

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.

North Carolina BCIP Waynesville Bull Test

Mountain Research Station, Waynesville, N.C.

112-day final report (Dec. 1, 2015)

A total of 60 bulls, 47 of them Angus, were weighed on test Aug. 11 for the North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement Program (BCIP) Waynesville Bull Test with an average on-test weight of 971 lb. The 112-day test was for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2014. Nominations were due July 8, with bulls accepted for delivery July 29.

High-ADG and high-WDA Angus—Lot 33; owner: Overcash Angus, Dennis Overcash, Mooresville; sire: SydGen CC&7; ADG: 4.81 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 3.73 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,445 lb.; frame: 6.7

Angus averages (45 head)—ADG: 3.99 lb.; WDA: 3.31 lb.; wt.: 1,415 lb.

Overall averages (58 head)—ADG: 3.96 lb.; WDA: 3.30 lb.; wt.: 1,415 lb.

The test sale was scheduled for Jan. 9 at the WNC Regional Livestock Center, Canton, N.C.

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Florida Bull Test

Marianna, Fla.

112-day final report (Dec. 8-9, 2015)

The North Florida Research and Education Center (NFREC) Bull Test in Marianna, Fla., has reported 112-day final test results. Bulls were accepted for delivery July 28 with on-test weights taken Aug. 18 and 19. The test was for bulls born Aug. 15-Dec. 31, 2014. Purebred animals were required 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 had to be accompanied by a letter from the breed association to indicate they were not a carrier.

The diet was a grain and forage-based diet formulated to target 3.5 lb. of gain 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 1418; owner: Windy Hill Farm, Jack Tate, Boaz, Ala.; sire: SAV 707 Rito 9969; ADG: 3.91 lb.; WDA: 3.09 lb.; wt.: 1,443 lb.; test index: 7.00; index ratio: 116

High-WDA and high-indexing Angus—Lot 1424; owner: Windy Hill Farm; sire: SydGen CC&7; ADG: 3.83 lb.; WDA: 3.29 lb.; wt.: 1,408 lb.; test index: 7.11; index ratio: 118

Angus averages (33 head)—ADG: 3.06 lb.; WDA: 2.81 lb.; wt.: 1,190 lb.

Overall averages (136 head)—ADG:

3.13 lb.; WDA: 2.88 lb.; wt.: 1,230 lb.

The test sale was scheduled for Jan. 16.

For more information contact Cliff Lamb, bull test coordinator, University of Florida-NFREC, 3925 Hwy. 71, Marianna, FL 32446; phone: 850-394-9124, ext. 106, or visit the test website at http://nfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/fl_bull_test/index.shtml.

Clemson Bull Test

Clemson, S.C.

112-day final report (Dec. 10-11, 2015)

Seventy-nine bulls were delivered to the 2016 Clemson Bull Test at the Clemson Beef Cattle Farm near Pendleton, S.C., Aug. 6. Purebred breeders from four states consigned bulls (South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia). There were 48 senior Angus bulls and 13 junior Angus bulls on test.

The bulls were weighed on test Aug. 19-20 following a 14-day warm-up period. They were weighed off test Dec. 10-11.

High-ADG senior Angus—Lot 41; owner: Primus Genetics, Leonard Fussell, Millers Creek, N.C.; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 5.02 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 3.17 lb.; WDA ratio: 99; wt.: 1,470 lb.

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 37; owner: Williams Angus, George Williams, Gray, Tenn.; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 3.88 lb.; ADG ratio: 99; WDA: 3.64 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,540 lb.

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 26;

owner: Alexander Angus Farm, Sac Alexander, Six Mile, S.C.; sire: SAV Final Answer 0035; ADG: 4.19 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 3.10 lb.; WDA ratio: 98; wt.: 1,223 lb.

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 13; owner: Williams Angus; sire: GAR Prophet; ADG: 3.53 lb.; ADG ratio: 101; WDA: 3.53 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,373 lb.

Senior Angus averages (46 head)—ADG: 3.91 lb.; WDA: 3.20 lb.; wt.: 1,409 lb.

Junior Angus averages (13 head)—ADG: 3.49 lb.; WDA: 3.17 lb.; wt.: 1,207 lb.

Overall averages (77 head)—ADG: 3.43 lb.; WDA: 3.10 lb.; wt.: 1,313 lb.

The sale is scheduled for Feb. 6.

For additional information contact Matthew Burns, extension animal scientist and Clemson Bull Test coordinator, at burns5@clemson.edu or at 864-940-2428 (cell) or Gary Burns, Clemson University Beef Farm manager and Clemson Bull Test manager at gurns@clemson.edu or at 864-617-3402 (cell). Information is also available on the test website at www.clemson.edu/extension/livestock/beef/bulltests-cubt/.

UBIA Bull Test

Kenison Feedlot, Levan, Utah

Mid-test report (Dec. 14, 2015)

The Utah Beef Improvement Association (UBIA) received a total of

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265 junior and senior bulls Oct. 5 at Kenison Farm and Feedlot, Levan. Bulls entered in the senior test must have been born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2014. Bulls entered in the junior test must have been born Jan. 1-March 15, 2015. 159 junior Angus bulls averaged 740 lb. going on test; 20 senior bulls averaged 890 lb. going on test.

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

High-ADG junior growth Angus

(tie)—Lot 108; owner: Lisonbee Angus Ranch, James Lisonbee, Roosevelt; sire: Boyd Signature 1014; ADG: 4.20 lb.; ADG ratio: 139; WDA: 3.1 lb.; wt.: 1,045 lb.

