

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.

Green Springs Spring Bull Test Nevada, Mo.

112-day final report (Oct. 17, 2016)

The Green Springs Spring Bull Test at Nevada, Mo., weighed bulls off test Oct. 17, 2016. The test is a 112-day performance test with bulls grouped by breed and size as much as possible, offering an optimum growth environment. Bulls must be weaned and vaccinated. The spring test was for bulls born Aug. 1-Oct. 31, 2015.

Bulls were fed for a 14-day warm-up period before the official test began. Bulls were fed a high-quality ration formulated by a qualified nutritionist and adequate for a targeted ADG of 3.5 lb.

High-ADG and high-indexing Angus—Lot 16198; owner: Maas Angus Farms, Quincy, Ill.; sire: AAR Ten X 7008 SA; ADG: 5.00 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.29 lb.; WDA ratio: 106; RFI: 0.42; RFI ratio: 98; wt.: 1,465 lb.; test index: 99; SC: 36.5 cm

High-WDA Angus—Lot 16222; owner: Jeff Liston, Lovilia, Iowa; sire: High Prime 4037; ADG: 4.55 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 3.75 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; RFI: -1.92; RFI ratio: 106; wt.: 1,215 lb.; test index: 97; SC: 34.5 cm

Best RFI Angus—Lot 16196; owner: Dr. & Mrs. Norman Garton, Nevada, Mo.; sire: Plattemere Weigh Up K360; ADG: 3.72 lb.; ADG ratio: 98; WDA: 3.59 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; RFI: -4.65; RFI ratio: 114; wt.: 1,465 lb.; test index: 94; SC: 38.5 cm

Angus averages (66 head)—ADG: 3.79 lb.; WDA: 3.12 lb.

The test sale took place Nov. 21. For more information contact Kent Abele, owner, at 417-465-2240 or 417-448-7416; email him at gsgbulltest@gmail.com, or visit the test website at www.greenspringsbulltest.com.

Calhoun Bull Evaluation Northwest Georgia Research and Education Center, Calhoun, Ga.

112-day final report (Nov. 8, 2016)

The 47th Calhoun Bull Evaluation Program began June 27-28, 2016, with the delivery of 150 bulls representing seven breeds. The average on-test weight for the 84 Angus bulls was 904 lb., with overall on-test weights at 885 lb. Eligible bulls were born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2015.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 96; owner: Double T, Tim and Tandy West, Centre, Ala.; sire: Connealy Comrade 1385; ADG: 5.13 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.53 lb.; WDA ratio: 103; wt.: 1,438 lb.; SC: 36.0 cm

High-WDA Angus (tie)—Lot 44; owner: Williams Angus Farm, Gene and Michael Williams, Calhoun, Ga.; sire: Quaker Hill Rampage 0A36; ADG: 4.34 lb.; ADG ratio: 112; WDA: 3.97 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,380 lb.; SC: 40.0 cm

High-WDA Angus (tie)—Lot 85; owner: Sheppard Farms, Lindy Sheppard, Sylvania, Ga.; sire: RB Tour of Duty 177; ADG: 4.97 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 3.97

lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,640 lb.; SC: 31.0 cm

Angus averages (82 head)—ADG: 3.89 lb.; WDA: 3.42 lb.; wt.: 1,342 lb.

Overall averages (147 head)—ADG: 3.85 lb.; WDA: 3.35 lb.; wt.: 1,318 lb. The sale was Dec. 2.

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North Alabama BCIA Bull Evaluation Cullman, Ala.

84-day final report (Nov. 1, 2016)

The North Alabama Bull Evaluation Center located at Donaldson Farm near Cullman accepted bulls for the 84-day test in July 2016. Bulls were weighed on test in August, with interim weights taken in September and October. The bulls were fed a ration recommended by Alabama Cooperative Extension that is fed in self-feeders. Bulls are provided free-choice access to hay, as well.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 32; owner: Triple S Cattle Co., Southside, Ala.; sire: AAR Ten X 7008 SA; ADG: 4.99 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; wt.: 1,294 lb.; SC: 40.5 cm

Angus averages (37 head)—ADG: 3.92 lb.; wt.: 1,313 lb.

Overall averages (74 head)—ADG: 3.60 lb.; wt.: 1,315 lb.

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North Carolina BCIP Butner Bull Test Bahama, N.C.

84-day report (Oct. 18, 2016)

The North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement Program (BCIP) Butner Bull Test reported 94 bulls were weighed on test Aug. 8-9. The 112-day test is for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 15, 2015, and has 70 Angus bulls on test. Bulls were delivered to the test station July 13. Final weights were to be taken Nov. 14-15.

High-ADG and high-WDA Angus—Lot 62; owner: Eugene Shuffler, Shuffler Farm, Union Grove, N.C.; sire: Jindra Double Vision; ADG: 5.15 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 3.79 lb.; WDA ratio: 126; wt.: 1,510 lb.; frame: 6.3

Angus averages (70 head)—ADG: 3.69 lb.; WDA: 3.02 lb.; wt.: 1,181 lb.

Overall averages (94 head)—ADG: 3.55 lb.; WDA: 3.00 lb.; wt.: 1,168 lb.

112-day final report (Nov. 15)
High-ADG Angus—Lot 3; owner: Oakview Angus, Bobby Aldridge,

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High-WDA and high-indexing

Angus—Lot 62; owner: Shuffler Farm, Eugene Shuffler; sire: Jindra Double Vision; ADG: 5.10 lb.; ADG ratio: 133; WDA: 3.87 lb.; WDA ratio: 124; wt.: 1,648 lb.; frame: 6.8; test index: 126

Angus averages (70 head)—ADG: 3.85 lb.; WDA: 3.11 lb.; wt.: 1,302 lb.

Overall averages (94 head)—ADG: 3.76 lb.; WDA: 3.09 lb.; wt.: 1,290 lb.

The test sale is scheduled for Dec. 16 at the Granville County Livestock Arena, Oxford, N.C.

For more information contact Gary Gregory at 919-515-4027, fax: 919-515-6884 or gary_gregory@ncsu.edu; or Dean Askew, station manager, at 919-471-6872. Information is available on the test website, www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/animal/bcip/Ahbcip.html.

North Carolina BCIP Waynesville Bull Test

Mountain Research Station, Waynesville, N.C.

