

Bull Test Center

Performance leaders from around the country.

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Angus Media monitors central bull test stations around the country, reporting performance leaders as test coordinators provide progress reports.

NC BCIP Butner Bull Test

Final 112-day report (Nov. 7)

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, 2022, and fed a silage-based diet.

HIGH-ADG (TIE) AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 1;

owner: Oakview Farm, Yanceyville; sire: Tehama Patriarch F028; ADG: 4.3 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; wt.: 1,460 lb.; index: 121

HIGH-ADG (TIE) ANGUS Lot 45; owner: Highlands Farm, Morganton, N.C.; sire: Musgrave Exclusive 316; ADG: 4.3 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; wt.: 1,275 lb.; index: 116

OVERALL AVERAGES (53 HEAD) ADG: 3.4 lb.; wt.: 1,201 lb.

The test sale was Dec. 15. For more information contact Greg Shaeffer, station manager, at 919-471-6872, or visit <https://beef.ces.ncsu.edu/beef-bull-test/>.

Hill Farms, Doug Hughes, Max Meadows, Va.; sire: Mill Brae Identified 4031; ADG: 4.73 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; wt.: 1,630 lb.; frame: 6.1; test index: 122

ANGUS AVERAGES (107 HEAD) ADG: 3.79 lb.; wt.: 1,266 lb.
OVERALL AVERAGES (163 HEAD) ADG: 3.69 lb.; wt.: 1,261 lb.

The 66th annual test sale was hosted Dec. 9.

For more information contact Scott Greiner at 540-231-9159 or sgreiner@vt.edu; Steve or Blake Hopkins at 540-205-7798 or 540-223-1886; or visit the test website, <https://virginiabcia.com/>.

3.75 lb.; WDA: 3.12 lb.; wt.: 1,303 lb.

The test sale was Jan. 20.

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 oliviahh@ufl.edu; or visit the test website at <http://nfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/florida-bull-test>.

Nebraska Bull Test 90-day report (Jan. 11)

The Nebraska Bull Test is conducting its 2023-2024 bull test at Rohde Farms, Mason City, Neb. The test features bulls born Jan. 1-March 31, 2023. The bulls are fed a ration designed to allow a 3.5-lb. average daily gain (ADG).

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 66; owner: Boyles Angus, Jim Boyles, Mason City; sire: Ellingson Homegrown 6035; ADG: 5.88 lb.; WDA: 4.03 lb.; wt.: 1,392 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (123 HEAD) ADG: 3.99 lb.; WDA: 3.39 lb.; wt.: 1,174 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (141 HEAD) ADG: 3.85 lb.; WDA: 3.34 lb.; wt.: 1,145 lb.

Final weights are scheduled to be taken Feb. 11-12, and the test sale will be March 27. For more information contact Chris Beutler, test manager, at 402-380-8244 or beutlerworkplace@hotmail.com or visit the test website, www.nebulltest.com.

High-indexing bull at Calhoun bull test



Bridges Angus Farm, Lexington, Ga., consigned the high-indexing Angus bull and overall high-indexing bull at the 2023 Calhoun Bull Evaluation Performance Test and Sale Dec. 1 in Calhoun, Ga. Pictured (from left) are Phillip Bridges and Callie Bridges, recipients; and Rodney Hilley, bull test advisory committee member, presenting.

Virginia BCIA Culpeper Sr. Bull Test Final 112-day report (Oct. 30)

The Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Ass'n (BCIA) Culpeper Senior Bull Test is conducted at Riverview Farms Cattle LLC, Louisa, Va. Born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2022, the bulls were fed a silage-based ration to achieve a target ADG of 3.5 lb.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 10; owner: Quaker Hill Farm, Charles, Lee and Charlie Rosson, Louisa; sire: KCF Bennett Summation E802; ADG: 4.95 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; wt.: 1,425 lb.; frame: 6.6; test index: 119

HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS (TIE) Lot 15; owner: Soldiers' Hill Angus Farm, Dennis Pearson, Warrenton, Va.; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 4.82 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; wt.: 1,560 lb.; frame: 6.4; test index: 122

HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS (TIE) Lot 57; owner: Little Windy

Florida Bull Test 112-day final report (Dec. 6)

The 2023-2024 Florida Bull Test was hosted at the North Florida Research and Education Center at Marianna, Fla., featuring bulls born Aug. 15-Dec. 31, 2022.

