

Performance Link

A monthly feature of the Angus Journal, "Performance Report" provides an overview of tests under way, with the top-performing bulls at the most recent weigh-in.

Un. of Tennessee Senior Bull Test Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center, Spring Hill, Tenn. 84-day final report (Nov. 24, 2014)

The University of Tennessee Bull Testing Program weighed a total of 84 bulls on test for the 2014-2015 senior test. The 84-day test was conducted at the Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center, Spring Hill, Tenn. Senior bulls must be born Sept. 1-Dec. 15, 2013. The nomination deadline for

senior bulls was July 18, with delivery accepted Aug. 19. There were 62 Angus bulls on test.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 35; owner: Mathis Angus Farms, Duck River; sire: Deer Valley Bismark 1128; ADG: 5.81 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 3.32 lb.; WDA ratio: 101; wt.: 1,495 lb.; frame score: 5.9; SC: 39.2 cm

High-WDA Angus—Lot 34; owner: Mathis Angus Farms; sire: AAR Ten X 7008 SA; ADG: 5.48 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; WDA: 3.74 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,625 lb.; frame score: 6.6; SC: 39.2 cm

Angus averages (58 head)—ADG: 4.63 lb.; WDA: 3.28 lb.

Overall averages (79 head)—ADG: 4.41 lb.; WDA: 3.22 lb.

The sale was Jan. 15.

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North Carolina BCIP Waynesville Bull Test Mountain Research Station, Waynesville, N.C. 112-day final report (Dec. 2, 2014)

A total of 36 bulls, 28 of them Angus, were weighed on test Aug. 12 for the North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement

Program (BCIP) Waynesville Bull Test with an average on-test weight of 909 lb. The 112-day test is for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2013. Nominations were due July 9, with bulls accepted for delivery July 30.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 4; owner: Baird Angus, William Baird, Bluff City, Tenn.; sire: BGS Iron Mountain 711; ADG: 4.79 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA: 3.17 lb.; WDA ratio: 100; wt.: 1,263 lb.; frame score: 5.8

High-WDA Angus—Lot 14; owner: H&H Farm, Buddy Hamrick, Boiling Springs; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 3.29 lb.; ADG ratio: 83; WDA: 3.73 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,715 lb.; frame score: 6.7

Angus averages (28 head)—ADG: 3.94 lb.; WDA: 3.16 lb.; wt.: 1,346 lb.

Overall averages (35 head)—ADG: 3.87 lb.; WDA: 3.18 lb.; wt.: 1,347 lb.

The test sale was Jan. 3 at the Haywood County Agricultural Office Building, Waynesville, N.C.

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Florida Bull Test Marianna, Fla. 112-day final report (Dec. 9-10, 2014)

The North Florida Research and Education Center (NFREC) Bull Test in

Marianna, Fla., has reported final test results. Bulls were accepted for delivery July 29, 2014, with on-test weights taken Aug. 19 and 20. The test was for bulls born Aug. 15-Dec. 31, 2013.

Purebred animals had to be registered, and composites had to be out of registered parents. All Angus and Angus derivatives had to be tested for AM status or accompanied by a letter from the breed association to indicate they were not a carrier.

Bulls were fed a grain- and forage-based diet formulated to provide a target average daily gain (ADG) of 4 lb. per day with *ad libitum* access to hay, adequate for allowing expression of growth potential and development without overconditioning the bulls.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 1298; owner: Gizmo Angus, Molino; sire: SAV Final Answer 0035; ADG: 4.51 lb.; WDA: 2.93 lb.; wt.: 1,295 lb.; test index: 7.44; index ratio: 118

High-WDA Angus—Lot 1260; owner: C&L Farm, Valdosta, Ga.; sire: FF Rito1J01 of 356H Impress; ADG: 3.81 lb.; WDA: 3.51 lb.; wt.: 1,303 lb.; test index: 7.32; index ratio: 116

High-indexing Angus—Lot 1283; owner: Grayhaven Farms, Monticello; sire: Connealy Impression; ADG: 4.46 lb.; WDA: 3.23 lb.; wt.: 1,445 lb.; test index: 7.70; index ratio: 122

Angus averages—ADG: 3.32 lb.; WDA: 2.96 lb.; wt.: 1,270 lb.

Overall averages—ADG: 3.38 lb.; WDA: 2.93 lb.; wt.: 1,264 lb.



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Marvin Zeigler (left), MPAC Angus, Bamberg, S.C., receives the award for consigning the high-indexing Angus bull from Brenda Jackson, University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service. MPAC Magnum 162 124 is an Oct. 2013 son of Nichols Quiet Lad T9. He posted an average daily gain of 4.71 lb., with an adjusted yearling weight of 1,427 lb.

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The test sale was scheduled for Jan. 17, 2015.

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**○ Clemson Bull Test
Clemson, S.C.**

112-day final report (Dec. 10-11, 2014)

Sixty-one bulls were delivered to the 2015 Clemson Bull Test at the Clemson Beef Cattle Farm near Pendleton Aug. 7. Purebred breeders from four states consigned bulls (South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia). There are 32 senior Angus bulls and seven junior Angus bulls on test.

The bulls were weighed on test Aug. 21-22 following a 14-day warm-up period. Matthew Burns, extension animal scientist and Clemson Bull Test coordinator, says winter has finally arrived, and the health of the bulls has been excellent.

High-ADG senior Angus—Lot 32; owner: Williams Angus, George Williams, Gray, Tenn.; sire: GAR Prophet; ADG: 5.38 lb.; ADG ratio: 137; WDA: 3.74 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,738 lb.

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 29; owner: Shuffler Farm; sire: WRA Vindicator W2; ADG: 3.75 lb.; ADG ratio: 95; WDA: 3.76 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,595 lb.

High-ADG and high-WDA junior Angus—Lot 53; owner: Paul Boyd Angus, Neil Boyd, Clover, S.C.; sire: SAV Final Answer 0035; ADG: 5.12 lb.; ADG ratio: 119; WDA: 3.72 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,473 lb.

Senior Angus averages (32 head)—ADG: 3.94 lb.; WDA: 3.24 lb.; wt.: 1,439 lb.

Junior Angus averages (7 head)—ADG: 4.30 lb.; WDA: 3.39 lb.; wt.: 1,317 lb.

The sale was scheduled for Feb. 7, 2015.

