



Performance Report

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► Calhoun Bull Evaluation

Calhoun, Ga.

112-day final report (Nov. 17)

Ted Dyer, Extension animal scientist-beef cattle at the University of Georgia, reports that the bulls appear to be in great condition as they complete the final weigh period.

The feed ration remained the same as last year. In addition, the bulls had access to free-choice hay. The bulls were also able to graze some in the 2-acre lots due to abundant rainfall this year.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 83; owner: Sheriff Angus Farm, Willam Sheriff, Eastanollee, Ga.; sire: SAV Mandan 5664; ADG: 5.06 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 3.45 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; wt.: 1,465 lb.; SC: 38.0 cm

High-WDA Angus—Lot 38; owner: Brown's Twin Oaks, A.R. Brown, Griffin, Ga.; sire: SS Objective T510 0T26; ADG: 4.59 lb.; ADG ratio: 113; WDA: 3.78 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,398 lb.; SC: 36.0 cm

Angus averages (90 head)—ADG: 4.06 lb.; WDA: 3.28 lb.; wt.: 1,287 lb.

Overall averages (120 head)—ADG: 4.02 lb.; WDA: 3.28 lb.; wt.: 1,278 lb.

This report, along with other reports, can be accessed electronically by going to www.caes.uga.edu/commodities/animals/beef/stations/index.html.

The sale was scheduled to be Dec. 10. If you have any questions or have any problems accessing the report online, you can contact Dyer by phone at 706-624-1403 or by e-mail at tgdyer@uga.edu.

► Clemson Bull Test

Simpson Experiment Station, Pendleton, S.C.
84-day test (Nov. 30)

Gains were much lower than expected in the third 28-day period, reports Larry Olson, Extension animal scientist and bull test coordinator. He reports that the bulls gained an average of 2.14 lb. during the last 28 days, for an average 84-day average daily gain (ADG) of 3.66 lb. per day. Health has been excellent. The energy level of the ration will

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be increased immediately. Senior bulls were born Sept. 1-Oct. 31, 2009; Junior bulls were born Nov. 1-Dec. 31, 2009.

High-ADG senior Angus—Lot 9; owner: Hawk's Nest Ranch, Keith Hawkins, Hickory Grove, S.C.; sire: Bon-View New Design 1407; ADG: 4.58 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 2.99 lb.; WDA ratio: 98; wt.: 1,200 lb.; SC: 36.1 cm

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 16; owner: Shuffler Farm, Gene Shuffler, Union Grove, N.C.; sire: SAV Final Answer 0035; ADG: 3.45 lb.; ADG ratio: 97; WDA: 3.38 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,355 lb.; SC: 41.3 cm

High-ADG and high-WDA junior Angus—Lot 30; owner: Hawk's Nest Ranch; sire: SS Objective T510 0T26; ADG: 5.01 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 3.46 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,320 lb.

Senior Angus averages (19 head)—ADG: 3.58 lb.; WDA: 3.06 lb.; wt.: 1,296 lb.

Junior Angus averages (12 head)—ADG: 3.83 lb.; WDA: 3.11 lb.; wt.: 1,168 lb.

Overall averages (41 head)—ADG: 3.66 lb.; WDA: 3.12 lb.; wt.: 1,268 lb.

Bulls were to be reweighed Dec. 28-29. The 2011 Clemson Bull Test and Heifer Sale is scheduled for Feb. 5, 2011. For more information contact Olson at 803-284-3343, ext. 231, or visit the test website at www.clemson.edu/extension/beef.

► LSU 105th Bull Evaluation Test Dean Lee Research Station, Alexandria, La. 28-day report (Nov. 24)

The 105th Beef Bull Evaluation Test began Oct. 27, with 13 bulls representing three breeds and six breeders. The bulls are being group-fed in four pens. The free-choice ration

consists of 42% corn, 20% oats, 20% cottonseed hulls, 8% cottonseed meal, 8% molasses and 2% vitamin/mineral premix. Interim weights will be taken at 28-day intervals.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 3; owner: Double B Cattle, Jessica Fontenot, Ville Platte, La.; sire: PVF All Payday 729; ADG: 6.57 lb.; wt.: 916 lb.

