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**SAVE THE DATE - CSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Mark October 8 – 10, 2010 on your calendar and plan to join the CSA for the 2010 CSA AGM at the Victorin Hotel in Victoriaville, Quebec. This event is being held in conjunction with Expo Boeuf, Quebec's largest beef show. The details around this event are being finalized, so mark your calendar, as you do not want to miss this event. Details will be posted on the CSA website, put in the Simmental Country, and the Enewsletter, once they are available.

A block of rooms has been reserved for CSA members, however please call early to reserve your room. This is a very popular event and the hotel will fill up fast.

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**BREED IMPROVEMENT**

**Ultrasound**

Members are strongly encouraged to consider using ultrasound in their selection programs. Data collected on valid contemporary groups is eligible for the ultrasound rebate program. Appropriate age ranges are between 300 and 440 days of age, and calves must have weaning information on file. Ultrasound barn sheets are available through the on-line system or from the CSA office.

An updated list of certified technicians and labs is available at [www.ultrasoundbeef.com](http://www.ultrasoundbeef.com)

**Breed Average EPD**

Just a reminder of the breed average EPD for the Spring 2010 Evaluation.

Pct	CE	BW	WW	YW	MCE	Milk	MWW	SC	CWT	REA	Fat	Marb
<b>Avg</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>36.1</b>	<b>60.3</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>0.13</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.005</b>	<b>0.04</b>
Min	0.0	-7.4	-11.6	-3.0	0.4	-13.1	-16.8	-0.94	-47.0	-0.85	-0.077	-0.63
Max	10.0	14.7	78.9	130.5	9.4	24.9	49.7	1.18	61.0	0.87	0.115	1.14
SD	2.46	2.34	8.13	12.44	1.39	5.05	6.77	0.308	17.31	0.249	0.0266	0.204
1	10.0	-3.1	55.2	89.6	8.4	18.2	39.4	0.87	42.2	0.66	-0.047	0.61
2	10.0	-2.3	52.7	85.8	8.1	17.0	37.8	0.79	37.6	0.57	-0.043	0.49
3	10.0	-1.8	51.2	83.5	7.9	16.1	36.9	0.72	33.5	0.53	-0.039	0.41
4	9.9	-1.4	50.2	81.7	7.9	15.6	36.2	0.68	32.0	0.50	-0.035	0.39
5	9.9	-1.1	49.3	80.5	7.7	15.1	35.6	0.66	31.0	0.46	-0.034	0.36
10	9.8	-0.2	46.3	75.9	7.2	13.4	33.4	0.54	24.0	0.35	-0.026	0.28
15	9.6	0.4	44.3	72.9	6.9	12.3	31.9	0.44	20.0	0.27	-0.022	0.23
20	9.4	0.9	42.7	70.5	6.7	11.4	30.8	0.36	16.0	0.21	-0.017	0.19
25	9.3	1.3	41.4	68.5	6.4	10.5	29.7	0.31	13.0	0.17	-0.013	0.16

	30	9.0	1.6	40.2	66.7	6.4	9.8	28.8	0.26	10.0	0.13	-0.010	0.14
Ron Nolan Second Vice-President <a href="mailto:rnolan@hatch.ca">rnolan@hatch.ca</a>	35	8.8	2.0	39.1	65.0	6.1	9.0	27.8	0.23	8.0	0.08	-0.006	0.12
	40	8.4	2.3	38.1	63.4	5.9	8.4	27.0	0.21	6.0	0.05	-0.004	0.10
	45	8.4	2.6	37.1	62.0	5.9	7.7	26.1	0.17	4.0	0.03	0.000	0.07
Andrew Godfrey <a href="mailto:agodfrey@ogilvyrenault.com">agodfrey@ogilvyrenault.com</a>	50	8.1	2.8	36.2	60.5	5.6	7.1	25.3	0.14	2.0	-0.01	0.003	0.05
	55	7.7	3.1	35.2	59.0	5.3	6.5	24.5	0.11	0.0	-0.04	0.005	0.02
	60	7.2	3.4	34.1	57.5	5.3	5.9	23.7	0.08	-2.0	-0.07	0.008	-0.01
Don Lundberg <a href="mailto:x-tsimmentals@xplornet.com">x-tsimmentals@xplornet.com</a>	65	6.7	3.7	33.1	55.9	5.0	5.2	22.9	0.04	-5.0	-0.09	0.012	-0.04
	70	6.1	4.0	32.0	54.2	4.7	4.5	21.9	0.01	-7.0	-0.12	0.015	-0.06
	75	5.6	4.4	30.7	52.4	4.7	3.8	20.9	-0.05	-10.0	-0.16	0.021	-0.10
John Sullivan <a href="mailto:Sullivan.simmentals@bell.net">Sullivan.simmentals@bell.net</a>	80	5.0	4.7	29.4	50.3	4.4	2.9	19.8	-0.11	-13.0	-0.20	0.026	-0.14
	85	4.4	5.2	27.8	47.7	4.1	1.9	18.4	-0.17	-15.3	-0.24	0.031	-0.18
Randy Mader <a href="mailto:rrmader@xplornet.com">rrmader@xplornet.com</a>	90	3.3	5.7	25.8	44.6	3.6	0.6	16.6	-0.26	-21.0	-0.30	0.040	-0.22
	95	2.3	6.5	22.7	39.6	3.1	-1.4	13.6	-0.41	-26.0	-0.37	0.049	-0.28
Judy Sweet <a href="mailto:judsweet@telus.net">judsweet@telus.net</a>	100	0.0	14.7	-11.6	-3.0	0.4	-13.1	-16.8	-0.94	-47.0	-0.85	0.115	-0.63
	Num	30,870	34,288	34,288	34,288	30,870	34,288	34,288	652	884	884	884	884

