



INDIANA BEEF EVALUATION PROGRAM

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Attached is the 28-day summary for 68 bulls and 8 get-of-sire groups being evaluated in the 2017 Summer Test. Bulls were weighed on June 20 and their average weight was 910 lbs vs. 794 lbs on May 23, for a 28-day ADG of 4.14 lbs. The bulls are now off to a great start. They are eating 2.26% of their body weight. The ration is corn silage, corn, and DDGS. It will be adjusted to back off the energy a bit.

Four bulls were checked on June 20 for poor gains, with two of them treated. Several were checked but few were treated during the period. If your bull was checked or treated since May 23, a report is enclosed.

We appreciate those who assisted with data collection on June 20. All bulls were revaccinated, and Drs. Jennifer Koziol and Bethany Funnell collected blood for brucella retest on out-of-state bulls.

Our semi-annual board of directors meeting followed the weighing of bulls, so we had plenty of help this time. We strongly encourage all owners to come to at least one weigh day. Upcoming weigh days are July 25, August 22, and September 25. We strongly encourage owners to come to the 91-day weigh day on August 22, to see how the screening committee evaluates the structural soundness of your bulls. We also need extra hands on September 28, when we do breeding soundness evaluations and freeze brand the sale bulls.

The oldest 13 bulls will have ultrasound scans on July 19, one week before our next weigh day. We will get the data to you as soon as it is available. The remaining bulls will have ultrasound scans on September 18.

Don't forget that registration numbers, weaning data, and final payment of \$250/bull are due on July 25. Sheets for the data are enclosed. If we already have your data, and everything on the sheets is correct, you don't need to return them. Otherwise, please get the data to us. You can return it by mail, fax (765-494-9346), email to dlofgren@purdue.edu, or a phone call (765-494-6439). Be sure to also get weaning data sent in to your breed association; most breeds use the weaning data to adjust the ultrasound scan data. We would appreciate it if you would take care of this soon if your bull will be scanned in July.

The following companies and individuals sponsored a golf outing for the IBEP board of directors as a way to thank them for their volunteer service to IBEP: Kentucky Nutrition Service - Ron Wenblandp; Zoetis - Brad Brockman; Carpet Country/Joe Rode Family Farm; Morgan County Feed - Scott Whaley; Merck - Jeff Leininger; Stewart Seeds - Jerry Roberts; Bayer - Andon Booher; and Spring Mill Veterinary Service. Thank you to the sponsors for their support of IBEP. Also, thank you to Dr. Jerry Rusch and Mr. Stan Armstrong for organizing this outing.

Cattlemen's Calendar

County beef cattle groups are encouraged to contact IBEP to volunteer (3-4 people) to help on weighdays/workdays shown below. Activities usually begin at 9:00 a.m. Bring a potential cooperater or bull buyer to give them a first-hand look at the bulls, facilities and the central bull testing program.

WED., JULY 19	--	Ultrasound older bulls.
TUES., JULY 25	--	Record 63-day weights. Adjusted 205-day data and registration numbers due. Final payment due.
TUES., AUGUST 22	--	Record 91-day weights; initial soundness evaluations; videotape the bulls.
MON., SEPT. 18	--	Ultrasound younger bulls.
MON., SEPT. 25	--	Record off-test weights; measure hip height and scrotal circumference; TB injection; structural soundness evaluation.
THURS., SEPT. 28	--	Breeding soundness evaluation; freeze brand; read TB test.
SAT., OCTOBER 21	--	80 th IBEP Bull Sale and Springville Feeder Auction Association's Cow and Heifer Sale. Cows begin selling at 2:00 p.m., the Bull Sale will follow. Sales will be broadcast on DVAuction.com.