



Performance Report

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

▣ Tifton Bull Evaluation Program

Tifton Bull Evaluation Center, Tifton, Ga.

On-test report (Oct. 25)

The 54th Tifton Bull Evaluation Program began Oct. 3 and 4 with the delivery of 164 bulls averaging 789 lb. Since then, two bulls have been removed from the program because of genetic testing. Weather conditions have been steady, and the health of the bulls has been excellent, says Ronnie Silcox, extension animal scientist, with a few of the bulls being treated for respiratory conditions or pinkeye.

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

Going on test Oct. 25, the 79 Angus bulls averaged 880 lb. for a weight per day of age (WDA) of 3.02, while all 162 bulls averaged 892 lb. with a WDA of 3.05. The next weigh day was scheduled for Nov. 22. Interim weights will be collected Dec. 20 and Jan. 17, and final weights are scheduled for collection 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, please 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.

▣ 60th Annual OPSU Bull Performance Test Goodwell, Okla.

On-test report (Oct. 8)

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, during which average daily gain (ADG), feed intake and efficiency on a pen basis, and WDA will be collected on the bulls. Other data collected will be frame score, scrotal circumference, semen quality, fat thickness, ribeye area and marbling score.

OPSU students working on the test include Gideon Busieni, Kenya; Jake Edmond, Stratford, Texas; Tina Ferguson, New Lenox, Ill.; and Tyler O'Hara, Goodwell, Okla.

The test ends Jan. 28, 2012, and the top 70 bulls will sell Feb. 20. 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.

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.

▣ OBI Test No. 201 (Report No. 111)

Stillwater, Okla.

112-day final report (Oct. 8)

The Oklahoma Beef Inc. (OBI) 2011-2012 bull test No. 201 at Stillwater, Okla., began June 18. The test is for bulls born August-November 2010. Final weights were taken Oct. 8.

High-ADG, and high-indexing Angus—Lot 215; owner: H&H Land & Cattle, Vinita, Okla.; sire: SydGen CC&7; ADG: 5.97 lb.; ADG ratio: 146; WDA: 3.81 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,530 lb.; test index: 129

High-WDA Angus—Lot 231; owner: H&H Land & Cattle; sire: H&H Franchise 7070; ADG: 4.70 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 3.82 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,330 lb.

Angus averages (101 head)—ADG: 4.10 lb.; WDA: 3.22 lb.; wt.: 1,215 lb.

For more information contact Tim Stidham, station manager, at 405-624-1181 or okbeef@provalue.net; Bob Kropp, OBI executive secretary, at 405-744-9287; fax: 405-744-7390; or Carrie Doyle at carrie.doyle@okstate.edu. Information is also available on the test website at www.ansi.okstate.edu/outreach-extension/beef/oklahoma-beef-inc/bull-testing-1.

▣ Nebraska Bull Test

Rohde Farms, Ansley, Neb.

On-test report (Oct. 19-20)

The 49th Nebraska Bull Test began Oct. 19-20. Bulls on test were born Jan. 1-April 1, 2011. The bulls are being fed to gain a targeted 3.5 lb. per day at Shane and Jill Rohde Farms near Ansley, Neb. Interim weights are scheduled to be taken Dec. 20, 2011, and Jan. 29, 2012, with the final 120-day weights Feb. 17-18. The test sale will be March 28 at the Central Nebraska Commission Co. in Broken Bow, Neb.

For more information contact Mick Phillips, manager, at 308-764-2378 or micolin@nebnet.net. Information is also available on the test website: www.nebraskabulltest.com.

▣ Calhoun Bull Evaluation

Northwest Georgia Research & Education Center, Calhoun, Ga.

84-day report (Oct. 18)

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. Gains remain consistent, reports Ted Dyer, Extension animal scientist. He says the bulls appear to be in great condition as they enter the final weigh period.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 68; owner: Bamboo Road Farms, Marshallville, Ga.; sire: SAV Net Worth 4200; ADG: 5.25 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.55 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,370 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 125; Emilan Farms, Lanny Benson, LaFayette, Ga.; sire: TC Total 410; ADG: 4.04 lb.; ADG ratio: 102; WDA: 3.72 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,290 lb.

Angus averages (91 head)—ADG: 3.97 lb.; WDA: 3.18 lb.; wt.: 1,163 lb.

Overall averages (153 head)—ADG: 3.96 lb.; WDA: 3.24 lb.; wt.: 1,191 lb.

Bulls were to be weighed off test Nov. 14-15. The test sale is scheduled for Dec. 9 at 12:30 p.m. 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.