84-day report (Nov. 1, 2016)

A total of 57 bulls, 39 of them Angus, were weighed on test Aug. 8-9 for the North Carolina BCIP Waynesville Bull Test. The 112-day test is for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2015. Nominations were due July 6, with bulls accepted for delivery July 27.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 2; owner: Edie Bradley, Hiawessee, Ga.; sire: Deer Valley All In; ADG: 5.70 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 3.35 lb.; WDA ratio: 103; wt.: 1,375 lb.; frame: 5.9

High-WDA Angus—Lot 18; owner: Steve Johnston, Chimney Top Angus, Johnson City, Tenn.; sire: AAR Ten X 7008 SA; ADG: 4.44 lb.; ADG ratio: 101; WDA: 3.61 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,470 lb.; frame: 6.7

Angus averages (39 head)—ADG: 4.38 lb.; WDA: 3.24 lb.; wt.: 1,261 lb.

Overall averages (57 head)—ADG: 4.31 lb.; WDA: 3.23 lb.; wt.: 1,262 lb.

112-day final report (Nov. 29)

High-ADG Angus—Lot 2; owner: Eddy Bradley; sire: Deer Valley All In; ADG: 5.39 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 3.42 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; wt.: 1,500 lb.; frame: 6.1; SC: 34 cm; test index: 113

High-WDA Angus (tie)—Lot 24; owner: Overcash Angus, Dennis Overcash, Mooresville, N.C.; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 4.74 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 3.57 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,505 lb.; frame: 6.6; SC: 35 cm; test index 114

High-WDA Angus (tie)—Lot 18;

owner: Chimney Top Angus, Steve Johnson; sire: AAR Ten X 7008 SA; ADG: 4.07 lb.; ADG ratio: 99; WDA: 3.57 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,553 lb.; frame: 6.7; SC: 41 cm; test index 113

High-WDA Angus (tie)—Lot 16; owner: H&H Farm, Buddy Hamrick, Boiling Springs, N.C.; sire: PA Power Tool 9108; ADG: 3.66 lb.; ADG ratio: 89; WDA: 3.57 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,400 lb.;

frame: 6.2; SC: 38 cm; test index 107

High-indexing Angus—Lot 44; owner: Williams Angus, George Williams, Gray, Tenn.; sire: GAR Prophet; ADG: 5.19 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.33 lb.; WDA ratio: 102; wt.: 1,513 lb.; frame: 6.7; SC: 40 cm; test index 115

Angus averages (39 head)—ADG: 4.13 lb.; WDA: 3.25 lb.; wt.: 1,356 lb.

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Overall averages (57 head)—ADG: 4.05 lb.; WDA: 3.23 lb.; wt.: 1,353 lb.

The test sale was Jan. 7, 2017, at the WNC Regional Livestock Center, Canton, N.C.

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Danny Hyatt, station manager, at 828-456-3943. Information is available on the test website, www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/animal/bcip/Ahbcip.html.

Florida Bull Test Marianna, Fla. 84-day report (Nov. 9)

The North Florida Research and Education Center (NFREC) Bull Test in Marianna, Fla., accepted bulls July 26 with on-test weights taken Aug. 16-17. The test is for bulls born Aug. 15-Dec. 31, 2015.

The diet is 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 1534; owner: Triple D Angus, Farm, Whigham, Ga.; sire: Rito 005 of Rita 5F56 OBJ; ADG: 3.74 lb.; WDA: 2.85 lb.; wt.: 1,095 lb.; test index: 108

High-WDA and high-indexing Angus—Lot 1551; owner: Hubert Hightower, Monticello; ADG: 3.57 lb.; WDA: 3.62 lb.; wt.: 1,420 lb.; test index: 118

Overall averages—ADG: 3.18 lb.; WDA: 2.95 lb.; wt.: 1,174 lb.

112-day final report (Dec. 6-7, 2016)

High-ADG Angus—Lot 1557; owner: Gizmo Angus Farm, Molino; sire: SAV Resource 1441; ADG: 3.87 lb.; WDA: 3.18 lb.; wt.: 1,393 lb.; test index: 112

High-WDA and high-indexing Angus—Lot 1551; owner: Hubert Hightower, Waukeelah; sire: PA Safeguard 021; ADG: 3.53 lb.; WDA: 3.61 lb.; wt.: 1,515 lb.; test index: 113

Angus averages—ADG: 3.07 lb.; WDA: 2.94 lb.; wt.: 1,229 lb.

The test sale was scheduled for Jan. 21, 2017.

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.

2017 Clemson Bull Test Clemson, S.C.**84-day report (Nov. 15, 2016)**

Seventy bulls were delivered to the 2017 Clemson Bull Test at the Clemson Beef Cattle Farm near Pendleton Aug. 9. There are 26 senior Angus bulls and 17 junior Angus bulls on test.

The bulls were weighed on test Aug. 23 following a 14-day warm-up period.

High-ADG senior Angus—Lot 44; owner: Lindy Sheppard, Sylvania, Ga.; sire: GAR Highroller 5281; ADG: 5.71 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 3.82 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,585 lb.

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 46; owner: Lindy Sheppard; sire: RB Tour of Duty 177; ADG: 5.57 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.93 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,670 lb.

High-ADG and high-WDA junior Angus—Lot 78; owner: Chimney Top Angus, Steve Johnson, Greeneville, Tenn.; sire: GAR Prophet; ADG: 5.27 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 3.89 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,470 lb.

Senior Angus averages (25 head)—ADG: 4.43 lb.; WDA: 3.30 lb.; wt.: 1,362 lb.

Junior Angus averages (17 head)—ADG: 4.25 lb.; WDA: 3.25 lb.; wt.: 1,154 lb.

112-day final report (Dec. 12-13, 2016)

High-ADG and high-WDA (tie) senior Angus—Lot 46; owner: Lindy Sheppard; sire: RB Tour of Duty 177;

ADG: 5.11 lb.; ADG ratio: 119; WDA: 3.92 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,775 lb.

High-WDA (tie) senior Angus—Lot 10; owner: Shirley Brown, Tigerville, S.C.; sire: SAV Bruiser 9164; ADG: 5.00 lb.; ADG ratio: 116; WDA: 3.92 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,723 lb.

High-ADG and high-WDA junior Angus—Lot 5; owner: Chimney Top Angus, Greeneville, Tenn.; sire: GAR Prophet; ADG: 4.75 lb.; ADG ratio: 119; WDA: 3.84 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,560 lb.

Senior Angus averages (25 head)—ADG: 4.30 lb.; WDA: 3.34 lb.; wt.: 1,472 lb.

Junior Angus averages (17 head)—ADG: 4.01 lb.; WDA: 3.25 lb.; wt.: 1,246 lb.

The sale took place Feb. 4, 2017.

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● Virginia BCIA Culpeper Sr. Bull Test Blacksburg, Va.

