

BULL TEST CENTER

Performance leaders from around the country

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Angus Media monitors central bull test stations around the country, maintaining an online listing at www.api-virtuallibrary.com/CentralBullTests.htm and reporting performance leaders as test coordinators provide progress reports.

►►► Calhoun Bull Evaluation

112-day final report (Nov. 10)

Bulls were weighed on test for the University of Georgia Calhoun Bull Test July 22 following a 21-day warm-up period. To be eligible for the 112-day test, bulls must have been born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2019.

The 107 bulls representing six breeds and 27 herds averaged 867 lb. going on test. Completing the test, 101 bulls were weighed Nov. 10. Leading the Angus division were:

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 44; owner: Bridges Angus LLC, Lexington, Ga.; sire: Sydgen Enhance; ADG: 5.61 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.74 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,633 lb.; SC: 37.0 cm; test index: 9.35

HIGH-WDA ANGUS SELLING Lot 19; owner: Meldon Farm, Jefferson, Ga.; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 4.12 lb.; ADG ratio: 97; WDA: 4.02 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,398 lb.; SC: 40.0 cm; test index: 8.14

ANGUS AVERAGES (77 HEAD) ADG: 4.26 lb.; WDA: 3.39 lb.; wt.: 1,355 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (101 HEAD) ADG: 4.20 lb.; WDA: 3.34 lb.; wt.: 1,340 lb.

The text index consisted of the sum of the weight per day of age (WDA) and the average daily gain (ADG).

The 51st Annual Calhoun Bull Test Sale was Dec. 4. Angus Lot 41, consigned by Bridges Angus Farm, was the high-selling bull at \$7,500. The son of Sydgen Enhance posted an ADG of 4.58 lb. and a WDA of 3.57 lb., weighing 1,425 lb. coming off test.

For more information contact Jason Duggin at 706-624-1403, or visit the test website at <http://bit.ly/PT-Calhoun>.

►►► Virginia BCIA Culpeper Senior Bull Test

112-day final report (Nov. 3)

Bulls were weighed on test July 14 for the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Ass'n (BCIA) Culpeper Senior Bull Test, conducted at Glenmary Farm, Rapidan, Va.

The 112-day test featured bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2019. The bulls were fed a silage-based ration for a target ADG of 3.5 lb.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 52; owner: Lucas Farm, Joe and Timmy Lucas, Blacksburg, Va.; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 5.41 lb.; ADG ratio: 154; wt.: 1,545 lb.; SC: 41.0 cm; frame: 6.7; station index: 130; sale index: 106

ANGUS AVERAGES (85 HEAD) ADG: 3.50 lb.; wt.: 1,260 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (106 HEAD) ADG: 3.51 lb.; wt.: 1,263 lb.

The 63rd Annual Culpeper Senior Bull Sale was Dec. 12. Forty-eight fall-born bulls representing the top end of the 115 bulls developed sold for an average of \$3,814. Angus lot 52, the high-ADG and high-indexing Angus, was the high-selling bull, bringing \$6,800.

For more information contact Scott Greiner, extension beef and

sheep specialist for Virginia Tech, at 540-231-9159 or sgreiner@vt.edu. Information is also available at <https://www.bcia.apsc.vt.edu/>.

►►► NC BCIP Butner Bull Test

112-day final report (Nov. 10)

Fifty-nine bulls were weighed on test July 21 at the Butner Beef Cattle Field Laboratory for the North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement Program (BCIP) Butner Bull Test. The test is one of four central bull tests coordinated by the Extension Beef Cattle Genetics Program at North Carolina State University in connection with the North Carolina Cattlemen's Association.

The bulls were born Aug. 15-Nov. 15, 2019, and were received at the test station July 8. They averaged 808 lb. going on test for an average WDA of 2.76 lb. They were fed once daily a corn silage-based ration with protein and energy added to balance the ration to 12% crude protein (CP) and 70% total digestible nutrients (TDN).

Fifty-three bulls, including 45 Angus, completed the test. Angus leaders included:

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 16; owner: Overcash Angus, Dennis Overcash, Mooresville, N.C.; sire: Sydgen Enhance; ADG: 5.17 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 3.59 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,458 lb.; frame: 6.5; SC: 40 cm

ANGUS AVERAGES (45 HEAD) ADG: 3.96 lb.; WDA: 3.09 lb.; wt.: 1,261 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (53 HEAD) ADG: 3.90 lb.; WDA: 3.08 lb.; wt.: 1,247 lb.

The test sale was Dec. 18 at the Granville County Livestock Arena at Oxford, N.C.

For more information contact Greg Shaeffer, station manager, at 919-471-6872, or visit the test website at <https://beef.ces.ncsu.edu/beef-bull-test/>.

►►► UT Bull Development and Evaluation Program

84-day final report (Nov. 18)

Seventy-five Angus bulls were among those evaluated in the University of Tennessee (UT) Bull Development and Evaluation Program hosted by UT Extension, UT AgResearch and the Tennessee BCIA.

Conducted at the Middle Tennessee AgResearch and Education Center, Spring Hill, the test featured bulls born Sept. 1-Dec. 15, 2019, and was based on a full-gain, high-concentrate ration.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 67; owner: Mills Angus Farms; Cookeville; sire: Connealy Plus 0221; ADG: 6.01 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 3.79 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,675 lb.; frame: 8.0

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 106; owner: Harris Bros. Cattle Co.; Mount Juliet; sire: Deer Valley Patriot 6151; ADG: 4.76 lb.; ADG ratio: 111; WDA: 3.93 lb.; WDA ratio: 158; wt.: 1,438 lb.; frame: 6.6

ANGUS AVERAGES (70 HEAD) ADG: 4.28 lb.; WDA: 3.25 lb.; wt.: 1,360 lb.

The test sale was Jan. 14. For more information contact Kevin Thompson at 931-486-2129 or kthomp44@utk.edu; or Matt Backus at 931-270-2240 or wbackus1@utk.edu.

Information is available online at <https://animalscience.tennessee.edu/bull-test-program>.

►►► Clemson Bull Test

112-day final report (Dec. 8)

Fifty-three Angus bulls were among 78 bulls evaluated during the 2021 Clemson University Bull Test. The 112-day test was conducted at the Piedmont Experiment Station, near Pendleton, S.C.

