The 47th Annual Tucumcari Bull Test was completed on March 4th, with the 73 bulls on test averaging 3.90 pounds of gain per day over the 112-day test. As is customary, all bulls were indexed within their respective breed to determine a final ranking. The test index is based on an equation (40% ADG, 40% WDA, and 20% Feed efficiency) which evaluates complete performance of the individual while on test. MDP TEAR DROP 211 (Hereford), GCR BATS SUPREME L87 (Charolais), EXAR PROFESSIONAL 4141 (Angus), and DVMM JAZZ (Maine-Anjou) were the high indexing sires at this year’s test within their respective index groups. The Hereford division was led by bull 3-2, a son of MDP TEAR DROP 211 owned by Abercrombie Ranch (Tucumcari, NM) who completed the test as the high indexing individual at 114.2. Smith Charolais’ (Las Vegas, NM) son of WM CIGAR BLANCO 7441P, bull 8-2, finished the test with the highest index (115.6) of the Charolais bulls enrolled in this year’s test. Bull 14-3, a son of EXAR PROFESSIONAL 4141 (Hartzog Angus Cattle, Farwell, TX) completed the test as the high indexing bull (115.7) in the competitive 30-head Angus division. Vagabond Cattle Company’s (Roswell, NM) DRAFTPICK son, bull 22-1, edged out the competition to lead the Maine-Anjou division with a test index of 116.3.

This report includes: a Breed Summary, a ranking of the High Indexing, ADG and WDA Sire Groups from each division, the top performing individuals from each division, as well as the individual performance of all bulls on test. Access this performance report, as well as the sale catalog (which will include all performance and ultrasound data, EPD’s, and GeneSTAR marker results) online at: http://cahe.nmsu.edu/beefperformancetest.

Make plans to join us on Thursday, March 20th at 6:00 pm for our Pre-Sale Bull Session and Social at the Quality Inn (3716 E. Tucumcari Blvd.). We are excited to have both James Henderson, from Bradley 3 Ranch, and Dustin Dean, from Bovigen/GeneSTAR, on our program agenda. This program is a great time to visit with the breeders who have cattle in this year’s test and visit with the companies whose products we have incorporated into the day-to-day operations at our performance testing facility. Special room rates are available at the Quality Inn in Tucumcari. On Friday, March 21st, lunch will be served at 11:30 am and the 47th Annual Bull and Heifer Sale will start at 1:00 pm. This year’s sale offering was performance tested on a forage-based diet and are ready to go to work. We have had numerous producers compliment us on the new look of the bulls on test. This year’s sale will also include a deep set of yearling replacement heifers from Grau Charolais, D&J Cattle, Hartzog Angus Cattle, and A Lazy 6 Angus Ranch. We hope to see you in Tucumcari.

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Future Dates at the Tucumcari Bull Testing Facility
March 20, 2008 Pre-Sale Bull Session and Social (Quality Inn-3716 E. Tucumcari Blvd.)
March 21, 2008 Performance Tested and Consignors Offering Bull and Heifer Sale