



Performance Report

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

107th LSU Beef Bull Evaluation Test Dean Lee Research Station, Alexandria, La. Initial report (Nov. 9, 2011)

A total of 39 bulls were nominated for the 107th Louisiana State University (LSU) Beef Bull Evaluation Test. The evaluation period began Nov. 9, 2011, with 24 bulls representing three breeds (Angus, Brangus, Charolais) and eight breeders. Fifteen bulls did not qualify for the test due to missing minimum body weight requirements. The bulls were born Dec. 17, 2010-March 26, 2011.

Weights will be taken at 28-day intervals for the 112-day test. Bulls have adjusted well since arriving Oct. 24, Sid DeRouen, professor and test coordinator, reports, and only one bull was treated once for a respiratory problem. All bulls were dewormed with Cydectin® Nov. 8.

Average starting weight for the 18 Angus bulls on test was 820 lb. for a weight per day of age (WDA) of 2.81 lb. Overall starting weight for the 24 bulls was 795 lb. for a WDA of 2.71 lb.

28-day report (Dec. 7)

DeRouen commented that the 28-day gains were acceptable, but somewhat variable as one would expect for the first 28 days on test. The group had an average daily gain (ADG) of 4.54 lb.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 10; owner: Ray Gendron, Moonshine Angus Farm, Baton Rouge; sire: SydGen CC&7; ADG: 6.50 lb.

Angus averages (18 head)—ADG: 4.44 lb.; wt.: 945 lb.

Overall averages (24 head)—ADG: 4.54 lb.; wt.: 922 lb.

Interim weights will be collected Jan. 4 and Feb. 1, with final weights taken Feb. 29. Test information is available by contacting DeRouen at 318-473-6589 or sderouen@agctr.lsu.edu. Test information is also available on the website, www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our_offices/research_stations/Deanlee/Features/bull_test_station.

60th OPSU Beef Bull Performance Test Goodwell, Okla.

28-day report (Nov. 5)

The bulls consigned to the 60th annual Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU) Bull Performance test were weighed on test Oct. 8. This year's test includes 15 consignors.

The test is a 112-day test for bulls born January-March 2010. Bulls are fed to express maximum gain.

High-ADG junior Angus—owner: B&M

To access a state-by-state listing of current 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, Edmond, Okla.; sire: Spur USPB 6401; ADG: 5.82 lb.

High-ADG senior Angus—owner: Joey Fields, Cashion, Okla.; sire: Spur USPB 6401; ADG: 6.14 lb.

High-ADG junior Angus pen—three bulls; owner: Wink Farms, Panhandle, Texas; avg. ADG: 4.38 lb.

High-ADG senior Angus pen—three bulls; owner: Mindemann Angus, Apache, Okla.; sire: JDD Midland 785; avg. ADG: 4.73 lb.

56-day report (Dec. 3)

The bulls completed 56 days of the test Dec. 3.

High-ADG junior Angus—owner: John Mollet, Elk City, Okla.; sire: LD Predestined 716; ADG: 5.07 lb.

High-ADG senior Angus—owner: Wink Farms; sire: Connealy Danny Boy; ADG: 5.52 lb.

High ADG junior Angus pen—three bulls; owner: John Mollet; sire: LD Predestined 716; avg. ADG: 4.63 lb.

High ADG senior Angus pen—three bulls; owner: Mindemann Angus; sires: JDD Midland 785 and Spur Rito 616 6400; avg. ADG: 4.63 lb.

Overall averages—WDA: 3.81 lb.

The bulls were scheduled to be weighed Dec. 31, with final weights to be collected Jan. 28, 2012. The top 70 bulls will sell Feb. 20. The test index is 50% ADG, 50% WDA.

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.

Florida Bull Test

North Florida Research & Education Center 85-day report (Nov. 9)

Sixty-three bulls, including 35 Angus, were weighed on test for the 2011 Florida Bull Test Aug. 16. The 112-day test is for bulls born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2010. Bulls are being fed a grain- and forage-based diet with a target gain of 4 lb. per day.

