



# Colorado SimFacts

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## *Still safe distancing like your cows?*

We also hope you are safe, healthy and practicing “social distancing,” similar to your cowherd scattered across the pastures. While the COVID-19 restrictions have a smaller impact for those of us engaged in ranching in the West, we know it still has altered your lifestyle. The announcements below are based on what we know as of today, but please continue to watch for further updates due to the uncertainty of events amidst coronavirus.

## State annual meetings set for July 9

CSA is still planning on holding its annual meeting on Thursday, July 9, in conjunction with Superior Livestock’s *Week in the Rockies* sale.

Superior Livestock has altered its June sales, but at this time we anticipate our in-person

meeting, and their July sale and steak supper to be held at Embassy Suites in Loveland.

We may have to sit a few chairs apart and resort to hat tips in greetings before we give project updates and elect directors.

We also have tentatively re-scheduled the CJSA annual meeting for the same night.

Watch for times & details as this plan is in flux. Like all events, the format may be impacted by the global pandemic.

## National Western

Thanks to each of you who generously gave of your time to aid CSA at the 2020 National Western Stock Show. A few action pictures (verses the planning session below) are on our website. Our new breed flags were a hit and the change to temp stalls in the yards went well.

A special thanks to Bridle Bit Simmental for purchasing our annual fundraiser of the Chart tank full of semen, which was auctioned this year at the start of the 2020 *The One* sale.

Our 2021 plans are under way. We anticipate judge confirmation shortly. The 2021 schedule is posted on [ColoradoSimmental.com](http://ColoradoSimmental.com)



## Youth corner

• **Youth grants** – CSA has updated and expanded its scholarship opportunities. Youth now may apply for:

- Education grant; or
- Herd-Builder grant.



Applications are due Oct. 1 and forms are on [ColoradoSimmental.com/juniors](http://ColoradoSimmental.com/juniors).

• **County Fair winner** – While some county fairs plan to alter formatting, CSA still offers an overall champion award. Details & the form are on the website.

• **Summer shows** –

• Our multi-breed *Junior Extravaganza* was cancelled due to COVID. The CJSA annual meeting, also originally scheduled to be held then, is tentatively re-set for July 9.

• AJSA regionals were all cancelled.

• While the 2020 AJSA National Classic likely will still be held, it will not be in Grand Island, NE, due to restrictions there. The ASA board voted to attempt to move the Classic to July 13-18 in Brookings, SD. (Charolais National will proceed Simmental there, as this city-run facility is open. While some of the contests might look a bit different & waivers will be required, you may enter online. Refunds will be given if it’s later cancelled.)

# Other updates you'll want to note...

## ●CSA outreach

CSA ran multiple breed ads in 6 different regional ag publications during January-March. Thank you to those members who participated in our co-op advertising campaigns.

In another outreach effort, CSA is continuing to take story ideas. If you have a topic, or the name of a good commercial cattlemen who happens to use SimGenetics and might make a good interviewee, we'd like their contact info so that we can pass the tip along to a free-lance writer. We like to promote the breed through various avenues, and the feature articles have been popular. If you have a suggestion, please sent it to: [coloursimmental@gmail.com](mailto:coloursimmental@gmail.com) and we'll pass the tip along.

## ●Colorado State Fair

The Colorado State Fair's livestock department is continuing to plan for the Aug. 28-Sept 7 fair. Exhibitors may submit online entries beginning July 1. The deadline is Aug. 1.

CSA will again provide champion awards for our breeding beef shows.

## ●CSA board exploring programs

CSA received funds under the new ASA Progress Through Performance show support policy. CSA just received a check since we host National Western, which is one of the 4 "major" shows. Your board has begun to pursue how best to use the funds.

## ●Keeping an eye on business

CSA board was in the forefront of monitoring potential changes facing American Simmental leadership. We are proud to have an outstanding staff at ASA and wrote a letter supporting the positive direction the leadership has taken Simmental. We also applaud the quick reaction by hosting an open-member nationwide conference call on April 15 with ASA trustees.

Many of our CSA members joined in the ASA's GotoWebinar meetings in April 20-26, and one on May 15. Thanks for being involved!

## ●ASA announces relief

ASA is offering a support package for members in fiscal year 2021. Starting in July, ASA will offer a 10% allotment for active ASA members based on their 2019 fiscal year animal registrations, transfers, and Total Herd Enrollment (THE). Watch for details from the ASA.

Further, the ASA board voted on May 15 to offer a Whole Birth Contemporary Group Genotyping Project. This would provide testing at research-price points for breeders who genotype the entire birth contemporary group. It would be similar to the ASA's CowHerd Roundup. Also watch for details, so you can take your calf DNA samples before turning out, or plan accordingly for weaning time.

## ●Uniquely Western Beef Expo

The inaugural *Uniquely Western Beef Expo*, listed in your mailed CSA directory, has been postponed. The latest dates of this new multi-breed pen show are now Dec. 7-9, **2021**.

## ●CSA supports CCA

CSA donated to the Colorado Cattlemen's "Advancing the Legacy" building fund. While it will be a few years down the road, it will be nice to have CCA move back into the historic Exchange Building on the National Western Stock Show grounds. CSA is an affiliate of CCA.

Also note that the CCA convention has been postponed to July 30-Aug. 1 at the Marriott Hotel in Colorado Springs.

A final FYI, that CCA offers COVID updates to its members at noon each Thursday. If you want to ask questions or listen to how the virus is impacting our state beef industry and steps being taken to keep our livelihood open (ie: bull sales in March, and the cattle market now), this weekly conference call is an option for CCA members.

## ●Seasonal wish

May your calf crop develop to its full potential. May your branding be injury-free. And, may your turnout be onto lots of green grass!