



# INDIANA BEEF EVALUATION PROGRAM

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Twenty-eight day weights were taken on Tuesday, December 15. Enclosed is the summary of 185 bulls and 26 get-of-sire groups currently on test.

Going into the on-test weight and in the weeks following on-test, we gradually worked bulls up onto the target level of daily feed intake (2.2% to 2.3% of body weight on a dry matter basis), projected to achieve an ADG of 3.5 lbs/day. With the group averaging 3.64 lbs/day, we are hitting our target. Just shy of 52% of bulls recorded an ADG between 3.0 and 3.99 lbs/day, with the average being 3.49 lbs.

Sickness amongst the group during this last period has been relatively minimal. Four bulls received treatment for symptoms associated with BRD, two bulls for re-treatment of BRD, and five bulls received treatment for lameness. Last week, signs of lice began appearing on bulls, and therefore bulls received treatment for lice on the 28-day weigh day and will receive a follow-up treatment in three weeks.

If your bull was treated since the last weigh day, a report is enclosed. Additionally, blood was taken from out-of-state bulls for brucellosis testing.

The ultrasound schedule has been set. Older bulls will be scanned on February 16, and younger bulls on March 11. On March 15, the screening committee will evaluate bulls for structural soundness and disposition. Nothing else will be going on that day. If COVID-19 conditions allow, it would be a good day to come and observe, and learn what they're looking for.

Our next activity will be on Tuesday, January 19, when 63-day weights will be taken. The final \$250/bull payment, weaning data, and registration numbers are also due on January 19. Sheets are enclosed which you can return with your information. If we already have all data for your bulls, and the information on the sheets is correct, you do not need to return them. Weaning data is helpful when we decide which bulls will be scanned in February vs. March; we try to keep weaning contemporaries together. Please feel free to contact us if you have questions.

**Parentage Verification Reminder:** Many of you have already taken care of this, which is great! Remember that bulls need to be qualified to **BOTH** parents to be sale eligible. Be sure to get the process started, if you haven't already. There can be a long turnaround time at the labs, and sometimes they need a second sample. Be sure to check the report you get, and look at the information that you can see on your breed association's web site. Be sure that they say that the bull is qualified to **both** parents; a few bulls currently have parentage SNP but are not qualified to both.

As always, please do not hesitate to call or email if you have questions about your bulls.

On behalf of IBEP and the Board of Directors, we wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## 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.*

*Due to COVID-19 restrictions, please contact the test station if you plan to come. Until further notice, safety precautions in regards to COVID-19 will be taken.*

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| Tues., January 19  | -- | Record 63-day weights; adjusted 205-day data and registration numbers due; final payment due.  |
| Sat., January 23   | -- | IBCA Convention. For information, visit the IBCA web site at <a href="http://www.indianabeef.org/">http://www.indianabeef.org/</a> . |
| Mon., February 15  | -- | Record 90-day weights.   |
| Tues., February 16 | -- | Ultrasound older bulls.  |
| Thurs., March 11   | -- | Ultrasound younger bulls.  |
| Mon., March 15     | -- | Evaluation of structural soundness and disposition.  |
| Mon., March 22     | -- | Record off-test weights; measure hip height and scrotal circumference; TB injection.   |
| Thurs., March 25   | -- | Breeding soundness evaluation; freeze brand; read TB test.   |
| Sat., April 17     | -- | 87 <sup>th</sup> IBEP Bull Sale, Springville Feeder Auction.   |

### **IBCA AND PURDUE UNIVERSITY AREA BEEF MEETING**

The Indiana Beef Cattle Association (IBCA), in cooperation with Purdue University Extension, usually holds its Area Beef Meetings in December and January. This year, there will instead be a Virtual Area Beef Meeting. It will be held January 12 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting is open to all beef producers. It will include IBCA/IBC updates, industry information, ways to improve your beef operation, and more.

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