

PERFORMANCE REPORT

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This column features the performance leaders in central bull tests hosted across the country.

Clemson Bull Test

112-day final report (Dec. 7)

The 112-day Clemson University Bull Test features a senior division consisting of bulls born Sept. 1-Oct. 31, 2021, and a junior division with bulls born Nov. 1-Dec. 31, 2021. As a new requirement this year, all bulls must be tested with a low-density genomic panel or higher for genomic-enhanced EPDs and parentage-verified by breed association.

HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS Lot 27; owner: Panther Creek Farms, John Smith, Pink Hill, N.C.; sire: Bakers Northside 6007; ADG: 5.05 lb.; ADG ratio: 112; WDA: 3.64 lb.; WDA ratio: 104; wt.: 1,594 lb.

HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS Lot 2; owner: Shuffler Farm, Eugene Shuffler, Union Grove, N.C.; sire: Kessler's Commodore 6516; ADG: 4.76 lb.; ADG ratio: 105; WDA: 3.87 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,556 lb.

SENIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (22 HEAD) ADG: 4.52 lb.; WDA: 3.50 lb.; wt.: 1,512 lb.

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 46; owner: Sonny and Martha Winters, Thomasville, Ga.; sire: Crawford Guarantee 9137; ADG: 5.00 lb.; ADG ratio: 114; WDA: 3.79 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; wt.: 1,430 lb.

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 45; owner: Sonny and Martha Winters; sire: GVC-Adel 205FB; ADG: 4.91 lb.; ADG ratio: 112; WDA: 3.89 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 1,458 lb.

JUNIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (12 HEAD) ADG: 4.40 lb.; WDA: 3.62 lb.; wt.: 1,363 lb.

Qualifying bulls were scheduled

to sell Feb. 4, 2023. For more information, contact Steve Meadows at 864-633-9970 or smdws@clemson.edu, or visit the test website at <http://bit.ly/bt-Clemson>.

Florida Bull Test

112-day final report (Nov. 30)

The 2022-2023 Florida Bull Test is hosted at the North Florida Research and Education Center at Marianna, Fla., for bulls born Aug. 15-Dec. 31, 2021.

The ration is formulated with a target gain of 3.5 lb. per day. During the first 56 days of the test, bulls were fed a total mixed ration with grain byproducts and forage. For the remainder of the test, bulls received the same diet in self-feeders, with a slightly reduced amount of roughage and *ad libitum* access to hay.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 2204; owner: Moody Cattle Co., Silas, Ala.; sire: Tex Playbook 5437; ADG: 4.52 lb.; WDA: 2.91 lb.; wt.: 1,340 lb.; index: 7.42

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 2193; owner: Hubert Hightower, Waukeelah, Fla.; sire: SydGen Enhance; ADG: 3.42 lb.; WDA: 3.84 lb.; wt.: 1,673 lb.; index: 7.25

HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 2185; owner: Hubert Hightower; sire: SydGen Enhance; ADG: 4.38 lb.; WDA: 3.74 lb.; wt.: 1,643 lb.; index: 8.12

OVERALL AVERAGES (94 HEAD) ADG: 3.81 lb.; WDA: 3.13 lb.; wt.: 1,303 lb.

The test sale was scheduled to be hosted Jan. 14, 2023. To qualify, bulls must achieve an index ratio of 90, calculated as WDA+ADG.

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IBEP Winter 2022 Bull Test

28-day report (Dec. 13)

The IBEP Winter 2022 Bull Test features 127 Angus bulls, and is hosted at the Feldun Purdue Ag Center, Bedford, Ind. Bulls in the senior division were born Oct. 1-Dec. 31, 2021, and the junior division bulls were born Jan. 1-March 31, 2022. Delivery of the bulls for the 125-day evaluation took place Oct. 25.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING SENIOR ANGUS Lot 156; owner: Larry Winemiller, Washington, Ill.; sire: 44 Faultless; ADG: 4.5 lb.; ADG ratio: 135; WDA: 3.2 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 1,125 lb.; index: 124

HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS Lot 86; owner: Kiata Farms, Hamilton, Ind.; sire: WayView Billy Bob 550-8172; ADG: 3.9 lb.; ADG ratio: 117; WDA: 3.4 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,220 lb.; index: 117

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 57; owner: Dan Stewart, Yorktown,

Ind.; sire: Mill Brae Benchmark 9016; ADG: 5.1 lb.; ADG ratio: 151; WDA: 3.5 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,205 lb.; index: 138

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 40; owner: Jay Alcorn, Greencastle, Ind.; sire: Tehama Tahoe B767; ADG: 4.3 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 3.6 lb.; WDA ratio: 123; wt.: 998 lb.; index: 125

ANGUS AVERAGES (127 HEAD) ADG: 3.4 lb.; WDA: 3.0 lb.; wt.: 924 lb.

