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# BULL TEST CENTER

## Performance leaders from around the country

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#### **▶▶▶ Southern Bull Test**

#### 56-day report (Jan. 3)

The Southern West Virginia Bull Evaluation and Replacement Heifer Development Program is sponsored by West Virginia University (WVU) Cooperative Extension, WVU Division of Animal and Nutritional Sciences, West Virginia Department of Agriculture and the West Virginia Cattlemen's Ass'n.

Bulls were delivered Oct. 10 to the Green Mesa Farm, Henderson, W.Va., to go on test Nov. 8. The 92-day test is a forage-based test with a target average daily gain (ADG) of 3.25 lb.

Bulls eligible for the program were born Dec. 25, 2017-Feb. 28, 2018.

**HIGH-ADG ANGUS** Lot 185; owner: Rocking P Farm, Horner, W.Va.; sire: SAV Ten Speed 3022; ADG: 5.29 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.04 lb.; wt.: 1,102 lb.

**HIGH-WDA ANGUS** Lot 111; owner: Benjamin Hays, Gandeeville, W.Va.; sire: EXAR Resistol 6534B; ADG: 4.36 lb.; ADG ratio: 108; WDA: 3.62 lb.; wt.: 1,214 lb.

**HIGH-ADG HERD GROUP** Four bulls; owner: Meckley Farms, Sistersville, W.Va.; sires: Meckley's Secret Answer Z862, AAR Ten X 7008 SA, Yon Hoover Dam A290 and Yon Future Force Z77; avg. ADG: 4.78 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 119; avg. WDA: 2.96 lb.; avg. wt.: 940 lb.

#### ANGUS AVERAGES (81 HEAD) ADG: 4.02 lb.; WDA: 2.97 lb.; wt.: 1,001 lb.

The bulls were to be weighed off test Feb. 8. Qualifying bulls will be sold March 30. For more information, contact Kevin Shaffer, program coordinator, at 304-293-2669 or kevin.shaffer@ mail.wvu.edu. The test website is http://bit.ly/BTC-Southern.

## **▶▶▶** Tifton Bull Evaluation

#### 84-day report (Jan. 1)

Bulls were weighed on test Oct. 8-9 for the 61st Tifton (Ga.) Bull Evaluation Program.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 110; owner:

Hill Angus Farm, Hendersonville, N.C.; sire: Quaker Hill Rampage 0A36; ADG: 5.65 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 3.66 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,430 lb.

**HIGH-WDA ANGUS (TIE)** Lot 71; owner: Wolf Creek Farms, Decatur, Ga.; sire: GAF Impression 405; ADG: 4.90 lb.; ADG ratio: 112; WDA: 3.72 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,200 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS (TIE) Lot 80; owner: Indian Hill Farm, Steve Deal, Statesboro, Ga.; sire: Baldridge Bronc; ADG: 4.52 lb.; ADG ratio: 103; WDA: 3.71 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,355 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS (TIE) Lot 90; owner: Wil-Mil Farms, Henry Griffin, Leesburg, Ga.; sire: KCF Bennett Absolute; ADG: 5.04 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 3.70 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,355 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS (TIE) Lot 109; owner: Hill Angus Farm; sire: Quaker Hill Rampage 0A36; ADG: 4.94 lb.; ADG ratio: 113; WDA: 3.70 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.:

ANGUS AVERAGES (68 HEAD) ADG: 4.38 lb.; WDA: 3.31 lb.; wt.: 1,199 lb.

## **OVERALL AVERAGES (127 HEAD)**

ADG: 4.35 lb.; WDA: 3.37 lb.; wt.: 1,216 lb.

Final weights were to be taken Jan. 28-29. Qualifying bulls will sell March 6 at the 61st Tifton Bull Evaluation Sale. A beef cattle seminar will be hosted the evening prior to the sale.

For more information, contact Jacob Segers, extension animal scientist, at jacobs@uga.edu or 229-386-3214. Information is also available on the test website, http://bit.ly/BTC-UGA.

#### **▶▶▶ IBEP Winter Test**

#### 28-day report (Dec. 18)

Fifty-eight producers consigned 184 bulls and 15 sire groups to the Indiana Bull Evaluation Program (IBEP) 2018 Winter Test at Bedford, Ind. Bulls went on test Nov. 20. The test includes bulls born Nov. 1, 2017-April 30, 2018.

### HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING **ANGUS** Lot 17; owner: Rolling Acres Angus, Freetown, Ind.; sire: SS Niagara C2; ADG: 6.07 lb.; ADG ratio: 146; WDA:

3.14 lb.; WDA ratio: 106; wt.: 950 lb.; test index: 130 **HIGH-WDA ANGUS** Lot 110; owner:

Pedigree 4834; ADG: 5.00 lb.; ADG ratio:

Able Acres, Wingate, Ind.; sire: SAV

120; WDA: 3.68 lb.; WDA ratio: 124; wt.: 1,265 lb.; test index: 122

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING **ANGUS SIRE GROUP** Three bulls; owner: KB Angus, Kevin Beckington, Merritt, Mich.; sire: Baldridge Bronc; avg. ADG:

4.60 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 111; avg. WDA: 3.12 lb.; avg. WDA ratio: 105; avg. wt.: 987 lb.; avg. test index: 109

#### **HIGH-WDA ANGUS SIRE**

**GROUP** Three bulls; owner: Graber Angus, David Graber, Montgomery, Ind.; sire: Quaker Hill Rampage 0A36; avg. ADG: 3.75 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 90; avg. WDA: 3.17 lb.; avg. WDA ratio: 107; avg. wt.: 975 lb.; avg. test index: 97

**ANGUS AVERAGES (133 HEAD)** 

ADG: 4.15 lb.; WDA: 2.96 lb.; wt.: 916 lb.

#### **OVERALL AVERAGES (183 HEAD)**

ADG: 4.09 lb.; WDA: 2.97 lb.; wt.: 913 lb. Interim weights are scheduled Jan. 22 and Feb. 19, with off-test weights to be taken March 25. Qualifying bulls will sell April 18 at the Springville Feeder Auction and remote video sites.

For more information, contact Nick Minton, beef systems specialist at nminton@purdue.edu or 812-279-4330; Brad Shelton, station manager, at sheltonb@purdue.edu or 812-279-8554; or Donna Lofgren, performance records and website, at dlofgren@purdue.edu or 765-494-6439. Information is also available at http://bit.ly/BTC-IBEP.

