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REGISTRY INFORMATION

Percentage required for purebred status

Producers purchasing bulls from the United States or semen from American bulls should be aware of differences that exist between Canada and the United States in the percentage of Simmental required to qualify for purebred status. The Canadian Simmental Association requires a male to be 15/16 Simmental to reach purebred status while the American Simmental Association accepts males who are 7/8 Simmental or less by Canadian standards as purebred. As is regulated by the Federal government through the Animal Pedigree Act, it is the responsibility of the purchaser to ensure that these bulls meet the requirement of being 15/16 Simmental if they wish to register that animal in the Canadian Simmental herd book as a purebred. [CSA Upgrading Table](#)

CSA Rules Regarding Chromosomal Translocation

In accordance with published procedures on rules regarding a chromosomal abnormality, as published in the CSA Bylaws, section 66, we confirm positive test results for 14/20 translocation on the following Simmental bull:

GRINALTA'S REDFACEDN'POLL Tattoo: IE 21S, Registration #P739369-KA

If you have any further questions please refer to the CSA website or contact Bruce Holmquist, CSA Director of Programming, (403) 988-8676.

THE Billing (1st Installment)

Total Herd Enrollment (THE) participants will be invoiced the 1st THE installment April 1 for 2011 enrollment. Payment is due upon receipt of invoice. For members with a credit card on file at the office, fees will automatically be billed to your credit card. The 2nd THE installment will be invoiced October 3.

Please note that in the event an enrolled cow is shipped or sold between installment billings, the second installment is still due and payable by the member who enrolled the cow. For further information/instructions on Total Herd Enrollment, please go to www.Simmental.com under Registry/Total Herd Enrollment

Credit Cards

Members with credit cards on file at the office - please remember to contact us with new expiry dates or card number changes. Credit Card authorization forms are at www.Simmental.com under Membership Forms/Documents - Credit Card Authorization Forms.

Online Simmental.com accounts - all users must have a credit card on file, or make arrangements with the CSA office to maintain a \$500 credit balance. For more information or to sign up with Online Simmental.com, please go to www.Simmental.com under Registry/Online Simmental.com

Maternal Upgrade Registration Requests

Just a friendly reminder to those members that require the CSA staff to enter Non-Simmental bulls to our Herd Book. The steps involved are as follows.

1. Please fax (or email) the Registration ID for the bull(s) that need to be entered.
2. To avoid delays in the staff returning the unique CSA identification for these bulls, please ensure that you also include the Breeder Copy/DNA certificate. ** Important Note: If you were not the member that originally submitted the hair sample for the bull in question, you will have to attain permission from those parties before we can complete the pedigree entry.

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3. Go to www.Simmental.com under Registry/Upgrading Table to view the table.

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

Fullblood Percentile Rank

Members on Total Herd Enrolment (THE) are able to request a fullblood percentile ranking report on their fullblood animals. This report provides the relative ranking of fullblood cattle within the Canadian fullblood population.

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.

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CSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

The spring board of directors meetings are coming up and with them the Breed Improvement Committee (BIC) and Promotions Committee meetings. These committees are composed of Board members and breeders that give guidance to the board on technical matters of genetic improvement and promotional programs. If you have ideas or suggestions regarding these programs for the committee, please do not hesitate to contact a committee or staff member for inclusion in the agenda.

YCSA NEWS

YCSA National Classic 2011

The 2011 YCSA National Classic is being held in conjunction with the 2011 Manitoba Youth Beef Round Up in Neepawa, MB on July 29th - 31st. Stay tuned for registration and scheduling details of this great event.

[YCSA National Classic 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 Y [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

February Herd Sire Edition

Due to circumstances beyond our control there were delays in the delivery of the February Herd Sire Issue. The magazine was mailed on February 3rd however some of our members experienced delays in receiving it. We are investigating this issue with Canada Post and appreciate your understanding as we work at identifying the cause of the problem.

The February 2011 Simmental Country is ONLINE and can be viewed at www.simmentalcountry.com.

Spring Issue of the Simmental Country

The deadline for the next Simmental Country is April 1st. Please contact Darryl or Margo to reserve your page in this issue.

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 FACEBOOK PAGE

The CSA is now on Facebook. Become a Fan of the Canadian Simmental Association and keep up to date on the latest happenings at the CSA.

SANDERSON BENEFIT - APRIL 2, 2011, CORWALL, PEI

Debbie Sanderson has Idio Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension and needs a double lung transplant. They will be moving to Edmonton at the first of April to await the transplant. A Fundraising Benefit will be held in Cornwall, PEI on April 2.. Randy & Debbie's three children (Tricia, Jaclyn, and Derek) will be staying in PEI to attend university and high school.

The Sandersons have been actively involved in the Simmental breed, YCSA, CSA and the Maritime Simmental Association for many years. [Attached is information](#) on the benefit. If you would like to donate to this cause, please contact Dora MacKinley (902-566-4163 or bd.mackinley@pei.sympatico.ca). Any support would be greatly appreciated

CSA MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

"Thanks-giving opens the windows of opportunity to flow your way." - Jim Rohn

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