



Performance Report

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

► Tifton HERD Program

The 16th HERD program at the Tifton Bull Evaluation Center in Irwinville is under way. The center received 166 heifers Oct. 6. The heifers were worked for the first time Oct. 28.

The Heifer Team (a committee of county extension agents) made the decision to use TC Thunder 805 as the primary sire and Connealy Shrek 4242 for those heifers closely related to TC Thunder 805.

CIDR® devices were inserted Nov. 12 and removed Nov. 26. Lutalyse will be injected Dec. 12. All heifers will be bred Dec. 15 and injected with GnRH. Cleanup bulls will be placed with the heifers Dec. 23.

All heifers tested negative for PI-BVD.

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

► Calhoun Bull Evaluation

Northwest Georgia Research and Education Center, Calhoun, Ga.

84-day report (Oct. 14)

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. Off-test weights were 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: 4.98 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 3.55 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,305 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 60; owner: Clark Hill Angus Farm, Jefferson, Ga.; sire: SAV Angus Valley 1867; ADG: 4.85 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 3.70 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,490 lb.

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.

Angus averages (64 head)—ADG: 3.80 lb.; WDA: 3.15 lb.; wt.: 1,164 lb.

Overall averages (137 head)—ADG: 3.80 lb.; WDA: 3.21 lb.; wt.: 1,183 lb.

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► OPSU Bull Performance Test Goodwell, Okla.

On-test report (Oct. 11)

The bulls consigned to the 63rd annual Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU) Bull Performance test were weighed on test Oct. 11. This year's test includes bulls consigned by 14 breeders.

The test is a 112-day test, during which average daily gain (ADG), feed intake and efficiency on a pen basis, and weight per day of age (WDA) will be collected on the bulls. Other data collected will be frame score, scrotal circumference, semen quality, fat thickness, ribeye area and marbling score.

OPSU students working on the test include

Gideon Busienei, Kenya, South Africa; Brady Ewton, Whitesboro, Texas; Nathan Johnson, Longmont, Colo.; and Levi Mitchell, Twin Oaks, Okla.

The test ends Jan. 31, 2015, and the top bulls will sell Feb. 23. Those interested in following the performance of the bulls during the test can contact Gwen Martin at 580-349-1500 or at gwen@opsu.edu.

► Clemson Bull Test Clemson, S.C.

56-day report (Oct. 16)

Sixty-one bulls were delivered to the 2015 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 much cooler. He says the health of the bulls has been excellent.

The bulls were weighed on test Aug. 21-22 following a 14-day warm-up period. An Interim weight was scheduled for 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: 5.54 lb.; ADG ratio: 137; WDA: 3.53 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,445 lb.

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 29; owner: Shuffler Farm; sire: WRA Vindicator W2; ADG: 4.11 lb.; ADG ratio: 102; WDA: 3.82 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,405 lb.

High-ADG and high-WDA junior Angus—Lot 53; owner: Paul Boyd Angus, Neil Boyd, Clover, S.C.; sire: SAV Final Answer 0035; ADG: 5.20 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 3.50 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,190 lb.

Senior Angus averages (32 head)—ADG: 4.03 lb.; WDA: 3.15 lb.; wt.: 1,224 lb.

Junior Angus averages (7 head)—ADG: 4.17 lb.; WDA: 3.21 lb.; wt.: 1,069 lb.

The sale is scheduled for Feb. 7, 2015.

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(cell) or Gary Burns, Clemson University Beef Farm manager and Clemson Bull Test manager at gburns@clemson.edu or at 864-617-3402 (cell). Information is also available on the test website at www.clemson.edu/extension/livestock/beef/bulltests-cubt/.

▶ Tifton Bull Evaluation Program

Tifton Bull Evaluation Center, Tifton, Ga. On-test report (Oct. 21)

The 57th Tifton Bull Evaluation Program began Sept. 29 and 30 with the delivery of 144 bulls representing nine different breeds

and averaging 781 lb. Weather conditions have been steady, and the health of the bulls has been excellent, says Jacob Segers, extension animal scientist.

The 112-day test features bulls born Dec. 1, 2012-Feb. 28, 2013. All bulls tested negative for persistent infection with bovine viral diarrhea (PI-BVD).

Going on test Oct. 21, the 71 Angus bulls averaged 879 lb. for a WDA of 3.13 lb., while all 143 bulls averaged 867 lb. with a WDA of 3.05 lb. The next weigh day was scheduled for Nov. 18. Interim weights will be collected

Dec. 16 and Jan. 15, 2015, and final weights are scheduled for collection Feb. 9-10. Qualifying bulls may sell in the test sale March 4.