The bulls were consigned by 22 producers representing four states and were separated into senior (born Sept. 1-Oct. 31, 2019) and junior (born Nov. 1-Dec. 31, 2019) divisions.

HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS Lot 21;

►►► Calhoun Bull Evaluation



Bridges Angus Farm LLC consigned the high-indexing bull at the 2020 Calhoun Bull Evaluation Performance Test and Sale Dec. 4. Bridges Enhance 9407 is a Sept. 2019 son of SydGen Enhance. Pictured are (from left) Alan Bridges, award recipient, and Smitty Lamb, director, American Angus Association.

owner: Panther Creek, John Smith, Pink Hill, N.C.; sire: DL Dually; ADG: 5.39 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 3.86 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; SC: 39.8 cm; RFI: 0.13

HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS Lot 45; owner: Broadway Cattle Farm LLC, Chuck Broadway, Monroe, N.C.; sire: Byergo Blackstone 6325; ADG: 5.36 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 3.95 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; SC: 40.1 cm; RFI: 0.44

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 78; owner: Edisto Pines Farm, Todd Edwards, Leesville, S.C.; sire: GAR Ashland; ADG: 4.90 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; WDA: 3.85 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; SC: 34.9 cm; RFI: 2.65

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 77; owner: Edisto Pines Farm; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 4.60 lb.; ADG ratio: 111; WDA: 3.91 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; SC: 38.1 cm; RFI: 2.65

SENIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (43 HEAD) ADG: 4.15 lb.; WDA: 3.42 lb.

JUNIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (9 HEAD) ADG: 4.16 lb.; WDA: 3.48 lb.

OVERALL ANGUS AVERAGES (52 HEAD) ADG: 4.15 lb.; WDA: 3.43 lb.

The test sale was to be hosted Feb. 6 in an online and call-in format only.

For more information contact director Steve Meadows at 864-633-9970 or smdws@clmson.edu, or visit the test website at <http://bit.ly/bt-Clemson>.

▶▶▶ Florida Bull Test

112-day final report (Dec. 2)

The 2020 Florida Bull Test was hosted at the North Florida Research and Education Center at Marianna, Fla. The test featured bulls born Aug. 15-Dec. 31, 2019.

Delivered July 21, the bulls were weighed on test Aug. 11-12, and were fed for a target ADG of 3.5 lb., adequate to allow expression of growth potential without overconditioning the bulls.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 1994; owner: Acres Away Angus, Hampton, Ga.; sire: VAR Discovery 2240; ADG: 4.50 lb.; WDA: 3.07 lb.; test index: 7.57; test index ratio: 111; wt.: 1,378 lb.

HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 1987; owner: Hubert Hightower, Waukeenah, Fla.; sire: Byergo/Double GG Blackstone; ADG: 4.29 lb.; WDA: 3.79 lb.; test index: 8.08; test index ratio: 119; wt.: 1,490 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES ADG: 3.67 lb.; WDA: 3.10 lb.; wt.: 1,356 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES ADG: 3.73 lb.;

WDA: 3.06 lb.; wt.: 1,318 lb.

The test sale was to be hosted Jan. 16. For more information contact Nicolas DiLorenzo at 850-526-1615 or ndilorenzo@ufl.edu, David Thomas at 850-525-1620 or davidall@ufl.edu, or Olivia Hill at 850-526-1621 or oliviah@ufl.edu; or visit the test website at <http://nfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/florida-bull-test>.

▶▶▶ Tifton Bull Test

84-day report (Jan. 2)

The University of Georgia Extension is currently in its 63rd year of conducting the Tifton Bull Evaluation Program.

The test features bulls born Dec. 1, 2019-Feb. 29, 2020, representing 26 breeders from Georgia, Florida and North Carolina.

A total of 122 bulls, including 70 Angus, were weighed on test Oct. 12-13. Going on test all bulls averaged 882 lb. for an average WDA of 3.19 lb. The Angus bulls averaged 905 lb. and had an average WDA of 3.23 lb.

At the 84-day interim mark, bulls leading the Angus division were:

HIGH-ADG ANGUS (TIE) Lot 35; owner: Berry-Wells Farm, Johnathan Wells, Rayle, Ga.; sire: Bridges Foretold; ADG: 5.21 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 3.83 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,375 lb.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS (TIE) Lot 46; owner: Barcron Cattle Co., Barry Cronin, Canon, Ga.; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 5.21 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 3.66 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; wt.: 1,265 lb.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS (TIE) Lot 57; owner: Hill Angus Farm, Gary Hill, Hendersonville, N.C.; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 5.21 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 3.64 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; wt.: 1,410 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 45; owner: Barcron Cattle Co.; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 5.08 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; WDA: 4.00 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,385 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (70 HEAD) ADG: 4.30 lb.; WDA: 3.47 lb.; wt.: 1,266 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (122 HEAD) ADG: 4.26 lb.; WDA: 3.44 lb.; wt.: 1,240 lb.

Bulls will be weighed off test Feb. 1-2. The 63rd Tifton Bull Evaluation Sale will be hosted March 3.

For more information contact Jason Duggin at 706-728-4354 or 229-386-3683, or visit the test website at <http://bit.ly/PT-Calhoun>.

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▶▶▶ Manitoba Bull and Heifer Evaluations

56-day report (Jan. 2)

The Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Association is currently conducting its bull and heifer evaluations at the Manitoba Bull Test Station near Douglas, Man., Canada. The test station has been in operation for more than 50 years.

Forty-one Angus bulls from 13 cooperators are among the 108 bulls representing eight breeds currently on test. The Angus bulls averaged 819 lb. at their initial weigh-in Nov. 7.

The bulls are being developed on free-choice hay and a developer pellet to target moderate gains of 2.5 lb.-3 lb. per day to promote longevity and overall soundness.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 40; owner: Roger Mutch, Moosomin, Sask.; sire: SAV Resource; ADG: 5.69 lb.; WDA: 3.71 lb.; wt.: 1,099 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 23; owner: Prime Angus Ranch, Shaun Bryce, Arcola, Sask.; sire: BLS Brick 39E; ADG: 5.15 lb.; WDA: 4.34 lb.; wt.: 1,093 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (41 HEAD) ADG: 4.41 lb.; WDA: 3.42 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (107 HEAD) ADG: 4.11 lb.; WDA: 3.40 lb.