Interim weights will be collected Jan. 17 and Feb. 14, and final weights will be collected March 19-20.

For more information, contact Nick Minton, beef systems specialist, at nminton@purdue.edu or 812-279-4330. Information is available at <https://ag.purdue.edu/ansc/ibep/>.

MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program

56-day report (Dec. 16)

The Michigan Cattlemen's Ass'n (MCA) and Michigan State University (MSU) are conducting their 35th annual bull evaluation at a new location near Remus, Mich. Eligible bulls were born Sept. 1, 2021-March 31, 2022.

The bulls were delivered to the test station Oct. 7. They are divided into two age groups, with a junior and a senior division. The bulls are being fed a roughage-based ration designed to allow for a 3.2-lb. average daily gain (ADG).

HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS Lot 1; owner: R Value Farms, Rosebush, Mich.; sire: Poss Maverick; ADG: 5.36 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 3.13 lb.; WDA ratio: 99; wt.: 1,445 lb.

HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS Lot 30; owner: KB Angus, Kevin Beckington, Merritt, Mich.; sire: Wilks Regiment 9035;

ADG: 4.51 lb.; ADG ratio: 108; WDA: 3.48 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,610 lb.

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS (TIE) Lot 45; owner: Hutchings-Kenyon Angus, Dennis Hutchings, Bellevue, Mich.; sire: EWA Peyton 642; ADG: 5.41 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.59 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,155 lb.

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS (TIE) Lot 52; owner: Maplebrook Farm Holdings, Joseph Novak, Holland, Mich.; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 5.41 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.11 lb.; WDA ratio: 96; wt.: 958 lb.

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 18; owner: Dawson Farms, Hanover, Mich.; sire: Wilks Regiment 9035; ADG: 4.93 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 4.00 lb.; WDA ratio: 124; wt.: 1,185 lb.

OVERALL SENIOR AVERAGES ADG: 4.17 lb.; WDA: 3.17 lb.; wt.: 1,471 lb.

OVERALL JUNIOR AVERAGES ADG: 4.10 lb.; WDA: 3.24 lb.; wt.: 1,046 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES ADG: 4.12 lb.; WDA: 3.22 lb.; wt.: 1,141 lb.

Interim weights are scheduled to be observed Jan. 13, with final weights scheduled Feb. 10.

The test sale is scheduled to be hosted March 18. For more information contact Dan Buskirk at 517-432-0400 or buskirk@msu.edu, or visit the test website at www.mibulls.com.

Midland Bull Test

Group 1 60-day report

Midland Bull Test (MBT) is conducted at Columbus, Mont., and features two groups of Angus bulls, as well as a junior consignor division for consignors 18 years of age and younger. All registered Angus bulls must be born Dec. 1 and April 1. Midland Bull Test evaluates

approximately 1,100 purebred bulls from more than 200 consignors representing more than 32 states each year.

Group 1 is composed of half of the spring Angus bulls and all fall bulls of other breeds. Group 2 bulls include the remaining half of the spring Angus bulls and all spring bulls of other breeds.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 185; owner: Byergo Beef Genetics, Joseph Byergo, Dearborn, Mo.; sire: Roseda Powerball23 F091; ADG: 5.56 lb.; WDA: 3.70 lb.; wt.: 1,390 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 218; owner: Byergo Beef Genetics; sire: Baldrige SR Goalkeeper; ADG: 4.44 lb.; WDA: 3.92 lb.; wt.: 1,140 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES ADG: 3.81 lb.; WDA: 3.23 lb.

At the conclusion of the test, the Angus bulls are scheduled to sell April 7, 2023. For more information contact Steve Williams at 406-322-5597 (phone), 406-322-5210 (fax), or bulls@midlandbulltest.com. Information is also available at www.midlandbulltest.com.

Nebraska Bull Test

60-day report (Dec. 14)

The Nebraska Bull Test is now conducting its 2022-2023 bull test at Rohde Farms, Mason City, Neb.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 110; owner: Greenview Farms, Kent Grabouski, Beatrice, Neb.; sire: Exar Stock Fund 9097B; ADG: 6.05 lb.; ADG ratio: 166; WDA: 3.68 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,154 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 33; owners: Anderson Brothers Angus, Floyd and Robert Anderson, Ong, Neb.; sire: FAR Quality 0195; ADG: 4.37 lb.;

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ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 4.07 lb.; WDA ratio: 123; wt.: 1,180 lb.

