



Colorado SimFacts

Colorado Simmental Association ♦ www.ColoradoSimmental.com ♦ Winter 2026

2026 NWSS housed in fabulous facilities

Thank you to all who participated in the 2026 National Western Stock Show! We also are grateful for the exhibitors, sale consignors, sponsors and volunteers.

Show & sale results and other highlights are on ColoradoSimmental.com as well as posts on www.facebook.com/ColoradoSimmental. Several milestones were marked in 2026, including:

- The inaugural year inside the new Sue Anschutz-Rodgers Livestock Center and the CoBank Arena.
- Expanded Phenotype & Genotype (P&G) pen shows, with divisions for **both** Purebred & Percentage bulls.
- A new “Rancher’s Best” pen show, with both genders represented within each pen entry.

Highlights are:

SHOWS

We had dedicated judges. In the yards, Kevin Jensen and his associate Robin Hogborg complimented the breeders using Genomically Enhanced EPDs, highlighted data as well as described the physical traits. Jensen & Hogborg judged both bull and female pens, plus the new Rancher’s Best pen with both genders shown together.

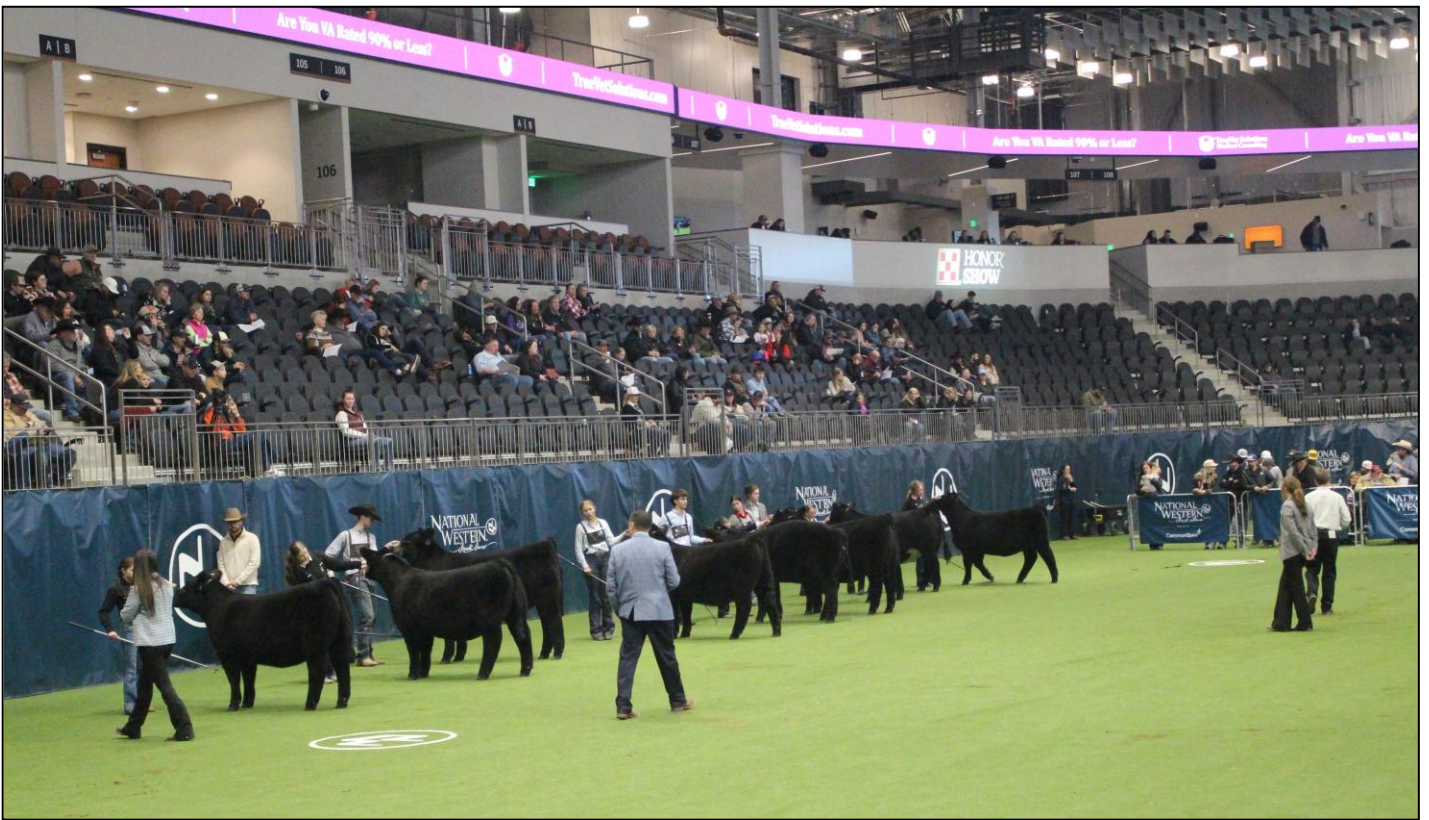
It was followed by Gabe Jennings and his associate Gabriel Connealy judging both divisions of the Phenotype & Genotype pen

