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December 15, 2007

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**Classic
SALE**

Private Treaty Cows For Sale
Complete Dispersions of all Red Angus Cows
35 Top Cut PB Simmental Cows

Offering Choice of These Two Ruby Red Sons

Dream On x HF/GFI Ruby Red 33E

Proj. EPDs: 10 .3 31 53 7 8 23



BDV Alternative 131S



BDV Respect 137S



HF/GFI Ruby Red 33E

Donor Dam of these powerful Dream On sons



BDV Kathy S31

PPSR Extra Credit x LCHMN Hairpin 7306H
EPDs: 6 .5 31 49 3 6 21
Bred to Sand Ranch Hand



BDV Signature T35

GW Lucky Charm x Blk Joker
Open Heifer
Proj. EPDs: 7 -.4 38 72 2 9 28



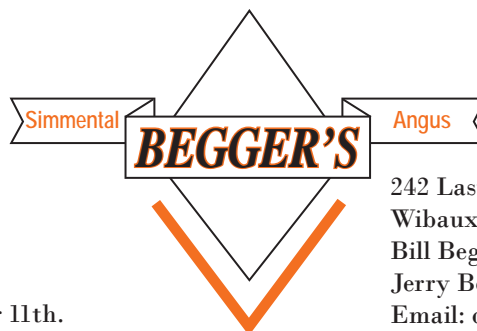
BDV Sugar S29

Preferred Beef x Blk Joker
EPDs: 5 3 45 78 3 8 30
Bred to ACC1 Hustler

Join us for the
Big Sky Genetic Source Bull Sale
Wednesday, February 6, 2008

At the Ranch, Wibaux, MT • 12:30 p.m.

*Also consigning to the Montana Simmental Sale, December 11th.



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President's Message...

When most of you are reading this the holidays will again be upon us. This past year has just flown by and the North Dakota Simmental weekend is fast approaching. This is a great weekend to see old friends and to meet new ones. As in the past, this weekend will be a great success. I would like to thank everyone that is on the NDSA board, our Sec/Treasurer Bob Grant and to many others that help make this event a success.

This past year has been another roller coaster ride with many ups and downs. With the cost of feed grains and everything else on a steady incline the cattle market is still trying to hold in there. Hope everyone had their calves contracted or sold them early. The demand for beef is still at a very high level and consumers are satisfied with the product that they are purchasing. As seed stock producers we need to keep improving our genetic selections to improve the end product for the consumers. The genetics that are sold in our state are some of the best that the nation has to offer and the state sale is no exception.

I would also like to congratulate Kevin Thompson for his successful bid at becoming a board of director for the American Simmental Association. Best of luck to you Kevin.

Here's to continued success for the rest of 2007 and into the new year.

*NDSA President
Kelly Hanson*

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Calendar of Events

November

- 30 Porter Ranches Relocation 500 Female Sale
Duffield, Alberta, Canada

December

- 1 Gramm Farms Dispersal Sale
Hancock, MN
- 1 Neva Simmentals Private Treaty Sales Start
Kensal, ND
- 4-5 Deiter Bros. Annual Cream of the Crop Female Sale
Faulkton, SD
- 11 MSA Montana Supreme Sale
Columbus, MT
- 15 North Dakota Simmental Showcase/Classic Sale
Bismarck, ND
- 18 Remington Cattle Company Bull & Commercial Heifer Sale
Del Bonita, AB

January

- 12-27 National Western Stock Show
Denver, CO
- 19 Double J Farms Private Treaty Bull Sale Opening Day
Garretson, SD
- 21 National Western Simmental Sale "The One-Vol. XIII"
Denver, CO
- 24-26 KMOT-TV Ag Expo
Minot, ND

February

- 1 4E Simmentals' Uppin' the Ante Bull & Female Sale
Bismarck, ND
- 2 Larson's TL Ranch Production Sale
Almont, ND
- 2 Klain Simmental Ranch Annual Production Sale
Turtle Lake, ND
- 8 TNT Simmentals 23rd Annual Genetic Explosion Bull Sale
Almont, ND
- 9 Kenner Simmental Ranch 12th Annual Production Sale
Bismarck, ND
- 10 Rydeen Farms Vision X Sale
Clearbrook, MN
- 11 Haas Ranch Simmental Bull Sale
Mandan, ND
- 11 Dakota Power Bull Sale
Valley City, ND

February continued

- 12 Bata/Olafson Production Sale
Rugby, ND
- 13 Breeding for the Future Production Sale
Napoleon, ND
- 14 Lassle/Skillestad Ranches Annual Production Sale
Glendive, MT
- 15 Dakota Xpress Simmental Sale
Bismarck, ND
- 15 R&R Cattle Company Annual Bull & Female Sale
Chamberlain, SD
- 16 Ellingson Simmentals Production Sale
Rugby, ND
- 16 Kappes Simmental 20th Annual Holistic Approach
Performance Production Sale
Aberdeen, SD
- 17 Northern Plains Simmental Private Treaty Sale
Bowbells, ND
- 19 Keller's Broken Heart Ranch Annual Prod. Sale
Mandan, ND
- 25 Hart Farms 32nd Annual Beef Builder Sale
Frederick, SD