High-ADG junior growth Angus

(tie)—Lot 121; owner: Lowe Livestock, Lorin Lowe, Toquerville; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 4.20 lb.; ADG ratio: 139; WDA: 3.1 lb.; wt.: 1,080 lb.

High-WDA junior growth Angus

(tie)—Lot 81; owner: Kane Stevenson, Altamont; sire: Werner War Party 2417; ADG: 3.26 lb.; ADG ratio: 108; WDA: 3.5 lb.; wt.: 1,155 lb.

High-WDA junior growth Angus

(tie)—Lot 142; owner: McPherson Farms, Paul McPherson, Nephi; sire: Connealy Combination 0188; ADG: 4.15 lb.; ADG ratio: 137; WDA: 3.5 lb.; wt.: 1,025 lb.

High-WDA junior growth Angus

(tie)—Lot: 177; owner: Pleasant Creek Ranch, Trent Jorgensen, Mount Pleasant; sire: Rito 9Q13 of Rita 5F56 GHM; ADG: 3.30 lb.; ADG ratio: 109; WDA: 3.5 lb.; wt.: 1,075 lb.

High-ADG junior LBW Angus

—Lot 66; owner: Farnsworth Angus Ranch, Ray Farnsworth, Gusher; sire: Riverbend SF Upward 120; ADG: 4.33 lb.; ADG ratio: 144; WDA: 3.6 lb.; wt.: 1,080 lb.

High-WDA junior LBW Angus

—Lot 87; owner: Kelly Crozier, Neola; sire: Deer Valley All In; ADG: 3.71 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; WDA: 3.9 lb.; wt.: 1,125 lb.

High-ADG and high-WDA senior

Angus—Lot 265; owner: Gardner Ranch, Wes Gardner, Mountain Home; sire: PVF Insight 0129; ADG: 5.13 lb.; ADG ratio: 147; WDA: 3.3 lb.; wt.: 1,325 lb.

Junior growth Angus averages (66

head)—ADG: 3.03 lb.; wt.: 923 lb.

Junior LBW Angus averages (93

head)—ADG: 3.01 lb.; wt.: 900 lb.

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High-ADG and high-WDA (tie) junior

growth Angus—Lot 142; owner: McPherson Farms, Paul McPherson, Nephi; sire: Connealy Combination 0188; ADG: 4.73 lb.; ADG ratio: 149; WDA: 3.73 lb.; wt.: 1,190 lb.

High-WDA junior growth Angus

(tie)—Lot: 85; owner: Kelly Crozier, Neola; sire: Deer Valley All In; ADG: 3.42 lb.; ADG ratio: 110; WDA: 3.73 lb.; wt.: 1,220 lb.

High-ADG junior LBW Angus

—Lot 66; owner: Farnsworth Angus Ranch, Ray Farnsworth, Gusher; sire: Riverbend SF Upward 120; ADG: 4.55 lb.; ADG ratio: 146; WDA: 3.67 lb.; wt.: 1,220 lb.

High-WDA junior LBW Angus

—Lot 87; owner: Kelly Crozier, Neola; sire: Deer Valley All In; ADG: 3.48 lb.; ADG ratio: 112; WDA: 3.78 lb.; wt.: 1,210 lb.

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To access a state-by-state listing of current central bull tests, visit our Virtual Library online at www.api-virtuallibrary.com/CentralBullTests.htm.

The listing includes contact information, links to test websites, current test schedules and dates of upcoming tests.

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High-ADG and high-WDA senior Angus—Lot 265; owner: Gardner Ranch, Wes Gardner, Mountain Home; sire: PVF Insight 0129; ADG: 4.73 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 3.34 lb.; wt.: 1,435 lb.

Junior growth Angus averages (71 head)—ADG: 3.18 lb.; wt.: 1,026 lb.

Junior LBW Angus averages (86

head)—ADG: 3.12 lb.; wt.: 986 lb.

Overall senior averages (18 head)—ADG: 3.38 lb.; wt.: 1,169 lb.

Bulls were to be weighed off test Feb. 8-9. The test sale is scheduled for March 19.

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
56-day report (Dec. 11, 2015)**

The Snake River Bull Test reported 165 bulls weighed on test Oct. 18. Junior Angus bulls averaged 673 lb., with the senior bulls averaging 923 lb. Entry deadline was Sept. 18, with delivery accepted Oct. 3.

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 32; owner: JSL Angus, Madras, Ore.; ADG: 5.4 lb.; wt.: 900 lb.

High-ADG senior Angus—Lot 201; owner: Moj & Kelsey Broadie, Moore, Idaho; sire: RAB-MR FutureDirection 3407N; ADG: 5.6 lb.; wt.: 1,190 lb.

Angus junior averages (89 head)—ADG: 3.6 lb.; wt.: 867 lb.

Angus senior averages (18 head)—ADG: 3.7 lb.; wt.: 1,125 lb.

84-day report (Jan. 9)

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 45; owner: McPherson Farms, Nephi, Utah; sire: Connealy Consensus 7229; ADG: 4.8 lb.; wt.: 1,120 lb.

High-ADG senior Angus—Lot 203; owner: Moj & Kelsey Broadie; sire: GDAR Game Day; ADG: 4.8 lb.; wt.: 1,420 lb.

Angus junior averages (84 head)—ADG: 3.4 lb.; wt.: 945 lb.

Angus senior averages (24 head)—ADG: 3.6 lb.; wt.: 1,193 lb.

Off-test weights were scheduled to be taken Feb. 6 and 8. The test sale is scheduled for March 4, 2016.