#### **▶▶▶** Calhoun Bull Evaluation

#### 112-day final report (Nov. 13)

Bulls were weighed on test July 23 for the 49th Calhoun (Ga.) Bull Evaluation Program. One hundred thirty-two bulls, including 71 Angus, were weighed off test Nov. 13.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 33; owner: Kiker Angus Ranch, John Kiker, Dalton, Ga.; sire: SAV Receptor 4837; ADG: 4.96 lb.; ADG ratio: 139; WDA: 3.47 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 1,480 lb.; SC: 37.5 cm

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 10; owner: Barnett Angus Farm, Wilkes Barnett, Washington, Ga.; sire: MHB Prophet 604; ADG: 4.55 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 3.82 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,448 lb.; SC: 37.5 cm

ANGUS AVERAGES (71 HEAD) ADG: 3.56 lb.; WDA: 3.23 lb.; wt.: 1,298 lb. **OVERALL AVERAGES (132 HEAD)** ADG: 3.47 lb.; WDA: 3.21 lb.; wt.: 1,297 lb.

Qualifiers sold in the 49th Calhoun Bull Evaluation Sale Dec. 7. For more information, contact Jason Duggin, University of Georgia Extension animal scientist, at 706-624-1403 or jduggin@uga.edu. Information is available on the test website, http://bit.ly/BTC-UGA.

#### **▶▶▶ WCA Bull Test**

#### Mid-test report (Dec. 27)

Seventy Angus bulls born Jan. 1-March 31, 2018, were placed on test at the Beus Feedlot near Pasco, Wash., Oct. 27 for the 26th Washington Cattlemen's Ass'n (WCA) Bull Test. They averaged 809 lb.

The test is a 120-day test, with mid-term weights collected at about 60 days. Seven Angus bulls had gained more than 5 lb. per day.

**HIGH-ADG ANGUS** Lot 246; owner: Burkholder and Unruh, Warden, Wash.; sire: Quaker Hill Rampage 0A36; ADG: 5.85 lb

**HIGH-WDA ANGUS** Lot 236; owner: Cambra Livestock, Yakima, Wash.; sire: GAR-EGL-Protege; WDA: 3.95 lb.

#### **OVERALL AVERAGES (70 HEAD)**

ADG: 4.04 lb.; WDA: 3.18 lb.; wt.: 1,019 lb.
Bulls will be weighed off test Feb. 23.
Qualifying bulls will sell March 20 at the
Bonina Sale Facility at Eltopia, Wash. A
social and breeders' forum is planned
the evening before.

For more, contact Lorren Hagen at 509-936-4380 or hagencattleandhay@gmail.com. The test website is www.washingtoncattlemen.org.

### ►►► 47th WIU Bull Test 60-day report (Jan. 3)

Bulls were delivered to the Western Illinois University (WIU) test center Oct. 11-12 to go on test Nov. 1-2. The WIU Performance Bull Test is a 90-day test. The ration has been updated to use fiber instead of starch (corn) as an energy source. Bulls eligible for the test were born Dec. 15, 2017-March 15, 2018.

At the 60-day mark, there were 26 Angus bulls among the 49 bulls on test.

#### **HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA**

**ANGUS** Lot 203; owner: Tri-K Angus, Blackwater, Mo.; sire: Quaker Hill Manning 4EX9; ADG: 4.92 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 3.53 lb.; wt.: 1,200 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (26 HEAD) ADG: 3.77 lb.; WDA: 3.06 lb.

Final weights will be collected Jan. 31-Feb. 1. Qualifying bulls will sell in the 47th Annual WIU Bull Test Sale starting at 6:30 p.m. March 8 at the WIU Livestock Center in Macomb, Ill.

For more information, contact Keela Trennepohl, WIU assistant professor of animal science and bull test manager, at km-trennepohl@wiu.edu or 805-440-8421. Information is also available on the test website, http://bit.ly/BTC-WIU.

#### ►►► Pennsylvania Bull Test 56-day report (Dec. 25)

Bulls were delivered to the Pennsylvania Livestock Evaluation Center, Pennsylvania Furnace, Pa., Oct. 9 to go on test Oct. 30. Bulls eligible for the test were born Jan. 1-April 15, 2018.

The program is administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture with Penn State University, the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Ass'n and state breed associations as cooperators. The

#### **▶▶▶** Calhoun Bull Evaluation



Kiker Angus Farms consigned the high-indexing Angus bull at the 2018 Calhoun Bull Evaluation Performance Test & Sale. KAF Receptor 7054 is a September 2017 son of SAV Receptor 4837. Pictured are (from left) John Kiker, consignor; Kristy Arnold, Georgia Cattlemen's Ass'n president; and Katie Hammond, University of Georgia Northwest Research and Education Center.

facility houses 30-50 bulls in each of five pens for the 112-day gain test. Bulls are provided free-choice access to a total mixed ration (TMR) consisting of corn silage, cracked corn, cracked roasted soybeans and a mineral/vitamin supplement. It is typically 13% crude protein (CP), 72% TDN.

At the 56-day mark, the leaders were: HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 132; owner: Weaverland Valley Farms, Brady Ebersole, New Holland; sire: Baldridge Bronc; ADG:

6.40 lb.; ADG ratio: 147; WDA: 4.01 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,365 lb.

**HIGH-WDA ANGUS** Lot 109; owner: Beulah Land & Cattle, Mike Kline, McVeytown; sire: Deer Valley Old Hickory; ADG: 5.21 lb.; ADG ratio: 119; WDA: 4.27 lb.; WDA ratio: 128; wt.: 1,135 lb.

## ANGUS AVERAGES (97 HEAD) ADG:

4.37 lb.; WDA: 3.34 lb.; wt.: 1,007 lb.

Additional interim weights were to be collected Jan. 22. Final 112-day weights will be taken Feb. 19. Qualifying bulls will sell March 29.

For more, contact Greg Hubbard, station manager, at ghubbard@pa.gov or 814-238-2527. Information is also available on the test website, http://bit.ly/BTC-Penn.

#### **▶▶▶ Florida Bull Test**

112-day final report (Dec. 4-5)

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#### **▶▶▶** Butner BCIP Bull Test

#### 112-day final report (Nov. 13)

The North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement Program (NC BCIP) Bull Test was at the Butner Beef Cattle Field Laboratory, Bahama, N.C. Bulls went on test July 23-24 and were weighed off test Nov. 13.

