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RULES FOR THE 2024 IBEP WINTER PERFORMANCE BULL TEST

MISSION STATEMENT:

To provide a reliable, education-based, performance-driven source of superior genetics for progressive cattle producers to reach their selection goals.

PROGRAM SUPERVISION AND DIRECTION:

1. The Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) sponsors the performance testing program in cooperation with participating beef producers.
2. The rules and regulations are the responsibility of the Board of Directors that consists of representatives from: (a) the Indiana Beef Cattle Association; (b) Indiana beef breed associations; (c) a Purdue University Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Educator; and (d) two directors at-large. Advising the Board in a non-voting capacity regarding rules and regulations are: (a) Purdue University animal scientists and specialists, veterinarians and extension educators; (b) local veterinarian; (c) Superintendent of the Feldun Purdue Agriculture Center; and (d) Executive Vice-President of the Indiana Beef Cattle Association.

ELIGIBILITY TO TEST:

1. Any beef producer is welcome to enter bulls in IBEP performance tests.
2. Entrants are required to have their herds enrolled, and be currently participating in their breed's performance testing program; weaning data must be reported to and processed by the respective breed association.
3. Entrants are required to be members of the Indiana Beef Cattle Association. To join, visit <http://www.indianabeef.org/assn/>. The Membership form is located under the menu's Membership tab.

NEW INFORMATION

1. The total on-test duration has been reduced from 125 days to 111 days. This does not compromise the quality of data based on current recommended guidelines by the Beef Improvement Federation. With shortening the on-test duration the receiving period has extended one week and time between off-test and the Sale extends by one week to allow more time for Sale catalogs to reach prospective buyers.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Bulls must have been **born October 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024.**
Senior Division - bulls born October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023
Junior Division - bulls born January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024
2. Actual birth weights are required for entry in IBEP Performance Tests.
3. Purebred, percentage and composite breed bulls eligible for registry in a national or international breed association are eligible for testing. A copy of the registration paper, or application for recording, must be submitted upon delivery of bull at Station. Percentage/Composite breed bulls will be accepted provided that: a) all other eligibility requirements are met, b) they originate from a herd that is participating with an organization that provides weaning and yearling performance data, and Expected Progeny Differences (EPDs), and c) the breed composition of the bull(s) entered is specified.

It is recommended, not required, to register bulls prior to entry into an IBEP Performance Test. By registering the bull the respective breed association can provide EPDs on the bull prior to arrival at IBEP. EPDs and Selection Indexes are additional tools for prospect herd sire selection.

4. Bulls suspected to be carriers of a lethal or semi-lethal allele (as defined by their breed association) for which a DNA test is available, must be DNA tested and verified free of the lethal or semi-lethal allele prior to entry in a test. Lethal and semi-lethal traits included in the table below.

Primary Breed(s) of Incidence	Genetic Abnormality	Abbreviation/common reference	DNA Test Available
Angus & Angus Influenced, Gelbvieh	Arthrogyposis Multiplex	AM	Yes
Angus & Angus Influenced, Gelbvieh	Neuropathic Hydrocephalus	NH	Yes
Angus & Angus Influenced, Gelbvieh	Contractual Arachnodactyly	CA	Yes
Angus & Angus Influenced, Gelbvieh	Osteopetrosis	OS	Yes
Angus & Angus Influenced	Dwarfism	D2	Yes
Dexter	Bulldog Dwarfism (BD)/(Chondrodysplasia)	BD1 and BD2	Yes
Hereford	Maple Syrup Urine Disease	MSUD	Yes
Hereford	Mandibulofacial Dysostosis	MD	Yes
Hereford	Idiopathic epilepsy	IE	Yes
Hereford	Snorter Dwarfism		No
Hereford	Internal Hydrocephalus	Water head	No
Hereford	Delayed Blindness	DB	Yes
Salers	Beta (β)-Mannosidosis		Yes
Shorthorn-, Maine-Anjou-, Chianina- and Dexter- influenced	Pulmonary Hypoplasia with Anasarca	PHA	Yes
Shorthorn-, Maine-Anjou-, and Chianina- influenced	Tibial Hemimelia	TH	Yes

5. Weaning and dehorning by **September 22, 2024 is required**, 30 days before delivery (*recommended 45 to 60 days*). Accustom bulls to bunk feeding before delivery. Bulls must be polled, or dehorned prior to delivery day; horn cavities should be healed and free of infection at time of delivery or bulls may be rejected.
6. IBEP advises you to review the days or age ranges established by your respective breed associations for herd improvement (HIR) measures. This will reduce the risk of animals being removed from a contemporary group or not having adjusted measures for future records.

