



Performance Report

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

LSU 106th Beef Bull Evaluation Test Dean Lee Research Station, Alexandria, La. 84-day test report (Aug. 3)

The Louisiana State University (LSU) 106th Beef Bull Evaluation began June 8 with 36 bulls representing three breeds and seven breeders. Weight gains averaged 3.46 lb. per day for the third period.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 7; owner: Eddie Hymel, Sugarland Cattle Co., Vacherie; sire: R&R Architect 0223; ADG: 4.46 lb.; wt.: 1,075 lb.

Angus averages (13 head)—ADG: 3.66 lb.; wt.: 1,023 lb.

Overall averages (36 head)—ADG: 3.62 lb.; wt.: 1,004 lb.

The bulls are being group-fed in five pens. The bulls will be weighed off the 112-day test Sept. 27-28. For more information, contact Sid DeRouen, professor of animal science, Dean Lee Research Station, at 318-473-6589 (office), 318-548-5140 (mobile) or sderouen@agcenter.lsu.edu. Information is also available on the test website at www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our_offices/research_stations/Deanlee/Features/bull_test_station/106thBullPerformanceTest.htm.

IBEP Summer Test Feldun-Purdue Ag Center, Bedford, Ind. 91-day report (Aug. 23)

Fifty-nine bulls born May 1-Oct. 31, 2010, including 40 Angus and eight get-of-sire groups, were delivered May 3 to the Feldun-Purdue Ag Center, Bedford, Ind., for the 2011 Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) Summer Test. On-test data were collected May 24.

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus—Lot 209; owner: Thunder Grove Angus, Marengo, Ill.; sire: SAV Mandan 5664; ADG: 4.78 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 3.22 lb.; WDA ratio: 104; wt.: 1,530 lb.; test index: 118

High-WDA Angus—Lot 238; owner: Kiata Farms, Hamilton, Ohio; sire: CRA Bextor 872 5205 608; ADG: 4.01 lb.; ADG ratio: 107; WDA: 3.50 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,245 lb.; test index: 109

Angus averages (40 head)—ADG: 3.76 lb.; WDA: 3.09 lb.; wt.: 1,140 lb.

Overall averages (59 head)—ADG: 3.76 lb.; WDA: 3.16 lb.; wt.: 1,144 lb.

Final weights were to be taken Sept. 26. Qualifying bulls will sell Oct. 22 in the 68th 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-

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.

494-9346 or tstewart@purdue.edu; Donna Lofgren, performance records and website at 765-494-6439, fax: 765-494-9346 or dlofgren@purdue.edu. Information is also available on the test website at www.ansc.purdue.edu/ibep.

Calhoun Bull Evaluation Northwest Georgia Research and Education Center, Calhoun, Ga. 28-day report (Aug. 23)

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 gains have been lower due to above-average temperatures, but overall health "has been great." The feed ration has been modified to contain 15% less whole corn due to corn prices. The bulls have free access to Bermuda-grass hay.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 139; owner: A.R. Brown, Brown's Twin Oaks, Griffin, Ga.; sire: Connealy Mentor 7374; ADG: 5.46 lb.; ADG ratio: 153; WDA: 3.13 lb.; WDA ratio: 104; wt.: 848 lb.

High-WDA Angus (tie)—Lot 117; owner: Jay Tinter, Hillside Angus Farm, Marietta, Ga.; sire: B/R New Day 454; ADG: 4.75 lb.; ADG ratio: 133; WDA: 3.58 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 964 lb.

High-WDA Angus (tie)—Lot 125; owner: Lanny Benson, Emilan Angus Farm, La Fayette, Ga.; sire: TC Total 410; ADG: 3.18 lb.; ADG ratio: 89; WDA: 3.57 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,040 lb.

Angus averages (94 head)—ADG: 3.56 lb.; WDA: 3.01 lb.; wt.: 931 lb.

Overall averages (157 head)—ADG: 3.42 lb.; WDA: 3.06 lb.; wt.: 954 lb.

Interim weights are scheduled Sept. 20 and Oct. 18. Bulls will be weighed off test Nov. 14-15. The test sale will be at 12:30 p.m. Dec. 9.

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

Cal Poly Bull Test San Luis Obispo, Calif. 105-day final report (Sept. 3)

Bulls were delivered for the Cal Poly Bull Test, San Luis Obispo, Calif., May 13-14 to begin the 105-day test May 27. Bulls were fed a high-roughage diet for a targeted gain of 3 lb. per day. The test featured divisions for low-birth-weight (low-BW) Angus, multi-trait Angus and Angus in general.

