



Performance Report

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Edisto Forage Bull Test

Edisto Research & Education Center, Blackville, S.C.

112-day report (April 10)

The 2017 Edisto Forage Bull Test (EFBT) began Dec. 20 in Blackville after the delivery of 54 bulls Dec. 6, 2016. Senior bulls were born Nov. 1, 2015-Jan. 31, 2016. Junior bulls 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. Established 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.

High-ADG, high-WDA and high-indexing senior Angus—Lot 41; owner: Mull Meadow Angus, Pendleton, S.C.; sire: SAV Recharge 3436; ADG: 3.96 lb.; WDA: 2.74 lb.; wt.: 1,210 lb.; test index: 6.69

High-ADG and high-indexing junior Angus—Lot 50; owner: Clemson EREC, Blackville, S.C.; sire: Yon Upward A713; ADG: 4.13 lb.; WDA: 2.62 lb.; wt.: 1,086 lb.; test index: 6.76

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 45; owner: Primus Genetics, Millers Creek, N.C.; sire: Primus Upward 1338; ADG: 3.59 lb.; WDA: 2.98 lb.; wt.: 1,155 lb.; index: 6.57

Overall averages (54 head)—ADG: 3.13 lb.; WDA: 2.39 lb.; wt.: 1,058 lb.

Interim weights were scheduled to be taken May 9, with the bulls to be weighed off test June 6.

The sale is scheduled for Oct. 14.

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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.

www.clemson.edu/extension/bulltest/index.html.

IBEP Summer Test

Dates for the 78th Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) Summer Test have been announced. The entry deadline was April 10, with bulls and get-of-sire groups delivered May 2 for the 2017 test. The test was to start May 23. Bulls will be fed a total mixed ration (TMR) 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, 2016. Interim weigh dates are scheduled for June 20, July 25 and Aug. 22. The bulls will be weighed off test Sept. 25.

Bulls will sell Oct. 21 in the 78th 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.

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 25 with on-test weights taken Aug. 15 and 16. The test is for bulls born Aug. 15-Dec. 31, 2016. 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. 13, Oct. 10-11 and Nov. 8. Final weights will be taken Dec. 5-6, and the test sale will be Jan. 20, 2018.

For more information contact Nicolas DiLorenzo, associate professor, 850-526-1615; ndilorenzo@ufl.edu; University of Florida-NFREC, 3925 Hwy. 71, Marianna, FL 32446; phone: 850-526-1611 or visit the test website at http://nfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/fl_bull_test/index.shtml.

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, 2016, and the 112-day test at Waynesville is for bulls born Aug. 1-Nov. 15, 2016. Nominations are due for the Butner test by June 21 and by June 7 for Waynesville. Bulls for the Butner test are to be delivered to the test station in Bahama, N.C., by July 12 for a July 24-25 start. Delivery for the Waynesville bulls is scheduled for June 28, with the test beginning July 10-11. Interim weights are to be collected Sept. 19 and Oct. 17 at Butner and on Sept. 5 and Oct. 3 for Waynesville. Final weights will be taken Nov. 13-14 at Butner and Oct. 30-31 at Waynesville. Butner bulls are to be sold Dec. 15. The test sale for Waynesville bulls will be Dec. 8.

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.