March

- 4 Doll Ranch Annual Production Sale
Mandan, ND
- 14 Porter Ranches Bull Sale
Duffield, Alberta, Canada
- 21 3C Christensen and NLC Ranch Annual Production Sale
Huron, SD
- 21 Christensen/Dunsmore Annual Production Sale
Huron, SD
- 24 Nelson Livestock Production Sale
Baker, MT

April

- 4 Edge of the West Production Sale
Mandan, ND
- 5 Brant Farms Genetic Balance Production Sale
Hinckley, MN
- 7 Kjelgaard Simmental Production Sale
Jamestown, ND
- 26 Christensen Simmentals Production Sale
Wessington Springs, SD
- 28 Deiter Bros. 18th Annual Bull Sale
Faulkton, SD



Junior Show Results

Wyatt Hansen
of Ryder, ND, exhibited the
Grand Champion Simmental Female
at the Ward County Achievement Days
in Minot, ND in June 2007.

Pherson farm

Mac Pherson
Rutland, ND 58067
701-724-6218 • 701-724-6457



**PSR
 appeal
 S147**

Black Joker x TNT Titanic
EPDs: -2 5.1 57 98 -4 3 31
AI Bred on 5/11/07 & 5/13/07 to
Remington Red Label.
Ultrasounded safe.

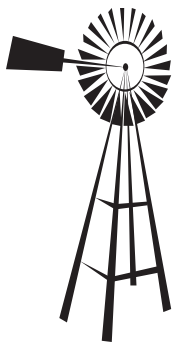


**PSR
 moonwalk
 S140**

Nophalt x PSR Mr. 6675J
EPDs: 3 4.1 49 88 1 1 25
AI Bred 5/13/07 & 5/14/07 to
Remington Red Label.
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and CHECK US OUT at the...

Dakota
Power Bull Sale **Monday**
February 11, 2008
Valley City, ND



NORTHERN PLAINS SIMMENTALS

JR & Miranda Aufforth
 Bowbells, ND 58721
 701-377-2870

2nd Annual Bull Sale • February 17, 2008 • At the Ranch • Offering 25 Bulls



*NPS Miss 38
 Special T38*

Sire: Winchester • MGS: RHR Midnight Special
 EPDs: 7 • 1 • 27 • 44 • 4 • 10 • 24
 BD: 2-23-07 • BW: 78 • WW: 640 Act. on 8-16-07



*NPS Miss Red
 Perfection T798*

Sire: Nophalt • MGS: KS Black Perfector K863
 EPDs: 5 • 2 • 31 • 66 • 2 • 5 • 20
 BD: 2-18-07 • BW: 94 • WW: 615 Act. on 8-16-07

North Dakota Simmental Association Board Minutes

Minutes from the April 11, 2007 meeting

The North Dakota Simmental Association board of directors met April 11, 2007 at the Seven Seas in Mandan, ND. Directors present: Kelly Hanson, Pat Thorson, Gary Sys, Doug Bichler, Claye Kaelberer and Greg Myers. Also present: Bob Grant, Sec/Treas.

Bob read the January 19, 2007 board meeting minutes. Motion Greg, second Claye to accept as read. Carried.

The board had a review and discussion of the North Dakota Simmental Scene content, costs (income-expense sheets were passed out), and acceptability by our members. Todd Finke joined the board by phone. Some of the items talked about: Content of the magazine; Cost to print and mail (cost to association was about \$700 for the first 3 issues); Mailing list (over 4,000 - mostly in the north central region) - larger the list the higher the cost to mail, means more income from advertising needed; advertising rate discussion; publishing of a directory every couple of years to keep current; and mail copies to ASA board members and the ASA office (few copies). Motion Pat Thorson to hire Todd for another year at same terms as the last year. If the Simmental Scene has a positive cash flow - 25% of the net profits will go to Todd as an incentive bonus. 2nd Claye Kaelberer. Carried. Motion Greg, second Pat to increase the color rate in the advertising by 10%. Carried. Position pages will be auctioned at the banquet (2007) for a two year period (2008-2009) in the Simmental Scene. A North Dakota Directory will be printed early 2009. Position pages for the directory may be auctioned at the 2008 banquet.

Doug Bichler will put together, print and mail a summer newsletter for the North Dakota Simmental Association Membership.

Bob gave the Treasurers report. Cash flow sheets were passed out. Bob and board went through and discussed the finances. Balances as of 4/8/07: Checkbook - \$11,181.40; CD's - \$8,464. Simmental Scene collections by Bob was discussed. Approximately \$3,500 uncollected to date.

Kelly gave a Junior Simmental report. The show season starts in June. The Junior Association has good numbers. The ASA has talked to Kelly about the possibility of North Dakota hosting a National Regional as early as 2008. This takes a lot of work by volunteers. The board will see what interest there is by the membership.

Annual Meeting - discussion on a speaker and possible topics. Pioneer, Promoter and Commercial Producer candidates will be needed for a late summer or early fall meeting. Doug will ask for names from the membership in these categories in the summer newsletter. The board will go through these suggestions and determine the receiver of the awards.

2007 Showcase/Classic report by the committee. Committee members are: Kelly Hanson, Dwight Keller, Doug Bichler, Bill Begger, Tim Clark and David Doll. Jeff Thomas has been hired to manage the sale. Nomination will be \$200 per ranch as last year. We will link our web site to EDJE web site. Discussion on extra sale consultants, paperwork, deadlines, AI'd females that are ultrasounded.

