



# INDIANA BEEF EVALUATION PROGRAM

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Attached are delivery and on-test data for 185 bulls and 15 get-of-sire groups being evaluated in the 2017 Winter Test. Bulls were consigned by 57 cooperators from Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Eight breeds are represented. Bulls were delivered on October 31. On-test data were recorded on November 21. Scrotal circumference (SC) was measured at delivery, and hip height was measured on November 21.

Average on-test weight was 853 lbs vs. 784 lbs at delivery, so bulls on average gained 3.26 lbs per day during the three-week adjustment period. Differences in shrink on delivery day play a large role in weight gain differences during the adjustment period. Bulls are eating 2.52% of their body weight in DM on average. Bulls are eating wheat silage, dried distillers, and fanned corn; ground hay has been removed from the diet.

Bulls have been fed two rounds of CTC to prevent any health issues from getting worse. Overall, considering weather and co-mingling new bulls, health issues have not been very bad. A total of 34 bulls were checked for poor gains on November 21, with 15 treated. Several were treated during the adjustment period. If your bull was treated, a report is enclosed. Note that "Gate cut check" does not mean that your bull was hurt. Your bull was a buddy to a sick bull and came out of the pen with him; he was also checked at that time.

Welcome to Nick Minton, who has accepted the Beef Systems Specialist position. Part of his job will be with IBEP. He has been on board for a week and has hit the ground running, going through pens each morning looking for health issues. He will start taking over the day-to-day management of the bulls.

**Remember, IBEP is a volunteer organization.** We keep testing costs low because of the support of board members, local producers and BULL OWNERS. With 185 bulls, it takes some time to work the bulls through the scales and tend to any veterinary needs. **Please plan on helping on one or more weigh days.** We normally start work at 9:00 am; coffee and donuts are available by 8:30.

The number of bulls and breed averages are:

Breed	No. of Bulls	Delivery		On Test		FS <sup>1/</sup>	ADG during Adjustment
		Wt., lbs.	SC, cm.	Wt., lbs.	Hip Ht., in.		
Angus	131	789	27	861	46.5	5.1	3.42
Charolais	4	795	25	827	48.6	6.3	1.52
Hereford	11	829	27	881	47.9	5.7	2.49
Lim-Flex	1	758	24	768	47.4	6.0	0.48
Red Angus	7	607	21	663	44.4	4.4	2.65
SimAngus	22	785	26	853	46.2	5.0	3.25
Simmental	8	800	26	874	46.5	5.2	3.52
Simm Cross	1	770	27	842	45.7	4.2	3.43
All Bulls	185	784	26	853	46.5	5.1	3.26

<sup>1/</sup>Frame Score was calculated using the BIF Formula (Eighth Edition), and is based on the bull's age and hip height on November 21.

Thanks for your participation in the 2017 Winter Test.

## 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.

December 1-3	--	Hoosier Beef Congress, Indianapolis. For information, visit <a href="http://hoosierbeefcongress.com">http://hoosierbeefcongress.com</a> .
Tues., December 19	--	Record 28-day weights; brucella retest of out-of-state bulls; Board of Directors meeting.
Tues., January 23	--	Record 63-day weights; adjusted 205-day data and registration numbers due; final payment due.
Tues., February 20	--	Record 91-day weights; 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 <sup>st</sup> 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. Meeting dates and times are:

Thurs., December 7	Area 7 - Willie & Red's Restaurant, Hagerstown at 6:30 pm. RSVP by December 1 to Madison County Extension (765-641-9514).
Sat., December 9	Area 2 - Spring Mill Inn, Mitchell at 12:00 noon. RSVP by December 4 to Washington County Extension (812-883-4601).
Mon., December 11	Area 9 - McGraw's Steakhouse, West Lafayette at 6:30 pm. RSVP by December 4 to Fountain County Extension (765-793-6240).
Tues., December 12	Area 1 - Jennings County Library, North Vernon at 6:00 pm. RSVP by December 4 to Jennings County Extension (812-352-3033).
Thurs., December 14	Area 5 - Owen County Fairgrounds 4-H Building, Spencer at 6:30 pm. RSVP by December 8 to Owen County Extension (812-829-5020).
Mon., December 18	Area 10 - Christo's Banquet Hall, Plymouth at 6:30 pm. RSVP by December 11 to Kosciusko County Extension (574-372-2340).
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).

For more information, visit the IBCA web site at <http://www.indianabeef.org/>.