

> Bull test reports and other performance-related items. Compiled by Shauna Rose Hermel.

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OBI Angus Test No. 105 Stillwater, Okla.

112-day final report (April 8) High-ADG, high-WDA (tie) and high-

indexing Angus—Lot 157; owner: D.C. Smith, Cherokee, Okla.; sire: Trowbridge Band 716; ADG: 4.54 lb.; WDA: 3.31 lb.; wt.: 1,144 lb.; SC: 38 cm

High-WDA (tie) Angus—Lot 156; owner: D.C. Smith; sire: Trowbridge Band 716; ADG: 4.21 lb.; WDA: 3.31 lb.; wt.: 1,255 lb.; SC: 37 cm

Angus averages (2 head)—ADG: 4.38 lb.; WDA: 3.31 lb.; wt.: 1,200 lb.

For more information contact Tim Stidham, station manager, at 405-624-1181 or okbeef@provalue.net; or Bob Kropp, Oklahoma State University professor of animal science, at 405-744-9287. For more information visit the test website at www.ansi.okstate.edu/exten/obi.

South Mississippi Gain-on-Forage Bull Test HHH Farms Bull Test Facility, Tylertown, Miss.

153-day final report (May 1) The 25th Annual South Mississippi Gainon-Forage Bull Test featured 47 bulls, including 26 Angus, consigned by six breeders.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 2; owner: S.R. Evans, Evans Angus Farm, Greenwood, Miss.; sire: SS Objective T510 0T26; ADG: 3.53 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; WDA: 2.39 lb.; wt.: 1,100 lb.; frame score: 5.1; SC: 36 cm

High-WDA Angus (tie)—Lot 80; owner: S.R. Evans; sire: EAF AL4334 820; ADG: 3.40 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; WDA: 2.47 lb.; wt.: 1,070 lb.; frame score: 5.7; SC: 36 cm

High-WDA Angus (tie)—Lot 42; owner: S.R. Evans; sire: SS Objective T510 0T26; ADG: 3.20 lb.; ADG ratio: 111; WDA: 2.47 lb.; wt.: 1,100 lb.; frame score: 5.0; SC: 37.5 cm

High-WDA Angus (tie)—Lot 67; owner: S.R. Evans; sire: EAF Iron 5345; ADG: 2.81 lb.; ADG ratio: 98; WDA: 2.47 lb.; wt.: 1,080 lb.; frame score: 4.7; SC: 35 cm

Angus averages (26 head)—ADG: 2.84 lb.; wt.: 949 lb.

Overall averages (47 head)—ADG: 2.58 lb.; wt.: 948 lb.

Of the 47 bulls that were on the 2010-2011

bull test, 24 were catalogued for sale by private treaty.

For more information contact Richard Hay, Amite County Extension director, PO Box 373, Liberty, MS 39645-0373; 601-657-8937 or crhay@ext.msstate.edu; or Frank Holmes, test manager, at 601-876-5204. The test website is available at http://msucares.com/livestock/beef/mbcia/ southmisstest.html.

Bulls delivered for IBEP summer test

Bulls were delivered May 3 for the Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) 2011 Summer Test. The summer test is conducted at the IBEP Test Station at the Feldun-Purdue Ag Center, Bednar, Ind., for bulls born May 1 through Oct. 31, 2010. Delivered to the station for this year's test were 40 Angus, one Hereford, three Red Angus, five Simmental and 10 SimAngus bulls.

Birth weights are required for bulls to go on test. Bulls must be registered. Bulls that are suspected to be carriers of a lethal allele for which a DNA test is available must be DNA-tested and verified free of the lethal allele prior to entry. Breeders may enter three bulls from the same sire as a get-ofsire entry.

The bulls were to be weighed on test May 24. They will be fed a total mixed ration (TMR) of approximately 55% corn silage, 22% corn grain, 20% dried distillers' grain with solubles (DDGS) and 3% balancer. Salt and minerals will be supplemented freechoice.

Interim weights will be collected June 21, July 26 and Aug. 23, with final weights taken Sept. 26. Eligible bulls will be scheduled to sell Oct. 22 in the 68th IBEP Bull Sale and Springville Feeder Auction Association Bred Heifer Sale. Heifers sell at 2 p.m., the bull sale will follow.

For more information, contact Richard Huntrods, station manager, at 812-279-8554 or huntrods@purdue.edu; Terry Stewart, IBEP secretary-treasurer, at 765-494-0138 or tstewart@purdue.edu; or Donna Lofgren, performance records, at dlofgren@ purdue.edu. You can also visit the test website at www.ansc.purdue.edu/ibep.

Cal Poly Bull Test dates announced

Bulls were to go on test May 27-28 for the 55th Annual Cal Poly Bull Test. The test is for bulls born between Aug. 1 and Oct. 31, 2010. All bulls must be registered and must be tested negative for persistent infection with bovine viral diarrhea (PI-BVD). All Angus and composite bulls that are potential CONTINUED ON PAGE **76**

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carriers of AM, NH or any other genetic defect by ancestors must be tested prior to sale. No carrier animals will be eligible to sell.

The test, which has space for 300 bulls, is a 100-day test. Bulls are fed a high-roughage ration to gain a targeted 3-pound (lb.) average daily gain (ADG). Interim weights will be collected June 18, July 16 and Aug. 6, with final weights to be taken Sept. 2-3. Qualifying bulls will sell Oct. 2.

For more information contact Mike Hall, beef cattle specialist, Animal Science Department, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407 at 805-756-2685 or mhall@ calpoly.edu. Visit the test website at http://bulltest.calpoly.edu/participate.html for more information.

Tifton, Calhoun test dates announced

The University of Georgia has announced the 2011-2012 dates for its Calhoun and Tifton bull tests. All bulls must be registered to be eligible and must be clean for known genetic defects to be eligible for sale.

The Calhoun test, which has an entry deadline of June 6, is for bulls born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2011. Bulls are to be delivered July 5-6 to go on test July 25-26. Interim weights are scheduled for Aug. 23, Sept. 20 and Oct. 18, with final weights to be collected Nov. 14-15. Eligible bulls will sell Dec. 9 in the 42nd Annual Calhoun Bull Evaluation Sale.

For more information, contact Ted Dyer (706-624-1403, tgdyer@uga.edu) or Phil Worley (706-624-1398, nwgastn@uga.edu), PO Box 640, Calhoun, GA 30703, or visit the test website at *www.tifton.uga.edu/pc-web*.

The Tifton test, which has an entry deadline of Sept. 1, is for bulls born Dec. 1, 2010, through Feb. 28, 2011. Bulls are to be delivered Oct. 3-4 to go on test Oct. 24-25. Interim weights are scheduled for Nov. 22, Dec. 20 and Jan. 17, with final weights to be collected Feb. 13-14. Eligible bulls are scheduled to sell March 7.

For more information, contact Ronnie Silcox (706-542-9102, rsilcox@uga.edu) or Patsie Cannon (229-386-3683, ptcannon@ uga.edu), PO Box 748, Tifton, GA 31793, or visit the test website at www.tifton.uga.edu/pc-web.

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