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THSR Trudie T27 • 3/4 Blood SimAngus

Sire: Winchester HR P8315

MGS:BJR Heaven Sent 907

EPDs: * 0.0 30 60 * 4 19

AI Bred to Wheatland Red Teddy.

Trudie is one of the most complete females that we have ever raised. Trudie is moderate framed, easy keeping, with a ton of middle and brood cow written all over her. This female definitely will be a great donor prospect for her new owner. She is Homozygous Polled, a Non-Diluter and ultra sound safe to Wheatland Red Teddy. You won't want to miss an opportunity like this to own a great female like Trudie.



THSR Tyra T734 • 1/2 Blood SimAngus

Sire: TJ 57J The Gambler

MGS: Stevenson Maximum 42C

EPDs: * 1.6 37 75 * 7 26

AI Bred to Trademark.

Tyra has attracted a lot of attention since she was a calf. This Simm-Angus female is extremely attractive with a great disposition. She is by far the best Simm-Angus female we have ever raised, one look and you will see why. Tyra is homozygous polled, homozygous black and ultra sound safe to GWS Trademark.



THSR Trina T708 • PB Simmental

Sire: Winchester HR P8315

MGS:ER Black Cisco

EPDs: 12 0.3 30 53 3 6 20

AI Bred to Wheatland Red Teddy.

Trina is a very well balance female in term of phenotype, pedigree and EPD's. She is extremely attractive with a big hip and plenty of rib. Trina's mother was purchased a few years back at the Classis Sale from Rocky Hills and has done an excellent job for us. Trina is ultra sound safe to Wheatland Red Teddy.



THSR U 814

Sire: KenCo Powerline

MGS: Fortune 500

Proj. EPDs: BW 1.4 WW 38 YW 73 MM 6 MWW 25.2

U814 is a solid black Powerline out of a Fortune 500 dam that we purchased for Nelson Livestock a couple of year ago. U814 is easy doing, moderate framed and will make a great brood cow.



THSR U844 • 1/2 Blood SimAngus

Sire: Woodhill Foresight

Dam: Opps J8

Proj. EPDs: BW .35 WW 35 YW 63 MM 6 MWW 23.4

U844's dam has had four heifers sell in this sale, that says a lot about this cow family's ability to produce high quality genetics. Last year a full sister to U844 sold to Kenny Wright in V.A. U844 is a very attractive, deep bodied, Simm-Angus female that will make an excellent brood cow. Her sire Woodhill Foresight is a featured bull for ABS his maternal, performance and carcass ability are at the top of the Angus breed.



MARK THE DATE!
Dakota Power Bull Sale
 February 16, 2009 in Vally City, ND

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Editor's Message...

The North Dakota Simmental weekend is fast approaching! This year's Annual Meeting will feature Dr. Rick Funston, University of Nebraska, as the speaker. There will also be a coloring contest for the little kids and a photo contest for any aspiring photographers. The Annual Banquet will again be held at the Ramkota Hotel and will provide an excellent opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet some new ones.

The North Dakota Simmental Association will be publishing a 2009 ND Simmental Breeder's Directory. This issue will include: a complete listing of all active NDASA members, their address, phone numbers, email address, websites and advertising. The tentative advertising deadline is March 1, 2009. We will have a complete listing of ad sizes, ad prices and deadline information by the Annual Meeting & Banquet in Bismarck. If you can not attend the Annual Meeting or Banquet, the information will also be posted on your state association website www.northdakotasimmental.com. The Breeder's Directory is an excellent opportunity to showcase your program to a large variety of potential customers! There will be several extra copies printed, so if you are going to a trade show, cattle show, bull days, etc. do not hesitate to call to receive some for your event.

The Holiday season is upon us! What a great time to get together with loved ones. It is also a great time to include someone else in your holiday festivities that may not have a place to go this year. Let's make sure we all give thanks for all of our many blessings throughout the year. Too often we take for granted the many gifts that we already have in anticipation of those to come.