**HIGH-ADG ANGUS** Lot 1; owner: Oakview Farms, Yanceyville, N.C.; sire: KCF Bennett Southside; ADG: 5.13 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; WDA: 3.33 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,413 lb.; test index: 119; frame: 6.3; SC: 45 cm

**HIGH-WDA ANGUS** Lot 52; owner: Shuffler Farm, Eugene Shuffler, Union Grove, N.C.; sire: KCF Bennett Southside; ADG: 4.78 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 3.67 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,620 lb.; test index: 122; frame: 6.9; SC: 43 cm

**HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS** Lot 58; owner: Shuffler Farm; sire: KCF Bennett Southside; ADG: 5.09 lb.; ADG ratio: 133; WDA: 3.66 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,478 lb.; test index: 124; frame: 7.0; SC: 41 cm

**ANGUS AVERAGES (71 HEAD)** ADG: 3.82 lb.; WDA: 3.03 lb.; wt.: 1,247 lb. **OVERALL AVERAGES (85 HEAD)** ADG: 3.76 lb.; WDA: 2.99 lb.; wt.: 1,236 lb.

Qualifying bulls sold Dec. 21. For more information, contact Gary Gregory, North Carolina State University, at 919-515-4027 or gary\_gregory@ncsu.edu; Bryan Blinson, North Carolina Cattlemen's Ass'n, at 919-552-9111; or Station Manager Greg Shaeffer at 919-471-6872; or visit the test website, <a href="http://bit.ly/BTC-NC-BCIP">http://bit.ly/BTC-NC-BCIP</a>.

Education Center (NFREC) at Marianna, Fla., annually hosts the Florida Bull Test.

Bulls went on test Aug. 14-15. They were fed a grain- and forage-based diet with free access to hay for a targeted gain of 3.5 lb. per day. The bulls were weighed off test Dec. 4-5.

## HIGH-ADG, HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 1725:

owner: Windy Hill Angus, Boaz, Ala.; sire: SAV Sensation 5615; ADG: 4.67 lb.; WDA: 3.44 lb.; wt.: 1,623 lb.; test index ratio: 127

**ANGUS AVERAGES (51 HEAD)** ADG: 3.33 lb.; WDA: 2.98 lb.; wt.: 1,284 lb.

Qualifying bulls were to sell Jan. 19 at the NFREC Beef Cattle Unit.

For more information, contact the NFREC Beef Cattle Unit, 4925 Hwy. 162, Greenwood, Fla. at 850-526-1611 or visit the test website, http://bit.ly/BTC-Fla.

### ►►► South Mountana Test 60-day report (Dec. 19)

The South Montana Angus Ass'n Performance Bull Test was established more than 50 years ago. The number of bulls tested has varied over the years; however, the test still provides a source of outstanding Angus genetics.

Bulls were delivered Oct. 10 to Dyk & Sons Land & Cattle, Manhattan, Mont., to go on test Oct. 20 for a 120-day forage test targeting a 3.25-lb. ADG.

Bulls eligible for the program were born Jan. 1-March 31, 2018. A total of 74 bulls are on test consigned by seven producers. They averaged 839 lb. going on test. Leaders at the mid point follow.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 11; owner: Elmose Angus Ranch, Three Forks; sire: Koupals B+B Atlas 4061; ADG: 5.13 lb.; ADG ratio: 142; WDA: 3.54 lb.; wt.: 1,180 lb

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 32; owner: GaLor Angus, Townsend; sire: 3F Epic 4631; ADG: 4.54 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.74 lb.; wt.: 1,270 lb.

#### **HIGH-ADG ANGUS SIRE GROUP**

Three bulls; owner: Elmose Angus Ranch; sire: Koupals B+B Atlas 4061. ADG: 4.53 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 126; avg. WDA: 3.57 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,148 lb.

**ANGUS AVERAGES (73 HEAD)** ADG: 3.59 lb.; WDA: 3.24 lb.; wt.: 1,054 lb.

The bulls will be weighed off test Feb. 19. Qualifying bulls will be sold March 16. The bulls must index at 95% at the end of the 120 days test to be sold at the test sale, hosted annually the third Saturday

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in March at Montana Livestock Auction, Ramsay. For more information, contact Gail Vennes at 406-431-1009 or Casey Elmose at 406-580-6579.

### ▶▶▶ Manitoba Bull Test

#### 56-day report (Dec. 27)

Bulls were delivered to the Manitoba Bull Test Station at Douglas Oct. 1-5 to go on test Oct. 29-30. The 135 bulls had an average WDA of 3.16 lb. going on test. The station is owned and operated by the Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Ass'n and has been in operation more than 50 years.

Bulls eligible for the test were born Jan. 1-April 15, 2018.

**HIGH-ADG ANGUS** Lot 43; owner: Blue Gentain, Norman Bednar, Vita; sire: unavailable; ADG: 5.00 lb.; WDA: 3.53 lb.; wt.: 949 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS (TIE) Lot 52; owner: Anthony Stadnyk, Vita; sire: Wulfs Absolute 262B; ADG: 3.29 lb.; WDA: 3.87 lb.; wt.: 1,119 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS (TIE) Lot 54; owner: Anthony Stadnyk; sire: Wulfs Absolute 262B; ADG: 3.93 lb.; WDA: 3.86 lb.; wt.: 1,093 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS (TIE) Lot 56; owner: Anthony Stadnyk; sire: S Whitlock; ADG: 4.27 lb.; WDA: 3.85 lb.; wt.: 1,259 lb.

**ANGUS\* AVERAGES (64** HEAD) ADG: 3.57 lb.; WDA: 3.29 lb. **OVERALL AVERAGES (133** 

## HEAD) ADG: 3.60 lb.; WDA: 3.24 lb.

\*Note that the Angus averages include both red and black Angus; however, we noted the leading black Angus bulls.

Eighty-four-day weights were to be collected Jan. 22, and final 112-day weights will be taken Feb. 18-19. Qualifying bulls will sell March 30.

For more information, contact Tyler Winters, station manager, at bulltest@ mynetset.ca or 204-851-1165 or 204-763-4696. Information is also available on the test website, www.manitobabulltest.com.

## **▶▶▶** Michigan Bull Test

#### 84-day report (Jan. 18)

To be eligible for the Michigan Cattlemen's Association (MCA)/Michigan State University (MSU) Bull Evaluation, bulls must have been born Sept. 1, 2017-March 31, 2018. Bulls were

delivered to Plank Farm, Crystal, Mich., Oct. 12-13 to go on test Oct. 26.

**HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS** Lot 54; owner: Highbanks Angus, Nashville, Mich.; sire: WAR Southside D001 B018; ADG: 4.97 lb.; ADG ratio: 133; WDA: 3.46 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,180 lb.

**HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS** Lot 34; owner: Dawson Farms LLC, Hanover, Mich.; sire: VAR Discovery 2240; ADG: 4.91 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.79 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,360 lb.

**HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS** Lot 56; owner: Bordner Angus Farms, Sturgis, Mich.; sire: GAR 9M25 Rito 2177G; ADG: 5.09 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; WDA: 3.04 lb.; WDA ratio: 101; wt.: 1,525 lb.

**HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS** Lot 25; owner: KB Angus, Merritt, Mich.; sire: KCF Bennett Fortress; ADG: 4.40 lb.; ADG ratio: 107; WDA: 3.44 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,315 lb.

**OVERALL JUNIOR AVERAGES** ADG: 3.73 lb.: WDA: 3.14 lb.

**OVERALL SENIOR AVERAGES** ADG: 4.13 lb.; WDA: 3.01lb.

**OVERALL AVERAGES** ADG: 3.82 lb.; WDA: 3.12 lb.; wt.: 1,123 lb.

Final 112-day weights will be taken Feb. 15. Qualifying bulls will sell March 16 in the 31st Annual Bull Sale. An open house will be hosted March 2.

For more information, contact Dan Buskirk, test coordinator at buskirk@ msu.edu or 517-432-0400; or Brian Plank, station manager, at brianplank@ rocketmail.com or 989-506-2061. Information is also available on the test website, www.mibulls.com.

### >>> Tucumcari Bull Test

#### 60-day report (Dec. 22)

Bulls were delivered to the test center Oct. 13 to go on test for the 2018 Tucumcari (N.M) Bull Test Oct. 22-23. The test, featuring 156 bulls from 23 cooperators, is a 120-day test for bulls born Jan. 1-April 30, 2018.

Based on body weight, the bulls were divided into two groups, with Group A consisting of bulls weighing 675 lb. or more. The 16 heaviest calves were placed in the test's small GrowSafe pen and the remaining 64 head were placed in the large GrowSafe pen. Bulls in Group B were to be placed in the GrowSafe pens at the 60-day mark. All cattle stay with their respective feeding group throughout the 120-day test. Feed efficiency ratios will be determined based on their performance within breed and within their assigned group.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 20-4; owner: Schmitt Angus Ranch, Lewis, Colo.; sire: unavailable; ADG: 4.99 lb.; ADG ratio: 156; WDA: 3.11 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,016 lb.; F:G: 5.85; RFI 1.74

#### **HIGH-WDA AND BEST RFI**

ANGUS Lot 18-1; owner: Sanchez Angus, Belen, N.M.; sire: Miller Eagle Eye 410; ADG: 4.43 lb.; ADG ratio: 139; WDA: 3.55 lb.; WDA ratio: 125; wt.: 994 lb.; F:G: 4.54; RFI -3.82

The bulls were to be weighed again Jan. 18 for a 90-day report, then weighed off test Feb. 25-26. The top 80% of the bulls will be eligible for the sale, based on an index ranking and screening for breeding soundness, injury, structure and disposition. A preview will begin at 10 a.m. MST, and the sale will begin at 1 p.m. March 6 at the New Mexico State University Ag Science Center.

For more information, contact Marcy Ward, test director, at 575-644-3379 or maward@nmsu.edu. Information is also available on the test website, https:// tucbulltest.nmsu.edu/.

#### **▶▶▶ St. Croix Bull Test**

#### 28-day report (Dec. 14)

Bulls were delivered to the St. Croix Valley Bull Test Nov. 3 and began the test Nov 16. Bulls eligible for the test were born Jan. 1-April 30, 2018.

The program is under the general supervision of the St. Croix Valley Bull Test Board of Directors with the University of Wisconsin-River Falls (UWRF) under contract to furnish facilities, feeding and management for the bulls.

The UWRF testing facility houses 70 bulls in two pens for the 120-day test. The bulls compete in two groups, Angus in one and all other breeds in another. Bulls are fed unlimited access to a high-forage TMR consisting of haylage, high-moisture corn, corn silage and dry hay balanced with mineral and protein that allows them to express their true genetic potential.

**HIGH-ADG ANGUS** Lot 4-4; owner: J-M Ranch Angus, Poynette, Wis.; sire: CTS Remedy 1T01; ADG: 6.21 lb.; ADG ratio: 135

ANGUS AVERAGE ADG: 4.60 lb.; wt.: 914 lb.

NON-ANGUS AVERAGE ADG: 3.44 lb.; wt.: 805 lb.

Additional interim weights were scheduled for Jan. 18 and Feb. 15. Final 120-day weights will be taken March 15.

Qualifying bulls will sell April 20 at the UWRF Mann Valley Farm, River Falls Wis.

For more information, contact Rick Case, chairman, at scase@centurytel.net or 608-337-4841; or Allan Drinkman, vice chairman, at info@pinehillangus.com or 715-781-1752. Information is also available at the test website: www.scvbt.com.

#### ▶▶▶ Nebraska Bull Test

#### 60-day report (Dec. 18)

Bulls were weighed on test Oct. 18-19

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#### >>> Tennessee Bull Test

#### 84-day final report (Nov. 27)

Bulls were weighed on test Aug. 21 at the Middle Tennessee Research & Education Center near Spring Hill, Tenn., for the 2018-2019 Tennessee Senior Bull Test. The bulls were weighed off test Nov. 27.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 107; owner: T&S Farms, Pikeville; sire: Quaker Hill Rampage 0A36; ADG: 5.88 lb.; ADG ratio: 141; WDA: 3.41 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; wt.: 1,430 lb.; frame: 6.1

**HIGH-WDA ANGUS** Lot 7; owner: Beaty's Double J Farms, Lexington; sire: EXAR Stud 4658B; ADG: 4.11 lb.; ADG ratio: 99; WDA: 3.88 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,752 lb.; frame: 5.5

ANGUS AVERAGES (99 HEAD) ADG: 4.16 lb.; WDA: 3.25 lb.; wt.: 1,328 lb. OVERALL AVERAGES (122 HEAD) ADG: 4.08 lb.; WDA: 3.26 lb.

Qualifiers were to sell Jan. 25. For more information, contact David Kirkpatrick at fkirkpat@utk.edu or 865-974-7294. The test website is http://bit.ly/BTC-Tenn.

for the Nebraska Bull Test & Sale. The bulls are being fed at Rohde Farms (Shane and Jill), located east of Ansley, Neb. The 120-day test features bulls born Jan. 1-March 31, 2018.

HIGH-ADG CE ANGUS Lot 24; owner: Reiter Angus, Chris & Amber Reiter, Miller; sire: S Whitlock 179; ADG: 5.25 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 3.55 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,250 lb.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 77; owner: Macholan Angus, Keaton Macholan, Linwood, Neb.; sire: Jindra Acclaim; ADG: 5.23 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 3.82 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,292 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 42; owner: Jim Boyles Angus, Mason City; sire: SAV Ten Speed 3022; ADG: 4.97 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 3.91 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,032 lb.

HIGH-WDA CE ANGUS Lot 26; owner: Reiter Angus; sire: S Whitlock 179; ADG: 5.08 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.61 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,264 lb.