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**○ IBEP Winter Test
Feldun-Purdue Ag Center,
Bedford, Ind.**

28-day report (Dec. 16, 2014)

A total of 215 bulls and 20 get-of-sire groups were delivered Oct. 28 for the 2014 Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) Winter Test. Angus, Hereford, Red Angus, SimAngus, Simmental and Charolais are represented. There are 156 Angus bulls in the test.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 137; owner: Eastview Angus Farm LLC, Corunna, Ind.; sire: Styles Upgrade J59; ADG:

6.96 lb.; ADG ratio: 149; WDA: 3.35 lb.; WDA ratio: 103; wt.: 1,055 lb.; test index: 131

High-WDA Angus—Lot 194; owner: Cooper Angus, Tippecanoe, Ind.; sire: EXAR Upshot 0562B; ADG: 3.75 lb.; ADG ratio: 80; WDA: 4.10 lb.; WDA ratio: 127; wt.: 1,215 lb.; test index: 99

High-indexing Angus—Lot 15; owner: Bill Washburn, Olney, Ill.; sire: EXAR

Upshot 0562B; ADG: 6.79 lb.; ADG ratio: 145; WDA: 3.73 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,240 lb.; test index: 133

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus sire group—four bulls; owner: Bill Washburn; sire: EXAR Upshot 0562B; avg. ADG: 5.94 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; avg. WDA: 3.52 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; avg. wt.: 1,088 lb.; test index: 120

High-WDA Angus sire group—four

bulls; owner: Tucker Family Farms, Spencer, Ind.; sire: SydGen Contact 1010; avg. ADG: 4.66 lb.; ADG ratio: 99; avg. WDA: 3.64 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; avg. wt.: 1,012 lb.; test index: 105

Angus averages (157 head)—ADG: 4.68 lb.; WDA: 3.24 lb.; wt.: 979 lb.

Overall averages (215 head)—WDA: 4.63 lb.; WDA: 3.25 lb.; wt.: 977 lb.

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High-ADG and high-indexing Angus—Lot 137; owner: Eastview Angus Farm LLC, Corunna, Ind.; sire: Styles Upgrade J59; ADG: 6.43 lb.; ADG ratio: 148; WDA: 3.61 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,265 lb.; test index: 132

High-WDA Angus—Lot 194; owner:

Cooper Angus, Tippecanoe, Ind.; sire: EXAR Upshot 0562B; ADG: 3.49 lb.; ADG ratio: 80; WDA: 4.02 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,330 lb.; test index: 97

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus sire group—four bulls; owner: Stewart Select Angus, Greensburg, Ind.; sire: SS Niagara Z29; avg. ADG: 5.20 lb.; ADG

ratio: 119; avg. WDA: 3.58 lb.; WDA ratio: 108; avg. wt.: 1,027 lb.; test index: 115

High-WDA Angus sire group—five bulls; owner: Apple Hill Angus, Harrisville, Mich.; sire: Woodhill Foresight; avg. ADG: 4.83 lb.; ADG ratio: 111; avg. WDA: 3.68 lb.; WDA ratio: 111;

avg. wt.: 1,069 lb.; test index: 111
Angus averages (156 head)—ADG: 4.35 lb.; WDA: 3.32 lb.; wt.: 1,123 lb.
Overall averages (215 head)—WDA: 4.29 lb.; WDA: 3.33 lb.; wt.: 1,118 lb.

The next interim weigh date was scheduled for Feb. 17. The bulls will be weighed off test March 23. Bulls will sell April 16 in the 73rd IBEP Bull Sale and Springville Feeder Auction Association Bred Heifer Sale.

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**WIU Bull Test
Macomb, Ill.**

28-day report (Nov. 17, 2014)

The Western Illinois University (WIU) Bull Testing Program weighed 69 bulls, 44 of them Angus, on test Oct. 20-21. Bulls entered in the 112-day test must have been born Jan. 1-March 31, 2014, and must have been entered by Aug. 31. Bulls were delivered Sept. 29-30.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 410; owner: Schreake Angus, Camp Point, Ill.; sire: Musgrave Foundation; ADG: 5.4 lb.; wt.: 1,070 lb.

56-day report (Dec. 15, 2014)

High-ADG Angus—Lot 501; owner: Galls Angus Farm, Odell, Ill.; sire: WK Contender; ADG: 5.2 lb.; wt.: 1,100 lb.

84-day report (Jan. 12, 2015)

High-ADG Angus—Lot 401; owner: Eagle River Angus, Dunlap, Ill.; sire: B/R New Day 454; ADG: 5.6 lb.; wt.: 1,354 lb.

The test was to conclude Feb. 9-10 with the 43rd annual test sale March 13 in Macomb, Ill.

Bulls will be indexed by breed group (if there are more than four of a breed), as well as against all bulls on test. Both indexes are based on 70% ADG ratio + 15% marbling ratio + 15% REA ratio.

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**Tifton Bull Evaluation Program
Tifton Bull Evaluation Center,
Tifton, Ga.**

56-day report (Dec. 16, 2014)

The 57th Tifton Bull Evaluation Program began Sept. 29-30, 2014, with the delivery of 144 bulls representing nine different breeds and averaging 781 lb. Performance has been excellent with a few exceptions, says Jacob Segers, extension animal scientist.

The 112-day test features bulls born

Dec. 1, 2012-Feb. 28, 2013. All bulls tested negative for persistent infection with bovine viral diarrhea (PI-BVD).

Going on test Oct. 21, the 71 Angus bulls averaged 879 lb. for a WDA of 3.13 lb., while all 143 bulls averaged 867 lb. with a WDA of 3.05 lb. At 56 days, the leaders are as follows.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 7; owner: Gillis Angus Farm, Eastman, Ga.; sire: EXAR Upshot 0562B; ADG: 5.73 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 3.42 lb.; WDA ratio: 102; wt.: 1,220 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 63; owner: Griffith Angus Farm, Winston Griffith, Tallahassee, Fla.; sire: Sitz New Design 458N; ADG: 3.13 lb.; ADG ratio: 70; WDA: 4.04 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,285 lb.

Angus averages (70 head)—ADG: 4.48 lb.; WDA: 3.36 lb.; wt.: 1,130 lb.

Overall averages (142 head)—ADG: 4.49 lb.; WDA: 3.29 lb.; wt.: 1,118 lb.

Tifton 84-day report (Jan. 13, 2015)

At 84 days, the leaders are as follows.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 4; owner: Gillis Angus Farm, Eastman, Ga.; sire: Sitz Rainmaker 11127; ADG: 5.57 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 3.85 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,475 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 63; owner: Griffith Angus Farm, Winston Griffith, Tallahassee, Fla.; sire: Sitz New Design 458N; ADG: 3.33 lb.; ADG ratio: 78; WDA: 4.02 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,390 lb.

Angus averages (70 head)—ADG: 4.26 lb.; WDA: 3.39 lb.; wt.: 1,237 lb.

Overall averages (142 head)—ADG: 4.28 lb.; WDA: 3.33 lb.; wt.: 1,226 lb.

Final weights were to be collected Feb. 9-10. Qualifying bulls may sell in the test sale March 4.

Visitors are welcome at the station 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. If weekend visits are desired, please call Mike Keeler at 229-831-5416. Bull and heifer reports can be accessed through the test website at www.caes.uga.edu/commodities/animals/beef/index.html.

