



INDIANA BEEF EVALUATION PROGRAM

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Attached are delivery and on-test data for 186 bulls and 22 get-of-sire groups being evaluated in the 2020 Winter Test. Bulls were consigned by 51 cooperators from Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio. Nine breeds are represented. Bulls were delivered on October 27. On-test data were recorded on November 17. Scrotal circumference (SC) was measured at delivery, and hip height was measured on November 17.

Bulls appear to be off to a solid start based on gain and overall physical appearance since delivery. Bulls were transitioned onto the test ration with a target daily gain of 2.0 lbs per day for the receiving period. As a group, bulls achieved the target ADG even though a wide range in individual gain occurred over the last three weeks. If your bull under-performed during the receiving period there is no reason to be alarmed as the goal is to acclimate the bull to his new environment, and it's unknown how much the bull may have continued to shrink post recording the delivery weight.

There have been health challenges amongst the group, primarily BRD and foot rot. Currently, 26 bulls received treatment for BRD and six for foot rot. With the exception of one bull, all have responded to a single treatment thus far. Among bulls receiving treatment, none have gone completely off feed based on visual observations at the feed bunk, which suggests therapy was initiated early. If your bull was treated during the period, a report is enclosed. You are encouraged to call Nick at the Test Station if you would like to discuss any reported health issues on your bull(s). If health or injury was severe, Nick has already been in contact with you. Dr. Funnell, Dr. Rusch, and Dr. Jarvis are kept current on the health status of bulls. Chlortetracycline will be pulse dosed for five consecutive days following the on-test weight.

We are working on the ultrasound scanning schedule. The older bulls will be scanned on February 16, and younger bulls scanned in March. We do try to keep weaning contemporaries together, so they're scanned at the same time. If you have January/February or February/March bulls that are weaning contemporaries, be sure to let us know, so we can try to keep them together. We'll be asking for registration and weaning information next month - it's due in January, but you can send it to us before then.

Please remember, you are welcome to come view your bulls at any time while on-test. Attendance during weigh days remains uncertain for the time being and we appreciate your patience in advance.

Thanks for your participation in the 2020 Winter Test.

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	138	762	27	810	46.1	4.8	2.26
Black Hereford	1	670	25	684	43.8	4.2	0.67
Charolais	4	672	23	718	47.4	6.0	2.19
Hereford	15	765	27	779	45.7	4.7	0.64
Red Angus	4	705	27	790	45.3	4.4	4.04
Shorthorn	4	648	24	681	45.7	5.1	1.57
SimAngus	12	713	25	774	45.6	5.1	2.90
Simmental	6	790	27	840	46.7	5.1	2.36
Simm Cross	2	799	23	813	45.5	4.6	0.67
All Bulls	186	754	27	800	46.1	4.9	2.17

^{1/}Frame Score was calculated using the BIF Formula (Eighth Edition), and is based on the bull's age and hip height on November 17.

Cattlemen's 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. Until further notice, safety precautions in regards to COVID-19 will be taken.

Tues., December 15	--	Record 28-day weights; brucella retest of out-of-state bulls; Board of Directors meeting.
Tues., January 19	--	Record 63-day weights; adjusted 205-day data and registration numbers due; final payment due.
Mon., February 15	--	Record 90-day weights.
Tues., February 16	--	Ultrasound older bulls.
March (date TBD)	--	Ultrasound younger bulls.
Mon., March 15	--	Screening for 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 th IBEP Bull Sale, Springville Feeder Auction.