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

**Nebraska Bull Test
Rohde Farms, Mason City, Neb.
60-day report (Dec. 15, 2015)**

The Nebraska Bull Test reported that 23 consignors delivered 117 Angus bulls, including 56 calving-ease bulls, that were weighed on test Oct. 16 for the start of the 2015-2016 test. Delivery of bulls was accepted Oct. 5 for the 120-day test conducted at Rohde Farms, Mason City, Neb.

The next interim weight was to be taken Jan. 14, 2016, with final weights scheduled for Feb. 12 and 13.

High-ADG calving-ease Angus—Lot 14CE; owner: Reiter Angus, Chris and Amber Reiter, Miller; sire: Whispering Wind 48; ADG: 5.60 lb.; ADG ratio: 142; WDA: 3.25 lb.; WDA ratio: 102; wt.: 1,106 lb.

High-WDA calving-ease Angus—Lot 109CE; owner: Greenview Farms, Kent Grabouski, Beatrice; sire: EXAR Comanchero 1022B; ADG: 4.78 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA: 3.75 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,072 lb.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 83; owner: Boyles Angus, Jim Boyles, Mackenzie Meunier, Mason City; sire: SAV Angus Valley 1867; ADG: 5.48 lb.; ADG ratio: 136; WDA: 3.65 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,238 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 155; owner: Lazy Black Diamond Ranch, Kevin

Glause, Palmer; sire: LBDR 1113 in Focus; ADG: 4.83 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 4.22 lb.; WDA ratio: 128; wt.: 1,178 lb.

Angus calving-ease averages (60 head)—ADG: 3.94 lb.; WDA: 3.19 lb.; wt.: 1,007 lb.

Angus averages (113 head)—ADG: 4.03 lb.; WDA: 3.31 lb.; wt.: 1,064 lb.

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.

● **WIU Bull Test Macomb, Ill.**

56-day report (Dec. 15, 2015)

The Western Illinois University (WIU) Bull Testing Program weighed 73 bulls, 28 of them Angus, on test Oct. 20-21, 2015. Bulls entered in the 112-day test must have been born Jan. 1-March 31, 2015, and must have been entered by Sept. 8. Bulls were delivered Sept. 29-30.

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.

The test will conclude Feb. 9-10 with the 44th annual test sale March 11 in Macomb, Ill.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 411; owner: Neubauer Farms, Matthew Drury, Shirley, Ill.; sire: Soo Line Motive 9016; ADG: 5.4 lb.; wt.: 1,144 lb.

For more information contact Samantha Cunningham, assistant professor; Knoblauch Hall B12, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL 61455; Cunningham phone: 309-298-1288 (office); s-cunningham@wiu.edu; www.wiu.edu/ag.

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

56-day report (Dec. 15, 2015)

The 58th Tifton Bull Evaluation Program began Sept. 28-29, 2015, with the delivery of 190 bulls representing nine different breeds and averaging 787 lb. The 112-day test features bulls born Dec. 1, 2014-Feb. 28, 2015. All bulls tested negative for persistent infection with bovine viral diarrhea (PI-BVD). Going on test Oct. 20, the 88 Angus bulls averaged 884 lb. for a WDA of 3.07 lb., while all 190 bulls averaged 880 lb. with a WDA of 3.09 lb.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 75; owner: Meldon Farm, Melvin Porter, Jefferson, Ga.; sire: Connealy Impression; ADG: 6.02 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 3.17 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 1,030 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 131; owner: Griffith Angus Farm, Winston Griffith, Tallahassee, Fla.; sire: HARB Pendleton 765 JH; ADG: 4.82 lb.; ADG ratio: 103; WDA: 3.97 lb.; WDA ratio: 135; wt.: 1,460 lb.

Angus averages (87 head)—ADG: 4.20 lb.; WDA: 3.25 lb.; wt.: 1,116 lb.

Overall averages (189 head)—ADG: 4.22 lb.; WDA: 3.34 lb.; wt.: 1,128 lb.

84-day report (Jan. 12)

High-ADG Angus—Lot 73; owner: Meldon Farm, Melvin Porter, Jefferson,

Ga.; sire: Connealy In Focus 4925; ADG: 5.77 lb.; ADG ratio: 139; WDA: 3.37 lb.; WDA ratio: 102; wt.: 1,215 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 111; owner: J.H. Graydon Farm, Rusty Graydon, Montgomery, Ala.; sire: GF Upward 19; ADG: 4.29 lb.; ADG ratio: 103; WDA: 3.86 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,495 lb.

Angus averages (88 head)—ADG: 4.15 lb.; WDA: 3.31 lb.; wt.: 1,230 lb.

Overall averages (188 head)—ADG: 4.13 lb.; WDA: 3.33 lb.; wt.: 1,226 lb.

Final weights were scheduled for collection Feb. 8-9. Qualifying bulls may sell in the test sale March 2.

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Visitors are welcome at the station 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, contact Jacob Segers, extension animal scientist, at 229-386-3683 or at jacobs@uga.edu. If weekend visits are desired, 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.

● MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program Plank Farm, Crystal, Mich. 56-day report (Dec. 18, 2015)

The Michigan Cattlemen's Association (MCA) and Michigan State University

(MSU) have 110 bulls on test in the 2015-2016 MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program. Consignors must be paid members of the MCA and have their 2016 dues paid in advance. To be eligible for the test, bulls must have been born Sept. 1, 2014-March 31, 2015.

All bulls will be evaluated at the MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program Station located at Plank Farm, Crystal, Mich. The deadline for entries for the 112-day test was Sept. 1, 2015, with a delivery date of Oct. 9-10.

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 43; owner: KB Farms LLC, Merritt; sire: AAR Ten X 7008 SA; ADG: 5.09 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 3.77 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,260 lb.

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 34; owner: Dawson Farms, Concord; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 5.04 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 4.02 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,350 lb.