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus—Lot 923; owner: R&A Angus; ADG: 5.19 lb.; WDA: 3.10 lb.; wt.: 1,365 lb.; test index: 138

High-WDA Angus—Lot 961; owner: Pounds Bros. Angus, Boaz, Ala.; sire: PBA Marshall GT2 Commit 68; ADG: 3.57 lb.; WDA: 3.48 lb.; wt.: 1,425 lb.; test index: 118

Overall averages (63 head)—ADG: 3.11 lb.; WDA: 2.88 lb.; wt.: 1,114 lb.

Final weights were scheduled to be taken Dec. 6-7.

Qualifying bulls were scheduled to sell in the test sale Jan. 14, 2012. For more information contact Cliff Lamb, bull test coordinator, at 850-394-9124, ext. 106, or gclamb@ufl.edu. Information is also available on the test website, http://nfred.ifas.edu/fl_bull_test/index.shtml.

University of Tennessee Bull Test Middle Tennessee Research & Education Center, Spring Hill, Tenn.

On-test report (Nov. 8)

Eighty-five Angus bulls were weighed on test Nov. 8, 2011, for the University of Tennessee Junior Bull Test. The test is for bulls born Dec. 16, 2010-March 15, 2011. Interim weights were to be taken Dec. 6, 2011, and Jan. 3, 2012. Off-test weights are scheduled for Jan. 30-31.

The sale for the junior bulls will be March 9.

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>.

University of Tennessee Senior Bull Test Middle Tennessee Research & Education Center, Spring Hill, Tenn.

84-day final report (Nov. 29)

The bulls in the University of Tennessee Senior Bull Test were weighed on test Sept. 6. Final weights were taken as an average of weights collected Nov. 28-29. The sale for the senior bulls will be Jan. 19, 2012.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 31; owner: Grassy Valley Farm, Greeneville; sire: Woodhill Mainline S 168-U25; ADG: 5.44 lb.; ADG ratio:

122; WDA: 3.71 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 1,378 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 95; owner: Williams Angus, Gray; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 4.70 lb.; ADG ratio: 106; WDA: 3.98 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,358 lb.

Angus averages (92 head)—ADG: 4.45 lb.; WDA: 3.48 lb.

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▣ South Mississippi Gain-on-Forage

Bull Test

HHH Farms Test Station, Tylertown, Miss.

On-test report (Nov. 15)

Bulls in the South Mississippi Gain-on-Forage bull testing program were delivered to HHH Farms in Tylertown, Miss., Nov. 1. The bulls were weighed and processed to mark the beginning of the official test Nov. 15.

The test is for bulls born Sept. 1, 2010-March 31, 2011. The data for contemporary groups will be broken down by breed and age. Age group A bulls are those born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2010. Group B bulls are born Dec. 1, 2010-Feb. 28, 2011. Group C bulls are those born March 1-April 30.

An interim weight will be taken Feb. 7, 2012, and bulls will be weighed off test May 3 or when adequate grazing is no longer available. The South Mississippi Gain-on-Forage Bull Test Educational Conference/Field Day is scheduled for May 19. Bulls meeting the requirements after completing the test may be offered for private treaty sale at the end of the test.

For more information contact Richard Hay, Walthall County Extension director at 601-876-4021 or Frank Holmes, test manager, at 601-876-5204 or visit the test website at <http://msucares.com/livestock/beef/mbcia/southmisstest.html>.

▣ UBIA Bull Test

Kenison Feedlot, Levan, Utah

On-test report (Oct. 24-26)

The Utah Beef Improvement Association (UBIA) received junior and senior bulls to be tested Oct. 10, 2011, at Kenison Farm and Feedlot, Levan. Bulls were weighed on test Oct. 24-26. Bulls entered in the senior test were born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2010. Bulls

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entered in the junior test were born Jan. 1-March 15, 2011.

Bulls will be fed by breed. Breeds that do not have adequate numbers to fill a pen (typically 50 head) will be commingled with other breeds and fed together. There will be two divisions within the junior Angus breed test. Those divisions will be the traditional growth division and a low-birth-weight (LBW) division.