Another interim weight is scheduled for Jan. 31, and the bulls will be weighed off test Feb. 27-28. The test sale will be hosted March 27.

The companion heifer evaluation includes 33 heifers of three breeds, as well as commercial heifers. The heifers are being fed a high-fiber pelleted grower ration and offered free-choice alfalfa-grass hay and mineral for a projected gain of 2 lb. per day.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 912; owner: 6 Bar Angus, Wes and Betty Anne McKee, Portage La Prairie, Man.; sire: MC Cumber Titanium 5197; ADG: 3.86 lb.; WDA: 2.48 lb.; wt.: 852 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 915; owner: JK Angus, Jeremy and Kerry Pilkey, Rosburn, Man.; sire: JK Super Hoover 30E; ADG: 3.19 lb.; WDA: 2.89 lb.; wt.: 800 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (5 HEAD) ADG: 2.91 lb.; WDA: 2.60 lb.; wt.: 811 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (33 HEAD) ADG: 3.14 lb.; WDA: 2.83 lb.

For more information contact the test

station at 204-763-4696 or bulltest@mynetset.ca, or visit the test website at www.manitobabulltest.com.

▶▶▶ Nebraska Bull Test

90-day report (Jan. 16)

Ninety-three Angus are among the 106 bulls being evaluated at the Nebraska Bull Test, being conducted at Rohde Farms near Mason City, Neb. The bulls were consigned by 19 producers.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH WDA-ANGUS Lot 15; owner: Double D Angus, Linwood, Neb.; sire: Jindra Acclaim; ADG: 5.14 lb.; ADG ratio: 137; WDA: 4.28 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,404 lb.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS SIRE GROUP Lots 63, 64 and 66; owner: Boyles Angus, John & Jimmy Boyles, Mason City; sire: Byergo/Double GG Blackstone; avg. ADG: 4.39 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 117; avg. WDA: 4.14 lb.; avg. WDA ratio: 113; avg. wt.: 1,294 lb.

SECOND-HIGH-ADG ANGUS SIRE GROUP Lots 34-36; owner: KLC Angus, Tom and Karla Knott, Broken Bow; sire: Black Magic; avg. ADG: 4.34 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 116; avg. WDA: 3.84 lb.; avg. WDA ratio: 104; avg. wt.: 1,181 lb.

Final 120-day weights will be collected Feb. 12-13. The test sale will be hosted March 24 at the Broken Bow Livestock Market. For more information contact Jay Nordhausen, manager, at 308-289-1548 or jnordhausen@ogallalalive.com. Mid-test reports and consignors are available on the test website at www.nebraskabulltest.com.

▶▶▶ IBEP Winter 2020 Bull Test

63-day report (Jan. 19)

The Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) Winter 2020 Bull Test is being conducted at the Feldun-Purdue Ag Center near Bedford. The 86th IBEP Performance Test features bulls born Jan. 1-April 30, 2020.

One hundred eighty-six bulls, including 22 sire groups and representing 51 cooperators were weighed on test Nov. 17. The total group averaged 800 lb. going on test, while the 138 Angus bulls averaged 810 lb. They are being fed for a target ADG of 3.25 lb.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 187; owner: Voogt Farms, Marne, Mich.; sire: Baldridge Marksman D274; ADG: 4.87 lb.;

ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.27 lb.; WDA ratio: 108; wt.: 1,135 lb.; test index: 122

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 144; owner: Berry Farms, Jon Berry, Cable, Ohio; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 4.37 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; WDA: 3.84 lb.; WDA ratio: 127; wt.: 1,245 lb.; test index: 122

HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 160; owner: Underwood Angus Farms, Mark Underwood, North Manchester, Ind.; sire: Tehama Tahoe B767; ADG: 4.81 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 3.52 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,185 lb.; test index: 125

HIGH-ADG ANGUS SIRE GROUP (TIE) Get 2, three bulls; owner: Melvin Riggs & Family, Martinsville, Ind.; sire: Mead Magnitude; avg. ADG: 4.15 lb.; ADG ratio: 112; avg. WDA: 3.26 lb.; avg. WDA ratio: 108; avg. wt.: 1,183 lb.; avg. test index: 110

HIGH-ADG ANGUS SIRE GROUP (TIE) Get 4, three bulls; owner: Stewart Select Angus LLC, Andrew Stewart, Greensburg, Ind.; sire: Deer Valley Wall Street; avg. ADG: 4.15 lb.; ADG ratio: 112; avg. WDA: 3.05 lb.; avg. WDA ratio: 101; avg. wt.: 1,140 lb.; avg. test index: 108

HIGH-ADG ANGUS SIRE GROUP (TIE) Get 17, four bulls; owner: Eagle River Angus, Phil Ehnle, Princeville, Ill.; sire: Jindra Acclaim; avg. ADG: 4.14 lb.; ADG ratio: 112; avg. WDA: 3.07 lb.; avg. WDA ratio: 101; avg. wt.: 1,149 lb.; avg. test index: 108

HIGH-ADG ANGUS SIRE GROUP (TIE) Get 18, four bulls; owner: Eagle River Angus; sire: SydGen Enhance; avg. ADG: 4.14 lb.; ADG ratio: 112; avg. WDA: 2.98 lb.; avg. WDA ratio: 98; avg. wt.: 1,119 lb.; avg. test index: 107

HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS SIRE GROUP Get 19, three bulls; owner: Berry Farms; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; avg. ADG: 4.05 lb.; ADG ratio: 109; avg. WDA: 3.39 lb.; avg. WDA ratio: 112; avg. wt.: 1,140 lb.; avg. test index: 111

ANGUS AVERAGES (133 HEAD) ADG: 3.70 lb.; WDA: 3.03 lb.; wt.: 1,043 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (181 HEAD) ADG: 3.59 lb.; WDA: 3.02 lb.; wt.: 1,027 lb.

Another interim weight will be collected Feb. 16. Bulls will be weighed off the 120-day test March 22. Those qualifying will sell in the test sale April 17 at the Springville Feeder Auction.

