

# Colorado SimFacts

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**To-do's:** We're a month into "spring." What have you crossed off your list? Slowpoke cows to calve. Final deliveries to sale buyers. Complete calf crop data entries & mail in TSUs. Brand calves. Finalize planned matings. Order semen. Start breeding protocol. Submit show entries. Whatever is on your checklist, we hope you receive plenty of moisture and limited wind this spring as you work on your to-dos!

# **Breed Bash nearing**

Breed Bash, Colorado's multi-breed youth educational contests and registered cattle shows, will be on Saturday & Sunday, May 31 & June 1, 2025, at the Morgan County Fairgrounds in Brush.

It is designed to offer state-level competition, networking, and help prepare youth for junior regionals or nationals. Entries are now open at: https://showman.app/shows#/breed-bash-2025-c4ba

The 4 educational contests and showmanship are free to all participants. There is a fee for the cattle shows and T-shirts. The regular entry deadline is May 10, and the final late-entry deadline is May 23. The show judge is Matt Copeland of NM.

Breed Bash is open to youth from Colorado and adjoining states, but Simmental participants must join or be a paid CJSA member. (Yes, youth may participate even if you're not attending an AJSA regional or junior national classic. Come to Brush!)

Breed Bash is CJSA's state field day plus CJSA will hold its annual meeting on May 31 at the fairgrounds.

Details are on <a href="www.facebook.com/ColoradoBreedBash">www.facebook.com/ColoradoBreedBash</a> or feel free to contact CJSA advisors Nia Hill or Susan Russell.

# AJSA deadlines also soon

We hope CJSA members will participate in some of the Am. Junior Simmental opportunities. See page 3 of this newsletter.



# NEWS AT A GLANCE

# Welcome to the CSA 'family'

CSA has added some new members, as listed on <a href="www.ColoradoSimmental.com">www.ColoradoSimmental.com</a>'s membership page. Do you know someone who is not a member and wishes to join? It is only \$25 per ranch membership and \$10 per youth annually. The form is available on our website.

# ASA Board meetings under way

The American Simmental board is currently meeting in Bozeman. We thank CSA members Chad Cook and Quin LaFollette and their fellow ASA trustees for dedicating time to conduct the association's business. There is still time for ASA members to listen! Agendas and link details are on www.Simmental.org.

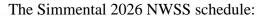
# **NWSS** Complex changes continue

The National Western Stock Show and Complex has named Wes Allison as its new president and CEO. We thank Paul Andrews for his service and welcome Wes Allison, who begins his job on May 5.

Construction continues on the Legacy Building and the Livestock Center. Here's a look at the ag hub:

- •Stockyards Events Center was completed in 2021. The 20-acre yards area has up to 800 pens with removable fencing, and a 48,000-sq-ft Stockyards Events Center, featuring the 630-seat sale arena, the double show arena, and outdoor plaza.
- •The Legacy: This 4-story new headquarters (at left in photo) will house the National Western offices, gathering places and a year-round western art gallery.
- •Livestock Center: This "Hill" replacement is adjacent to the new yards for easier access. It spans 30 acres, and includes a 5,000-seat show arena, a 200,000 sq-ft livestock hall with room for 1,400 head of cattle plus a separate 75,000 sq-ft small animal livestock barn, a 700-seat auction arena, a cowboy bar, meeting rooms, suites and conference spaces, a trade show area and an outdoor plaza.

•CSU Spur: The three state-of-the-art



- Sat. & Sun. Jan. 17 & 18 PTP & P&G pen shows in the Stockyards Events Center.
- Sun., Jan. 18 The One & Only Sale in the yard's sale arena.
- Mon., Jan. 19 Junior/Youth PTP shows in the new Livestock Center.
- Tue., Jan. 20 Open class PTP shows in the new Livestock Center.

Colorado State University buildings are Vida (animal health) which opened in January 2022, Terra (land & crops) which opened in April 2022 and Hydro (water education and research) which opened in January 2023. Numerous school children and the public tour these facilities daily.

•Historic Exchange Buildings: A steakhouse and several ag industry offices, including Colo. Cattlemen Assoc. (CCA) headquarters, will be "heading home" to the main 3-story building. Through the years it housed CCA and the Brand Board. CSA, which is a CCA affiliate, has donated to the CCA building fund. CCA is still seeking donations. If questions, contact CSA member/CCA President-elect Curtis Russell. Renovation also is underway in the easternmost building where the Stockyards Saloon opted out of its lease.

# 2025 NWSS highlights

Thank you to all who assisted with the 2025 National Western Stock Show! We also are grateful for the exhibitors, sale consignors and sponsors.

Show & sale results and other highlights are on <u>ColoradoSimmental.com</u> as well as posts on <u>www.facebook.com/ColoradoSimmental1</u>. Several milestones were marked in 2025, including:

- The final year in Denver's historic stadium arena.
- It was our breed's national SimGenetic show.
- A new Phenotype & Genotype (P&G) division debuted in the yards with special P&G Purebred Simmental pen bull entries evaluated.
- The 20<sup>th</sup> year of People's Choice Power Simmental was marked with two winners selected.











# DATES TO KNOW

## APRIL 1

AJSA Regional and National Classic entries open Register online through your Herdbook Account.

## APRIL 30

The Summit Early Registration Deadline Registration opens March 10. Fees increase after April 30.

### MAY 3

DEADLINE

**125 DATES AND** 

AJSA Hotel Scholarship deadline

Scholarship covers lodging expenses for one room at 2025 AJSA National Classic. Application available at juniorsimmental.org.

#### MAY 5 4:30pm MDT

AJSA Regional Classics EARLY entry deadline Registration fees double after 4:30 pm MDT.

#### **MAY 12** 4:30pm MDT

AJSA Regional Classics FINAL entry deadline No Regional Classic entries will be accepted after 4:30 pm MDT.

#### MAY 20 4:30pm MDT

AJSA National Classic EARLY entry deadline Registration fees double after 4:30 pm MDT.

#### **MAY 27** 4:30pm MDT

AJSA National Classic FINAL entry deadline No National Classic entries will be accepted after 4:30 pm MDT.

## JUNE 1

AJSA Trustee Application deadline **ASF Merit Award deadline** AJSA Photography Contest deadline Applications and complete details available at juniorsimmental.org.

### JUNE 5

The Summit FINAL Registration Deadline

# **EVENTS**

## **JUNE 4-7**

AJSA Eastern Regional Classic Harrisonburg, Virginia

### JUNE 19-22

AJSA Western Regional Classic Tremonton, Utah

## **JULY 6-12**

AJSA National Classic XLV Madison, Wisconsin

## **JULY 20-23**

The Summit - IGS Youth Leadership Conference Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Event schedules coming soon. Updated 2025 AJSA Classic rules available in March.