Interim weights were collected Jan. 13, 2023. Final weights are planned to be observed Feb. 10-11. The test sale is planned for March 22 at Broken Bow Livestock Market, Broken Bow, Neb. For more information contact Jay Nordhausen, manager, at 308-289-1548 or jnordhausen@ogallalalive.com or visit the test website at www.nebraskabulltest.com/.

Tifton Bull Evaluations

56-day report (Dec. 20)

The University of Georgia Extension has begun its 65th Tifton Bull Evaluation. Bulls eligible for the test were born Dec. 1, 2021, to Feb. 28, 2022, and were received at the test station Oct. 6.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 45; owner: Berry-Wells Farm, Jonathan Wells, Rayle, Ga.; sire: GAR Greater Good; ADG: 7.18 lb.; ADG ratio: 151; WDA: 3.96 lb.; WDA ratio: 123; wt.: 1,425 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (48 HEAD) ADG: 4.74 lb.; WDA: 3.23 lb.; wt.: 1,115 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (95 HEAD) ADG: 4.65 lb.; WDA: 3.19 lb.; wt.: 1,098 lb.

Final weights will be collected Jan. 17-18.

The Beef Cattle Short Course is set for Feb. 28, and the test sale is planned to be hosted March 1, 2023.

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

UBIA Performance Bull Test

First-quarter report (Nov. 15)

The Utah Beef Improvement Association (UBIA) is conducting its Performance Bull Test at Kenison Farms Feedlot, Levan, Utah. The bulls represent 21 producers and were weighed on test Oct. 19.

The test is on a roughage-based ration and features junior and senior divisions.

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 105; owner: Lowe Livestock, Lorin Lowe, Toquerville, Utah; sire: Square B True North 8052; ADG: 4.59 lb.; wt.: 782 lb.

HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS Lot 103; owner: Lowe Livestock; sire: Tehama Patriarch F028; ADG: 6.48 lb.; ADG ratio: 323; wt.: 986 lb.

Interim report (Dec. 13)

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 106; owner: Lowe Livestock; sire: Sitz Profile 1160; ADG: 4.78 lb.; ADG ratio: 159; WDA: 3.07 lb.; wt.: 1,040 lb.; index: 146

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 51; owner: KC Angus Ranch, Kelly Crozier, Neola, Utah; sire: Tehama Donner H654; ADG: 3.64 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 3.82 lb.; wt.: 1,185 lb.; index: 124

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING SENIOR ANGUS Lot 103; owner: Lowe Livestock; sire: Tehama Patriarch F028; ADG: 4.62 lb.; ADG ratio: 151; WDA: 3.05 lb.; wt.: 1,065 lb.; index: 139

HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS Lot 73; owner: Mountain Valley Angus, Dirk Olsen, Neola, Utah; sire: Sitz Accomplishment 720F; ADG: 3.27 lb.; ADG ratio: 107; WDA: 3.18 lb.; wt.: 1,125 lb.; index: 106

For more information visit www.ubiabulls.com, or contact McKay

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Virginia BCIA Southwest Bull Test

56-day report (Dec. 20)

The Virginia BCIA Southwest Bull Test is a 112-day evaluation conducted at Mountain Spring Farm, Wytheville. The test features a senior division for bulls born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2021, and a junior division featuring bulls born Jan. 1-March 31, 2022.

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 70; owner: Grassy Valley Farm, Afton, Tenn.; sire: Woodhill Catalyst; ADG: 4.54 lb.; ADG ratio: 155; WDA: 2.93 lb.; WDA ratio: 99; wt.: 920 lb.

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 77; owner: DeHaven Farm, Mike, Mark and Andy DeHaven, Hillsville, Va.; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 3.48 lb.; ADG ratio: 119; WDA: 3.30 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,090 lb.

JUNIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (51 HEAD) ADG: 2.94 lb.; WDA: 2.95 lb.; wt.: 924 lb.

HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS Lot 37; owner: Circle K Farms, Lebanon, Va.; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 4.77 lb.; ADG ratio: 147; WDA: 2.76 lb.; WDA ratio: 108; wt.: 1,245 lb.

HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS Lot 20; owner: Dawson Farms, Wayne Persinger, Alderson, W.Va.; sire: Hoover Notary; ADG: 2.23 lb.; ADG ratio: 84; WDA: 3.29 lb.; WDA ratio: 128; wt.: 1,170 lb.

SENIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (50 HEAD) ADG: 2.66 lb.; WDA: 2.57 lb.; wt.: 1,101 lb.

OVERALL SENIOR AVERAGES (101 HEAD) ADG: 2.73 lb.; WDA: 2.58 lb.; wt.: 1,102 lb.

Interim weights will be collected Jan. 17, 2023; and final weights are scheduled for Feb. 14.

The test sale will be hosted March

25, 2023. 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/>.

Wardensville Bull Evaluation Program

On-test report (Dec.1)

Fifteen producers delivered a total of 162 bulls to be evaluated during the 2023 Wardensville Bull Evaluation Program, hosted at the West Virginia University Reymann Memorial Farm near Wardensville, W.Va.

To participate in the current evaluation, the bulls must have been born Jan. 20-March 23, 2022. The bulls were delivered in November and initial weights were collected Nov. 1-Dec. 1. The 134 Angus bulls weighed an average of 824 lb. at the start of the evaluation.

Intermediate weights were scheduled to be collected Dec. 21 and Jan. 18. The evaluation will conclude with final weights collected Feb. 16-17.

The test sale is scheduled to be hosted March 23. For more details visit the test website, www.wardensvillebulltest.com, or contact Kevin Shaffer, program coordinator, at 304-293-2669 or kevin.shaffer@mail.wvu.edu.

Western Breeders' Ass'n Bull Test

Mid-test report (Dec. 26)

The Western Breeders' Ass'n LLC (WBA) is conducting its 2022-2023

Bull Test at Beus Livestock, Pasco, Wash.

Sixty-one Angus bulls are among the bulls being evaluated. The Angus bulls weighed an average of 838 lb. at the start of the evaluation Oct. 28, and 1,039 lb. when mid-test weights were recorded Dec. 26. Final weights will be collected Feb. 25, and the test sale is set to be hosted March 15.

For more information contact Brittany Brikeland-Tyler, secretary, at 541-788-4001 or visit the test website at www.wballc.org.

Western Illinois University Bull Test

Interim report (Dec. 1)

Western Illinois University is now conducting its 2022-2023 Bull Test, featuring bulls born Dec. 1, 2021, to March 31, 2022. The bulls were received at the test station Oct. 4 and the 90-day test began Oct. 26-27.

Twenty-five Angus bulls are among the 48 being evaluated. The Angus bulls weighed an average of 1,032 lb. with an average ADG of 4.0 lb. when interim weights were collected Dec. 1. The overall test averages were an ADG of 3.7 lb. and average weight of 989 lb.

Interim weights are also scheduled to be recorded Dec. 29. The bulls will be weighed off test Jan. 25-26, 2023.

The test sale is scheduled to be hosted March 10 at the WIU Livestock Center, Macomb, Ill.

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

West Virginia Southern Bull Evaluation Program

On-test report (Nov. 17)

The West Virginia Southern Bull Test is conducted at the Green Mesa Farm near Henderson, W.Va., for bulls born Dec. 25, 2021, to Feb. 28, 2022. The bulls were received at the test station Oct. 19 and weighed on test Nov. 16-17.

Of the 91 bulls being evaluated, 79 are Angus. At the start of the evaluation, the Angus bulls weighed an average of 771 lb.

27-day report (Dec. 14)

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 114; owner: Rocking P Farm, Horner, W.Va.; sire: RP Ten Speed 86; ADG: 6.41 lb.; ADG ratio: 137; WDA: 2.79 lb.; wt.: 906 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS (TIE) Lot 130; owner: Turkey Run Angus, Otway, Ohio; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 6.11 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 3.55 lb.; wt.: 1,077 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS (TIE) Lot 140; owner: Poling Angus Farm, Philippi, W.Va.; sire: Poling's Payweight Plus B219; ADG: 5.11 lb.; ADG ratio: 109; WDA: 3.55 lb.; wt.: 1,050 lb.

Interim weights are also scheduled to be recorded Jan. 11, and final weights are scheduled Feb. 9-10.

The test sale is set to be hosted March 17, 2023, at the Jackson County Regional Livestock Market, Fairplain, W.Va. For more information contact Kevin Shaffer, program coordinator, at kevin.shaffer@mail.wvu.edu or 304-293-2669, or visit the test website at www.southernwvbulltest.com. 