

Bull Test 84-Day Weight Results

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Meat Animal Evaluation Center wishes to announce the 84-day weight results for PA's Bull Testing Program. There is an excellent group of bulls currently on

test, consisting of 41 Angus (seven of which are Red), 23 Simmentals, eight Herefords, one Charolais and one Limousin.

Through 84 days, the 41 Angus bulls have maintained an average daily gain of 4.31 pounds per day with a lifetime

weight per day of age of 3.46 pounds per day.

The top-gaining Angus bull, is the PS Traveler 351 614 son consigned by Marlin and Steve Paul, which gained 5.45 pounds per day. This bull is a full brother to the top-indexing Angus in last year's testing program. The second fastest-gaining bull of the breed is the Rito 353 of Rita 5H11 son consigned by Monica Feeser. This bull has gained 5.11 pounds per day on test and has maintained a 4.07 pounds per day lifetime weight per day of age.

The 23 Simmentals have a breed average daily gain of 4.34 pounds per day on test, and a lifetime weight per day of age of 3.61 pounds per day. The top gaining bull on test this year is the Simmental bull consigned by H. Robert McQuiston. This WAR Dynamite 620 sired bull has gained 6.79 pounds per day thus far and is well on his way to setting a new record for Average Daily Gain on test in the State of Pennsylvania. The fullblood, Fleckvich, son of Great Guns Ferdinand 132 posted the second fastest gain, among the Simmentals, of 5.07 pounds per day and has maintained a lifetime weight per day of age of 3.83 pounds per day.

This year, there are eight Herefords on test which have gained, on average, 3.66 pounds per day.

The top-gaining Hereford is the NJW 217 Vaquero 25C son, consigned by Frank Phoenix, which has gained 4.28 pounds per day on test. The second fastest-gaining Hereford is the consignment from Steve and Jeff Reigel. This son of Slayton Tremor 801, gained 4.26 pounds per day so far, and has maintained a lifetime weight per day of age of 3.13 pounds per day.

The top Charolais bull, consigned by Ray Bratton, has gained 5.29 pounds on test and has maintained the highest lifetime weight per day of age, over all 74 bulls, of all breeds with a lifetime weight 4.25 pounds per day.

The Limousin bull consigned by David and Lynda Miller has gained 3.51 pounds per day through 84 days and has posted a lifetime weight per day of age of 3.09 pounds per day.

The bulls will be weighed off test Feb. 20. They will have their final average daily gains and lifetime weight per day of ages calculated. The bulls will be scanned ultrasonically to obtain fat thickness and Loin-eye areas. Adjusted yearling weights and Final Index ratios will then be derived. The bulls will undergo a comprehensive breeding soundness exam, including a semen evaluation.

After all of the evaluations, the sale committee will select approximately the top 75 percent of the bulls to offer in PA's 28th Performance tested bull sale, March 30.



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enrollments of students in the agriculture majors. Steele also mentioned the building projects of a new food science facility and plans for a forestry building.

The I-99 project, said Steele, will make the agriculture campus the "front door" of the university as visitors coming to the university will use the new road. The college of agriculture, said Steele, has lost some land to the construction project but contin-

ues to acquire farmland in the surrounding areas.

Also during the luncheon new members of the General Assembly formally introduced themselves and outlined what they would like to see accomplished in the upcoming legislative session.

Reports on resolutions, the yellow book project, and nominations were on the agenda for the annual meeting. Following the meeting was discussion on food safety, bio technology and environmental concerns.

At left, LeVan received a citation from the Senate, presented by Senator Michael Waugh, majority chair, Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee. The Cornucopia event, according to LeVan allows "farm organizations to work together. It's a way of showing that agriculture is together on political issues."

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