



Performance Report

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

▣ ICA Bull Evaluation Program Guthrie Center, Iowa 112-day final report (April 4)

There were 58 spring-born Angus bulls delivered for the Tama test at the Van Meter Feedyard, Guthrie Center, Iowa.

The bulls completed a 21-day warm-up period following their delivery date. Bulls were weighed twice going on test. The first two weights were averaged and marked at the start of the 112-day test.

High-ADG and high-WDA Angus—Lot 232; owner: Michael Kaefring, Tipton; sire: TC Right Answer 949; ADG: 5.34 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 3.99 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,418 lb.

Angus averages—ADG: 4.17 lb.; WDA: 3.44 lb.; wt.: 1,280 lb.

The Tama bulls were sold May 6. The top three-quarters of each breed meeting test requirements were offered for sale.

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▣ Georgia bull tests announced

The Georgia Bull Evaluation centers have announced dates for the 47th Calhoun and 59th Tifton bull tests. Bulls eligible for the Calhoun test must be born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2015. Delivery for the test is scheduled for

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.

June 27-28, with on-test weights scheduled for July 18-19. Interim weights are to be taken Aug. 16, Sept. 13 and Oct. 11, with off-test weights scheduled for Nov. 7-8. The Calhoun sale will be Dec. 2.

Bulls eligible for the Tifton test must be born Dec. 1, 2015-Feb. 29, 2016. The entry deadline for the Tifton test is Sept. 1, with delivery dates scheduled for Sept. 26-27. On-test weights will be taken Oct. 17-18, with interim weights scheduled for Nov. 15, Dec. 13, and Jan. 10, 2017. Off-test weights will be taken Feb. 6-7, with the sale scheduled for March 1, 2017.

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▣ Cal Poly Bull Test begins

Bulls arrived April 29-30 to go on test for

the annual Cal Poly Bull Test. The test is for bulls born between Aug. 1 and Oct. 31, 2015. All bulls must be registered and must be tested negative for persistently infected bovine viral diarrhea (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-lb. ADG. On-test weights were collected May 14-15, with interim weights scheduled to be collected June 27 and July 29. Final weights are scheduled for Aug. 18-19, with the sale scheduled for Oct. 2.

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▣ North Alabama Bull Evaluation Center announces test

The Alabama Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA), the North Alabama Bull Evaluation Center Advisory Committee and the managers of the North Alabama Bull Evaluation Center (NABEC) have agreed on the rules and regulations for the 2016 evaluation period.

Eligible bulls must have been born Aug. 15-Nov. 15, 2015. The bulls will be tested at Donaldson Farm, Cullman, Ala. The nomination deadline for the test was June 14, with delivery scheduled for July 12. The 84-day evaluation is to begin Aug. 9 and end Nov. 1. The sale will take place Dec. 10 at the Cullman Stockyards.

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