IBEP advises against using entry to an IBEP performance test as a reason to remove a bull from his respective weaning contemporary group prior to actual weaning to avoid compromising genetic evaluation of that weaning contemporary.
7. Bulls must have a minimum weight of 450 pounds, and a minimum weight per day of age (including birth weight) of at least 2.5 lbs. on delivery at the Station.
8. Bulls will be inspected at time of delivery and will not be accepted if sick, have poor disposition, or have a physical defect that may impair future reproductive performance such as: cryptorchidism, testicular hypoplasia, stifled, foundered, “double muscled”, etc. Palpation of the scrotum and testes of prospective entries is **advised** at the time vaccinations are given to ensure two testicles are present and no abnormalities are noted.
9. **Requests for pen space must be received at the IBEP office by September 20, 2024.** When requests for pen space exceed the capacity of the test station, space will be allocated on a prorated basis of both number of spaces requested and number of bulls previously tested with IBEP. An attempt will be made to allocate at least one space to every breeder.
10. If the 2024 Winter Test is canceled for any reason prior to start of the official performance test, each consignor’s fees will be refunded in full.

11. Animals will be subject to mouthing at any time. When discrepancy appears to exist between stated age and apparent age, according to the development and configuration of the teeth, the Board reserves the right to take appropriate action. Also, animals may be blood typed at any time. If a discrepancy in parentage or breeding appears to exist, the Board reserves the right to take appropriate action.
12. Bulls that exhibit disposition problems at delivery or during the test, that make it unsafe for people handling the bull or is a disturbance to its pen-mates, will promptly be sent home or to an auction market with prior consent from owner.
13. All bulls must remain on test unless specifically dismissed by IBEP due to disposition, chronic illness, or injury.
14. Bulls can be entered by completing the Entry Form included in this packet or online by clicking on the “2024 Winter Test” tab at <https://ag.purdue.edu/departments/ansc/ibep/>.
15. **IMPORTANT: Parent verification to both sire and dam (genetic dam) and genomic-enhanced EPDs are mandatory for sale eligibility.** Before delivery to IBEP, please take the appropriate blood, tissue or hair sample on the bull entered, his dam and his sire if not already on file with the respective breed association. If collecting a sample, it is advised to collect a second sample to keep on hand if issues with the initial sample arise and animals are not convenient to collect another sample.
16. **Schedule**

Schedule for the 2024 IBEP Winter Performance Bull Test

Date	Item:	Notes
September 20, 2024	Entry Deadline	Entry Form and Entry Fee's Due
October 22, 2024	Delivery	Delivery Payment Due
Nov. 18 & 19 2024	On-Test Weight	
December 17, 2024	28-Day Weight & BOD Meeting	
January 14, 2025	56-Day Weight	Mid-Test Payment Due Check Parentage and Genomic EPD status
February 11, 2025	84-Day Weight	Check Parentage and Genomic EPD status
TBD	Ultrasound	
March 3, 2025	Structure & Disposition Eval., Foot Score	Check Parentage and Genomic EPD status
March 10, 2025	Off-Test Weight (111 days) & SC Measurement	
March 10, 2025	DEADLINE Parent Verification (Sire & Dam) and GE-EPD	Sale eligible bulls will be removed from the Sale without this information on file with IBEP on or prior to this date.
March 13, 2025	BSE & Brand Sale Bulls	
March 14, 2025	Non-Sale Bull Released *Pending TB Test*	
March 14, 2025	DEADLINE	Notify IBEP if sale eligible bulls will be removed from Sale
TBD	Video Sale Bulls	Weather dependent; Additional volunteers needed
April 26, 2025	95 th IBEP Performance Tested Bull Sale	Springville Feeder Auction Market and CCI.Live

