



# Colorado SimFacts

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## NWSS plans include new pen division

CSA is preparing for the 2025 National Western Stock Show, including a new pen show division.

A new Phenotype & Genotype (P&G) division will complement the PTP bull and female pen shows already being offered. P&G is designed to create another avenue for exhibitors while increasing the usage of EPDs and economic selection Indexes. The P&G platform, detailed on page 4 of this newsletter plus on the NWSS page of *ColoradoSimmental.com*, will have separate judges who will evaluate first on data, and then later judge the Purebred Simmental bulls live. P&G scores will be equally weighted at 50 percent, allowing for an educational opportunity to highlight and learn about the value of genotypes as a part of the seedstock selection process.



Our 2025 Denver events also carry the ASA's "National Show" designation. Also note that NWSS officials have flipped some events from previous years, so read the breed events schedule below carefully.

- **Sat. 1/18** – Bull pen show, with the PTP pen show, the new P&G pen show; and People's Choice judging, all in the yards.
- **Sun. 1/19** – Female pen show with People's Choice judging; the sale preview and ASA Meet-n-Greet; and *The One & Only* sale with Power Simmental selection, all in the yards.
- **Mon 1/20** – Open class female and bull shows for a final year in the historic Stadium Arena on the hill.
- **Tues 1/21** – Junior shows on the hill.

## Don't miss out on Fall Focus in nearby Amarillo

Are you headed to Amarillo? If you haven't already, please register for ASA Fall Focus, this year at Amarillo, TX. Last August, CSA & CCA hosted the event in Denver. Again this year, it is nearby, so we again hope to have great attendance from Colorado breeders.

Events begin Friday, Aug. 23, with several days of great educational & networking opportunities.

- **August 23** – West Texas A&M University is opening its doors. A feedlot tour and ultrasound demonstrations will set the stage for a fat cattle trend panel discussion. After a complimentary lunch, tours and a beef sensory panel are available. The evening will include dinner and socializing at Hodgetown Stadium, directly across from the hotel headquarters where the group may cheer on the Amarillo Sod Poodles (AA farm team).
- **August 24** – The Educational Symposium, featuring session I on end product awareness, with discussions including yield grade challenges, the

beef x dairy opportunities and challenges, the value proposition for beef, and an end product awareness panel. Session II will focus on International Genetic Solutions' multi-breed genetic evaluation. After a complimentary lunch,

session III is the Ogallala Aquifer and water concerns. This afternoon discussion will look at how to extend the aquifer's life. Session IV will focus on the workforce in production agriculture and how to connect candidate employees to employers more efficiently. The symposium's finale will be a recognition dinner.

- **August 25-27** – will include ASA board and committee meetings. Sunday, Aug. 25 will kick off with a town hall meeting, followed by committee meetings. This is your chance to give input to trustees and staff and keep abreast of issues and upcoming efforts. The board meeting will begin mid-Sunday afternoon and continue through Tuesday morning.

Register at *FallFocus.org*. (The hotel block closes July 23, so act now.)



# NEWS AT A GLANCE

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## Welcome new members

Our membership has grown. We welcome new CSA & CJSA members to the “family.” Updated membership lists are found on *ColoradoSimmental.com*.

## Save the date for the CSA annual meeting

Colorado Simmental will hold its annual business meeting on **Saturday, Oct. 19**. CSA member Baty Livestock of Loveland will generously serve as host. In addition to viewing heifers, the 54<sup>th</sup> annual meeting will include director elections, reports and awards, plus planning for future events.

Save the date and watch for details through email and *facebook.com/ColoradoSimmental11* posts.

## Reitsenstein officiates

Kyndal Reitsenstein, a CSA member from Kersey, was the cattle show judge on June 15 at the AJSA Northcentral Regional in Hutchinson, KS. CSA member Susan Russell was one of the skill contest judges.

## Russell gains new leadership title

Curtis Russell, a former ASA and CSA board member from Sugar City, was selected as Colorado Cattlemen’s Association President-Elect during the CCA annual convention on June 24-26.

## Members at Beef Improvement Federation

Chad Cook, a current ASA trustee & CSA member from Walsh, was among those attending the Beef Improvement Federation’s Symposium on June 10-13 in Knoxville, TN. Other CSA members at the gathering included Chad Russell, who had a display poster on his PhD thesis work in the advanced studies hallway, and CSA Pres. Willie Altenburg of Fort Collins. Numerous ASA members and breeders also attended BIF.

