

# PERFORMANCE REPORT

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

## NC BCIP Butner Bull Test

### 84-day report (Oct. 11)

The North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement Program (BCIP) Butner Bull Test is operated by the NC State University Agricultural Research Service at the Butner Beef Cattle Field Laboratory near Bahama, N.C. Bulls enrolled in the 112-day evaluation were born Aug. 15-Nov. 15, 2021, and are being fed a silage-based diet.

**HIGH-ADG ANGUS** Lot 26; owner: Overcash Angus Farm, Dennis F. Overcash, Mooresville, N.C.; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 4.17 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; wt.: 1,300 lb.

**ANGUS AVERAGES (43 HEAD)** ADG: 3.3 lb.; wt.: 1,159 lb.

**OVERALL AVERAGES (70 HEAD)** ADG: 3.2 lb.; wt.: 1,151 lb.

Final weights are scheduled to be observed Nov. 7-8. The test sale will be hosted Dec. 16 at the Granville County Livestock Arena in Oxford.

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/>.

## Clemson Bull Test

### 56-day report (Oct. 11)

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 expected progeny differences (EPDs) and parentage verified by breed association.

**HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS** Lot 29; owner: Panther Creek Farms, Pink Hill, N.C.; sire: Sitz Stellar 726D; ADG: 5.50 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA: 3.39 lb.; WDA ratio: 101; wt.: 1,250 lb.

**HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS** Lot 2; owner: Shuffler Farm, Union Grove, N.C.; sire: Kesslers Commodore 6516; ADG: 4.15 lb.; ADG ratio: 92; WDA: 3.63 lb.; WDA ratio: 108; wt.: 1,255 lb.

**SENIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (22 HEAD)** ADG: 4.50 lb.; WDA: 3.34 lb.; wt.: 1,257 lb.

**HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS** Lot 46; owner: Calvin A. Winter, Jr., Thomasville, Ga.; sire: Crawford Guarantee 9137; ADG: 5.09 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.60 lb.; WDA ratio: 104; wt.: 1,155 lb.

**HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS** Lot 45; owner: Calvin A. Winter, Jr.; sire: GVC-Adel 205FB; ADG: 4.77 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; WDA: 3.68 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 1,175 lb.

**JUNIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (13 HEAD)** ADG: 4.04 lb.; WDA: 3.45 lb.; wt.: 1,111 lb.

Interim weights will be observed Nov. 8, and final weights are scheduled Dec. 6.

Qualifying bulls will sell Feb. 4, 2023. For more information, contact Steve Meadows at 864-633-9970 or [smdws@clemson.edu](mailto:smdws@clemson.edu), or visit the test website at <http://bit.ly/bt-Clemson>.

## Florida Bull Test

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

The 2022-2023 Florida Bull Test is being 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 pounds (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 will receive the same diet in self-feeders, with a slightly reduced amount of roughage and *ad libitum* access to hay.

**HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS** Lot 2204; owner: Moody Cattle Co., Silas, Ala.; sire: TEX Playbook 5437; ADG: 4.71 lb.; WDA: 2.71 lb.; wt.: 1,098 lb.; index ratio: 118

**HIGH-WDA ANGUS** Lot 2193; owner: Hubert Hightower, Waukeelah, Fla.; sire: SydGen Enhance; ADG: 2.81 lb.; WDA: 3.81 lb.; wt.: 1,448 lb.; index ratio: 106

**OVERALL AVERAGES (96 HEAD)** ADG: 3.33 lb.; WDA: 2.94 lb.; wt.: 1,061 lb.

Interim weights are scheduled to be collected Nov. 2. The evaluation will conclude Nov. 29-30.

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

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## Virginia BCIA Culpeper Senior Bull Test

### 73-day report (Sept. 23)

The Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) Culpeper Senior Bull Test is conducted at Riverview Farms Cattle LLC, Louisa. The 112-day test features a silage-based ration fed to achieve a target ADG of 3.5 lb. The bulls were born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2021.

**HIGH-ADG ANGUS** Lot 78; owner: Lawson Family Farms, Christopher Lawson, Ewing, Va.; sire: Lawson's Demarini E131; ADG: 4.79 lb.; ADG ratio: 146; WDA: 3.18 lb.; WDA ratio: 108; wt.: 1,210 lb.

**HIGH-WDA ANGUS** Lot 63; owner: Little Windy Hill Farm, Doug Hughes, Max Meadows, Va.; sire: Jindra Acclaim; ADG: 3.56 lb.; ADG ratio: 109; WDA: 3.45 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,305 lb.

**ANGUS AVERAGES (86 HEAD)** ADG: 3.28 lb.; WDA: 2.96 lb.; wt.: 1,104 lb.

**OVERALL AVERAGES (146 HEAD)** ADG: 3.21 lb.; WDA: 2.96 lb.; wt.: 1,105 lb.

The bulls were scheduled to be weighed off test Nov. 1. The test sale will be hosted Dec. 10.

For more information contact Scott Greiner at 540-231-9159 or [sgreiner@vt.edu](mailto:sgreiner@vt.edu), or visit the test

website, <https://www.bcia.apsc.vt.edu/>.

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## MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program

### On-test report (Oct. 21)

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, and nominations were due Sept. 2.

The bulls were delivered to the test station Oct. 7. Fifty-four Angus bulls are among the 90 bulls enrolled in the evaluation. They are divided into two age groups, with a junior and a senior division. At the start of the evaluation, the bulls weighed an average of 914 lb. The junior bulls averaged 816 lb., and average weight of the senior bulls was 1,234 lb.