The ration was formulated for a target gain of 3.5 lb. per day. During the first 56 days of the test, the bulls were fed a total mixed ration (TMR) with grain byproducts and forage. During 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, HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 2299; owner: Hubert Hightower, Waukeenan; sire: SydGen Enhance; ADG: 5.18 lb.; WDA: 4.04 lb.; wt.: 1,800 lb.; index: 9.21; index ratio: 134

OVERALL AVERAGES ADG:

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Tifton Bull Evaluation

84-day final report (Jan. 17)

The University of Georgia (UGA) Extension has concluded its 66th Tifton Bull Evaluation, featuring bulls born Dec. 1, 2022-Feb. 28, 2023.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 81; owner: Wolf Creek Farms, Hawkinsville, Ga.; sire: Poss Rawhide; ADG: 5.51 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA: 3.19 lb.; WDA ratio: 95; wt.: 1,305 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 95; owner: Bridges Angus Farm, Phillip Bridges, Lexington, Ga.; sire: GAR Sunbeam; ADG: 5.35 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; WDA: 4.15 lb.; WDA ratio: 124; wt.: 1,423 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (61 HEAD) ADG: 4.52 lb.; WDA: 3.35 lb.; wt.: 1,249 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (108 HEAD) ADG: 4.38 lb.; WDA: 3.31 lb.; wt.: 1,227 lb.

The Tifton Beef Cattle Short Course will be March 5, and the 66th annual test sale is set for March 6.

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

WIU Bull Test

60-day report (Dec. 29)

Western Illinois University (WIU) is conducting its 2023-2024 Bull Test, featuring bulls born Dec. 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023. The 90-day evaluation is hosted near Macomb, Ill.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA ANGUS (TIE) Lot 233; owner: David Kuhle, Hazel Green, Wis.; sire: Beal Breakthrough; ADG: 6.2 lb.; WDA: 3.4 lb.; wt.: 1,555 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS (TIE) Lot 234; owner: David Kuhle; sire: Williams Eagle 1985; ADG: 4.7 lb.; WDA: 3.4 lb.; wt.: 1,245 lb.

Final weights were to be collected Jan. 22-23. The sale will be March 8. 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/.

MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program

77-day report (Jan. 12)

The Michigan Cattlemen's Ass'n (MCA) and Michigan State University (MSU) are conducting their 36th annual bull evaluation, featuring bulls born Sept. 1, 2022-March 31, 2023. The test is hosted at Wernette Cattle Co. near Remus, Mich.

The bulls are divided into junior and senior divisions. They are being fed a roughage-based ration designed to allow for a 3.2-lb. ADG.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA

SENIOR ANGUS Lot 3; owner: R Value Farms, Rosebush; sire: RAR Revolution 8148; ADG: 5.58 lb.; ADG ratio: 119; WDA: 3.66 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,800 lb.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA

JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 42; owner: Seldom Rest Farms, Niles; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 5.75 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 4.14 lb.; WDA ratio: 127; wt.: 1,605 lb.

OVERALL SENIOR AVERAGES ADG: 4.68 lb.; WDA: 3.15 lb.

OVERALL JUNIOR AVERAGES ADG: 4.10 lb.; WDA: 3.25 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES ADG: 4.25 lb.; WDA: 3.25 lb.; wt.: 1,214 lb.

The evaluation will conclude with final weights recorded Feb. 8-9. An open house will be hosted March 2, and the test sale will be March 16.

For additional information contact Dan Buskirk at 517-432-0400 or buskirk@msu.edu; Karl Wernette, station manager, at 989-506-7715 or karl.wernette@gmail.com; or visit the test website at www.mibulls.com.

