Bulls and heifers on test at Tucumcari were weighed on both February 26th and 27th to conclude the feeding period for the 46th Annual performance test. Bulls averaged 3.83 pounds of gain per day, while the heifers gained averaged 2.37 during the 112-day test. Bull 3-3, a son of Bon View New Design 1407 (J-C Angus Ranch, Moriarty, NM), was the high indexing Angus bull for 2006-07, with a test index ratio of 120.8. Bull 21-4, a son of GCR Ribstone Supreme G34 (Grau Charolais Ranch, Grady, NM), was the high indexing Charolais bull with a test index ratio of 114, whereas, bull 7-3, a son of C&M Fire Power 218 (Abercrombie Ranch, Tucumcari, NM), was the high indexing Other Breeds bull with a test index ratio of 112.5. Bon View New Design 1407 (Pen 3; J-C Angus Ranch, Moriarty, NM) and GCR Ribstone Supreme G34 (Pen 21 (Grau Charolais Ranch, Grady, NM) represent the high ADG and high WDA sire groups for 2006-07.

The 112-d report includes: a Breed Summary, the top 10 High Gaining (ADG) Individual Bulls, and top 10 High Gaining (ADG) Sire Groups, as well as the individual performance of all bulls and heifers on test. This report and other information regarding this year’s bull test and heifer development program can be accessed via the internet at http://cahe.nmsu.edu/beefperformancetest.

The 46th Annual Performance Test Bull and Heifer Sale live auction will begin at 12:00 noon on March 16, 2007 under the auctioneering direction of Mr. Wayne Connell (Mountainair, NM). Come as early as you wish on sale day to view this year’s offering. Hi-Pro Feeds will begin serving a complimentary lunch at 11:00 am.

Don’t forget to pre-register with LiveAuctions.TV if you plan to bid online. To bid online as an internet buyer, you will need to create an account and obtain a buyer number at least two days prior to the sale. Instructions are available at http://www.LiveAuctions.tv to walk you through the account set up process.

The sale catalog will be posted at the above mentioned website a few days prior to the sale. Sale catalogs and additional supplemental information will also be available sale day.

We look forward to seeing you at the sale. If you have any questions feel free to contact me at (505) 374-2566 or via e-mail at mencinia@nmsu.edu.

Dr. Manny Encinias
Extension Beef Cattle Specialist
NMSU Extension Animal Sciences and Natural Resources Department