Note: Sale was pushed back to avoid conflict with Easter Weekend (April 19 and 20)

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

1. Bulls originating from Indiana do not need to be tested for brucellosis and do not need a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (Health Certificate); however, a Premise ID is required. Bulls from other brucellosis free states do not need to be tested for brucellosis, but bulls from states not certified brucellosis free must be tested. Out-of-state bulls must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (Health Certificate); however, a Premise ID is optional. All out-of-state bulls must obtain an Entry Permit Number. The Entry Permit Number may be obtained online at <https://www.in.gov/boah/2661.htm> or by phone at (877) 747-3038 during business hours.
2. Bulls from states and zones that are accredited TB-free do not require an individual tuberculosis test. Bulls from Michigan's Modified Accredited Zone must originate from herds that test negative for TB within one year prior to delivery, with the individual bull having a negative test within 60 days prior to entering Indiana. For a map showing the zone boundaries, please contact the Indiana State Board of Animal Health at (317) 544-2400.
3. **Johne's Disease (paratuberculosis):**
 - a. Bulls must originate from herds that have no clinical signs of Johne's Disease.
 - b. **The dam that births and raises the bull entered MUST have a current negative Johne's Disease test (ELISA or Fecal Culture) anytime between birth of the bull and delivery of the bull to the test station.**
 - c. Samples for Johne's Disease testing must be submitted by a veterinarian to an **AAVLD accredited laboratory** (list provided). Documentation of Johne's Disease tests (ELISA or Fecal culture) must be presented with the bull(s) at time of delivery to the test station. Bulls will not be accepted based on a negative herd test within the past 12 months unless the dam was sampled at that time and she is clearly identified on the results page.
4. Bulls will be tested at the time of delivery for persistent Bovine Virus Diarrhea infection (PIBVD). Owners will be notified should a bull test positive to this disease and will be required to remove the bull immediately from the facility. Unused fees for the bull will be refunded to the owner.
5. Animals must be free of active ringworm lesions and warts. Animals with signs of ringworm lesions or warts at delivery will be rejected. Monitor bull's closely the month prior to delivery, if signs of ringworm begin to appear, contact your veterinarian or IBEP. There are over the counter antifungal products that can be used to reduce healing duration.
6. Vaccinations:

Animals must have been vaccinated and boosted with the following vaccines and bacterins:

- 1) Bovine Rhinotracheitis (IBR); Bovine Virus Diarrhea (BVD); Parainfluenza₃ (PI₃)
- 2) Histophilus Somni
- 3) Leptospira-five strains
- 4) Clostridial organisms-7 way
- 5) Bovine Respiratory Syncytial Virus (BRSV)
- 6) Pasteurella

At least one dose of the two rounds of vaccine given is required to be a modified live virus (MLV) vaccine for IBR, BVD, PI₃ and BRSV.

7. Initial vaccinations must be administered not earlier than **60 days nor later than 35 days** from delivery day. A booster vaccination must be administered **no later than 21 days** prior to delivery to the IBEP Test Station.

Vaccination Schedule - Winter Test 2024

	Initial Vaccination	Booster Vaccination	Modified Live Intranasal vaccine
Dates to administer	8/23/2024 to 9/17/2024	9/6/2024 to 10/1/2024	10/12/2024 to 10/18/2024

Health Requirements continued on next page.

8. It's encouraged to administer an **intranasal MLV vaccine** (IBR, PI₃, BRSV, *Pasteurella multocida* and *Mannheimia haemolytica*) **4 to 10 days prior to delivery day** and include this information on the Immunization Form. Bulls that have not received an intranasal MLV vaccine (IBR, PI₃, BRSV, *Pasteurella multocida* and *Mannheimia haemolytica*) within the listed time frame will receive it upon processing at the test station at the individual consignor's expense.

Note: Veterinarian or owner must indicate on the Immunization Form that all required vaccinations were given, product names of vaccines/bacterins, expiration dates of products used, and the date(s) that animals were vaccinated. If IBEP vaccination dates conflict with your herd vaccination schedule established with your veterinarian, please contact Dr. Funnell, Dr. Burcham, or Dr. Rusch.

