



INDIANA BEEF EVALUATION PROGRAM

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Sixty-three day weights were taken on Tuesday, January 23. Enclosed is the summary of the 183 bulls and 15 get-of-sire groups currently on test.

Given the weather conditions during the past month, bulls have done quite well. Gains were very good, averaging 3.83 lbs/day. Bulls are eating 2.39% of their body weight in dry matter. The ration will be transitioning from wheat silage to corn silage within the next week.

Health has been good. Foot rot has shown up in a few bulls, but it's been quickly identified and bulls seem to be recovering within three days after treatment. On January 23, 11 were checked due to poor gains with seven treated, and two were treated for other issues. If your bull was treated or checked since December 19, a report is enclosed.

We congratulate owners with bulls which are excelling at this point in the test, with Performance Indexes above 120: Angus – Bill Washburn #5 and #10, Stewart Select Angus #57 and #65, and Way View Cattle Co. #153; Hereford – Able Acres #132; and SimAngus – Neal Brothers Simmentals #93 (the top-indexing overall at 131.7), and Cedar Hill Land & Cattle Co. #136.

High indexing get-of-sire groups belong to: Stewart Select Angus, Angus get of Connealy Cool 39L and Angus get of SS Niagara Z29; Gher Angus Farm and The Raven, Angus get of MW First Discovery 35; Rolling Acres Angus, Angus get of SS Niagara C2; and Eagle River Angus, Angus get of VAR Discovery 2240.

Thanks to all of the bull owners and other volunteers who helped weigh bulls: Jill Andrew-Richards, Roger Bartlett, Greg Beavers, Kamille Brawner, Ophelia Davis, Jim Day, Phil Dow, Byron Fagg, Terry Ferguson, Aaron Keiser, Nick Minton, Dan Perry, Sam Perry, Randy Roberts, Dave Redman, Dr. Jerry Rusch, Brad Shelton, Tom Shirley, Ken Torr, Danielle Walker, and Bob Wubben. Looking forward, the 91-day weigh day is Tuesday, February 20. We will have LOTS to do that day – we will collect ultrasound data on two-thirds of the bulls, the structural soundness committee will be doing the preliminary screening of bulls, and we will be videotaping all bulls to get ready for the sale (bulls will be weighed the day before). **We will need LOTS of help, so bring a friend, potential buyer or bull owner. It's a great time to showcase what IBEP is all about. Lunch will be provided.**

Bull owners: We appreciate your cooperation in getting us your weaning information, registration numbers, and the \$250/head final payment. If you have not yet provided these, please do so ASAP; a reminder is enclosed. *Be sure to send the weaning data to your breed association, it's needed to process the ultrasound data.*

CATTLEMEN'S CALENDAR

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.

The IBEP office on campus has moved. The address is:
Creighton Hall of Animal Sciences, 270 S. Russell St., West Lafayette, IN 47907-2041.