High-ADG and high-WDA senior Angus—Lot 24; owner: Voogt Farms, Marne; sire: Lone Star Advantage E753; ADG: 6.70 lb.; ADG ratio: 146; WDA: 3.83 lb.; WDA ratio: 127; wt.: 1,400 lb.

Overall averages (108 head)—ADG: 4.11 lb.; WDA: 3.24 lb.; wt.: 1,084 lb.

The final interim report was scheduled for Jan. 15, 2016. Final weights will be taken Feb. 11, with the sale scheduled for March 19.

For more information contact Dan Buskirk, extension beef specialist; 474 Shaw Ln., Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824; 517-432-0400; Brian Plank, manager, 325 Mount Hope Rd., Crystal, MI 48818; cell: 989-506-2061; Michigan Cattlemen's Ass'n, 2145 University Park Dr., Ste. 300, Okemos, MI 48864; phone: 517-347-8117; <http://MIBulls.com>.

● OPSU Bull Performance Test Goodwell, Okla. 56-day report (Dec. 5, 2015)

The bulls consigned to the 64th annual Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU) Bull Performance Test were weighed on test Oct. 11. The bulls on test had a 28-day overall average daily gain (ADG) of 4.70 lb. and a weight per day of age (WDA) of 2.81 lb.

The top pen of bulls in the junior division had an average ADG of 5.96 lb. and are consigned by Wink Farms, Panhandle, Texas. The top junior bull with an ADG of 6.59 lb. is in this pen and is sired by GAR Composure.

The top pen of senior bulls had an average ADG of 5.39 lb. on three Angus, two sired by B&M Net Work 855 and one sired by B&M Upshot 216, and is consigned by Gerald Fish of Harrah, Okla. The top-gaining senior bull with an ADG of 6.34 lb. is consigned by William (Bill) Gilmore, Canyon, Texas. The bull is sired by JAF 314 Final Answer.

84-day report (Jan. 2)

At 84 days, the bulls on test had an overall ADG of 4.68 lb. and a WDA of 2.81 lb.

The top pen of bulls in the junior division had an average ADG of 5.46 lb. and are consigned by Wink Farms, Panhandle, Texas. The top junior bull with an ADG of 5.88 lb. is sired by GAR

Composure and consigned by B&M Angus, Edmond, Okla.

The top pen of senior bulls had an average ADG of 5.25 lb. on three Angus, two sired by B&M Net Work 855 and one sired by B&M Upshot 216, and is consigned by Gerald Fish of Harrah, Okla. The top-gaining senior bull with an ADG of 5.88 lb. is consigned by B&M Angus and sired by B&M Upshot 216.

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.

OPSU students working on the test include Brady Ewton, Whitesboro, Texas; Chris Johnson, Woodward, Okla.; Nathan Johnson, Longmont, Colo.; Justin Lenox, Eads, Colo.; and Sidney Tigler, Peru, Ind. Hannah Hammack and J.T. Surrage, both from Colorado, have volunteered to work on weigh days.

The sale was scheduled to be Feb. 22. 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.

**● Pennsylvania Bull Test
Pennsylvania Furnace, Pa.
28-day report (Nov. 24, 2015)**

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Department of Dairy and Animal Science of the Pennsylvania State University, the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association and the state breed associations, announced the Oct. 6, 2015, delivery of 143 bulls, 89 of them Angus, for the 2015-2016 Winter Pennsylvania Performance Bull Test.

To be eligible for the winter test, bulls must have been born Jan. 1-April 15, 2015. The nomination period for the winter test was Aug. 1-Aug. 20. At the 28-day mark, test leaders included the following.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 205; owner: Cash Family Angus, Alexis Cash, York; sire: AAR Ten X 7008 SA; ADG: 7.89 lb.; ADG ratio: 160; WDA: 3.20 lb.; WDA ratio: 100; wt.: 978 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 125; owner: Seefeldt Angus, Jordan Seefeldt, Port Allegany; sire: Rito 9Q13 of Rita 5F56; ADG: 7.71 lb.; ADG ratio: 156; WDA: 3.91 lb.; WDA ratio: 123; wt.: 1,195 lb.

Angus averages (89 head)—ADG: 4.94 lb.; WDA: 3.18 lb.; wt.: 839 lb.

56-day report (Dec. 22, 2015)

High-ADG and high-WDA Angus—Lot 125; owner: Seefeldt Angus, Jordan Seefeldt, Port Allegany; sire: Rito 9Q13 of Rita 5F56; ADG: 6.93 lb.; ADG ratio: 142; WDA: 4.09 lb.; WDA ratio: 122; wt.: 1,367 lb.

Angus averages (89 head)—ADG: 4.88 lb.; WDA: 3.34 lb.; wt.: 974 lb.

An additional interim weight was scheduled for Jan. 19. The final 112-day weights are to be taken Feb. 17, with the sale to take place March 25.

Questions should be addressed to Greg Hubbard, station manager, 1494 West Pine Grove Rd., Pennsylvania Furnace, PA 16865; phone: 814-238-

2527; or g Hubbard@pa.gov. For more information visit the test website at www.livestockevaluationcenter.com/BullTesting.aspx.

**● Southwest Virginia BCIA Bull Test
Hillwinds Farm, Dublin, Va.
56-day report (Dec. 22, 2015)**

The junior and senior tests at the Southwest Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) Bull Test will be conducted simultaneously. Senior

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bulls must have been born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2014. Junior bulls must have been born Jan. 1-March 31, 2015. Entries for both divisions were due Sept. 5. Delivery was accepted Oct. 6 at Hillwinds Farm. A total of 92 senior bulls and 132 junior bulls went on test Oct. 27.