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## CJSA officers elected; Fabrizius thanked

CJSA held its annual meeting in conjunction with the 2024 Breed Bash. Officers were elected. They are Lear Hansen, president, Jason Dias, vice president, and Easton Hill, secretary.

Our thanks also were expressed to Blake Fabrizius, who completed his term as CJSA president. Blake also has served as an AJSA western trustee, and he completed his term at the AJSA National Classic in Oklahoma.

## State youth earn honors in June

Colorado youth have reached the winner’s circle at several summer shows. Highlights include:

### AJSA WESTERN REGIONAL, June 26-29 in Miles City, MT

Three Colorado youth participated, plus AJSA Trustee Blake Fabrizius from Colorado also helped with the regional activities.

CSA offered \$200 travel defrayment to those CJSA members qualifying. Results included:

- Harper Fabrizius** showed her family heifer to Reserve Champion Bred & Owned female.
- Easton Hill** was 8<sup>th</sup> overall in accumulated points in the junior division. He showed his heifer to 6<sup>th</sup> overall owned Purebred female. He also won 4<sup>th</sup> in sales talk, 6<sup>th</sup> in junior showmanship, 9<sup>th</sup> in the Genetic Evaluation and 9<sup>th</sup> in the Cattlemen’s Quiz.
- Sutton Hill** showed his heifer to 4<sup>th</sup> overall owned percentage female. He also was 8<sup>th</sup> overall in junior showmanship.



*CJSA members at Western Regional.*

### COLORADO BREED BASH, June 1&2 in Brush, CO

Numerous youth participated in the multi-breed state field day, *Breed Bash*. The event includes educational skill contests, multi-breed showmanship, breed shows and a multi-breed Supreme drive.

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## Youth results continued

CJSA offered a travel defrayment to those CJSA members qualifying. For Simmental, winners included:

- **Adley Blach** won Champion photography in the junior division.
- **Jason Dias** exhibited JPV Miss Coco 10L ET (ASA# 4275520) to Reserve Champion Percentage SM Heifer and OHL Land Slide 6265L (ASA# 4305545) to Champion SM Bull.
- **Harper Fabrizius** was on the Reserve Quiz Bowl team; was Reserve Champion showman in the junior division; and exhibited FABZ Lydia 302L (ASA# 4274625) to Reserve Champion SM Heifer.
- **Sophie Groshams** was on the Reserve Quiz Bowl team.
- **Easton Hill** was part of Champion Sales Talk junior division team; and exhibited KLER/GANA Loretta L010 (ASA# 4279990) to Champion SM Female.
- **Sutton Hill** was part of Champion Sales Talk junior division team; and exhibited KLER Beauty Doll 399L (ASA# 4353471) to Champion Percentage SM Heifer.

Several of our CJSA members also exhibited in other breed shows.



*Some CJSA members at Breed Bash.*

## Youth scholarship applications due Oct. 1

Applications for the CSA Educational Grant and Herd Builder Grant are due **Oct. 1**. This is a reminder for young people to read through the criteria now. Details are on the junior page of *ColoradoSimmental.com*.

## **ASA TRUSTEE REPORT**

*By Chad Cook, an ASA western trustee from Colorado*

Greetings from Walsh. I hope everyone is getting some rain. We are really green in spots, but some neighbors are in full winter-feeding mode that includes hay and cake.

### EVP search

As I ponder important issues involving the ASA at this time, the hiring of a new Executive Vice President would be top of mind. If you haven't read the Trustee Viewpoint written by myself that is included in the July/August *Register* I would encourage all to do so.

Being a member of the Executive Committee, I am directly involved with hiring the next EVP. The task is not being taken lightly and the *Register* article reflects that. If any CSA member knows of an individual that would be qualified for this important job, please let me know and I will contact them.

We all wish Wade the best in his retirement, and we thank him for his dedication to the Simmental breed.

### Fall Focus

As included in this e-news, the Fall Focus is being held in Amarillo. It is so close to us and has an educational agenda that will be most informative. Chip Kemp, Director of ASA and IGS Commercial and Industry Operations, is working hard to include a number of local Texas panhandle cattle groups. This might be a chance to make contact with potential bull buyers.