Nebraska Bull Test

Rohde Farms, Mason City, Neb.

60-day report (Dec. 16, 2014)

The Nebraska Bull Test reported that 85 Angus bulls from 17 consignors were weighed on test Oct. 17 for the start of the 2014-2015 test.

Nominations for the test were due Sept. 24, with delivery accepted Oct. 6 for the 120-day test conducted at Rohde Farms, Mason City, Neb. At the 60-day mark, test leaders were as follows.

High-ADG calving-ease Angus—Lot 6; owner: Bredemeier Angus Farms, Mike Bredemeier, Stella; sire: AAR Ten X 7008; ADG: 5.16 lb.; ADG ratio: 143; WDA: 3.33 lb.; WDA ratio: 104; wt.: 1,126 lb.

High-WDA calving-ease Angus—Lot 40; owner: Reiter Angus, Chris & Amber Reiter, Miller; sire: Whispering Wind 48; ADG: 5.02 lb.; ADG ratio: 139;

WDA: 3.63 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,254 lb.

High-ADG and high-WDA Angus—Lot 84; owner: Double D Angus, Linwood; sire: SAV Angus Valley 1867; ADG: 5.33 lb.; ADG ratio: 138; WDA: 4.08 lb.; WDA ratio: 122; wt.: 1,304 lb.

High-ADG Angus sire group—four

bulls; owner: Bredemeier Angus Farms; sire: AAR Ten X 7008; avg. ADG: 4.77 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; avg. WDA: 3.31 lb.; WDA ratio: 102; avg. wt.: 1,099 lb.

High-WDA Angus sire group—four bulls; owner: Greenview Farms, Beatrice; sire: GV Hollywood 283; avg. ADG: 3.05 lb.; ADG ratio: 81; avg. WDA: 3.58 lb.;

WDA ratio: 109; avg. wt.: 981 lb.

Calving-ease Angus averages (44 head)—ADG: 3.60 lb.; WDA: 3.21 lb.; wt.: 1,024 lb.

Angus averages (86 head)—ADG: 3.85 lb.; WDA: 3.34 lb.; wt.: 1,051 lb.

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Performance Link *(from page 117)***Nebraska 90-day report (Jan. 15, 2015)**

At the 90-day mark, test leaders were as follows.

High-ADG and high-WDA calving-ease Angus—Lot 40; owner: Reiter Angus, Chris & Amber Reiter, Miller; sire: Whispering Wind 48; ADG: 4.68 lb.; ADG ratio: 136; WDA: 3.66 lb.; WDA

ratio: 115; wt.: 1,374 lb.

High-ADG and high-WDA Angus—Lot 84; owner: Double D Angus, Linwood; sire: SAV Angus Valley 1867; ADG: 4.42 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 3.95 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,382 lb.

High-ADG Angus sire group—eight bulls; owner: Bredemeier Angus Farms;

sire: AAR Ten X 7008; avg. ADG: 4.23 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; avg. WDA: 3.37 lb.; WDA ratio: 106; avg. wt.: 1,099 lb.

High-WDA Angus sire group—seven bulls; owner: Neben Ranch, Orlando, Fla.; sire: SAV Bismarck 5682; avg. ADG: 4.11 lb.; ADG ratio: 119; avg. WDA: 3.48 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; avg. wt.: 1,272 lb.

Calving-ease Angus averages (49 head)—ADG: 3.44 lb.; WDA: 3.19 lb.; wt.: 1,107 lb.

Angus averages (81 head)—ADG: 3.47 lb.; WDA: 3.27 lb.; wt.: 1,130 lb.

Final weights were to be taken Feb. 13 and 14. The test sale will be March 25 at Central Nebraska Commission Co., Broken Bow, Neb.

For more information contact Mick Phillips, test manager, at 308-764-2378 or Shane Rohde at 308-212-0157.

**Edisto Forage Bull Test
Edisto Research & Education Center,
Blackville, S.C.**

On-test report (Dec. 16, 2014)

The 2014 Edisto Forage Bull Test (EFBT) began Dec. 16 in Blackville after the delivery of 89 bulls Dec. 2. Scott Sell, area livestock/forage extension agent and bull test coordinator, says the bulls look great and are doing well.

The test is located at the Edisto Research & Education Center near Blackville, S.C., and offers a unique approach to gain-testing bulls. It is a 168-day pasture-based test. EFBT was developed, built and started in 1982 with the commercial cow-calf producer in mind and capitalizing on the Southeast's advantage in the cattle business — the ability to grow high-quality, lush forages year-round. EFBT was designed to performance-test bulls in an environment in which bull buyers expect their progeny to perform.

Sell says this year's warm-up period went well, with the ADG overall average for the warm-up period at +0.30 lb. compared to last year's -0.80 lb. per day. Senior bulls qualifying for the test were born Nov. 1, 2013-Jan. 31, 2014. Junior bulls were born Feb. 1-March 31, 2014.

28-day report (Jan. 13, 2015)

High-ADG senior Angus—Lot 61; owner: Hawk's Nest Farm, Leicester, N.C.; sire: HNR Special Design Exacto; ADG: 4.93 lb.; ADG ratio: 232; WDA: 2.12 lb.; WDA ratio: 100; wt.: 830 lb.

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 39; owner: Fox Run Farm; sire: Rito 2V8 2536 1407; ADG: 2.00 lb.; ADG ratio: 94; WDA: 2.68 lb.; WDA ratio: 126; wt.: 976 lb.

High-ADG and high-WDA (tie) junior Angus—Lot 55; owner: Outlander Angus Farm; sire: GAR Prophet; ADG: 6.21 lb.; ADG ratio: 316; WDA: 2.51 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 762 lb.

High-WDA (tie) junior Angus—Lot 44; owner: Primus Genetics, Millers Creek, N.C.; sire: Basin Payweight 107S; ADG: 1.93 lb.; ADG ratio: 98; WDA: 2.51 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 830 lb.

Angus senior averages (38 head)—ADG: 2.13 lb.; WDA: 2.12 lb.; wt.: 802 lb.

Angus junior averages (25 head)—ADG: 1.97 lb.; WDA: 2.24 lb.; wt.: 709 lb.

Overall averages (89 head)—ADG: 1.95 lb.; WDA: 2.19 lb.; wt.: 774 lb.

Interim weights were scheduled for Feb. 10; March 10; April 7; and May 5. The bulls will be weighed off test June 2. The sale is scheduled for Oct. 10.

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UBIA Bull Test

Kenison Feedlot, Levan, Utah Mid-test report (Dec. 15, 2014)

The Utah Beef Improvement Association (UBIA) received a total of 160 junior and senior bulls Oct. 6 at Kenison Farm and Feedlot, Levan. Bulls entered in the senior test must have been born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2013. Bulls entered in the junior test must have been born Jan. 1-March 15, 2014. There are 94 Angus bulls on test.

