INDIANA BEEF EVALUATION PROGRAM

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A better January day could not have asked to weigh bulls for the 63-day weight and official half way point for the Winter 2021 Test. Performance over the last 35 days and overall test has been exceptionally good with a group average of 3.86 and 4.0 lbs/day, respectively. I'll refrain from stating what my projections for performance were since weights are already in. Health has been good outside of a handful of bulls having hoof cracks or foot rot. Hoof cracks and other sources of lameness in cattle are one of the frustrating parts of bull's development. Those that have received therapy for these issues seem to have fully recovered or are close to being fully recovered.

Bulls have received two treatments for lice between the 28 and 63 day weights. I would anticipate a treatment or preventative treatment for mites some time in February. Other general observations in recent weeks has been that manure scores have been looser than I would like to see. This has caused some "what's the deal" metal conversations, especially since no significant changes in the diet or intakes have changed to any significant level. Silage dry matter has been holding steady, no significant changes to daily feed calls has occurred, and water has been regularly cleaned. However, given today's weights it's time to reduce dietary rumen by-pass protein and move in a greater percentage of roughage and target an ADG of around 3.25 lbs/day for the remainder of test. We'll begin blending in 2021 harvested forage sorghum along with wheat silage on 1/19/2022.

A few friendly reminders as I wrap up this performance update. If you have not sent weaning and/or registration information to IBEP, please do so ASAP. This will ensure ultrasound data submission is not delayed. Now is the time to begin marketing your bulls that are on-test. Please use the performance data and requirements that IBEP requires as marketing tools. Bring potential buyers to a weigh day. "SAVE THE DATE" post cards for the 89th IBEP Performance Tested Bull Sale on April 16, 2022 will be going out soon. Bulls born between 4/1/2021 and 9/30/2021 are eligible for the 2022 Summer Test which entries will also be going out soon.

A calendar of upcoming beef cattle related events is on the back side of this letter.

Best of luck with calving season!

Best Regards,

Nick Minton
Executive Secretary & Treasurer of the IBEP

If you would like to help at one of the ultrasound days please contact me to ensure I contact you with specifics. Also, a key day to mark on your calendar to attend is the structural soundness evaluation on March 14, 2022.

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. Activities usually begin at 9:00 a.m. Bring a potential cooperator or bull buyer to give them a first-hand look at the bulls, facilities and the central testing program.

Saturday, January 29, 2022	Indiana Beef Cattle Association Annual Convention http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eisi6t1t0499baac&llr=noiguldab
Dec. 2021 – Feb. 2022	Indiana Forage Council – *Forage Forum Fridays* Link to registration: https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8bKDtV9iT2OBP6Z
February 1-3, 2022	Cattle Industry Convention & NCBA Tradeshow Where: George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston – TX Link: https://convention.ncba.org/general-information
February 10, 2022	Initial Ultrasound, Yearling Hip Heights and Yearling Scrotal Circumference Measurement
February 14 & 15, 2022	Two Day Weight for Ultrasound Weight and 91 Day W21 Test
Thur. Feb. 24, 2022	Indiana Forage Council Annual Meeting – All are welcome! Where: Sure-Tech Laboratories – 7501 Miles Drive, Indianapolis, IN **Tour of Sure-Tech Laboratory included**
March 16, 2022	Second Ultrasound Date and Yearling High Heights and Scrotal Measurements on younger bulls