Calhoun HERD Program

Report 1 (Jan. 3)

The University of Georgia (UGA) is conducting its Heifer Evaluation and Reproductive Development (HERD) Program at Calhoun, Ga., for registered and commercial heifers born Dec. 2022-Feb. 2023. The heifers will be evaluated on performance, reproductive traits and disposition. They are being fed a ration to gain 1.5-1.75 pounds (lb.) per day.

Heifers representing 18 producers were received Nov. 30. Initial weights were recorded Jan. 3. The 77 heifers weighed an average of 785 lb. Their average frame score was 5.5, and they had an average weight per day of age (WDA) of 2.09 lb. The estimated mature weight of the heifers is 1,211 lb.

The estrous synchronization protocol was scheduled to begin Jan. 24. The heifers will be artificially inseminated to GAR Sure Fire or Baldrige Marksman (for heifers closely related to GAR Sure Fire). Interim weights will be recorded Jan. 24 and Feb. 26, and final weights are scheduled to be recorded March 26.

The Calhoun HERD sale will be hosted May 29.

For more information contact Jason Duggin at 706-728-4354 or jduggin@uga.edu, or visit the test website at <https://bit.ly/PT-HERD>.

W. Va. Southern Bull Evaluation Program

54-day report (Jan. 10)

The West Virginia Southern Bull Test is being conducted at the Green Mesa Farm, near Henderson, W.Va., for bulls born Dec. 25, 2022-Feb. 28, 2023. Eighty-two bulls were weighed on test Nov. 17.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA (TIE) ANGUS

Lot 106; owner: Turkey Run Angus, Otway, Ohio; sire: Deer Valley Optimum 9246; ADG: 5.02 lb.; ADG ratio: 144; WDA: 3.44 lb.; wt.: 1,179 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS (TIE) Lot 154; owner: Rocking P Farm, Horner; sire: Shawnee Winds Exceed 5S59; ADG: 4.19 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 3.44 lb.; wt.: 1,087 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (65 HEAD) ADG: 3.49 lb.; WDA: 2.84 lb.; wt.: 977 lb.

Final test weights will be observed Feb. 8-9. The test sale will be hosted March 22. For more information contact Kevin Shaffer, program coordinator, at

kevin.shaffer@mail.wvu.edu or 304-293-2669; or visit www.southernwvbulltest.com.

Clemson Bull Test

84-day final report (Nov. 16)

The Clemson University Bull Test, Clemson, S.C., featured a senior division consisting of bulls born Sept. 1-Oct. 31, 2022, and a junior division for bulls born Nov. 1-Dec. 31, 2022.

HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS Lot 42; owner: Berry-Wells Farm, Johnathan Wells, Rayle, Ga.; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 6.61 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 3.82 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,643 lb.

HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS Lot 24; owner: Shuffler Farm, Eugene Shuffler, Union Grove, N.C.; sire: Kessler's Commodore 6516; ADG: 5.35 lb.; ADG ratio: 104; WDA: 4.00 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,524 lb.

SENIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (28 HEAD) ADG: 5.14 lb.; WDA: 3.48 lb.; wt.: 1,447 lb.

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HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 58; owner: Paul Boyd Angus, Neil Boyd, Clover, S.C.; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 6.15 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 3.67 lb.; WDA ratio: 111 lb.; wt.: 1,396 lb.

JUNIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (5 HEAD) ADG: 4.81 lb.; WDA: 3.30 lb.; wt.: 1,216 lb.

The test sale was to be hosted Feb. 3 with a snow date of Feb. 7.

For more information, contact Brian Bolt, extension livestock specialist, at 864-934-2104 or bolt@clermson.edu, or visit the test website at <http://bit.ly/bt-Clemson>.

IBEP Winter 2023 Bull Test

63-day report (Jan. 16)

The Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) is conducting its Winter 2023 evaluation. The

125-day test features a junior and senior division. Bulls are being fed a roughage-based ration targeting a 3.25-3.5-lb. ADG.

Bulls enrolled in the test were born Oct. 1, 2022-March 30, 2023.

HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS Lot 161; owner: Bontrager Family Cattle, Chad & Cassie Bontrager, New Paris, Ind.; sire: Ferguson Trailblazer 239E; ADG: 4.76 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 3.19 lb.; WDA ratio: 101; wt.: 1,220 lb.; index: 109

HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING SENIOR ANGUS Lot 140; owner: KB Angus, Kevin Beckington, Merritt, Mich.; sire: GAR Home Town; ADG: 4.75 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 3.35 lb.; WDA ratio: 106; wt.: 1,328 lb.; index: 111

SENIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (10 HEAD) ADG: 4.14 lb.; WDA:

3.17 lb.; wt.: 1,235 lb.

OVERALL SENIOR AVERAGES (14 HEAD) ADG: 3.93 lb.; WDA: 3.18 lb.; wt.: 1,264 lb.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING (TIE) JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 31; owner: Stewart Select Angus LLC, Greensburg, Ind.; sire: Musgrave 316 Exclusive; ADG: 4.98 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 3.28 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 1,128 lb.; index: 127

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 91; owner: Willer Timber Ridge Farm, Greencastle, Ind.; sire: Mead R1867 Weigh Up V518; ADG: 4.35 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA: 3.91 lb.; WDA ratio: 127; wt.: 1,332 lb.; index: 124

HIGH-INDEXING (TIE) JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 123; owner: Cooper Angus; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 4.67 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 3.69 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,332 lb.; index: 127

JUNIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (102 HEAD) ADG: 3.57 lb.; WDA: 3.07 lb.; wt.: 1,040 lb.

OVERALL JUNIOR AVERAGES (150 HEAD) ADG: 3.55 lb.; WDA: 3.08 lb.; wt.: 1,036 lb.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING GET-OF-SIRE Lots 29, 30 and 31; owner: Stewart Select Angus LLC; sire: Musgrave 316 Exclusive; avg. ADG: 4.24 lb.; ADG ratio: 117; avg. WDA: 3.17 lb.; WDA ratio: 103; avg. wt.: 1,098 lb.; index: 112

HIGH-WDA GET-OF-SIRE Lots 83, 84, 85, 89 and 91; owner: Willer Timber Ridge; sire: Mead R1867 Weigh Up V518; avg. ADG: 3.63 lb.; ADG ratio: 100; avg. WDA: 3.35 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; avg. wt.: 1,132 lb.; index: 109

Interim weights are scheduled to be collected Feb. 13. Final weights will be observed March

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17-18, and the 93rd IBEP Bull Sale is set to be hosted April 13.

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

Midland Bull Test

Report 1, Group 1 (Dec. 11)

Located at Columbus, Mont., the Midland Bull Test (MBT) evaluates about 1,100 purebred bulls representing more than 200 consignors and more than 32 states each year. This year's test features Angus bulls born Dec. 1, 2022-April 1, 2023, split into two groups. Group 1 is composed of half of the spring Angus bulls and all fall bulls of other breeds. Group 2 includes the remaining half of the spring Angus bulls and all spring bulls of other breeds.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS (TIE) Lot 107; owner: Marda Angus Farm, Lodi, Wis.; sire: Ellingson Three Rivers 8062; ADG: 4.92 lb.; WDA: 3.45 lb.; wt.: 1,260 lb.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS (TIE) Lot 153; owner: Byergo Beef Genetics, Dearborn, Mo.; sire: Williams Jonesboro 700-602; ADG: 4.92 lb.; WDA: 3.49 lb.; wt.: 1,300 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 54; owner: Eagle Grip Cattle Co., Denair, Calif.; sire: Hoover No Doubt; ADG: 4.31 lb.; WDA: 4.28 lb.; wt.: 1,280 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES ADG: 3.48 lb.; WDA: 3.26 lb.

Report 2, Group 1

HIGH-ADG ANGUS (TIE) Lot 155; owner: Byergo Beef Genetics; sire: VAR Revelation 6299; ADG: 4.73 lb.; WDA: 3.68 lb.; wt.: 1,450 lb.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS (TIE) Lot 163; owner: KB Angus, Kevin Beckington, Merritt, Mich.; sire: BJ Surpass; ADG: 4.73 lb.; WDA: 3.87 lb.; wt.: 1,510 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 54; owner: Eagle Grip Cattle Co.; sire: Hoover No Doubt; ADG: 3.91 lb.; WDA: 4.17 lb.; wt.: 1,360 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES ADG: 3.40 lb.; WDA: 3.26 lb.

