



# Performance Report

► Bull test reports and other performance-related items

## ▣ Pennsylvania Bull Performance Test Livestock Evaluation Center, Pennsylvania Furnace, Pa.

### 28-day report (Nov. 29, 2005)

Beef producers from Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York, West Virginia and New Jersey started 140 bulls on the 112-day performance evaluation Nov. 9, 2005. Of the breeds on test at the facility, Angus has the greatest overall number, with 93 bulls. Also penned at the facility are 16 Simmentals, 11 Herefords, nine Red Angus, eight Charolais, two Shorthorns, and one Angus-Simmental crossbred. Data from the bulls on test is distributed to owners and interested parties monthly, and a sale book will be published in early March 2006.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 511; owner: Alexis Cash, York; sire: Rito 112 of 2536 Rito 616; ADG: 7.43 lb.; ADG ratio: 157; WDA: 3.74 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,178 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 528; owner: Jeffrey and Janice Himes, Smethport; sire: BFF Notch 201; ADG: 6.54 lb.; ADG ratio: 139; WDA: 3.97 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,059 lb.

**Angus averages (93 head)**—ADG: 4.72 lb.; WDA: 3.27 lb.; wt.: 898 lb.

The performance test evaluates genetic growth, muscling, fat deposition and feed conversion between varieties of beef bulls on test. Data will be used to rank bulls for the 33rd Annual Pennsylvania Performance-Tested Bull Sale, scheduled for Friday, March 31, at the Livestock Evaluation Center in conjunction with the 2006 Pennsylvania Beef Expo.

For more information, contact Glenn Eberly, center director, at (814) 238-2527 or [geberly@state.pa.us](mailto:geberly@state.pa.us).

## ▣ WCA/WSU All-Breed Bull Test WSU Irrigated Agriculture Research and Extension Center

### 40-day report (Dec. 12, 2005)

Eighty-nine Angus bulls born January-March 2005 were weighed on test Nov. 2-3, 2005, to begin the 120-day Washington Cattlemen's Association/Washington State University (WCA/WSU) All-Breed Bull Test.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 80; owner: Appleland Angus, Burlington, Wash.; sire: GAR Predestined; ADG: 5.60 lb.; ADG ratio: 148; WDA: 3.54 lb.; WDA ratio: 108; wt.: 1,075 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 81; owner: Silver Fir Angus, Monroe, Wash.; sire: Sitz Traveler 8180; ADG: 3.83 lb.; ADG ratio: 101; WDA: 3.94 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,147 lb.

**Angus averages (89 head)**—ADG: 3.79 lb.; WDA: 3.28 lb.; wt.: 1,004 lb.

The test will conclude in March. The top 75% of the bulls of each breed will sell March 22, 2006, at the test site. For more information contact Art Linton at (509) 786-9268 or [alinton@wsu.edu](mailto:alinton@wsu.edu), or visit [www.prosser.wsu.edu/Faculty/Linton.html](http://www.prosser.wsu.edu/Faculty/Linton.html).

## ▣ OBI Angus Test No. 52 Stillwater, Okla.

### 84-day report (Nov. 11, 2005)

The bulls at Oklahoma Beef Inc. (OBI) are on a high-protein, moderate-energy ration fortified with vitamins and minerals. Test No. 52 includes bulls born November-December 2004.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 052; owner: LS Angus, Marshall, Okla.; sire: B/R New Frontier 095; ADG: 6.50 lb.; ADG ratio: 137; WDA: 3.84 lb.; WDA ratio: 126; wt.: 1,360 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 037; owner: H&H Land and Cattle LLC, Vinita, Okla.; sire: Spur

Master 0193; ADG: 5.81 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA: 4.03 lb.; WDA ratio: 132; wt.: 1,405 lb.

**Angus averages (62 head)**—ADG: 4.75 lb.; WDA: 3.05 lb.; wt.: 1,133 lb.

Only the top 70% within each breed contemporary (age) group will be eligible to sell in the spring sale. For more information contact Tim Stidham, director, at (405) 742-4553 or [okbeef@ionet.net](mailto:okbeef@ionet.net). Information is available on the test Web site at [www.ansi.okstate.edu/exten/OBI](http://www.ansi.okstate.edu/exten/OBI).