Interim weights were scheduled to be taken Dec. 19 and Jan. 16, 2012. Bulls will be weighed off test Feb. 13 and 15. The test sale will be March 17.

For more information contact Kim Chapman, Utah State University Extension area animal scientist, at 435-892-0474 or kimc@ext.usu.edu; or Dale Kenison at 435-250-0090; or visit the test website, www.ubiabulls.com.

▶ MCA/MSU Bull Test Plank Farm, Crystal, Mich. On-test report (Oct. 27-28)

Bulls in the Michigan Cattlemen's Association/Michigan State University (MCA/MSU) Bull Test were weighed on test Oct. 27-28, 2011. The average weight of the 110 bulls on test was 814 lb. The test is for bulls born Sept. 1, 2010-April 30, 2011. The 112-day test is conducted at Plank Farm, Crystal, Mich.

Bulls were to be divided into four feeding groups of no more than 27 per pen, based, as much as practical, on incoming age and weight.

26-day report (Nov. 23)

High-ADG Angus—Lot 10; owner: Middle Branch Ranch, Gladwin; sire: SAV Net Worth 4200; ADG: 6.54 lb.; ADG ratio: 186; WDA: 2.84 lb.; WDA ratio: 93; wt.: 1,260 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 42; owner: MSU, East Lansing; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 4.23 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 3.68 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,110 lb.

Overall averages (110 head)—ADG: 3.52 lb.; WDA: 3.06 lb.

Remaining interim weigh dates were scheduled for Dec. 16 and Jan. 20. Bulls will be weighed off test Feb. 16-17, with the sale scheduled for March 17.

For more information contact Kathleen Hawkins, executive vice president of the MCA at 517-347-8117 or micattlemen@aol.com; Dan Buskirk, performance coordinator and MSU Extension beef specialist at 517-432-0400 or buskirk@msu.edu; or Brian Plank, test manager, Plank Farms, 989-235-6253, 989-506-2061 (cell) or psf@cmsinter.net. The test website is <http://beef.msu.edu/MSUPrograms/BullTest/tabid/622/Default.aspx>.



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▶ Calhoun Bull Evaluation Northwest Georgia Research and Education Center 112-day final report (Nov. 15)

The 42nd Calhoun Bull Evaluation Program began July 5-6 with the delivery of 158 bulls born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2010. They went on test July 25-26.

Ted Dyer, Extension animal scientist, reports average gains during the final 28-day period were great, averaging 3.94 lb. The bulls were weighed off test Nov. 14-15.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 130; owner: Rolling Acres Farm, Winder, Ga.; sire: B/R New Day 454; ADG: 5.03 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 3.48 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 1,440 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 125; owner: Emilan Angus Farm, Lanny Benson, Marshallville, Ga.; sire: TC Total 410; ADG: 4.04 lb.; ADG ratio: 102; WDA: 3.74 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,403 lb.

Angus averages (91 head)—ADG: 3.97 lb.; WDA: 3.24 lb.; wt.: 1,274 lb.

Overall averages (153 head)—ADG: 3.96 lb.; WDA: 3.29 lb.; wt.: 1,302 lb.

The test sale was scheduled for Dec. 9, 2011.

For more information contact Dyer at 706-624-1403 or tgdyer@uga.edu. Information is available on the test website at www.caes.uga.edu/commodities/animals/beef/stations/index.html.

▶ Butner BCIP Bull Test Bahama, N.C.

112-day report (Nov. 15)

The Butner BCIP Bull Test hosted by North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement (BCIP) is a 112-day test for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 15, 2010. Eight bulls born Nov. 1, 2010-Jan. 9, 2011 were tested in two pens as young Angus.