9. For cooperators whose bulls historically have health challenges following delivery at IBEP: Amplimune®, an immunostimulant, is a product to discuss with your veterinarian and IBEP's team of veterinarians. Use of Amplimune® is NOT required.
10. Bulls will be treated for internal and external parasites when they begin the performance test and as needed during the test.

Bulls will be rejected at delivery if:

- 1) No IBEP immunization form or the form is incomplete (Form is Mailed after Entries Close).
- 2) Bulls were not properly vaccinated.
- 3) No Johne's Disease test report for gestating dam.
- 4) Dams are not clearly identified on the Johne's Disease test report.
- 5) Bulls do not have a clearly legible permanent (tattoo or brand) identification.
- 6) Bulls have signs of ringworm lesions or warts.
- 7) Bulls exhibit aggressive behavior where he is unsafe to handle or pose harm to himself.

IDENTIFICATION:

1. Bulls must have a legible, individualized, numeric tattoo, freeze brand or hot brand. Bulls without legible, numeric, permanent identification prior to delivery will be rejected. Time of weaning, or earlier, is a good opportunity to tattoo.
2. Bulls will be tagged with two IBEP visual ID ear tags and an RFID ear tag when delivered and will be identified by their IBEP visual tag for the performance test.

FACILITIES:

1. Bulls will be performance tested at the IBEP Test Station, Feldun-Purdue Ag. Center, 3 miles NW of Bedford, IN.
2. Bulls will be fed and housed in groups of no more than 25 head per lot. Each group will have access to a dirt/waste lime exercise area of about one-half acre.
3. Each pen is fenced with five strands of high tensile electric fence with a grass strip (buffer strip) dividing each fence line.
4. Pens are well drained with a large gravel and lime packed mound running east to west.
5. Each pen contains:
 - a. shelter that is open to the south and vented to the north. Shelters are bedded with sawdust or corn stalks.
 - b. concrete apron extending from the feed bunk back into the pen to ensure solid footing when at the bunk.
 - c. energy free two-hole automatic waterer (cleaned at minimum, once per week).

DIET:

1. To our best ability and to be as precise as possible in meeting nutrient requirements of bulls, bulls are grouped by age, weight and biological type.
2. Bulls are fed a balanced diet formulated to achieve a target average daily gain between 3.25 to 3.50 lbs/head/day.
3. The diet is forage based, being greater than or equal to 50% (dry matter) silage, hay or baleage. If 80 or more bulls are entered, small grain silage, corn silage or a blend of the two will be used. The remainder of the diet will consist of a combination of corn, by-products from corn, soybean and wheat processing, a vitamin and trace mineral supplement (blend of chelated and non-chelated minerals), an ionophore (monensin), and a direct fed microbial.

4. Bulls are fed a total mixed ration (TMR) once a day, in the morning. Diets with a high inclusion of hay or baleage will be fed twice per day.
5. Feed consumption will be recorded for each pen each day. Adjustments to the diet will be made if and when necessary to maintain an appropriate composition of gain. If changes in the diet occur, they will occur across all bulls on test.

HEALTH & VETERINARY SERVICE:

1. Veterinary service will be obtained when *necessary* and those charges will be added to testing fees. A veterinarian is commonly in attendance at weigh days.
2. A transportation charge will be added for bulls taken to the Purdue Large Animal Clinic for treatment. Every attempt will be made to notify the bull's owner before a bull is transported from the test station.
3. Animals that are sick and/or unsound may be removed from the test; the veterinarian and Station Manager will make this decision. If an animal is removed from the test, the owner will be notified within 24 hours. Animals may not leave the Station without the veterinarian's illness release, death or consent of the Board.