112-day final report (Nov. 1, 2016)

The Culpeper Sr. Bull Test began July 12 with starting weights taken on 85 bulls. The average on-test weight for all bulls was 856 lb. There were 74 Angus bulls on test. The test is a 112-day test for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2015.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 63; owner: Gundzik Angus, John Gundzik, Manchester, Md.; sire: Connealy Consensus 7229; ADG: 4.69 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 3.30 lb.; WDA ratio: 106; wt.: 1,385 lb.; station index: 117; frame: 5.8; SC: 36.0 cm

High-WDA Angus—Lot 2; owner: Monomoy Farm, John Pennington, Warrenton; sire: GAR Prophet; ADG: 4.07 lb.; ADG ratio: 111; WDA: 3.67 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,530 lb.; station index: 114; frame: 6.1; SC: 36.0 cm

High-indexing Angus—Lot 35; owner: Lucas Farm, Joe and Timmy Lucas, Blacksburg; sire: RB Tour of Duty 177; ADG: 4.65 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 3.57 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,450 lb.; station index: 118; frame: 6.2; SC: 39.0 cm

Angus averages (71 head)—ADG: 3.66 lb.; WDA: 3.10 lb.; wt.: 1,264 lb.

Overall averages (82 head)—ADG: 3.65 lb.; WDA: 3.11 lb.; wt.: 1,264 lb.

The test sale was scheduled for Dec. 10 at Glenmary Farm, Rapidan, Va.

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● University of Tennessee Senior Bull Test Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center, Spring Hill, Tenn. 84-day final report (Nov. 22)

The University of Tennessee Bull Testing Program accepted delivery of bulls for the senior bull test Aug. 16,

2016, and weighed a total of 109 bulls on test Aug. 30-31. The 84-day test was conducted at the Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center, Spring Hill, Tenn. Senior bulls were born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2015. There were 100 Angus bulls on test.

High-ADG (tie) Angus—Lot 11; owner:

Diamond M Farms, Moss; sire: GAR Prophet; ADG: 5.65 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.59 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,562 lb.; frame: 6.1; SC: 39.6 cm

High-ADG (tie) Angus—Lot 84; owner: Plateau Farms, Cookeville; sire: Jindra Double Vision; ADG: 5.65 lb.; ADG ratio:

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132; WDA: 3.61 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,572 lb.; frame: 6.7; SC: 38.0 cm

High-WDA Angus—Lot 7; owner: Chimney Top Angus, Johnson City; sire: AAR Ten X 7008 SA; ADG: 4.94 lb.; ADG ratio: 116; WDA: 3.73 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,665 lb.; frame: 5.5; SC: 37.2 cm

Angus averages (96 head)—ADG: 4.27 lb.; WDA: 3.26 lb.

Overall averages (105 head)—ADG: 4.26 lb.; WDA: 3.27 lb.

The sale is scheduled for Jan. 19, 2017. 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>.

Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Ass'n Douglas Bull Test Station, Carberry, Man. 56-day report (Jan. 3, 2017)

The 53rd Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Association Bull & Heifer Development Test accepted delivery Oct. 11-14, 2016, 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 30, 2016, to be eligible for the 112-day test.

A total of 140 bulls were weighed on test Nov. 7-8, with Blonde D'Aquitaine, Limousin, Salers, Angus*, Simmental, Maine Anjou and Shorthorn breeds represented. The average on-test WDA for the Angus bulls was 3.04 lb. Overall on-test WDA was 3.02 lb.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 44; owner: Angus Pine Farm, Sundown, Man.; sire: Blue Gentian Objective 9516A; ADG: 5.63 lb.; WDA: 3.25 lb.; wt.: 1,050 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 69; owner: Sylvestre Land & Cattle, Redvers, Sask.; sire: SAV Resource 1441; ADG: 4.69 lb.; WDA: 3.79 lb.; wt.: 1,255 lb.

Angus averages (71 head)—ADG: 4.22 lb.; WDA: 3.24 lb.; wt.: 1,041 lb.

Overall averages (138 head)—ADG: 4.02 lb.; WDA: 3.20 lb.

Interim weights were to be taken Jan. 31, 2017. The bulls will be weighed off test Feb. 27-28. The sale is scheduled for April 1.

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@mynetset.ca; or visit the test website at www.manitobabulltest.co.

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

Southwest Virginia BCIA Bull Test Hillwinds Farm, Dublin, Va. 55-day report (Jan. 4, 2017)

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, 2015. Junior bulls must have been born Jan. 1-March 31, 2016. Entries for both divisions were due Sept. 5. Delivery was accepted Oct. 4 at Hillwinds Farm. A total of 97 senior bulls and 128 junior bulls went on test Oct. 25.

The senior Angus bulls began the test with an average weight of 1,040 lb. and an average WDA of 2.70 lb. The junior Angus bulls weighed on test with an average weight of 735 lb. and an average WDA of 2.86 lb.

High-ADG senior Angus—Lot 18; owner: Brilee Angus Ranch, Bob Bahr, Timberville; sire: VAR Discovery 2240; ADG: 6.00 lb.; ADG ratio: 152; WDA: 2.55 lb.; WDA ratio: 89; wt.: 1,005 lb.

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 41; owner: Chimney Top Angus, Steve

Johnson, Johnson City, Tenn.; sire: MCC Daybreak; ADG: 4.58 lb.; ADG ratio: 116; WDA: 3.28 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,510 lb.

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 76; owner: Cassell Angus Farm, Jason Cassell, Independence; sire: Deer Valley All In; ADG: 4.75 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 3.11 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; wt.: 982 lb.

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 104; owner: Phillips Mountain Angus, Bud Phillips, Coeburn; sire: Connealy Right Answer 746; ADG: 3.71 lb.; ADG ratio: 109; WDA: 3.61 lb.; WDA ratio: 122; wt.: 1,035 lb.

Angus senior averages (46 head)—ADG: 3.96 lb.; WDA: 2.86 lb.; wt.: 1,258 lb.

Overall senior averages (97 head)—ADG: 3.88 lb.; WDA: 2.85 lb.; wt.: 1,237 lb.

Angus junior averages (82 head)—ADG: 3.40 lb.; WDA: 2.96 lb.; wt.: 925 lb.

Overall junior averages (128 head)—ADG: 3.38 lb.; WDA: 2.98 lb.; wt.: 927 lb.

The bulls will be weighed off test with an average of weights collected Feb. 13 and 14.

The test sale will be at the farm March 25.

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OPSU Beef Bull Performance Test Goodwell, Okla. 56-day report (Dec. 3)

The 99 beef bulls consigned to the 65th annual Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU) Beef Bull Performance Test were weighed on test Oct. 8, 2016. Consigned by 19 breeders, breeds represented were Angus, Maine-Anjou, Lim-Flex, Hereford and Polled Hereford.