The senior Angus bulls began the test

with an average weight of 1,029 lb. and an average WDA of 2.72 lb. The junior Angus bulls weighed on test with an average weight of 741 lb. and an average WDA of 2.91 lb.

Interim weights were scheduled for collection Jan. 19, 2016.

High-ADG senior Angus—Lot 17;

owner: Spruce Gap Farm, Alan Leet and Jason Cook, Eggleston; sire: URF Upward 1204; ADG: 5.71 lb.; ADG ratio: 158; WDA: 3.27 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,460 lb.

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 34; owner: Chimney Top Angus, Steve Johnston, Johnson City, Tenn.; sire: AAR

Ten X 7008 SA; ADG: 3.66 lb.; ADG ratio: 101; WDA: 3.30 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,205 lb.

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 70; owner: Lucas Farm, Joe and Timmy Lucas, Blacksburg; sire: HPCA Intensity; ADG: 5.27 lb.; ADG ratio: 149; WDA: 3.26 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,055 lb.

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 100; owner: Grassy Valley Farm, Lee Duckworth, Afton; sire: AAR Ten X 7008 SA; ADG: 4.20 lb.; ADG ratio: 119; WDA: 3.45 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,090 lb.

Senior Angus averages (46 head)—ADG: 3.62 lb.; WDA: 2.91 lb.; wt.: 1,264 lb.

Junior Angus averages (69 head)—ADG: 3.53 lb.; WDA: 2.94 lb.; wt.: 932 lb.

Overall senior averages (92 head)—ADG: 3.48 lb.; WDA: 2.82 lb.; wt.: 1,224 lb.

Overall junior averages (132 head)—ADG: 3.38 lb.; WDA: 2.96 lb.; wt.: 930 lb.

The bulls will be weighed off test with an average of weights collected Feb. 15 and 16. The test sale will be at the farm March 26.

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.qpsc.vt.edu>.

Southern Illinois University (SIU) Bull Test

Carbondale, Ill.

28-day report (Dec. 8, 2015)

Southern Illinois University (SIU) accepted 40 bulls for testing Oct. 8-9, 2015, most of them junior bulls, for the 39th annual bull test for 2015-2016. Applications were due Sept. 8, with bulls being tested in junior and senior divisions for 84 days this year. The test began Nov. 9-10. Final weights were to be collected Feb. 1-2.

The bull test station team is student-run this year, with Rebecca Atkinson, associate professor of animal science, food and nutrition for beef cattle providing advisory oversight and hands-on training. The objective is to test the bulls' potential for producing superior calves that will grow fast and efficiently. To be eligible for the program, bulls must be registered with a recognized national breed association, come to the facility in good health and meet other criteria set by Atkinson and the bull test station advisory board.

The student team will have the opportunity to learn to handle large livestock and assess animal health. Each bull is fitted with a magnetic collar that, when in close proximity to its assigned feed stall, unlocks the door.

In addition, the student team will learn to conduct the ultrasonic tests and to conduct the scheduled weigh-ins.

The team, along with Atkinson, includes Claire Hoffman, McHenry; Alissa Hoyt, Carrollton; Alexis Johnson, Springfield, Tenn.; and Megan Tockstein, Odin.

High-ADG and best F/G junior

Angus—Lot 13; owner: Mitchell Washburn, Olney; sire: VAR Discovery 2240; ADG: 8.39 lb.; ADG ratio: 147; Best F/G: 2.52 lb.; F/G ratio: 195; wt.: 1,250 lb.

High-ADG and best F/G senior

Angus—Lot 49; owner: Austin Betzold, Betzold Farms, Nokomis; sire: Connealy Right Answer 746; ADG: 7.21 lb.; ADG ratio: 139; Best F/G: 3.94 lb.; F/G ratio: 159; wt.: 1,655 lb.

Angus junior averages—ADG: 5.70 lb.; F/G: 4.91 lb.; wt.: 1,025 lb.

Angus senior averages—ADG: 5.19 lb.; F/G: 6.27 lb.; wt.: 1,311 lb.

56-day report (Jan. 5, 2016)

High-ADG and best F/G junior

Angus—Lot 13; owner: Mitchell Washburn, Olney; sire: VAR Discovery 2240; ADG: 7.23 lb.; ADG ratio: 139; Best F/G: 3.64 lb.; F/G ratio: 149; wt.: 1,420 lb.

High-ADG and best F/G senior

Angus—Lot 49; owner: Austin Betzold, Betzold Farms, Nokomis; sire: Connealy Right Answer 746; ADG: 6.11 lb.; ADG ratio: 133; Best F/G: 4.00 lb.; F/G ratio: 145; wt.: 1,795 lb.

Angus junior averages—ADG: 5.19 lb.; F/G: 5.43 lb.; wt.: 1,156 lb.

Angus senior averages—ADG: 4.58 lb.; F/G: 5.78 lb.; wt.: 1,423 lb.

The sale is set for March 11 and will include an online video option. For more information contact Atkinson at SIU—Carbondale, Department of Animal Science, Food & Nutrition, Mail Code 4417, 1205 Lincoln Dr., Carbondale, IL 62901; phone: 618-453-5000; fax: 618-453-5231; or ratkinsn@siu.edu. Information is also available on the test website at <http://bulltest.siu.edu/>.

University of Tennessee

Junior Bull Test

Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center, Spring Hill, Tenn.

28-day report (Dec. 8, 2015)

The University of Tennessee Bull Testing Program weighed 49 bulls on test, 48 of them Angus. The 84-day test is at the Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center, Spring Hill, Tenn.