Interim weights are scheduled to be observed Nov. 18, Dec. 16, and Jan. 13, 2023, with final weights scheduled Feb. 10.

Bulls will be fed a roughage-based ration designed to allow for a 3.2-lb. average daily gain (ADG).

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

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## Manitoba Bull Test

### Announcement

The Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Ass'n is preparing to conduct its bull evaluation at the

Manitoba Bull Test Station near Douglas, Man., Canada. The test station has been in operation for more than 50 years.

Nominations were due Sept. 30, and the bulls were to be received at the test station Oct. 5-9. On-test weights were scheduled to be recorded Oct. 29-30. Interim weights will be collected Dec. 24 and Jan. 21, 2023. Final weights will be collected Feb. 18-19. The test sale will be hosted March 25.

There is also a division featuring younger bulls born after April 1, 2022. After being received Nov. 19-23, they will be weighed on-test Dec. 23-24. Interim weights will be collected Jan. 21, Feb. 18 and March 18, and the evaluation will conclude with final weights observed April 15-16.

For more information contact the test station at 204-763-4696 or [bulltest@mynetset.ca](mailto:bulltest@mynetset.ca), or visit the test website at [www.manitobabulltest.com](http://www.manitobabulltest.com).

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## Calhoun Bull Evaluation

### 84-day final report (Oct. 26)

The University of Georgia Extension has concluded its 53rd Calhoun Bull Evaluation.

**HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS** Lot 74; owner: Hill Angus Farm, Gary Hill, Hendersonville, N.C.; sire: Diablo Deluxe 1104; ADG: 6.05 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 3.77 lb.; WDA ratio: 108; wt.: 1,573 lb.; frame: 6.3; SC: 38.0 cm

**HIGH-WDA ANGUS** Lot 63; owner: Meldon Farm, Melvin Porter, Jefferson, Ga.; sire: Myers Fair-N-Square M39; ADG:

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5.10 lb.; ADG ratio: 109; WDA: 4.02 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,468 lb.; frame: 6.2; SC: 41.0 cm

**ANGUS AVERAGES (53 HEAD)** ADG: 4.68 lb.; WDA: 3.48 lb.; wt.: 1,311 lb.

**OVERALL AVERAGES (71 HEAD)** ADG: 4.48 lb.; WDA: 3.41 lb.; wt.: 1,296 lb.

There will be a Calhoun Beef Cattle Seminar Dec. 1, and the test sale will be hosted Dec. 2.

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

## Tifton Bull Evaluations On-test report (Oct. 26)

The University of Georgia Extension has begun its 65th Tifton Bull Evaluation.

The bulls were born between Dec. 1, 2021, and Feb. 28, 2022, and received Oct. 6. Ninety-five bulls representing 26 producers were weighed on-test Oct. 25-26. Forty-eight of the bulls are Angus, and weighed an average of 851 lb. at the start of the evaluation. The average weight across all breeds was 847 lb.

Interim weights are scheduled to be collected Nov. 22 and Dec. 20. Final weights will be collected Jan. 17-18.

The Beef Cattle Short Course will be Feb. 28, and the test sale will 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>.

## Tifton HERD Program Report 1 (Oct. 24)

The University of Georgia has begun its Heifer Evaluation and Reproductive Development (HERD) Program at Tifton. The evaluation features 162 heifers born Sept.-Nov. 2021, representing 29 producers.

At the start of the evaluation, the heifers weighed an average of 795 lb. for an average WDA of 2.14 and an average frame score of 4.8.

During the HERD program, the heifers are evaluated based on performance, reproductive traits and disposition. The heifers will be synchronized and bred by artificial insemination (AI), then exposed to a clean-up bull for at least 45 days. The main AI sire will be GAR Sure Fire, but heifers closely related to Sure Fire will be bred AI to Baldrige Marksman D274.

The ration consists of hay plus a supplement designed for growth and development, and the heifers will be fed to gain 1.5-1.75 lb. per day.

Weights will also be collected Nov. 9, Dec. 12 and March 8, 2023. The Tifton HERD sale is planned for April 18.

For more information contact Jason Duggin at 706-624-1403 or [jduggin@uga.edu](mailto:jduggin@uga.edu), or visit the test website at [www.ugabeef.com](http://www.ugabeef.com).

## NC BCIP Waynesville Bull Test 112-day final report (Oct. 25)

The NC Beef Cattle Improvement Program (BCIP) has begun

conducting its Waynesville Bull Test, featuring bulls born between Aug. 1 and Nov. 15, 2021. The test is conducted at the Mountain Research Station at Waynesville.

**HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS** Lot 30; owner: Hill Angus Farm, Gary Hill, Flat Rock, N.C.; sire: Mead Magnitude; ADG: 4.7 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; wt.: 1,410 lb.; SC: 38 cm.; index: 116

**ANGUS AVERAGES (27 HEAD)** ADG: 3.7 lb.; wt.: 1,280 lb.

**OVERALL AVERAGES (40 HEAD)** ADG: 3.4 lb.; wt.: 1,223 lb.

The test sale will be hosted Dec. 3 at the WNC Regional Livestock Center in Canton. For more information contact Kyle Miller, station manager, at 828-456-3943, or visit the test website at <https://beef.ces.ncsu.edu/beef-bull-test/>. 