



Performance Report

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

► Minnesota BCIA announces bull test

The Minnesota Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) has announced its 2014-2015 test dates. To be eligible for the test, bulls must be born between Jan. 1-May 15, 2014. Application forms were due Oct. 10, 2014. Bulls were to be delivered Oct. 25, 2014, with the test weigh-in Nov. 7-8.

Bulls will be fed in two lots with 250 feet of bunk space per pen. Bulls are assigned to lots depending on size and weight. Good-quality forages consisting of corn silage, alfalfa haylage, corn, distillers' grains, mineral mix and vitamins are fed.

Interim weights are scheduled for Jan. 4, 2015, and Feb. 19, with off-test weights taken March 26, 2015. The sale will be April 10.

For more information contact Ron Holty, test station manager, at Foundation Feeders Inc., 21685 South View Rd., Spring Grove, MN 55974; phone: 507-498-5839 or cell: 507-429-7963; or ronholty@gmail.com.

► Calhoun Bull Evaluation Northwest Georgia Research and Education Center, Calhoun, Ga. 56-day report (Sept. 16)

The 45th Calhoun Bull Evaluation Program began June 30-July 1 with the delivery of 141 bulls representing six breeds. Eligible bulls were born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2013. The next weigh date was to be Oct. 14, with off-test weights scheduled for Nov. 10-11. The sale is set for Dec. 5.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 67; owner: MPAC Angus, Marvin Zeigler, Bamberg, S.C.; sire: Nichols Quiet Lad T9; ADG: 5.50 lb.; ADG ratio: 149; WDA: 3.51 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,195 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 56; owner: R&A Angus Farm, Mebane, N.C.; sire: Rito 9Q13 of Rita 5F56 GHM; ADG: 4.20 lb.; ADG ratio: 114; WDA: 3.56 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,245 lb.

Angus averages (64 head)—ADG: 3.68 lb.; WDA: 3.08 lb.; wt.: 1,051 lb.

Overall averages (138 head)—ADG: 3.70 lb.; WDA: 3.14 lb.; wt.: 1,073 lb.

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► 2015 Clemson Bull Test Pendleton, S.C. 28-day report (Sept. 18)

Sixty-one bulls were delivered to the 2015

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.

Clemson Bull Test at the Clemson Beef Cattle Farm near Pendleton Aug. 7. Purebred breeders from four states consigned bulls (South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia). There are 32 senior Angus bulls and seven junior Angus bulls on test. Matthew Burns, extension animal scientist and Clemson Bull Test coordinator, says the weather has been hot and humid, but the health of the bulls has been excellent.

The bulls were weighed on test Aug. 21-22 following a 14-day warm-up period. Interim weights were scheduled for Oct. 16 and Nov. 13. Off-test weights are to be taken Dec. 11.

High-ADG senior Angus—Lot 32; owner: Williams Angus, George Williams, Gray, Tenn.; sire: GAR Prophet; ADG: 6.07 lb.; ADG ratio: 189; WDA: 3.43 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,305 lb.

High-WDA (tie) senior Angus—Lot 28; owner: Shuffler Farm, Eugene Shuffler, Union Grove, N.C.; sire: S Chisum 6175; ADG: 2.59 lb.; ADG ratio: 81; WDA: 3.63 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,355 lb.

High-WDA (tie) senior Angus—Lot 29; owner: Shuffler Farm; sire: S Chisum 6175; ADG: 2.14 lb.; ADG ratio: 67; WDA: 3.63 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,235 lb.

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 45; owner: Rice Farms, Bob Rice, Fountain Inn, S.C.; sire: SS Objective T510 OT26; ADG: 3.82 lb.; ADG ratio: 116; WDA: 3.19 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; wt.: 932 lb.

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 53; owner: Paul Boyd Angus, Neil Boyd, Clover, S.C.; sire: SAV Final Answer 0035; ADG: 3.54 lb.; ADG ratio: 108; WDA: 3.20 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; wt.: 998 lb.

Senior Angus averages (32 head)—ADG: 3.21 lb.; WDA: 3.02 lb.; wt.: 1,088 lb.

Junior Angus averages (7 head)—ADG: 3.29 lb.; WDA: 3.05 lb.; wt.: 928 lb.