Sincerely,
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¼ Page	\$200	NA
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Issue	Deadline
November	November 1st
January	December 20th
February	January 20th

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Calendar of Events

December

- 1 Neva Simmentals Private Treaty Sales Start
Kensal, ND
- 11 Meyer Ranch & Friends "Think Black" Simmental Genetics Sale --- *Mandan, ND*
- 16 Remington Cattle Company Bull and Commercial Heifer Sale --- *Del Bonita, AB*
- 17 MSA Montana Supreme Sale
Columbus, MT
- 20 North Dakota Simmental Showcase/Classic Sale
Bismarck, ND

January 2009

- 12 Edge of the West Female Sale
Mandan, ND
- 19 National Western Simmental Sale The One-Vol. XIII
Denver, CO
- 30 Kjelgaard Simmental Production Sale
McHenry, ND

February

- 2 Gateway Simmentals Breeding Value Bull Sale
Lewistown, MT
- 6 4E Simmentals' Uppin' the Ante Bull & Female Sale
Bismarck, ND
- 6 Larson's TL Ranch Production Sale
Almont, ND
- 7 Klain Simmental Ranch Annual Production Sale
Turtle Lake, ND
- 9 Haas Ranch Simmental Bull Sale
Mandan, ND
- 10 Bata/Olafson Production Sale
Rugby, ND
- 11 Breeding for the Future Production Sale
Napoleon, ND
- 11 Nelson Livestock Production Sale
Baker, MT
- 12 Lassle/Skillestad Ranches Annual Production Sale
Glendive, MT

- 13 TNT Simmentals 23rd Annual Genetic Explosion Bull Sale --- *Almont, ND*
- 14 Kenner Simmental Ranch 12th Annual Production Sale --- *Bismarck, ND*
- 15 Rydeen Farms Vision X Sale
Clearbrook, MN
- 15 Northern Plains Simmental Private Treaty Sale
Bowbells, ND
- 16 Dakota Power Bull Sale
Valley City, ND
- 16 Traxinger Simmentals Private Treaty Bull Sale
Clarmount, SD
- 17 Keller's Broken Heart Ranch Annual Production Sale
Mandan, ND
- 20 Dakota Xpress Simmental Sale
Bismarck, ND
- 21 Ellingson Simmentals Production Sale
Rugby, ND
- 21 Kappes Simmental 20th Annual Holistic Approach Performance Production Sale
Aberdeen, SD
- 23 Hart Farms 32nd Annual Beef Builder Sale
Frederick, SD

March

- 3 Doll Ranch Annual Production Sale
Mandan, ND
- 13 Porter Ranches Bull Sale
Duffield, Alberta, Canada
- 20 3C Christensen and NLC Ranch Annual Production Sale --- *Huron, SD*

April 2008

- 3 Edge of the West Bull Sale
Mandan, ND
- 4 Brant Farms Genetic Balance Production Sale
Hinckley, MN
- 25 Christensen Simmentals Production Sale
Wessington Springs, SD

Attention:

North Dakota Simmental Association Members!!

The NSDA will be auctioning off the Premier pages for the 2009-11 North Dakota Simmental Breeder's Directory on December 19th at the Annual Banquet!

Be sure to contact Todd Finke to reserve your ad space today!

For more information,
please contact:
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Email your sale date to
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to appear on
this page and on
www.northdakotasimmental.com!

Photo Contest



The North Dakota Simmental Association is sponsoring a photo contest this year. Pictures need to be in color, 8"x10" and of Simmental cattle.

Pictures will be judged in two divisions, youth (up to age 17) and adult (age 18 and older). Awards will be given for three places in each division. Pictures need to be delivered to Farmers Livestock Exchange, 910 Yegen Rd, Bismarck, ND 58504 attention Kim Myers before noon on Thursday, December 19. If you are unable to deliver, pictures can be mailed to Kim Myers, 12066 57 St SE, Kathryn, ND 58049 prior to December 17.



Please include on a piece of paper your name, address, and which division, youth or adult, your picture should be entered into. All entered pictures will not be returned and will become the property of NDSA for future use in advertisements. The winners will be announced at the annual banquet held on Thursday, December 19, 2008 at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck.

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Junior Show Results



Winners of the ND Simmental Classic Sale and Northwest Simmental Sale futurity show at the NDSF.

From left to right Kelly Hanson, NDSA President; Elizabeth Neshem from Berthold, ND first place; Kelsie Flemmer from Zap, ND second place; Hadlie Hansen from Ryder, ND third place.

North Dakota Simmental Association Board Minutes

Minutes from the April 11, 2007 meeting

The North Dakota Simmental Association board of directors met April 17, 2008 at Seven Seas, Mandan, North Dakota. Directors present: Kelly Hanson, Gary Sys, Patrick Thorson, Doug Bichler, Dwight Keller, and Erika Kenner. Bob Grant, Sec/Treas was also present.

Bob read the minutes of the January 3, 2008 board meeting. Motion Doug, second Gary to accept. Carried.

Bob handed out itemized categories report from 12/1/07 to 4/15/08. Bob reviewed the report with the board, highlighting some areas and answering questions. Balances as of 4/15/2008: Check book -- \$14,957.81; CD's -- \$8,616.86. Motion Dwight, second Doug to accept the treasurer's report. Carried.

