



81st IBEP Bull Sale - April 19, 2018

News Release

The 81st performance test of the Indiana Beef Evaluation Program finished March 26, 2018 at the Feldun-Purdue Ag Center in Bedford. A total of 183 bulls from eight breeds completed the test. The bulls were entered by 57 seedstock producers from Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Bulls were fed a moderate-energy ration during the 125-day test and daily gain for the entire group was 3.82 lbs. The bulls are in ideal body condition for use this spring.

This is an excellent set of bulls that offer a range of performance for the economically important traits. SimAngus bull #93 will enter the sale ring first because of his strong combination of traits. His Performance Index was 121.2, and his Carcass Merit Index was 115.6. His EPD's ranked in the top 10% of the breed for marbling, and API and TI indexes, and in the top 20% for weaning weight, yearling weight, direct calving ease, carcass weight, and ribeye area. SimAngus #93 was consigned by Neal Brothers Simmentals, Bicknell, IN and was sired by J Bar J Nightride 225Z. Other bulls with superior balanced traits for performance and carcass merit that will sell early in the sale include Angus #5 from Bill Washburn, Olney, IL; Angus #185 from KB Angus, Merritt, MI; Angus #138 from Kiata Farms, Hamilton, OH; Angus #54 from Benson Angus, Greensburg, IN; and Angus #74 from Brown Family Farm, Rockville, IN. Beef producers looking for a high carcass merit bull should take note of Red Angus #34, consigned by Crawford Creek Red Angus, Bedford, IN. Bull #34 had an estimated intramuscular fat of 7.44% with 0.27 inches of rib fat and a ribeye area of 12.9 square inches, for a combined Carcass Merit of 119.6.

Cattle producers looking for bulls that will add pounds, quality and value to their calves will not want to miss the sale on Thursday, April 19, 2018, 6:00 p.m. at the Springville Feeder Auction, Springville, Indiana. 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. Bulls can also be viewed and purchased at two remote sites in Indiana: the Tippecanoe County Extension Office, Lafayette; and Rochester Meats and Deli, Rochester.

A total of 90 bulls will be offered for sale (66 Angus, 8 SimAngus, 6 Hereford, 4 Charolais, 4 Simmental, and 2 Red Angus). These 90 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, carcass traits, and \$ indexes are available to assist producers in bull selection. All bulls offered for sale have had their pedigrees inspected for ancestors carrying genetic defects. All are AMF, CAF, DLF, HYF, IEF, NHF, and/or OSF or have no carrier ancestors. One is DDC, but the rest are DDF or have no carrier ancestors.

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 3:00 p.m. on April 19 at the Springville Feeder Auction.

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