



IBEP INDIANA BEEF EVALUATION PROGRAM

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On Tuesday, January 19 bull's were weighed for the 63-day weight, administered a second dose of Mulimin® 90 and their initial vaccination for viral warts (papilloma). Wart vaccine has been in limited supply which is the reason administration was delayed.

As a group, bulls achieved the target daily gain of 3.5 lbs per day since the 28-day weight. To this point, bulls have had limited weather challenges (i.e. cold and moisture) providing good development conditions. Some rubbing was still occurring after the first of the year; therefore, bulls received a second treatment (Bayer Clean-UP II) for lice on January 6, three weeks and a day past the initial treatment. It is not uncommon for bulls to show signs of mange come February or March. After consulting with Dr. Funnell on mange, it's believe that it's brought in by birds, primarily starlings, who are looking for an easy food and water source. Heavy populations of starlings are not typically observed unless we have a cold snap or a sizeable snowfall. We will monitor the starling population and apply a preventative treatment for mange three weeks following a sizeable influx of starlings.

The bull diet was modified following the 63-day weight. This was done to maintain an elevated roughage level after feeding through the teff hay. Forage sorghum silage and baleage (legume x grass) have been added to the diet to replace the teff hay. As the writing of this letter bulls appear to have adapted just fine.

Outside of lameness, health has been good amongst the group. Lameness stemmed from foot rot (4 bulls), hoof crack or an abscess (2 bulls) or stifle injury (1 bull). With the exception of the injured stifle, all other bulls have recovered. If your bull(s) received treatment a health summary is enclosed.

Other enclosures include a reminder for **registration numbers** and **weaning data**. The first ultrasound scan will occur on **Tuesday, February 16**. To avoid a delay in data processing, registrations and weaning data needs submitted.

Based on the most recent survey of IBEP cooperators, the IBEP Board of Directors voted to try a Saturday sale compared to the traditional Thursday evening sale for this test.

The 87th IBEP Bull Sale will be **Saturday April 17, 2021 at 2 pm (EDT)** at the Springville Feeder Auction Association and Broadcast live on Cattle USA.com.

Cattlemen's Calendar

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.

Weigh days and other activities usually begin at 9:00 a.m. If you would like to come and help on one of these day please contact the test station. A limited number of volunteers will be allowed, however, this is subject to change at anytime.

Tues.-Thurs., January 26-28 -- Driftless Region Beef Conference – Online Program
<http://www.aep.iastate.edu/beef/registration.html>

Mon., February 1 -- Purdue Extension *Controlling Pasture Weeds* virtual field day
Free event, registration required for door prize: www.purdueag.tv

Mon., February 15 -- IBEP W20 90-day weights

Tues., February 16 -- IBEP Ultrasound older bulls

Fri.-Sun., February 19 -21 -- 2020 Hoosier Beef Congress

Thurs., March 11 -- Second ultrasound on younger bulls

Mon., March 15 -- Evaluation of structural soundness and disposition

Sun., March 21 -- Record off-test weight

Mon., March 22 -- Record off-test weight, measure hip height and scrotal circumference; administered TB injection

Thurs., March 25 -- Breeding soundness evaluation; freeze brand; read TB test

Fri., April 2 -- 2021 Summer IBEP Bull Test entry deadline

Sat., April 17 -- 87th IBEP Bull Sale, Springville Feeder Auction