



INDIANA BEEF EVALUATION PROGRAM

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Twenty-eight day weights were taken on Tuesday, December 19. Enclosed is the summary of 184 bulls and 15 get-of-sire groups currently on test.

Bulls averaged 3.98 pounds per day gain, so they are off to a good start. Bulls consumed an average of 2.30% of body weight in dry matter per day. Only eight bulls were checked for poor gain (less than 2.5 pounds per day) and four treated. One was treated for a skin condition, and two were poured with dewormer. If your bull was treated since the last weigh day, a report is enclosed. Additionally, the bulls were vaccinated (BoviShield and wart vaccine), and blood was taken from out-of-state bulls for brucellosis testing.

We had lots of help on hand because of the IBEP board meeting which followed the weigh day, which helped the weigh day to go smoothly. Thanks to everyone who came to help.

We strongly encourage all owners to come to at least one weigh day. Check your calendars for the January 23 and February 20 weigh days, as well as March 26 and 29 when the bulls come off test. February 20 includes ultrasound scanning, screening by the soundness committee, and videotaping of the bulls; bulls will be weighed the day before. March 29 will be particularly busy with breeding soundness exams and freeze branding of sale bulls. **We keep testing costs low because of the volunteer labor of both the board members and bull owners. Please come help at one of these work days.**

Our next activity will be on Tuesday, January 23, 2018, when 63-day weights will be taken. The final \$250/bull payment, weaning data, and registration numbers are also due on January 23. Sheets are enclosed which you can return with your information. If we already have all data for your bulls, and the information on the sheets is correct, you do not need to return them. Please feel free to contact us if you have questions.

We wish all of you a Happy Holiday Season.

The IBEP office on campus has moved.

The Department of Animal Sciences is now in a new building. The address is:
Creighton Hall of Animal Sciences, 270 S. Russell St., West Lafayette, IN 47907-2041.
Our phone numbers are unchanged.

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.

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| Tues., January 23 | -- | Record 63-day weights; adjusted 205-day data and registration numbers due; final payment due. |
| Sat., January 27 | -- | IBCA Convention, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Indianapolis Airport, Indianapolis. For information, visit the IBCA web site at http://www.indianabeef.org/ . |
| Mon., February 19 | | Record 90-day weights. |
| Tues., February 20 | -- | Ultrasound older bulls; preliminary soundness screening; videotape all bulls. <i>Extra help needed.</i> |
| Tues., March 20 | -- | Ultrasound younger bulls. |
| Mon., March 26 | -- | Record off-test weights; measure hip height and scrotal circumference; TB injection. <i>Extra help needed.</i> |
| Thurs., March 29 | -- | Breeding soundness evaluation; freeze brand; read TB test. <i>Extra help needed.</i> |
| Thurs., April 19 | -- | 81 st IBEP Bull Sale, Springville Feeder Auction, 6:00 pm. |

IBCA AND PURDUE UNIVERSITY AREA BEEF MEETINGS

The Indiana Beef Cattle Association (IBCA), in cooperation with Purdue Extension, will host its annual area beef meetings in December and January. Meetings are open to all beef producers. They will feature great local food, valuable information on beef issues, policies, and programs, including the latest information from the IBCA, the Indiana Beef Council, the Indiana State Board of Animal Health, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, and Purdue University Extension. The remaining meeting dates and times are:

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| Thurs., January 4 | Area 11 - Whitley Co. Ag Museum, Columbia City at 6:30 pm. RSVP by December 29 to Whitley County Extension (260-244-7615). |
| Mon., January 8 | Area 8 - Cass County Fairgrounds, Logansport at 6:30 pm. RSVP by January 2 to Cass County Extension (574-753-7750). |
| Tues., January 9 | Area 3 - Red Wagon Restaurant, Poseyville at 6:30 pm. RSVP by January 3 to Gibson County Extension (812-385-3491). |
| Wed., January 10 | Area 6 - Morgan County Fairground 4-H Building, Martinsville at 6:00 pm. RSVP by January 4 to Morgan County Extension (765-342-1010) |

eBEEF is partnering with National Cattlemen's Beef Association to present a series of webinars

More information is coming, at <http://www.ebeef.org/>. Dates and topics are:

January 18, 2018 - "Fake News: EPDs Don't Work"

February 22, 2018 - "Show me the money! Are there EPDs for profit?"

March 22, 2018 - "The 4 S's of crossbreeding: simple, structured, successful, and sustainable"

April 19, 2018 - "Putting the tools to use: buying your next bull"