Angus averages (10 head)—ADG: 5.35 lb.; wt.: 929 lb.

Overall averages (13 head)—ADG: 5.21 lb.; wt.: 913 lb.

The second period was scheduled to end Dec. 22, and a progress report will be mailed out shortly thereafter. The sale is tentatively scheduled for March 5, 2011.

For more information, contact Sid DeRouen at 318-473-6589 or sderouen@agctr.lsu.edu. Livestock Testing Station information is also available on the Dean Lee Research Station website at www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our_offices/research_stations/Deanlee/Features/bull_test_station/.

► Florida Bull Test

Marianna, Fla.
84-day report (Nov. 10)

Bulls on the Florida Bull Test at Marianna went on test Aug. 17.

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus—Lot 903; owner: The John B Ranch, Hope Hull, Ala.; ADG: 4.30 lb.; WDA: 3.34 lb.; wt.: 1,260 lb.; index ratio: 119

High-WDA Angus—Lot 916; owner: Southern Cattle Co., Marianna, Fla.; ADG: 3.89 lb.; WDA: 3.64 lb.; wt.: 1,200 lb.; test index ratio: 117

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This is a 112-day test. Bulls are being fed forage and grain for a targeted gain of 3.5 lb. per day. Individual feed intake is collected to provide feed efficiency and feed conversion. Bulls are ranked based on ADG on test and WDA. The final weights were to be collected Dec. 7-8.

Qualifying bulls may be eligible for sale Jan. 15, 2011. For more information contact Cliff Lamb, bull test supervisor, at 850-394-9124, ext. 106, or gclamb@ufl.edu. Test information can be found at http://nfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/fl_bull_test/index.shtml.

▶ Western Illinois Bull Test Macomb, Ill.

28-day report (Nov. 24)

Bulls on the Western Illinois University (WIU) Bull Test at Macomb went on test Aug. 17. The test is a 112-day test. Bulls are fed to gain a targeted 4 lb. per day.

High-ADG and best F:G Angus—Lot 401; owner: Bill Washburn, Olney, Ill.; sire: HARB Pendleton 765 JH; ADG: 7.57 lb.; F:G ratio: 2.99:1; wt.: 1,040 lb.

The testing period will end Feb. 15, 2011. Interim weights will be collected every 28 days and are scheduled Dec. 21 and Jan. 21, with off-test weights collected Feb. 14-15.

Qualifying bulls may be eligible for sale

March 18, 2011. For more information contact Ken Nimrick, bull test supervisor, at ko-nimrick@wiu.edu. Test information can be found at www.wiu.edu/bulltest/.

▶ Edisto Forage Bull Test Edisto Research & Education Center, Blacksville, S.C.

On-test report (Nov. 16)

The 47 bulls delivered to the 2011 Edisto Forage Bull Test Monday, Nov. 15, were consigned by eight South Carolina (40 bulls) and two North Carolina (seven bulls) breeders. The bulls' on-test averages were 291 days of age, 728 lb., 45.6 in. tall and 2.50 lb. per day weight per day of age (WDA).

This is the first test with senior and junior bull age divisions, with the addition of December bulls. The bulls will start the test on forage soybean baleage (round bale silage) until ryegrass-crimson clover grazing is available. The bulls should go onto winter grazing between Thanksgiving and the first of December.

In order to get the requisite number of bulls to make the test and sale feasible, the Bull Test Committee modified the rules this year to make the weaning requirements and WDA requirements guidelines instead of requirements. They also moved the deadline back 10 days to give producers a little bit more latitude in their nominations.

If you have any questions, call Kevin Campbell, area livestock-forage agent and interim test manager, at 864-992-4611.

▶ MBCIA Jackson Bull Test Foundation Feeders Inc., Spring Grove, Minn. On-test report (Nov. 16)

Bulls were received for the Minnesota Beef Cattle Improvement Association (MBCIA) Jackson Test Oct. 30, 2010. Initial weights were taken Nov. 13, 2010. The following is the high-ADG bull in the two-week receiving period.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 28; owner: Oakridge Farm, Fairmont, Minn.; sire: SAV 004 Traveler 4836 Gator; ADG: 4.42 lb.; wt.: 888 lb.

