

## 2013 NWSS Simmental Tips

### **Common questions:**

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. 20<sup>th</sup>**. NWSS state: "Participant must be enrolled in the project in which they are exhibiting. All heifers must be the property of and in the possession of the Participant as of November 20, 2012. Ownership must be shown by breed registry issue/transfer date. Registration must be in the name of participant as of this date. Those heifers sold in breed association sales should be allowed to be shown by Junior Exhibitor entering the heifer with approval of the new owner." Please note the ownership 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 general "farm" name unless the youth has their own separate ranch name.

Q: How do I get an animal in the *The One* sale?

A: CSA accepts nominees for *The One* sale. Please contact our sale chairman Curt Russell (cell ph 719-469-BULS) or our hired sale manager Eberspaucher Enterprises (Ph 507-532-6694) to get your prospective animal reviewed. Deadline is Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> & the animal must be entered in a show. The 2013 sale will be a milestone 20<sup>th</sup> year.

Q: When is the show entry deadline?

A: Entries must be postmarked **by Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>**. 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 (we have asked that they be combined but unfortunately NWSS doesn't agree it is inconvenient).

Fees are listed in the NWSS premium book.

If you wish to enter on-line, go to <http://www.nationalwestern.com/livestock/exhibitor-premium-book.aspx>, where you pay NWSS's 1/2 of the fees, however you still must mail CSA its 1/2. When you mail your CSA portion, either include a copy of your entry form (or include a note with your name, cellphone, email, plus WHICH show you are entering, the animal's ASA registration number and the class number.)

If you legibly write your email address on your form, Sec. Susan Russell will make time to email you a confirmation of receipt. If we have questions, we also email or text you.

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

A: You might still be able to enter Stock Show, as there are some provisions for late entries or same-class substitutions allowed until Dec 10<sup>th</sup>. You'll sustain late fees from both NWSS and CSA; so read NWSS rule 16 for details.

Q: Can I enter in the yards AND 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: What if I enter a pen, and really only want to display a bull in the yards?

A: If you enter a pen and purposely mislead/fail to bring a pen, NWSS will likely move you into the “back forty” somewhere out of the normal traffic. This has become a problem & we’re told it will be addressed starting with the 2013 NWSS yards stalling. There are the usual pens for entries and separate display spots, so don’t sacrifice your usual spot now and perhaps in future years by violating this rule which will be enforced.

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 greater Simmental.

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 only 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. 19, 2013. 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: % 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-coordinator Willie Altenburg (cell ph 970-481-2570).

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. 20<sup>th</sup>. The top 8 bulls, as per the “people’s vote,” will be announced on Monday morning, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> then brought to *The One* sale ring later Monday. The winning participant is announced at the start of *The One* 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* XX sale.

Q: When is NWSS processing?

A: Pen processing will begin about 9 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 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. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013 on the hill.

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!

We will not be weighing animals, as ASA has dropped weight from its PTP shows.

After you bring your animal through the line, 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 (ie: 4 head for a pen of 3), 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 the designated ASA rep to look over your data. We'll post a draft program near *The One* sale cattle display. Check it ASAP.

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](mailto:wwfeed@centurytel.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!