## ▣ IBEP 2005 Winter Test Feldun-Purdue Ag Center, Bedford, Ind.

### 28-day report (Dec. 13, 2005)

There are 226 bulls, including 166 Angus bulls, consigned to the Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) 2005 Winter Test. The test includes bulls born January-April 2005. The bulls are being fed a roughage-based ration. The test index is made up of 60% average daily gain (ADG) ratio and 40% weight per day of age (WDA) ratio.

**High-ADG and high-indexing Angus**—Lot 101; owner: Beaver Ridge Farm, Middletown, Ind.; sire: GAR Integrity; ADG: 6.32 lb.; ADG ratio: 184; WDA: 3.46 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,125 lb.; frame: 6.1; test index: 157

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 235; owner: Chadwick Angus Farm, Marshall, Wis.; sire: Bon-View New Design 878; ADG: 4.29 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 4.06 lb.; WDA ratio: 135; wt.: 1,165 lb.; frame: 7.9; test index: 129

**Angus averages (166 head)**—ADG: 3.43 lb.; WDA: 3.01 lb.; wt.: 884 lb.

Qualifying bulls will sell April 13, 2006, at the Springville Feeder Auction, Springville, Ind. For more information contact Kern Hendrix, secretary-treasurer, at (765) 494-4832 or [khendrix@purdue.edu](mailto:khendrix@purdue.edu); or Richard Huntrods, test manager, at (812) 279-8554 or [huntrods@purdue.edu](mailto:huntrods@purdue.edu). Information is also available on the test Web site at [www.ansc.purdue.edu/ibep](http://www.ansc.purdue.edu/ibep).

## ▣ OPSU 54th Annual Beef Bull Performance Test Goodwell, Okla.

### 56-day report (Dec. 3, 2005)

There are 84 Angus bulls on the Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU) bull test, which is a 112-day test. The bulls are being fed a diet consisting of dry-rolled corn and oats, cottonseed hulls, alfalfa hay, molasses and supplement. The test features divisions for senior-age and junior-age bulls, and the test index is 50% ADG, 50% WDA.

**High-ADG junior Angus**—Owner: M&S Cattle Co., Dover, Okla.; sire: GAR New Design

9391; ADG: 6.54 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 3.98 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,315 lb.; test index: 126

**High-WDA junior Angus**—Owner: Larry Weinkauff, Orlando, Okla.; sire: Circle S 598 Bando 1037; ADG: 5.46 lb.; ADG ratio: 117; WDA: 4.46 lb.; WDA ratio: 126; wt.: 1,173 lb.; test index: 122

**High-indexing junior Angus**—Owner: Weinkauff; sire: Circle S 598 Bando 1037; ADG: 6.25 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; WDA: 4.37 lb.; WDA ratio: 123; wt.: 1,172 lb.; test index: 129

**High-ADG and high-indexing senior Angus**—Owner: Tim Meier, Hitchcock, Okla.; sire: GAR New Design 9391; ADG: 6.86 lb.; ADG ratio: 137; WDA: 3.38 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,462 lb.; test index: 123

**High-WDA senior Angus**—Owner: Gary McPherson, Watonga, Okla.; sire: TC Foreman 016; ADG: 5.68 lb.; ADG ratio: 113; WDA: 3.49 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,248 lb.; test index: 113

**Overall averages**—ADG: 4.79 lb.; WDA: 3.39 lb.

Larry Weinkauff's pen of three Angus bulls (Pen 29) is the most efficient through the first 56 days of the test. They converted feed to gain at a ratio of 5.4:1. Tim Meier's pen of three Angus bulls (Pen 24) leads the senior group in pen feed efficiency with a feed-to-gain ratio of 5.78:1.

The top end of the bulls will be consigned to the 54th Annual OPSU Performance-Tested Bull Sale, scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006, in the England Activity Building at the University Farm, Goodwell. For more information contact Gwen Martin at (580) 349-1500 or [gwen@opsu.edu](mailto:gwen@opsu.edu).

## ▣ Calhoun Bull Test

### Calhoun, Ga.

#### 112-day final report (Nov. 15, 2005)

This test, which concluded Nov. 15, 2005, was for bulls born September-November 2004. The bulls were full-fed a high-concentrate ration.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 146; owner: Triple C Angus Farm, Calhoun, Ga.; sire: Champion Hill Edition 2029; ADG: 5.63 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; WDA: 3.71 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,505 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 167; owner: Crestview Angus, Rome, Ga.; sire: GAR Grid Maker; ADG: 5.14 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; WDA: 4.15 lb.; WDA ratio: 125; wt.: 1,493 lb.