The junior bulls must have been born Dec. 1, 2014-Feb. 28, 2015. The nomination deadline for junior bulls was Sept. 29, 2015, with delivery Oct. 27.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 22; owner: Lazy S Angus, Chuckey; sire: GVF Answer 1028; ADG: 6.68 lb.; WDA: 2.76 lb.; wt.: 1,025 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 47; owner: Williams Angus, Gray; sire: GAR

Prophet; ADG: 5.32 lb.; WDA: 3.79 lb.; wt.: 1,110 lb.

Angus averages (48 head)—ADG: 4.34 lb.

56-day report (Jan. 5, 2016)

High-ADG Angus—Lot 30; owner: Mills Angus Farms, Cookeville; sire: Quaker Hill

Rampage 0A36; ADG: 6.09 lb.; ADG ratio: 137; WDA: 3.59 lb.; wt.: 1,255 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 47; owner: Williams Angus, Gray; sire: GAR Prophet; ADG: 4.71 lb.; ADG ratio: 106; WDA: 3.79 lb.; wt.: 1,225 lb.

Angus averages (48 head)—ADG: 4.45 lb.

Bulls were to be weighed off test Feb. 1-2, with the sale scheduled for March 10.

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

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manager, at 931-486-2129; fax: 931-486-0142. Test information is also available at <https://ag.tennessee.edu/AnimalScience/ExtBull/Forms/AllItems.aspx>.

● **Southern West Virginia Bull Test Point Pleasant, W.Va.**

27-day report (Dec. 9, 2015)

The 2016 Southern West Virginia Bull Test accepted delivery of 94 bulls Oct. 12, 2015. The bulls went on test Nov. 12, 2015, with Angus bulls averaging 870 lb. Off-test weights for the 100-day test were to be taken Feb. 8-9.

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 188; owner: River Front Cattle Co., Buckhannon; sire: Riverfront 2GM20 of J478; ADG: 5.70 lb.; ADG ratio: 151; WDA: 3.50 lb.; wt.: 1,306 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 176; owner: River Front Cattle Co.; sire: WMR Timeless 458; ADG: 4.59 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 3.76 lb.; wt.: 1,350 lb.

Overall averages (91 head)—ADG: 3.78 lb.; WDA: 3.05 lb.; wt.: 973 lb.

55-day report (Jan. 6, 2016)

High-ADG and high-WDA Angus—Lot 180; owner: River Front Cattle Co., Buckhannon; sire: AAR Ten X 7008 SA; ADG: 5.85 lb.; ADG ratio: 151; WDA: 3.86 lb.; wt.: 1,487 lb.

Overall averages (91 head)—ADG: 3.87 lb.; WDA: 3.12 lb.; wt.: 1,084 lb.

The test sale is scheduled for March 26.

For more information contact Kevin Shaffer, program coordinator, Kevin.Shaffer@mail.wvu.edu; West Virginia University Extension Service, 2084 Agriculture Science Bldg., PO Box 6108, Morgantown, WV 26506; phone: 304-293-2669; or visit the test website at <http://southernsires.ext.wvu.edu>.

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

28-day report (Dec. 15, 2015)

A total of 219 bulls and 20 get-of-sire groups were delivered Oct. 27 for the 2015 Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) Winter Test. Angus, Hereford, Red Angus, SimAngus, Simmental, Gelbvieh, Lim-Flex and Charolais are represented. There are 164 Angus bulls in the test.

Interim weigh dates were scheduled for Jan. 19, 2016, and Feb. 16. The bulls will be weighed off test March 21.

High-ADG and high-indexing

Angus—Lot: 51; owner: Neil Underwood, North Manchester; sire: GAR Prophet; ADG: 7.07 lb.; ADG ratio: 150; WDA: 3.41 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 990 lb.; test index: 134

High-WDA Angus—Lot 168; owner: Cardinal Hill Farms, Glasgow, Ky.; sire: CHF 6079 Mandate 1066; ADG: 5.71 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 4.16 lb.; WDA ratio: 133; wt.: 1,445 lb.; test index: 126

Angus averages (164 head)—ADG: 4.72 lb.; WDA: 3.12 lb.; wt.: 928 lb.

Overall averages (219 head)—ADG: 4.58 lb.; WDA: 3.14 lb.; wt.: 931 lb.

Bulls will sell April 14 in the 74th IBEP Bull Sale and Springville Feeder Auction Association Bred Heifer Sale.

For more information contact Terry Stewart at tstewart@purdue.edu or 765-494-0138; fax: 765-494-9346; Brad Shelton, test station manager, at 812-279-8554 or sheltonb@purdue.edu; or Donna Lofgren, performance records and website, at dlofgren@purdue.edu. Information is available on the website at www.ansc.purdue.edu/ibep.

○ Wardensville Bull Test
West Virginia University Reymann
Memorial Farm, Wardensville, W.Va.
28-day report (Dec. 22, 2015)

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 received delivery of 143 bulls, 127 of them Angus, Oct. 28, 2015, 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, 2015. The enrollment deadline was Sept. 18. Interim weights were scheduled for Jan. 20, 2016.

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 86; owner: Triple O Farm, Amma, W.Va.; sire: TOF Durham Ten X; ADG: 6.96 lb.; ADG ratio: 152; WDA: 3.57 lb.; wt.: 1,138 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 36; owner: Poling Farms, Philippi, W.Va.; sire: Baldrige Xcel X168; ADG: 4.68 lb.; ADG ratio: 103; WDA: 3.84 lb.; wt.: 1,132 lb.

Angus averages (127 head)—ADG: 4.57 lb.; WDA: 3.13 lb.; wt.: 954 lb.

The test sale is scheduled for March 24 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/.

