



Performance Report

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

▣ Edisto Forage Bull Test

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

140-day report (May 9)

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: 3.95 lb.; WDA: 2.81 lb.; wt.: 1,320 lb.; test index: 6.76

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.

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 54; owner: Clemson EREC, Blackville, S.C.; sire: Yon Upward A713; ADG: 3.84 lb.; WDA: 2.52 lb.; wt.: 1,165 lb.; test index: 6.36

High-WDA and high-indexing junior Angus—Lot 45; owner: Primus Genetics, Millers Creek, N.C.; sire: Primus Upward 1338; ADG: 3.59 lb.; WDA: 3.02 lb.; wt.: 1,255 lb.; index: 6.61

Overall averages (54 head)—ADG: 3.20 lb.; WDA: 2.46 lb.; wt.: 1,156 lb.

The bulls were to be weighed off test June 6. The sale is scheduled for Oct. 14.

For more information contact Scott Sell at 803-284-3343, ext. 223 (office); 803-450-

0995 (cell) or gsell@clemson.edu. Additional information is available on the test website at www.clemson.edu/extension/bulltest/index.html.

▣ Cal Poly Bull Test begins

Bulls arrived April 28-29 to go on test for the annual Cal Poly Bull Test. The test is for bulls born between Aug. 1 and Oct. 31, 2016. All bulls must be registered and must be tested negative for persistent infection with 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-pound (lb.) average daily gain (ADG). On-test weights were collected May 13-14, with interim weights scheduled to be collected June 19 and July 17. Final weights are scheduled for Aug. 11-12, with the sale scheduled for Oct. 1.

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▣ Georgia bull tests announced

The Georgia Bull Evaluation centers have announced dates for the 48th Calhoun and 60th Tifton bull tests. Bulls eligible for the Calhoun test must be born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2016. Delivery for the test is scheduled for June 26-27, with on-test weights scheduled

for July 17-18. Interim weights are to be taken Aug. 15, Sept. 12 and Oct. 10, with off-test weights scheduled for Nov. 6-7. The Calhoun sale will be Dec. 1.

Bulls eligible for the Tifton test must be born Dec. 1, 2016-Feb. 28, 2017. The entry deadline for the Tifton test is Sept. 1, with delivery dates scheduled for Sept. 18-19. On-test weights will be taken Oct. 9-10, with interim weights scheduled for Nov. 7, Dec. 5, and Jan. 2, 2018. Off-test weights will be taken Jan. 29-30, with the sale scheduled for March 7, 2018.

For more information contact Jacob Segers, 229-386-3214 or jacobs@uga.edu; Jason Duggin, 706-624-1403 or jduggin@uga.edu; or Grace Nyhuis, 2360 Rainwater Rd., Tifton, GA 31793; 229-386-3683 or Gracen@uga.edu or visit the website at www.caes.uga.edu/commodities/animals/beef/stations/index.html.

▣ 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 2017 evaluation period.

Eligible bulls must have been born Aug. 15-Nov. 15, 2016. The bulls will be tested at Donaldson Farm, Cullman, Ala. The nomination deadline for the test was June 13, with delivery scheduled for July 11. The 84-day evaluation is to begin Aug. 8 and end Oct. 31. The sale will take place Dec. 9 at the Cullman Stockyards.

More information is available from Michelle Elmore, extension animal scientist/beef cattle improvement, Alabama Cooperative Extension System, 40 CR 756, Clanton, AL 35045; office: 205-646-0115; fax: 205-646-3607; cell: 205-287-1080; elmormf@auburn.edu; or the test website at www.albcia.com.