show. The pair awarded points for each EPD and \$Index prior to the show, privately pre-submitting the Genotype’s 50% of the score to officials. Jennings & Connealy then judged the phenotype live, awarding points for structure, muscling, body composition, etc. in the Phenotype’s 50% of the score as the crowd watched. Points then were tallied on the big screen to determine each division’s winners.



CSA thanks our '26 NWSS SM judges - Shown clockwise from top left: Gabriel Connealy & Gabe Jennings (P&G pens), Robin Hogborg & Kevin Jensen (pens), Marcus & Paige Arnold (Jr), and Tucker Schlipf & Tyler Bush (open).

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NWSS continued >

With the old “hill” housing goats and sheep, beef cattle were able to completely fill the new 200,000 square-foot hub called the Sue Anschutz-Rodgers Livestock Center. The 30-acre livestock center flowed right into the new 5,000-seat CoBank Arena, where Simmental’s junior and the open class animals paraded on the green turf before our judges. Marcus & Paige Arnold evaluated the youth female shows, with Tyler Bush and his associate Tucker Schlipf evaluating females and bulls in open class.

Art galleries, bars, a club and NWSS offices in the new Legacy building also debuted in the 2026 NWSS.

POWER SIMMENTAL

Participants from 22 states and Australia judged the nominated bulls and females in the People’s Choice voting to narrow the field to finalists Schaake Farms, KS; Lee Simmental Farms, MO; Hilbrands Cattle Co., MN; and Baty Livestock, CO. KHH / HILB Blue Magnolia N47F, a purebred Simmental female from Hilbrands Cattle, was named the 2026 Power Simmental by Ed Hartzell of Front Pasture Farm, Oakdale, CA, who won 100% possession of his choice from four purebred finalists. Hilbrands won **\$20,000**, an increased payout for their 2026 winner.



Generous sponsors were Igenity, TransOva, Zoetis, M3 Marketing, Halter, Purina Animal Nutrition, Nebraska Bull Service, and Vogler Semen Centre.

SALE

Live lots, as well as flushes and embryos were sold during *The One & Only Sale* on Jan. 18 in Denver. We thank the breeders who “dug deep” in their operations to consign lots and to the numerous buyers.

