



# Colorado SimFacts

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## Annual meeting near Loveland

Please join us for the Colorado Simmental Association's annual meeting on **Saturday afternoon, Oct. 19, 2024**. Our thanks to this year's host, Baty Livestock, who will hold the gathering at 3918 County Road 16, Loveland, CO.

Cattle viewing begins at 1 p.m. and the annual meeting starts at 2 p.m. Directions to Baty Livestock: Take the exit off I-25 at Johnson's Corner and go west 2 miles. The farm is located on the south side of the intersection of County Road 16 and County Road 9. The meeting will be held in the tan barn behind the house. There is plenty of parking. If you needed navigating assistance, call Jane at 970-685-2373.



CSA's 54th  
annual  
meeting



In addition to reports and networking, awards will be presented and directors elected. Please come!!

## 2025 NWSS to include numerous highlights

The 2025 National Western Stock Show will include five note-worthy highlights:

1. A new Phenotype & Genotype (P&G) division will complement the Progress Through Performance (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 division will have separate judges who will evaluate first on data, and then later judge the bulls live. P&G scores will be equally weighted, allowing for an educational opportunity to highlight and learn about the value of genotypes as a part of the seedstock selection process. In the inaugural year, this new division will only be for Purebred Simmental Pen of 3 Bulls. See details on pages 3 & 5 of this e-newsletter.



2. The People's Choice Power Simmental will mark its 20<sup>th</sup> year. More details on page 3.



3. Denver events will carry the ASA's "National Show" designation.

4. The ASA board meetings & events will return to Denver for 2025. More details on page 2.

5. It will be the final year of exhibiting breeding beef cattle in the hill's historic stadium arena, which was built in 1908 and was first used during the 1909 National Western Stock Show.



*The Stadium Arena in 1908. Photo courtesy of the NWSS archives.*

All shows **start at 9 a.m.** The updated schedule is:

- **Sat. 1/18** – Bull pen show, with both the PTP pen show and the new P&G pen show; and People's Choice judging, all in the yards; and ASA events at the hotel. The traditional PTP pen shows will be judged by Jay Hennessey of ND and associate Johnny Johnson of NE. Steve Eichacker of SD and associate Tim Curran of CA will judge the new P&G pen show.
- **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. Matt Macfarlane of M3 Marketing again is our sale manager.
- **Mon 1/20** (updated schedule) - Junior shows on the hill with Justin Adcock and associate Bob Adcock both of IL officiating.
- **Tues 1/21** (updated schedule) - Open class female and bull shows for a final year in the historic Stadium Arena. Chris Mullinix of KS and associate Daniel Dobbs of GA will officiate.

# ASA TRUSTEE REPORT

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Happy fall to all of you! I truly hope summer was filled with moisture, and calves are looking the part.

For those of you that missed the Fall Focus program, I encourage you to read and watch everything that is available for review. What a great program. I would like to see more of our membership in Columbia, Missouri next year.

On a personal note, I'm sure there are times when all of us have been especially proud of our kids. My wife and I had a cherished moment while we were in Amarillo. West Texas A&M professor Dr. Tommy Perkins announced to the full ASA delegation that our son was the best ag student he had ever had. We were very proud!

You will be receiving ballots for ASA board positions in the coming months. The western region has two seats available. Ryan Thorson from Montana and Maureen Mia from Idaho have agreed to run again and are the board's nominees. I would encourage all members to give them support and vote for both to continue to represent the western region.

The new EVP search is ongoing as I am involved directly with the interview process and the

recommendation to the board for the new hire.

The board has passed requiring DNA to be on file for all walking bulls before progeny can be registered. If you really think about this, it makes a lot of sense. ASA requires DNA to be on file for AI sires as well as donor cows. This goes a step further to keep the herd book accurate. This change will go into effect for natural service sires born on or after January 1, 2025, and does require a rule change from the membership. I also encourage a yes vote on this change.

Dry matter intake will start monthly runs and anyone turning in records will get an EPD back. Staff is working to evolve this into the regular weekly evaluation as soon as possible. The name for the subindex is \$GAIN.

The Mature Cow Weight model is done. Now staff is trying to build an estimate of cow feed intake based on mature size, milking and fetal calf size. Hopefully this EPD will be ready to publish soon.

Hope to see everyone in a few weeks.



## NEWS AT A GLANCE

### ASA board, ASA annual coming to Denver

As was tradition pre-COVID, the American Simmental board will again hold in-person meetings in conjunction with the 2025 National Western Stock Show's Simmental events.