Visitors are welcome at the station 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. If weekend visits are desired, please call Mike Keeler at 229-831-5416. Bull and heifer reports can be accessed through the test website at www.caes.uga.edu/commodities/animals/beef/index.html.

▣ **WCA All-Breed Bull Test
Eltopia, Wash.**

On-test report (Nov. 1-2)

The 22nd annual Washington Cattlemen's Association (WCA) All-Breed Bull Test began Nov. 1-2 with the initial weigh-in of 133 bulls consisting of 73 Angus, 12 Polled Hereford, 21 Horned Hereford, seven Red Angus, seven SimAngus, and 13 Simmental consigned by 49 breeders. The bulls will be fed under the supervision of Bob and Nina Lundgren at their Bonina Feed Facility at Eltopia.

The 120-day test will end Feb. 28, 2015. At that time breeding soundness exams, semen tests and ultrasound data will be compiled

prior to the sale, scheduled for March 25. Genetic profile enhancement through DNA samples will be used again this year on many of the bulls selling.

The bulls can be viewed at any time at the Bonina facility. Interim reports and sale information are available by contacting the WCA office at 509-925-9871, at wacattle@kvalley.com; on the WCA website at www.washingtoncattlemen.org; or via sale manager Kendall Cattle Sales at 208-858-2163, kendall@potlatch.com.

▣ **MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program**

Plank Farm, Crystal, Mich.

On-test report (Oct. 23-24)

The Michigan Cattlemen's Association (MCA) and Michigan State University (MSU) have announced the beginning of the MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program, with 108 bulls weighing an average of 836 lb. Consignors must be paid members of the MCA and have their 2015 dues paid in advance. To be eligible for the test, bulls must have been born Sept. 1, 2013-March 31, 2014.

All bulls will be evaluated at the MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program Station located at Plank Farm, Crystal, Mich. The deadline for entries for the 112-day test was Sept. 2, with a delivery date of Oct. 10-11. Interim reports are scheduled for Nov. 21,

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Dec. 19 and Jan. 16, 2015. Final weights will be taken Feb. 12-13, with the sale scheduled for March 14.

For more information contact Dan Buskirk (buskirk@msu.edu) extension beef specialist; 2265 Anthony Hall, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824; 517-432-0400; Brian Plank, (brianplank@rocketmail.com) manager, 325 Mount Hope Rd., Crystal, MI 48818; phone: 989-235-6253 (office) or 989-506-2061 (cell); Michigan Cattlemen's Association (micattlemen@aol.com), 2145 University Park Dr., Ste. 300, Okemos, MI 48864; phone: 517-347-8117. Additional

information can be found on the test website at <http://beef.msu.edu/bulleval>.

▶ Virginia BCIA Culpeper Sr. on-test report Glenmary Farm, Rapidan, Va.

The Culpeper Sr. Bull Test began July 16 with starting weights taken on 104 bulls. The average on-test weight for all bulls was 777 lb. There are 97 Angus bulls on test. The test is a 112-day test for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2013. Off-test weights were to be collected Nov. 4. The test sale is scheduled to be Dec. 13 at Glenmary Farm, Rapidan, Va.

56-day report (Sept. 9)

High-ADG Angus (tie)—Lot 72; owner: Silver Creek Angus, John Prekker, Danville,

Va.; sire: BC Eagle Eye 110-7; ADG: 5.09 lb.; ADG ratio: 156; WDA: 3.16 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,125 lb.

High-ADG Angus (tie)—Lot 97; owner: Locust Hill Farm, Middleburg, Va.; sire: KCF Bennett Performer; ADG: 5.09 lb.; ADG ratio: 156; WDA: 3.00 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,085 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 71; owner: Legacy at Pine Hill, Forest, Va.; sire: SydGen CC&7; ADG: 4.18 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 3.48 lb.; WDA ratio: 129; wt.: 1,185 lb.

Angus averages (100 head)—ADG: 3.27 lb.; WDA: 2.70 lb.; wt.: 955 lb.

Overall averages (107 head)—ADG: 3.29 lb.; WDA: 2.71 lb.; wt.: 962 lb.

90-day report (Oct. 13)

High-ADG Angus (tie)—Lot 44; owner: Quaker Hill Farm, Charles Rosson, Louisa, Va.; sire: Connealy Confidence; ADG: 4.78 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 2.62 lb.; WDA ratio: 94; wt.: 1,100 lb.

High-ADG Angus (tie)—Lot 96; owner: Locust Hill Farm; sire: SAV Bismarck 5682; ADG: 4.78 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 2.97 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 1,175 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 71; owner: Legacy at Pine Hill Farm; sire: SydGen CC&7; ADG: 4.27 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 3.56 lb.; WDA ratio: 128; wt.: 1,335 lb.