▣ Butner BCIP Bull Test Bahama, N.C.

84-day report (Oct. 18)

The Butner BCIP Bull Test hosted by North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement Program (BCIP) is a 112-day test for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 15, 2010.

High-ADG and high-WDA Angus—Lot 47; owner: John Smith, Panther Creek Farms, Pink Hill, N.C.; sire: Springfield Objective 8042; ADG: 6.14 lb.; ADG ratio: 172; WDA: 3.84 lb.; WDA ratio: 126; wt.: 1,444 lb.; frame: 5.9

Angus averages (59 head)—ADG: 3.57 lb.; WDA: 3.06 lb.; wt.: 1,174 lb.

Overall averages (66 head)—ADG: 3.51 lb.; WDA: 3.06 lb.; wt.: 1,157 lb.

Final weights were scheduled to be taken Nov. 14-15. The test sale is scheduled for Dec. 16 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 Askef at 919-471-6872. Information is available on

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the test website, www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/animal/bcip/Ahbcip.html.

▶ Virginia BCIA Southwest Bull Test Hillwinds Farm, Dublin, Va.

On-test report (Oct. 18)

The 33rd Southwest Virginia bull test sponsored by the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) weighed bulls on test Oct. 18. Junior division bulls were born Jan. 1-March 31, 2011, and included 76 Angus, five Charolais, three Gelbvieh, seven Polled Hereford, 12 Simmental, one Gelbvieh Balancer and 16 Simmental hybrids for a total of 120. Senior bulls born Sept. 15-Dec. 31, 2010, included 42 Angus, four Polled Hereford, two Charolais, one Red Angus, two Gelbvieh, three Gelbvieh Balancer and 16 Simmental hybrids for a total of 70 bulls.

The 112-day test is conducted at the Southwest Bull Test Station, Hillwinds Farm, which is owned and managed by Tim Sutphin. Interim weights are scheduled to be taken Dec. 13 and Jan. 10, 2012. Both junior and senior bulls will be weighed off test Feb. 6-7.

The test sale will be March 24. For more information call Sutphin at 540-980-5848 or visit the BCIA website at <http://bcia.apsc.vt.edu/>.

▶ Treasure Bull Test Broken O Ranch Feedlot, Simms, Mont. Receiving report (Oct. 19-29)

Treasure Bull Test received bulls at the Broken O Ranch Feedlot in Simms, Mont., Oct. 19-29. The spring bull division is for bulls born Dec. 15, 2010-April 15, 2011. The fall bull division is for bulls born Aug. 1-Dec. 14, 2010. The bulls were to be weighed on test Nov. 4.

The test sale is scheduled for April 9, 2012, at Western Livestock Auction, Great Falls, Mont. Approximately 75% of the bulls on test will be sold. Sale order will be determined by test index, which is $\frac{1}{3}$ weaning ratio with a limit of 110, $\frac{1}{3}$ gain ratio and $\frac{1}{3}$ yearling ratio. Fall bulls will sell by their test index, which is determined by their weaning ratio with a limit of 110 and their WDA ratio.

For more information contact Russ and Barb Pepper or Jeff and Jamie Wood at 406-264-5694 or brtangus@3rivers.net. The test website is www.treasurebulltest.com.

▶ Iowa Angus Association Bull Test Schermer Farm, Latimer, Iowa

On-test report (Oct. 24)

There were 46 bulls weighed on test Oct. 24 for the Iowa Angus Association-sponsored Bull Test at Schermer Farm, Latimer, Iowa. Bulls are scheduled to be weighed off the 105-day test Feb. 6. The test sale will be March 21, 2012, at Lamoni Livestock Auction, Lamoni, Iowa.

For more information contact Tricia and Colby Holmes, coordinators, at 641-785-2315 or cholmes@iowatelecom.net. Information is also available online at www.iowaangus.org.

▶ Western Illinois University Bull Test Macomb, Ill.

On-test report (Oct. 26)

Western Illinois University (WIU) has reported 65 bulls from 30 consignors weighed on test Oct. 26 at Macomb. Angus bulls on the 112-day test were born Jan. 1-March 6, 2011. The index this year will be calculated at 70% ADG ratio + 15% Marb + 15% REA.

Interim weights are scheduled to be taken Nov. 22, Dec. 20 and Jan. 7, 2012, with off-test weights collected Feb. 13-14.

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/.

▶ Southern Illinois University Bull Test Carbondale, Ill.