In addition to the bull test ration, which is fed twice daily, the bulls have access to a grass hay *ad libitum*.

High-ADG junior Angus—Owner: Ronald Coffee, Pauls Valley; sire: SAV Ten Percent 3085; ADG: 5.02 lb.

High-ADG senior Angus—Owner: B&M Angus, Edmond; sire: B&M Upshot 304; ADG: 6.36 lb.

Top junior Angus pen—Owner: R.J. Hollon, Woodward; sire: GAR 9M25 Rito 6082; avg. ADG: 4.46 lb.; avg. WDA: 3.35 lb.

Top senior Angus pen—Owner: B&M Angus; avg. ADG: 5.41 lb.

Overall averages (99 head)—ADG: 3.99 lb.; WDA: 3.10 lb.

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High-ADG junior Angus—Owner: Ronald Coffee; sire: SAV Ten Percent

3085; ADG: 5.17 lb.

Top junior Angus pen—Owner: R.J. Hollon; sire: GAR 9M25 Rito 6082; avg. ADG: 4.83 lb.

High-ADG senior Angus—Owner: B&M Angus; sire: B&M Upshot 304; ADG: 6.08 lb.

Top senior Angus pen—Owner: Al

Rutledge, Stillwater; sire: GAR Sunrise; avg. ADG: 5.30 lb.

The 112-day test concluded Jan. 28, 2017.

The sale is scheduled for Feb. 27, 2017, in the England Activity Building, University Farm, Goodwell, Okla. Those interested in following the performance

of the bulls during the test can contact Gwen Martin at 580-349-1500 or gwen@opsu.edu.

Tifton Bull Evaluation Program Tifton Bull Evaluation Center, Tifton, Ga. 56-day report (Dec. 13, 2016)

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The 59th Tifton Bull Evaluation Program began Sept. 26 and 27, 2016, with the delivery of 157 bulls representing eight different breeds and averaging 838 lb. As a group, the bulls have performed well, says Jacob Segers, extension animal scientist.

The 112-day test features bulls born Dec. 1, 2015-Feb. 28, 2016. All bulls

tested negative for PI-BVD.

Going on test Oct. 18, the 83 Angus bulls averaged 821 lb. for a WDA of 2.96 lb., while all 157 bulls averaged 838 lb. with a WDA of 3.00 lb. Interim weights were to be collected Jan. 10, 2017, with final weights scheduled for collection Feb. 6-7.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 126; owner: Gretsch Bros. Angus, Fred and Ann Gretsch, Lexington, Ga.; sire: Quaker Hill Rampage 0A36; ADG: 6.55 lb.; ADG ratio: 144; WDA: 3.49 lb.; WDA ratio: 108; wt.: 1,210 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 86; owner: Gillis Angus Farm, Windell Gillis, Eastman, Ga.;

sire: RB Tour of Duty 177; ADG: 4.86 lb.; ADG ratio: 107; WDA: 3.84 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,360 lb.

Angus averages (83 head)—ADG: 4.56 lb.; WDA: 3.23 lb.; wt.: 1,077 lb.

Overall averages (157 head)—ADG: 4.48 lb.; WDA: 3.24 lb.; wt.: 1,090 lb.

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High-ADG Angus—Lot 126; owner: Gretsch Bros. Angus, Fred and Ann Gretsch; sire: Quaker Hill Rampage 0A36; ADG: 5.92 lb.; ADG ratio: 133; WDA: 3.57 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; wt.: 1,340 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 86; owner: Gillis Angus Farm, Windell Gillis; sire: RB Tour of Duty 177; ADG: 4.43 lb.; ADG ratio: 100; WDA: 3.82 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,360 lb.

Angus averages (83 head)—ADG: 4.44 lb.; WDA: 3.30 lb.; wt.: 1,195 lb.

Overall averages (157 head)—ADG: 4.32 lb.; WDA: 3.29 lb.; wt.: 1,201 lb.

Qualifying bulls will sell in the test sale March 1.

Visitors are welcome at the station 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Contact Segers for more information at 2360 Rainwater Rd., Tifton, GA 31793; phone: 229-386-3683; or at jacobs@uga.edu. 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 <http://blog.extension.uga.edu/beef/programs/>.

Tifton HERD Program Report 3 (Dec. 12, 2016)

The 18th HERD program at the Tifton Bull Evaluation Center in Irwinville has released its third report. The center received 197 heifers Oct. 3 to go on test Oct. 25. Drought and dusty conditions gave rise to some incidence of pinkeye; however, overall health was good as heifers entered the program, reported Jacob Segers, extension animal scientist. All heifers tested negative for persistent infection with bovine viral diarrhea (PI BVD).

The heifers were artificially inseminated (AI) Dec. 12. The committee decided to allow the females to rest through the months of January and February. Pregnancy examination will be done March 15 to determine which heifers are safe to the AI date and a report will follow at that time.

Cleanup bulls were turned in Dec. 20, 2016, and will be removed Feb. 3, 2017. Overall, health continues to be good.

The center is open for visitors on weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. You are welcome to visit the station during these hours. If you wish to visit on weekends, please call Mike Keeler at 229-831-5416.

For more information visit www.ugabeef.com.

WCA All-Breed Bull Test Eltopia, Wash.**60-day report (Nov. 28, 2016)**

The 24th annual Washington Cattlemen's Association (WCA) All-

Breed Bull Test began Nov. 3 with the initial weigh-in of 126 bulls consisting of 69 Angus, 31 Hereford, 13 Red Angus, four Angus composites, and nine Simmental. The bulls will be fed under the supervision of Bob and Nina Lundgren at their Bonina Feed Facility at Eltopia.

Bulls eligible for the 120-day test must be born Jan. 1-March 31, 2016. When the bulls are weighed off test Feb. 28 and March 1, 2017, breeding soundness exams, semen tests and ultrasound data will be compiled. Genetic profile enhancement through DNA samples will be used on many of the bulls selling.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 80; owner: Wheeler Cattle Co., Garrett Wheeler, Prosser; sire: GAR Prophet; ADG: 5.89 lb.; WDA: 3.61 lb.; wt.: 1,255 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 97; owner: Hagen Cattle Co., Lorren or Pauline Hagen, Chewalah; sire: SAV Resource 1441; ADG: 4.66 lb.; WDA: 3.93 lb.; wt.: 1,400 lb.

Angus averages (69 head)—ADG: 4.00 lb.; WDA: 3.32 lb.; wt.: 1,102 lb.

The test sale is scheduled for March 22.

The bulls can be viewed at any time at the Bonina facility. Interim reports and sale information are available by contacting the WCA office at 509-925-9871, at wacattle@kvalley.com; on the WCA website at www.washingtoncattlemen.org; or via sale manager Kendall Cattle Sales at 208-858-2163, kendall@potlatch.com.