Bulls are being fed by breed. Breeds that do not have adequate numbers to fill a pen (typically 50 head) are commingled with other breeds and fed together. There will be two divisions within the junior Angus breed test. Those divisions will be the traditional growth division and a low-birth-weight (LBW) division. Mid-test leaders include the following.

High-ADG, high-WDA (tie) and high-indexing junior growth Angus—Lot 140; owner: Strawberry River Angus, Travis Clayburn, Duchesne; sire: Riverbend High Country X06; ADG: 5.13 lb.; ADG ratio: 143; WDA: 3.6 lb.; wt.: 1,030 lb.; test index: 135

High-WDA junior growth Angus (tie)—Lot 135; owner: Strawberry River Angus; sire: Summitcrest Complete 1P55; ADG: 4.73 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.6 lb.; wt.: 1,050 lb.; test index: 127

High-ADG and high-indexing junior LBW Angus—Lot 113; owner: Murray Black Angus, Tyson Murray, Lapoint; sire: Werner War Party 2417; ADG: 5.18 lb.; ADG ratio: 148; WDA: 3.4 lb.; wt.: 1,015 lb.; test index: 136

High-WDA junior LBW Angus (tie)—Lot 61; owner: Crozier Angus, Kelly Crozier, Neola; sire: JSK Upward 1132; ADG: 3.97 lb.; ADG ratio: 114; WDA: 3.6 lb.; wt.: 975 lb.; test index: 113

High-WDA junior LBW Angus (tie)—Lot 63; owner: Crozier Angus; sire: SS New Day X66; ADG: 3.66 lb.; ADG ratio: 105; WDA: 3.6 lb.; wt.: 1,080 lb.; test index: 106

High-WDA junior LBW Angus (tie)—Lot 85; owner: Lisonbee Angus, James Lisonbee, Roosevelt; sire: Riverbend SF Upward 120; ADG: 4.20 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 3.6 lb.; wt.: 1,035 lb.; test index: 118

Junior Angus growth averages (47 head)—ADG: 3.58 lb.; wt.: 1,125 lb.

Junior Angus LBW averages (41 head)—ADG: 3.50 lb.; wt.: 1,163 lb.

Overall Junior Angus averages—ADG: 3.42 lb.; wt.: 1,134 lb.

84-day report (Jan. 12, 2015)

84-day leaders include the following.

High-ADG—Lot 96; owner: Lowe Livestock, Lorin Lowe, Toquerville; sire: MR Objective 904; ADG: 4.79 lb.; ADG ratio: 135; WDA: 3.4 lb.; wt.: 1,235 lb.; test index: 128

High-WDA and high-indexing junior

growth Angus (tie)—Lot 140; owner: Strawberry River Angus, Travis Clayburn, Strawberry River; sire: Riverbend High Country X06; ADG: 4.73 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; WDA: 3.6 lb.; wt.: 1,140 lb.; test index: 128

High-ADG and high-indexing junior LBW Angus—Lot 110; owner: Lowe

Livestock; sire: MR Objective 904; ADG: 4.73 lb.; ADG ratio: 138; WDA: 3.4 lb.; wt.: 1,265 lb.; test index: 129

High-WDA junior LBW Angus—Lot 85; owner: Lisonbee Angus, James Lisonbee, Roosevelt; sire: Riverbend SF Upward 120; ADG: 4.17 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA:

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3.7 lb.; wt.: 1,150 lb.; test index: 119

Junior Angus growth averages (47 head)—ADG: 3.54 lb.

Junior Angus LBW averages (41 head)—ADG: 3.42 lb.

Overall Junior Angus averages—ADG: 3.33 lb.

Bulls were to be weighed off test Feb. 9

and 11. The test sale is scheduled for March 21.

For more information contact Kim Chapman, Utah State University Extension area animal scientist, at 435-892-0474 or kimc@ext.usu.edu; or Dale Kenison at 435-250-0090; or visit the test website, www.ubiabulls.com.

● **Snake River Bull Test**

Twin Falls, Idaho
Mid-test report (Dec. 13, 2014)

The Snake River Bull Test reported 53 junior Angus bulls from a total of 79 bulls were weighed on test Oct. 20, 2014. Entry deadline was Sept. 17, with a delivery date of Oct. 4. Mid-term

leaders included the following.

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 39; owner: Thompson Angus Ranch, Mountain City, Nev.; ADG: 5.20 lb.; wt.: 1,040 lb.

High-ADG senior Angus—Lot 103; owner: Rocky Mountain Genetics, Jerome, Idaho; sire: RMUG Capt. America 649X; ADG: 4.8 lb.; wt.: 1,220 lb.

Junior Angus averages (59 head)—ADG: 2.9 lb.; wt.: 876 lb.

Senior Angus averages (19 head)—ADG: 3.2 lb.; wt.: 1,138 lb.

Mid-test report (Jan. 9, 2015)

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 22; owner: McPherson Farm, Nephi, Utah; sire: Connealy Consensus 7229; ADG: 4.0 lb.; wt.: 1,030 lb.

High-ADG senior Angus—Lot 110; owner: Rocky Mountain Genetics, Jerome, Idaho; sire: RMUG Avenger Thor 123X; ADG: 5.2 lb.; wt.: 1,470 lb.

Junior Angus averages (59 head)—ADG: 2.9 lb.; wt.: 956 lb.

Senior Angus averages (19 head)—ADG: 3.5 lb.; wt.: 1,247 lb.

Off-test weights were scheduled for Feb. 7 and 9. The test sale will be March 6, 2015.

For more information contact Jason Anderson, 208-420-7352, jason@snakeriverbulltest.com; Ben Eborn, 208-399-2350, ben@snakeriverbulltest.com; Snake River Bull Test LLC, PO Box 6133, Twin Falls, ID 83303; or visit the test website at www.snakeriverbulltest.com.

● **WBIA Bull Test**
University of Wisconsin,
Platteville, Wis.

On-test report (Dec. 1, 2014)

The Wisconsin Beef Improvement Association (WBIA) has conducted and overseen a central performance bull test each year since 1957. Young beef bulls from all over Wisconsin and the Midwest have been delivered to University of Wisconsin—Platteville farm to develop a performance proof in an unbiased environment designed to let the cream rise to the top. More than 5,000 bulls from more than 250 consignors have been tested.

A total of 99 bulls, 96 of them Angus, were delivered Nov. 3, 2014, for the 2015 WBIA Bull Test to go on test Dec. 1. The 100-day test is for bulls born Jan. 1-April 15, 2014.

Bulls are fed a soy- or oat-hull-based ration adjusted with locally available ingredients in a ration designed to promote lean efficient growth while providing adequate energy to allow individuals to express their genetic potential. At the test's conclusion, bulls are isonated (scanned by ultrasound) for carcass traits and evaluated for breeding soundness.