Board visited about the summer newsletter. Some of the items to be included ---State Fair schedule, advertise futurity show, consignment form for the Showcase/Classic Sale, Photo contest and rules, Nominations from members to the board of directors for Promoter, Pioneer, and Commercial Cattleman.

State Fair -- Picnic will be Monday, July 21st. Gary and Buckshot in charge. Try to get word out when and where. Futurity—1st - \$1200; 2nd - \$600; 3rd - \$200 (Payment in savings bonds). Showcase/ Classic Sale consignor's \$300 – Northwest North Dakota Select Simmental Group Sale consignor's \$230 – North Dakota Simmental Association will add the amount needed for the prize money. Hubbard feeds is also offering cash prizes for winners if fed their feed. (\$500, 300, 200). Jackie Buckley is surveying the breed associations to see if there is interest in a breed steer show at the State Fair. Motion Pat, second Gary the following resolution: The North Dakota Simmental Association is not in favor of any breed steer show. Motion carried.

Simmental Scene report. Sheets were passed around with the overview of the financials of the past year. Bob went through the financials of the Simmental Scene. Board discussion. Motion by Pat, seconded by Erika to pay Todd the 25% profit incentive, plus a bonus on the profitability of the Simmental Scene this past year. Motion carried.

Annual Meeting planning. Annual meeting and banquet will be December 19, 2008. Discussion by board. Erika to check on speaker. Greg and Kim

to handle the Photo Contest. Agenda similar to past few years. Finalize meeting at the September board meeting.

Kelly updated the board on the Showcase / Classic Sale. Jeff will manage again. The \$200 nomination fee is due up front, not the day before the sale. The nomination fee is to cover early sale expenses and the selection travel costs. Bob asked that this be done to simplify bookkeeping for the weekend and make sure the Sale is paying its way, not relying on the North Dakota Simmental Association to cover its costs.

Field day / tour. Board discussed doing a feedlot, kill plant tour, possibly in conjunction with some eastern Montana breeders. The emphasis would be in inviting customers to take part. A lot of details to work out for this year -- Busses, costs, incentives, sponsorships, etc. Motion by Pat, seconded by Dwight to give authority to Kelly and Erika to pursue the feasibility of a packing plant / feedlot tour. Carried.

Bob presented the advertising for past year (where and costs). Discussion with board on this years plans. Total cost was \$10,745.30 of which \$6,117.30 was used for general Simmental radio ads during the sale season. With cost share dollars and check off dollars from the ASA and the very strong support NDSA receives from its membership for the donation heifer, semen auction, donations, etc. the board feels we need to return that support through mixed advertising program to return the support. Membership postcards have been mailed. Good response to date.

Board looked at letters from Kylee Myers and Michael Stoltey (ASA president). Board discussion on moving The ASA office out of Bozeman and ASA board politics. There is a general feeling that the board is not listening to members that raise Simmental cattle for a living. Much of the membership is made up of people that have 0-7 head. (4-H projects, show ring, hobby farm) Many of the board members do not raise cattle for a living. There seems to be some agenda to get on the board for personal gain, prestige, or power. We need to encourage our membership to make personal contacts to board members. We also need to encourage and support our Simmental ranchers to run for positions on the ASA Board of Trustees.

Submitted by Bob Grant

New Sale Date

KJELGAARD SIMMENTALS "PARADISE BULL SALE"

New Location

SELLING 65 COMING TWO-YEAR-OLDS

- 15 Purebred Red Simmentals
- 25 Purebred Black Simmentals
- 10 Percentage Red SimAngus
- 15 Percentage Black SimAngus

Friday,
January 30, 2009
1:00PM CST
At the Ranch
1589 95th Ave NE
McHenry, ND 58464



TNT Gunner N208

EPDs: 10.8 | -0.2 | 39 | 63.9 | 4.8 | 9 | 28.5

Selling: 11 Reds 10 Blacks



KBSR T13 ~ Gunner Son

EPDs: 3.9 | 4.2 | 46.3 | 76.1 | 1.3 | 3.5 | 26.7



KBSR T14 ~ TNT Five Star Son

EPDs: 4.5 | 4.5 | 47.7 | 88.3 | 2.1 | 3 | 26.6

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PSR T115

PSR Gemaco x Preferred Stock

EPDs: 6 1.5 34 65 0 3 20

Bred to Remington Red Label on
5-13-2008



PSR T125

ES Dakota x TNT On Target

EPDs: 4 4.0 38 68 3 3 22

Bred to Red Teddy on 5-13-2008



PSR T126

ES Dakota x Black Joker

EPDs: 2 4.3 42 74 0 2 24

Bred to Red Teddy on 5-13-2008

Pherson Farms

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



Also, check us out at the
Dakota Power Bull Sale
Monday, February 16, 2009 • Valley City, ND