For more information, contact Nick Minton, beef systems specialist, at

nminton@purdue.edu or 812-279-4330; or Brad Shelton, station manager, at sheltonb@purdue.edu or 812-279-8554. Information is available on the test website, <https://ag.purdue.edu/ansc/ibep/>.

▶▶▶ **IBEP Summer Bull Test Announcement**

Organizers have announced the schedule for the Summer 2021 IBEP, which will be conducted at the Feldun-Purdue Ag Center near Bedford. Bulls born April 30-Sept. 30, 2020, are eligible for the 125-day test. The bulls will be fed a roughage-based diet for a targeted gain.

The bulls will be received April 27 to go on test May 18. Interim weights will be recorded June 15, July 20 and Aug. 17, with final weights taken Sept. 20.

All bulls will be scanned by ultrasound for intramuscular fat, ribeye area and backfat. Bulls will receive a score for claw set and hoof angle and will be evaluated for disposition. To sell, bulls must pass a breeding soundness exam and be parent-verified to sire and dam. Those qualifying will sell in the test sale Oct. 16 at the Springville Feeder Auction.

For more information contact Nick Minton or Brad Shelton, or visit the test website (info in previous entry).

▶▶▶ **Virginia BCIA Southwest Bull Test 56-day report (Dec. 22)**

The Virginia BCIA conducts its 112-day Southwest Bull Test at Mountain Spring Farm, Wytheville, Va. The bulls are fed a silage-based ration with a target ADG of 3.5 lb.

The test features a senior division for bulls born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2019, and a junior division for bulls born Jan. 1-March 31, 2020. The bulls were received at the station Oct. 6 and weighed on test Oct. 26-27 after a 21-day warm-up period.

At the 56-day mark, Angus leaders included:

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS Lot 6; owner: Virginia Tech Beef Center, Blacksburg, Va.; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 5.86 lb.; ADG ratio: 159; WDA: 3.52 lb.; WDA ratio: 127; wt.: 1,540 lb.

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HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 66; owner: DeHaven Farm, Hillsville, Va.; sire: SS Niagara Z29; ADG: 5.00 lb.; ADG ratio: 147; WDA: 3.50 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,135 lb.

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 73; owner: Williams Angus, Gray, Tenn.; sire: SydGen Enhance; ADG: 4.20 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; WDA: 3.52 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,210 lb.

SENIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (51 HEAD) ADG: 3.69 lb.; WDA: 2.77 lb.

JUNIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (38 HEAD) ADG: 3.41 lb.; WDA: 3.17 lb.

Another interim weight was scheduled to be recorded Jan. 19. Bulls will be weighed off test on Feb. 16. An open house is scheduled at the Mountain Spring Farm March 21.

Qualifying bulls will sell in the 42nd Annual Southwest Virginia Performance Tested Bull Sale and BCIA Influenced VA Premium Assured Plus Bred Heifer Sale March 27 at the Bottomley Sale Facility at Wytheville, Va.

For more information contact Scott Greiner at 540-231-9159 or sgreiner@vt.edu, or visit the test website, <https://www.bcia.apsc.vt.edu/>.

▶▶▶ **Western Illinois University Bull Test**
60-day report (Dec. 28)

Western Illinois University (WIU) is conducting its 2021 Bull Test, featuring bulls born Dec. 15, 2019-March 15, 2020. The bulls were received at the station Oct. 6-7 to start the 90-day gain test Oct. 29-30. Twenty-nine Angus bulls were among those weighed on test.

Leaders at the 60-day mark included:

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 205; owner: Eagle River Angus, Phil Ehle, Princeville, Ill.; sire: Jindra Acclaim; ADG: 5.62 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 3.52 lb.; wt.: 1,280 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 117; owner: Washburn Angus, Onley, Ill.; sire: Byergo/Double GG Blackstone; ADG: 5.40 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 4.14 lb.; wt.: 1,464 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (29 HEAD) ADG: 4.34 lb.; WDA: 3.34 lb.; wt.: 1,159 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (49 HEAD) ADG: 4.16 lb.; WDA: 3.36 lb.; wt.: 1,145 lb.

The bulls will be weighed off test Jan. 28-29, 2021.

The 49th Annual Sale is scheduled for March 12 at the WIU Livestock Center,

Macomb, Ill. For more information contact Keela Trennepohl at 805-440-8421 or km-trennepohl@wiu.edu, or visit www.wiu.edu/cbt/agriculture/bull_test/.

▶▶▶ **OPSU Bull Test**
84-day report (Jan. 2)

Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU) is conducting its 69th annual bull test, the oldest continuous bull test in the United States.

The 112-day test, conducted at OPSU near Goodwell, Okla., features a junior division for bulls born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2019, and a senior division for bulls born Jan. 1-March 31, 2020.

The bulls were received Sept. 19 and weighed on test Oct. 10. They are being fed a targeted-gain, roughage growing ration with 13% CP. Hay is provided ad lib.

At the 84-day mark, Angus leaders included:

HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS Lot 3-1; owner: B&M Angus, Edmond, Okla.; sire: Jindra Acclaim; ADG: 6.26 lb.

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS Owner: Mike Frey, Kingfisher, Okla.; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 5.31 lb.

HIGH-GAINING PEN OF SENIOR BULLS Four bulls; owner: B&M Angus; sires: SRR Resource 6147A, Jindra Acclaim and SRR Momentum 6130; avg. ADG: 4.70 lb.

HIGH-GAINING PEN OF JUNIOR BULLS Four bulls; owner: Bob Chaffin; avg. ADG: 4.42 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES ADG: 4.17 lb.; WDA: 3.09 lb.

Final weights were scheduled to be recorded Jan. 30, and the test sale will be hosted Feb. 22. For more information contact Gwen Martin at 580-349-1500 or gwen.martin@opsu.edu.

▶▶▶ **MCA/MSU Bull Test**
84-day report (Jan. 15)

The Michigan Cattlemen's Association (MCA) and Michigan State University (MSU) weighed bulls on test for the 33rd annual MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program. The evaluation is conducted at the Plank Farm, Crystal, Mich.