**Angus averages (134 head)**—ADG: 4.19 lb.; WDA: 3.33 lb.; wt.: 1,311 lb.

**Overall averages (171 head)**—ADG: 4.13 lb.; WDA: 3.30 lb.; wt.: 1,295 lb.

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Bulls ranking in the top two-thirds of their breed group on a combination of ADG and WDA were eligible to sell in the test sale Dec. 8, 2005. For more information contact Robert Stewart, Extension coordinator, at (706) 542-2581 or [rstewart@uga.edu](mailto:rstewart@uga.edu), or visit the test Web site at [www.tifton.uga.edu/pc-web](http://www.tifton.uga.edu/pc-web).

### ▣ Kilgore College Ag Club Bull Evaluation Test No. 2

Overton, Texas

#### 56-day report (Dec. 3, 2005)

The test is at the Kilgore College Agricultural and Environmental Science Center at Overton. Test No. 2 is for bulls born November 2004-January 2005.

**High-ADG Angus (tie)**—Lot 225; owner: Ernest Shelton, New Boston, Texas; sire: VDAR

New Trend 315; ADG: 5.00 lb.; WDA: 3.10 lb.; wt.: 1,055 lb.

**High-ADG Angus (tie)**—Lot 238; owner: Freddy Shores, Newton, Texas; sire: Ideal 7214 of 8103 3260; ADG: 5.00 lb.; WDA: 2.26 lb.; wt.: 985 lb.

**High-WDA Angus**—Lot 230; owner: Shelton; sire: White Oak Precise 6002; ADG: 4.91 lb.; WDA: 3.39 lb.; wt.: 1,180 lb.

**Overall averages (42 head)**—ADG: 3.92 lb.; WDA: 2.78 lb.; wt.: 979 lb.

Final weights were to be collected Dec. 31, 2005. For more information contact Bob Young, ag instructor and farm manager, at (903) 834-6255 or [bobyoun@kilgorecollegeagfarm.org](mailto:bobyoun@kilgorecollegeagfarm.org). Information is available on the test Web site, [www.kilgorecollegeagfarm.org](http://www.kilgorecollegeagfarm.org).

### ▣ LSU 95th Beef Bull Evaluation Test Dean Lee Research Station, Alexandria, La.

#### 28-day report (Nov. 30, 2005)

Louisiana State University's 95th bull test began Nov. 2, 2005, with 141 bulls, including 94 Angus.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 55; owner: Dave Means, Gloster, La.; sire: BR Midland; ADG: 8.79 lb.; wt.: 886 lb.

**Angus averages (94 head)**—ADG: 4.49 lb.; wt.: 865 lb.

**Overall averages (141 head)**—ADG: 4.13 lb.; wt.: 835 lb.

Gains were variable during this first 28-day period as can be expected, comments Danny Coombs, program coordinator. Fifty-six-day weights were scheduled to be taken Dec. 28,

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2005. The bull test sale is scheduled to be March 4, 2006. For more information contact Coombs at (318) 473-6538 or dcoombs@agctr.lsu.edu. Information is also available online at [www.lsuagcenter.com](http://www.lsuagcenter.com) (click "Research Stations").

### ▣ Clemson Bull Test Simpson Experiment Station, Pendleton, S.C.

#### 84-day report (Nov. 29, 2005)

The test features two Angus divisions — a junior division for bulls born November-December 2004 and a senior division for bulls born September-October 2004. Both are being fed a corn-silage-based ration.

**High-ADG and high-WDA junior Angus**—Lot 50; owner: Palmetto Cattle Co., Starr, S.C.; sire: WCC Special Design L309; ADG: 5.18 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 3.65 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,215 lb.

**High-ADG senior Angus**—Lot 11; owner: Edisto Research & Education Center, Blackville, S.C.; sire: WAR Alliance 9126 6006; ADG: 5.63 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 3.31 lb.; WDA ratio: 104; wt.: 1,390 lb.

**High-WDA senior Angus**—Lot 5; owner: Double B Farms, Bamberg, S.C.; sire: Rito 616 of 4B20 6807; ADG: 5.44 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 3.55 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,525 lb.