Angus averages (100 head)—ADG: 3.42 lb.; WDA: 2.78 lb.; wt.: 1,080 lb.

Overall averages (107 head)—ADG: 3.40

lb.; WDA: 2.79 lb.; wt.: 1,084 lb.

For more information contact Scott Greiner, extension beef specialist, at 540-231-9159; fax: 540-231-3713 or sgreiner@vt.edu; or Tom & Kim Nixon, owner/manager, Glenmary Farm, at 540-672-7396; fax: 540-672-3579 or glenmaryfarm@vabb.com. Information is also available on the test website, <http://bcia.apsc.vt.edu>.

University of Tennessee Sr. Bull Test Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center, Spring Hill, Tenn. 56-day report (Oct. 28)

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 62 Angus bulls on test. Off-test weights were scheduled for Nov. 25-26, with the sale Jan. 15, 2015.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 28; owner: Lynn Angus, Kingston Springs; sire: LA Mytty 42W; ADG: 6.30 lb.; ADG ratio: 139; WDA: 3.14 lb.; wt.: 1,295 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 33; owner: Mathis Angus Farms, Duck River; sire: SydGen CC&7; ADG: 5.77 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 3.61 lb.; wt.: 1,520 lb.

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Angus averages (62 head)—ADG: 4.55 lb.

Overall averages (83 head)—ADG: 4.31 lb.

For more information contact David Kirkpatrick, professor of animal science, University of Tennessee, at 865-974-7294; fax: 865-974-0429 or fkirkpat@utk.edu; or Kevin Thompson, station manager, at 931-486-2129; fax: 931-486-0142. Test information is also available at <http://animalscience.ag.utk.edu/Beef/BullTestingProgram.html>.

▶ Butner BCIP Bull Test Bahama, N.C.

84-day report (Oct. 21)

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. Final weights were scheduled to be taken Nov. 17-18.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 59; owner: Williams Angus, George Williams, Gray, Tenn.; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 5.27 lb.; ADG ratio: 146; WDA: 3.17 lb.; WDA ratio: 103; wt.: 1,260 lb.

High-WDA (tie) Angus—Lot 5; owner:

Oakview Angus, Bobby Aldridge, Yanceyville, N.C.; sire: WHS Limelight 64V; ADG: 5.19 lb.; ADG ratio: 144; WDA: 3.53 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,375 lb.

High-WDA (tie) Angus—Lot 49; owner: Panther Creek Angus, John Smith, Pink Hill, Tenn.; sire: AAR Ten X 7008 SA; ADG: 4.46 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 3.53 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,410 lb.

Angus averages (52 head)—ADG: 3.61 lb.; WDA: 3.07 lb.; wt.: 1,218 lb.

Overall averages (68 head)—ADG: 3.46 lb.; WDA: 3.04 lb.; wt.: 1,205 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.

▣ **Green Springs Summer Bull Test Nevada, Mo.**

112-day final report (Oct. 15)

The Green Springs Fall Bull Test at Nevada, Mo., weighed bulls off test Oct. 15, 2014. The test is a 112-day performance test with bulls grouped by breed and size, as much as possible, offering an optimum growth environment. Bulls must be weaned and

vaccinated. The summer test is for bulls born Sept. 1-Nov. 1, 2013.

Bulls were fed for a 14-day warm-up period before the official test began. Bulls were fed a high-quality ration formulated by a qualified nutritionist and adequate for a targeted gain ADG of 3.5 lb.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 14003; owner: Larry & Nena Robuck, Cairo, Mo.; sire: Power 7 Strong 4521; ADG: 5.12 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 3.00 lb.; WDA ratio: 94; wt.: 1,378 lb.; RFI: 1.68; test index: 110; SC: 43.0 cm

High-WDA and high-indexing Angus—Lot 14026; owner: Austin Lee, Vinita, Okla.; sire: SAV Final Answer 0035; ADG: 4.44 lb.; ADG ratio: 114; WDA: 4.15 lb.; WDA ratio: 130;

wt.: 1,615 lb.; RFI: 1.80; test index: 114; SC: 41.0 cm

Best RFI Angus—Lot 14051; owner: George & Crystal Garton, Sheldon, Mo.; sire: SAV Pioneer 7301; ADG: 3.75 lb.; ADG ratio: 96; WDA: 3.15 lb.; WDA ratio: 98; wt.: 1,278 lb.; RFI: -3.33; test index: 102; SC: 35.0 cm

Angus averages (63 head)—ADG: 3.90 lb.; WDA: 3.20 lb.

The test sale took place Nov. 17.

For more information contact Kent Abele, owner, at 417-465-2240 or 417-448-7416; email him at gscbulltest@gmail.com or visit the test website at www.greenspringsbulltest.com.