Bulls are divided into four pens for the test by age, weight and contemporary groups. The pen containing the oldest bulls is classified as the senior division,

with bulls in the other three pens classified as the junior division. Bulls are fed a high-roughage ration with a target ADG of 3.25 lb. per day.

HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS Lot 20; owner: KB Angus, Merritt, Mich.; sire: KB-Full Coverage E46; ADG: 5.48 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.27 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 1,535 lb.

HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS (TIE) Lot 29; owner: Dow Livestock Acres, Kevin and Andrew Dow, Mulliken, Mich.; sire: MGR Treasure; ADG: 5.12 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 3.54 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,410 lb.

HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS (TIE) Lot 22; owner: KB Angus; sire: Baldrige Colonel C251; ADG: 4.76 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 3.52 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,385 lb.

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 14; owner: Michigan State University; sire: Byergo Black Magic 3348; ADG: 5.24 lb.; ADG ratio: 141; WDA: 3.83 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,375 lb.

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 35; owner: Dawson Farms LLC, Hanover, Mich.; sire: Stevenson Big League 70749; ADG: 4.55 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; WDA: 3.84 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,410 lb.

SENIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (14 HEAD) ADG: 4.23 lb.; WDA: 3.09 lb.; wt.: 1,248 lb.

JUNIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (41 HEAD) ADG: 3.74 lb.; WDA: 3.17 lb.; wt.: 1,108 lb.

Final weights were scheduled to be recorded Feb. 12.

An open house is planned for March 6. Qualifying bulls will sell in the test sale March 20. For more information contact Dan Buskirk at 517-432-0400 or buskirk@msu.edu, or visit the test website at www.mibulls.com.

►►► **UBIA Bull Test** 84-day report (Jan. 15)

The Utah Beef Improvement Association (UBIA) is conducting its Bull Performance Test at Kenison Farms Feedlot, Levan, Utah.

The 112-day test is based on a roughage-based ration, and features divisions for growth and low-birth-weight (LBW) Angus bulls determined by their EPDs after the third weighing. The test features junior bulls (born Jan. 1-March 20, 2020) and senior bulls

(born Sept. 15-Dec. 31, 2019).

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING SENIOR ANGUS Lot 83; Lowe Livestock, Loren Lowe, Toquerville, Utah; sire: SydGen Enhance; ADG: 6.84 lb.; ADG ratio: 166; wt.: 1,340 lb.; sale index: 154

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 139; Rockin' KMH Angus, Jeremy Robb, Syracuse, Utah; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 5.34 lb.; ADG ratio: 139; wt.: 1,440 lb.; sale index: 133

SENIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (14 HEAD) ADG: 4.14 lb.; wt.: 1,361 lb.

SENIOR OVERALL AVERAGES (19 HEAD) ADG: 4.11 lb.; wt.: 1,352 lb.

JUNIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (141 HEAD) ADG: 3.86 lb.; wt.: 1,082 lb.

JUNIOR OVERALL AVERAGES (212 HEAD) ADG: 3.70 lb.; wt.: 1,077 lb.

Final weights were to be recorded Feb. 9, and the test sale will be hosted March 20 at Producers Livestock Market, Salina, Utah.

For more information visit the test website at www.ubiabulls.com, or contact C. Kim Chapman at 435-893-0474, 435-893-0493 (fax) or kim.chapman@usu.edu.

►►► **West Virginia Southern Bull Evaluation & Heifer Development Program** 55-day report (Jan. 13)

Seventy-nine Angus bulls representing 12 consignors were weighed on test Nov. 19 for the 2021 Southern West Virginia Bull Test at Henderson. To be eligible for the 85-day test, bulls had to be born Dec. 25, 2019-Feb. 29, 2020.

Cooperators must consign at least three head per breed group and they must be contemporaries.

At the 55-day mark, leaders in the Angus group included:

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 153; owner: Rocking P Farm, Horner; sire: SydGen Cool 5144; ADG: 5.11 lb.; ADG ratio: 160; WDA: 2.86 lb.; wt.: 1,102 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 162; owner: Circle J Angus, Buckhannon; sire: CJ 4X15 of U216 CC&7; ADG: 4.02 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.46 lb.; wt.: 1,143 lb.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS CONSIGNOR GROUP Four bulls; owner: Hammack Ridge Farm, Looneyville; sires: EXAR Monumental 6056B, SAV Elation 7899 and Woodhill Blueprint; avg. ADG: 3.77

McCabe to direct performance programs

The American Angus Association recently named Esther McCabe director of performance programs. McCabe's passion for teaching, cattle and genetic improvement aligns perfectly with the duties that come along with this job.



"Esther has a passion for the success of our members and understands the real-world challenges of getting data collected," says Mark McCully, American Angus Association CEO. "I know Esther will have an impact on advancing our genetic selection tools by focusing on our performance programs and working directly with Angus breeders."

McCabe is a third-generation Angus producer originally from Elk City, Kan.

She has had strong ties to the Angus breed for her entire life. She credits programs, such as the Kansas and National Junior Angus Association, for shaping and developing her leadership skills. McCabe recently earned her doctorate from Kansas State University, where her research focused on beef cattle data analytics.

"The Angus breed has the industry's largest beef cattle performance database because of members' dedication to breed improvement with each generation," says McCabe. "I am fortunate to be joining a team focused on serving its membership. I look forward to continuing to provide programs, tools and education to support members with record reporting."

McCabe's previous experience with Zoetis and Osborn Barr Paramore, coupled with her beef cattle and data analytics research, will allow McCabe to serve as an excellent resource for Angus members. For more information about the American Angus Association, please visit www.angus.org.

— by Whitney Whitaker, Angus Communications,
American Angus Association

lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 118; avg. WDA: 2.66 lb.; avg. wt.: 999 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS CONSIGNOR GROUP (TIE) 10 bulls; owner: Poling Angus Farm, Philippi; sires: MGR Treasure, Yon Final Answer C36, Poling's Patriot F153, Deer Valley Patriot 3222, Basin Payweight Plus 6048, KCF Bennett Fortress and AAR Justified 6181; avg. ADG: 3.58 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 112; avg. WDA: 3.13 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,057 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS CONSIGNOR GROUP (TIE) Nine bulls; owner: Circle J Angus; sires: CJ 4X15 of U216 CC&7, Circle J RFCC Expansion 8CP2; Riverfront Trump 5Q4 and River Front FA 2M7; avg. ADG: 3.56 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 111; avg. WDA: 3.13 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,027 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (78 HEAD) ADG: 3.20 lb.; WDA: 2.84 lb.; wt.: 976 lb.