**Junior Angus averages (27 head)**—ADG: 4.19 lb.; WDA: 3.19 lb.; wt.: 1,171 lb.

**Senior Angus averages (35 head)**—ADG: 4.40 lb.; WDA: 3.19 lb.; wt.: 1,371 lb.

**Overall averages (85 head)**—ADG: 4.30 lb.; WDA: 3.19 lb.; wt.: 1,275 lb.

The bulls were scheduled to be weighed off test Dec. 29-30, 2005. Qualifying bulls will sell in the Clemson Bull Test & Heifer Sale Feb. 4, 2006. For more information contact Larry Olson, Extension animal scientist and bull testing coordinator, at (803) 284-3343 or lolson@clermson.edu, or visit the test Web site at [www.clemson.edu/edisto/cubt/cubt.htm](http://www.clemson.edu/edisto/cubt/cubt.htm).

### ▣ 2006 Edisto Forage Bull Test Edisto Research & Education Center, Blackville, S.C.

#### 28-day report (Dec. 13, 2005)

Test weights for the first 28 days on test were variable as expected, Olson reports. Health of the bulls has been good, he adds.

**High-ADG and high-WDA (tie) Angus**—Lot 24; owner: Black Crest Farms, Sumter, S.C.; sire: Hyline Right Time 338; ADG: 5.32 lb.; ADG ratio: 211; WDA: 3.25 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 978 lb.

**High-WDA Angus (tie)**—Lot 2; owner: Coker's Angus Farm, Pelzer, S.C.; sire: B/R New Frontier 095; ADG: 1.50 lb.; ADG ratio: 60; WDA: 3.26 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,055 lb.

**Angus averages (45 head)**—ADG: 2.52 lb.; WDA: 2.77 lb.; wt.: 851 lb.

**Overall averages (73 head)**—ADG: 2.40 lb.; WDA: 2.79 lb.; wt.: 850 lb.

The bulls were scheduled to be reweighed Jan. 10, 2006, for their 56-day weight. Qualifying bulls will sell in the 2006 Edisto Forage Bull Test Sale Oct. 25. For more information contact Olson or visit the test Web site at [www.clemson.edu/edisto/edisto.html](http://www.clemson.edu/edisto/edisto.html).

### ▣ Florida Bull Test NFREC-Marianna, Fla.

#### 84-day report (Nov. 15, 2005)

There are currently 68 Angus bulls on test at the North Florida Research and Education Center (NFREC-Marianna) Beef Research Unit. The Angus bulls have gained an average of 4.51 lb. per day during the last 28 days.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 584; owner: Lawler Farm, Opelika, Ala.; sire: Bon-View New Design 1407; ADG: 5.51 lb.; wt.: 1,336 lb.

**Angus averages**—ADG: 3.93 lb.; wt.: 1,215 lb.

**Overall averages**—ADG: 4.02 lb.; wt.: 1,233 lb.

The bulls were scheduled to be weighed off test in mid-December. The sale is scheduled to be at 12:30 p.m., Jan. 21, 2006, at the NFREC. Gary Hansen, professor of animal science at

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the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS), says the bull test offering will be the strongest the station has ever presented.

For more information contact Hansen at (850) 482-1243 or [grhansen@mail.ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:grhansen@mail.ifas.ufl.edu), or Mary Chambliss at (850) 482-9904 or [mchambliss@mail.ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:mchambliss@mail.ifas.ufl.edu). Information is also available on the test Web site at <http://fllbulltest.ifas.ufl.edu/archive.htm>.

### ▣ Virginia BCIA Culpeper

#### Senior Bull Test

#### Glenmary Farm, Rapidan

#### 112-day final report (Nov. 15, 2005)

The test was for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2004.

**High-ADG Angus**—Lot 5; owner: Quaker Hill Farm LLC, Louisa; sire: Rito 2V1 of 2536 1407; ADG: 4.91 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; wt.: 1,565 lb.; station index: 117; sale index: 105; frame: 5.7; SC: 37.5 cm

**High-indexing Angus**—Lot 124; owner: Sara Pratt, Atkins; sire: GAR Precision 9296; ADG: 4.60 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; wt.: 1,565 lb.; station index: 118; sale index: 105; frame: 6.2; SC: 39.5 cm

**Angus averages (128 head)**—ADG: 3.85 lb.; wt.: 1,312 lb.

**Overall averages (138 head)**—ADG: 3.82 lb.; wt.: 1,310 lb.

Sale requirements were set with the intention of selling 60% of the bulls within each breed test group in the Dec. 10, 2005, sale. For more information contact Scott Greiner, educational advisor, or Jean Eaton, office manager, at (540) 231-9163. Visit the test Web site at <http://bcia.apsc.vt.edu>.