Field day has been put off for a year. Dates that seemed possible had conflicts.

State Fair picnic - Bob Gannaway and Gary Sys co-chairmen. Advertise the time and location better. Will put in the summer newsletter.

Bob presented where advertising has been placed. Board requested that we look at more periodicals. Place 1/2 page in the ASA Directory. Ask The Cattle Business Weekly about possible directory and/or use that publication some this fall.

Sheets were handed out showing the committee assignments that were given last meeting.

Requests:

- Fort Collins BIF conference - leave up to individuals to work together.
- ASA conference in Fargo. Board encouraged to attend.

Motion and second to pay North Dakota Stockmen's Association dues. Carried.

Next meeting date - September 5, 2007

Discussion by board of possible candidates for the ASA board from North or South Dakota. We would like to get behind a candidate to support that is actually in the cattle business and raising livestock. Many of the current ASA board members are neither. Motion and second to ask Kevin Thompson if he is interested. Carried.

Submitted by Bob Grant



MEYER

RANCH



Meyer Ranch (MR) 708T
Sire: Bonus
Dam: Black Joker
MGS: 734
Birth Day: 1/13/07
BW: 83 lbs.
Adj WW: 711 lbs.
EPDs: 5 2.6 38 65 4 5 24



Meyer's Bingo 1T
Sire: Goldmine
Dam: All Beef
MGS: Lucky Break
Birth Date: 1/4/07
BW: 86 lbs.
Adj WW: 768 lbs.
EPDs: 10 1 29 51 .5 10 25

"THINK BLACK" GENETICS SALE

**DECEMBER 13, 2007
MANDAN, ND**

Selling:
**Yearling Bulls
Yearling Heifers
Bred Heifers**

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North
Dakota
Simmental
Association

Classic SALE

December 15, 2007 • 1:00 pm
Farmers Livestock • Bismarck, ND



S587

Sire: BF N324 Triathlon
Sells Bred to Ellingson Legacy



S780

Sire: Remington Red Label HR
Sells Bred to TNT Gunner N208



S29

Sire: SRS Preferred Beef
Sells Bred to ACC1 Hustler



S46

Sire: FF Paradigm
1/2 SimAngus
Sells Bred to RDD Future Prototype



S619

Sire: SS Starlight
Sells Bred to Triple C Invasion



T30

Sire: KS Allero R116
(Sitz Alliance 6595)
Open SimAngus Heifer



285T

Sire: Winchester HR P8315
Open Purebred Heifer



747T

Sire: LRS WCS Master Design 58
Open Purebred Heifer



137S

Sire: CNS Dream On
Purebred Herdsire Prospect
Selling Choice of 2 Full Brothers!

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- Proven Donor Female
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- Open Heifers

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Best Western Ramkota
Bismarck, North Dakota



GRAMM FARMS

December 1, 2007
At The Farm
Hancock, MN

Genetic Focus **XIV**

{ Complete Herd Dispersal }



S10: GFI Fullback x Redtop
Bred to OCC Magnitude



S6029: GFI Fullback x Big Sky
Bred to Hooks Pacesetter



S237: GFI Fullback x SimAngus
Bred to Hooks Pacesetter



L28: OMF Long Cut x OMF Miss Pioneer
Selling Calves by LBR Crockett R81

Don't miss this opportunity of a lifetime dispersal sale to own some of the best genetics in the Simmental breed. Use our change of focus and direction to your herd's advantage; here's a chance to leap frog your program to the front of the pack!

Selling:

- 330 Spring Calving Cows - Includes the entire Gramm donor program!
- 70 Fall Pairs - Majority of the calves sired by Fullback
- 125 Bred Heifers - Majority bred to Pacesetter and OCC Magnitude
- 160 Open Heifers - Our best calf crop yet!
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to receive a sale catalog.

Thanks!



GRAMM FARMS



DAKOTA XPRESS

Sale Date: 2/15/2008 • Farmer's Livestock, Bismarck, ND



**Featured AI
& Herd Sires:**
 Beefmaker
 Networth
 Remington Red Label
 Shear Force
 Dakota Sunrise
 ES Dakota
 Crockett

SELLING:

180 YEARLING SIMMENTAL &
 SIM-ANGUS BULLS

100 BRED & OPEN FEMALES

ND SIMMENTAL ASSOC. CLASSIC SALE

BISMARCK, ND ~ DECEMBER 15, 2007

DSR Enticing Dream S780 ASA# 2372045
 Deckert Simmental Ranch



CNS Dream On L186
 Remington Red Label HR
 HS Reflections J34
DSR Enticing Dream S780
 DSR Red Enticer H11
 DSR Enticing Lass K106
 Harstads Miss 46Y

Bred Female
 Ultrasound safe to:
 TNT Gunner N208
 (ASA # 2226324)

**"Enticing"
 Numbers Here!**

CE BW WW YW MCE MM MWV Marb. REA API TI
 5 2 38 65 6 10 29 .29 .01 102 70

MLC Miss Dream S16 ASA# 2375967
 Mandan Lake Ranch



Nichols Legacy G151
 CNS Dream On L186
 CNS Sheeza Dream K107W
MLC Miss Dream On S16
 Black Shamrock E157
 DSR Irish Dance P2
 DSR Break Dance M95