Overall averages (61 head)—ADG: 3.08 lb.; WDA: 3.01 lb.; wt.: 1,052 lb.

The sale is scheduled for Feb. 7, 2015.

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617-3402 (cell). Information is also available on the test website at www.clemson.edu/extension/livestock/beef/bulltests-cubt/.

► IBEP 2014 Summer Test Feldun-Purdue Ag Center, Bedford, Ind. Off-test report (Sept. 22)

The 73rd Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) Summer Test weighed bulls July 22. Entry deadline was April 7, with a total of 80 bulls delivered April 29 for the 2014 test. There are 51 Angus bulls in the test that started May 20. A total mixed ration (TMR) is being fed composed of 55% corn silage, 22% corn grain, 20% dried distillers' grains with solubles (DDGS) and 3% balancer.

Bulls eligible for the test were born May 1-Oct. 31, 2013.

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus—Lot 75; owner: Small Cattle Farms, Bloomfield, Ind.; sire: SS Mandate X35; ADG: 5.46 lb.; ADG ratio: 135; WDA: 3.70 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,475 lb.; test index: 127

High-WDA Angus—Lot 49; owner: Hunter Von Leer Farm, Mitchell, Ind.; sire: MW 964 Hoover Dam 11; ADG: 4.38 lb.; ADG ratio: 108; WDA: 3.72 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,385 lb.; test index: 112

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus pen—four bulls; owner: Home Acres Farm, Lebanon, Ohio; sire: Home Acres CC&7 7118; avg. ADG: 4.58 lb.; ADG ratio: 113; avg. WDA: 3.26 lb.; WDA ratio: 102; avg. wt.: 1,535 lb.; test index: 108

High-WDA Angus pen—three bulls; owner: Hunter Von Leer Farm; sire: MW 964 Hoover Dam 11; avg. ADG: 4.17 lb.; ADG ratio: 103; avg. WDA: 3.49 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; avg. wt.: 1,328 lb.; test index: 105

Angus averages (51 head)—ADG: 4.06 lb.; WDA: 3.21 lb.; wt.: 1,303 lb.

Overall averages (80 head)—ADG: 3.85 lb.; WDA: 3.22 lb.; wt.: 1,276 lb.

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

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▶ Utah Beef Improvement Association announces 2014-2015 test

The Utah Beef Improvement Association (UBIA), in accordance with guidelines established by the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF), and with the assistance of Utah State University Extension, has announced the rules and guidelines for the 2014-2015 test.

Bulls entered in the senior test must have been born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2013. Bulls entered in the junior test must have been born Jan. 1-March 15, 2014. There will be two divisions within the junior Angus bulls on test; low-birth-weight (LBW) and growth. To qualify for the LBW division, a bull must have a birth weight (BW) of ≤ 80 lb., a BW EPD of $\leq +1.8$, and a calving ease EPD of $\leq +5.0$ on Dec. 1.

The enrollment deadline was Sept. 22, 2014, with delivery of bulls accepted Oct. 6. Bulls were to be weighed on test Oct. 20 and 22. Interim weigh dates are scheduled for Dec. 15, 2014, and Jan. 12, 2015. Bulls are to be weighed off test Feb. 9 and 11, with the sale scheduled for March 21, 2015.

For more information contact C. Kim Chapman, extension animal scientist, Utah State University Extension, 250 N. Main, Richfield, UT 84701; phone: 435-892-0474; fax: 435-893-0493; kimc@ext.usu.edu; or Dale Kenison, manager; phone: 435-250-0090; www.ubiabulls.com.

▶ Florida Bull Test Marianna, Fla.

28-day report (Sept. 17)

The North Florida Research and Education Center (NFREC) Bull Test in Marianna, Fla., has reported 28-day test results. Bulls were accepted for delivery July 29 with on-test weights taken Aug. 19 and 20. The test is for bulls born Aug. 15-Dec. 31, 2013. 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 is a grain and forage-based diet formulated to target 4 lb. of 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 Oct. 14-15 and Nov. 12. Final weights will be taken Dec. 9-10, and the test sale will be Jan. 17, 2015.

