



## INDIANA BEEF EVALUATION PROGRAM

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Being in the middle of the Dog Days of summer, bulls have continued to gain exceptionally well and are looking good. They are slicked off, have a bloomy appearance and the ring worm that went through them is clearing up.

A handful of bulls have either been worked on or received treatment for hoof cracks or hoof abscesses. One case of foot rot has occurred since the 28-day weight. This is most likely due to moisture being retained on the pad with forage that is rooted out of the bunk. Feldun has been delivering feeding at two separate times (morning and afternoon) with the goal of reducing the amount of feed delivered at ounce to help reduce the amount of feed being pushed out of the bunk. One bull was treated for an ear infection, although the bull did not have a temperature greater than 103 ° F, there was drainage from his left ear with mucus colored build up within the ear canal that was nowhere on the spectrum of smelling pleasant

We've maintained dietary forage inclusion in the low to mid 40's and will continue to increase this until we're at 47% on a dry matter basis. A pH of 4.64 on the post fermentation forage analysis for the triticale, harvested as baleage in late May, confirmed the forage went through a good fermentation. While it's stemmier than we would like and the bulls are rooting, the nutritional value is there. Triticale baleage became the primary forage source on July 8. The majority of concentrate is 10% rolled corn, 10% soyhulls, 8.8% DDGS and 8.8% corn gluten feed. The remainder of the diet is supplemental rumen by-pass protein, mineral and vitamins.

Please review the calendar included in this report for upcoming dates regarding the 2023 Summer Test as well as other beef cattle related events throughout the summer. Our next carcass ultrasound date is August 15. Ultrasound days are great days to attend in addition to the structural soundness evaluation.

Best Regards,

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## 2023 CATTLEMEN'S CALENDAR

County beef cattle groups are encouraged to contact IBEP to volunteer (3-4 people) to help on a weigh or workday as listed below. Bring a potential cooperator or bull buyer to give them a first-hand look at the bulls, facilities and the central testing program.

<b>July 28 – Aug. 20</b>	<b><i>Indiana State Fair</i></b> Consider volunteering in the IBCA Hoosier Ribeye Tent (Fair is closed on Monday's and Tuesday's)
<b>July 30</b>	<b><i>Indiana State Fair Open Beef Show</i></b>
<b>Aug. 4</b>	<b><i>Indiana State Fair 4-H Beef Showmanship</i></b>
<b>Aug. 15</b>	<b><i>Ultrasound Group 2</i></b>
<b>Sept. 11</b>	<b>Structural Soundness and Disposition Evaluation</b>
<b>Sept. 17</b>	<b>Off-Test Weight</b>
<b>Sept. 18</b>	<b><i>Off-Test Weight, Scrotal Circumference, Hip Height</i></b>
<b>Sept. 21</b>	<b><i>Breeding Soundness Exam &amp; Branding of Sale Bulls</i></b>
<b>Sept. 22</b>	<b><i>Entry Deadline for IBEP Winter Test 2023</i></b> <a href="https://ag.purdue.edu/departments/ansc/ibep/2023-winter-test.html">https://ag.purdue.edu/departments/ansc/ibep/2023-winter-test.html</a>
<b>Sept. 29</b>	<b><i>Stockmanship with Curt Pate</i></b> Beef Cattle Focus Location: Southern Indiana Purdue Ag Center – Dubois, IN
<b>Sept. 30</b>	<b><i>Stockmanship with Curt Pate</i></b> Sheep and Goat Focus Location: Southern Indiana Purdue Ag Center – Dubois, IN
<b>Oct. 14</b>	<b><i>92<sup>nd</sup> IBEP Performance Tested Bull Sale</i></b> <b><i>Held in conjunction with the Springville Feeder Auction Heifer and Cow Sale.</i></b>
<b>Oct. 24</b>	<b><i>Delivery Day for Winter Test 2023</i></b>