Bred Female
 Ultrasound safe to:
 ESMJ Conservative 9365
 (ASA # 2163337)

**Well-rounded
 Numbers Here!**

CE BW WW YW MCE MM MWV Marb. REA API TI
 11 -1 35 62 10 7 25 .34 .48 119 75

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Dakota Xpress Sale
 February 15, 2008
 Bismarck, ND

**180 Simmental &
 Sim-Angus Bulls**
100 Females

1st Annual *Montana Supreme Female Sale*

December 11 • 1:00 pm MST

Midland Bull Test Center • Columbus, MT

Sponsored by the
Montana Simmental Association



Offering top genetics from the elite herds in Big Sky Country



Lot 22 – Milk Crk Capstone 901 x
NLC Facecard 98F • January SimAngus



Many lots selling with a Montana Guarantee. If the buyer isn't confident the seller offered his very best, he has the option to come to the ranch and pick a replacement from the same calf crop.

View catalog online at www.simmgene.com
and www.breedingcattlepage.com.



Lot 12 – TJ 57J The Gambler x SRS Preferred
Beef • AI Bred to SV Northwest Figures

Special Lots include:

- Pick of 2007 Gateway Simmentals Purebred Heifer Calf Crop
- Two picks from Nelson Livestock Co.
 - 2007 Red PB Heifer Calves
 - 2007 Black PB Heifer Calves
- Three embryos out of LBR Crockett's dam and GW Lucky Man



Lot 11 – Preferred Beef x SS Goldmine
Bred to Hooks PaceSetter



Lot 17 – Brooks Above Par x TNT Tremor
AI Bred to HC Hummer

For more details about the sale,
or to request a catalog, contact:
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- Alpine Farms
- Begger's Diamond V Ranch
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- Gateway Simmentals
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- Dave Rall
- Lassle Ranch Simmental
- Little Bitterroot Ranch
- Miller Simmentals
- Prickly Pear Simmental
- Nelson Livestock Company
- Rymo Cattle Co.
- Spring Valley Simmental



Lot 16 – Dream On x PPSR Houdini
Bred to Sand Ranch Hand



Lot 27 – GCF First Dream P13 x
Black Shamrock • February Open



Lot 20 – Dream On x JCS E339U
2 flush mates also selling

MANITOBA SIMMENTAL FEMALE

BONANZA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2007

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FEATURING MILESTONE SIMMENTALS

COMPLETE DISPERSAL
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OFFERING
188 HEAD:
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Haas Ranch



T72

Sire: TNT Knock Out • EPDs: 4 3 42 66 2 2 23



T91

Sire: Crockett • EPDs: 5 2 40 70 4 11 31



T98

Sire: Crockett • EPDs: 4 2 38 67 3 4 23



T6

Sire: HS Northland • EPDs: 2 4 46 75 3 7 30

Haas Ranch Simmental Bull Sale
Monday, February 11, 2008 • Mandan, ND

Haas Ranch

Larry & Tom Haas • Elgin, ND • 701-584-2244

Directions From Elgin:

8 miles south, 2 miles east, 1/2 mile south & 1/2 mile east

A Chance for the Top of the Herd!



KS Tabitha T355 ASA# 2395675
SAV Net Worth x Nichols Legacy
-3 • 33 • 69 • 10 • 26

North
Dakota
Simmental
Association **Classic
SALE**



KS Tamara T30 ASA# 2395676
KS Allero R116 x Alberda Traveler 416
1 • 31 • 65 • 10 • 26
Four full brothers sell in February!



Dam of T30



Choice of KS Kayla x SAV Traveler 004 or TNT Dynamite Black
Selling 6 Grade 1 Embryos – guaranteeing 3 pregnancies



SAV Traveler 004



TNT Dynamite Black



TNT Gunner



Choice of Trax P499 x TNT Dynamite Black or TNT Gunner
Selling 6 Grade 1 Embryos – guaranteeing 3 pregnancies

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"Mark of Performance"

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Claremont, SD 57432
605-294-5812



S5



M86

February 11, 2008 • At the Farm

Annual Private Treaty Bull Sale

**Selling a Powerful
Group of Herd Bulls!**

Miss Trax S5

CNS Dream On x BF L113 Hero

EPDs: 6 2.5 46 76 3 4 27

AI on 6/3 to SV Northwest Figures • Ultrasound Safe

This black female has it all, from her great profile to her impressive body structure. She is a female that needs to be in your donor program. From the day we weaned her she has impressed many cattlemen. She will be the type of female that will create a lot of excitement where ever she goes.

Miss Trax S605

Remington Red Label x SS Starlight

EPDs: 2 2.8 42 70 6 4 25

AI on 5/22 to TNT Gunner • Ultrasound Safe

S605 is a deep bodied, Red Label heifer that has the brood cow look. A strong topped female with a great rear quarter. She will definitely be the kind to produce your next herd sire.