The ASA full board and committee meetings will be Jan. 16-18 at Embassy Suites Denver International Airport Hotel, 7001 Yampa Street (near Tower Road and the airport on the east edge of Denver).

The annual meeting is set for Saturday, Jan. 18, 2025. CSA is excited to have ASA events back in Denver!

### The One & Only Sale nominations open

Want to put a lot into the *One & Only Sale*? The annual CSA-sanctioned auction will be Sunday, Jan. 19, 2025, in the Wagner Equipment Auction Arena in the Stockyards Events Center on the National Western grounds. Get your bull, heifer, donor, pregnancy, flush or pick of herd nominations turned into our sale manager, Matt Macfarlane, by contacting him at 916-803-3113 or [m3cattlemarketing@gmail.com](mailto:m3cattlemarketing@gmail.com) before the Nov. 20 deadline.

The sale cattle preview and the ASA Meet-n-Greet will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19 again in the pens outside the yard's sale arena. The sale will start at 2 p.m.

### Time for CSA co-op advertising signup

CSA will again be placing co-op breed ads in several regional ag publications. These ads are one of CSA's most popular membership features and stretch your marketing budget. Using ASA ad templates, members may be part of the CSA color ads in *Breeder's Connection*, *CCA Cattle Guard*, *Fence Post* and *Wyoming Livestock Roundup*. Members may pick & choose or run in all four for \$25 per publication.

Because of pub deadlines, signup and wording is needed **no later than** at the annual meeting Oct. 19.



## **NEWS AT A GLANCE cont.**

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### **2025 CSA membership dues accepted**

CSA's membership dues remain at \$25 annually, the same rate as when the association was founded in 1970. CJSA dues are \$10 per youth annually. Your 2025 dues must be paid by Jan. 1 to be included in the printed directory. Not a member and wish to join? Just complete the form on page 4 and submit with payment.

### **CSA members participate in Fall Focus in TX**



A dozen CSA members took advantage of American Simmental's 2024 Fall Focus being held in nearby Amarillo, TX. The Aug. 23-27 events included tours and panels at West Texas A&M University; an excellent beef industry Educational Symposium that focused on end product in the morning sessions, and water and labor in the afternoon; a recognition banquet; a town hall session and open ASA committee meetings.



As you'll recall, the 2023 Fall Focus was co-hosted by CSA & Colorado Cattlemen's Association in Denver. In looking ahead, the 2025 Fall Focus will be in Columbia, MO, hosted by Missouri Simmental.

### **Congrats to 2024 Colorado State Fair winners**

In the Junior breeding beef shows on Aug. 26 at the Colorado State Fair, youth winners were:

- Champion Simmental Heifer: R/C Lovestory 425L (reg #4260380) exh. Ela Rogers.
- Champion SimGenetic Percentage Heifer: R/C Lady Mae (reg #4260854) exh. Jaxon Walker.

In open class on Aug. 28, the winners were:

- Champion Simmental Heifer: MCF Miss Little Angel (reg #4324958) exh. Hilton Smith
- Champion Simmental Bull: OHL Land Slide 6265L (reg #4305545) exh. Jason Dias.

### **Power Simmental to mark its 20<sup>th</sup> milestone**

How time flies! The People's Choice Power Simmental event debuted in January 2005. Initially bulls participated, with heifer competition added for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. (Past winners are listed on [ColoradoSimmental.com/pcpb](http://ColoradoSimmental.com/pcpb).) Now, in the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary event, participants may judge the nominated animals Jan. 18 & 19, 2025, with the selection being held at the start of the *One & Only Sale* on Jan. 19.

CSA is securing sponsors for its annual event, which helps engage the crowd, enhances the exhibitor's marketing exposure, and offers the judging ballot winner his/her pick of the finalist animals and selection of the 2025 Power Simmental to keep! Thus far, we thank Eberspacher Enterprises, Purina Animal Nutrition, Neogen, Rock Bottom Industries and Zoetis for being our generous sponsors.

### **Get your GE-EPDs data back before NWSS**



Entering your Purebred Simmental bull pen the new Phenotype & Genotype division at the 2025 National Western? Get your animal's DNA / TSU samples turned in now, as you need genomic enhanced EPDs back no later than pen check-in at 9 a.m. Friday, Jan. 17 in Denver for that division. P&G rules are found on page 5 of this newsletter.

### **NWSS using new, more user-friendly software**

The National Western Stock Show is using new software for 2025 entries, which opened online on Oct. 1. It is more user-friendly, said Jenn Boka, director of livestock operations, who also noted that the fee totals are unchanged from 2024, but the fees are bundling into a single line item. NWSS entries are due Nov. 20.