On-test report (Oct. 24-25)

The 37th annual Southern Illinois University-Carbondale (SIUC) Bull Test is under way. Junior and senior bulls were weighed on test Oct. 24-25 in Carbondale. Bulls will be 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, with interim weights taken Nov. 22 and Dec. 20, and final weights Jan. 17, 2012. Junior bulls born Dec. 18, 2010-March 17, 2011, will be tested for 112 days, with interim weights scheduled for

Nov. 22, Dec. 20 and Jan. 17, 2012, and final weights Feb. 14. The test sale is scheduled for March 9.

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 ratkinsn@siu.edu. Test information can be found at <http://bulltest.siu.edu/>.

▶ University of Tennessee Senior Bull Test Middle Tennessee Research & Education Center 56-day report (Nov. 1)

The bulls in the University of Tennessee Senior Bull Test were weighed on test Sept. 6. Final 84-day weights were scheduled to be taken as an average of weights collected Nov. 28-29. The sale for the senior bulls will be Jan. 19, 2012.

High-ADG and high-WDA Angus—Lot 13; owner: Chimney Top Angus, Johnson City; sire: Connealy Onward; ADG: 3.93 lb.; WDA: 3.77 lb.; wt.: 1,490 lb.

Angus averages (93 head)—ADG: 4.53 lb.; WDA: 4.76 lb.

Overall averages (97 head)—ADG: 4.53 lb.; WDA: 4.76 lb.

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>.

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▶ WCA All-Breed Bull Test Eltopia, Wash.

On-test report (Nov. 8-9)

The 19th annual Washington Cattlemen's Association (WCA) All-Breed Bull Test began Nov. 8-9 with the initial weigh-in of 156 bulls consigned by 48 breeders, consisting of 96 Angus; 32 Hereford (19 Polled, 14 Horned); nine Red Angus; nine SimAngus; seven ChiAngus; and five Simmental. The bulls will be fed under the supervision of Bob and Nina Lundgren at their Bonina Feed Facility at Eltopia.

The 120-day test will end March 5-6, 2012. At that time breeding soundness exams, semen tests and ultrasound data will be compiled prior to the sale, scheduled for March 28. Genetic profile enhancement through DNA samples will be introduced this year on many of the bulls selling.

The bulls can be viewed anytime at the Bonina facility. Interim reports and sale information are available by contacting the WCA office at 509-925-9871 or wacattle@kvalley.com, or the sale manager Kendall Cattle Sales at 208-858-2163 or kendall@pottlatch.com.

▶ North Carolina BCIP Bull Test Mountain Research Station, Waynesville, N.C.

84-day report (Nov. 1)

The 112-day Waynesville BCIP Bull Test is for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2010. Bulls were accepted July 27 for an on-test date of Aug. 8-9. There are 41 bulls overall, 38 of them Angus.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 27; owner: Homer Stout, Rainbow Farm, Piney Flats, N.C.; sire: TC Boom Time 434; ADG: 4.69 lb.; ADG ratio: 144; WDA: 2.96 lb.; WDA ratio: 100; wt.: 1,150 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 2; owner: BGS Angus, Bluff City, Tenn.; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 4.08 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 3.52 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,285 lb.

Angus averages (37 head)—ADG: 3.26 lb.; WDA: 2.95 lb.; wt.: 1,111 lb.

Overall averages (41 head)—ADG: 3.30 lb.; WDA: 2.96 lb.; wt.: 1,116 lb.

Final weights were to be collected Nov. 28-29. The test sale will be 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.

▶ Virginia BCIA Culpeper Senior Test Glenmary Farm, Rapidan, Va.

112-day final sale bull report (Nov. 2)

The Culpeper Senior test conducted by the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) began July 12. The test was a 112-day

test for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2010.

This report contains the sale bulls.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 37; owner: Charles Rosson, Quaker Hill Farm, Louisa, Va.; sire: Connealy Reflection; ADG: 4.87 lb.; ADG ratio: 139; wt.: 1,245 lb.; station index: 116; sale index: 101

High-indexing (station index) Angus—Lot 49; owner: John Pennington, Monomoy Farm, Warrenton, Va.; sire: GAR-EGL Protégé; ADG: 4.03 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; wt.: 1,585 lb.; station index: 117; sale index: 101

Angus averages (71 head)—ADG: 3.51 lb.; wt.: 1,193 lb.

Overall averages (85 head)—ADG: 3.54 lb.; wt.: 1,181 lb.

The test sale is scheduled for 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, owners/managers, 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>.