TESTING EXPENSES:

1. All expenses except for feed and veterinary/drug expenses will be equally divided on a per-head basis. Feed costs will be pro-rated according to body weight and pounds of gain of each animal within each pen. There will be a uniform health maintenance charge of \$50 per head to cover periodic inspections and treatments by a veterinarian, wart vaccine, and miscellaneous health related items (anthelmintic, fly control, injectable trace minerals, etc.). **In addition, all antibiotic or medical related expenses for bulls receiving treatment, including the intranasal vaccine given at delivery, will be charged on an individual bull basis.**
2. **Entry Forms for reservation of pen space must be received by Friday September 20, 2024 with a non-refundable* entry payment** (*See contract for specific conditions).

<i>2024 IBEP Winter Test Fees</i>			
	Indiana Bulls	OUT of State Bulls	Payment Due Date
Entry Fee	\$350.00	\$375.00	<i>September 20, 2024</i>
Delivery Fee	\$350.00	\$350.00	<i>October 22, 2024</i>
Mid-Test Fee	\$350.00	\$350.00	<i>January 14, 2025</i>
Total Testing Fee per bull	\$1,050.00	\$1,075.00	
Sale Expense	To be determined; however, Sale cost per bull for the 2023 Winter Sale was \$280.17 (5.02% of Sale Average \$5,580 on 72 bulls sold of 72 offered).		

3. If the total testing fee has not been paid by the end of the performance test, the bull will not be catalogued for sale nor released to the owner, but will be sent to market.
4. Any remaining total testing cost at the end of the test will be billed to the owner(s). Refunds will be made for individual animals whose test expenses were less than total fees received.
5. Consignor will be charged for feed and overhead for animals left at the Station after the specified date for removal.

LIABILITY:

1. Professional veterinary service will be obtained, when necessary, but neither the Board of Directors or Officers of the Indiana Beef Evaluation Program nor its designated veterinarians, nor member beef breed associations, nor the Indiana Beef Cattle Association, nor Purdue University, nor Purdue University Department of Animal Sciences, nor faculty or staff of Purdue University can be held liable in case of loss by fire, theft, injury, sickness, or death of animals.
2. Insurance is the owner's responsibility for his/her bulls while at the Station.

RETURN:

1. The Board reserves the right to request the owner to remove an animal within 7 days of notification for any of the following reasons:
 - a. not meeting entry requirements
 - b. lack of identification
 - c. health
 - d. disposition
 - e. invalid information accompanying the animal
 - f. chronic illness, or injury.
2. If an animal fails to complete the test because of death, injury, or illness, the testing cost will be pro-rated based on number of days at the Station. Owners will be billed for all expenses for such animals, or will receive a refund if one is due.

PROGRESS REPORTS AND TEST DATA:

1. The owner's name and ear tag number(s) of his/her bull(s) will be available at the Test Station.
2. Performance of bulls will be made available to cooperators, breed associations, extension personnel and the public through reports after each testing period.
3. A final test summary will be distributed at the end of the official 111-day performance test.
4. All summaries and reports will be made available on the IBEP web site: <https://ag.purdue.edu/department/ansc/ibep/>
5. Feed consumption data will be recorded only on a per pen-basis.
6. Performance data at end of test will be: (a) weight at start of test; (b) weight at end of test; (c) adj. frame score; (d) average daily gain on test and ratio; (e) weight per day of age at end of test and ratio; (f) adj. scrotal circumference; (g) adj. ribeye area, fat depth at 12th rib, percent intramuscular fat and percent retail product; (h) claw and angle score. All carcass merit related items listed in section (g) are obtained using ultrasound by a certified Centralized Ultrasound Processing (CUP) technician.
7. Carcass merit will be determined as: (% Retail Product Ratio + % Intramuscular Fat Ratio) ÷ 2.
8. Bulls will be indexed within each breed as follows:

$$\text{Performance Index} = 60 \left[\frac{\text{Bull Avg. Daily Gain}}{\text{Breed Group ADG}} \right] + 40 \left[\frac{\text{Bull Wt. per Day Age}}{\text{Breed Group WPDA}} \right]$$

9. Performance Index is calculated independently between the Senior and Junior Divisions
10. If there are less than six bulls tested within a breed, the overall ADG and WPDA of all bulls on-test will be used to determine ADG and WPDA ratios and Performance Index.

AWARDS:

1. Banners will be awarded to bull owner(s) whose bull has the highest performance index, carcass merit and sale index within both the Senior and Junior Divisions. Also, an award will be awarded to bull owner(s) whose get-of-sire has the highest performance index.

