

What's new for 2011 National Western Stock Show?

- 1) There is a new division in the Simmental bull pen show. A PERCENTAGE pen of 5 division has been added! (That also means there will be another division in People's Choice Power Bull judging!!)
- 2) Pen cattle may come onto the grounds earlier than in the past. Arrivals may begin as soon as 7 a.m. Sunday, Jan 9th. This was based on requests, so thank NWSS officials for listening.
- 3) NWSS entries will be done ON LINE this year. Make sure you have your registration numbers, as they will be needed for electronic entries. "Pending" won't cut it anymore.
- 4) The Am. Simmental Foundation auction has returned to Denver. Please come & support the fundraiser, which helps several projects including our youth.

Tips for common Q&A:

Q: When does the animal need to be in my name?

A: You need to have your entry in the proper owner's name by Nov. 1, 2010. That is the "date of purchase" line at the bottom of Simmental certificates. That line is verified at processing, so make sure you check it, too. If it is a **junior showman**, then the animal needs to be in the exhibiting junior's name, not a "farm" name.

Q: How can I get an animal in the sale at NWSS?

A: CSA accepts nominees for *The One* sale. Please contact our sale chairman Tim Kochert (cell ph 970-215-4645) or our hired sale manager Eberspaucher Enterprises (Ph 507-532-6694) to get your prospective animal reviewed. Deadline is Nov. 20, 2010 for the 2011 sale.

Q: When is the NWSS show entry deadline?

A: Entries must be postmarked by Nov. 20, 2010. Make sure you send the original form and the NWSS fee to National Western, AND send a copy of the entry form and the rest of the fees to Colorado Simmental Assoc. You must do separate mailings. Fees are listed in the NWSS premium book. Please note that some fees increased slightly for the 2011 shows.

Q: How will I know if you received my entries?

A: If you legibly write your email address on your form, Sec. Susan Russell will again take the time to email you a confirmation of receipt. If we have questions, we also email that to you right away.

Q: What if I miss the Nov. 20 deadline?

A: You can still enter Stock Show if it is received in Denver between Nov. 21 and Nov. 30, 2010, but fees jump to 5 times the normal rate, so don't miss the deadline!

Q: What if I need to substitute an animal?

A: You can do so if the animal is in the same class, is from the same owner, and if it is before the Dec. 15, 2010 substitute deadline. You need to contact NWSS and CSA with this change.

Q: I have percentage Simmentals. Can I show?

A: Yes. There are percentage divisions in all our Simmental shows, so percentage cattle may be shown in the yards, in the junior show and in open class if they are ½-blood or higher Simmental.

Q: Can I enter in the yards & on the hill?

A: We'd be pleased to have you enter cattle in both areas, but you may NOT enter the same animal to show on both the hill and in the yards.

Q: Will my junior show entry be eligible for open class?

A: Junior exhibitors may participate in the open class show, as well, but must enter the open class show. When you send in your junior entry to NWSS, you also need to send a copy of the form and open class fee to CSA. CSA does not charge extra for the junior show. Like in past years, that is our gift to juniors. We do, however, have an open class fee.

Q: How can I enter a bull People's Choice Power Bull?

A: Breeders wishing to enter a bull in Power Bull need to pay the \$250 membership fee to CSA by 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, 2011. You also need to specify which specific bull you are entering by that deadline, so it will make the program. The crowd watches these Power Bulls contenders closely, we've noticed. We have it marked in the program, plus special ear tags and signs to help you promote your entry. We'll have FOUR judging divisions this year -- % pen of 5, PB pen of 5, % Pen of 3 & PB Pen of 3. If your bull is selected, you earn \$10,000, retain 1/3 semen interest and get all the bragging rights you can market! Rules for Power Bull are found right on this web site or call co-coordinators Willie Altenburg (cell ph 970-481-2570) or Robert Campbell (cell ph 970-749-9708).

Q: What if I am the lucky Power Bull winner?

