

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

Virginia BCIA Culpeper Senior Bull Test Rapidan, Va.

85-day report (Oct. 7)

The Culpeper Sr. Bull Test began July 14 with starting weights taken on 91 bulls. The average on-test weight for all bulls was 900 lb. There were 75 Angus bulls weighed on test. The test is a 112-day test for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2014. Final weights were to be taken Nov. 3-4. The test sale is scheduled for Dec. 13 at Glenmary Farm, Rapidan, Va.

High-ADG Angus-Lot 58; owner: Legacy at Pine Hill, Anne Jones and Steve Jones, Forest; sire: Benfield Substance 8506; ADG: 5.88 lb.; ADG ratio: 143; WDA: 3.73 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,490 lb.

High-WDA Angus-Lot 16; owner: Silver Creek Angus, John Prekker, Danville; sire: Connealy Capitalist 028; ADG: 5.06 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; WDA: 3.79 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,405 lb.

Angus averages (74 head)—ADG: 4.11 lb.; WDA: 3.19 lb.; wt.: 1,246 lb.

Overall averages (87 head)—ADG: 4.09 lb.; WDA: 3.22 lb.; wt.: 1,253 lb.

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Calhoun Bull Evaluation **Northwest Georgia Research and Education** Center, Calhoun, Ga. 84-day report (Oct. 13)

The 46th Calhoun Bull Evaluation Program began June 29-30 with the delivery of 179 bulls representing nine breeds. The average on-test weight for the 88 Angus bulls was 845 lb., with overall on-test weights at 866 lb. Eligible bulls were born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2014. Off-test weights were to be taken Nov. 9-10. The sale is set for Dec. 4.

High-ADG Angus-Lot 46; owner: Emilan Angus Farm, Lanny Benson, Lafayette, Ga.; sire: GAR Prophet; ADG: 5.62 lb.; ADG ratio: 143; WDA: 3.46 lb.; WDA ratio: 106; wt.: 1.345 lb.

High-WDA Angus-Lot 58; owner: Meldon Farms, Melvin Porter Jr., Jefferson, Ga.; sire: Connealy Final Product; ADG: 4.82; ADG ratio: 123; WDA: 4.00; WDA ratio: 123; wt.: 1,295 lb.

Angus averages (86 head)—ADG: 3.92 lb.; WDA: 3.25 lb.; wt.: 1,175 lb.

Overall averages (173 head)—ADG: 3.77 lb.; WDA: 3.23 lb.; wt.: 1,187 lb.

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Green Springs Summer Bull Test Nevada, Mo.

112-day final report (Oct. 14)

The Green Springs Fall Bull Test at Nevada, Mo., weighed bulls off test Oct. 14. 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 November-December 2014.

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 ADG of 3.5 lb.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 15136; owner: Smith Land & Cattle, Carol Smith, Claremore, Okla.; sire: High Prime 4037; ADG: 4.87 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 3.35 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; RFI: 2.16; test index: 109; SC: 35.5 cm

High-WDA Angus—Lot 15165; owner: George and Crystal Garton, Sheldon, Mo.; sire: SS Objective 0G36 of GAR; ADG: 4.02

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lb.; ADG ratio: 107; WDA: 3.73 lb.; WDA ratio: 122; RFI: 1.65; test index: 107

High-indexing Angus—Lot 15167; owner: George and Crystal Garton; sire: Connealy Capitalist 028; ADG: 4.04 lb.; ADG ratio: 107; WDA: 3.59 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; RFI: -1.81; test index: 117; SC: 38.5 cm

Best RFI Angus—Lot 15111; owner: Smith Land & Cattle; sire: Connealy Comrade 1385; ADG: 4.79 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 3.36 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; RFI: -5.91; test index: 116; SC: 39.0 cm

Angus averages (116 head)—ADG: 3.77 lb.; WDA: 3.07 lb.

The test sale took place Nov. 16.

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www.greenspringsbulltest.com.

Butner BCIP Bull Test Bahama, N.C.

84-day report (Oct. 20)

The Butner BCIP Bull Test reports 91 bulls were weighed on test July 28 with an average on-test weight of 905 lb. The 112-day test is for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 15, 2014, and has 74 Angus bulls on test. Bulls were delivered to the test station July 15. Final weights were to be taken Nov. 16-17. The test sale is scheduled for Dec. 18 at the Granville County Livestock Arena, Oxford, N.C.