BREEDING SOUNDNESS OF BULLS:

1. Sale eligible bulls will undergo a breeding soundness exam (BSE). Owners may request their *non-sale eligible bulls* have a breeding soundness exam. **Wednesday, March 12, 2025 (12:00 pm Eastern)** is the deadline for requesting a BSE on non-sale eligible bulls. Bulls failing to meet the minimum adjusted scrotal circumference requirement will not have a further physical examination or semen evaluation as they will have failed the BSE on scrotal circumference.
2. The physical examination will include: (a) palpation of the scrotum and its contents; (b) scrotal circumference; (c) examination of penis and prepuce for injury and/or abnormalities; and (d) rectal examination of internal accessory glands. Bulls with fibropapilloma of the glans penis (warts), persistent penile frenulum (tagged penis), or seminal vesiculitis and other

reproductive abnormalities are failing criteria of a BSE. An attempt will be made to correct persistent penile frenulum's as well as remove any present warts.

Sale eligible bulls failing the initial BSE due to warts or seminal vesiculitis will have the option of a second BSE at the owner's request and expense during the week prior to the IBEP bull sale. If the bull passes the second BSE, he will be eligible to sell in the IBEP auction; if the bull fails the second BSE, he will be ineligible to sell in the IBEP auction and the cooperators will be charged sales commission for the fact the bull will have remained in all sale advertising and included in the sale catalog.

*At this time, sale eligible bulls found to have a persistent penile frenulum remain ineligible for IBEP auctions.

4. Adjusted 365-day scrotal circumference (SC) will be determined. To be eligible for IBEP Auctions bulls must have a minimum actual SC of 34.0 cm or have the recommended minimum adjusted SC by breed as described in the following table.

Breed	Min. Adj. SC (centimeters)
Simmental	33
Angus, Gelbvieh, Red Angus, Red Poll and SimAngus	32
Hereford, Charolais, Shorthorn, Black Hereford and all other breeds	30

5. Semen evaluation (electro-ejaculate) will include evaluation of sperm motility (%) and morphology (% normal sperm). Observations will be rated as either acceptable or unacceptable according to guidelines established by the *Society For Theriogenology*. If unacceptable, the reason(s) will be reported to the owner(s).
6. Non-sale-qualified bulls with gross deficiencies or abnormalities, as detected by this examination for breeding soundness, should **NOT** be used for breeding purposes.

SALE ELIGIBILITY:

- A sale will be held for bulls meeting the following requirements on **Saturday, April 26, 2025** (details to follow).
- Requirements to Sell in an IBEP Performance Tested Bull Sale:
 - A bull's Performance Index must be in the top 2/3 to 3/4 of his breed group of six (minimum of 6 bulls) within his respective age division. A bull in a breed with fewer than six head must have a Performance Index in the top 2/3 to 3/4 of **ALL** bulls on-test within his respective age division. A bull in the lowest 1/4 to 1/3 of his breed group, within his respective age division, is sale eligible if his Performance Index is at least 100.0 based on the overall average of all bulls tested within his age division.
 - Passed an evaluation for structural soundness and disposition
 - Passed a breeding soundness exam (BSE) conducted by an IBEP veterinarian and IBEP reproductive specialist
 - Registered with a national or international breed association (see section "General Information", number 3)
 - Have official adjusted 205-day data
 - Be parent verified to **BOTH** sire and dam by March 10, 2025 (date not negotiable)
 - Have genomic-enhanced EPDs by March 10, 2025 (date not negotiable)
 - Agree to the Breeding Guarantee (see number 11 in this section)
- Owner must notify IBEP office by **March 14, 2025** if a Sale eligible bull will not be sold. There is no requirement or expectation to consign a Sale eligible bull to the Sale. Bulls withdrawn from the Sale after this date for reasons other than health or injury **will be charged sales commission**.
- All bulls will be inspected by a committee prior to the sale. Any bull identified as not healthy, not structurally sound, or that failed the breeding soundness exam will not be allowed to sell. The owner must remove the bull(s) from the Station by Sale Day April 26, 2025. Bulls not removed during the designated period will be sent to market if not communicated with IBEP on or before **April 26, 2025**.
- All bulls eligible for the Sale will be freeze branded with the registered IBEP brand along with the last two digits of the sale year on their right hip.
- Bulls will be videotaped and videos of sale bulls will be posted online through CCI.LIVE (<https://cci.live/>).