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CE/MCE EPD – calving ease and maternal calving ease EPD are now on a 10 point scale (0-10). Members are strongly encouraged to look at the percentile ranks associated with the EPD to get a feel for where sires can be used most appropriately. EF EPD – we have had some calls regarding EPD with “EF” accuracy values. EF EPD are based strictly on the breed average EPD for the birth year of the parents and contain no inherent pedigree or performance information from the individual. For example a Calf with a sire born in 2005 and a dam born in 2003, with no other information would receive EF EPD that are the average of the Simmental cattle in the evaluation that were born in 2005 and 2003 respectively.

## REGISTRY INFORMATION

### THE Billing (1st installment):

A reminder to Total Herd Enrollment (THE) participants the first installment for 2010 will be billed to your CSA account April 1st. Payment is due upon receipt of invoice. For members with a credit card on file at the CSA office, fees will automatically be billed to your credit card. The 2nd installment will be invoiced on October 1st. Please note that in the event an animal is shipped or sold between installment billings, the second installment is still due and payable by the member who enrolled the cow.

### Credit Card Authorization:

Please contact the CSA office if the particulars pertaining to your credit card have changed (e.g. card number, expiry date, etc.). This will allow your registration and transfer papers to be printed and mailed without being delayed.

### Rush DNA Tests

DNA tests can be rushed for a charge of \$30 (plus DNA test fee). If you require the Lab to “rush” a hair sample, please order the DNA application from the CSA office beforehand. We will then put a signature line on the application form where you will sign/authorize the Rush. \*\* Please do not write any rush instructions on the application form without the CSA’s knowledge - as it delays processing your DNA samples.

### Do your Herd Sires have DNA?

Now’s the time to make sure all your natural service sires have been DNA tested. If you have purchased any bulls recently, it is your responsibility to ensure they have DNA on file in accordance to CSA bylaws.

### Are you collecting semen on a bull?

AI sires must be parentage verified in order to register their progeny. If you are entering a bull into an AI facility, drawing semen on-farm, or even considering drawing semen on a bull in the future, please make sure your bull is or can be parentage verified.

### Online Instructions – to Hold, Transfer or Print papers

It is now possible to register an animal online and select a Hold Paper option (on the Register Screen). The animal will be assigned a registration number and the breeder will be billed – but the paper will not print. Breeders can then access the list of “held papers” from their Online main web page under:

My Herd  
My Held Papers Transfer or Print

From this list you can do one of 2 things:

#### 1) Request a paper be printed

- This will trigger a paper to print at a zero charge in the CSA print Run and the animal will disappear from the list.

#### Or, 2) Transfer the animal

- If they do not know the Buyer’s CSA number for transfer they can fill in a form on the transfer screen and have the office staff provide them with the correct information. These request emails will come in via the office email account.

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**YCSA NEWS****YCSA National Classic**

This year's National Classic for the YCSA will be held at Expo Boeuf in conjunction with the CSA AGM, October 8-10th. The plans for this event are underway, and a full schedule and more details will be available soon. Please contact any member of the YCSA executive if you have any questions.

**YCSA member to represent Canada at the 2010 World Congress in Australia**

The CSA will be selecting representation from the YCSA to attend the 2010 World Simmental Congress in Australia. If you are interested in participating in this trip, please contact Emily Grey, and stay tuned for further details.