Group 1 final weights were scheduled to be observed Jan. 29-30.

Report 2, Group 2 (Jan. 8)

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 473; owner: Zentner Angus Ranch; sire: KG Justified 3023; ADG: 5.32 lb.; WDA: 3.15 lb.; wt.: 1,120 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 351; owner: Moore Angus, Jerry Moore, Artesian, S.D.; sire: Moore Super Duty 001; ADG: 4.76 lb.; WDA: 4.12 lb.; wt.: 1,410 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES ADG: 3.29 lb.; WDA: 3.03 lb.

Bulls will be weighed Feb. 5, and the evaluation will conclude with weights observed Feb. 26-27.

Angus bulls are scheduled to sell April 5. For more information contact Steve Williams by texting 406-322-5597, emailing bulls@midlandbulltest.com, or visiting www.midlandbulltest.com.

Minnesota BCIA Bull Evaluation

56-day report (Jan. 5)

The Minnesota Beef Cattle Improvement Ass'n (MBCIA) is conducting its 133-day evaluation at Foundation Feeders near Spring Grove, Minn. Eligible bulls were born Aug. 15, 2022-May 15, 2023. The bulls are being fed a high-protein TMR including corn silage, alfalfa haylage, corn,

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distillers' grains, mineral mix and vitamins.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 25; owner: Tri-K Cattle Co., Waverly, Iowa; sire: E&B Wildcat 9402; ADG: 5.22 lb.; WDA: 3.41 lb.; wt.: 1,175 lb.; index: 109

HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 9; owner: Goodrich Place, Emerald, Wis.; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 5.13 lb.; WDA: 4.41 lb.; wt.: 1,260 lb.; index: 120

Interim weights will be collected Feb. 24. Final weights will be collected March 21. The bull sale will be April 4 and will feature bulls indexing in the top 75%-80% of the entire group.

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

Wardensville Bull Evaluation Program 33-day report (Jan. 3)

The 2023 Wardensville Bull Evaluation Program is hosted at the West Virginia University Reyman Memorial Farm near Wardensville, W.Va. Featured are bulls born Jan. 20-March 23, 2023.

When the bulls were weighed on test Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, 2023, the 119 Angus bulls weighed an average of 845 lb.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 6; owner: Kinsey's Oak Front Farm, Flemington, W.Va.; sire: Sitz Accomplishment 720F; ADG: 4.76 lb.; ADG ratio: 153; WDA: 3.10 lb.; wt.: 1,060 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 109; owner: Richard V. Snuffer and Sons, Surveyor, W.Va.; sire: Crawford Guarantee 9137; ADG: 3.76 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 3.41 lb.; wt.: 1,096 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (117 HEAD) ADG: 3.12 lb.; WDA: 2.91 lb.; wt.: 949 lb.

Interim weights were scheduled

to be collected Jan. 17. Final weights will be collected Feb. 15-16. The test sale will be hosted March 28. For more information, visit the test website at www.wardensvillebulltest.com or contact Kevin Shaffer, program coordinator, at 304-293-2669 or kevin.shaffer@mail.wvu.edu.

WBIA Bull Test

On-test report (Nov. 27)

The Wisconsin Beef Improvement Ass'n (WBIA) 2023-2024 Central Bull Test is hosted at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville Pioneer Farm. The WBIA has conducted a central bull test each year since 1957. This year's 100-day test features bulls born Jan. 1-April 15, 2023, and a forage-based ration. Thirty-six Angus bulls are among the 73 on test.

Interim weights were to be taken Jan. 1 and Jan. 31, and final weights will be collected March 6-7. The WBIA Annual Performance Selected Bull Sale is scheduled for April 6. For more information visit the test website, www.wisconsinbeef.com; or contact John Freitag at 608-527-5747 or wbia@tds.net.

Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Ass'n

56-day report (Dec. 23)

The Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Ass'n is conducting 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.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 1; owner: Cedarview Cattle Co., Tyler Fulton, Pakenham, Ont.; sire: BC Eagle Eye 110-7; ADG: 5.48 lb.; WDA: 3.81 lb.; wt.: 1,210 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 15; owner: Prime Angus Ranch Inc., Shaun and Amanda Bryce, Arcola, Sask.; sire: Prime Dominator 177J;

Tifton HERD Program

Report 3 (Dec. 8)

The University of Georgia is conducting its 2023-2024 Heifer Evaluation and Reproductive Development (HERD) Program at Tifton. The evaluation features 137 heifers representing 23 consignors.

The heifers, born Sept.-Nov. 2022, are being evaluated on performance, reproductive traits and disposition. They were synchronized and artificially inseminated (AI) to GAR Sure Fire or Baldrige Marksman. The heifers were scheduled to be pasture-exposed to cleanup bulls Dec. 19-Feb. 7. The heifers will be preg-checked by ultrasound March 13 to determine the heifers pregnant by AI.

When interim weights were recorded Dec. 8, 126 heifers weighed an average of 887 lb. for an average ADG of 2.15 lb. and an average WDA of 2.15 lb.

Final weights will be recorded March 13, and the Tifton HERD sale is planned to be hosted April 16. For more information contact Jason Duggin at 706-624-1403 or jduggin@uga.edu, or visit the test website at <https://bit.ly/PT-HERD>.

ADG: 4.79 lb.; WDA: 3.88 lb.; wt.: 1,085 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (22 HEAD) ADG: 4.13 lb.; WDA: 3.23 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (100 HEAD) ADG: 3.58 lb.; WDA: 3.25 lb.

Interim weights were to be recorded Jan. 20. The evaluation will conclude Feb. 17-18.

There is also a division of younger bulls weighed on-test Dec. 22-23. At the beginning of their evaluation, the younger bulls' average WDA was 2.87 lb. Interim weights will be collected Jan. 20, Feb. 17 and March 16.

The junior division will be weighed off-test April 15-16.

The Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Ass'n is conducting a heifer evaluation featuring 48 heifers, five of which are Angus. The heifers' average ADG was 2.70 lb.; and their WDA was 2.82 lb. The Angus heifers' average ADG was 2.89 lb.

The test sale will be March 23. For more details contact station manager Cam Wood at 204-856-6568, the test station at 204-763-4696 or bulltest@mynetset.ca, or visit the test website at

www.manitobabulltest.com.

Tucumcari Bull Test 65-day report (Dec. 24)

The 63rd Tucumcari Bull Test is hosted at Tucumcari, N.M. The bulls were born Jan. 1-April 30, 2023, delivered Oct. 6 and weighed on-test Oct. 17.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 10-19; owner: Lust Angus, Abernathy, Texas; sire: Baldrige Titan A139; ADG: 5.76 lb.; ADG ratio: 142; WDA: 3.70 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,113 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 9-24; owner: J-C Angus, Moriarty; sire: PS Outright 10X 704; ADG: 4.44 lb.; ADG ratio: 109; WDA: 3.91 lb.; WDA ratio: 125; wt.: 1,223 lb.

Another interim weigh-in was scheduled for Jan. 21, and final weights will be recorded Feb. 21. The test sale will be March 9. For more information go to <https://tucbulltest.nmsu.edu>, or contact Marcy Ward at 575-644-3379 or maward@nmsu.edu.

Virginia BCIA Southwest Bull Test 56-day report (Dec. 19)

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Bull Test is conducted at Mountain Spring Farm, Wytheville. The test features a senior division for bulls born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2022, and a junior division featuring bulls born Jan. 1-March 31, 2023.

HIGH-ADG SENIOR

ANGUS Lot 12; owner: Lucas Farm, Timmy, Matthew, Joe & David Lucas, Blacksburg; sire: Musgrave 316 Exclusive; ADG: 4.75 lb.; ADG ratio: 139; WDA: 2.86 lb.; WDA ratio: 99; wt.: 1,245 lb.