**GROWTH ANGUS AVERAGES (81 HEAD)** ADG: 3.99 lb.; WDA: 3.27 lb.; wt.: 1,078 lb.

#### CE ANGUS AVERAGES (40

**HEAD)** ADG: 4.02 lb.; WDA: 3.22 lb.; wt.: 1.064 lb.

Another intermediate weight is scheduled Jan. 17. The bulls will be weighed off test Feb. 15-16. Qualifying bulls will be sold at the Central Nebraska Commission Co. at Broken Bow, Neb., March 27.

For more information about the test, contact Mick Phillips, manager, at 308-764-2378 or micolin@nebnet.net. The test website is www.nebraskabulltest.com.

#### **▶▶▶** Wardensville Test

#### 58-day report (Jan. 17)

Bulls were delivered to the Wardensville (W.Va.) Bull Evaluation Center in late October to go on test Nov. 20 for the 2018 West Virginia Young Sire Evaluation Program. The test is a forage-based program with a target ADG of 3.25 lb.

Bulls eligible for the program were born Jan. 20-March 28, 2018. One hundred fifty-one Angus bulls representing 18 consignors were weighed on test averaging 787 lb.

**HIGH-ADG ANGUS** Lot 188; owner: Circle J Angus, Buckhannon, W.Va.; sire:

#### **▶▶▶** Waynesville BCIP Bull Test

#### 112-day report (Oct. 30)

The NC BCIP's Waynesville (N.C.) Bull Test is conducted at the Mountain Research Station, Waynesville, N.C. The bulls went on test July 9-10.

**HIGH-ADG ANGUS** Lot 4; owner: Baird Angus, William Baird, Bluff City, Tenn.; sire: RR Consensus 1175; ADG: 4.75 lb.; ADG ratio: 135; WDA: 3.27 lb.; WDA ratio: 104; wt.: 1,385 lb.

**HIGH-WDA ANGUS** Lot 17; owner: H&H Farm, Buddy Hamrick, Boiling Springs, N.C.; sire: Plattemere Weigh Up K360; ADG: 4.00 lb.; ADG ratio: 114; WDA: 3.59 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,535 lb.

**ANGUS AVERAGES (40 HEAD)** ADG: 3.52 lb.; WDA: 3.13 lb.; wt.: 1,284 lb. **OVERALL AVERAGES (53 HEAD)** ADG: 3.43 lb.; WDA: 3.09 lb.; wt.: 1,269 lb. Bulls sold Dec. 7. For more information, contact Gary Gregory at 919-515-4027 or gary\_gregory@ncsu.edu; Bryan Blinson at 919-552-9111; or Greg Shaeffer at 919-471-6872; or visit the test website, http://bit.ly/BTC-NC-BCIP.

Connealy Confidence Plus; ADG: 5.26 lb.; ADG ratio: 136; WDA: 3.25 lb.; wt.: 1,175 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 122; owner: Kinsey's Oak Front Farm, Flemington, W. Va.; sire: SydGen FATE 4689; ADG: 4.69 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 3.56 lb.; wt.: 1.132 lb.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS PEN owner: Pritt Angus Farm, Beverly, W.Va.; sires: EF Commando 1366, MAR Innovation 251, Woodhill Warranty Y134-C163, SAV Ten Speed 3022, Basin Payweight 1682, Connealy Black Granite; avg. ADG: 4.46 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 115; avg. WDA: 3.14 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,094 lb.

#### ANGUS AVERAGES (150 HEAD)

ADG: 3.88 lb.; WDA: 2.99 lb.; wt.: 1,011 lb.

The bulls will be weighed off the 86-day test Feb. 13-14. Qualifying bulls will be sold at the Reymann Memorial Farm at Wardensville March 28.

For more information, contact Kevin Shaffer, program coordinator, at 304-293-2669 or kevin.shaffer@ mail.wvu.edu. The test website is www.wardensvillebulltest.com.

#### **▶▶▶** UBIA Bull Test

#### Mid-test report (Dec. 18)

Bulls were weighed on test Oct. 23 for the Utah Beef Improvement Ass'n Bull Test conducted at the Kenison Feedlot near Levan, Utah. Junior-division bulls were born January-March 2018. Senior-division bulls were born September-December 2017.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING
JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 59; owner: Larsen
Angus, Maben Larsen, Holden; sire: Sitz

Investment 660Z; ADG: 4.59 lb.; ADG ratio: 159; wt.: 1,060 lb.; sale index: 149

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING SENIOR ANGUS Lot 42; owner: Gardner Ranch Angus, Wes Gardner, Mountain Home; sire: Coleman Game Day 428; ADG: 4.36 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; wt.: 1,090 lb.; sale index: 126

## ANGUS JUNIOR AVERAGES (104 HEAD) ADG: 2.89 lb.

## OVERALL SENIOR AVERAGES (18 HEAD) ADG: 3.11 lb.

Another interim weight was to be collected Jan. 14, and the bulls will be weighed off test Feb. 11-13.

The 2019 UBIA Performance Bull Test Sale will be March 16 at Producers Livestock Market, Salina, Utah. For more information, contact C. Kim Chapman, extension animal scientist at Utah State University, at kim.chapman@usu.edu or 435-893-0474. The test website is www.ubiabulls.com.

## ▶▶▶ SW Virginia Bull Test

#### 84-day report (Jan. 15)

Bulls were delivered Oct. 1 to Mountain Spring Farm, Wytheville, for the Southwest Virginia Bull Test. The bulls went on test Oct. 22-23 after a 21-day warm-up period. The test features junior and senior divisions.

In the junior division (born Jan. 1-March 31, 2018), the 74 Angus bulls averaged 711 lb. going on test for an average WDA of 2.83 lb. Overall, the 140 junior-age bulls averaged 733 lb. for an average WDA of 2.88 lb.

In the senior division (born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2017), the 52 Angus bulls

averaged 972 lb. going on test for an average WDA of 2.70 lb. Overall, the 88 senior-age bulls averaged 984 lb. for an average WDA of 2.73 lb.

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 77; owner: Lucas Farm, Joe & Timmy Lucas, Blacksburg, Va.; sire: SS Niagara Z29; ADG: 4.43 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 3.15 lb.; WDA ratio: 108; wt.: 1,125 lb.

#### **HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS (TIE)**

Lot 67; owner: Silver Creek Angus, John Prekker, Danville, Va.; sire: GAR Prophecy; ADG: 3.81 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 3.51 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,020 lb.