A companion program, the Southern Heifer Development Program consists of primarily registered heifers. Many of the bull test consignors also consign heifers as a means of maintaining larger contemporary groups to improve the utility of the collected data.

Heifers are developed on a silage-based ration targeting moderate growth rates. Breeders must market 25% of consigned females if they qualify for the sale. This year's program features heifers born Dec. 25, 2019-March 15, 2020. The heifers will follow the same weigh schedule as the bulls.

Leaders among the Angus heifers at the 55-day mark included:

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 550; owner: Lazy S Angus, Looneyville; sire: SAV

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Renown 3439; ADG: 3.31 lb.; ADG ratio: 191; WDA: 2.50 lb.; wt.: 924 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 586; owner: Rocking P Farm, Horner; sire: SydGen Cool 5144; ADG: 2.42 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 2.64 lb.; wt.: 1,015 lb.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS CONSIGNOR GROUP Four heifers; owner: Shys Angus, Amma; sires: HA Cowboy Up 5405 and Tehama Tahoe B767; avg. ADG: 1.99 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 115; avg. WDA: 2.27 lb.; avg. wt.: 827 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS CONSIGNOR GROUP (TIE) 15 heifers; owner: Workman Land & Livestock, Moatsville; sires: Connealy Plus 5281, Workman Confidence Plus F91, Connealy Emerald and Yon Final Answer C36; avg. ADG: 1.81 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 104; avg. WDA: 2.32 lb.; avg. wt.: 738 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS CONSIGNOR GROUP (TIE) 11 heifers; owner: Rocking P Farm; sires: SydGen Cool 5144, RP Ten Speed 86, Shawnee Winds Exceed 5S59 and RP 536 Limelight 834; avg. ADG: 1.94 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 112; avg. WDA: 2.31 lb.; avg. wt.: 824 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (88 HEAD) ADG:

1.73 lb.; WDA: 2.26 lb.; wt. 760 lb.

Final weights for bulls and heifers were scheduled to be collected Feb. 11-12. Qualifying bulls and heifers will sell March 19 at the Jackson County Regional Livestock Market in Fairplain, W.Va.

For more information about the bull test or the heifer development program contact Kevin Shaffer, program coordinator, at 304-669-1598 or kevin.shaffer@mail.wvu.edu. The test website is www.southernwvbulltest.com.

▶▶▶ **Wardensville Bull Test** 56-day report (Jan. 19)

One hundred thirty-nine Angus bulls representing 17 consignors were weighed on test Nov. 23-34 for the Wardensville (W.Va.) Bull Test.

To be eligible, bulls must have been born Jan. 20-March 25, 2020. The test is an 87-day gain test.

Cooperators must consign at least three head per breed group, and they must be contemporaries.

At the 56-day mark, leaders in the Angus group included:

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 127; owner:

Kinsey's Oak Front Farm, Flemington, W.Va.; sire: Connealy Emerald; ADG: 4.70 lb.; ADG ratio: 137; WDA: 3.31 lb.; wt.: 1,170 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 178; owner: Thunder View Farms, Grahamsville, N.Y.; sire: SydGen Enhance; ADG: 3.57 lb.; ADG ratio: 104; WDA: 3.77 lb.; wt.: 1,228 lb.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA ANGUS CONSIGNOR GROUP Nine bulls; owner: Poling Angus Farm, Philippi, W.Va.; sires: Poling's Patriot F153, Yon Final Answer C36, AAR Justified 6181, GVF Whitlock 8028, Basin Payweight Plus 6048 and Stevenson Big League 70749; avg. ADG: 3.77 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 110; avg. WDA: 3.27 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,097 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (139 HEAD) ADG: 3.43 lb.; WDA: 2.98 lb.; wt.: 1,005 lb.

Final weights are scheduled for Feb. 18-19.

Qualifying bulls will sell March 25.

For more information visit the test website, www.wardensvillebulltest.com, or contact Kevin Shaffer, program coordinator, at 304-669-1598 or kevin.shaffer@mail.wvu.edu.

▶▶▶ **Edisto Forage Bull Test & Heifer Development** 28-day report (Jan. 12)

The 168-day Edisto Forage Bull Test is unique in that it is a pasture-based test with limit-feeding of a commodity byproduct-based test ration at 1% of body weight.

Conducted at the Edisto Research and Education Center near Blackville, S.C., it features divisions for senior bulls (born Dec. 1, 2019-Jan. 31, 2020) and junior bulls (born Feb. 1-March 31, 2020).

Fig. 1 shows a 15-year comparison of the average 28-day weights for the test.

Forty-six Angus bulls were among the 81 consigned to the test. They averaged 769 lb. going on test, while the whole group averaged 757 lb.