📍 Snake River Bull Test Twin Falls, Idaho

87-day report (Dec. 10, 2016)

The Snake River Bull Test reported 207 bulls weighed on test Oct. 16, including 101 junior Angus and 29 senior Angus. Entry deadline was Sept. 16, with delivery accepted Oct. 8. Interim weights were scheduled for Jan. 7, 2017.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 93; owner: JSL Angus, Mark and Cathy Ferguson, Madras, Ore.; sire: Connealy Thunder; ADG: 4.91 lb.; wt.: 1,135 lb.

Off-test weights will be taken Feb. 4 and 6. The test sale will be March 3, 2017.

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.

📍 SIU Bull Test Carbondale, Ill.

56-day report (Jan. 3, 2017)

Southern Illinois University (SIU) accepted 22 junior bulls and seven Angus senior bulls for testing Oct. 13-14, 2016, for the 40th annual bull test. Applications were due Sept. 8, with bulls tested in junior and senior divisions for 84 days this year. The test began Nov. 7-8.

The bull test station team is student-run, 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. This helps the team ensure that each bull receives only its measured portion of grain. In addition, the student team will learn to

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conduct the ultrasonic tests and to conduct the scheduled weigh-ins.

High-ADG—Lot 7; owner: Groennert Angus Farm, Nashville; sire: AAR Ten X 7008 SA; ADG: 6.16 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; F/G: 4.77 lb.; F/G ratio: 121; wt.: 1,190 lb.

Best F/G junior Angus—Lot 25; owner:

Bill Washburn, Olney; sire: RB Tour of Duty 177; ADG: 6.07 lb.; F/G: 3.89 lb.; F/G ratio: 149; wt.: 1,330 lb.

High-ADG and best F/G senior Angus—Lot 50; owner: Gajewski Farms, Ashley; sire: AAR Ten X 7008 SA; ADG: 6.88 lb.; ADG ratio: 119; F/G: 4.90 lb.; F/G ratio: 127; wt.: 1,595 lb.

Angus junior averages—ADG: 4.83 lb.; F/G: 5.78 lb.; wt.: 1,113 lb.

Angus senior averages—ADG: 5.78 lb.; F/G: 6.22 lb.; wt.: 1,382 lb.

Final weights scheduled for Jan. 30-31. The sale is set for March 3 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/>.

**● Tucumcari Bull Test
Tucumcari, N.M.**

60-day report (Jan. 2, 2017)

There were significant changes to the 2015-2016 Tucumcari Bull Test. The addition of GrowSafe® feed intake technology allowed the measurement of feed intake per individual bull. This equipment also assists in calculating residual feed intake (RFI) efficiency for each year's set of bulls. The structure of the test itself was changed due to the new technology. There are now separate contemporary groups 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. Group A includes older bulls that 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. Group C is considered the individually tested bulls.

High-ADG and best RFI group A

Angus—Lot 5-2; owner: J-C Angus, Moriarty, N.M.; sire: AAR Ten X 7008 SA; ADG: 7.54 lb.; ADG ratio: 155; WDA: 3.09 lb.; WDA ratio: 91; RFI: -5.0; wt.: 1,068 lb.

High-WDA group A Angus—Lot 12-4; Walker Angus, Tucumcari; sire: EXAR Impression 3590B; ADG: 5.65 lb.; ADG ratio: 116; WDA: 3.96 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; RFI: -1.6; wt.: 1,133 lb.

High-ADG group B Angus—Lot 4-11; owner: Hartzog Angus/Running Water Land & Cattle, Bovina, Texas; sire: 2S Final Answer 60-1336; ADG: 5.33 lb.; ADG ratio: 142; WDA: 3.15 lb.; WDA ratio: 106; wt.: 948 lb.

High-WDA group B Angus—Lot 6-11; owner: McCall Land & Cattle Co., Albuquerque; N.M. sire: JMcAnswer 9485 529B; ADG: 5.31 lb.; ADG ratio: 142; WDA: 3.63 lb.; WDA ratio: 122; wt.: 1,018 lb.

High-ADG group C Angus—Lot 6-37; owner: McCall Land & Cattle Co.; sire: EF Impression 2648; ADG: 5.63 lb.; ADG ratio: 147; WDA: 2.99 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; wt.: 858 lb.

High-WDA group C Angus—Lot 6-31; owner: McCall Land & Cattle Co.; sire: EF Impression 2648; ADG: 3.93 lb.; ADG ratio: 102; WDA: 3.25 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 932 lb.

Angus Group A averages—ADG: 4.49 lb.; WDA: 3.37 lb.; FE: 5.30

Angus Group B averages—ADG: 3.74 lb.; WDA: 2.98 lb.

Angus Group C averages—ADG: 3.84 lb.; WDA: 2.85 lb.

The test sale is scheduled for March 11.

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>.

**○ WIU Bull Test
Macomb, Ill.**

28-day report (Nov. 16, 2016)

The 45th Western Illinois University (WIU) Bull Test received 63 bulls from five states, representing the Angus, Simmental, Polled Hereford, Red Angus and Charolais breeds, plus a number of Simmental composites and a Barzona composite, according to WIU School of Agriculture Bull Test Director John Carlson. The bulls officially began the test Oct. 19, 2016.

The bulls will be weighed every 28 days throughout the test, and the test website will be updated after each weigh date. The WIU bull test station is open daily for those who want to view the bulls during the test period.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 511; owner: Kuhle Farm, Hazel Green, Wis.; sire: GAR Prophet; ADG: 6.75 lb.; wt.: 848 lb.

56-day report (Dec. 13, 2016)

High-ADG Angus—Lot 305; owner: Beau Bewley, Bewley Farms, Yates City, Ill.; sire: Musgrave Great Falls 513; ADG: 5.79 lb.; WDA: 5.64 lb.; wt.: 1,190 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 401; owner: Eagle River Angus, Phil Ehnle, Dunlap, Ill.; sire: VAR Generation 2100; ADG: 5.07 lb.; WDA: 5.84 lb.; wt.: 1,096 lb.

Off-test weights will be taken Feb. 7 and 8, 2017. The test sale is scheduled for March 10, 2017.

For more information about the test and to follow the progress of the bulls, contact Carlson at 309-298-1288 or at jp-carlson@wiu.edu. The test website is www.wiu.edu/bulltest.

**○ MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program
Plank Farm, Crystal, Mich.**

28-day report (Nov. 18, 2016)

The Michigan Cattlemen's Association (MCA) and Michigan State University (MSU) announced the beginning of the MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program, with 103 bulls weighing an average of 783 lb. Consignors must be paid members of the MCA and have their 2017 dues paid in advance. To be eligible for the test, bulls must have been born Sept. 1, 2015-March 31, 2016. There are 47 junior Angus bulls and nine senior Angus bulls on test.