SALE ELIGIBILITY (continued):

7. Individual grooming and special handling of bulls is not permitted.
8. Sale order is determined by **Sale Index**, which is based on the bull's within-breed percentile ranking.

Sale Index = 30% ADG, 20% WPDA, 7.5% IMF, 7.5% REA/CWT, 20% CED EPD, 15% WW EPD

EPD ranking will be based on the most current National Breed Association information. In case of ties among two or more bulls, Performance Index will determine sale order among bulls with identical Sale Indexes.

9. IBEP will outsource the design, preparation and publishing of both the print and digital Sale catalog.
10. All announcements or catalog corrections will be made from the "block" by the auctioneer or authorized IBEP personnel.

11. Breeding Guarantee:

Any guarantee or terms and conditions endorsed by respective breed associations is between buyer and seller (IBEP cooperator).

Bulls selling for no-less than \$4,000.00 will have a producer breeding guarantee (**PG**). The guarantee consists of the bull being a functional breeder. The guarantee is by the producer, not IBEP. The guarantee does NOT cover mismanagement or death. The guarantee for the bull will be reimbursement of the purchase price less \$2,000 (salvage value will belong to the buyer). For example, if a \$5,000.00 bull is deemed 'non-functional' the purchaser would get back \$3,000 (\$5,000 purchase price less \$2,000) and the purchaser will keep the salvage value. Any issue shall be handled between the buyer and the seller. Any non-functional bull must be diagnosed by a veterinarian with a written report from the vet and provided to the producer (seller), and the producer contacted prior to salvage. The guarantee does NOT include death loss. Mortality insurance will be available sale day and subject to rates available the day of the sale. For example, at a cost of 4% of sale price for six months coverage and 6% of sale price for one year of coverage.

All 'non-functional' claims must be submitted to the seller prior to October 1, 2025.

Neither the Indiana Beef Evaluation Program, Purdue University, nor other persons associated with the Sale will assume any liability, legal or otherwise, except to assist, if possible, to make adjustments.

12. Buyers will have the ability to purchase insurance on bulls at the Sale on April 26, 2025.
13. Sale costs will be over and above testing costs to defray costs of advertising, printing, postage, labor, auctioneer, facilities, insurance, etc. Sale commission is a flat fee determined by the following formula:

Sale Commission = (Sum of Sale Expenses/Gross Sale Proceeds) x Average Sale Price

14. Bulls that fail to sell and are not claimed by the consignor will be sent to market.
15. Payment will be made to owners of bulls by IBEP after all testing and sale expenses are deducted from the combined testing fees and sale receipts for each bull. Payments will be made within 30 days of the sale.
16. Transfer of the registration certificate for purebred and recorded percentage bulls is between the buyer and seller and is not the responsibility of IBEP; however, if the buyer encounters difficulty in obtaining the certificate, IBEP will assist in any way possible. Buyer information will be provided to Cooperator following the Sale.

PICKUP OF NON-SALE BULLS:

1. Owners may pick up bulls **AFTER** all TB tests administered to all bulls on the off-test day have been verified negative. In the event of a suspect TB test, bulls may not be picked up until the Indiana Board of Animal Health retests the suspect animal(s) and all tests are negative. Bulls must be picked up by Saturday, April 26, 2025.
2. All non-sale bulls must be picked up by **Saturday, April 26, 2025**. Owners of no-sale bulls must pick them up by the times indicated in the Sale Catalog Rules for handling of sale bulls. Owners of bulls remaining at the test station or Springville Feeder Auction site beyond pickup deadlines will be charged \$50 per head per day for feed and yardage.

NOTE: *There are seven weeks between off-test week and the Sale, and the IBEP staff works to accommodate the cooperators during this time to pick up non-sale eligible bulls*