

PERFORMANCE REPORT

Farm, Brian and Leslie Wickline, Union, W.Va.; sire: Connealy Freightliner; ADG: 3.75 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA: 2.76 lb.; wt.: 885 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 16; owner: Pleasant View Farms, Wayside, W.Va.; sire: Pleasant View Bando 209; ADG: 3.30 lb.; ADG ratio: 107; WDA: 3.26 lb.; wt.: 1,020 lb.

High-indexing Angus—Lot 43; owner: Triple T Angus, Lewisburg, W.Va.; sire: TTT Foresight; ADG: 3.57 lb.; ADG ratio: 116; WDA: 3.10 lb.; wt.: 925 lb.

Angus averages (60 head)—ADG: 3.07 lb.; WDA: 2.84 lb.; wt.: 922 lb.

The test sale was scheduled for April 5 at Fairlea, W.Va. For more information contact Byron Tuckwiller at 304-645-3410 or tttangus@citynet.net, or Brian Wickline at 304-646-2424 or brian.wickline@mail.wvu.edu.

IBEP 2007 Winter Test

Feldun-Purdue Ag Center, Bedford, Ind. 125-day final report (March 24)

The Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) 2007 Winter Test has been completed at the Feldun-Purdue Ag Center at Bedford, Ind. Bulls were delivered Oct. 30, 2007. There were 222 bulls on test, including 155 Angus, representing 60 owners.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 66; owner: Mike

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Great Western Beef Expo

Feedlot gain, feed conversion rates and current weights have been posted for the Great Western Beef Expo in Sterling, Colo. The 154 animals in the test are starting to respond better with the drying conditions and warmer weather since the February weigh day, reports David Colburn, Colorado State University Cooperative Extension livestock agent.

Leading in feed conversion and feedlot gain at the 114-day point of the test are pens of Charolais- and Angus-sired calves. DeBruycker Charolais, Dutton, Mont., has the top-gaining pen at 3.83 pounds (lb.) per day. These steers are sired by the Charolais bull R1312 and are out of Angus- and Red Angus-cross cows. Y Cross Ranch, Horse Creek, Wyo., is leading in feed conversion with a set of Angus-sired steers out of AAR Neutron 059 and Angus-cross cows. This pen posted a feed-to-gain ratio (F/G) of 4.06.

Angus represented four of the top five pens for feed conversion:

- ▶ 1st: Y Cross Ranch, Horse Creek, Wyo., 4.06;
- ▶ 2nd: Touchstone Angus, Lusk, Wyo., 4.61;
- ▶ 4th: Aristocrat Angus Ranch, Platteville, Colo., 4.87; and
- ▶ 5th: Schurrtop Angus & Charolais, Farnam, Neb., 4.96.

Among the top 10 pens for feedlot gain, Angus represented the second, third, fourth and fifth pens.

- ▶ 2nd: Triple B Angus/Knoll Ranch, North Platte, Neb., avg. 3.77 lb.;
- ▶ 3rd: Y Cross Ranch, Horse Creek, Wyo., avg. 3.62 lb.;
- ▶ 4th: Touchstone Angus, Lusk, Wyo., avg. 3.58 lb.; and
- ▶ 5th: Aristocrat Angus Ranch, Platteville, Colo., avg. 3.56 lb.

Dave Schutz, herdsman, is available at the test center to answer any questions you may have. For a copy of the current weight report or to be added to the Great Western Beef Expo mailing list, please call 970-522-3200, ext. 274 or 283, or write to Great Western Beef Expo, 508 S. 10th Ave., Ste. 1, Sterling, CO 80751. You can also view all the weight reports and breed averages at www.greatwesternbeefexpo.org.

AGI to Conduct Limousin Genetic Evaluation

North American Limousin Foundation selects AGI to conduct genetic evaluation beginning this summer.

A recent agreement with the North American Limousin Foundation (NALF), Centennial, Colo., has cleared the way for Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) to conduct the international genetic evaluation for the Limousin breed. Limousin is the sixth-largest beef breed in the United States, reporting 37,742 Limousin and Lim-Flex® recordings in 2007.

Land-grant universities have been responsible for performing the genetic evaluation of most registered seedstock in the United States. A recent shift in university resources and philosophy makes it necessary for beef industry associations to assume responsibility for genetic analysis, while land-grant university systems will focus on research. U.S. beef breed associations are turning to the private sector for genetic evaluations.

The NALF board of directors realizes the critical importance of genetic evaluation and the costs associated with hardware, software and highly skilled personnel. After 18 months of careful study, NALF selected AGI to provide its genetic evaluation services beginning in summer 2008.

“NALF is excited to begin this new chapter in genetic evaluation,” said NALF President Bob Millerberg, Draper, Utah. “We are privileged to work with such a solid, knowledgeable and innovative company as AGI, and we look forward to many years of having it help us deliver industry-leading genetic information to our members and customers.”



AGI is a wholly owned subsidiary of the American Angus Association, Saint Joseph, Mo. The Association is responding to the beef industry by accepting a leadership role regarding the advancement of science and technology. AGI was created to conduct research, perform genetic evaluation services and implement new genomic technologies to benefit the beef industry and all producers who use Angus genetics.



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