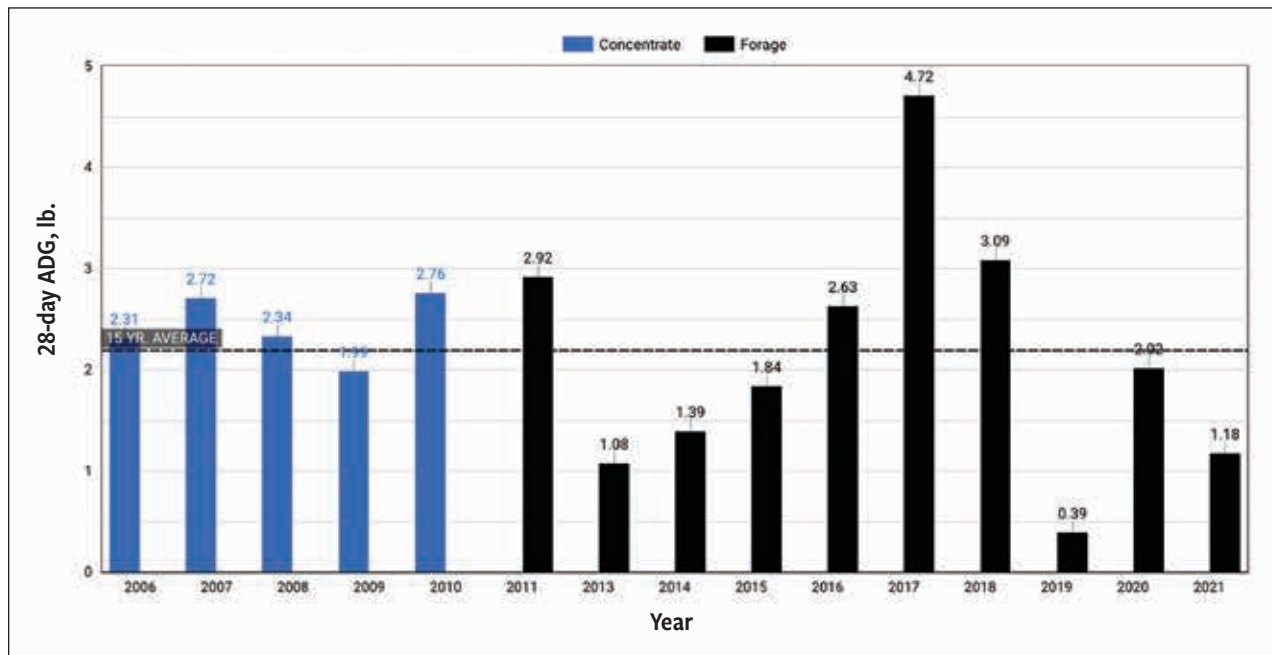
At the 28-day mark, the current gain leader is:

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 21058; owner: Rose Myrtle Farm, Ken Currie, Bishopville, S.C.; sire: RMF Hoover Dam BC8; ADG: 3.75 lb.; wt.: 705 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (81 HEAD) ADG: 1.18 lb.; wt.: 790 lb.

Fig. 1: 15-year comparison of the avg. ADG at 28 days for the Edisto Forage Bull Test, Clemson University

Blue columns indicate years the bulls were on a full-grain supplement as well as grazing. Black columns indicate years where during the 168-day test period the bulls' diet consisted of grazed forages only. The dotted line references the 15-year 28-day ADG average.



Additional interim weights will be recorded Feb. 9, March 9, April 6 and May 4, 2021. Final weights are scheduled for June 1. Qualifying bulls will sell in the test sale Oct. 9.

Program organizers have added an Edisto Heifer Development Program. In keeping with the themes and goals of the all-forage bull test, the program will develop, evaluate, breed and market

heifers from around the state and the Southeast. Ninety-one heifers were consigned to the development program.

For more information contact Scott Sell at 912-682-9590 (cell), 803-284-

3684 (fax) or gsell@clemson.edu, or visit the test website at <https://www.clemson.edu/extension/bulltest/edisto/>.

▶▶▶ Western Breeders' Association Bull Test

60-day report (Dec. 22)

The Western Breeders' Ass'n LLC (WBA) bull test is being conducted at Beus Livestock, Pasco, Wash. To be eligible, bulls must have been born Jan. 1-March 31, 2020.

The bulls are fed a full-gain ration during the 120-day test, and they have been grouped into divisions for calving ease and growth.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 26; owner: 4-D Land & Cattle; sire: Tehama Tahoe 8767; ADG: 5.17 lb.; WDA: 2.95 lb.; wt.: 1,050 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 14; owner: Wind River Cattle Co.; sire: Woodhill Blueprint; ADG: 4.83 lb.; WDA: 3.60 lb.; wt.: 1,200 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES ADG: 3.30 lb.; WDA: 3.07 lb.; wt.: 982 lb.

Final weights are scheduled to be

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observed Feb. 20, 2021. The Bonina sale facility, Eltopia, Wash., will host the test sale on March 17.

While this is the second event for the WBA, members have been involved in this bull test and sale, formerly sponsored by the Washington Cattlemen's Association, for numerous years. Consignors typically represent Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

For more information contact Julie Himmelberger at 509-386-5601 or mjh@columbiainet.com, or visit the test website at www.wballc.org.

▶▶▶ Minnesota BCIA Bull Evaluation

56-day report (Jan. 9)

The Minnesota Beef Cattle Improvement Association (MBCIA) is conducting its 133-day evaluation at the Foundation Feeders test station near Spring Grove, Minn.

The test features bulls born Aug. 15, 2019-May 15, 2020. Bulls are being fed a total mixed ration (TMR) consisting of corn silage, alfalfa haylage, corn, distillers' grains, mineral mix and vitamins.

The bulls were delivered to the test station Oct. 31 and weighed on test Nov. 13-14. Thirty-two Angus bulls are among the 49 junior bulls being evaluated. There are also four senior Angus bulls on test. The senior bulls were born Aug. 15-Dec. 31, 2019, and averaged 870 lb. going on test. Bulls in the junior division were born Jan. 1-May 15, 2020. The junior Angus bulls averaged 849 lb., and all junior bulls averaged 826 lb.

At the 56-day mark Jan. 9, Bulls leading the Angus divisions included:

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 31; owner: Shady Hill Farms, Dustin Martin, Blue Earth; sire: Poss Maverick; ADG: 5.04 lb.; WDA: 3.16 lb.; wt.: 1,110 lb.; test index: 126

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 25; owner: Goodrich Place Inc., Emerald, Wis.; sire: Connealy Blackhawk 6198; ADG: 3.39 lb.; WDA: 4.06 lb.; wt.: 1,270 lb.; test index: 115

HIGH-INDEXING JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 32; owner: Shady Hill Farms; sire: Musgrave Colossal; ADG: 4.73 lb.; WDA: 3.52 lb.; wt.: 1,170 lb.; test index: 127

HIGH-ADG, HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING SENIOR ANGUS Lot 53; owner: Brice Conover, Baxter, Iowa; sire:

Baldrige Dependable DO89; ADG: 4.02 lb.; WDA: 2.79 lb.; wt.: 1,210 lb.; test index: 113

OVERALL JUNIOR AVERAGES (49 HEAD) ADG: 3.27 lb.; WDA: 3.23 lb.; wt.: 1,009 lb.

