owner: Deppe Angus, Waverly, Iowa; sire: SAV Angus Valley 459; ADG: 3.39 lb.; ADG ratio: 109; WDA: 3.88 lb.; wt.: 1,388 lb.; RFI: -4.09; efficiency ratio: 107; test index: 115; SC: 36.5 cm

High-ADG Angus sire group—Lots 202, 204 and 206; owner: Fastert Farms; sire: Basin Excitement; avg. ADG: 3.90 lb.

High-WDA Angus sire group—Lots 202,

203 and 206; owner: Fastert Farms; sire: Basin Excitement; avg. WDA: 3.86 lb.

Angus Group 1 green-tag averages—ADG: 3.30 lb.; WDA: 3.19 lb.

Angus Group 1 white-tag averages—ADG: 3.30 lb.; WDA: 3.23 lb.

Angus Group 2 green-tag averages—ADG: 3.30 lb.; WDA: 3.19 lb.

Angus Group 2 white-tag averages—ADG: 3.30 lb.; WDA: 3.23 lb.

The Angus sale was 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.

■ **IBEP Winter Test
Feldun-Purdue Ag Center, Bedford, Ind.
125-day final report (March 23)**

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.

There were 156 Angus bulls in the 125-day test.

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus—Lot 15; owner: Bill Washburn, Olney, Ill.; sire: EXAR Upshot 0562B; ADG: 5.24 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.97 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,705 lb.; test index: 126

High-WDA Angus—Lot 194; owner: Cooper

Angus, Tippecanoe; sire: EXAR Upshot 0562B; ADG: 3.84 lb.; ADG ratio: 97; WDA: 4.05 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,590 lb.; test index: 106

High-ADG, high-WDA (tie) and high-indexing Angus sire group—three bulls; owner: Stewart Select Angus, Greensburg; sire: SS Niagara Z29; avg. ADG: 4.71 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; avg. WDA: 3.69 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; avg. wt.: 1,288 lb.; test index: 115

High-WDA (tie) Angus sire group—three bulls; owner: Bill Washburn; sire: EXAR Upshot 0562B; avg. ADG: 4.63 lb.; ADG ratio: 116; avg. WDA: 3.69 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; avg. wt.: 1,500 lb.; test index: 114

Angus averages (156 head)—ADG: 3.98

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lb.; WDA: 3.37 lb.; wt.: 1,346 lb.

Overall averages (215 head)—ADG: 3.95 lb.; WDA: 3.37 lb.; wt.: 1,341 lb.

Bulls sold 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.

▶ St. Croix Valley Bull Test UW Mann Valley Farm, River Falls, Wis. 140-day final report (March 21)

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

High-ADG, high-WDA and high-indexing Angus—Lot 18-2; owner: Neenah Creek Angus, Owen and Chris Wade, Endeavor, Wis.; sire: MCC Daybreak; ADG: 4.54 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 3.79 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,380 lb.; sale ratio: 126

The sale was at the farm April 18. The top

two-thirds of the bulls sold based on an index that is 75% ADG ratio + 25% WDA ratio.

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

▶ Treasure Bull Test Broken O Ranch Feedlot, Simms, Mont. 120-day final report (March 1)

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 (tie), and high-indexing Jackpot Angus—Lot 12; owner: Granger Angus, Jim and Beth Granger, Great Falls, Mont.; sire: Granger Great Falls 053; ADG: 4.21 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; wt.: 1,415 lb.; SC: 38 cm; test index: 117; Jackpot index: 120

High-ADG Jackpot Angus (tie)—Lot 7; owner: McIntosh Angus Ranch, Rhod McIntosh, Pullman, Wash.; sire: AAR Ten X 7008 SA; ADG: 4.21 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; wt.: 1,280 lb.; test index: 116; Jackpot index: 119

High-ADG, and high-indexing Angus—Lot 183; owner: Probst Enterprises, Seth Probst, Dillon, Mont.; sire: SD Pioneer 2062; ADG: 5.04 lb.; wt.: 1,320 lb.; SC: 37 cm; test index: 128

Angus averages (125 head)—ADG: 3.30 lb.; WDA: 3.20 lb.

Approximately 75% of the bulls on test sold April 13 at Western Livestock Auction, Great Falls, Mont. Sale order was 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 brt Angus@3rivers.net. The test website is www.treasurebulltest.com.

▶ Edisto Forage Bull Test Edisto Research & Education Center, Blackville, S.C. 112-day report (April 7)

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 is good and the grazing is tall!

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

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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 senior Angus—Lot 61; owner: Hawk's Nest Farm, Leicester, N.C.; sire: HNR Special Design Exacto; ADG: 3.06 lb.; ADG ratio: 146; WDA: 2.17 lb.; WDA ratio: 103; wt.: 1,035 lb.

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 39; owner: Fox Run Farm, Mexico, Mo.; sire: Rito 2V8

2536 1407; ADG: 2.10 lb.; ADG ratio: 100; WDA: 2.58 lb.; WDA ratio: 122; wt.: 1,155 lb.

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 21; owner: Mull Meadows Farm, Pendleton, S.C.; sire: Connealy Calvary 1149; ADG: 2.71 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 2.42 lb.; WDA ratio: 104; wt.: 990 lb.

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 46; owner: Primus Genetics, Millers Creek, N.C.; sire: Connealy In Focus 4925; ADG: 2.39 lb.; ADG ratio: 111; WDA: 2.49 lb.; WDA ratio: 108; wt.: 1,020 lb.

Angus senior averages (38 head)—ADG: 2.09 lb.; WDA: 2.11 lb.; wt.: 976 lb.

Angus junior averages (25 head)—ADG: 2.15 lb.; WDA: 2.23 lb.; wt.: 894 lb.

Overall averages (89 head)—ADG: 2.03 lb.; WDA: 2.17 lb.; wt.: 947 lb.

Final interim weights were scheduled for 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 gshell@clermson.edu. Additional information is available on the test website at <http://www.clemson.edu/extension/livestock/beef/bulltests-efbt/>.