High-ADG and high-indexing low-BW Angus—Lot 58; owner: Borges Angus Ranch, Byron, Calif.; sire: SAV Final Answer 0035; ADG: 4.94 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 3.56 lb.; wt.: 1,403 lb.; test index: 118

High-WDA low-BW Angus—Lot 41; owner: Diablo Valley Angus, Byron, Calif.; sire: Harb Pendleton 765 JH; ADG: 4.25 lb.; ADG ratio: 109; WDA: 3.80 lb.; wt.: 1,408 lb.; test index: 115

High-ADG and high-indexing (tie) multi-trait Angus—Lot 53; owner: Rollingwood Ranch, Potter Valley, Calif.; sire: GAR Retail Product; ADG: 4.75 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 3.55 lb.; wt.: 1,323 lb.; test index: 113

High-WDA and high-indexing (tie) multi-trait Angus—Lot 47; owner: Diablo Valley Angus; sire: GAR New Design 5050; ADG: 4.39 lb.; ADG ratio: 111; WDA: 3.73 lb.; wt.: 1,403 lb.; test index: 113

High-ADG and high-indexing (tie) general Angus—Lot 12; owner: CK Angus, Potter Valley; sire: CK Freedom of G112 068; ADG: 5.53 lb.; ADG ratio: 139; WDA: 3.75 lb.; wt.: 1,355 lb.; test index: 126

High-WDA and high-indexing (tie) general Angus—Lot 29; owner: Diablo Valley Angus; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 5.22 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 3.88 lb.; wt.: 1,423 lb.; test index: 126

Low-BW Angus averages (46 head)—ADG: 3.88 lb.; WDA: 3.23 lb.

Multi-trait Angus averages (32 head)—ADG: 3.97 lb.; WDA: 3.32 lb.

General Angus averages (36 head)—ADG: 3.99 lb.; WDA: 3.28 lb.

The test index is 50% of the WDA ratio + 50% of the ADG ratio. Qualifying bulls will sell in the test sale Oct. 2. For more information contact Mike Hall, beef cattle

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specialist, at 805-756-2685 or mhall@calpoly.edu. Information is also available on the test website, <http://bulltest.calpoly.edu>.

▶ Virginia BCIA Culpeper Senior Test Glenmary Farm, Rapidan, Va. 56-day report (Sept. 6)

The Culpeper Sr. Test conducted by the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) began July 12. The test is a 112-day test for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2010.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 50; owner: John Pennington, Monomoy Farm, Warrenton; sire: GAR-EGL Protégé; ADG: 6.34 lb.; ADG ratio: 164; WDA: 3.53 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,295 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 48; owner: Monomoy Farm; sire: GAR-EGL Protégé; ADG: 4.20 lb.; ADG ratio: 109; WDA: 3.74 lb.; WDA ratio: 124; wt.: 1,375 lb.

Angus averages (74 head)—ADG: 3.86 lb.; WDA: 3.01 lb.; wt.: 1,015 lb.

Overall averages (88 head)—ADG: 3.90 lb.; WDA: 2.99 lb.; wt.: 1,002

Another interim weight will be collected Oct. 4 and the bulls will come off test Nov. 1. The test sale is scheduled to be Dec. 10 at Glenmary Farm.

For more information contact Scott Greiner, extension beef specialist, at 540-231-9159; fax: 540-231-3713 or sgreiner@vt.edu; or Tom & Kim Nixon, owner/manager, Glenmary Farm, at 540-672-7396; fax: 540-672-3579 or glenmaryfarm@vabb.com. Information is also available on the test website, <http://bcia.apsc.vt.edu>.

▶ Florida Bull Test North Florida Research and Education Center On-test report (Aug. 16)

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 will be fed a grain- and forage-based diet with a target gain of 4 lb. per day.

Interim weights are scheduled for Sept. 14, Oct. 12 and Nov. 9, with final weights to be taken Dec. 6-7. Qualifying bulls will 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://nfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/fl_bull_test/index.shtml.

▶ University of Tennessee Bull Test Middle Tennessee Research & Education Center, Spring Hill, Tenn. On-test report (Sept. 6)

Ninety-eight Angus are among the 102 bulls that were weighed on test Sept. 6 for the University of Tennessee Senior Bull Test.

Interim weights will be collected Oct. 4 and Nov. 1, with a final 84-day weight taken as an average of weights taken Nov. 28-29. The

sale for the senior bulls is scheduled for Jan. 19, 2012.