Three fundraisers kicked off the auction:

- The American Simmental-Simbrah Foundation offered 10 special liquor lots, entering the buyers into a draw-down event with Randy Moody of AL winning the special Marlin shotgun donated by Circle M Farms. The event raised \$12,700, which was earmarked for the AJSA Merit Scholarships. *more >*

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- Gittlein Family Cattle LLC of NE purchased the new AI tank filled with semen from nine top sires. The funds were earmarked for CSA to host NWSS events. We thank Gittleins, as well as the semen donors: ABS Global, Baty Livestock, Genex, Griswold Cattle, JS Simmental, Reflected R Ranch, Select Sires, and ST Genetics, and tank donor: Altenburg Super Baldy Ranch.
- CSA allowed Colorado Cattlemen’s Foundation to auction a limited-edition print, *Heading Home* by Jan Mapes, earmarked for the CCA’s move into the renovated historic Livestock Exchange Building on the NWSS campus. (Tours were given of The Exchange.) CCA Pres. Curt Russell & CCA EVP Erin Spaur expressed thanks to Kent Jaecke of OK for his \$2,000 purchase, which also puts Jaecke into a drawing for the original oil painting.



Above center, Amy & Jayme Gittlein represent their family with the tank purchase. Left, Kent Jaecke is handed the *Heading Home* print.

VOLUNTEERS

CSA had volunteers - from check-in to putting up banners, tabulating People’s Choice rankings to serving the Meet-n-Greet, and from trophies to lining up cattle - to make it all run smoothly at NWSS!

Thanks to CSA’s “small but mighty” team! We also thank ASA’s Chance Ujazdowski, Dr. Jon DeClerk and Dr. Ben Crites for the help & AJSA trustees Noah, Chase & Anna for being ring stewards.



Thank You!



NEWS AT A GLANCE

Membership directories

CSA's printed 2026 directory was mailed to members in early January, plus available at NWSS.

Did you miss the publication deadline to join? No problem. Dues are only \$25 per ranch membership and/or \$10 per youth annually and we'll add you to the list on ColoradoSimmental.com's membership page. The form is available on our website. We welcome ranchers & ag businesses from Colo. & adjoining states.

Co-op ads running; sales under way

CSA offers defrayed rates for co-operative advertising.

Ads are running now. We thank those participating in this popular membership benefit.

We wish our members the best of luck with their annual production sales and private treaty offerings, many of which are listed in the ad on the right.

Want included in the remaining runs for \$25 per publication? Contact Susan immediately.

THE in?

Spring 2026 THE enrollment late deadline is Feb. 15. Got it submitted?

Fall Focus

ASA's 2026 Fall Focus is Aug. 28 & 29th in Bozeman, MT.

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GET YOUR SIMGENETICS FROM THESE COLORADO MEMBERS:

7L Diamond's Hi Altitude Bulls
Leah 719-850-2720; Peter 849-8223
Bulls & heifers sell Fri. 3/27/26
at Monte Vista Livestock Auction

Altenburg Super Baldy-Triangle J
Selling 150 bulls – Fort Collins
Saturday, March 21, 2026
Willie Altenburg 970-481-2570

Baty Livestock
Spring and Fall Heifer Sales
batylivestock@gmail.com
facebook/batylivestock

Black Summit Cattle
The Quin LaFollette family
Bulls sell Friday 3/20/26
at Powell, WY • 307-899-3553

Bridle Bit Simmentals
All-Terrain Bull & Female Sale
Mon. 3/23/2026 Walsh, CO
Chad Cook 719-529-0564

Campbell Simmental
Part of High-Altitude Bull Sale
on Sat. 3/28/2026 at LaGarita
Robert 970-749-9708

Carlson & Halde Cattle
Private Treaty at Stoneham
Patrick 970-768-5345
Glenn 970-580-2059

Dilka Cattle
Yearling & 18-mo-old bulls PT
Briggsdale, CO • 970-396-8791
thedilkas@aol.com

Far Out Cattle Ranch
Jerrid Brisendine 719-353-1747
All-Terrain Bull & Female Sale
Mon. 3/23/2026 Walsh

Hill Brothers Livestock
Bulls & females available
Paul 417-849-6851
facebook.com/hillbrotherslivestock

Jay Hill family
Simmental & SimAngus bulls
Private treaty • 970-520-1555
jaywill@kci.net