Angus averages (50 head)—ADG: 0.87 lb.; wt.: 773 lb.

▶ St. Croix Valley Bull Test Mann Valley Farm 28-day report (Nov. 27)

The St. Croix Valley Bull Test is under way at the University of Wisconsin—River Falls (UWRF) Mann Valley Farm. This is a 140-day test. The bulls are fed a high-roughage ration of corn, silage, haylage, shell corn, protein, and mineral to provide a targeted ADG of 3 lb.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 12-3; owner: Allan & Sandy Drinkman, Downing, Wis.; sire: Mytty In Focus; ADG: 5.71 lb.; ADG ratio: 150; WDA: 3.63 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 954 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 2-1; owner: Kody Stork, KLS Farm, New Richmond, Wis.; sire: GAR Predestined; ADG: 3.93 lb.; ADG ratio: 103; WDA: 3.67 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 900 lb.

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Angus averages (53 head)—ADG: 3.80 lb.; WDA: 3.05 lb.; wt.: 765 lb.

The top two-thirds of the bulls will sell based on an index that is 75% ADG ratio and 25% WDA ratio. Progress reports are available by e-mail. The sale will be at the UWRF and is scheduled for April 16, 2010. For more information contact Don Prochnow, manager, at 715-235-5882.

▣ University of Tennessee Senior Bull Test Middle Tennessee Research & Education Center

Spring Hill, Tenn.

56-day report (Nov. 2)

The Bull Test Station is operated by the Middle Tennessee Research & Education Center in cooperation with the Tennessee Extension. Data on individual bulls will be available prior to the sale, and prospective buyers may view bulls at the annual open house, as well as on a video that will be made available across the state during the sale so that prospective buyers need not travel to Spring Hill for the actual sale.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 57; owner: Shipp's Bend Angus Farm, Centerville, Tenn.; sire: WAR Alliance 9126 6006; ADG: 6.27 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.47 lb.; wt.: 1,330 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 11; owner: Chimney Top Angus, Johnson City, Tenn.; sire: GAR

Predestined; ADG: 4.70 lb.; ADG ratio: 99; WDA: 4.05 lb.; wt.: 1,455 lb.

Angus and overall averages (58 head)—ADG: 4.76 lb.

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High-ADG Angus—Lot 51; owner: Rainbow Angus, Piney Flats, Tenn.; sire: TC Total 410; ADG: 5.83 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 3.66 lb.; WDA ratio: 106; wt.: 1,650 lb.; SC: 40.8 cm; frame: 6.7

High-WDA Angus—Lot 11; owner: Chimney Top Angus; sire: GAR Predestined; ADG: 4.65 lb.; ADG ratio: 101; WDA: 4.09 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,583 lb.; SC: 39.0 cm; frame: 6.5

Angus and overall averages (58 head)—ADG: 3.47 lb.; wt: 1,293 lb.

The sale will be at the Middle Tennessee Research & Education Center and is scheduled for Jan. 20, 2011. For more information contact Kevin Thompson at 931-486-2129 or visit

<http://animalscience.ag.utk.edu/Beef/BullTestingProgram.html>.

▣ 59th Annual OPSU Bull Performance Test Goodwell, Okla.

56-day report (Dec. 4)

The beef bulls consigned to the 59th Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU) Bull Test have completed their first 56 days of the 112-day performance test, with 20% of the bulls gaining more than 5 lb. per day. The bulls are fed to express maximum gain.

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 4-1; owner:

B&M Angus, Edmond, Okla.; sire: B&M Network 828; ADG: 5.41 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 3.13 lb.; WDA ratio: 94; wt.: 909 lb.; test index: 111

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 11-1; owner: OPSU Angus, Goodwell, Okla.; sire: B&M Right Time 667; ADG: 4.46 lb.; ADG ratio: 106; WDA: 3.75 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,118 lb.; test index: 109

High-indexing junior Angus—Lot 19-2; owner: Phil Light, Turpin, Okla.; sire: OCC Magnitude 805M; ADG: 5.38 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 3.61 lb.; WDA ratio: 108; wt.: 1,072 lb.; test index: 118

High-ADG junior Angus pen—Pen 4; three bulls; owner: B&M Angus, Edmond, Okla.; sires: B&M Network 828 and Spur USPB 6401; avg. ADG: 4.85 lb.