35-day report (Jan. 5, 2015)

High-ADG Angus—Lot 61; owner: Charles Wimmer, Afolkey Springs Farm, Dakota, Ill.; sire: SydGen Turbo 8992; ADG: 7.00 lb.; ADG ratio: 155;

WDA: 3.36 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 1,160 lb.

High-WDA Angus (tie)—Lot 20; owner: Tim Ryan, Ryan Cattle, Lodi; sire: Connealy Capitalist 028; ADG: 5.86 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 3.75 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,060 lb.

High-WDA Angus (tie)—Lot 75; owner: Brian Nodolf, Biddick Inc., Livingston; sire: SS Incentive XII; ADG: 6.14 lb.; ADG ratio: 136; WDA: 3.75 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,130 lb.

Angus averages (77 head)—ADG: 4.52 lb.; WDA: 3.13 lb.

The next interim weight was scheduled for Feb. 4. Off-test weights are scheduled for March 12-13, with the sale April 5.

More information is available by contacting John Freitag, Wisconsin BIA executive director, PO Box 955, New Glarus, WI 53574; phone: 608-527-5747; fax: 608-527-3010; or at wbia@tds.net. Information is also available on the WBIA website at www.wisconsinbeef.com.

Un. of Tennessee Junior Bull Test Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center, Spring Hill, Tenn. 28-day report (Dec. 9, 2014)

The University of Tennessee Bull Testing Program has 54 bulls on test, 45 of them Angus. The 84-day test is at the Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center, Spring Hill, Tenn.

The junior bulls must be born Dec. 1, 2013-Feb. 28, 2014. The nomination deadline for junior bulls was Sept. 30, 2014, with delivery Oct. 28.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 4; owner: Bandy Acres Farm, Irvington, Ky.; sire: Plattemere Weigh Up K360; ADG: 6.54 lb.; WDA: 3.75 lb.; wt.: 1,065 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 2; owner: Bandy Acres Farm; sire: Connealy Forward; ADG: 5.18 lb.; WDA: 3.81 lb.; wt.: 1,135 lb.

Angus averages (45 head)—ADG: 4.31 lb.

Overall averages (54 head)—ADG: 4.24 lb.

The next interim weight was to have been taken Jan. 6. Junior bulls were to be weighed off test Feb 2-3, 2015, with the sale scheduled for March 12.

For more information contact David Kirkpatrick, professor of animal science, University of Tennessee, at 865-974-7294; fax: 865-974-0429 or fkirkpat@utk.edu; or Kevin Thompson, station manager, at 931-486-2129; fax: 931-486-0142. Test information is also available at <https://ag.tennessee.edu/AnimalScience/Pages/BullTestProgram.aspx>

OPSU Bull Performance Test Goodwell, Okla. 56-day report (Dec. 6, 2014)

The bulls consigned to the 63rd annual Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU) Bull Performance Test were weighed on test Oct. 11. This year's test includes bulls consigned by 14 breeders.

High-ADG junior Angus—owner: Terry Brink, Frederick, Okla.; sire: QLC Superior 146Y; ADG: 5.55 lb.

Top Angus junior group—four bulls; owner: Terry Brink; sires: QLC Superior 146Y and 74-51 Totally Tuned 0017; avg. ADG: 4.86 lb.

High-ADG senior Angus—owner: B&M

Angus, Edmond, Okla.; sire: B&M Mandate 129; ADG: 6.16 lb.

Top Angus senior group—four bulls; owner: B&M Angus, sires: B&M Mandate 129, Hoover Dam and B&M CC&7 117; avg. ADG: 5.68 lb.

Angus averages (113 head)—ADG: 4.03 lb.; WDA: 3.10 lb.

84-day report (Dec. 6, 2014)

High-ADG junior Angus—owner: Wink Farms Angus, Panhandle, Texas; sire: GAR Progress; ADG: 5.81 lb.

Top Angus junior group—five bulls; owner: Wink Farms Angus; sires: GAR

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Progress, Circle A Incentive; avg. ADG: 4.95 lb.

High-ADG senior Angus—owner: B&M Angus, Edmond, Okla.; sire: B&M CC&7 117; ADG: 6.57 lb.

Top Angus senior group—four bulls; owner: B&M Angus, sires: B&M Mandate 129, Hoover Dam and B&M CC&7 117;

avg. ADG: 5.68 lb.

Angus averages (113 head)—ADG: 4.21 lb.; WDA: 3.10 lb.

The test is a 112-day test, during which ADG, feed intake and efficiency on a pen basis, and WDA will be collected on the bulls. Other data collected will be frame score, scrotal circumference, semen

quality, fat thickness, ribeye area and marbling score.

The test was to conclude Jan. 31, and the top bulls were scheduled to sell Feb. 23. Those interested in following the performance of the bulls during the test can contact Gwen Martin at 580-349-1500 or at gwen@opsu.edu.

○ Kansas Angus Ass'n Bull Test Wamego, Kan.

On-test report (Nov. 4, 2014)

There were 220 bulls, 75 of them Angus, delivered to Kansas Bull Development LLC, Wamego, Oct. 17-18 for the Kansas Angus Association Bull Test. Nominations were due Oct. 1, 2014. The test will be conducted and managed at Kansas Bull Development LLC by Brian Hagedorn.

To be eligible for the 112-day test, bulls must have been born Jan. 1-April 15, 2014.

Mid-test report (Jan. 2, 2015)

High-ADG Angus—Lot 230; owner: H. Jensen, Blair Hills Angus Farm, Wathena; sire: EXAR Wind Talker 9533B; ADG: 5.3 lb.; ADG ratio: 142; WDA: 2.8 lb.; WDA ratio: 97; wt.: 944 lb.; test index: 120

High-WDA Angus—Lot 425; owner: Miles Pearson, Scott City; sire: LAR New Present Value 831; ADG: 3.8 lb.; ADG ratio: 101; WDA: 3.6 lb.; WDA ratio: 122; wt.: 1,050 lb.; test index: 112

High-indexing Angus—Lot 192; owner: J.W. and Carol Brune, Overbrook; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 4.7 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 3.4 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,198 lb.; test index: 123

Final weights are to be taken Feb. 21 and 23, 2015. The test sale will take place April 1 at the Mitchell County Fairgrounds, Beloit, Kan.

For more information contact Hagedorn at 785-458-2137 (cell); 785-456-2636 (home, Brian and Megan); feedlot fax: 785-456-2721; email: kansasbulls@gmail.com; or visit the website at www.kansasbulltest.com.

○ Pennsylvania Bull Test Pennsylvania Furnace, Pa.

On-test report (Oct. 28, 2014)

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Department of Dairy and Animal Science of Pennsylvania State University, the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association and the state breed associations, has announced the Oct. 7, 2014, delivery of 177 bulls, 77 of them Angus, for the 2014-2015 Winter Pennsylvania Performance Bull Test.

