



Colorado SimFacts

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2027 National Western schedule shared

The SimGenetic schedule for 2027 National Western Stock Show has been altered by the Denver staff slightly compared to past years. Please mark your calendars for:

- Saturday, **Jan. 16** - Junior Shows (morning) with Spencer Scotten officiating; and Female Pen shows (afternoon) with Jake Scott officiating.
- Sunday, **Jan. 17** - Bull Pen shows with Jake Scott officiating; Phenotype & Genotype Bull Pen shows with Dr. Ryan Rathmann officiating; Meet-n-Greet; and The One & Only Sale.
- Monday, **Jan. 18** - Open class shows with Greg Walthall officiating.

Also note that the ASA annual meeting will be Friday, **Jan. 15** at the Denver Airport Marriott at Gateway Park, Denver. It and the ASA board meetings will be held in conjunction with National Western. Watch for updates on ColoradoSimmental.com &/or on Colorado Simmental's facebook page.

CJSA members compete at Breed Bash

SimGenetics dominated the Multi-Breed Supreme Female drive and CJSA members successfully participated in the various multi-breed skill contests, showmanship, and breed shows during the 2026 Colorado Breed Bash, held May 30-31 in Brush.

Congrats to the 70-plus participants who excelled in this 8-breed state field day and Junior Nationals prep event.

CJSA winners included:

- Photography - Kashton Blach, junior div. champion.
- Public Speaking - Jayme Gittlein, senior div. reserve champion; and Adley Blach, junior div. champion.
- Salesmanship - Hayden Hill, peewee reserve champion.
- Multi-breed showmanship - Scarlett Carney, senior div. champion; Easton Hill, junior div. reserve champion; and Kaizley Blach, peewee div. reserve champion.

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Congrats to CJSA participants in '26 Colo. Breed Bash



YOUTH NEWS

CJSA changes leadership

Colorado Junior Simmental Assoc. membership elected officers at the annual meeting May 30, in Brush. They are Easton Hill, president; Adley Blach, vice president; and Jason Dias, secretary. Congratulations!

Breed Bash *continued from page 1*

•SimGenetic cattle show (included 3 of the 5 Supreme Multi-breed Female winners). Result highlights:

○Purebred Sim Females – Easton Hill with KLER YC Barbies Destiny 529N, grand champion purebred Simmental female & **3rd Overall Female**; and Adley Blach with AJ-B Zinnia, reserve grand champion purebred Simmental female.

○Percentage Sim Females –Scarlett Carney with GCC4 Vivian 501N, grand champion percentage Simmental female & **Supreme Overall Female**; and Sophie Groshans with R/C JSE Naomi 226N, reserve grand champion percentage Simmental female & **4th Overall Female**.

○SimGenetic Bull – Jason Dias with Mr. Amstel 2503N, grand champion percentage Simmental bull.

The 2027 Breed Bash will be **June 4 & 5** (always the weekend after Memorial Day), so plan to participate. For details, contact CJSA advisors Nia Hill or Susan Russell.

AJSA National Classic poised to begin

The American Junior National Classic will be in nearby Nebraska this summer. Best of luck to our CJSA members who are participating in the July 4-10 “Dream On” events in Grand Island.

NEWS AT A GLANCE

CCA convention begins June 22, Russell concludes presidency

There’s still time to attend Colorado Cattlemen’s Association’s “Under the Big Top” convention on June 22-24 at the Embassy Suites Loveland Conference Center, in Loveland. Curtis Russell, a former CSA & ASA board officer, has been representing the beef community as the 2025/26 CCA president. His presidency ends during the CCA convention, which features an educational symposium, committee breakout discussions, policy decisions and networking. For details, visit coloradocattle.org.

Fall Focus 2026 in Montana

ASA’s 2026 Fall Focus is Aug. 28 & 29th in Bozeman, MT. For details & to register, visit fallfocus.org.

ASA TRUSTEE COMMENTS

By Quin LaFollette, an ASA western trustee & CSA member

I hope everyone is catching at least **some** moisture. I know it’s spotty at best. I believe this too shall pass and greener pastures are around the corner.

I spent a couple days at the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Research Symposium last week in Boise, ID. It’s always a great experience for me to go to BIF and catch up on all the new research and science. We have amazing, intelligent people driving our industry. I heard a lot of talk on or about *closed loop systems*, where they can gather data at every step through harvest. That data is invaluable for feeding our genetic evaluations and making mating decisions in the future. Genomics is the major factor in all of it. Our own IGS sponsors a program where the presenters can be watched online. Of course, a highlight of the trip was watching some great people get honored for their long-time work. Steve McGuire was awarded the *Pioneer Award*. Dr. Jackie Atkins and Dr. Mahdi Saatchi were valued and received the *Continuing Service Award*. They are all very deserving and I’m proud to call all of them my friends.

There’s no doubt we are in good times in the beef industry right now. I will say a common belief at BIF was that we may have seen the top and warned us to start to prepare for a downturn in the market. All had good points and can be watched online.

I sure hope everyone gets some moisture and has a great summer.