WS Dakota Rose M86 (ASA # 2183534)

LCHMAN Bodybuilder x BOZ Redcoat • Proven Donor Female

EPDs: 1 2.6 37 63 4 11 30

AI Bred to TNT Gunner 4-17-07 • Ultrasound Safe with a Heifer Calf

Dakota Rose is an awesome individual. She has excellent conformation and disposition. A daughter, Trax's P499 sold in NDSA State Sale as a bred heifer to Kenner Simmental Ranch of Leeds, ND for \$8,500 and is now a donor in their program. Here is an opportunity to add a proven young female to your program. Her yearling ultrasound data was phenomenal! Her rib-eye ratio was 113 and her %IMF ratio was a 147!

The Best Head West!

Watch for our bull consignments in the Ellingson Simmental
Bull & Female Sale on February 16, 2008 in Rugby, ND.

MJ Miss Tina



T738

Freedom x ER Black Cisco

Proj. EPDs: 6 1.5 41 76 4 3 24

BD: 3-1-07 • BW: 100# • Polled

Here is a solid red female that is sure to catch your eye on sale day! I don't know how you could find a deeper bodied heifer than Tina. These Freedom heifers are becoming known for being great females. You'll want Tina in your "Donor Pen." A good chance of being Homozygous Polled.

MJ Miss Freedom



T705

Freedom x Nichols Legacy

Proj. EPDs: 7 1.3 37 71 5 4 22

BD: 1-29-07 • BW: 89# • WW: 750# • Polled

T705 is a big topped, stout made solid black female. If you believe in numbers take a close look at her. This female will make you money for years to come.

MJ Miss Trish



T712

Freedom x Black Mick

Proj. EPDs: 6 3.1 37 72 6 7 26

BD: 2-1-07 • BW: 90# • Polled

Trish has the pedigree that is as solid as you get. This heifer combines show ring phenotype with performance and pedigree.

Mike, Jennifer & Reece Johnson

2262 44th Street

McCanna, ND 58251

701-397-5724 home

701-739-2271 cell

jjohnson@polarcomm.com

M & J RANCH



Directions to the Ranch:

Three miles west of McCanna on B11 Road,
then turn south on County Road 16 for ¼ mile.



Mark Your Calendar

for our new sale date in

2008!

Tuesday, February 12 • Rugby, North Dakota

Selling 75 Bulls & 65 Bred Heifers

Check our website for updates: www.bataolafson.com

These four heifers sell at the North Dakota Simmental Classic Sale in Bismarck on December 15th.



North Dakota Simmental Association **Classic SALE**

BBS Miss Top Cisco T95

TNT Top Cut X MJ Miss Cisco L120

(ER Black Cisco)

EPDs — 8 4 53 96 4 5 31

Solid black, smooth polled, this heifer has it all! Her solid red dam was the high selling open heifer in the 2001 sale from Mike Johnson and has become an awesome cow. Her sire TNT Top Cut is a little bull with big growth numbers. His BW EPD went up because his calves are all super long bodied, but still come easy. Length and performance in her!



North Dakota Simmental Association **Classic SALE**

OLF Lady Triathlon S522

BF N324 Triathlon x OLF Miss Legacy N521

Polled Purebred • BD: 1/27/06

Ultrasound confirmed to BF 15P4 HYB Major League (ASA#2291108) on a breeding date of 4/12/07.

Heifer EPDs — 8 1 40 74 5 5 25

Planned Mating EPDs — 2 43 83 8 29



North Dakota Simmental Association **Classic SALE**

BBS Miss Hummer S12

HC Hummer X BBS Miss Cruiser P30

EPDs — 6 2 45 83 0 1 23

AI Bred to TNT Gunner



North Dakota Simmental Association **Classic SALE**

OLF Lady Triathlon S587

BF N324 Triathlon x OLF Lady Bomber K70

Polled Purebred • BD: 2/14/06

Ultrasound confirmed to Ellingson Legacy (ASA#2171761) on a breeding date of 4/13/07. Fetal sex: Bull.

Heifer EPDs — 9 4 52 91 5 4 30

Planned Mating EPDs — 12 1 42 75 4 5 26



TNT Top Cut P274

TNT Fortune Builder H122 X Miss Arnold K2231

(SRS Hawkeye)

EPDs — 8 5 69 125 5 4 39



BF N324 Triathlon

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EPDs — 11 3 49 93 6 9 33



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North Dakota Simmental Association Board Minutes

Minutes from the September 5, 2007 meeting

The North Dakota Simmental Association board met September 5, 2007 at Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck, ND. Directors present: Kelly Hanson, Claye Kaelberer, Pat Thorson, Gary Sys, and Dwight Keller. Also present: Bob Grant, Sec/Treas.

Bob read the April 11, 2007 board meeting minutes. Motion Claye, second by Gary. Motion carried.

Bob presented the financial report. Cash flow reports were handed out to the board. The board reviewed and discussed the report. Checking account balance - \$14,225.37; CD balances totaled \$8,464.43, with an additional \$127.38 earned in interest to date. Motion Dwight, second Pat to accept the report. Carried.