To be eligible for the winter test, bulls must be born Jan. 1-April 15, 2014. The nomination period for the winter test was Aug. 1-Aug. 20. At the 28-day mark, test leaders included the following.

28-day report (Nov. 25, 2014)

High-ADG Angus—Lot 312; owner: Elimsprings Farm, Tommy Hamm, Allenwood; sire: Rito 9Q13 of Rita; ADG: 7.07 lb.; ADG ratio: 141; WDA: 3.35 lb.; WDA ratio: 100; wt.: 874 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 125; owner: Rains Angus, Dale Rains, Mercer; sire: SAV Thunderbird 9061; ADG: 4.70 lb.; ADG ratio: 94; WDA: 4.24 lb.; WDA ratio: 127; wt.: 1,102 lb.

Angus averages (77 head)—ADG: 5.01 lb.; WDA: 3.34 lb.; wt.: 882 lb.

Additional interim weights were

scheduled for Dec. 24 and Jan. 20, 2015. The final 112-day weights are to be taken Feb. 17, with the sale to take place March 27.

Questions should be addressed to Greg Hubbard, station manager, 1494 West Pine Grove Rd., Pennsylvania Furnace, PA 16865; phone: 814-238-2527; or ghubbard@pa.gov. For more information visit the test website at www.livestockevaluationcenter.com/BullTesting.aspx.

● Calhoun HERD Program

The 15th Calhoun Heifer Evaluation and Reproductive Development (HERD) Program officially started with 153 heifers delivered by 24 consignors Dec. 4, 2014. The health status of the group has been good as a whole.

They were given booster vaccinations along with taking hip height and weight measurements Jan. 6. The group is on target with an ADG of 1.6 lb. Jan 28 is the reproduction evaluation work day and CIDR® implanting per protocol. The heifer team decided to continue using TC Thunder 805 as the primary sire and Connealy Shrek 4242 for those heifers closely related to TC Thunder 805.

For more information visit www.caes.uga.edu/commodities/animals/beef/index.html.

● Treasure Bull Test Broken O Ranch Feedlot, Simms, Mont.

60-day report (Jan. 2, 2015)

The 120-day Treasure Bull Test received 125 Angus bulls at the Broken O Ranch Feedlot in Simms, Mont. The spring division is for bulls born Dec. 15, 2013-April 15, 2014. The fall division is for bulls born Aug. 1-Dec. 14, 2013. The bulls were weighed on test Nov. 1-2, 2014.

High-ADG Jackpot Angus—Lot 16; owner: Can Am Cattle Co., Irl & Anne Rincker, Shelbyville, Ill.; sire: VAR Reserve 1111; ADG: 4.83 lb.; WDA: 3.22 lb.; wt.: 1,130 lb.

High-WDA Jackpot Angus—Lot 12; owner: Granger Angus, Jim and Beth Granger, Great Falls, Mont.; sire: Granger Great Falls 053; ADG: 4.58 lb.; WDA: 3.79 lb.; wt.: 1,185 lb.

High-ADG and high-WDA Angus—Lot 183; owner: Probst Enterprises, Seth Probst, Dillon, Mont.; sire: SD Pioneer 2062; ADG: 5.75 lb.; WDA: 3.80 lb.; wt.: 1,060 lb.

Top Angus sire group—three bulls; owner: Can Am Cattle Co.; sire: VAR Reserve 1111; avg. ADG: 4.00 lb.; avg. WDA: 3.24 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,130 lb.

High-ADG Fall Angus (tie)—Lot 301; owner: Olson Cattle Co., Saint Ignatius, Mont.; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 4.00 lb.; wt.: 1,140 lb.

High-ADG Fall Angus (tie)—Lot 305; owner: Westbrook Angus, Chuck and Julie Boggs, Chimacum, Wash.; sire: GAR-EGL Protege; ADG: 4.00 lb.; WDA: 2.79 lb.; wt.: 1,315 lb.

High-WDA Fall Angus—Lot 302; owner: North Camp Angus, Guy Laflin, Saint Ignatius, Mont.; sire: WK Pow

Wow; ADG: 3.33 lb.; WDA: 2.95 lb.; wt.: 1,330 lb.

Angus averages (125 head)—ADG: 3.40 lb.; WDA: 3.03 lb.

Fall Angus averages (5 head)—ADG: 3.42 lb.; WDA: 2.87 lb.

The bulls will be weighed off test in mid-March. Approximately 75% of the

bulls on test will sell April 13 at Western Livestock Auction, Great Falls, Mont.

Sale order will be determined by test index, which is one-third weaning ratio with a limit of 110, one-third gain ratio and one-third yearling ratio.

For more information contact Russ Pepper at 406-264-5694 or 406-799-

0174 or brtangus@3rivers.net. The test website is www.treasurebulltest.com.

● Wardensville Bull Test West Virginia University Reymann Memorial Farm, Wardensville, W.Va. 27-day report (Dec. 22, 2014)

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The West Virginia Young Sire Evaluation Program, sponsored by the West Virginia University (WVU) Cooperative Extension, the WVU Division of Animal and Nutritional Sciences, the West Virginia Department of Agriculture and the West Virginia Cattlemen's Association provided a 27-day report for

the Wardensville Bull Test.

A maximum of 160 bulls, were to be accepted for evaluation. To be eligible, bulls must have been born Jan. 20-March 26, 2014. The enrollment deadline was Sept. 20. Bulls were delivered Oct. 30, and on-test weights were taken Nov. 24-25, 2014, for 151

bulls. There are 135 Angus bulls on test.

The bulls are being fed a ration ($NE_m=0.68$, $NE_g=0.41$) that includes 20% ground mixed hay, 24% wheat midds, 23% soybean hulls, 8% distillers' grains, 4% cottonseed hulls, 4% corn, 10% hominy feed, and 7% miscellaneous ingredients.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 10; owner: Kinsey's Oak Front Farm, Flemington, W.Va.; sire: HARB Big Shooter 279 JH; ADG: 5.85 lb.; ADG ratio: 156; WDA: 3.30 lb.; wt.: 1,012 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 34; owner: Richard Snuffer & Sons, Surveyor, W.Va.; sire: Sitz Wisdom 481T; ADG: 4.48 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 3.65 lb.; wt.: 1,094 lb.

Angus averages (135 head)—ADG: 3.74 lb.; WDA: 2.96 lb.; wt.: 912 lb.

The test sale is scheduled for March 26 at the WVU Reymann Memorial Farm at Wardensville.

Test information is available from Kevin Shaffer, program coordinator, WVU Extension Service, 2084 Agricultural Sciences Bldg., PO Box 6108, Morgantown, WV 26505; phone: 304-293-2669; Kevin.Shaffer@mail.wvu.edu; or Jerry Yates, WVU Reymann Memorial Farm, phone: 304-874-3561; or on the test website, www.wvbeef.org/bulltest/.