HIGH-WDA SENIOR

ANGUS Lot 5; owner: Little Windy Hill Farms, Doug Hughes, Max Meadows; sire: Musgrave 316 Exclusive; ADG: 3.27 lb.; ADG ratio: 95; WDA: 3.17 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,260 lb.

SENIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (39 HEAD)

ADG: 3.43 lb.; WDA: 2.89 lb.; wt.: 1,263 lb.

OVERALL SENIOR AVERAGES (88 HEAD)

ADG: 3.31 lb.; WDA: 2.87 lb.; wt.: 1,241 lb.

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS

Lot 92; owner: Lawson Family Farms, Christopher Lawson, Ewing; sire: Hummel South America; ADG: 5.68 lb.; ADG ratio: 172; WDA: 3.77 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,225 lb.

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS

Lot 57; owner: Little Windy Hill Farms; sire: Poss Deadwood; ADG: 3.80 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 3.92 lb.; WDA ratio: 123; wt.: 1,160 lb.

JUNIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (53 HEAD)

ADG: 3.31 lb.; WDA: 3.18 lb.; wt.: 1,023 lb.

OVERALL JUNIOR

AVERAGES (119 HEAD) ADG: 3.17 lb.; WDA: 3.11 lb.; wt.: 987 lb.

Interim weights were scheduled to be collected Jan. 16, and final weights will be collected Feb. 12-13. An open house will be hosted March 17, and the test sale will be March 23. For more information contact Scott Greiner at 540-231-9159 or

sgreiner@vt.edu; Brian Umberger at 276-620-1194; or visit <https://www.bcia.apsc.vt.edu/>.

UBIA Performance Bull Test

Mid-test report (Dec. 12)

The Utah Beef Improvement Ass'n (UBIA) is conducting its Performance Bull Test at Kenison Farms Feedlot, Levan, Utah. The test is based on a roughage-based ration and features junior and senior divisions. The junior division is divided into growth and low-birth-weight divisions.

Bulls included the senior division were born Sept. 15-Dec. 31, 2022. Junior division bulls were born Jan. 1-March 20, 2023.

HIGH-ADG SENIOR

ANGUS Lot 229; owner: Lowe Livestock, Lorin Lowe, Toquerville; ADG: 3.76 lb.; ADG ratio: 114; wt.: 958 lb.

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR

ANGUS Lot 128; owner: Steve Smith Angus, Steve Smith, Lehi; ADG: 6.18 lb.; ADG ratio: 208; wt.: 1,225 lb.

Interim weights were scheduled Jan. 9, and final weights Feb. 5 and 7. The test sale will be hosted March 16 at Producers Livestock Market, Salina.

For more information visit www.ubiabulls.com, or email ubiabulls@gmail.com.

Western Breeders' Ass'n Bull Test

60-day report (Dec. 26)

The Western Breeders' Ass'n LLC (WBA) is conducting its 2023-2024 Bull Test at Beus Feedlot, Pasco, Wash. Bulls were received at the test facility Oct. 13 for the 120-day evaluation.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA

ANGUS Lot 48; owner: Lester Angus Ranch, Roy, Wash.; sire: SydGen KCF Gavel 8361; ADG: 5.37 lb.; WDA: 3.90 lb.

The 30th-anniversary test sale

is set to be hosted March 20.

For more information contact Mike Wright at 509-961-0603; Brittany Brikeland-Tyler, secretary, at 541-788-4001; or visit the test website at www.wballc.org.

Connors State College Bull Test

84-day weights (Oct. 12)

Connors State College is conducting its Fall 2023 bull evaluation, hosted at the Connors State College campus at Warner, Okla. The 112-day evaluation is based on a full-gain, high-concentrate ration.

The test features bulls born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2022.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA

(TIE) ANGUS Lot 9; owner: Lee Angus Ranch, Austin Lee; ADG: 5.0 lb.; WDA: 3.4 lb.; wt.: 1,335 lb.

HIGH-WDA (TIE) ANGUS Lot 3; owner: Cliff Springs Ranch; sire: EXAR War Horse 8881B; ADG: 4.2 lb.; WDA: 3.4 lb.; wt.: 1,315 lb.

The test sale was Nov. 30.

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