High-ADG and high-indexing senior Angus—Lot 9-1; owner: Al Rutledge, Stillwater, Okla.; sire: GAR Predestined; ADG: 6.14 lb.; ADG ratio: 141; WDA: 2.97 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,215 lb.; test index: 125

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 22-3; owner: Tim Meier, Hitchcock, Okla.; sire: Bar M New Design 5188; ADG: 4.52 lb.; ADG ratio: 103; WDA: 3.17 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,372 lb.; test index: 110

High-ADG senior Angus pen—Pen 9; four bulls; owner: Al Rutledge, Stillwater, Okla.; sire: GAR Predestined and Mytty in Focus; avg. ADG: 5.17 lb.

Angus averages (75 head)—ADG: 4.31 lb.; WDA: 3.09 lb.

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The test index is 50% ADG and 50% WDA. The test ends Jan. 29, 2011, and the top 70 bulls will sell in the 59th Annual OPSU Bull Test Sale scheduled for Feb. 21. For more information, contact Gwen Martin at 580-349-1500 or gwen@opsu.edu.

**▶ North Carolina BCIP Bull Test
Butner, N.C.****112-day final report (Nov. 16)**

Bulls on the North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement Program (BCIP) Bull Test at Butner went on test July 27.

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus—Lot 38; owner: Panther Creek Farms, John Smith, Pink Hill, N.C.; sire: Whitestone Traveler V306; ADG: 4.36 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 3.37 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,385 lb.; frame: 6.2; SC: 36 cm; index: 118

High-WDA Angus—Lot 42; owner: H&D Angus, Henry Vines, Snow Camp, N.C.; sire: H&D 4205 of 878; ADG: 4.05 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 3.42 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,425 lb.; frame: 6.4; SC: 34 cm; index: 116

Angus averages (46 head)—ADG: 3.36 lb.; WDA: 2.93 lb.; wt.: 1,210 lb.

Overall averages (51 head)—ADG: 3.33 lb.; WDA: 2.92 lb.; wt.: 1,199 lb.

Qualifying bulls were eligible for sale Dec. 17. For more information contact Gary Gregory, bull test supervisor, at 919-515-4027 or gary_gregory@ncsu.edu. Test information can be found at www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/animal/bcip/Ahbcip.html.

**▶ Tifton Bull Evaluation Program
Tifton Bull Evaluation Center, Tifton, Ga.
28-day report (Nov. 16)**

Performance has been excellent, and health has been good, reports Ronnie Silcox, Extension animal scientist. The bulls gained 4.23 lb. per day this period. The weight gains for the period ranged from 65 to 172 lb.; the 28-day ADG ranged from 2.32 lb. to 6.14 lb.; and the actual weights taken ranged from 734 to 1,278 lb.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 61; owner: CPES/UGA Animal Science, Tifton, Ga.; sire: TC Gridiron 258; ADG: 5.79 lb.; ADG ratio: 147; WDA: 3.29 lb.; WDA ratio: 102; wt.: 1,042 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 57; owner: Gillis Angus Farm, Windell Gillis, Eastman, Ga.; sire: Sitz New Design 458N; ADG: 3.96 lb.; ADG ratio: 101; WDA: 3.88 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,278 lb.

Angus averages (62 head)—ADG: 3.94 lb.; WDA: 3.22 lb.; wt.: 986 lb.

Overall averages (120 head)—ADG: 4.23 lb.; WDA: 3.21 lb.; wt.: 981 lb.

The next scheduled weigh day was for Dec. 14, and the Tifton Bull Evaluation Sale will be March 2.

The Bull Evaluation Center is open for visitors between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. You are welcome to visit any time during these hours.

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If you wish to visit on the weekends, please call Mike Keeler at 229-831-5416.

The test website is www.caes.uga.edu/commodities/animals/beef/index.html. Feel free to access the bull test and heifer reports from both the Tifton and Calhoun test stations at this site, along with information on the Georgia Beef Challenge program.