High-ADG Angus-Lot 19; owner: Primus Genetics, Leonard Fussell, Millers Creek, N.C.; sire: Basin Excitement; ADG: 5.95 lb.; ADG ratio: 147; WDA: 3.65 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,575 lb.; frame: 6.7

High-WDA Angus-Lot 26; owner: Chimney Top Angus, Steve Johnston, Johnson City, Tenn.; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 4.81 lb.; ADG ratio: 119; WDA: 3.75 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,530 lb.; frame: 7.0

Angus averages (70 head)—ADG: 4.06 lb.; WDA: 3.15 lb.; wt.: 1,258 lb.

Overall averages (87 head)-ADG: 3.89 lb.; WDA: 3.10 lb.; wt.: 1,233 lb.

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North Carolina BCIP Waynesville Bull Test Mountain Research Station, Waynesville, N.C.

57-day report (Oct. 7)

A total of 60 bulls, 47 of them Angus, were weighed on test Aug. 11 for the North

Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement Program (BCIP) Waynesville Bull Test with an average on-test weight of 971 lb. The 112-day test is for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2014. Nominations were due July 8, with bulls accepted for delivery July 29. Bulls were to be weighed off test Dec. 1.

High-ADG and high-WDA Angus—Lot 33; owner: Overcash Angus, Dennis Overcash, Mooresville, N.C.; sire: SydGen CC & 7; ADG: 5.68 lb.; ADG ratio: 133; WDA: 3.70 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,230 lb.; frame: 5.9

Angus averages (45 head)—ADG: 4.28 lb.; WDA: 3.25 lb.; wt.: 1,212 lb.

Overall averages (58 head)—ADG: 4.33 lb.; WDA: 3.26 lb.; wt.: 1,219 lb.

The test sale will be Jan. 9, 2016, at the WNC Regional Livestock Center, Canton, N.C.

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

The University of Tennessee Bull Testing Program weighed a total of 104 bulls on test Sept. 1. The 84-day test is being conducted at the Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center, Spring Hill, Tenn. Senior bulls must have been born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2014. There are 93 Angus bulls on test. The sale is scheduled for Jan. 21, 2016.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 41; owner: LA Farms, Kingston Springs; sire: LA 50-50 Dakota; ADG: 6.71 lb.; WDA: 3.47 lb.; wt.: 1,330 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 100; owner: Williams Angus, Gray; sire: GAR Prophet; ADG: 5.29 lb.; WDA: 3.67 lb.; wt.: 1,430 lb.

Angus averages (93 head)—ADG: 4.35 lb. Overall averages (104 head)—ADG: 4.23 lb.

56-day report (Oct. 26)

High-ADG Angus—Lot 41; owner: LA Farms; sire: LA 50-50 Dakota; ADG: 6.66 lb.; ADG ratio; 145; WDA: 3.69 lb.; wt.: 1,515 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 20; owner: Excel Angus, Morristown; sire: GAR Prophet; ADG: 4.61; ADG ratio: 100; WDA: 3.95; wt.: 1,385 lb.

Angus averages (89 head)—ADG: 4.59 lb. Overall averages (100 head)—ADG: 4.50 lb.

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2016 Clemson Bull Test Clemson, S.C. 56-day report (Oct. 15)

Seventy-nine bulls were delivered to the 2016 Clemson Bull Test at the Clemson Beef 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.

Cattle Farm near Pendleton Aug. 6. Purebred breeders from four states consigned bulls (South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia). There are 48 senior Angus bulls and 13 junior Angus bulls on test. Matthew Burns, extension animal scientist and Clemson Bull Test coordinator, says the weather has been wet with drastic swings in temperature, which means fall has arrived.

The bulls were weighed on test Aug. 19-20 following a 14-day warm-up period. Interim weights were scheduled for Nov. 12. Off-test weights are to be taken Dec. 10.