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, with a delivery date of Oct. 7-8.

High-ADG senior Angus—Lot 43; owner: Bordner Angus Farms, Sturgis; sire: K-B Carcass Merit A02; ADG: 6.43 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 2.73 lb.; WDA ratio: 91; wt.: 1,130 lb.

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 26; owner: KB Farms, Kevin Beckington,

Merritt; sire: EXAR Denver 2002B; ADG: 5.27 lb.; ADG ratio: 107; WDA: 3.33 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,130 lb.

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 19; owner: Dawson Farms, Concord; sire: Rito 9M25 of Rita 5F56 Pred; ADG: 6.25 lb.; ADG ratio: 161; WDA: 3.62 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,140 lb.

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 5; owner: Barker Creek Cattle Co., Bath; sire: Connealy Black Granite; ADG: 2.41 lb.; ADG ratio: 62; WDA: 3.66 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 870 lb.

Overall averages—ADG: 4.12 lb.; WDA: 3.14 lb.; wt.: 899 lb.

56-day report (Dec. 16, 2016)

High-ADG senior Angus—Lot 46; owner: Bordner Angus Farms; sire: K-B Carcass Merit A02; ADG: 5.27 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 2.47 lb.; WDA ratio: 89; wt.: 1,125 lb.

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High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 26; owner: KB Farms, Kevin Beckington; sire: EXAR Denver 2002B; ADG: 5.13 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; WDA: 3.08 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,270 lb.

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 15; owner: Voogt Farms; sire: Boyd Signature 1014; ADG: 4.78 lb.; ADG ratio: 130;

WDA: 3.09 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 1,125 lb.

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 3; owner: C&L Angus Farms, Ewart; sire: Quaker Hill Rampage 0A36; ADG: 3.84 lb.; ADG ratio: 104; WDA: 3.36 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,100 lb.

Overall averages—ADG: 3.83 lb.;

WDA: 2.86 lb.; wt.: 998 lb.

The next interim report was scheduled for Jan. 13, 2017. Final weights will be taken Feb. 10, 2017. The sale is scheduled for March 18.

For more information contact Dan Buskirk (buskirk@msu.edu), extension beef specialist; 2265 Anthony Hall,

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824; 517-432-0400; Brian Plank (brianplank@rocketmail.com), manager, 325 Mount Hope Rd., Crystal, MI 48818; phone: 989-235-6253 (office) or 989-506-2061 (cell); Michigan Cattlemen's Association (micattlemen@aol.com), 2145 University Park Dr., Ste. 300, Okemos, MI 48864; phone: 517-347-8117. Additional information can be found on the test website at www.mibulls.com/.

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

mid-test report (Dec. 29, 2016)

There were 85 Angus bulls delivered to Kansas Bull Development LLC, Wamego, Oct. 14-15 for the Kansas Angus Association Bull Test. Nominations were due Oct. 7, 2016. The test is being 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, 2016.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 153; owner: Cody & Ashley Bornholdt, Inman; sire: S Chisum 6175; ADG: 6.02 lb.; ADG ratio: 137; WDA: 3.56 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,145 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 174; owner: David Goode, Goode Bros. Farms, Cleveland, Mo.; sire: O'Neill's Earl Marshall; ADG: 5.61 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 3.76 lb.; WDA ratio: 126

Final weights are to be taken Feb. 16, 2017. The test sale will take place March 22 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.

◉ Southern West Virginia Bull Test Point Pleasant, W.Va.

55-day report (Jan. 4, 2017)

The 2017 Southern West Virginia Bull Test accepted delivery of 90 bulls that went on test Nov. 10, 2016, with Angus bulls averaging 805 lb.

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 117; owner: Kammack Ridge Farm, Elkview; sire: Connealy Counselor; ADG: 5.00 lb.; ADG ratio: 133; WDA: 3.13 lb.; wt.: 1,115 lb.

High-WDA Angus (tie)—Lot 168; owner: Rocking P Farm, Buckhannon; sire: OCC Magnitude 805M; ADG: 4.91 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 3.50 lb.; wt.: 1,374 lb.

High-WDA Angus (tie)—Lot 169; owner: Rocking P Farm; sire: OCC Magnitude 805M; ADG: 4.40 lb.; ADG ratio: 117; WDA: 3.50 lb.; wt.: 1,373 lb.

Overall averages (87 head)—ADG: 3.76 lb.; WDA: 2.93 lb.; wt.: 1,015 lb.

Off-test weights for the 100-day test were to be taken Feb. 8-9. The test sale is scheduled for March 25.

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. 20, 2016)

A total of 220 bulls and 21 get-of-sire groups were delivered for the 2016 Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) Winter Test. Angus, Hereford, Red Angus, SimAngus, Simmental, Maine-Anjou, Lim-Flex and Charolais are represented with 76 owners from six different states.

High-ADG and high-indexing

Angus—Lot 35; owner: Rolling Acres Angus, Rick Rotert, Freetown; sire: SS Niagara Z29; ADG: 5.75 lb.; ADG ratio: 154; WDA: 3.12 lb.; WDA ratio: 100; wt.: 1,105 lb.; test index: 133

High-WDA Angus—Lot 44; owner: Benson Angus, David Benson, Greensburg; sire: AAR Ten X 7008 SA; ADG: 3.39 lb.; ADG ratio: 91; WDA: 3.86 lb.; WDA ratio: 124; wt.: 1,135 lb.; test index: 104

Angus averages (153 head)—ADG: 3.73 lb.; WDA: 3.11 lb.; wt.: 948 lb.

Overall averages (219 head)—ADG: 3.57 lb.; WDA: 3.13 lb.; wt.: 944 lb.

Interim weigh dates were scheduled for Jan. 24, 2017, and Feb. 21. The bulls will be weighed off test March 21.

Bulls will sell April 20 in the 75th 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.

**Un. of Tennessee Junior Bull Test
Middle Tennessee Research and
Education Center, Spring Hill, Tenn.
28-day report (Dec. 6, 2016)**

The University of Tennessee Bull Testing Program weighed 43 bulls on test, 33 of them Angus. The 84-day test is conducted at the Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center, Spring Hill, Tenn.

