



## INDIANA BEEF EVALUATION PROGRAM

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We hope everyone had a wonderful and safe holiday and has not experienced any major issues with the recent stretch of cold weather. Hard to believe 2023 is in the books and now you've either begun calving or are gearing up to. If you've been calving through this cold spell hopefully it has gone as well or better than could be expected given the conditions.

Unfortunately, IBEP started off 2024 on a sour note with one W23 bull dying from a rectal prolapse. From the ADDL necropsy we learned the rectum had become torn at some point that led to an infection that overcame the bull. Prognosis for a torn rectum was not good if it could have been diagnosed. This was not from a lack of observation or initiation of treatment/therapy. It's simply a case of extra bad luck and the reality of raising, managing or caring for livestock. It's not good publicity for IBEP, but it is the reality that these things can and will happen from time to time.

In the past couple of weeks foot rot has popped up in a couple of pens. Although our go to antibiotic has been on back order, treatment has been effective. Besides a couple of cold weather "sensitive" water's all else has been quiet at the test station.

Now for the better news! Bulls are gaining well! Performance reports are attached, but as a group, bulls are gaining a couple of tenths per day above the target. So, we'll do our part to keep them on track.

Based on the stack of mail we've received following the 28-day report you all were on top of sending us the information we needed. Thank you for that.

**PLEASE**, take a look at the attached calendar. Several beef cattle educational events are coming up (one this week) along with several IBEP work days where additional volunteers would be valued. If you have questions about work days, give Nick a call at the Test Station. If you have a passion for assisting with videoing sale cattle, weather permitting, bulls will be videoed on 3/25 or 3/26. If you can help with this call Nick ASAP.

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