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus—Lot 1298; owner: Gizmo Angus, Molino; sire: SAV

Final Answer 0035; ADG: 4.64 lb.; WDA: 2.57 lb.; wt.: 920 lb.; test index: 7.21

High-WDA Angus—Lot 1271; owner: E&E Cattle; ADG: 3.79 lb.; WDA: 3.40 lb.; wt.: 1,000 lb.; test index: 7.19

Overall averages—ADG: 2.50 lb.; WDA: 2.76 lb.; wt.: 957 lb.

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 visit the test website at http://nfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/fl_bull_test/index.shtml.

▶ Butner BCIP Bull Test Bahama, N.C.

56-day report (Sept. 23)

The Butner BCIP Bull Test reported 68 bulls were weighed on test July 29 with an average on-test weight of 914 lb. The 112-day test is for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 15, 2013, and has 52 Angus bulls on test. Bulls were delivered to the test station July 16. The last interim weights were to be collected Oct. 21. Final weights will be taken Nov. 17-18.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 59; owner: Williams Angus, George Williams, Gray, Tenn.; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 4.91 lb.; ADG ratio: 142; WDA: 2.95 lb.; WDA ratio: 98; wt.: 1,092 lb.

High-WDA (tie) Angus—Lot 5; owner: Oakview Angus Bobby Aldridge, Yanceyville, N.C.; sire: WHS Limelight 64V; ADG: 4.80 lb.; ADG ratio: 139; WDA: 3.35 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,208 lb.

High-WDA (tie) Angus—Lot 21; owner: Overcash Angus Farm, Dennis Overcash, Mooresville, N.C.; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 3.43 lb.; ADG ratio: 99; WDA: 3.35 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,094 lb.

Angus averages (52 head)—ADG: 3.46 lb.; WDA: 3.01 lb.; wt.: 1,108 lb.

Overall averages (68 head)—ADG: 3.38 lb.; WDA: 2.99 lb.; wt.: 1,103 lb.

The test sale is scheduled for Dec. 19 at the Granville County Livestock Arena, Oxford, N.C.

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

▶ University of Tennessee Sr. Bull Test Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center, Spring Hill, Tenn.

28-day report (Sept. 30)

The University of Tennessee Bull Testing Program weighed a total of 84 bulls on test for the 2014-2015 senior test. The 84-day test is being conducted at the Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center, Spring Hill, Tenn. Senior bulls must be born Sept. 1-Dec. 15, 2013. The nomination deadline for senior bulls was July 18, with delivery accepted Aug. 19. There are 63 Angus bulls on test. The next interim weight was scheduled for Oct. 27. Off-test weights

are scheduled for Nov. 25-26, with the sale Jan. 15, 2015.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 17; owner: Harrison Farms, Christiana; sire: Hyline Right Time 338; ADG: 7.43 lb.; WDA: 3.03 lb.; wt.: 1,190 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 9; owner: Chimney Top Angus, Johnson City; sire: AAR Ten X 7008 SA; ADG: 5.64 lb.; WDA: 3.57 lb.; wt.: 1,365 lb.

Angus averages (63 head)—ADG: 4.75 lb.

Overall averages (84 head)—ADG: 4.42 lb.

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▶ Waynesville Bull Test Waynesville, N.C.

56-day report (Oct. 7)

A total of 36 bulls, 28 of them Angus, were weighed on test Aug. 12 for the Waynesville BCIP Bull Test with an average on-test weight of 909 lb. The 112-day test is for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2013. Nominations were due July 9, with bulls accepted for delivery July 30. The next interim weights are scheduled for collection Nov. 4. Bulls will be weighed off test Dec. 1-2.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 4; owner: Baird Angus, William Baird, Bluff City, Tenn.; sire: BGS Iron Mountain 711; ADG: 4.59 lb.; ADG ratio: 120 WDA: 2.88 lb.; WDA ratio: 95; wt.: 984 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 14; owner: H&H Farm, Buddy Hamrick, Boiling Springs; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 2.73 lb.; ADG ratio: 72; WDA: 3.71 lb.; WDA ratio: 123; wt.: 1,500 lb.

Angus averages (28 head)—ADG: 3.81 lb.; WDA: 3.03 lb.; wt.: 1,119 lb.

Overall averages (35 head)—ADG: 3.70 lb.; WDA: 3.05 lb.; wt.: 1,120 lb.

The test sale will be Jan. 3, 2015, at the Haywood County Agricultural Office Building, Waynesville, N.C.

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