▶ Southern Illinois Bull Test Carbondale, Ill.

28-day report (Nov. 23)

Bulls on the Southern Illinois University (SIU) Bull Test at Macomb went on test Oct. 26. The test is a 112-day test. Bulls will be individually fed the Purina Impact Grower Ration using the Calan Broadbent Feeding System.

High-ADG and best F:G Angus—Lot 4; owner: Kevin Washburn, Olney, Ill.; sire: MX Pendleton X35; ADG: 7.75 lb.; F:G ratio: 2.78:1; wt.: 1,120 lb.

Angus averages (41 head)—ADG: 5.49 lb.; F:G: 4.41 lb.; wt.: 903 lb.

Interim weights are scheduled to be taken Dec. 21 and Jan. 18, with final weights for the junior test scheduled for Feb. 15. The test index is based 30% on EPDs, 25% on ADG, 35% on feed efficiency, 5% on ribeye area and 5% on IMF.

For more information contact George Wiedlocher, bull test supervisor, at 618-457-6689 or bullman@siu.edu. Test information can be found at <http://bulltest.siu.edu/>.

▶ MCA/MSU Bull Test Plank Farm, Crystal, Mich. 26-day report (Nov. 24)

Bulls were weighed for the Michigan Cattlemen's Association/Michigan State University (MCA/MSU) Bull Test Oct. 28-29. The 112-day test is being conducted at Plank Farm, Crystal, Mich. The test index is based on the average percentile ranking of a bull for six expected progeny differences (EPDs), plus ADG and WDA. Thus, a lower index is more desirable.

High-ADG and high-WDA Angus—Lot 48; owner: Apple Hill Angus, John MacMaster, Harrisville, Mich.; sire: SAV Bismarck 5682; ADG: 5.77 lb.; ADG ratio: 175; WDA: 3.60 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,285 lb.

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Overall averages (110 head)—ADG: 3.30 lb.; WDA: 3.05 lb.

Interim weights are scheduled to be taken Dec. 17 and Jan. 21, with final weights for the junior test scheduled for Feb. 17-18. The MCA/MSU Bull Test Sale will be March 19, 2011, at 12:30 pm.

▶ Pennsylvania Bull Testing Program

Pennsylvania Furnace, Pa.

28-day report (Nov. 23)

Beef producers consigned 128 bulls to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's 2010-2011 performance bull test at the Samuel E. Hayes Jr. Livestock Evaluation Center at Pennsylvania Furnace. The winter test is a 112-day performance test for bulls born Jan. 1-April 15, 2010.

This year, 116 bulls representing eight different beef breeds, including Simmental, Limousin, Angus, Hereford, Red Angus, Charolais, Lim-Flex, and Crossbred, will be offered at the sale. All bulls were evaluated on rate of gain, muscling, composition of gain, (fat thickness and marbling) and breeding soundness as part of the performance bull testing program.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 311; owner: Mountain Edge Farm, Ed Dunkelberger, Centre Hall, Pa.; sire: SS Objective T510

OT26; ADG: 7.36 lb.; ADG ratio: 156; WDA: 3.44 lb.; WDA ratio: 104; wt.: 962 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 231; owner: Ebony Farm, Lance & Sheila Kauf, West Sunbury, Pa.; sire: MB 2500-7103; ADG: 4.91 lb.; ADG ratio: 104; WDA: 4.19 lb.; WDA ratio: 126; wt.: 1,010 lb.

Angus averages (78 head)—ADG: 4.72 lb.; WDA: 3.31 lb.; wt.: 889 lb.

The bulls were scheduled to be weighed Dec. 21, Jan. 18 and Feb. 15 for the final report. They are available for inspection at any time. The data collected during the test will be used to qualify and rank bulls for the 37th Annual Pennsylvania Performance Tested Bull Sale, scheduled for Friday, March 25, at the Livestock Evaluation Center.

For more information about Pennsylvania's performance testing programs and sales, contact Livestock Evaluation Center Director Glenn Eberly at 814-238-2527 or geberly@state.pa.us or visit the test's website at www.livestockevaluationcenter.com/BullTesting.aspx.

