



INDIANA BEEF EVALUATION PROGRAM

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Bulls gained exceptionally well since the on-test weights. The large increase in performance since the delivery period is not a result of bulls being "pushed" on feed, quite the contrary. Variables to take into consideration when considering the increase in performance include: improved health, incorporating more energy into the diet and some shrink as a result of less gut fill at the on-test weight.

Regarding health, since the on-test weights 3 bulls were treated for the first time for BRD, 6 bulls were re-treated and two bulls received a third treatment for BRD and were classified a chronic case at that point. Compared to the 69 bulls initially treated for symptoms associated with BRD, health has improved based on a combination of visual appearance, manure consistency and growth performance. Of the 167 bulls delivered, 43.1% have been treated for BRD with a 27.8% re-treat rate and 1.8% chronic. We have not identified why treatments are nearly double of what they have been historically.

Lameness issues have been minimal to this point. Two bulls have had hoof cracks worked on and one bull has developed swelling in a hock. To this point there has been only one case of foot rot and it was diagnosed early and treated so the bull never exhibited significant lameness. If you want to catch foot rot early, look for mild swelling or "puffiness" between the dewclaw and heal bulb. One bull developed an abscess directly below his left ear resulting in the veterinarian team lancing it on Tuesday. Ring worm is working its way through the group - better now than later. Signs of lice have been minimal; however, all bulls were poured with Bayer's Clean-UP II on Tuesday.

Please review the check list of items still needed by IBEP that is included in this mailing along with sheets to be completed and returned.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Hope to see you at the Test Station or at the IBCA Convention in January.

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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.

2024	Event
Jan. 12 - 13	<p style="text-align: center;">Indiana Beef Cattle Association Annual Convention</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8787 Keystone Crossing Indianapolis, IN 46240</p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://www.indianabeef.org/indiana-beef-cattle-association/news-events/calendar-of-events</p>
Jan. 13	<p style="text-align: center;">IBEP Cooperator Session</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IBCA Convention Sale Catalog Updates and Q & A</p>
Jan. 16	<p style="text-align: center;">IBEP Winter Test 2023</p> <p style="text-align: center;">63-Day Weight</p>
Jan. 18, 2024 6 PM	<p style="text-align: center;">Weaning and Backgrounding Forum</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Orange County Community Building - Paoli, IN Open to all cattle producers - Meal Provided RSVP by Jan 10, 2024 to Julie Carrell (812) 723-7107</p>
Jan. 31 – Feb. 2	<p style="text-align: center;">NCBA Convention and Tradeshow</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Orange Co. Convention Center - Orlando, FL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://convention.ncba.org/</p>
February 5	<p style="text-align: center;">Indiana Forage Council Annual Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tour: Freshly Dairy – near Lizton, IN</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Annual Meeting, Meal and Seminar to follow tour</p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://indianaforage.wordpress.com/</p>
February 13 – 14	<p style="text-align: center;">Midwest Cover Crops Council Annual Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Crowne Plaza Indianapolis, IN</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For more information:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://www.midwestcovercrops.org/meetings/</p>
Feb. 24	<p style="text-align: center;">Cow-Calf Improvement Center</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Systems Approach to Advancing Production in the Cow Herd"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Additional details coming soon!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cornerstone Hall 1500 RC Morris Dr Salem, IN 47167</p>