High-ADG Angus (tie)—Lot 11; owner: Leonard Fussell, Primus Genetics, Millers Creek, N.C.; sire: GAR Predestined; ADG: 4.40 lb.; ADG ratio: 119; WDA: 3.24 lb.; WDA ratio: 104; wt.: 1,440 lb.; test index: 109

High-ADG Angus (tie)—Lot 21; owner: Tim & Faye Raynor, Rock Hill Cattle Co., Highland Village, Texas; sire: SydGen CC&7; ADG: 4.40 lb.; ADG ratio: 119; WDA: 2.97 lb.; WDA ratio: 95; wt.: 1,196 lb.; test index: 104

High-WDA & high-indexing—Lot 26; owner: Marty Rooker, Smith Creek Angus Farm, Warrenton, N.C.; sire: TC Total 410; ADG: 4.20 lb.; ADG ratio: 114; WDA: 3.64 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,385 lb.; test index: 114

High-ADG, WDA & high-indexing young Angus—Lot 37; owner: See Performance Genetics, Pink Hill, N.C.; sire: SAV Heritage 6295; ADG: 4.65 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 3.60 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,363 lb.; test index: 119

Angus averages (55 head)—ADG: 3.69 lb.; WDA: 3.12 lb.; wt.: 1,295 lb.

Young Angus averages (8 head)—ADG: 3.55 lb.; WDA: 3.16 lb.; wt.: 1,117 lb.

Overall averages (66 head)—ADG: 3.66 lb.; WDA: 3.13 lb.; wt.: 1,272 lb.

The test sale was scheduled for Dec. 16, 2011, 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.

▶ Tifton Bull Evaluation Program Tifton Bull Evaluation Center, Tifton, Ga. 28-day report (Nov. 22)

The 54th Tifton Bull Evaluation Program began Oct. 3 and 4, with the first interim weights taken Nov. 22. Performance of the 162 bulls has been excellent, says Ronnie Silcox, extension animal scientist. The bulls gained 4.36 lb. per day in the first 28-day period, with actual weights ranging from 788 lb. to 1,335 lb.

The 112-day test features bulls born Dec. 1, 2010-Feb. 28, 2011. All bulls tested negative for persistent infection with bovine viral diarrhoea (PI-BVD).

High-ADG Angus—Lot 124; owner: Acres Away, Hampton, Ga.; sire: B/R New Day 454;

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ADG: 6.32 lb.; ADG ratio: 152; WDA: 3.28 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; wt.: 1,010 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 135 owner: Four Mile Farm, James Holman, Blakely, Ga.; sire: JFH Total W101; ADG: 4.29 lb.; ADG ratio: 103; WDA: 3.79 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,190 lb.

Angus averages (79 head)—ADG: 4.15 lb.; WDA: 3.12 lb.; wt.: 996 lb.

Overall averages (162 head)—ADG: 4.36 lb.; WDA: 3.17 lb.; wt.: 1,014 lb.

Interim weigh dates were scheduled for Dec. 20 and Jan. 17, 2012, with final weights taken Feb. 13-14. Qualifying bulls may sell in the test sale March 7.

Visitors are welcome at the station 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. If weekend visits are desired, 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.

▣ Southern Illinois University Bull Test Carbondale, Ill.

28-day report (Nov. 22)

The 48 bulls on test in the 37th annual Southern Illinois University—Carbondale (SIUC) Bull Test were weighed on test Oct. 24-25. Bulls are being individually fed the Purina Starter and Impact Grower Ration using the Calan Broadbent Feeding System. Senior bulls born Sept. 1-Dec. 17, 2010, will be tested for 84 days. An interim weight was scheduled for the senior bulls Dec. 20, with final weights to be taken Jan. 17, 2012. Junior bulls born Dec. 18, 2010-March 17, 2011, will be tested for 112 days, with interim weights scheduled for Dec. 20 and Jan. 17, and final weights Feb. 14.

High-ADG and best F:G junior Angus—Lot 6; owner: Neubauer Farms, Shirley; sire: TC Rito 416; ADG: 8.11 lb.; ADG ratio: 143; F:G: 3.37; wt.: 1,160 lb.

High-ADG and best F:G senior Angus—Lot 51; owner: Schrecke Angus, Camp Point; sire: Connealy Impression; ADG: 8.04 lb.; ADG ratio: 142; F:G: 3.63; wt.: 1,050 lb.