#### **HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS (TIE)**

Lot 91; owner: Grassy Valley Farm, Lee Duckworth, Afton, Tenn.; sire: SS Niagara Z29; ADG: 2.94 lb.; ADG ratio: 93; WDA: 3.51 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1.180 lb.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA (TIE) SENIOR ANGUS Lot 21; owner: Lucas Farm; sire: S Whitlock 179; ADG: 4.37 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 3.33 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,530 lb.

#### **HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS**

(TIE) Lot 41; owner: Dawson Farms, Wayne Persinger, Alderson, W.Va.; sire: Angus Hill 6108 All In 813b; ADG: 3.54 lb.; ADG ratio: 100; WDA: 3.32 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,260 lb.

**ANGUS JUNIOR AVERAGES (73 HEAD)** ADG: 3.17 lb.; WDA: 2.90 lb.; wt.: 975 lb.

**OVERALL JUNIOR AVERAGES (139 HEAD)** ADG: 3.05 lb.; WDA: 2.91 lb.; wt.: 989 lb.

**ANGUS SENIOR AVERAGES (52 HEAD)** ADG: 3.53 lb.; WDA: 2.86 lb.; wt.: 1.268 lb.

**OVERALL SENIOR AVERAGES (88 HEAD)** ADG: 3.50 lb.; WDA: 2.88 lb.; wt.: 1.278 lb.

The bulls will be weighed off test Feb. 11-12. Qualifying bulls will sell March 23.

For more information, contact Scott Greiner, extension beef specialist, Virginia Tech, at 540-231-9159 or sgreiner@vt.edu; or Brian & Kayla Umberger, owner/manager, Mountain Spring Farm, at 276-620-1194 or sepc1194@gmail.com. Visit the test website at <a href="http://bcia.apsc.vt.edu">http://bcia.apsc.vt.edu</a>.

#### **▶▶▶ OPSU Bull Test**

#### 56-day report (Dec. 1)

Seventy-eight bulls are on test at

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Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU), Goodwell. Through the half-way mark of the 112-day test, the bulls posted an ADG of 4.57 lb. and a WDA of age of 3.11 lb. The test features a junior division and a senior division.

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 10-2; owner: Clarence Frey, Mulhall, Okla.; sire: TC Dollar Up 5154; ADG: 6.23 lb.; ADG ratio: 148; WDA: 3.92 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,095 lb.

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 12-3; owner: William Gilmore, Canyon, Texas; sire: JAF 545 Tradition; ADG: 4.00 lb.; ADG ratio: 95; WDA: 4.19 lb.; WDA ratio: 124; wt.: 1,235 lb.

HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS Lot 22-1; owner: Terry Sedlak, Kingfisher, Okla.; sire: TL Banker 5053; ADG: 7.50 lb.; ADG ratio: 153; WDA: 2.59 lb.; WDA ratio: 90; wt.: 1,173 lb.

HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS Lot 17-3; owner: OPSU, Goodwell; sire: GAR Trust K113; ADG: 5.30 lb.; ADG ratio: 109; WDA: 3.35 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,352 lb.

#### **TOP-GAINING JUNIOR ANGUS**

**PEN** 22-2, -3 and -4; owner: Terry Sedlak; sires: EXAR Ten X 5718H, OSU Final Answer 4225 and TL Banker 5053; avg. ADG: 4.64 lb.; ADG ratio: 110; avg. WDA: 3.23 lb.; WDA ratio: 96; avg. wt.: 936 lb.

#### **TOP-GAINING SENIOR ANGUS**

**PEN** 20-1, -2 and -3; owner: Larry Weinkauf, Ponca City, Okla.; sire: GAR Profit E604; avg. ADG: 5.88 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; avg. WDA: 3.02 lb.; WDA ratio: 104; avg. wt.: 1,142 lb.

**JUNIOR AVERAGES (37 HEAD)** ADG: 4.21 lb.; WDA: 3.36 lb.

SENIOR AVERAGES (41 HEAD) ADG: 4.89 lb.; WDA: 2.89 lb.

The test was to conclude Jan. 26, and the top 70 bulls will sell in the 67th Annual Performance Tested Bull Sale set for Feb. 18 in the England Activity Building, University Farm, Goodwell. For more information contact Gwen Martin, OPSU, at 580-349-1500 or gwen@opsu.edu.

#### **▶▶▶** Wisconsin Bull Test

#### On-test report (Dec. 3-4)

Forty-nine Angus bulls were among 92 total delivered Nov. 5 to the University of Wisconsin Platteville Pioneer Farm for the Wisconsin Beef Improvement Ass'n (WBIA) Central Bull Test. This year's test, which began Dec. 3-4, features bulls

### >>> Virginia BCIA Culpeper Senior Test

#### Final report (Oct. 31)

Ninety-three Angus bulls were weighed on test July 10 for the Virginia BCIA Culpeper Senior Test at Glenmary Farm, Rapidan, Va.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-SALE-INDEX (TIE) ANGUS Lot 31; owner: Pratt Cattle Co., Jason and Paige Pratt, Atkins, Va.; sire: Deer Valley Old Hickory; ADG: 4.96 lb.; ADG ratio: 138; wt.: 1,485 lb.; station index: 125; sale index: 109

**HIGH-STATION-INDEX AND HIGH-SALE-INDEX (TIE) ANGUS** Lot 27; owner: Edgewood Angus, Pete & Peter Henderson, Williamsburg, Va.; sire: KCF Bennett Fortress; ADG: 4.82 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; wt.: 1,560 lb.; station index: 126: sale index: 109

**ANGUS AVERAGES (87 HEAD)** ADG: 3.59 lb.; wt.: 1,298 lb. **OVERALL AVERAGES (108 HEAD)** ADG: 3.52 lb.; wt.: 1,290 lb.

Qualifying bulls sold Dec. 8. For more details contact Scott Greiner, extension beef specialist, at 540-231-9159 or sgreiner@vt.edu; Joi Saville, extension associate, at 540-231-2257 or joi.saville@vt.edu; or Tom and Kim Nixon, Glenmary Farm, at 540-672-7396 or glenmaryfarm@vabb.com. Information is available on the test website, https://www.bcia.apsc.vt.edu/.

of six breeds consigned by 22 breeders.

Bulls are being fed a roughage-based TMR targeted to provide an ADG of 3.2 lb. for the duration of the 100-day test.

To be eligible for the test, bulls had to be born between Jan. 1 and April 15, 2018.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 50; owner: Neenah Creek Angus, Wade Owen, Endeavor, Wis.; sire: Quaker Hill Rampage 0A36; ADG: 6.40 lb.; ADG ratio: 145; WDA: 3.36 lb.; WDA ratio: 104; wt.: 1,045 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 36; owner: J&S Angus, Scott Hoffman, Soldiers Grove, Wis.; sire: Frey's Opportunity; ADG: 5.46 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; WDA: 3.73 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,085 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (49 HEAD) ADG: 4.42 lb.; WDA: 3.22 lb.