**St. Croix Valley Bull Test
UW Mann Valley Farm, River Falls, Wis.
56-day report (Dec. 27, 2014)**

The St. Croix Valley Bull Test (SCVBT) is conducted at the University of Wisconsin (UW) Mann Valley Farms at River Falls, Wis. The 140-day test features a high-roughage ration of corn silage, haylage, shell corn, protein and mineral to provide a targeted ADG of 3 lb.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 18-1; owner: Neenah Creek Angus, Owen and Chris Wade, Endeavor, Wis.; sire: AAR Ten X 7008 SA; ADG: 5.16 lb.; ADG ratio: 145; WDA: 3.52 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,030 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 2-2; owner: KLS Farm, Kody Stork, New Richmond, Wis.; sire: GAR Predestined; ADG: 3.13 lb.; ADG ratio: 88; WDA: 3.79 lb.; WDA ratio: 123; wt.: 998 lb.

Angus averages (62 head)—ADG: 3.56 lb.; WDA: 3.08 lb.; wt.: 894 lb.

For more information contact Stacy Myers at rockton@mwt.net or Jerry Lausted at glausted@wwt.net.

**Southern West Virginia Bull Test
Point Pleasant, W.Va.
30-day report (Dec. 4, 2014)**

The 2015 Southern West Virginia Bull Test accepted delivery of 87 bulls Oct. 19, 2014. The bulls went on test Nov. 4-5, 2014. Off-test weights for the 100-day test were to be taken Feb. 11-13, 2015.

The Point Pleasant Test utilizes a forage-based ration. Bulls are fed to achieve a target ADG of approximately 3.25 lb. The program stresses a total performance approach, not only measuring gain on test, but also reporting indicators of reproductive and carcass performance. Consignors are required to be active participants in the herd improvement program of their respective breeds.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 302; owner: River Front Cattle Co., Buckhannon; sire: SAV Pioneer 7301; ADG: 4.57 lb.;

ADG ratio: 181; WDA: 3.06 lb.; wt.: 1,070 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 307; owner: River Front Cattle Co.; sire: CJ C219 Final Answer; ADG: 2.73 lb.; ADG ratio: 108; WDA: 3.09 lb.; wt.: 894 lb.

Angus averages (81 head)—ADG: 2.53 lb.; WDA: 2.69 lb.; wt.: 853 lb.

The test sale is scheduled for March 28.

For more information contact Rodney Wallbrown, Mason County WVU Extension Service, 525 Viand St., Point Pleasant, WV 25550; phone: 304-675-0888; fax: 304-674-6154; or visit the test website at www.wvbeef.org/bulltest.

Southwest Virginia BCIA Bull Test Hillwinds Farm, Dublin, Va. 56-day report (Dec. 23, 2014)

The junior and senior tests at the Southwest Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) Bull Test are being conducted simultaneously. Senior bulls must have been born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2013. Junior bulls must have been born Jan. 1-March 31, 2014. Entries for both divisions were due Sept. 5. Delivery was accepted Oct. 7 at Hillwinds Farm. A total of 84 senior bulls and 104 junior bulls went on test Oct. 28.

The senior Angus bulls began the test with an average weight of 1,042 lb. and an average WDA of 2.80 lb. The junior Angus bulls weighed on test with an average weight of 723 lb. and an average WDA of 2.82 lb.

High-ADG senior Angus—Lot 18; owner: Lucas Farm, Joe and Timmy Lucas, Blacksburg; sire: Rito 9M25 of Rita 5F56 Pred; ADG: 5.36 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.02 lb.; WDA ratio: 102; wt.: 1,360 lb.

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 15; owner: Lucas Farm; sire: KCF Bennett Upward W538; ADG: 4.46 lb.; ADG ratio: 110; WDA: 3.36 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,320 lb.

High-ADG junior Angus (tie)—Lot 62; owner: J&M Windy Acres, Mike Connatser, Maryville, Tenn.; sire: B/R New Day 454; ADG: 4.46 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 3.37 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,065 lb.

High-ADG junior Angus (tie)—Lot 83; owner: Lucas Farm; sire: Connealy Calvary 1149; ADG: 4.46 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 3.05 lb.; WDA ratio: 106; wt.: 1,005 lb.

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 86; owner: Lucas Farm; sire: GAR Prophet; ADG: 4.38 lb.; ADG ratio: 137; WDA: 3.47 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,175 lb.

Angus senior averages (39 head)—ADG: 4.07 lb.; WDA: 2.97 lb.; wt.: 1,269 lb.

Angus junior averages (59 head)—ADG: 3.19 lb.; WDA: 2.87 lb.; wt.: 899 lb.

Overall senior averages (84 head)—ADG: 3.88 lb.; WDA: 2.87 lb.; wt.: 1,235 lb.

Overall junior averages (104 head)—ADG: 3.25 lb.; WDA: 2.96 lb.; wt.: 922 lb.

The 84-day weight was scheduled for collection Jan. 20, 2015. The bulls were to be weighed off test Feb. 17. The test sale will be at the farm March 28.

For more information contact Scott Greiner, extension beef specialist, 366 Litton-Reaves Hall, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 24061; phone: 540-231-

9159; fax: 540-231-3010; Joi Saville, extension associate, phone: 540-231-2257; Tim Sutphin, owner/manager, Hillwinds Farm, 5660 Thornspring Church Rd., Dublin, VA 24084; 540-980-5848; or visit the test website at <http://bcia.apsc.vt.edu>.

ICA Bull Evaluation Program Guthrie Center and Cedar Rapids, Iowa Interim 1 reports (Dec. 23, 2014)

Bulls were delivered to the Bloomfield and Dunlap test stations for the Iowa Cattlemen's Association (ICA) 2015 Bull Evaluation Program, with spring-born bulls

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at the test station at the Van Meter Feedyard in Guthrie Center, Iowa, and fall-born bulls at the test station at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The Bloomfield test has 30 Angus bulls, the Dunlap test has 17 Angus spring-born bulls, and there are 14 Angus fall-born bulls at Kirkwood. There were 37 spring-

born Angus bulls delivered for the Tama test at the Van Meter Feedyard.

The bulls were to complete a 21-day warm-up period following their respective delivery dates. Bulls were to be weighed twice going on test. The first two weights were to be averaged and mark the start of the 112-day test. The top three-quarters

of each breed meeting test requirements will be offered for sale.

High-ADG Dunlap Angus—Lot 104; owner: Larry Bridgewater, Golden Chute Ranch, Walker; sire: Deppe 628 Upward 008; ADG: 5.44 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA: 3.89 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,100 lb.

