



# INDIANA BEEF EVALUATION PROGRAM

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W21-1  
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Bulls were weighed on November 15 and 16 with the average weight between both days being the official on-test weight for the 2021 Winter Test. 175 bulls were received on delivery day; however, one bull was sent home 11 days post-delivery for poor disposition, therefore 174 bulls were weighed onto test. A receiving ADG of 2.3 lbs/day was a couple of tenths better than projected based on where intakes were at going into the on-test weight. As of the writing of this letter, bulls are four days out from being at full feed (2.5% BW on dry matter basis).

The initial 45 days at the test station are historically the most active in having health challenges. Myself and staff at FPAC were and remain aggressive in working at identifying bulls suspect of having bovine respiratory disease (BRD) in addition to other ailments. The table below provides a summary of health challenges amongst bulls between delivery day and the last bull stepping off the chute at the on-test weight's.

<i>Health Challenge</i>	<i>Number of bulls</i>	<i>% of bulls</i>
BRD Morbidity	42	24.0
BRD Relapse	7	16.7
BRD Chronic	0	0
Lameness	5	2.9
Pinkeye	3	1.7
Coccidiosis	6	3.4
Foot Rot	1	0.6
Thromboembolic Meningoencephalitis (TEME)	1	0.6
Digestive Upset	8	4.6
Total	73	

If one of your bulls received treatment, a summary of that treatment is provided in this mailing. Chlortetracycline was pulsed in the feed for 5 consecutive days following the on-test weights at the treatment dose of 10 mg/lbs of bodyweight. The week prior to Thanksgiving and through the Thanksgiving holiday new cases were sparse. Please contact me with any questions you have regarding the health of your bull(s).

A nutrient analysis of the on-test diet will be included in the next mailing following the 28-day weight.

**\*\* PLEASE REVIEW SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL INCLUDED \*\***

Experience leads me to encourage you to go ahead and have all bulls parent verified regardless of how they are performing. We have not completed a test where delayed parentage prevented a bull or two from selling.

Dates for carcass ultrasound scanning will be determined in the coming weeks.

Also, please know you as well as other cooperators or beef cattle producers are welcome to attend the board of directors meeting following the 28-day weight on June 15. I encourage you to do so if you have interest in being on the board at some point in the future.

Meeting time will begin shortly after we conclude taking the 28-day weight of bulls. Meeting location is to be determined, please reach out to me for that information if you plan to attend.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Minton', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nick Minton  
Executive Secretary & Treasurer of the IBEP

## 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.

Thursday, Dec. 9	BQA Training: Stewart Select Seeds 6:30 to 9:00 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 14	W21 28-Day Weights – Start between 8:30 and 9:00 am
*Tuesday, Dec. 14*	IBEP Board of Directors meeting following 28-Day Weights
<b>January 9-12</b>	American Forage & Grassland Council Annual Meeting Link to agenda: <a href="https://www.afgc.org/files/2022_AnnualMtgAgendaOutline(111821).pdf">https://www.afgc.org/files/2022_AnnualMtgAgendaOutline(111821).pdf</a>
<b>Dec. and January</b>	IBCA Area Meetings – See Attachment
<b>Saturday, January 29, 2022</b>	Indiana Beef Cattle Association Annual Convention <a href="http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eisi6t1t0499baac&amp;llr=noiquIdab">http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eisi6t1t0499baac&amp;llr=noiquIdab</a>
<b>Dec. 2021 – Feb. 2022</b>	Indiana Forage Council – <i>Forage Forum Fridays</i> Link to registration: <a href="https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8bKDtV9iT2OBP6Z">https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8bKDtV9iT2OBP6Z</a>
<b>February 1-3, 2022</b>	Cattle Industry Convention & NCBA Tradeshow Where: George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston – TX Link: <a href="https://convention.ncba.org/general-information">https://convention.ncba.org/general-information</a>
<b>Thur. Feb. 24, 2022</b>	Indiana Forage Council Annual Meeting – All are welcome! Where: Sure-Tech Laboratories – 7501 Miles Drive, Indianapolis, IN **Tour of Sure-Tech Laboratory included**

## **Indiana Beef Cattle Association Area Beef Meetings are Around the Corner!**

Beginning in December and ending in January, the IBCA area meetings will be open to all beef producers and feature great local food, valuable information on beef issues, policies, programs, and the latest information from the Indiana Beef Cattle Association, the Indiana Beef Council, the Indiana State Board of Animal Health, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and Purdue University Extension. Please check the schedule for your area and mark your calendar now!

**Area 1:** Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 6:00 pm; South East Purdue Ag Center (SEPAC), Butlerville, IN. RSVP to Jennings County Extension office at 812-352-3033 by 12/7/21.

**Current IBCA Director: Fred Glover**

**Area 2:** Saturday, December 18, 2021 at 12:00 pm; Spring Mill Inn, Mitchell, IN. RSVP to the Lawrence County Extension Office at 812-275-4623 by 12/10/2021.

**Current IBCA Director: Steve Ritter**

**Area 3:** Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 pm. ET / 6:00 p.m. CT; Red Wagon Restaurant, Poseyville

RSVP to the Gibson County Extension office at 812-385-3491 by 12/29/21.

**Current IBCA Director: Mick Douglas**

**Area 5:** Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 6:30 pm; Owen County Fairgrounds, Spencer, IN.

RSVP to Owen County Extension office at 812-829-5020 by 12/1/21.

**Current IBCA Director: J.D. Faulk**

**Area 6:** Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 6:00 pm.; Hancock Co Fairgrounds, Sarah Burke Exhibit Hall, Greenfield

RSVP to Hancock Co. Extension at (317) 462-1113 by 12/1/21.

**Current IBCA Director: Deryl Hunt**

**Area 7:** Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 6:30 pm; Willie & Red's Buffet, Hagerstown, IN.

RSVP to the Madison Co. Extension Office at 765-641-9514 by 12/2/21.

**Current IBCA Director: Cody Sankey**

**Area 8:** Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 6:30 pm.; Old Style Inn, Logansport, IN.

RSVP to the Cass County Extension office at 574-753-7750 by 12/30/21.

**Current IBCA Director: David Helms**

**Area 9:** Monday, December 13, 2021 at 6:00 pm.; McGraw's Steakhouse, West Lafayette, IN.

RSVP to at the Fountain County Extension office at 765-793-2297 by 12/6/21.

**Current IBCA Director: Dr. Dave Dixon**

**Area 10:** Tuesday January 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. ET / 6:00 pm CT; Christo's Banquet Center, Plymouth, IN.

RSVP to Kosciusko Co. Extension at 574-372-2340 by 1/3/22.

**Current IBCA Director: Bob Dragani**

**Area 11:** Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 6:30 pm.; Whitley Co. Ag Museum, Columbia City, IN.

RSVP to the Whitley County Extension office at 260-244-7615 by 1/2/22.

**Current IBCA Director: Kelley Sheiss**