



Performance Report

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

▣ Connors State College Spring Bull test Warner, Okla.

112-day final report (March 31)

Connors State College, Warner, Okla., has reported final results for the 2016 spring test. The bulls are fed a complete growing-finishing ration designed to allow maximum growth, but not intended to overfinish fast-gaining bulls. The facilities will accommodate 100 bulls. Bulls for the spring test were born January-March 2015.

Coarse grass hay was available to the bulls throughout the test. Progress reports were available following 56-, 84- and 112-day weighings. There were new requirements for the test. Only bulls with an official health certificate that confirmed they met all state and federal health requirements, met the vaccination requirement, and tested negative for persistent infection for bovine viral diarrhea (PI-BVD) were permitted to unload.

The official start of the spring test was Dec. 10, 2015.

High-ADG and high-WDA (tie) Angus—Lot 407; owner: Casey Nail, Vinita, Okla.; sire: Dameron First Impression; ADG: 5.9 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; WDA: 3.8 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,435 lb.; frame: 5.8; SC: 36 cm

High-WDA Angus (tie)—Lot 430; owner: Diamond B Ranch, Jerry Barnes, Broken Arrow, Okla.; sire: SAV Brave 8320; ADG: 5.3 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA: 3.8 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,478 lb.; frame: 6.1; SC: 38.5 cm

High-WDA Angus (tie)—Lot 438; owner: Kolby Shepard, Perkins, Okla.; sire: EXAR Blue Chip 1877B; ADG: 5.8 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.8 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,624 lb.; frame: 6.5; SC: 41 cm

Angus averages (20 head)—ADG: 4.4 lb.; WDA: 3.4 lb.

The sale took place April 14, 2016.

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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 nominated by June 15 will be accepted for delivery July 26 with on-test weights taken Aug. 16 and 17. The test is for bulls born Aug. 15-Dec. 31, 2015. 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. 14, Oct. 11-12 and Nov. 9. Final weights will be taken Dec. 6-7, and the test sale will be Jan. 21, 2017.

For more information contact Cliff Lamb, bull test coordinator, University of Florida-NFREC, 3925 Hwy. 71, Marianna, FL 32446; phone: 850-394-9124, ext. 106, or 850-526-1621 or visit the test website at http://nfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/fl_bull_test/index.shtml.

▣ IBEP Summer Test

Dates for the 77th Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) Summer Test have been announced. Entry deadline was April 4, with bulls and get-of-sire groups delivered April 26 for the 2016 test. The test was to start May 17. 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, 2015. Interim weigh dates are scheduled for June 14, July 19 and Aug. 16. The bulls will be weighed off test Sept. 19.

Bulls will sell Oct. 15 in the 77th IBEP Bull Sale and Springville Feeder Auction Association Bred Heifer Sale.

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▣ North Carolina bull tests announced

The North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement Program (BCIP) announces the Butner and Waynesville bull tests. The 112-day test at Butner is for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 15, 2015, and the 112-day test at Waynesville is for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2015. Nominations are due for the Butner test by June 22 and by July 6 for Waynesville. Bulls for the Butner test are to be delivered to the test station in Bahama, N.C., by July 13 for a July 25-26 start. Delivery for the Waynesville bulls is scheduled for July 27, with the test beginning Aug. 8-9. Interim weights are to be collected Sept. 20 and Oct. 18 at Butner and on Oct. 4 and Nov. 1 for Waynesville. Final weights will be taken Nov. 14-15 at Butner

To access a state-by-state listing of current central bull tests, visit our Virtual Library online at www.api-virtuallibrary.com/CentralBullTests.htm.

and Nov. 28-29 at Waynesville. Butner bulls are to be sold Dec. 16. The test sale for Waynesville bulls will be Jan. 7, 2017.

For more information on the Butner test contact Gary Gregory at 919-515-4027, fax: 919-515-6884 or gary_gregory@ncsu.edu; or Dean Askew, station manager, at 919-471-6872. For Waynesville information contact Gary Gregory or Danny Hyatt, station manager, at 828-456-3943. Information is also available on the test website, www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/animal/bcip/Ahbcip.html.

▣ Virginia BCIA Culpeper senior and Southwest junior and senior test dates announced

The Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) has announced dates for the Culpeper senior and Southwest Virginia senior and junior bull tests. The Culpeper test is conducted at Glemmary Farm, Rapidan, Va. The Southwest test is conducted at Hillwinds Farm, Dublin, Va. Entries for the Culpeper test are due by June 10, with delivery set for June 28 for a July 12 test start. Entries for the Southwest senior and junior test are due by Sept. 5, with delivery set for Oct. 4 for an Oct. 24-25 start.

The 112-day Culpeper test is for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2015. The 112-day test is for the Southwest senior bulls born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2015; for Southwest junior bulls, birth dates are Jan. 1-March 31, 2016. Interim weights for the Culpeper test are to be collected Sept. 6 and Oct. 4, with final weights to be taken Nov. 1. The Culpeper test sale is scheduled for Dec. 10 at Glenmary Farm. Interim weights for the Southwest test are scheduled for Dec. 20, 2016, and Jan. 17, 2017, with off-test weights taken Feb. 13-14. The Southwest test sale is scheduled for March 25 at Wytheville, Va.

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