



Performance Report

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

► Calhoun HERD Program

The 14th HERD Program at Calhoun, Ga., has released Report 4. The center received 157 heifers Dec. 5, 2013.

On April 9, 63% or 80 out of 127 heifers were determined as high probability of pregnant to an artificial insemination (AI) sire using the BioPRYN® blood-sampling method. Two other heifers were determined as low probability and were listed as rechecks in the report.

The heifers were exposed to calving-ease Angus bulls until April 21 for a total of 45 days. The final pregnancy test (ultrasound) was May 22 to determine those not safe in calf; those heifers were removed from the sale order. All sale-eligible bred heifers were to sell May 28.

For more information visit www.caes.uga.edu/commodities/animals/beef/index.html.

► Edisto Forage Bull Test

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

112-day report (April 8)

The 2014 Edisto Forage Bull Test (EFBT) began Dec. 17, 2013, in Blackville, S.C., after the delivery of 57 bulls Nov. 25. Scott Sell, area livestock/forage extension agent and bull test coordinator, says the weather has turned a corner and the days have been sunny and warm.

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 designed to performance-test bulls in an environment in which bull buyers expect their progeny to perform.

Sell added that upgrades to the pens, which have been in place since 1982, are in the works, along with a weather station and live webcams, all through Clemson grants.

High-ADG and high-indexing senior Angus—Lot 43; owner: Fox Run Farm, Oxford, N.C.; sire: Rito 2V8 of 2536 1407; ADG: 3.20 lb.; ADG ratio: 133; WDA: 2.62 lb.; WDA ratio:

119; wt.: 1,140 lb.; index: 5.81

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 48; owner: Fox Run Farm; sire: Rito 2V8 of 2536 1407; ADG: 3.10 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 2.65 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,175 lb.; test index: 5.75

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 7; owner: Trax Cattle, Chuck Traxler, St. George, S.C.; sire: Vermilion Payweight; ADG: 2.84 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA: 2.32 lb.; WDA ratio: 100; wt.: 964 lb.; index: 5.16

High-WDA (tie) junior Angus—Lot 16; owner: Lindy Sheppard, Sylvania, Ga.; sire: Bricton Answer 0214; ADG: 2.60 lb.; ADG ratio: 111; WDA: 2.53 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,065 lb.; index: 5.13

High-WDA (tie) junior Angus—Lot 19; owner: Sheppard; sire: SAV 004 Traveler 6129; ADG: 2.38 lb.; ADG ratio: 102; WDA: 2.52 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,015 lb.; index: 4.91

High-WDA (tie) and high-indexing junior Angus—Lot 22; owner: Sheppard; sire: SAV 004 Traveler 6129; ADG: 2.73 lb.; ADG ratio: 117; WDA: 2.52 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 962 lb.; index: 5.26

Senior Angus averages (18 head)—ADG: 2.40 lb.; WDA: 2.19 lb.; wt.: 840 lb.

Junior Angus averages (27 head)—ADG: 2.34 lb.; WDA: 2.32 lb.; wt.: 654 lb.

Overall averages (57 head)—ADG: 2.36 lb.; WDA: 2.28 lb.; wt.: 958 lb.

Off-test weights were scheduled for May 28-29, with the sale Oct. 11.

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is available on the test website at www.clemson.edu/extension/livestock/livestock/beef/bull_tests/efbt.html.

► Cal Poly Bull Test begins

Bulls were to have arrived May 2-3 to go on test for the annual Cal Poly Bull Test. The test is for bulls born between Aug. 1 and Oct. 31, 2013. 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 (low-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 16-17, with interim weights scheduled to be collected June 27 and Aug. 1. Final weights are scheduled for Aug. 22-23, with the sale Oct. 5.

► IBEP Summer Test

Dates for the 73rd Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) Summer Test have been announced. Entry deadline was April 7, with bulls and get-of-sire groups delivered April 29 for the 2014 test. The test was to start May 20. A total mixed ration (TMR) composed of 55% corn silage, 22% corn grain, 20% distillers' dried grains with solubles (DDGS) and 3% balancer will be fed.

Bulls eligible for the test were born May 1-Oct. 31, 2013. Interim weigh dates are scheduled for June 17, July 22 and Aug. 19. The bulls will be weighed off-test Sept. 22.

Bulls will sell Oct. 18 in the 73rd IBEP Bull Sale and Springville Feeder Auction Association Bred Heifer Sale.

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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.

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▶ Georgia bull tests announced

The Georgia Bull Evaluation centers have announced dates for the 45th Calhoun and 57th Tifton bull tests. Bulls eligible for the Calhoun test must be born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2013. Delivery for the test is scheduled for June 30-July 1, with on-test weights scheduled for July 21-22. Interim weights are to be taken Aug. 19, Sept. 16 and Oct. 14, with off-test weights scheduled for Nov. 10-11. The Calhoun sale will be Dec. 5.

Bulls eligible for the Tifton test must be born Dec. 1, 2013-Feb. 28, 2014. The entry deadline for the Tifton test is Sept. 2, with delivery dates scheduled for Sept. 29-30. On-test weights will be taken Oct. 20-21, with interim weights scheduled for Nov. 18, Dec. 16 and Jan. 13, 2015. Off-test weights will be taken Feb. 9-10, with the sale scheduled for March 4.

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▶ OBI announces 2014-2015 tests

Test dates are available for the 2014-2015 bull test at Oklahoma Beef Inc. (OBI) in Stillwater, Okla.

Test 141 is for bulls born April-October 2013. Bulls are to be delivered to the station June 6-7 to go on test June 20. Interim weights will be collected Aug. 15 and Sept. 12, and final weights will be taken Oct. 10.

Test 142 is for bulls born November 2013-

March 2014. Bulls will be accepted at the station Sept. 26-27 to go on test Oct. 10. Interim weights will be collected Dec. 5 and Jan. 2, 2015, with final weights scheduled for Jan. 30.

A new ration has been formulated and will be used for the tests. The reformulation decreases net energy values in order to lower overall fatness of bulls completing the test.

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