



INDIANA BEEF EVALUATION PROGRAM

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Attached is the 63-day summary for 32 bulls and 3 get-of-sire groups being evaluated in the 2020 Summer Test. Bulls were weighed on July 21 and their average weight was 929 lbs vs. 821 lbs on June 16. On average, bulls gained 3.09 lbs/day for the period and 3.12 lbs/day for the 63 days on test.

Performance for the group over the last 35 days has been respectable. Similar to the 28-day average daily gain, the group average is still about a tenth of a pound off the target. Feed intake has not decreased this last period; however, it does appear that bulls' eating pattern has lengthened over the course of the day. This is not surprising given that a percentage of bulls were more than likely dealing with some degree of heat stress. Looking at weather station data, which is located directly across from the bull test station, from July 4 - 11 and again from July 18 up until today, daily highs exceeded the mid-80's and failed to fall below 70°F for any period during nighttime hours. These types of environmental conditions prevent cattle from releasing built up heat load from the day.

One bull was treated since June 16. If your bull has been checked or treated during the period, a report is enclosed.

If you have any questions, feel free to call the test station.

If you would like to know what performance has been for the same time period on previous summer tests, you can find that data under the "Previous Tests" tab at the top of the IBEP home page.

The next weigh day is August 18. Ultrasound scanning will be done on Friday, September 11 for all bulls. Evaluation for structural soundness and disposition will be done on Tuesday, September 15. This would be a good time for owners to come see how their bulls are doing, and also to see how the screening committee evaluates the structural soundness of your bulls. Bulls will be weighed off-test on Monday, September 21. On Thursday, September 24, when we will do breeding soundness evaluations and freeze brand the sale bulls.

Note that due to COVID-19 restrictions, although you are welcome to come and view bulls, we ask that you contact the test station in advance (812-279-4330). Also, please wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines.

If you have not done so already, please get your bulls registered and send your weaning data to your breed association. The weaning data is required to process the ultrasound scan data, so all of this needs to happen before September 11. Final payment of \$250/bull was also due. A reminder is enclosed if you have not sent the registration numbers, weaning data or payment to us.

If you're a user of social media, like or follow the IBEP Facebook page and help share posts, OR share links to the performance reports on the IBEP web site. Please use these resources to help draw attention and promote **your** bulls.

Rules and Entry Forms for 2020 Winter Test: Rules and entry forms for the 2020 Winter Test will be mailed soon. The entry deadline will be September 25 and delivery will be October 27, 2020. The test is for bulls born January 1 through April 30, 2020. If space is available, bulls born in November or December 2019 will be accepted. Rules and entry information will be on our web site, <https://ag.purdue.edu/ansc/ibep/>.

Cattlemen's Calendar

Activities usually begin at 9:00 a.m. Note that due to COVID-19 restrictions, although you are welcome to come and view bulls, we ask that you contact the test station in advance (812-279-4330). Please wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines.

TUES., AUGUST 18	--	Record 91-day weights.
FRI., SEPT. 11	--	Ultrasound all bulls.
TUES., SEPT. 15	--	Evaluation for structural soundness and disposition.
MON., SEPT. 21	--	Record off-test weights; measure hip height and scrotal circumference; TB injection.
THURS., SEPT. 24	--	Breeding soundness evaluation; freeze-brand; read TB test.
FRI., SEPT. 25	--	Entry deadline for the 2020 Winter Test; videotape sale bulls.
SAT., OCT. 17	--	86 th IBEP Bull Sale and Springville Feeder Auction Association's Cow and Heifer Sale, Springville at 2:00 pm.
TUES., OCT. 27	--	Delivery of bulls for the 2020 Winter Test.
