Bulls and heifers on test at Tucumcari were weighed on Tuesday, January 2, after 56-d on feed. Through 56-d, the bulls on test are averaging 4.16 pounds of gain per day, while the heifers are averaging 2.64. Bull 3-2, a son of Bon View New Design 1407, owned by J-C Angus Ranch (Moriarty, NM) is the high gaining ADG individual at 6.07 pounds per day, and bull 21-4, a son of GCR Ribstone Supreme G34, owned by Grau Charolais (Grady, NM) is the high gaining WDA individual at 3.90 pounds per day.

The 56-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.

Of the 70 bulls enrolled in this year’s test, 15 bulls (identified in the enclosed report) are individually penned and fed to measure individual feed conversion which we will use to calculate and report residual feed intake (RFI), which is a statistical calculation comparing actual feed intake of animal to its predicted feed intake level.

We invite you to come by the testing facility in Tucumcari at any time to view the 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 will be capped off with a performance tested bull and heifer sale on March 16, 2007. Active cooperators have the option to consign additional non-performance tested virgin bulls and/or heifers to this year’s sale offering.

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Future Dates at the Tucumcari Bull Testing Facility
January 30, 2007 84-day weight
February 26-27, 2007 Test ends with average of two weights
March 16, 2007 Performance Tested and Consignors Offering Bull and Heifer Sale