## **YOUTH**

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### **Breed Bash scheduled for May 31 & June 1, 2025**

Breed Bash, Colorado's multi-breed educational contests and registered cattle shows, will be on Saturday & Sunday, May 31 & June 1, 2025. The event again will be at the Morgan County Fairgrounds in Brush. Breed Bash is CJSA's state field day. The annual event also is designed to help prepare youth for their respective junior national contests. Mark your calendar for the weekend after Memorial Day.



## It's time to renew for 2025... Join CSA / CJSA today!

Colorado Simmental Association & Colorado Junior Simmental Association membership includes:

- Notification by mail or email and Facebook of regional Simmental and CSA/CJSA projects throughout the year.
- Cost-share advertising/co-op marketing program participation, which allows breeders to tag their ranch information onto the big breed ads and stretch their marketing dollars.
- Voting member at the association annual meeting, which allows your voice to be heard.
- Free listing in this directory and on CSA's web site: [www.ColoradoSimmental.com](http://www.ColoradoSimmental.com).
- Information on opportunities, such as youth scholarships, defrayments, and awards.

If you would like to become more involved in the destiny and decision-making regarding Simmental cattle, join Colorado Simmental Association &/or Colorado Junior Simmental Association.

Also note that for youth, you must be a CJSA member to:

- Participate in Colorado *Breed Bash*, and
- Qualify for show defrayments.

Please complete and return the information below, along with your check, for:

- Active **adult** membership dues (individual or ranch) \$25.<sup>00</sup>
- Active **junior** membership dues (age 21 or under) \$10.<sup>00</sup> each.

Thanks in advance for joining or renewing your membership! Clip & return the **bottom** portion of this form.

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CSA &/or CJSA membership for 2025:  CSA \$25.<sup>00</sup> or  CJSA \$10.<sup>00</sup> per junior

Please complete the below information for both associations:

Ranch name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_, CO \_\_\_\_\_

Phone : (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail lower portion of form & your check to CSA, 24614 Co. Road G, Sugar City, CO 81076

## CCA NEWS

CCA is an affiliate member of Colorado Cattlemen's Association. For more details go to [coloradocattle.org](http://coloradocattle.org).

### Joint petition requests a pause in wolf introduction

A total of 26 organizations representing Colorado's agricultural and livestock producers, including CCA, jointly filed a formal Petition for Rulemaking with the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission. The Sept. 27 petition seeks to delay any further introductions of gray wolves into the state until Colorado's wolf management program can adequately address the conflicts between wolves and livestock producers.

### CCA opposes 2 ballot measure facing Denver voters

CCA is adamantly opposed to the ballot initiative "Prohibition of Slaughterhouses," which the City and County of Denver residents will vote on in November 2024. This initiative, driven by the activist group Pro-Animal Future, would force the closure of a single company, Superior Farms, a longstanding, employee-owned business in Denver that has served the community for more than 70 years, if enacted. The immediate result would be the loss of nearly 200 jobs, with far-reaching consequences for Colorado's agriculture sector.

CCA also opposes another ballot issue which would ban the sale, manufacture, trade and display of new fur products in the city limits of Denver, which could impact the local retailers who use fur to make a living.



# 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 traditional 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 (EPDs) 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 show 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%.

### 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 on Jan 17, 2025.
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 Simmental pen show (either Pen of 3 or Pen of 5). A P&G entry is at no additional entry cost in the NWSS system, if the same exhibitor already has another SimGenetic bull pen entered in the Jan. 18, 2025, shows.
5. As with NWSS rules, the exhibitor must be the breeder of the animal. All other NWSS and Simmental pen rules apply. P&G bulls and other pen bulls will be processed & ultrasounded beginning at 9 a.m. Friday, Jan. 17. See the premium book.

### 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 on Sat., Jan. 18. 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 points will be the winner of the class.

P&G score card example:

	Genotypic points 50%	Phenotypic points 50%	Final points	Final placement
Pen entry 300	50 (3 <sup>rd</sup> in G)	60 (2 <sup>nd</sup> in P)	110	3 <sup>rd</sup> in P&G combined
Pen entry 301	65 (2 <sup>nd</sup> in G)	50 (3 <sup>rd</sup> in P)	115	2 <sup>nd</sup> P&G combined
Pen entry 302	70 (1 <sup>st</sup> in G)	70 (1 <sup>st</sup> in P)	140	1 <sup>st</sup> in P&G combined

7. In the event of a tie of points, the tie will be broken based on the phenotypic 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.