Kelly gave the Jr. Report. Their last meeting was held at the North Dakota State Fair. Officers elected: Wyatt Hansen, President; Tyler Klain, Vice-president; Dalcyce Klain, Sec/Treas. Discussion on North Dakota hosting the North Central Regional Classic in the near future. It take approximately \$30,000 to host. 2008 would be too soon, but will continue to look at the possibility of hosting 2009. October will start the new season for points in the show ring. Discussion about the addition of a heifer futurity class at the State Fair and other possible shows. The heifers would need to be purchased at the North Dakota Simmental Association Showcase/Classic Sale. Discussion on additional sales to invite to be part of the Futurity show to include more animals and a larger jackpot. 2008 would be one show at the State Fair to determine the winners. In the future there may be a possibility of including other shows and use a point system to determine the overall winners. Motion by Claye Kaelberer to initiate this Simmental heifer Futurity. All open heifers in the 2007 ND Simmental Association Showcase/Classic Sale will be eligible. The consignor will have an additional \$10 fee charged for each heifer in the sale to start the jackpot. The buyer must pay a \$10 fee at show time to enter his purchased heifer. NDSA will ask the Northwest North Dakota Select Simmental Group to be part of this Futurity. The North Dakota Simmental Association will add additional dollars to the jackpot to reach \$1,000 in cash. To leverage this cash 10 year savings bonds will be purchased to be given to the winners (this should almost double the dollar total -- \$2,000). Details on number of placings receiving savings bonds and the amount will be determined later. Second by Dwight. Motion carried.

Simmental Scene report: The publication will have issue in November, January, and February. A shorter mailing list for the November issue, with an expanded list for January and February.

ASA conference report. Good attendance, much emphasis on crossbreeding, with little time for questions because of length of presentations.

Annual Meeting - a tentative agenda was included in directors letter. Bob will sent a membership letter in December. Lunch - Lori & Kim. Speaker - Doug in charge. Director election: NE - Perry Thomas (ineligible); SE - Greg Meyer (E); At Large - Claye Kaelberer (ineligible). Nomination committee - Perry, Claye, and Kelly. Board members will give reports on activities as the past few years.

- Banquet - tentative agenda mailed to board members
- Meal - Roast Beef - keep prices the same as last few years (135)
- Coloring Contest - Perry
- Jr. Auction - Kelly

Pioneer, Promoter, and commercial producer awards were discussed and voted upon for selections

- Simmental Scene location auction - Patrick
- Semen Auction - Kelly
- Door Prizes - Bob - 2 jackets, 3 wind shirts and 1 night stay at Ramkota.
- Showcase/Classic Sale Report - Committee
- Meal - Lori, Kim
- Card ad list was divided up for contacts. Jeff needs to know by Oct 1.
- Dwight, Pat, & Kelly will share barn boss responsibility.
- Ear tags - Doug.
- Have stall cards mailed directly to Kim.

State Fair picnic - went well. Thanks to Gary, Nan, Buckshot and others who helped organize and work. Special thanks to Buckshot's friend for trailer and cooking.

Bob went over some of the advertising. Board discussion as to some changes. Dollars spent will be similar to last year. Cost share dollars reimburse advertising up to \$3,500 and check off dollars received are supposed to go for Simmental promotion or advertising.

Motion Gary, second Pat to send a postcard to all NDSA membership encouraging them to vote for Kevin Thompson as the North Central Region Trustee on the ASA board. Carried. Bob to do.

North Star Classic discussion. There will be a cook off again this year. Permission for Kelly and Pat to make decision if NDSA should participate this year.

Feeder calf sales will be Jan. 9 @ Kist and Jan. 10 @ Napoleon.

Submitted by Bob Grant

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News from the ASA...

JBS Swift & Company and American Simmental Association Announce Marketing Grid Relationship

BOZEMAN, MT. Representatives from JBS Swift & Company and the American Simmental Association (ASA) are excited to announce the creation of a new beef carcass pricing grid simply named "70:70", that pays historic premiums for groups of cattle that combine high marbling levels with exceptional red meat yield.

"Carcasses that combine marbling and muscle have long been acknowledged as an industry ideal," said Jerry Lipsey, Ph.D., Executive Vice President of ASA. "The benefits to beef processors are obvious, with the increased percentage of closely trimmed, high value retail product produced by lean USDA Choice carcass compared to the saleable beef produced by fatter, less muscular cattle. Beef producers, too, will benefit from this arrangement because of the reduced production costs and increased marketing opportunities associated with large premiums for Choice Yield Grade 2s."

JBS Swift & Company, whose U.S.A. headquarters are in Greeley, Colorado, is currently the third largest US beef packer and is an acknowledged industry leader in the development of innovative procurement programs that encourage the production of better beef. Tim Schiefelbein, Value Based Procurement Manager for JBS Swift & Company is one of those credited with coining the term "70:70:0" and identifying it as an industry goal. Tim says, "The '70:70' grid is truly an excellent opportunity for producers to get paid for what they produce and what we, as processors, need to be profitable."

"The '70:70' grid is a good first step toward using actual beef cutout value for the pricing of harvested cattle," according to Marty Ropp, Director of Field Services for the ASA. Ropp went on to say, "The latest NCBA Beef Quality Audit reports industry averages of 57% USDA Choice or higher, 52 % USDA Yield Grades 1 and 2 with over 22% discounted or "Out" cattle. This is hardly an endorsement for current popular genetic programs and suggests the need for positive change. Only by combining the highest value Continental and British genetics can these system failings be corrected to produce cattle that approach a 70:70:0 target and add real value to US beef production."

