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BREED IMPROVEMENT

Breed Average EPD

	CE	BW	WW	YW	MCE	Milk	MWW	SC	CWT	REA	Fat	Marb
Current	5.5	2.8	36.4	61.1	5.1	7.1	25.3	0.16	1.3	-0.04	0.004	0.05
Active Sire	5.5	2.8	36.2	60.8	5.0	7.7	25.9	0.16	2.6	-0.01	0.003	0.06
Active Dam	4.6	3.4	36.7	60.7	5.0	7.8	26.2	0.18	2.8	-0.02	0.003	0.07

Sire Summary

The CSA Sire Summary is available online, or is available in a printed version upon request from the CSA office. The print copy is available at a cost of \$10.

Cow Herd DNA Program – An Update

Thank you to those who participated in the CSA's Cow Herd DNA program. GenServe Laboratories™ has extracted and stored DNA on the 8,616 cows submitted by members through the program.

Participants in the project are reminded that if they choose to submit DNA for parentage verification on their replacement heifers that this testing is cost shared with the CSA. The member pays for extraction and parentage panel of the submitted sample (heifer) and the CSA pays for the panel on the dam.

The project provides a great opportunity and a cost effective way for members to create parent verified cowherds over time with extremely accurate pedigree information. DNA tests on replacement heifers can be ordered through the CSA.

Ultrasound

Ultrasound season is upon us. Members are reminded to book their scan sessions early. Eligible scan ages are between 300 and 440 days of age. Technicians book up quickly so it is important to book ahead. Scans collected in valid contemporary groups using UGC protocol are eligible for the CSA ultrasound rebate program. Ultrasound records directly contribute to the CSA carcass EPD.

News

Members of the CSA Staff and Breed Improvement committee will be meeting with personnel from the American Simmental during the National Western Stock Show in Denver Colorado January 15. This is the continuation of meetings that have been held during this event for the past several years. While in Denver they will also attend the ASA Annual General meeting as well as the Canada/US Beef Industry roundtable hosted by the Colorado Dept. of Agriculture and the Canadian consulate.

REGISTRY INFORMATION

The HERD LETTER for 2011 is "Y"

Entering Birth Data using the Online System:

There are two ways in which you can enter your calf records using the Online system. The examples below are assuming the Online user is entering 2011-born (Y- year letter) calves.

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Option 1:
My Herd
My Inventory
My Posted Inventory – 2011

- by clicking on the word “Calving” to the right of the Dam in the list displayed on your screen
- after clicking the “Save” button to save the calf record, hit the “Back” () button at the top-left of your screen and continue with the next Dam

*** Note: If you are entering multiple calf records (e.g. Twins, triplets, or embryos), you must use Option 2 - as indicated below

Option 2:
My Performance
My Calving (2011 - Display Year)
- click the “Add” button to enter the calf information
- click the “Save” button to save the record

If you require further explanation, please contact the Registry staff at 1 866 860 6051.

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YCSA NEWS

Happy New Year!

The National YCSA Board would like to wish their members, volunteers and sponsors a very Happy New Year. We look forward to another great year in 2011!

National Board of Directors Meeting

The national YCSA Board of Directors will be meeting in Calgary in March. If you have any items you wish discussed or ideas that you would like to bring forward to the National Board, please contact the [YCSA representative](#) in your area. We would love to hear your ideas.

The YCSA is looking for New Members

Go online at 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.

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SIMMENTAL COUNTRY NEWS

The January Commercial Country is now ONLINE. Check it out at www.simmentalcountry.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.

CSA MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birth Announcements

Congratulations to Bob & Heather James, Transcon Livestock, on the birth of their first grandchild, [Zoë Isabel Lauraina Taylor](#) on November 25th weighing 7lbx 7oz. Proud parents are Amber and David Taylor.

Parents Lyle and Leanne Forden and grandparents Ken & Twila Forden, Forden Fairview Farm, are proud to introduce their new arrival, [Carter Kenneth Forden](#) on December 27, 2010 weighing 6 lbs 8 oz.

Congratulations to these growing Simmental families.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"From home to home, and heart to heart, from one place to another. The warmth and joy of Christmas brings us closer to each other." - Emily Matthews

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