Larges Farms & Gittlein Family Cattle
SimAngus bulls and custom heifer dev.
Jeremy Gittlein, manager Wauneta, NE
www.largesfarms.com, 308-414-1466

Mari Simmental Breeders
Ron Mari • Holyoke
Selling black % & PB ET bulls
970-520-7333 for EPDs & data

Phoenix Cattle Co.
Fleckvieh Simmentals &
Fleckvieh/Angus seedstock
Roger Schager 303-550-5592

Cody Pitt
Black & red bulls selling
Private treaty at Hotchkiss
970-778-9267, cmp5792@aol.com

Rains Simmental
Bulls of the Prairie Sale
Sat. 3/14/2026 at Oakley, KS
Mike Rains 785-672-7129

Russell's Reflected R Ranch
719-469-2857; Bulls private treaty.
All female dispersal 12/1/26.
www.ReflectedRRanch.com

T-Heart Ranch
High-Altitude Bull Sale 3/28/2026
719-850-3082 or 850-3083
shane@t-heartranch.com

YOUTH NEWS

Breed Bash coming

Breed Bash, Colorado's multi-breed youth educational contests and registered cattle shows, will be on Saturday & Sunday, May 30-31, 2026, at the Morgan Co. Fairgrounds in Brush.

It is designed to offer state-level competition, networking, and help prepare youth for junior regionals or nationals.

The four educational contests and showmanship are free to all participants. Perhaps get your photos taken now?

There's a fee for the cattle shows and T-shirts. Entries will be through showman.app. Dustin Franks of NE will officiate.

Breed Bash is open to youth from Colorado & adjoining states by joining CJSA or their respective state junior breed assoc. Watch for details on facebook.com/ColoradoBreedBash or ask advisors Nia Hill or Susan Russell.

May 30-31, 2026

Morgan County Fairgrounds
Brush, CO

LET'S GET READY FOR JR. NATIONALS!

ANGUS | CHAROLAIS | HEREFORD | MINI HEREFORD | SHORTHORN | SIMMENTAL | AOB

Contests
SPEECH QUIZ BOWL SALESMANSHIP PHOTOGRAPHY

Additional Details

*Breed Bash is open to juniors that are members of participating Colorado Breed Associations or wish to become a member residing in Colorado or surrounding states.

*If breed is not listed, juniors are still allowed to participate with registered animals and will show in the AOB division.

*Entry rules to follow specific Jr. breed association.

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AJSA National Classic

The American Junior National Classic will be in nearby Nebraska this summer. This is an excellent opportunity for CJSA members to participate. Events will be July 4-10 in Grand Island.

Start planning now. Get the hotel QR code and block rate details from your February *Register*.

ASA TRUSTEE REPORTS

By Chad Cook, an ASA western trustee & CSA member



Hello fellow cattle men and women,

Hope this finds you all well and calving is going as good as expected. The weather in southeastern Colorado has been so nice - it is scary knowing a snowstorm could be right around the corner.

I want to congratulate each and everyone involved in helping at the National Western Stock Show. What an event for our small association to be involved with. It makes me proud when I go to ASA events and hear positive compliments from my fellow board members regarding the CSA. I think sometimes they are jealous.

As you know, IGS has recently updated calving ease and maternal calving ease. This is a similar update that Carcass Weight and REA received around two years ago. These updates will continue to happen with many other traits in the upcoming months. The board has been made aware that they will continue. It is sometimes hard to believe but the changes are adding to the quality of the evaluation process and are now backed by a more refined model.

For the most part, rankings did not change but there have been some adjustments in the numbers. We must retrain ourselves so we can better educate our commercial customers on the changes in the evaluation. I would encourage everyone to go to the ASA website, under the Breeders Resource tab, is explanations of all EPD updates that have occurred recently. If you have any questions Dr. Dressler, ASA lead geneticist, would be happy to help. She has been a great acquisition to the team.