Also, if you have children that are approaching college age this would be a great opportunity to see the campus of West Texas A&M. Two of my sons earned their bachelor's degrees from WT. It is a superb university!

### Breed Improvement

News from the Breed Improvement Committee:

- Nothing new to report on Hydrops defect. Hopefully something soon.
- More of your dollars were approved to continue the Calf Crop Genomics and Cow Herd Roundup programs. Both programs are a great opportunity for our membership. Call me if you would like to know more.
- Big announcements are in the works involving the Carcass Merit Program. This will be a game changer for carcass data collection along with other relevant data involving the meat industry.

Feel free to reach out. I may be contacted at 719-529-0564 or [bridlebitsimm@gmail.com](mailto:bridlebitsimm@gmail.com).



# Inaugural event for 2025

Colorado Simmental Association will hold a new Simmental Division in the 2025 National Western Stock Show's Simmental bull pen show.

The new division, called **Phenotype & Genotype (P&G)** will be in ADDITION to the standard Progress Through Performance (PTP) Purebred and Percentage Simmental pen shows at the National Western Stock Show. Here are the details:



## Phenotype & Genotype Pen of 3 Purebred Bulls Division

The objective of adding the Phenotype & Genotype Pen Show (P&G) would be to create another avenue for exhibitors at the National Western Stock Show Simmental Pen Show. With the increased use of Expected Progeny Differences (EPD)s by cattlemen, this new division would provide an educational opportunity to highlight and learn about the value of EPDs as well as the Economic Selection Indexes (\$Values) as a part of the Seedstock selection process.

Animals entered in the P&G will be evaluated by a separate division judge & associate judge under a system that combines assessment of the bulls' genotypes (EPDs & \$Values) and phenotypes equally weighted at 50 percent.

### Rules

1. Bulls must be registered Purebred Simmental bulls.
2. Animals entered in P&G must have been genomically tested with a DNA sample on file with Igenity Neogen. GE-EPDs are required at the time of NWSS yards check-in.
3. Any animals with interim EPDs or EPDs not enhanced with genomic results at time of check-in will not be allowed to show in the P&G Show.
4. Bulls exhibited in the new P&G division may be entered for P&G only, or the bulls may be an alternate bull or also be shown in the standard PTP Simmental pen show (either Pen of 3 or Pen of 5).
5. As with NWSS rules, the exhibitor must be the breeder of the animal. All other NWSS and Simmental pen rules apply. See the premium book rules for further details.

### Judging

1. EPDs will be printed for the individual animals as well as the average for their group in the show program.
2. The P&G judges will receive judge's cards split into classes that include entry number, birthdate, EPDs/\$Values and percentile rankings.
3. For the P&G classes, the judges will evaluate in two waves.
4. In wave 1, worth 50% of the points, judging will be completed ahead of the show. The judges will:
  - a. Evaluate EPDs/\$Values of CED, BW, WW, YW, Milk, MCE, Doc, Stay, Marb, REA, \$API, and \$TI.
  - b. Place each class based on their genotypic preferences.
  - c. Record their genotypic placings with show officials prior to the public "show day."
5. In wave 2, worth 50% of the points, judging will be conducted during the live show. The judges will:
  - a. Evaluate each bull's phenotype.
  - b. Place each live class based on their phenotypic preferences.
  - c. Record their phenotypic placings with show officials.
6. Show officials will calculate and display on the public screen both the 50% genotypic placings and the 50% phenotypic placings. The entry with the combined highest score will be the winner of the class.

P&G score card example:

	Genotypic points 50%	Phenotypic points 50%	Total points
Pen entry 50	56	75	131
Pen entry 51	65	52	117
Pen entry 52	70	33	103

So, final placing in the class above is entry 50 is 1<sup>st</sup>; entry 51 is 2<sup>nd</sup>, & entry 52 is 3<sup>rd</sup>.

7. In the event of a tie of points, the tie will be broken based on the phenotype placings.
8. The judges will then receive a judge's card with the composite placings to talk the class.
9. The summary of points for each class will be given to the judges as they select the Grand Champion P&G Bull and Reserve Grand Champion P&G Bull in the division's championship drive.