OVERALL SENIOR AVERAGES (4 HEAD) ADG: 3.37 lb.; WDA: 2.67 lb.; wt.: 1,059 lb.

Another interim weight will be taken Feb. 26. The bulls will be weighed off test March 18. The top-indexing bulls will be eligible for the test sale, to be hosted April 1 at Jackson Livestock Exchange, Jackson, Minn.

For more information contact Ron Holty, test station manager, at 507-498-5839 or 507-429-7963, ronholty@gmail.com or foundationfeedersinc.com.

▶▶▶ Iowa Cattlemen's Open Heifer Test

Announcement

The Iowa Cattlemen's Association (ICA) is currently conducting its Open Heifer Test at Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The evaluation features open females of all breeds born Jan. 1-May 1, and is based on a roughage ration. Initial weights were recorded Nov. 25, and interim weights were scheduled to be recorded Jan. 13.

The heifers will be weighed off test March 5. The test sale will be April 9 at Kirkwood Community College.

For more about the heifer evaluation, contact Lane Eads at 515-296-2266 (office) or 641-777-1589 (cell) or lane@iacattlemen.org. Information is also available on the test website at iacattlemen.org/ica-programs/bull-heifer-evaluation-program.

▶▶▶ Tifton HERD Program 67-day report (Dec. 11)

The University of Georgia is conducting its Heifer Evaluation and Reproductive Development (HERD) Program at Tifton. The heifers are evaluated based on performance, reproductive traits and disposition. Twenty producers have consigned 106 heifers to the program.

They have been fed a ration of hay plus a supplement designed for optimum growth and development to gain 1.50 lb.-1.75 lb. per day.

The heifers averaged 734 lb. at

delivery Oct. 5 and 878 lb. Dec. 11, posting an average ADG of 2.16 lb. and an average WDA of 2.06 lb.

The heifers have been heat-synchronized and were bred by artificial insemination (AI), then exposed to cleanup bulls for 45 days.

Qualifying heifers will sell in the Tifton sale April 20. For more information contact Jason Duggin at 706-624-1403 or jduggin@uga.edu, or visit the test website at ugabeef.com.

▶▶▶ WBIA Bull Test

On-test report (Dec. 1)

The Wisconsin Beef Improvement Association (WBIA) 2021 Bull Test is being hosted at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville Pioneer Farm.

This year's test features bulls born Jan. 1-April 15, 2020. Twenty-six consignors have enrolled 75 bulls, including 44 Angus. The bulls are being fed a roughage-based TMR balanced to provide a targeted 3.2-lb. ADG.

Interim weights were scheduled for collection Jan. 5 and Feb. 4, with final weights collected March 10-11.

Qualifying bulls will sell April 3 at the WBIA Annual Performance Selected Bull Sale at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

For more information visit the test website, www.wisconsinbeef.com; contact Alicia Adams at 608-342-1326 or prillada@uwplatt.edu; or contact John Freitag at 608-527-5747 or wbia@tds.net.

▶▶▶ Treasure Bull Test

60-day report (Jan. 15)

The Treasure Bull Test accepted delivery of bulls Nov. 1-10 at Muddy Creek Farm Yard LLC, Vaughn, Mont., for its 2020-2021 test. The 120-day test features registered black and red Angus bulls born Jan. 1-April 1, 2020.

The bulls are being fed a high-roughage ration of protein, highly digestible fiber, chelated mineral supplement, vitamins and corn targeted to provide ADGs of 3 lb.

At the 60-day mark, 127 bulls had an average ADG of 3.54 lb.

The Performance Tested "Cowboy Kind" Angus Bull Sale will be April 20 at Western Livestock Auction, Great Falls, Mont. For more information, contact

Ryan and Karnell Perry, coordinators, at 406-788-9869, 406-390-5473 or info@treasurebulltest.com. The test website is www.treasurebulltest.com.

▶▶▶ Midland Bull Test

Group 1 90-day report (Jan. 4)

Group 2 60-day report (Jan. 4)

The 2020-2021 Midland Bull Test (MBT) presented its first progress report mid-January. Bulls originated from more than 145 breeders and 24 states. The bulls are consigned to a 120-day test, during which they are fed a high-roughage, low-energy ration. Each animal is individually tested for residual feed intake (RFI).

Group 1, including fall-born bulls and half of the Angus bulls were received Sept. 9-19 to go on test Oct. 5-6. Group 2, with the remaining Angus bulls, was received Oct. 7-17 to go on test Nov. 2-3.

HIGH-ADG GROUP 1 ANGUS Lot 207; owner: Stewart Select Angus, Greensburg, Ind.; sire: Deer Valley Wall Street; ADG: 5.43 lb.; WDA: 3.94 lb.; wt.: 1,450 lb.

HIGH-WDA GROUP 1 ANGUS Lot 173; owner: Fisher Angus, Okeene, Okla.; sire: Jindra Acclaim; ADG: 4.95 lb.; WDA: 4.12 lb.; wt.: 1,590 lb.

HIGH-ADG GROUP 2 ANGUS Lot 588; owner: Fuller Cattle LLC, Parma, Idaho; sire: KCF Bennett Fortress; ADG: 5.16 lb.; WDA: 3.46 lb.; wt.: 1,120 lb.

HIGH-WDA GROUP 2 ANGUS Lot 334; owner: Windy Ridge Angus, Geraldine, Mont.; sire: Curtin 1682 Payweight 7032; ADG: 5.00 lb.; WDA: 4.09 lb.; wt.: 1,310 lb.

GROUP 1 AVERAGES ADG: 3.65 lb.; WDA: 3.27 lb.

GROUP 2 AVERAGES ADG: 3.36 lb.; WDA: 3.09 lb.

Group 1 final weights were to be taken Feb. 1-2. Group 2 90-day weights were to be taken Feb. 1, with collection of final weights scheduled for March 1-2.

The top 70%-80% of the bulls will sell, determined by the MBT Index, which is 25% ADG, 25% nursing ratio, 25% yearling ratio and 25% efficiency ratio. Angus bulls will sell April 2.

For more information, contact Steve Williams by texting 406-321-7046 or emailing bulls@midlandbulltest.com. Information is also available on the test website, www.midlandbulltest.com. |