The junior bulls must be born Dec. 1, 2015-Feb. 28, 2016. The nomination

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Calhoun Bull Evaluation high-indexing bull

Lindy Sheppard, Sheppard Farms, Sylvania, Ga., consigned the high-indexing Angus bull to the 2016 Calhoun Bull Evaluation Performance Test and Sale Dec. 2 in Calhoun, Ga. LSF Ready For Duty 902 564 is a September 2015 son of RB Tour Of Duty 177. He posted an ADG of 4.97 lb., with an adjusted yearling weight of 1,450 lb. Pictured are (from left) Rucker McDonald, Red Carpet Cattlemen's Ass'n; Gary Hill, Georgia bull test advisory committee member; Lindy Sheppard, consignor; and Will Bentley, Georgia Cattlemen's Association executive vice president.



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deadline for junior bulls was Sept. 27, 2016, with delivery Oct. 25.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 16; owner: Mills Angus Farms, Cookeville; sire: GAR Daybreak 5123; ADG: 7.46 lb.; WDA: 2.87 lb.; wt.: 1,005 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 7; owner: Heart for Spring Farm, Eagleville; sire: Quaker

Hill Rampage 0A36; ADG: 4.75 lb.; WDA: 3.64 lb.; wt.: 1,007 lb.

Angus averages (31 head)—ADG: 4.02 lb.

56-day report (Jan. 3, 2017)

High-ADG Angus—Lot 16; owner: Mills Angus Farms, Cookeville; sire: GAR

Daybreak 5123; ADG: 6.50 lb.; ADG ratio: 151; WDA: 3.07 lb.; wt.: 1,160 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 6; owner: Grassy Valley Farms, Afton; sire: TC Candid 161; ADG: 5.96 lb.; ADG ratio: 139; WDA: 3.70 lb.; wt.: 1,210 lb.

Angus averages (31 head)—ADG: 4.30 lb.

Overall averages (41 head)—ADG: 4.26 lb.

The next interim weight was scheduled for Jan. 3, 2017. Bulls were to be weighed off test Jan. 30.

The sale is scheduled for March 9.

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>.

Nebraska Bull Test
Rohde Farms, Mason City, Neb.
60-day report (Dec. 13, 2016)

The Nebraska Bull Test reported that 30 consignors delivered 117 Angus bulls, including 56 calving-ease bulls, that were weighed on test Oct. 13-14 for the start of the 2016-2017 test. Delivery of bulls was accepted Oct. 3 for the 120-day test conducted at Rohde Farms, Mason City, Neb.

High-ADG calving-ease Angus—Lot 28CE; owner: Rockin' M Livestock and Mill Iron Hanging O Cattle, Sargent; sire: KM Broken Bow 002; ADG: 5.15 lb.; ADG ratio: 139; WDA: 3.59 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,114 lb.

High-WDA calving-ease Angus—Lot 20CE; owner: Anderson Bros. Angus, Ong; sire: Koupal's B+B Fort Knox 2077; ADG: 5.03 lb.; ADG ratio: 137; WDA: 4.09 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,190 lb.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 168; owner: JMC Angus, Blaine Clowser, Milford; sire: EXAR Resistol 3710B; ADG: 5.10; ADG ratio: 138; WDA: 3.49; WDA ratio: 103; wt.: 1,162 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 135; owner: Boyles Angus, Jim Boyles and Mackenzie Meunier, Mason City; sire: SAV Angus Valley 1867; ADG: 4.48 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA: 3.92 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,342 lb.

Angus calving-ease averages (56 head)—ADG: 3.70 lb.; WDA: 3.25 lb.; wt.: 1,049 lb.

Angus averages (118 head)—ADG: 3.69 lb.; WDA: 3.40 lb.; wt.: 1,065 lb.

90-day report (Jan. 12, 2017)

High-ADG and high-WDA calving-ease Angus—Lot 28CE; owner: Rockin' M Livestock and Mill Iron Hanging O Cattle; sire: KM Broken Bow 002; ADG: 5.10 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 3.72 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,264 lb.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 135; owner: Boyles Angus, Mason City; sire: SAV Angus Valley 1867; ADG: 5.01 lb.; ADG ratio: 135; WDA: 4.10 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,524 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 20; owner: Anderson Bros. Angus, Ong; sire: Koupal's B+B Fort Knox 2077; ADG: 4.87 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 4.13 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,326 lb.

High-ADG Angus sire group—Lots 170CE, 171CE, 172CE, 175CE; owner:

Lazy Black Diamond Ranch, Palmer; sire: TC Forthright 333; avg. ADG: 4.64 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; avg. WDA: 3.37 lb.; WDA ratio: 102; avg. wt.: 1,220 lb.

High-WDA Angus sire group—Lots 19CE, 20, 21CE owner: Anderson Bros.; sire: Koupal's B+B Fort Knox 2077; avg. ADG: 4.16 lb.; ADG ratio: 113; WDA: 3.69 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; avg. wt.: 1,192 lb.

Angus calving-ease averages (65 head)—ADG: 3.66 lb.; WDA: 3.31 lb.; wt.: 1,161 lb.

Angus averages (108 head)—ADG: 3.72 lb.; WDA: 3.42 lb.; wt.: 1,180 lb.

Final weights are scheduled for Feb. 10-11. The test sale will be March 22 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 or visit the test website at www.nebraskabullsale.com.

UBIA Bull Test

Kenison Feedlot, Levan, Utah Mid-test report (Dec. 13, 2016)

The Utah Beef Improvement Association (UBIA) received 212 junior and 14 senior bulls at Kenison Farm and Feedlot, Levan. Bulls entered in the senior test must have been born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2015. Bulls entered in the junior test must have been born Jan. 1-March 15, 2016.

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.

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 119; owner: Andrew McPherson, McPherson Farms, Nephi; sire: SydGen Mandate 6079; ADG: 4.78 lb.; ADG ratio: 143; WDA: 3.47 lb.; wt.: 1,055 lb.; test ratio: 134

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 61; owner: Crozier Angus, Neola; sire: Deer Valley All In; ADG: 4.33 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 3.81 lb.; wt.: 1,155 lb.; test ratio: 131

High-ADG and high-WDA senior Angus—Lot 226; owner: Lowe Livestock, Toquerville; sire: Connealy Final Product; ADG: 4.78 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 3.42 lb.; wt.: 1,215 lb.; test ratio: 137

Overall junior averages (212 head)—ADG: 3.15 lb.

Overall senior averages (14 head)—ADG: 3.40 lb.

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High-ADG and high-ratio junior

Angus—Lot 119; owner: Andrew McPherson, McPherson Farms, Nephi; sire: SydGen Mandate 6079; ADG: 4.85 lb.; ADG ratio: 147; WDA: 3.60 lb. wt.: 1,195 lb.; test ratio: 138

High-WDA junior Angus—Lot 117;

owner: Andrew McPherson, McPherson Farms; sire: Quaker Hill Rampage; ADG: 4.20 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 3.89 lb.; wt.: 1,260 lb.; test ratio: 125

High-ADG, high-WDA and high-ratio senior Angus—Lot 226; owner: Lowe Livestock; sire: Connealy Final Product; ADG: 4.49 lb.; ADG ratio: 142; WDA:

3.46 lb.; wt.: 1,325 lb.; test ratio: 138

Angus junior averages (142 head)—ADG: 3.30 lb.