Nominations were due Sept. 20 for the junior test. Delivery will be accepted Oct. 25, and the test will start Nov. 7-8. Interim weights will be collected Dec. 6 and Jan. 3, 2012, with a final 84-day weight taken as an average of weights Jan. 30-31. The sale for the junior bulls is scheduled for March 9.

For more information on either test 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: 931-486-0141. Test information is also available at <http://animalscience.ag.utk.edu/Beef/BullTestingProgram.html>.

▶ St. Croix Valley Bull Test

The St. Croix Valley Bull Test (SCVBT) is scheduled to start with entry day of Oct. 15. The 140-day test features a high-roughage diet with a maximum of 40% carbohydrates that targets a 3.0-lb. ADG. Final weights will

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be collected April 14, 2012, with the sale at the University of Wisconsin Mann Valley Farm at River Falls.

For more information contact SCVBT, N11875 CR Q, Downing, WI 54734 or call 715-265-4374.

▶ WBIA Central Bull Test

The Wisconsin Beef Improvement Association (WBIA) Central Bull Test will begin Dec. 5-6, with delivery accepted Nov. 7 at the station located on the University of Wisconsin Pioneer Farm near Platteville, Wis.

The 100-day test is for bulls born Jan. 1-April 15, 2011. Interim weights are scheduled for collection Jan. 10 and Feb. 9. Bulls will be weighed off test March 15. The test sale will be April 7, 2012. A growth index will determine the bulls that qualify for the sale. That index will be weighted as 50% ADG ratio + 30% 365-day wt. ratio +20% WDA ratio.

For more information contact John Freitag, Wisconsin BIA executive director at wbia@tds.net; PO Box 955, New Glarus, WI 53574; or 608-527-5747; fax: 608-527-3010. Information can be found online at <http://wisconsinbeef.com/home.html>.

▶ South Mississippi Gain-on-Forage Bull Test

The South Mississippi Gain-on-Forage Bull Test will accept delivery of nominated bulls from 1-3 p.m. Nov. 1, at which time the bulls will be placed on cool-season forage pasture. The bulls will be weighed on test Nov. 15, with an interim weight scheduled for Feb. 7. The bulls will be weighed off test approximately May 3, for a minimum days on test of 168. The South Mississippi Gain-on-Forage Bull Test Educational Conference/Field Day is scheduled for May 19.

This test is for bulls born Sept. 10, 2010-March 31, 2011, with bulls born September-November in Group A, bulls born December-February in Group B and March-born bulls in Group C.

For more information contact Richard Hay, Amite County Extension Director, PO Box 373, Liberty, MS 39645; HHH Farms Test Station; 601-876-5204. Information is available on the test website: <http://msucare.com/livestock/beef/mbcia/southmisstest.html>.

▶ Iowa Bull Tests

The Iowa Cattlemen's Association (ICA) has announced the test schedules for its four central bull tests.

The ICA Bloomfield Test is a 112-day test conducted at Van Meter Feedyard, Guthrie Center, Iowa. It is for bulls born Jan. 1-March 31, 2011. Bulls will be accepted for delivery Oct. 10. Bulls will be weighed on test Nov. 1,

with interim weights collected Dec. 26 and off-test weights taken Feb. 20, 2012.

The ICA Bloomfield Fall Test is a 112-day test conducted at Kirkwood Community College Tippie Beef Center, Cedar Rapids. It features bulls born Aug. 15-Dec. 31, 2010. Bulls will be accepted for delivery Oct. 6. Bulls will be weighed on test Oct. 27, with interim weights collected Dec. 22 and off-test weights taken Feb. 16, 2012.

Qualifying bulls from both of these tests will sell March 19, 2012, at Bloomfield Livestock, Bloomfield, Iowa.

The ICA Dunlap test is a 112-day test for bulls born Jan. 15-April 15, 2011. Bulls will be accepted at the Van Meter Feedyard on Oct. 10. Bulls will be weighed on test Nov. 1, with interim weights collected Dec. 26 and off-test weights taken Feb. 20, 2012. Qualifying bulls will sell March 30 at Dunlap Livestock, Dunlap, Iowa.

The ICA Tama test is a 126-day test for bulls born March 1-May 15, 2011. Bulls will be accepted Nov. 7 at Van Meter Feedyard. Bulls will be weighed on test Nov. 29, with interim weights collected Jan. 30 and off-test weights taken April 2, 2012. Qualifying bulls will sell May 4, 2012, at Tama Livestock, Tama, Iowa.

For more information contact Kellie Carolan, ICA, PO Box 1490, Ames, IA 50014; 515-296-2266; or 641-751-0737 (cell), or visit www.iacattlemen.org.