Angus averages—ADG: 5.67 lb.; wt.: 939 lb.

Senior averages—ADG: 6.68 lb.; wt.: 1,375 lb.

The test sale is scheduled for March 9, 2012. For more information contact George Wiedlocher, bull test supervisor, at 618-457-6838 or bullman@siu.edu or Rebecca Atkinson at 618-453-5000 or ratkins@siu.edu. Test information can be found at <http://bulltest.siu.edu>.

▣ Western Illinois University Bull Test Macomb, Ill.

28-day report (Nov. 22)

Western Illinois University (WIU) reports 65 bulls from 30 consignors were weighed Nov. 22 for the first 28-day interim period. Angus bulls on the 112-day test were born between Jan. 1-March 6, 2011. The index this year will

be calculated at 70% ADG ratio + 15% Marb + 15% REA.

Interim weights were scheduled for Dec. 20 and Jan. 7, 2012, with off-test weights collected Feb. 13-14.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 402; owner: Ramsey Angus Farm, Frankfort, Ind.; sire: SAV Bismarck 5682; ADG: 6.39 lb.; wt.: 1,090 lb.

Qualifying bulls will be eligible for sale March 16. For more information contact Ken Nimrick, bull test supervisor, at KO-nimrick@wiu.edu. Test information can be found at www.wiu.edu/bulltest.

▣ IBEP Winter Test

Feldun-Purdue Ag Center, Bedford, Ind.

On-test report (Nov. 23)

A total of 210 bulls and 18 get-of-sire groups were delivered Nov. 1 for the 2011 Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) Winter Test. Bulls were consigned by 71 cooperators from Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin. Angus, Charolais, Hereford, Lim-Flex, Red Angus, SimAngus and Simmental are the seven breeds represented. Average on-test weight was 814 lb.

Interim weigh dates were scheduled for Dec. 20, 2011, Jan. 24, 2012, and Feb. 21. The bulls will be weighed off test March 26 and March 29. There are 151 Angus bulls in the test. They averaged 817 lb.

Bulls will sell April 19 in the 69th IBEP Bull Sale and Springville Feeder Auction Association Bred Heifer Sale.

For more information contact Richard Huntrods, station manager, at 812-279-8554 (station), fax: 812-279-4390 or huntrods@purdue.edu; Terry Stewart, secretary-treasurer at 765-494-0138 (office), fax: 765-494-9436 or tstewart@purdue.edu; Donna Lofgren, performance records and website at 765-494-6439, fax: 765-494-9436 or dlofgren@purdue.edu. Information is also available on the test website at www.ansc.purdue.edu/ibep.

▣ North Carolina BCIP Bull Test

Mountain Research Station,

Waynesville, N.C.

112-day final report (Nov. 29)

The 112-day Waynesville BCIP Bull Test was for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2010. Bulls were accepted July 27, 2011, for an on-test date of Aug. 8-9. There were a total of 41 bulls in the test, 37 of them Angus.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 17; owner: Dwight King, King Angus Farm, Piney Flats, Tenn.; sire: TC Total 410; ADG: 4.17 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.05 lb.; WDA ratio: 102; wt.: 1,383 lb.; SC: 36 cm.; test index: 109

High-WDA & high indexing Angus—Lot 2; owner: BGS, Bluff City, Tenn.; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 4.03 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA: 3.54 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,393 lb.; SC: 36 cm.; test index: 118

Angus averages (36 head)—ADG: 3.30 lb.; WDA: 2.99 lb.; wt.: 1,208 lb.

Overall averages (40 head)—ADG: 3.34 lb.; WDA: 3.00 lb.; wt.: 1,214 lb.

The test sale was scheduled for Jan. 7, 2012, at the Haywood County Agricultural Office Building, Waynesville. For more information contact Gary Gregory at 919-515-4027, fax: 919-515-6884 or gary_gregory@ncsu.edu; or Danny Hyatt, station manager, at 828-456-3943. Information is available on the test website, www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/animal/bcip/Ahbcip.html.

