

A Special Note on Calving Ease

The calving ease evaluation methodology remains unchanged from the previous 2 evaluations; however the scaling of the EPD has changed significantly. EPD are now standardised for the entire CSA population and reported on a 0 to 10 scale. The average EPD for the entire population is 5.0. Higher values indicate that progeny of the animal in question will be easier calving (lower levels of difficulty). The scale is such that the EPD reflects the position of the animal in relation to the remainder of the Canadian Simmental population.

The breed average for calving ease in the current population (calves born in 2008-09) is 7.2. The average maternal calving ease is 5.5.