Another interim weight was to be taken Feb. 7, and the bulls will be weighed off test March 13-14. The WBIA Annual Performance Selected Bull Sale will be at the University farm April 6.

For more information, contact the WBIA, PO Box 955, New Glarus, WI 53574; 1-800-297-5747 or wbia@tds.net; or Alicia Prill Adams, station manager, at 608-342-1119 or prillada@uwplatt.edu. Information is also available on the test website at <a href="http://wisconsinbeef.com">http://wisconsinbeef.com</a>.

#### **▶▶▶ HCC Bull Test**

#### 55-day report (Dec. 11)

Hinds Community College (HCC), Raymond, Miss., annually hosts a 112-day bull test. For this year's test, bulls were delivered to the center Oct. 2 to go on test Oct. 16. The bulls were divided into two age groups, with Group A containing bulls born Sept. 30-Nov. 7, 2017, and Group B containing bulls born Nov. 25, 2017-Feb. 13, 2018. The bulls were weighed Dec. 11 for a progress report.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA GROUP A ANGUS Lot 19; owner: Monogram Farms, Roland Preuss, Terry, Miss.; sire: Monogram Resource 625; ADG: 6.45 lb.; WDA: 3.30 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,315

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA GROUP B ANGUS Lot 18; owner: Monogram Farms; sire: Monogram Consensus 9363; ADG: 5.82 lb.; WDA: 3.24 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1205 lb.

ANGUS GROUP B AVERAGES (8 HEAD) ADG: 3.42 lb.; WDA: 2.73 lb.; wt.: 920 lb.

**OVERALL GROUP B AVERAGES (33 HEAD)** ADG: 3.99 lb.; WDA: 2.68 lb.; wt.: 923 lb.

**ANGUS GROUP A AVERAGES (7 HEAD)** ADG: 4.62 lb.; WDA: 2.87 lb.; wt.: 1,199 lb.

**OVERALL GROUP A AVERAGES (20 HEAD)** ADG: 3.80 lb.; WDA: 2.68 lb.; wt.: 1,145 lb.

Qualifying bulls will sell in the test sale March 7. For more information contact Kenneth Banes, farm manager, at 601-260-7850 (cell) or Lisa Whatley, office manager, at 601-857-3351 or lwhatley@hindscc.edu.

#### ▶▶▶ ICA Bull Evaluation

The lowa Cattlemen's Association (ICA) bull and heifer evaluation program includes three evaluations to qualify bulls for three ICA sales hosted across the state: Bloomfield, Dunlap and Knoxville. The top 75% of the evaluated bulls and replacement heifers in each breed that meet criteria determined by ICA's Production Efficiency Committee earn ICA's "Symbol of Excellence" and are sold at the sales.

The Bloomfield sale features bulls from the 112-day Bloomfield Test conducted at Amstutz Cattle Co., Bloomfield, Iowa, and a 117-day Fall Test hosted at Kirkwood Community College, Tippie Beef Center, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Bulls born Aug. 15-Dec. 31, 2017, were delivered Sept. 27 to go on the Fall Test Oct. 18. The bulls were to be weighed off test Feb. 12.

Bulls born Jan. 1-March 31, 2018, were delivered to Bloomfield Oct. 1 to go on test Oct. 22 for the Bloomfield Test. The bulls were to be weighed off test Feb. 11.

The Bloomfield ICA Bull Sale is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. March 18 at the Bloomfield Livestock facility.

Dunlap Test — Bulls born Jan. 15-April 15, 2018, were delivered to Amstutz Cattle Co. Oct. 1 to go on test Oct. 22 for the 112-day Dunlap Test. The bulls were to be weighed off test Feb. 11. The Dunlap ICA Bull Sale is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. March 29 at the Dunlap Livestock facility, Dunlap, Iowa.

Knoxville Test — Bulls born Feb.
1-April 30, 2018, were delivered to the Werner Feed Efficiency Testing Center at Diagonal, Iowa, Nov. 5 to go on test Nov.
26. It is a 112-day test. Interim weights were to be collected Feb. 5, and the bulls will be weighed off test March 11. The Knoxville ICA Bull Sale is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. May 3 at the Knoxville Livestock facility, Knoxville, Iowa.

Heifer evaluations are hosted with the Bloomfield and Dunlap programs.

For more information, contact Matt Deppe at matt@iabeef.org or 515-296-2266, or visit the test web site at http://bit.ly/BTC-lowa.

#### **▶▶▶** Midland Bull Test

The Midland Bull Test (MBT) has announced its 2019 test schedule. To be

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eligible for the test, Angus bulls must have been born Dec. 15, 2017-April 15, 2018. The test annually features about 1,100 bulls from 200 consignors, representing 32 states.

Group 1, including fall-barn bulls, Red Angus and half of the Angus bulls were received at the Midland Test Facility Sept. 12-22 to go on test Oct. 11-12. The bulls were scheduled to have 60-day weights collected Dec. 7 and 90-day weights collected Jan. 10. Final weights for the 120-day test were to be taken Feb. 7-8.

Group 2, featuring the remaining Angus bulls, Salers, Simmentals, South Devon and Hereford, were received at the test station Oct. 13-21 to go on test Nov. 5-6. Interim weights were to be taken Jan. 4 and Feb. 4, with final weights taken March 5.

All bulls on test at Midland are efficiency tested with a 49-day test done using a GrowSafe System within the 120-day performance testing period.

The top 70%-80% of the bulls will sell, determined by the MBT ADG ratio and the MBT 365-day ration in their respective classes. Angus bulls will sell April 5.

For more information, contact Steve Williams by texting 406-321-7046 or emailing bulls@midlandbulltest.com. Visit the test web site at www.midlandbulltest.com.

#### **▶▶▶ SIU Bull Test**

#### 28-day report

The Southern Illinois University (SIU) Beef Evaluation Center is a part of the University Farm system that was created to test the gaining ability and feed efficiency of bull calves over a selected test period. It can house up to 72 bulls and offers two different age divisions.

Colten Collier, senior agriculture research technician, reports the nutritional and health status of the bulls during the first 28 days of the test has been great, although a couple bulls had some difficulty learning the gate system.

HIGH-ADG AND BEST-F/G (TIE)
JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 18; owner: Eagle
River Angus, Princeville, Ill.; sire: KCF
Bennett Fortress; ADG: 6.96 lb.; ADG
ratio: 120 lb.; F/G: 3.45 lb.; F/G ratio: 122;
wt.: 1,050 lb.

