



INDIANA BEEF EVALUATION PROGRAM

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Thank you for your participation in the 2020 Summer Test. We have a total of 32 bulls from 14 cooperators from Indiana and Illinois. One is a new cooperator and we welcome you to the IBEP. Five breeds are represented.

Attached are delivery and on-test data for the 32 bulls and 3 get-of-sire groups. Bulls were delivered on May 5. On-test Weight is an average of two consecutive day weights recorded on May 18 and 19 prior to the daily feeding. Scrotal circumference (SC) was measured at delivery, whereas hip height was measured on May 19.

Bulls were relatively quiet at delivery and settled down during daily pen walks within two to three days following delivery. Average daily gain over the last two weeks shows quite the spread and is not surprising based on the assumed differences in management practices prior to arrival in addition to distance traveled among bulls. Health is and has been good outside of a couple of bulls receiving a probiotic paste after having diarrhea for a couple of days. If your bull was one of those treated, a report is enclosed. Observation of manure piles in recent days shows more consistency across and within and pens, indicating whatever digestive upset was occurring is resolved.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the test station.

The number of bulls and breed averages are:

Breed	No. of Bulls	Delivery		On Test		FS ^{1/}	ADG during Adjustment
		Wt., lbs.	SC, cm.	Wt., lbs.	Hip Ht., in.		
Angus	18	683	27	730	46.2	5.2	3.30
Charolais	1	696	26	742	47.3	5.8	3.29
Hereford	2	676	27	704	45.8	5.4	2.00
Red Angus	2	843	34	931	49.4	5.1	6.25
SimAngus	9	646	24	700	45.4	5.3	3.87
All Bulls	32	683	27	733	46.2	5.2	3.56

^{1/}Frame Score was calculated using the BIF Formula (Eighth Edition), and is based on the bull's age and hip height on May 19.

Three additional items are enclosed for your review and consideration. First, is a sheet showing the information we currently have on record for your bull(s). Please check this for accuracy and missing information. We would appreciate having any corrections or missing information back to us by June 16. This will allow us to have complete information for reports during the test.

If the information is correct, you don't need to return the sheet.

Second, is a sheet with EID tag numbers for your bulls, for your records.

Third, is a sheet about parentage verification. Bulls need to be verified to both parents to be eligible for sale. The enclosed sheet has some things to watch out for, because the DNA testing process (starting with mailing the blood card) does not always go as planned. If you need a blood card for a bull, please contact the test station. For Hereford bulls, please send us a copy of the report once they are verified.

We would normally send you a list of potential get-of-sire groups. However, there are no other sires with three or more progeny in the test. So, we have three groups for this test.

If you have not done so already, please get your bull(s) registered with your breed association. Be sure to also submit birth and weaning weights and dates to the breed association; these will be required for processing ultrasound data. In June, we will send you a sheet for sending us your information. It is not due until the July 21 weigh day.

We have not yet determined the ultrasound schedule, but we will get it on the calendar as soon as we figure it out.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Thanks for your participation in the 2020 Summer Test.

2020 Summer Test Calendar

*Work day 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.
Due to COVID-19 restrictions, please contact the test station if you plan to come.*

Tues., June 16	--	Record 28-day weights; brucella retest of out-of-state bulls; Board of Directors meeting.
Tues., July 21	--	Record 63-day weights; adjusted 205-day data and registration numbers due; final payment due.
Tues., August 18	--	Record 91-day weights.
Tues., September 15	--	Evaluation of structural soundness and disposition.
Mon., September 21	--	Record off-test weights; measure hip height and scrotal circumference; TB injection.
Thurs., September 24	--	Breeding soundness evaluation; freeze brand; read TB test.
Fri., September 25	--	Videotaping of sale bulls.
Sat., October 17	--	86 th IBEP Bull Sale and Springville Feeder Auction Association's Cow and Heifer Sale, Springville Feeder Auction, 2:00 pm.

After each weighday, you will receive a report with the weight, average daily gain, Performance Index, etc. for all bulls on test. The report will also be posted on the IBEP web site. If any of your bulls had health issues and were treated, you will receive a sheet with the reason they were treated and medications given.

All bulls will have ultrasound scans during the test. We have not yet determined the schedule. After the ultrasound data is returned to us, we will send you a report.

Adjusted 205-day weaning data, registration numbers, and your final payment are due by the July weigh day. We will need your bulls' registration numbers before they have their ultrasound scans. Be sure to get your bulls registered and get their weaning data sent in to your breed association. Prior to the July due date, we will send you a form to fill in with the data. If you have already sent us the data, it will show on the form. You can verify that it is correct. You can send a copy of a weaning report from your breed association, if you prefer. Please note that for many breeds, we cannot look up your weaning data online; you will have to send it to us.

We encourage you to come and assist at a weigh day during the test, particularly those of you from Indiana. It will be very busy in September when there is a lot going on.