



# INDIANA BEEF EVALUATION PROGRAM

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Attached is the 91-day summary for 32 bulls and 3 get-of-sire groups being evaluated in the 2020 Summer Test. Bulls were weighed on August 18 and their average weight was 1,019 lbs vs. 929 lbs on July 21. Average gain for the period was 3.20 lbs/day, and 3.14 lbs/day for the test overall.

Based on the uptick in performance over this last period, it is probably safe to say the bulls have appreciated some of the milder temperatures as much as ourselves in recent weeks. Since the last weigh day, there have been a couple bulls treated for lameness issues related to hoof cracks and swollen hocks. All but one appear to be on the path to recovery; the one bull that is not most likely would be if he'd avoid the morning tussle with his pen mates which has become a routine.

It has been nice seeing a few cooperators come through and view your bulls, and visit with you at a distance. We appreciate the offers to come help weigh bulls, and look forward to the day when restrictions around COVID-19 no longer prevent you from doing so.

In most tests, bulls seem to come into themselves a couple of weeks following the 91-day weight. So, if you haven't been by the test station yet, we'd encourage you to do so within the coming weeks through off-test.

As always, don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or just to talk cattle!

A few reminders: First, all bulls will have ultrasound scans on September 11. Be sure to get us their registration numbers, and get their weaning data to the breed association, before that date.

Second, don't forget that bulls must be parentage verified to BOTH parents to be sale eligible. Being verified to the sire is not sufficient. This needs to be completed before September 21. For Hereford bulls, we need a copy of the lab report. If you are not certain about the status of your bulls, please contact Donna.

Finally, bulls have TB tests on the Monday of off-test week, and tests are read on Thursday, September 24. We cannot release any bulls on that day if any bull has a suspect TB test; in that case, bulls can be released when the State Veterinarian has cleared the group, which normally takes 4-7 days. So, there is a chance you will not be able to take your non-sale bull home on September 24. Contact the test station before traveling to pick up non-sale bulls.

We hope to see you at the sale on October 17. Remember that the Springville Feeder Auction is holding a Heifer and Cow Sale in conjunction with the IBEP Bull Sale. If you have heifers or cows you want to offer for sale, contact the Springville Feeder Auction at 812-279-1282.

**Rules and Entry Form for 2020 Winter Test:** Rules and entry information for the 2020 Winter Test will be mailed soon. The entry deadline is September 25 and delivery will be October 27, 2020. Rules and entry information are available on the IBEP web site at <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.*

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

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