



Performance Report

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

■ Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Ass'n Douglas Bull Test Station, Carberry, Man. 112-day final report (Feb. 28, 2017)

The 53rd Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Association Bull & Heifer Development Test accepted delivery Oct. 11-14, 2016, 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 Jan. 1-April 30, 2016, to be eligible for the 112-day test.

A total of 140 bulls were weighed on test Nov. 7-8, with Blonde D'Aquitaine, Limousin, Salers, Angus*, Simmental, Maine Anjou and Shorthorn breeds represented. The average on-test WDA for the Angus bulls was 3.04 lb. Overall on-test WDA was 3.02 lb.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 57; owner: Blue Gentain, Norman Bednar, Vita, Man.; sire: Blue Gentian Ideal 112W; ADG: 5.04 lb.; WDA: 3.59 lb.; wt.: 1,310 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 45; owner: Angus Pine Farm, Peter and Florence Petrash, Sundown, Man.; sire: Blue Gentian Objective 9516A; ADG: 4.67 lb.; WDA: 3.74 lb.; wt.: 1,366 lb.

Angus averages (71 head)—ADG: 3.86 lb.; WDA: 3.28 lb.

Overall averages (137 head)—ADG: 3.75 lb.; WDA: 3.24 lb.

The sale was April 1.

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***Editor's Note:** Both red and black Angus are tested as Angus in Canada.

■ WCA All-Breed Bull Test Eltopia, Wash.

112-day final report (March 1, 2017)

The 24th annual Washington Cattlemen's Association (WCA) All-Breed Bull Test began Nov. 3, 2016, with the initial weigh-in of 126 bulls consisting of 69 Angus, 31 Hereford, 13 Red Angus, four Angus composites, and nine Simmental. The bulls were fed under the supervision of Bob and Nina Lundgren at their Bonina Feed Facility at Eltopia.

Bulls eligible for the 120-day test were born Jan. 1-March 31, 2016. Genetic profile enhancement through DNA samples will be used on many of the bulls selling.

High-ADG low-birth-weight Angus—Lot 75; owner: Center Valley Angus, Chimacum; sire: CV Black Granite; ADG: 4.23 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 3.46 lb.; wt.: 1,403 lb.; test index: 113

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.

High-WDA and high-indexing low-birth-weight Angus—Lot 76; owner: Center Valley Angus; sire: Connealy Black Granite; ADG: 4.15 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; WDA: 3.62 lb.; wt.: 1,443 lb.; test index: 114

High-ADG growth Angus—Lot 124; owner: Alexis Andrews, Ellensburg; sire: Vin-Mar O'Reilly Factor; ADG: 4.46 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 3.46 lb.; wt.: 1,348 lb.; test index: 112

High-WDA growth Angus—Lot 127; owner: Tyson McCall, Endicott; sire: BPF 454 New Day 186; ADG: 3.21 lb.; ADG ratio: 92; WDA: 3.70 lb.; wt.: 1,500 lb.; test index: 103

High-indexing growth Angus—Lot 112; owner: Dutch Flats Angus LLC, Pomeroy; sire: T Bird of PAR 575; ADG: 4.08 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; WDA: 3.68 lb.; wt.: 1,533 lb.; test index: 117

Low-birth-weight Angus averages (19 head)—ADG: 3.50 lb.; WDA: 3.23 lb.; wt.: 1,276 lb.

Growth Angus averages (33 head)—ADG: 3.47 lb.; WDA: 3.29 lb.; wt.: 1,288 lb.

The test sale was scheduled for March 22.

The bulls can be viewed at any time at the Bonina facility. Interim reports and sale information are 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.

■ MBCIA Bull Test Spring Grove, Minn. 133-day final report (March 17)

The 2016-2017 Minnesota Beef Cattle Improvement Association (MBCIA) bull test took place in Spring Grove, Minn. Foundation Feeders Inc. has hosted the MBCIA Bull Test since 1999. The bulls were 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 Jan. 1-May 15, 2016.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 29; owner: David Hassing, Wells; sire: Baldrige Waylon W34; ADG: 4.76 lb.; WDA: 3.03 lb.; wt.: 1,302 lb.; test index: 109

High-WDA Angus—Lot 13; owner: Freeburg Ridge Farm, Joseph Hammell, Caledonia; sire: Freeburg Ridge Montana 0476; ADG: 4.09 lb.; WDA: 4.01 lb.; wt.: 1,579 lb.; test index: 114

High-indexing Angus—Lot 48; owner: Shady Hill Angus, Dustin Martin, Blue Earth;

sire: K Bar D Joe Canada 18Y; ADG: 4.62 lb.; WDA: 3.77 lb.; wt.: 1,505 lb.; test index: 118
Overall averages—ADG: 3.77 lb.; WDA: 3.36 lb.

The sale was scheduled for March 29 at 6 p.m. in Jackson, Minn.

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■ Edisto Forage Bull Test Edisto Research & Education Center, Blackville, S.C. 84-day report (March 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 were scheduled to be taken May 9, with the bulls weighed off test June 6.

High-ADG senior Angus—Lot 37; owner: Mull Meadow Angus, Pendleton, S.C.; sire: Yon Final Answer X193; ADG: 4.01 lb.; WDA: 2.12 lb.; wt.: 990 lb.; test index: 6.13

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 24; owner: Lindy Sheppard Farm, Sylvania, Ga.; sire: SAV Brunswick 1100; ADG: 3.32 lb.; WDA: 2.64 lb.; wt.: 1,240 lb.; test index: 5.97

High-indexing senior Angus—Lot 51; owner: Clemson EREC, Blackville, S.C.; sire: Lemmon New Design 5050Z35; ADG: 3.93 lb.; WDA: 2.63 lb.; wt.: 1,100 lb.; test index: 6.55

High-ADG and high-indexing junior Angus—Lot 37; owner: Mull Meadow Angus; sire: Mull Meadow Impression 4003; ADG: 4.33 lb.; WDA: 2.49 lb.; wt.: 1,015 lb.; test index: 6.83

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 45; owner: Primus Genetics, Millers Creek, N.C.; sire: Primus Upward 1338; ADG: 3.54 lb.; WDA: 2.92 lb.; wt.: 1,050 lb.; index: 6.46

Overall averages (54 head)—ADG: 3.25 lb.; WDA: 2.35 lb.; wt.: 977 lb.

The sale is scheduled for Oct. 14.

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▣ **Pennsylvania Bull Test**

Pennsylvania Furnace, Pa.

84-day report (Jan. 24, 2017)

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

Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association and the state breed associations, announced the Oct. 11, 2016, delivery of 177 bulls, 106 of them Angus, for the 2016-2017 Winter Pennsylvania Performance Bull Test.

To be eligible for the winter test, bulls must be born Jan. 1-April 15, 2016. The nomination period for the winter test was Aug. 1-Aug. 20, 2016, with an on-test date of Nov. 1. At the 84-day mark, test leaders included the following.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 245; owner: Triple J Farm, John Yenny, Daisytown; sire: WayView Tobin 0257-830; ADG: 6.69 lb.; ADG ratio: 141; WDA: 4.14 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,326 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 101; owner:

Hawthorn Valley Farm, Jesse Alspaugh, Richland, Pa.; sire: RB Tour of Duty 177; ADG: 5.80 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA: 4.26 lb.; WDA ratio: 122; wt.: 1,328 lb.

Angus averages (106 head)—ADG: 4.75 lb.; WDA: 3.50 lb.; wt.: 1,139 lb.

The final 112-day weights were to be taken Feb. 21, with the sale to take place March 31.

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