News Release

The 75th performance test of the Indiana Beef Evaluation Program finished March 23, 2015 at the Feldun-Purdue Ag Center in Bedford. A total of 211 bulls from six breeds completed the test. The bulls were entered by 71 seedstock producers from Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Bulls were fed a moderate-energy ration during the 125-day test and daily gain for the entire group was 3.95 lbs. The bulls are in ideal body condition for use this spring.

This is an excellent set of bulls that offer a range of performance for the economically important traits. Bull number 12 will enter the sale ring first because of his strong combination of traits. His Performance Index was 111.0 and his Carcass Merit Index was 132.1, which was the highest in the test. He has an estimated intramuscular fat of 8.46% with 0.49 inches of rib fat and a ribeye area of 14.9 square inches. His EPD's ranked in the top 10% of the Angus breed for weaning weight, yearling weight, maternal milk, direct calving ease, marbling, and $W, $F, $G, and $QQ indexes. Angus #12 was consigned by Kohli Farms, Circleville, OH and was sired by GAR Prophet. Other bulls with superior balanced traits for performance and carcass merit that will sell early in the sale include Angus bulls #48 from Stewart Select Angus, Greensburg, IN; #140 from KB Farms LLC, Merritt, MI; #88 from Blackbridge Angus, Plymouth, IN; and #19 and 15 from Bill Washburn, Olney, IL.

Cattle producers looking for bulls that will add pounds, quality and value to their calves will not want to miss the sale on Thursday April 16, 2015, 6:00 p.m. at the Springville Feeder Auction, Springville, Indiana. In addition, the sale will be broadcast live over the internet through DVAuction Services. Users with high speed internet access and interested in buying or just viewing the sale need to visit the DVAuction web site at www.dvauction.com. Bulls can also be viewed and purchased at two remote sites in Indiana: the Tippecanoe County Extension Office, Lafayette; and the Fulton County Fairgrounds, Rochester.

A total of 99 bulls will be offered for sale (75 Angus, 9 SimAngus, 7 Red Angus, 4 Hereford, 3 Charolais, and 1 Simmental). These 99 bulls were the top indexing bulls of their breed and passed a rigorous inspection for breeding and structural soundness. Also, all bulls have been measured by ultrasound for ribeye area, backfat and percent intramuscular fat (marbling). In addition, EPD's for birth weight, weaning weight, yearling weight, maternal milk, calving ease, carcass traits, and $ indexes are available to assist producers in bull selection. All bulls offered for sale have had their pedigrees inspected for ancestors carrying genetic defects. All are AMF, CAF, DLF, HYF, IEF, MAF, M1F, NHF, and/or OSF or have no carrier ancestors. Four are DDC, but the rest are DDF or have no carrier ancestors.

Bulls may be seen at the Test Station, located at the Feldun-Purdue Ag. Center, 3 miles northwest of Bedford on SR 158 and 458 or after 3:00 p.m. on April 16 at the Springville Feeder Auction.

For additional information, contact your County Extension Educator, or Donna Lofgren, 765-494-6439; Terry Stewart, 765-494-0138; or Brad Shelton, Station Manager, 812-279-8554. Also, complete performance data and photos of sale bulls can be viewed at the Web Site: http://www.ansc.purdue.edu/ibep/. The sale catalog is online, and includes a feature which allows users to search for bulls which meet their selection criteria.