Cattle that have been age and source verified through a USDA approved Processed Verified Program are an additional target of the "70:70" grid because of the significant premiums paid to the owners. The SimChoiceSV program offered by ASA and MicroBeef Systems is one such program for providing this age and sourcing verification.

Additional information on "70:70", SimChoiceSV, and other ASA services may be obtained by contacting Marty Ropp, Director of Fields Services at 406-581-7835; Janinne Story, Animal ID/Ultrasound specialist at 406-587-4531; or by visiting www.simmental.org.

Headquartered in Bozeman, Montana, the American Simmental Association maintains the breed registries for the Simmental and Simbrah breed of cattle. The organization has an active adult and junior membership of more than 8,000. For more information, please visit www.simmental.org.



STR H84
Savanna S603

ER K33B x WLE Power Stroke • EPDs: 8 -0.1 24 44 0 10 22
Savanna is a solid black female that is unique in her pedigree, she is out of ER K33B and her dam goes back to Power Stroke and the 77U cow. In addition to her pedigree, you will really appreciate her phenotype, style and femininity. Her Hooks Shear Force calf should be interesting.
AI Bred: 4-7-07 to Hooks Shear Force 38K

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STR 2N
Shelly S623

ER K33B x 3C Packer • EPDs: 8 1.4 39 69 1 7 26
Shelly is a non-diluted, red blaze face, outcross heifer. She is excellent in her design, with a big rib, perfect structure and all in a moderate frame. You really have to like the volume in these ER K33B females and when you see Shelly you will know what I mean.
AI Bred: 4-6-07 to Hooks Pacesetter



STR 024
Shantelle S605

ER K33B x GW Lucky Dice • EPDs: 8 -0.3 27 52 1 6 19
Shantelle goes back to the 54Z cow family and the cross with ER K33B really worked. She will be a true brood cow that today expresses tremendous volume and substance, in addition to being very feminine. If you are looking for a non-diluted red bred heifer take a look here. This one is hard to part with!
AI Bred: 4-7-07 to Hooks Shear Force 38K



STR 027J
Samantha S637

ER K33B x GW Lucky Strike • EPDs: 7 -1.0 36 63 0 6 24
Samantha goes back to the great Black Mindy cow. She is very long bodied, deep ribbed, sound female that puts it all together in a very feminine package. Here is a female that is a real breeding piece and will help jump start your program.
AI Bred: 4-28-07 to Hooks Shear Force

70:70 Marbling and Muscle

All the fence building, hay baling, calf weaning and hundreds of other production tasks would be for nothing if the beef consumers of this nation disregarded our products. Beef Industry Leaders have focused on beef product demand and the results have been encouraging. Near record cattle and beef prices are partly the result of attentive action toward beef eating quality and consumer satisfaction, and we salute NCBA as the driving force enhancing beef demand.

Consumers choose beef because we like the taste. Even though the science and physiology of taste are complicated, every beef lover understands the attributes of tenderness, juiciness and flavor.

Both genetics and management play large roles affecting beef taste. Harvesting healthy, young, fast growing, well-marbled cattle that require either no implants or perhaps, mild growth stimulants are key to consistent and predictable great tasting beef.

From a genetic management and strategy standpoint, selection for both growth and marbling have become important. The cattle feeding industry certainly values fast-growing cattle with potential to grade Choice, and most breed associations boast rapid improvements in both Yearling Weight and Marbling EPDs. So, U.S. Beef producers are on our way to long-term success, right?

Not so fast! All of this discussion has been focused on output value. Is anyone willing to address production costs? Fuel, feed, fertilizer and labor costs are at combined all-time record high levels. Without doubt, we must produce beef that maintains and grows consumer demand, but every tool to control and combat costs is now important to the future of our industry.

Producing highly marbled beef is only part of the puzzle of beef industry prosperity. We absolutely must produce tasty, tender, juicy, high-value beef using proven technologies that can economically sustain our businesses. In this industry, the most effective and verified genetic technology available that can both increase output value and decrease cost of production is wise crossbreeding. The huge impact of heterosis on the calf crop and postweaning performance will almost always greatly decrease cost per unit of production. Moreover, prudent selection of genetics making up the crossbreds, will balance production values, such as maximizing percentage Choice, YG 2s. We have positioned Simmental to ideally blend with British genetics (called biological complementarity) and produce fast growing, USDA Choice, Yield Grade 2 fed cattle.

Industry and academic leaders have often suggested targets of 70% Choice or higher, 70% YG 1s and 2s, and 0% outs (USDA Standard, YG 4s and 5s, light weights, heavy weights, etc.). Is their target achievable?

Dr. Jerry Lipsey, Executive Vice President

For more than a decade, the American Simmental Association has tested sires for ability to deliver both marbling and muscle, and our progress is becoming recognized across the industry. Simmental breeders have paid attention to identifying genetic lines that deliver both meat quality and carcass meat yield. In the recent decade, Simmental have improved both Marbling and Yield Grade EPDs; not many breeds can make that claim (you are welcome to review our genetic trends on www.simmental.org). Simmental x Angus and Simmental x Red Angus cattle can and do deliver a higher percentage of Choice, YG 2 carcasses than any other popular crossbreds or straightbreds. Considering that most herds retain heifer replacements, what combination of breeds can deliver more net value to America's cowherds than Simmental x British crossbred steers and replacement heifers?