Overall junior averages (212 head)—ADG: 3.13 lb.

Overall senior averages (14 head)—ADG: 3.17 lb.

Bulls were to be weighed off test Feb. 6

and 8. The test sale is scheduled for March 18.

For more information contact Kim Chapman, Utah State University Extension area animal scientist, at 435-892-0474 or kimc@ext.usu.edu; or Dale

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Kenison at 435-250-0090; or visit the test website, www.ubiabulls.com.

Wardensville Bull Test
West Virginia University Reymann
Memorial Farm, Wardensville, W.Va.
29-day report (Dec. 21, 2016)

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 bulls Oct. 26, 2016, 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, 2016. The enrollment deadline was Sept. 16, 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.

Wisconsin BIA 60th Bull Test

The Wisconsin Beef Improvement Association (WBIA) has managed a performance bull test each year since 1957. The WBIA is presently conducting its 60th test and will be hosting its annual bull sale Saturday, April 1, at the University of Wisconsin (UW) Platteville Pioneer Farm in Platteville, Wis., where the test has been located since 1970.

Since 1957 more than 6,000 bulls from more than 250 consignors have taken part in the test. The test is open to all breeds with representatives from the Angus, Simmental, Red Angus and Tarentaise consigned this year. Commercial and purebred breeders from across the country, as well as nationally recognized bull studs, have purchased genetics at the annual WBIA auction hosted at the conclusion of each test. WBIA graduates can easily be identified by the Wisconsin-shaped freeze brand on their hip.

"For six decades producers have been bringing their best bulls to the WBIA test station to see how they measure up. By adding EPDs (expected progeny differences), carcass data and genomics to rate of

gain data, producers have all the tools available to assist their bull-buying decisions. What started out as a simple concept to identify those that do best has grown into a reliable resource for producers, both sellers and buyers, and a model that has been successfully repeated across the country," said Allan Arndt, WBIA president.

Students in the UW-Platteville School of Agriculture have had a unique opportunity to be a part of this annual program through many of their courses. Students from several classes are able to evaluate the bulls with all the data generated in hand, to learn about selection and management as well as genetics. Additionally, the students have been able to assist with the day-to-day care of the bulls while also being a part of the ultrasound and breeding soundness exams.

"This long-standing partnership between UW-Platteville Pioneer Farm and the WBIA has provided a wealth of educational opportunities for our faculty, staff and students. It would not be possible without the dedication of the WBIA board

members, consignors, buyers and our bull test station management, Alicia Prill-Adams and Justin Daugherty," said Chuck Steiner, director of Pioneer Farm.

The WBIA Performance Bull Test is part of UW-Platteville Pioneer Farm's mission, which includes education, demonstration and research. By having the bulls on test each year, the farm provides an important service to the beef industry and allows producers to see firsthand up-and-coming genetics and glean valuable information.

"The WBIA bull test and subsequent sale, with the large number of participating consignors and producers, is another prominent example of how the university builds valuable partnerships with industry, state organizations, and the community," said Wayne Weber, dean, College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture (BILSA).

WBIA invites you to help mark this milestone in person or online through DV Auction on Saturday, April 1, at 11 a.m. for the 60th Anniversary Sale.

High-ADG Angus—Lot 49; owner: Kinsey's Oak Front Farm, Grafton; sire: Connealy Combination 0188; ADG: 6.38 lb.; ADG ratio: 144; WDA: 2.99 lb.; wt.: 967 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 32; owner: Kinsey's Oak Front Farm, Flemington; sire: HARB Big Shooter 279 JH; ADG: 5.72 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 3.63 lb.; wt.: 1,035 lb.

Angus averages (155 head)—ADG: 4.44 lb.; WDA: 3.12 lb.; wt.: 957 lb.

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High-ADG Angus—Lot 51; owner: Shriver Farms, Grafton, W.Va.; sire: Diamond Roundup 073Z; ADG: 5.75 lb.; ADG ratio: 137; WDA: 3.59 lb.; wt.: 1,094 lb.

High-WDA Angus—Lot 5; owner: River Front Cattle Co., Buckhannon; sire: Riverfront 3fa2 of G229; ADG: 4.70 lb.; ADG ratio: 112; WDA: 3.72 lb.; wt.: 1,213 lb.

Angus averages (155 head)—ADG: 4.20 lb.; WDA: 3.18 lb.; wt.: 1,063 lb.

The test sale is scheduled for March 23 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/.

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

28-day report (Jan. 17, 2017)

The 2017 Edisto Forage Bull Test (EFBT) began Dec. 20 in Blackville after the delivery of 54 bulls Dec. 6, 2016. Senior bulls eligible for the test were born Nov. 1, 2015-Jan. 31, 2016. Junior bulls eligible for the test were born Feb. 1-March 31, 2016.

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 its 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.

High-ADG and high-indexing senior

Angus—Lot 34; owner: Burton Family Farm, Westminster, S.C.; sire: WTN Catawba Warrior X085; ADG: 5.93 lb.; WDA: 1.44 lb.; wt.: 550 lb.; test index: 7.36

High-WDA senior Angus—Lot 22; owner: Lindy Sheppard Farm, Sylvania, Ga.; sire: GAR Sundown M5591; ADG: 4.11 lb.; WDA: 2.62 lb.; wt.: 1,080 lb.; test index: 6.73

High-ADG junior Angus—Lot 52; owner: Clemson EREC, Blackville, S.C.; sire: Yon Upward A713; ADG: 4.54 lb.; WDA: 2.05 lb.; wt.: 698 lb.; test index: 6.58

High-WDA and high-indexing junior Angus—Lot 46; owner: Primus Genetics, Millers Creek, N.C.; sire: Primus Upward

1338; ADG: 3.82 lb.; WDA: 2.96 lb.; wt.: 868 lb.; index: 6.78

Overall averages (54 head)—ADG: 3.42 lb.; WDA: 2.22 lb.; wt.: 800 lb.

The bulls will be weighed off test June 6. The sale is scheduled for Oct. 14.

For more information contact Scott Sell at 803-284-3343, ext. 223 (office); 803-

450-0995 (cell) or gsell@clermson.edu. Additional information is available on the test website at www.clemson.edu/extension/livestock/livestock/beef/bull_tests/efbt.html.