A: Gold-level participants (owners/breeders who entered a bull) receive one ballot per bull entered. Individuals also may play Power Bull by paying the \$100 silver-level membership fee per ticket. Tickets are on sale through this web site plus CSA board members will be selling tickets during Simmental events on the NWSS grounds. The "people's judging" is done right during the pen show in 4 special classes on Sunday, Jan. 16th. The top 8 bulls, as per the "people's vote," will be announced on Monday morning, Jan. 17th then brought to *The One* sale ring later Monday. The winning ticket is drawn at the sale. If your name is drawn, then you select "your" bull right then. You receive 100% possession and 2/3 semen interest of the bull you deem as the winner. If you can't be in Denver in person, Power Bull tickets have "designated representative" options so someone may choose on your behalf. The winning bull cannot be re-sold during *The One XVII* sale.

Q: When is NWSS processing?

A: Pen processing will begin about 9 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 14th, 2011 in the yards.

Bull pen entries will be ultrasounded. The fee from the certified technician will be posted. The owner/breeder is responsible for paying this fee (payable to CSA at processing). We've used crop oil the last few years to make wash-out easier.

Hill cattle will be processed about 3 p.m. (or immediately after the bull pen show) Sunday, Jan. 16th, 2011 on the hill. Since this is the NATIONAL show, we again will ultrasound all cattle.

For both yards & hill processing, the processing order is done on a first come-first serve basis with both female and bull entries allowed to come in together.

Don't forget to bring your original registration papers. We'd also advise that you bring your confirmation from NWSS. This tip may save you yet another trip to the pickup!

After you bring your animal through the line (tattoo check, frame score & weighing, & scrotal measurements), we'd advise you to send a family member or representative back to the processing table to get your registration papers. If we have a question, it will be flagged on your papers. Otherwise you are done with processing and can just take your papers back to your show box.

CSA is grateful to again have ASA staff and their latest EPDs available to provide an efficient check-in. We appreciate the support of the field reps & AJSA board in aiding us with the show processing, show programs and in the ring. Please tell them thanks!

Q: What if I want extra cattle ultrasounded?

A: During pen processing, if you want to ultrasound an extra bull or some of your female pen entries, that can be done at the same fee rate as above. The data will then be available to you when we release other ultrasound data.

Q: What if I enter a spare for my pen entry?

A: If you bring an extra pen animal, you will be able to review the ultrasound and latest EPDs to help you determine which to show and in what order your animals will enter the show ring. It will be your responsibility to get with ASA's Lacey Robinson to look over your data.

Q: What if I don't know the ASA registration numbers on my entries?

A: The National Western **no** longer will accept entries without registration numbers. And for 2011, the entries will be done electronically. "Pending" as your animal's registration number won't work anymore.

Q: What if I have both percentage and purebred Simmentals in a pen?

A: We have divisions for both. If, for example, you have a pen that is composed of 1 purebred and 2 percentage, then the whole pen will be put into the percentage division.

Q: Can I stall with others from my state?

A: If you have a stalling preference, we try to honor them. Please write it on your entry form.

Q: When do I need to have semen tests or preg tests done?

A: We need to see a semen test/breeding soundness exam form for on bulls 15 months or older at processing. The semen test must have been done within 60 days prior to processing (so have your vet do it after Thanksgiving).

We need to see a pregnancy verification form on heifers 18 months of age or older at processing. If for some reason you are lacking this paperwork upon arrival in Denver, there are

vets with NWSS who will be glad to charge you to do the service and then give us the paperwork so we can complete processing. It is more expensive and a hassle so we'd advise you have your local vet do it when he/she does your health papers.

Still more questions?

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact us. It is easier to ask questions now, than track us down in the thick of Stock Show! CSA Sec. Susan Russell can be reached at 719-267-3265 or 719-384-4463 or at wwfeed@centurytel.net . You also may contact sale & hill chairman Tim Kochert at 970-686-1140 or TR3Ranch@aol.com ; pen chairman Ron Mari at 970-854-3691 or marisimm@pctelcom.coop ; Power Bull co-chairmans Willie Altenburg 970-568-7792 or willie@rmi.net or Robert Campbell at 970-563-9070 or campbell_r@frontier.net

Simmental is the only breed at National Western that has its shows coordinated by a **state** association. We thank ASA and all the cattlemen in our progressive breed for their support. It is a huge task and we are grateful for all your HELP!