**YCSA Board Meetings**

The YCSA National Board Meeting will be held in Calgary, Alberta, March 26th. Please contact your provincial president or representative if you would like to bring any YCSA related issues to the table.

**The YCSA is looking for New Members**

Go online at [www.simmental.com](http://www.simmental.com) for a member registration form or contact [Emily Grey](#), (YCSA Coordinator). Contact your nearest [YCSA representative](#) to find out more about upcoming events in your local area. They would love to hear from you.

**YCSA News Makers**

The CSA is proud to share the accomplishments of our YCSA members. Youth members learn a great many developmental skills though their involvement with this program and credit their success to the lessons they've learned through the YCSA and the experiences they have had. If you have a story that you would like to share, please send it to [Emily Grey](#) or [Margo Cartwright](#). We know there are more stories out there, and would like to feature as many as possible.

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**SIMMENTAL COUNTRY NEWS****Automatic renewal of subscriptions**

Simmental Country subscriptions are automatically renewed upon expiry. Any member with a credit card on file with the CSA, the renewal will be automatically applied to this card. For those members who do not have a credit card, your subscription will be automatically renewed and you will receive an invoice in the mail.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give Margo a call at (403) 250-5255 or email [mcartwright@simmental.com](mailto:mcartwright@simmental.com).

Please make sure to note the following deadlines!

ISSUE	DEADLINE
January Commercial Country	December 1st
February Herdsire Simmental Country Issue	January 1st
March/April/May Spring Simmental Country Issue	April 1st
June/July/August Queens of the Pasture Simmental Country Issue	July 1st
September Commercial Country	August 1st
October Simmental Country	September 1st
November/December Simmental Country	October 1st

Should you have any questions regarding the new online version of the magazine, or the new electronic options for advertising please do not hesitate to contact [Margo](#), [Darryl](#) or [Bruce](#). We would be happy to hear from you.

**SIMMENTAL ON THE MOVE**

As part of his role as the CSA Industry/Member Liaison, Bruce Holmquist attends and participates in many functions that are on the leading edge in the Beef Industry. To keep our membership informed on the different events he attends, Bruce is now on TWITTER. Tune in for the latest news from Bruce's travels.

<http://twitter.com/#search?q=bruceholmquist>

**CBBC RISK ARTICLE**

Please find [attached](#) an article on risk mitigation and the resources available through CBBC.

**CATTLEPOST RELEASE**

IGENITY® – a division of Merial – and Global Animal Management (GAM) announce that customers of IGENITY can now post information about upcoming sales on [www.CattlePost.com](http://www.CattlePost.com), giving buyers access to information about sales featuring cattle profiled with IGENITY — all in one place, free of charge. [CLICK HERE](#) for full press release.

**2010 WORLD SIMMENTAL CONGRESS IN AUSTRALIA - DETAILS NOW AVAILABLE**

### **Invitation to Attend**

Dear Breeders,

Australia will host the World Simmental Congress in Melbourne in September 2010.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you, your partner, friends and industry colleagues to attend the 2010 Simmental World Congress.

Many international and Australian delegates are expected to attend this important event to increase their knowledge of Simmental cattle and the Australian beef cattle industry. The Congress and the pre and post Congress tours will include a range of activities to inform and entertain delegates. It will also cover topics on innovations in cattle genetics, stud and commercial herd breeding, product quality, management technology and marketing.

The Congress will be held in conjunction with the Simmental Feature Breed Judging at Royal Melbourne Show. A special Congress feature will be an International Young People's Program.

We invite you to enjoy the Welcome Reception, interactive networking sessions, a Congress dinner, a themed Australian farewell dinner, partners program during the Congress and other tour events.

In addition, the overall Congress program will provide a memorable rural Australian experience and an insight into Australia's hidden wonders and attractions as delegates journey through a diverse range of terrain, cultures and environments.

We look forward to welcoming you to the 2010 Congress.

Kind regards,  
Bill Almond, Chairman, 2010 World Simmental Congress

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### **CSA MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Kinley Ava Peters**

Congratulations to parents, Amy and Trevor Peters, and big sister Austyn, Big Sky Simmentals, on the birth of their little girl Kinley Ava, born on February 20th, weighing 7 lbs, 4 ounces.

Please [send us](#) your Membership Announcements to have them included in the next Enews.

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### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

[Click here](#) for complete calendar of events

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### **QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

**"Without faith a man can do nothing; with it all things are possible."**  
*Sir William Osler*

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