### Northeast Colorado test begins

The Northeast Colorado Bull Test Association (NCBTA) kicked off its 30th annual performance test, receiving 90 bulls from 22 seedstock producers.

“NCBTA provides an opportunity for producers from across the region to performance-test their genetics in an unbiased, controlled environment. Our goal is to improve beef performance through data discovery, competition and education,” said David Colburn, Logan County Extension livestock agent and NCBTA test coordinator. “There are few other facilities where cattlemen can see and evaluate bulls from multiple breeds and multiple producers being tested on an equal footing.”

For the past 29 years, the NCBTA has offered its top-performing test bulls for sale. In 2005, cattlemen had opportunity to sort through more than 50 bulls, including three that gained more than 5 lb. per day during the 120-day test on a 60% forage ration.

The 2005-2006 test includes Angus, Red Angus, Hereford, commercial Angus, Maine Anjou, Simmental, Gelbvieh and Balancer. There are calving-ease divisions for Angus and Red Angus, as well as a commercial Angus division. The bulls posted an average on-test weight of 751 lb.

The bulls will complete the 120-day test March 1, 2006. Bulls will be indexed based on ADG and WDA. Only bulls indexing at 95% or better will qualify for the sale. In addition to ADG and WDA, NCBTA provides individual ultrasound data on all bulls to assist cattlemen in their selections.

The annual NCBTA sale will be Saturday, April 1, 2006, at the test site. Visitors are always welcome at the test site, which is located between Atwood and Akron, Colo., on Colorado Highway 63.

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For more information visit the test Web site at [www.northeastcoloradobulltest.org](http://www.northeastcoloradobulltest.org), or contact David Colburn at (970) 522-3200, Ext. 283.

### **St. Croix Valley bulls on test**

Bulls have been weighed on test for the St. Croix Valley Bull Test in Menomonie, Wis. "For the most part, bulls are healthy and doing well," says Jesse Singerhouse,

recordskeeper. The first 28-day weigh-in was to take place Dec. 10, 2005, with further weights taken Jan. 7, 2006; Feb. 4; and March 4. Bulls are to be weighed off the test March 31 and April 1.

For more information contact Singerhouse at (715) 664-8295 or Manager Don Prochnow at (715) 235-5882.

### **MBCIA tests under way**

Bulls were recently weighed on test for Minnesota Beef Cattle Improvement Association (MBCIA) tests. Three tests are under way.

Thirty-five bulls representing eight breeders are consigned to the Foundation Feeders Private Test. Denoted by white tags, the January-April 2005 bulls had an average starting weight of 736 lb. and gained an average of 2.73 lb. per day during the warm-up period.

Seventeen bulls, including four Angus, are consigned to the Spring Grove Sale Bull Test. They carry yellow test tags. Born in February-March 2005, the Angus bulls had an average starting weight of 744 lb., with a 1.80-lb. ADG during the warm-up period. All 17 bulls averaged 744 lb. going on test after gaining an average of 1.49 lb. per day during the warm-up period.

The Jackson Sale Bull Test includes 75 bulls, 44 of which are Angus. The Angus bulls averaged 761 lb. going on test and posted a 1.90-lb. ADG during the warm-up period, compared to a 775-lb. average start weight and a 2.47-lb. warm-up ADG for all bulls.

MBCIA will sponsor the Annual Central Bull Testing Sale in Jackson, Minn., April 7 and the Central Bull and Heifer Sale at the test station located near Spring Grove, Minn., April 8. For a sale book or for more information, contact Ron Holty, test station manager at (507) 498-5839.

### **37th annual Ohio test under way**

The Ohio Bull Test received 117 bulls from 33 consignors Oct. 26, 2005, at the Eastern Agricultural Research Station in Belle Valley, Ohio. Following a four-week adjustment period, bulls were to be weighed on test Nov. 21-22.

The 43 senior-age bulls averaged 860 lb. going on test, with an average WDA of 2.96 lb. The 43 junior-age bulls averaged 753 lb., with a WDA of 3.08 lb.

Completion of the 112-day feed test is scheduled for March 14, 2006. The 37th Annual Ohio Bull Test Sale will be April 15 at the research station.

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