High-ADG and high-indexing senior Angus—Lot 43; owner: Primus Genetics, Leonard Fussell, Millers Creek, N.C.; sire: AAR Ten X7008 SA; ADG: 5.68 lb.; ADG ratio: 137; WDA: 3.29 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; wt.: 1,285 lb.; test index: 8.97

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 37; owner: Williams Angus, George Williams, Gray, Tenn.; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 4.29 lb.; ADG ratio: 103; WDA: 3.66 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,345 lb.; test index: 7.95

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 26; owner: Alexander Angus Farm, Sac Alexander, Six Mile, S.C.; sire: SAV Final Answer 0035; ADG: 4.77 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 3.02 lb.; WDA ratio: 95; wt.: 1,020 lb.; test index: 7.79

High-WDA junior Angus (tie)—Lot 12; owner: Williams Angus; sire: GAR Prophet; ADG: 4.21 lb.; ADG ratio: 111; WDA: 3.62 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,210 lb.; test index: 7.84 **High-WDA junior Angus (tie)**—Lot 13; owner: Williams Angus; sire: GAR Prophet; ADG: 4.07 lb.; ADG ratio: 107; WDA: 3.62 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,205 lb.; test index: 7.69

High-indexing junior Angus—Lot 24; owner: Hi-Son's Farm LLC, Gavin Hammett, Salem, S.C.; sire: Yon Freightliner T77; ADG: 4.61 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 3.44 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,030 lb.; test index: 8.05

Senior Angus averages (47 head)—ADG: 4.14 lb.; WDA: 3.13 lb.; wt.: 1,203 lb.

Junior Angus averages (13 head)—ADG: 3.81 lb.; WDA: 3.17 lb.; wt.: 1,030 lb.

Overall averages (78 head)—ADG: 3.85 lb.; WDA: 3.12 lb.; wt.: 1,144 lb.

The sale is scheduled for Feb. 6, 2016. For additional information contact Burns at burns5@clemson.edu or at 864-940-2428 (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/.

Snake River Bull Test Twin Falls, Idaho On-test report (Oct. 18)

The Snake River Bull Test reported 165 bulls weighed on test Oct. 18, including 92 CONTINUED ON PAGE 82

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junior Angus and 18 senior Angus. Junior Angus bulls averaged 673 lb., with the senior bulls averaging 923 lb. Entry deadline was Sept. 18, with delivery accepted Oct. 3. Interim weights are scheduled for Dec. 12, 2015, and Jan. 9, 2016, with off-test weights to be taken Feb. 6 and 8. The test sale will be March 4, 2016.

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Tifton Bull Evaluation Program Tifton Bull Evaluation Center, Tifton, Ga. On-test report (Oct. 20)

The 58th Tifton Bull Evaluation Program began Sept. 28 and 29 with the delivery of 190 bulls representing nine different breeds and averaging 787 lb. Weather conditions have been steady, and the bulls have adapted well to the self-feeders, says Jacob Segers, extension animal scientist.

The 112-day test features bulls born Dec. 1, 2014-Feb. 28, 2015. All bulls tested negative for persistent infection with bovine viral diarrhea (PI-BVD).

Going on test Oct. 20, the 88 Angus bulls averaged 884 lb. for a WDA of 3.07 lb., while all 190 bulls averaged 880 lb. with a WDA of 3.09 lb. The next weigh day was scheduled for Nov. 17. Interim weights are to be collected Dec. 15, 2015, and Jan. 12, 2016, and final weights are scheduled for collection Feb. 8-9. Qualifying bulls may sell in the test sale March 2.

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.

MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program Plank Farm, Crystal, Mich. On-test report (Oct. 23)

The Michigan Cattlemen's Association (MCA) and Michigan State University (MSU) have announced the beginning of the MCA/ MSU Bull Evaluation Program, with 71 bulls weighing an average of 854 lb. Consignors must be paid members of the MCA and have their 2016 dues paid in advance. To be eligible for the test, bulls must have been born Sept. 1, 2014-March 31, 2015. There are 30 junior Angus bulls and 15 senior Angus bulls on test.

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. 1, with a delivery date of Oct. 9-10. Interim reports are scheduled for Nov. 20, Dec. 18 and Jan. 15, 2016. Final weights will be taken Feb. 12, with the sale scheduled for March 19.

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Nebraska Bull Test announces test

The Nebraska Bull Test has reported dates for the 2015-2016 test. Delivery of bulls was accepted Oct. 5 for the 120-day test, conducted at Rohde Farms, Mason City, Neb. Bulls were weighed on test Oct. 15-16.

Interim weights were to be taken Dec. 15, 2015, and Jan. 14, 2016, with final weights scheduled for Feb. 12-13. The test sale will be March 24 at Central Nebraska Commission Co., Broken Bow, Neb.

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