Perhaps everyone in the cattle feeding industry understands the cost reduction of feeding Continental x British crossbreds, and beef packers profit from the meat yield advantages of muscular cattle. However, our industry has been waiting for price signals that encourage both high quality and outstanding cutability cattle.

To kick-start this process, the American Simmental Association and JBS Swift & Company have agreed to a marketing grid with historic rewards for Choice, YG 2 carcasses.

This marketing grid, called 70:70, provides outstanding rewards for fed cattle that can deliver both high marbling and muscular carcasses. This is a high payoff opportunity for well-documented genetics and management. Properly managed fed steers and heifers that result from carefully selected genetic sources will receive excellent premium price rewards from Swift. This represents a tremendous opportunity for feedyard managers who confidently know the source and history of cattle selling under the ASA-Swift grid marketing arrangement.

Understand, 70:70 isn't for "either/or cattle" (either fat, highly marbled; or lean, lowly marbled), where the seller "rolls the dice". This grid has true rewards for groups well above average for both quality and yield grade. There are hundreds of feedyards across the Midwest with pens of Continental x British cattle that can benefit when marketed on 70:70. The opportunity to simultaneously get premiums and reduce production costs may well be the most important next step for our beef industry to sustain and grow success. We don't think there are many silver bullets in cattle and beef production, but reducing production costs while receiving premiums for high quality, high meat-yield carcasses may be the best invention yet.

NORTH DAKOTA SIMMENTAL WEEKEND!

Be sure to attend the Annual Meeting & Banquet
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Annual Meeting - 1:00 pm at Farmer's Livestock

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Annual Banquet - 7:00 pm at the Ramkota Hotel, Social starts at 6:00 pm

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BD: 1/30/2007 • Purebred
HC Hummer x TNT Tonner
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BD: 1/19/2007 • 3/4 Blood
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Proj. EPDs: - 0 29 58 - 13 27



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Proj. EPDs: 12 -1 31 52 5 1 17
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Proj. EPDs: 6 3 35 59 6 5 23
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BCLR Tena T240

BD: 2/19/2007
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Proj. EPDs: - -1 34 66 - 0 17



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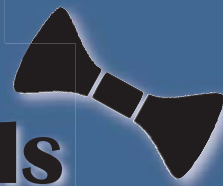
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EPDs: 12 3.1 45 74 5 3 25



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THSR SALENA S611

Sire: SRS Preferred Beef
Dam: Tri E Kool Gentleman
EPDs — 2 2.6 36 63 5 10 28
BD: 1/14/2006
AI bred to CNS Dream On for a
1/17/2008 calf.

It is hard to part with these own daughters of Preferred Beef because of the limited semen supply. S611 is extremely easy-keeping and possesses tons of volume. She will make a tremendous brood cow and will be a great addition in anyone's herd.



THSR SHAKIRA S619

Sire: ES Kilowatt Dam: SRS Franchise
EPDs — 3 2.4 43 73 4 -1 20
BD: 1/16/2006

AI Bred to Triple C Invasion for a 2/20/2008 calf.
Shakira is a powerful non-diluter red donor candidate that is extremely deep-bodied and thick. We always bring our best to the state sale and Skakira is one of the best that we have ever consigned. So use this opportunity to your benefit to add our top genetics to your program. You will not be disappointed. She also had a ratio index of 130 for ribeye and 111 for IMF. If you're serious about breeding red Simmental genetics, Shakira is the one for you.

Sire: SRS Preferred Beef
Dam: JF New Dimension
EPDs — 7 1.1 27 45 4 4 17
BD: 2/01/2006

AI Bred to CNS Dream On for a 1/19/2008 calf.
Sattin is an own daughter of Preferred Beef. She has a lot to offer with her pedigree, EPDs and phenotype. She is moderate-framed and extremely deep with a ton of rib. She will be very easy-keeping and very productive. The Preferred females are some of the best in the Simmental breed. Be sure to find Sattin on sale day, you will not be disappointed.



THSR SATTIN S638

Sire: Woodhill Foresight
Dam: SRS Fortune 500
EPDs — 0.7 34 70 15 31
Tattoo: T721 Reg No: 2392841
BD: 1/16/2007 Open Heifer

Tahyna is an ET daughter out of our donor cow H60. This will be the sixth year in a row that this donor has had progeny in the state sale. That says a lot about this cow and it doesn't matter what you breed her to, she just clicks. The mating to Woodhill Foresight has been a very good one. Just take a look at Tahyna. She is



THSR TAHYNA T721

extremely well-made in terms of phenotype and not to mention her numbers are also very good. If you select this female you can't go wrong.



THSR TIARE T704

Sire: Woodhill Foresight Dam: Opps American
EPDs — 0.2 35 64 7 24
BD: 1/7/2007 Open Heifer

If you are looking for an extremely attractive, deep-bodied, correctly made Simm-Angus female that will make an excellent brood cow, Tiare is the one for you. Her sire, Woodhill Foresight, is a featured bull at ABS. His maternal, performance and carcass abilities are at the top of the Angus breed. This female will also show very well, but most importantly she will make a great cow. Her mother has also produced other state sale consignments over the years, with one going to Dale Miller of Montana and another to Tri E Simmentals of Clifford, North Dakota.

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