BEST-F/G (TIE) JUNIOR ANGUS Lot

5; owner: Gajewski Farms, Ashley, Ill.; sire: Baldridge Titan A139; ADG: 6.43 lb.; ADG ratio: 111 lb.; F/G: 3.44 lb.; F/G ratio: 122; wt.: 885 lb.

HIGH-ADG AND BEST-F/G SENIOR ANGUS Lot 64; owner: Betzold Farms, Nokomis, Ill.; sire: Betzold Denver B521; ADG: 8.92 lb.; ADG ratio: 141 lb.; F/G: 3.67; F/G ratio: 138; wt.: 1,380 lb.

**JUNIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (20 HEAD)** ADG: 5.79 lb.; F/G: 4.22 lb.; wt.: 952 lb.

**SENIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (8 HEAD)** ADG: 6.31 lb.; F/G: 5.07 lb.; wt.: 1,273 lb.

Qualifying bulls will sell in the test sale March 1. For more information contact Collier at 618-697-0404 or colliercattle8@siu.edu; or Greg Osman, gregory.osman@siu.edu or 618-499-0608. Visit the test website at http://bulltest.siu.edu/index.php.

#### ►►► Edisto Forage Bull Test 28-day report (Jan. 15)

Sixty-one bulls, including 32 Angus and representing 18 consignors, were weighed on test Dec. 18 following a 21-day warm-up period. The 168-day forage test features divisions for senior-age (born Dec. 1, 2017-Jan. 31, 2018) and junior-age (born Feb. 1-March

31, 2018) bulls. The bulls were delivered Nov. 27 to the Edisto Research & Education Center near Blackville, S.C.

Going on test, they averaged 787 lb. and 326 days of age for an average WDA of 2.41 lb.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING
JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 6; owner: Mull
Meadow Farm, Pendelton, S.C.; sire:
Connealy Glory 4127; ADG: 5.64 lb.;
WDA: 2.13 lb.; wt.: 677 lb.; test index:
7.77

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 26; owner: Cooks Cattle Services, Rutledge, Ga.; sire: Baldridge Colonel C251; ADG: 0.11 lb.; WDA: 2.70 lb.; wt.: 868 lb.; test index: 2.81

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING SENIOR ANGUS Lot 38; owner: Winter Angus, Thomasville, Ga.; sire: Winter Traction 604; ADG: 2.68 lb.; WDA: 2.10 lb.; wt.: 826 lb.; test index: 4.78

HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS Lot 5; owner: Winter Angus, Redwol Acres, Watkinsville, Ga.; sire: Gambles Hot Hand 2543; ADG: 0.36 lb.; WDA: 2.75 lb.; wt.: 1,126 lb.; test index: 3.10

The bulls were to be reweighed Feb. 12, March 12, April 9 and May 7, with off-test weights collected June 4. Qualifying bulls will sell Oct. 12.

For more information, contact Scott

Sell, livestock/forages agent and bull test coordinator, at 912-682-9590 or gsell@clemson.edu. Information is also available on the test website at <a href="http://bit.ly/BTC-Edisto">http://bit.ly/BTC-Edisto</a>.

#### **▶▶▶** MBCIA Bull Test

#### 56-day report (Jan. 5)

The Minnesota Beef Cattle
Improvement Ass'n (MBCIA) conducts
its annual bull test at Foundation
Feeders Inc., Spring Grove, Minn. Ron
Holty, Foundation Feeders owner and
nutritionist, reports that weather has
been a challenge during the early part of
the test, but the bulls look good and are
doing well.

The bulls were weighed on test Nov. 9. **HIGH-ADG ANGUS** Lot 5; owner: Brice Conover, Baxter, IA; sire: Basin Payweight; ADG: 4.87 lb.; WDA: 2.85 lb.; wt.: 980 lb.; test index: 122

**HIGH-WDA ANGUS (TIE)** Lot 36; owner: Freeburg Ridge Farm, Caledonia; sire: SAV Renown; ADG: 3.17 lb.; WDA: 3.55 lb.; wt.: 1,080 lb.; test index: 106

HIGH-WDA ANGUS (TIE) Lot 33; owner: Reese Angus Farms, Hancock, MN; sire: HA Cowboy Up 5405; ADG: 2.41 lb.; WDA: 3.55 lb.; wt.: 1,055 lb.; test index: 94

**HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS** Lot F14; owner: Tri K Cattle Co., Waverly, Iowa; sire: Mogck Bullseye; ADG: 4.46 lb.; WDA: 3.35 lb.; wt.: 1,090 lb.; test index: 124

OVERALL AVERAGES (56

**HEAD)** ADG: 3.27 lb.; WDA: 3.06 lb.; wt.: 973 lb.

The bulls will be weighed for a 105-day progress report Feb. 21 and they will be weighed off test March 16. Qualifying bulls will be sold at Jackson, Minn. For more information contact Holty at 507-498-5839 or ronholty@gmail.com, or visit the test website at http://foundationfeedersinc.com.

#### ▶▶▶ 2019 Clemson Bull Test

#### 112-day final report (Dec. 12)

This 112-day test features divisions for senior (born Sept. 1-Oct. 31, 2017)- and junior (born Nov. 1-Dec. 31, 2017)-age bulls. Bulls went on test Aug. 21 and were fed utilizing a GrowSafe 6000 System® to measure individual feed intake.

**HIGH-ADG, HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING JUNIOR ANGUS** Lot 38; owner: Black Crest Farm, Billy McLeod, Sumter, S.C.; sire: VAR Discovery; ADG: 5.59 lb.; ADG ratio: 119; WDA: 4.46 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,250 lb.; 365-day adj. SC: 38 cm; 365-day adj. frame score: 5.0; test index: 10.05

**HIGH-ADG, HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING SENIOR ANGUS** Lot 4; owner: Shuffler Farm, Eugene Shuffler, Union Grove, N.C.; sire: KCF Bennett Southside; ADG: 7.62 lb.; ADG ratio: 142; WDA: 4.53 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,700 lb.; 365-day adj. SC: 36.5 cm; 365-day adj. frame score: 5.3; test index: 12.16

**ANGUS JUNIOR AVERAGES (7 HEAD)** ADG: 4.68 lb.; WDA: 4.10 lb.; wt.: 1,249 lb.

**ANGUS SENIOR AVERAGES (30 HEAD)** ADG: 5.36 lb.; WDA: 3.97 lb.; wt.: ,448 lb.

Qualified bulls were to sell Feb. 2. For more information, contact Steve Meadows, extension animal scientist and test director, at 864-633-9970 or smdws@clemson.edu. Information is also available on the test website at <a href="http://bit.ly/BTC-Clemson">http://bit.ly/BTC-Clemson</a>.