High-WDA Dunlap Angus—Lot 106; owner: George or Randy Graham, Gilman; sire: GA Upward 102; ADG: 5.04 lb.; ADG ratio: 113; WDA: 3.91 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,100 lb.

High-ADG Bloomfield Angus—Lot 84; owner: Mike Kaefring, Tipton; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 6.49 lb.; ADG ratio: 137; WDA: 3.67 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,185 lb.

High-WDA Bloomfield Angus—Lot 95; owner: G.N. Neumeyer, Golden Chute Ranch, Walker; sire: Connealy 044 062; ADG: 5.75 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 3.93 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,340 lb.

Dunlap Angus averages—ADG: 4.47 lb.; WDA: 3.34 lb.; wt.: 976 lb.

Bloomfield Angus averages—ADG: 4.74 lb.; WDA: 3.32 lb.; wt.: 1,053 lb.

Both spring and fall Bloomfield bulls will be sold March 16, 2015, at the Bloomfield Livestock Auction Market. Spring bulls will be sold at the Dunlap Livestock Auction Market March 27. The Tama bulls will be sold May 1, 2015.

For more information contact Kellie Carolan (kellie@iabeef.org), seedstock manager, Iowa Cattlemen's Ass'n, PO Box 1490, Ames, IA 50014; ICA phone: 515-296-2266; Kellie's cell: 641-751-0737; fax: 515-296-2261; www.iacattlemen.org.

**● MBCIA Jackson Bull Test
Spring Grove, Minn.
56-day report (Jan. 4, 2015)**

The Minnesota Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) has a total of 66 bulls, 47 of them Angus, on test. To be eligible for the test, bulls must be born between Jan. 1-May 15, 2014. Application forms were due Oct. 10, 2014. Bulls were delivered Oct. 25, with the test weighing in Nov. 7-8.

Bulls will be fed in two lots with 250 feet of bunk space per pen. Bulls are assigned to lots depending on size and weight. Good-quality forages consisting of corn silage, alfalfa haylage, corn, distillers' grains, mineral mix and vitamins are fed.

High-ADG (tie) and high-indexing Angus—Lot 9; owner: Richland Prairie Farm, Lanesboro; sire: Plattermere Weigh Up K360; ADG: 5.09 lb.; WDA: 4.01 lb.; wt.: 1,295 lb.; test index: 124

High-ADG (tie) Angus—Lot 17; owner: Riley Bros. Farms, Darlington, Wis.; ADG: 5.09 lb.; WDA: 3.53 lb.; wt.: 1,140 lb.; test index: 117

High-WDA Angus—Lot 31; owner: Goodrich Place Inc., Emerald, Wis.; sire: Connealy Shrek 4242; ADG: 4.46 lb.; WDA: 4.32 lb.; wt.: 1,135 lb.; test index: 120

Angus averages (47 head)—ADG: 3.96 lb.; WDA: 3.48 lb.; wt.: 1,086 lb.

Overall averages (67 head)—ADG: 3.93 lb.; WDA: 3.42 lb.; wt.: 1,071 lb.

The next interim weight was scheduled for Feb. 19, with off-test weights to be taken March 26. The sale will be April 10.

For more information contact Ron Holty, test station manager, at Foundation Feeders Inc., 21685 South View Rd., Spring Grove, MN 55974; phone: 507-498-5839 or cell: 507-429-7963; or ronholty@gmail.com.

Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Ass'n Douglas Bull Test Station, Carberry, Man.

56-day report (Jan. 8, 2015)

The 51st Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Association Bull & Heifer Development Test accepted delivery Oct. 14-17, 2014, at the Douglas Bull Test Station in Carberry, Man., Canada. Consignors must be members of the Manitoba Beef Cattle Association, and bulls must have been born Jan. 1-April 12, 2014, to be eligible for the 112-day test.

A total of 148 bulls were weighed on test Nov. 14, including three Blonde D'Aquitaine, nine Limousin, three Salers, four Charolais, 84 Angus*, 25 Simmental, three Maine Anjou and 17 Shorthorn. The average on-test WDA for all bulls was 3.21 lb.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 54; owner: Tobacco Creek Cattle Co., Miami, Man.; ADG: 5.68 lb.; WDA: 3.66 lb.; wt.: 1,257 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 9; owner: KLM Angus, Kurtis and Holly McKee, Bagot, Man.; sire: Backroads 1418 Legend; ADG: 5.34 lb.; WDA: 3.92 lb.; wt.: 1,259 lb.

Angus averages (84 head)—ADG: 4.29 lb.; WDA: 3.33 lb.; wt.: 1,064 lb.

Overall averages (148 head)—ADG: 4.06 lb.; WDA: 3.37 lb.

The bulls will be weighed off test March 4-5, 2015, with the sale scheduled for April 4.

For more information contact Ivan Ahnholz, station manager, office phone: 204-763-4696; cell: 204-724-6271; or Bev Walker, office manager, office phone: 204-763-4696; fax: 204-763-4102; bulltest@mynetsnet.ca; or visit the test website at www.manitobabulltest.co.

***Editor's Note:** Both red and black Angus are tested as Angus in this test.

Midland Bull Test Columbus, Mont.

66-day group 1 & 2 reports (Jan. 8-9, 2015)

The Midland Bull test is a 120-day gain test with a 70-day efficiency test. Bulls are fed a 44-Mcal diet that is high in roughage for targeted gains of about 3 lb. per day. Group 1 bulls were received Sept. 13-24, 2014. Group 2 bulls were received Oct. 8-18, 2014.

High-ADG Group 1 Angus—Lot 104; owner: Marda Angus Farm, Lodi, Wis.; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 4.51 lb.; ADG ratio: 148; WDA: 3.31 lb.; wt.: 1,280 lb.

High-WDA Group 1 Angus—Lot 202; owner: Fastert Farms, Rock Rapids, Iowa; sire: Basin Excitement; ADG: 3.72 lb.; WDA: 3.93 lb.; wt.: 1,445 lb.

High-ADG Group 2 Angus—Lot 505; owner: Willer Timber Ridge, Greencastle, Ind.; sire: Sitz Icon 1054; ADG: 4.95 lb.; ADG ratio: 162; WDA: 3.24 lb.; wt.: 1,180 lb.

High-WDA Group 2 Angus—Lot 606; owner: Deppe Angus, Waverly, Iowa; sire: SAV Angus Valley 459; ADG: 4.09 lb.; WDA: 4.10 lb.; wt.: 1,255 lb.

High-ADG Angus sire group—three

bulls; owner: Coombs Cattle Co., Riverside, Utah; sire: Connealy Confidence 0100; avg. ADG: 4.03 lb.

High-WDA Angus sire group—three bulls; owner: Fastert Farms; sire: Basin Excitement; avg. WDA: 3.80 lb.

Angus averages—ADG: 3.17 lb.; WDA: 3.13 lb.

The Angus sale is scheduled for April 3, 2015.

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