○ WBIA Bull Test
University of Wisconsin,
Platteville, Wis.
On-test report (Dec. 15, 2015)

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 103 bulls, 70 of them Angus, were delivered Nov. 2, 2015, for the 2016 WBIA Bull Test to go on test Dec. 1. The 100-day test is for bulls born Jan. 1-April 15, 2015.

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 ultrasound scanned for carcass traits and evaluated for breeding soundness.

35-day report (Jan. 5, 2016)

High-ADG Angus—Lot 33; owner: Biddick Inc., Brian Nodolf, Livingston; sire: KG Solution 0018; ADG: 6.46 lb.; ADG ratio: 161; WDA: 3.86 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,225 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 41; owner: Ryan Cattle, Tim Ryan, Lodi; sire: AAR

Ten X 7008 SA; ADG: 5.09 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 4.36 lb.; WDA ratio: 132; wt.: 1,220 lb.

The next interim weight was scheduled for Feb. 4. Off-test weights are to be collected March 9-10, with the sale April 2.

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More information is available by contacting John Freitag, WBIA 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.

● **Edisto Forage Bull Test**
Edisto Research & Education Center,
Blackville, S.C.
On-test report (Dec. 15, 2015)

The 2015 Edisto Forage Bull Test (EFBT) began Dec. 15 in Blackville after the delivery of 61 bulls Dec. 1. Nominations were due Oct. 15, 2015. Senior bulls

eligible for the test were born Nov. 1, 2014-Jan. 31, 2015. Junior bulls eligible for the test were born Feb. 1-March 31, 2015.

The test 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.

28-day report (Jan. 12)

High-ADG (tie) senior Angus—Lot 27; owner: Lindy Sheppard Farm, Sylvania, Ga.; sire: GAR Sundown M5591; ADG: 3.86 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 2.09 lb.; WDA ratio: 95; wt.: 850 lb.; test index: 5.95

High-ADG (tie) senior Angus—Lot 30; owner: Lindy Sheppard Farm; sire: GAR Highroller 5281; ADG: 3.86 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 2.03 lb.; WDA ratio: 92; wt.: 824 lb.; test index: 5.89

High-ADG (tie) senior Angus—Lot 44; owner: Burton Family Farm, Westminster, S.C.; sire: Burton FF Ideal Object Z014; ADG: 3.86 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 1.95 lb.; WDA ratio: 88; wt.: 724 lb.; test index: 5.80

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 54; owner: Fox Run Farm, Sam Daniel, Oxford, N.C.; sire: Rito 2V8 2536 1407; ADG: 1.96 lb.; ADG ratio: 67; WDA: 2.71 lb.; WDA ratio: 122; wt.: 1,085 lb.; test index: 4.67

High-indexing senior Angus—Lot 29; owner: Lindy Sheppard Farm; sire: GAR Sundown M5991; ADG: 3.71 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 2.33 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; wt.: 944 lb.; test index: 6.04

High-ADG and high-indexing junior Angus—Lot 35; owner: Primus Genetics, Leonard Fussell, Millers Creek, N.C.; sire: Deer Valley All In; ADG: 3.71 lb.; ADG ratio: 177; WDA: 2.51 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 850 lb.; test index: 6.23

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 52; owner: Fox Run Farm; sire: Rito 2V8 2536 1407; ADG: 2.71 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 2.66 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 794 lb.; test index: 5.38

Angus senior averages (22 head)—ADG: 2.92 lb.; WDA: 2.21 lb.; wt.: 861 lb.

Angus junior averages (21 head)—ADG: 2.10 lb.; WDA: 2.35 lb.; wt.: 741 lb.

Interim weights were scheduled for Feb. 19, March 8, April 5, and May 3. The bulls will be weighed off test May 31. The sale is scheduled for Oct. 8.

Sell can be contacted at 803-284-3343, ext. 223 (office); 803-450-0995 (cell) or gshell@clemsont.edu. Additional information is available on the test website at www.clemson.edu/extension/livestock/livestock/beef/bull_tests/efbt.html.

● **Treasure Bull Test**
Broken O Ranch Feedlot,
Simms, Mont.
60-day report (Jan. 6)

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, 2015. The fall division is for bulls born Aug. 1-Dec. 14, 2014. The bulls were weighed on test Oct. 30, 2015.

High-ADG Jackpot Angus—Lot 16; owner: Can Am Cattle Co., Irl & Anne Rincker, Shelbyville, Ill.; sire: VAR Discovery 2240; ADG: 5.08 lb.; WDA: 3.55 lb.; wt.: 1,300 lb.

High-WDA Jackpot Angus—Lot 9; owner: R.K. Perry, Ryan and Karrel Perry, Power, Mont.; sire: Koupal's B&B Identity 0020; ADG: 2.92 lb.; WDA: 3.79 lb.; wt.: 1,165 lb.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 160; owner: McIntosh Angus Ranch, Rhod McIntosh, Pullman, Wash.; sire: Deer Valley All In; ADG: 5.00 lb.; WDA: 3.45 lb.; wt.: 1,115 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 128; owner: McDonnell Angus, Leo and Sam McDonnell, Columbus, Mont.; sire: Mid SF Total Package 1337; ADG: 3.83 lb.; WDA: 3.90 lb.; wt.: 1,190 lb.

High-ADG Fall Angus—Lot 305; owner: Ascent Angus Farms, Chris Miller Family, Oakland, Ill.; sire: MCR Horizon 081; ADG: 4.08 lb.; WDA: 2.77 lb.; wt.: 1,080 lb.

High-WDA Fall Angus—Lot 304; owner: R.K. Perry, Ryan and Karrel Perry; sire: Vermilion Bear Paw; ADG: 3.50 lb.; WDA: 3.69 lb.; wt.: 1,640 lb.

