2015 Producer Survey Results
2015 CSA Survey Responders by Province

53 Surveys Returned
- BC → 3
- AB → 25
- SK → 8
- MB → 9
- ON → 6
- Maritimes → 2
1) How many cows do you breed annually?
2) How many bulls do you use for breeding?
3) How many of these bulls are Simmental?
4) How many years have you used Simmental bulls?
5) Do you use other breeds of bulls? What other breeds do you use?
6) When do you market your calves?

- At Weaning: 64%
- Background Until Spring: 35%
- As Replacement Heifers: 15%
- Finish/Slaughter: 12%
- At Sales: 10%
- Early in the Year: 6%
- Late Born Calves in Spring: 4%

Other Comments:
Great replacement heifers/ bigger replacement heifers, crosses well with other breeds, profit, muscling, exceptional growth, hybrid vigor, large genetic pool, variation within the breed to target a variety of markets.
8) Which color do you prefer?

- Black: 37%
- Red: 10%
- Blaze Faced: 54%
- Traditional Colored: 33%
- Color Doesn't Matter: 0%

(Simmental Canadian Simmental Association logo)
9) What breed(s) is your cow herd base that you use your Simmental bulls on?

- 65% Simmental
- 46% Angus
- 10% Hereford
- 8% Charolais
- 6% Limousin
- 16% Simmental X Angus
- Other Breeds
10) Do you use percentage or crossbred Simmental bulls?

- Yes: 19%
- No: 81%
11) How important is calving ease?

Other Comments:
Some feel calving ease is more important in heifers and first time calvers opposed to mature cows. As well as not having any issues with calving since transitioning herd from fullbloods to red & black Simmentals.
12) When selecting your Simmental bulls, which selection criteria do you use? Rank in order.

Other Comments:
Calving ease, relationship with breeder, polled vs. horned, structural soundness, disposition, hair, maternal, weaning weight, phenotype.
13) Is Carcass Quality important to you as a producer?

Other Comments:
Want more carcass data back.
14) Is disposition important to you?
15) Do you feel that Simmental cows/ or bulls have a quiet disposition?

Other Comments:
Some Simmental animals have a better disposition than others. Depends on factors like environment and age of animal.
16) Do you keep replacement heifers out of your Simmental bulls?

- Yes: 94%
- No: 6%
17) What do you think are the strengths of Simmental heifers & cows? Check those that you feel apply.
18) Do you feel Simmental bulls and females have sound feet & legs?

- **Yes**: 92%
- **No**: 4%
- **Could be Better**: 4%
19) Do you feel Simmental bulls and females have the ability to stay in your herd for many years?

Other Comments for #18 & 19:
There were exceptions to both questions asked, and comments made about how feet and legs could be better in some Simmental cattle. Bad feet & legs are why some animals are culled from herds. Some breeders pay more attention to feet and legs when breeding and selling cattle.