



80th IBEP Bull Sale – October 21, 2017

News Release

The 80th performance test of the Indiana Beef Evaluation Program finished September 25, 2017 at the Feldun-Purdue Ag Center in Bedford. A total of 68 bulls from seven breeds completed the test. The bulls were entered by 33 seedstock producers from Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Bulls were fed a moderate-energy ration during the 125-day test and daily gain for the entire group was 3.64 lbs. The bulls are in ideal body condition for use this fall or next spring.

This is an excellent set of bulls that offer a range of performance for the economically important traits. Angus bull #32 will enter the ring first. He had a Performance Index of 112.1 and a Carcass Merit Index of 98.3. His EPD's rank him in the top 10% of the breed for maternal calving ease and the top 20% for direct calving ease. The bull was sired by Deer Valley All In and is owned by Kiata Farms, Hamilton, Ohio.

Simmental #10 had the highest Performance Index, 130.0. He was sired by Mr NLC Upgrade U8676, is owned by B&K Cattle, Crandon, Wisconsin, and will be 8th in the ring. Angus #28 had the highest Carcass Merit Index in the sale, 123.0. He was sired by RB Tour of Duty 177, is owned by Cedar Hill Land & Cattle Co., Amanda, Ohio, and will be 9th in the ring. Other excellent bulls selling early include: SimAngus #25 sired by VSF United Way 68B from Neal Brothers Simmentals, Bicknell, Indiana; Hereford #23 sired by Churchill Red Bull 200Z from Stuckey Polled Herefords, Vincennes, Indiana; Angus #14 sired by SAV Recharge 3436 from Koors Cattle Co., Greensburg, Indiana; Angus #16 sired by SAV Resource 1441 from Oval Ridge Farm, Marshall, Illinois; Angus #38 sired by MW Pendleton 35 from The Raven, Marshall, Illinois; and Angus #61 sired by KCF Bennett Absolute from Powell Farms, Worthington, Indiana.

Cattle producers looking for bulls that will add pounds, quality and value to their calves will not want to miss the sale on Saturday, October 21 at the Springville Feeder Auction, Springville, Indiana. Bulls will sell immediately following the Springville Feeder Auction Association's Heifer and Cow sale, which starts at 2:00 PM. In addition, the sale will be broadcast live over the internet through DVAuction Services. Users with high speed internet access and interested in buying or just viewing the sale need to visit the DVAuction web site at www.dvauction.com. If you plan to purchase a bull via the DVAuction site, you should preregister with DVAuction to establish your financial credentials.

A total of 33 bulls will be offered for sale: 26 Angus, 1 Hereford, 1 Simmental, and 5 SimAngus. These 33 bulls were the top indexing bulls of their breed and passed a rigorous inspection for breeding and structural soundness. Also, all bulls have been measured by ultrasound for ribeye area, backfat and percent intramuscular fat (marbling). In addition, EPD's for birth weight, weaning weight, yearling weight, maternal milk, calving ease, disposition, carcass traits, and \$ indexes are available to assist producers in bull selection.

Bulls may be seen at the Test Station, located at the Feldun-Purdue Ag. Center, 3 miles northwest of Bedford on SR 158 and 458 or after Noon on October 21 at the Springville Feeder Auction. Video clips of all of the sale bulls are available on the IBEP web site.

For additional information, contact your County Extension Educator, or Terry Stewart, 765-494-0138; Donna Lofgren, 765-494-6439; or Brad Shelton, Station Manager, 812-279-8554. Also, complete performance data for sale bulls, and videos of the bulls, can be viewed on the web site: <http://www.ansc.purdue.edu/ibep/>. The sale catalog is online.