Angus averages (109 head)—ADG: 3.24 lb.; WDA: 3.12 lb.

Fall Angus averages (5 head)—ADG: 2.87 lb.; WDA: 3.09 lb.

The bulls will be weighed off test Feb. 29. Approximately 75% of the bulls on test will sell April 11 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.

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

Mid-test report (Jan. 4, 2016)

There were 232 bulls, 84 of them Angus, delivered to Kansas Bull Development LLC, Wamego, Oct. 23-24, 2015, for the Kansas Angus Association Bull Test. Nominations were due Oct. 5. 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, 2015.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 216; owner: Klausmeyer K3 Angus, Todd Klausmeyer, Clearwater; sire: Rito Revenue 5 M2 of 2536 Pre; ADG: 5.32 lb.; ADG ratio: 147; WDA: 2.58 lb.; WDA ratio: 91; wt.: 850 lb.; test index: 120

High-WDA and high-indexing Angus—Lot 233; owner: Pearson Angus, Clint Pearson, Scott City; sire: LAR Protégé 327; ADG: 4.29 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; WDA: 3.48 lb.; WDA ratio: 123; wt.: 914 lb.; test index: 121

Final weights were scheduled to be taken Feb. 23 and 25, 2016. The test sale will take place April 6 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.

📍 Tucumcari Bull Test Tucumcari, N.M. 60-day report (Dec. 18, 2015)

There have been significant changes to the 2015-2016 Tucumcari Bull Test. The

addition of GrowSafe® feed intake technology has allowed the measurement of feed intake per individual bull. This equipment also assists in calculating residual feed intake (RFI) efficiency for this year's set of bulls. The structure of the test itself has

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changed due to the new technology.

There are now three separate contemporary groups (A, B and C), vs. one complete test group as in years past. Instead of 38 individual pens, the test facility now has two large pens and 10 individual pens. Bulls in the large pens are the RFI-tested bulls. Because of age, management and time of year, it seemed appropriate to break out the 147 bulls currently on test into three separate contemporary groups.

Group A includes older bulls born between Jan. 1-Feb. 28, 2015. They were placed in the RFI testing pen to measure intake for the first 60 days of the test. Group B consists of the younger calves scheduled to be RFI tested during the last 60 days of the overall test. These calves are in a similar sized pen as Group A; however, they are a bit lighter due to being 60 days younger. Group C is considered the individually tested bulls. These bulls are penned in groups of two to four head per pen. The management of these bulls is similar to years past, with calves penned separately by owner. This group has some of the largest bulls on test.

High-ADG and high-WDA group A Angus—Lot 5028; owner: McCall Land & Cattle, Albuquerque; sire: EF Impression 2648; ADG: 5.13 lb.; ADG ratio: 136; WDA: 3.77 lb.; WDA ratio: 124; wt.: 1,078 lb.

High-ADG group B Angus—Lot 5044; owner: McCall Land & Cattle; sire: Baldrige Upper crust U135; ADG: 4.20 lb.; ADG ratio: 137; WDA: 2.86 lb.; WDA ratio: 94; wt.: 825 lb.

High-WDA group B Angus—Lot 5041; owner: Cornerstone Ranch Inc., Fort Sumner; sire: Lazy JB O'Reilly Factor 3038; ADG: 3.37 lb.; ADG ratio: 110; WDA: 3.37 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 855 lb.

High-ADG group C Angus—Lot 5043; owner: McCall Land & Cattle; sire: EF Impression 2648; ADG: 5.58 lb.; ADG ratio: 149; WDA: 2.70 lb.; WDA ratio: 84; wt.: 784 lb.

High-WDA group C Angus—Lot 547; owner: Netherton Angus, Las Animas, Colo.; sire: Sitz Onward 377S; ADG: 4.08 lb.; ADG ratio: 109; WDA: 4.05 lb.; WDA ratio: 126; wt.: 1,125 lb.

Best RFI Angus (Group A)—Lot 218; owner: J-C Angus, Moriarty; sire: RB Tour of Duty 177; ADG: 2.37 lb.; ADG ratio: 63; WDA: 3.16 lb.; WDA ratio: 104; wt.: 993 lb.; RFI: -1.85

For more information contact Marcy Ward, extension livestock specialist, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM 88003; office phone: 575-646-5947 or cell: 575-644-3379; or visit the test website at <http://tucbulltest.nmsu.edu>.

Minnesota BCIA Bull Test Spring Grove, Minn. 56-day report (Jan. 4, 2016)

The 2015-2016 Minnesota Beef

Cattle Improvement Association (MBCIA) bull test will take place in Spring Grove, Minn. Foundation Feeders Inc. has hosted the MBCIA Bull Test since 1999. The bulls will be fed a high-protein total TMR ration that will enhance rumen stretch, ADG and fertility. Bulls eligible for the 133-day test must have been born Jan. 1-May 15, 2015.

Application forms for the test were due

Oct. 10, 2015, with delivery accepted Oct. 31. After a 14-day warm-up period, bulls were weighed on test Nov. 13-14.

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus—Lot 9; owner: Richland Prairie Farm, David and Debra Lawstuen, Lanesboro; ADG: 6.16 lb.; WDA: 3.73 lb.; wt.: 1,160 lb.; test index: 132

High-WDA Angus—Lot 50; owner: Freeburg Ridge Farm, Joseph Hammell,

Caledonia; ADG: 4.69 lb.; WDA: 3.91 lb.; wt.: 1,340 lb.; test index: 115

The 105-day weight was to be taken Feb. 18. Off-test weights are scheduled for March 17, with the sale March 29.

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

