



INDIANA BEEF EVALUATION PROGRAM

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On-Test Weights for the 2023 Winter Test were taken on 11/13 and 11/4 with the average of the two day's weights being the official on-test weight. Additionally, bulls received a booster wart vaccination and pour-on Cydectin. Average daily gain for the 167 bulls delivered in October was 2.07 lbs per day. This was 0.13 lbs/day below the projected ADG. A combination of respiratory disease and some additional shrink are thought to be the primary reasons why the group missed the 2.2 lbs per day target ADG. Going into the on-test weight, treatments for respiratory disease were similar to years past at 21% (35 bulls); however, re-treatments at this point were greater at 28.6% (10 bulls). Ninety-two bulls were evaluated by Dr. Funnell for poor gain on 11/13; 19 bulls were treated for BRD for the first time, 5 received their second treatment and 1 received a third treatment. Including bulls treated on 11/13, BRD morbidity is at 32.3% (54 bulls). As part of our standard operating procedure, chlortetracycline is being pulse dosed at a rate of 10mg/lbs of bodyweight for 5 consecutive days following the on-test weights.

Other health related cases include three lameness cases where two of the three had small stones lodged in a claw with the other bull having a hoof crack trimmed out. Two of the three bulls show no signs of lameness currently. Unfortunately, one bull was euthanized on 11/16 and is currently undergoing a necropsy at the Heeke Diagnostic lab and the owner has already been notified.

On a positive note, feed intake has been good and appears that we'll continue to be able to increase bulls every 3 to four days until we reach their target dry matter intake to achieve 3.25 lbs per day. Also, corn silage inclusion will continue to replace dry hay. Wheat silage will continue to be the base of the diet with additional ingredients of corn silage, DDGS, Corn Gluten, supplemental rumen by-pass protein and a mineral and vitamin premix.

Attached in this report is a list of current and potential Get-of-Sire groups. Cooperators wishing to form a Get-of-Sire with other cooperators, please reach out to one another and notify me if you wish to form a Get-of-Sire prior to the 28-day weight.

Thank you to those who have already turned in weaning and registration information.

Sending everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

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