



# Performance Report

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

## ► Calhoun HERD Program

The 15th HERD Program at Calhoun, Ga., has released Report 4. The 144 heifer consignments were worked April 6.

This year's heifers have done well, reports Jason Duggin, extension beef specialist. They weigh an average of 903 lb. as of this report.

In the report, Duggin said he anticipated that 110 heifers would be sold this year in two divisions, AI-bred and natural-bred. The sale took place May 27.

For more information visit [www.caes.uga.edu/commodities/animals/beef/index.html](http://www.caes.uga.edu/commodities/animals/beef/index.html).

## ► Cal Poly Bull Test begins

Bulls were to have arrived May 1-2 to go on test for the annual Cal Poly Bull Test. The test is for bulls born between Aug. 1 and Oct. 31, 2014. All bulls must be registered and must be tested negative for PI-BVD. All Angus and composite bulls that are potential carriers of AM, NH or any other genetic defect by ancestors must be tested prior to sale. No carrier animals will be eligible to sell. Angus bulls are tested in low-birth-weight (BW), multi-trait and general divisions.

The test, which has space for 300 bulls, is a 100-day test. Bulls are fed a high-roughage ration to gain a targeted 3-pound (lb.) average daily gain (ADG). On-test weights were collected May 15-16, with interim weights scheduled to be collected June 26 and July 31. Final weights are scheduled for Aug. 20-21, with the sale taking place Oct. 4.

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## ► Georgia bull tests announced

The Georgia Bull Evaluation centers have announced dates for the 46th Calhoun and 58th Tifton bull tests. Bulls eligible for the Calhoun test must be born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2014. Delivery for the test is scheduled for June 29-30, with on-test weights scheduled for July 20-21. Interim weights are to be taken Aug. 18, Sept. 15 and Oct. 13, with off-test weights scheduled for Nov. 9-10. The Calhoun sale will be Dec. 4.

Bulls eligible for the Tifton test must be born Dec. 1, 2014-Feb. 28, 2015. The entry deadline for the Tifton test is Sept. 1, with delivery dates scheduled for Sept. 28-29. On-test weights will be taken Oct. 19-20,

To access a state-by-state listing of current central bull tests, visit our Virtual Library online at [www.api-virtuallibrary.com/CentralBullTests.htm](http://www.api-virtuallibrary.com/CentralBullTests.htm). The listing includes contact information, links to test websites, current test schedules and dates of upcoming tests.

with interim weights scheduled for Nov. 17, Dec. 15 and Jan. 12, 2016. Off-test weights will be taken Feb. 8-9, with the sale scheduled for March 2, 2016.

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## ► IBEP Summer Test

Dates for the 76th Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) Summer Test have been announced. Entry deadline was April 6, with bulls and get-of-sire groups to be delivered April 28 for the 2015 test. The test was to start May 19. A total mixed ration (TMR) will be fed composed of 55% corn silage, 22% corn grain, 20% distillers' dried grains with solubles (DDGS) and 3% balancer.

Bulls eligible for the test were born May 1-Oct. 31, 2014. Interim weigh dates are scheduled for June 16, July 21 and Aug. 18. The bulls will be weighed off-test Sept. 21.

Bulls will sell Oct. 17 in the 76th IBEP Bull Sale and Springville Feeder Auction Association Bred Heifer Sale.

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## ► Florida Bull Test announced

The rules for the North Florida Research and Education Center (NFREC) Bull Test in Marianna, Fla., have been announced. Bulls will be accepted for delivery July 28 with on-test weights taken Aug. 18 and 19. The test is for bulls born Aug. 15-Dec. 31, 2014.

Purebred animals must be registered, and composites must be out of registered parents.

All Angus and Angus derivatives must be tested for AM status or must be accompanied by a letter from the breed association to indicate they are not a carrier. The diet will be a grain and forage-based diet formulated to target 3.5 lb. gain per day, with *ad libitum* access to hay, adequate for allowing expression of growth potential and development without overconditioning the bulls.

Interim weights are scheduled for Sept. 16, Oct. 13-14 and Nov. 11. Final weights will be taken Dec. 8-9, and the test sale will be Jan. 16, 2016.

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## ► North Alabama test announced

The Alabama Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) and the North Alabama Bull Evaluation Center (NABEC) Advisory Committee have announced test dates for the 2015 test year. The nomination deadline is June 9.

Bulls will be tested at Donaldson Farm, located 6 miles east of Cullman, Ala., where they are to be delivered July 14. Bulls must have been born Aug. 15-Nov. 15, 2014, to be eligible for the test. The 84-day test will begin Aug. 11 and end Nov. 3. The test sale is scheduled for Dec. 12 at the Cullman Stockyards.

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