North Dakota
Simmental Association

Classic Sale

Bismarck, North Dakota

December 20, 2008

1:00 PM • Farmers Livestock • Bismarck, ND



T734

Sire: TJ Gambler
SimAngus Heifer sells bred to
GWS Trademark



T701

Sire: ER K33B
Sells Bred to Shear Force 38K



8018U

Sire: WCS MR Shyward 641S
Open Purebred Heifer



T727

Sire: Winchester
Sells Bred to Wheatland Red Teddy



U851

Sire: LBR Ebonys Power S256
Open Purebred Heifer



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Sire: Triple C Invasion
Selling Pick of 2 Opens



U282

Sire: SAV 8180 Traveler 004
Open Kayla Daughter. Also selling
embryos out of KS Kayla



T32

Sire: Brooks Above Par
Sells Bred to Ellingson Legacy
M229 "Olie"



T51

Sire: LBR Crockett R81
Sells Bred to Hook's Shear Force

View the catalog online at: www.northdakotasimmental.com

Selling 70
Select Lots

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- Bred Heifers
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Sale Consultant

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Sale Headquarters

Best Western Ramkota

Bismarck, North Dakota

The Best Head West!

Watch for our bull & heifer consignments in the
Ellingson Simmental Bull & Female Sale
on February 21, 2009 in Rugby, ND.

MJ Miss Annie O U802



PPSR Nophalt x Black Mick
Proj. EPDs: 5 3.6 35 68 4 8 25
BD: 1/28/08 • BW: 85 lbs.

This Nophalt heifer has style and thickness to put you in the competitive show ring and also be an asset to your herd.

MJ Ugly Betty U811



TNT Dynamite Black x Meyers Black Dakota
Proj. EPDs: 4 3.5 38 66 4 5 24
BD: 2/3/08 • BW: 100 lbs.

This Dynamite Black heifer is the type of female to "bet the farm on." She has a sister working as a donor with Bata Brothers which was one of the high selling opens in 2001.

MJ Miss Dreamer U815



CNS Dream On x SRS Preferred Beef
Proj. EPDs: 11 0.7 32 57 5 5 21
BD: 2/5/08 • BW: 88 lbs.

This is an extremely complete Dream On daughter ideal for the north central junior competition to be held in Fargo this summer.

Mike, Jennifer & Reece Johnson

2262 44th Street
McCanna, ND 58251
701-397-5724 home
701-739-2271 cell
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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.



January 12, 2009 • 1:00 pm CST
Kist Livestock • Mandan, ND

Selling 60 Beautiful Bred Heifers & 6 Fancy Open Heifers
Including 20 Commercial SimAngus Bred Heifers

EDGE of the WEST Female Sale



SRF Miss 701T
Size: Pelton's R Coat 3P
MGS: Leachmn Bodybuilder
Powerful 3/4 SimAngus bred to Hook's Shear Force!

BW	WW	YW	MILK	MWW
0.9	35	65	2	19



SRF Miss 538T
Size: Brooks Above Par
MGS: Sitz Alliance 7617
This SimAngus has cow written all over her! Bred to Hook's Shear Force.

BW	WW	YW	MILK	MWW
-2.5	16	39	-1	7

Mark your Calendars!

EDGE OF THE WEST BULL SALE • APRIL 3, 2009 • MANDAN, ND

*For more
information...*

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Check out our website for updated information: www.cattlesalepage.com/edgeofthewest

MEYER AND FRIENDS THINK BLACK GENETICS SIMMENTAL SALE

Thursday, December 11, 2008
1:00 CST • Kist Livestock, Mandan, ND



MEYER 015



MEYER 016



MEYER 043



MEYER 090

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It All Comes Down to the Cow!

Two opportunities to add genetics from our consistent donor cows. KS Kayla and KS Shania's progeny are always rising to the top in our herd and you can see why!

North Dakota
Simmental Association
Classic Sale
December 20, 2008
Bismarck, North Dakota

Selling in Bismarck, December, 20!



TNT Gunner x KS Shania H871
EPDs: 8 0 36 65 3 12 30
U203 is a full brother to U432 and sells at
the Kenner Simmental Production Sale
February 14, 2009



SAV 8180 Traveler 004 x KS Kayla J497
EPDs: - 0 41 84 - 10 30
Full brothers to Utara to sell in the Kenner Sale
in February.

Contact us for more information on both of these sales!

Mark your calendars!
**Kenner Simmental
Production Sale**
February 14, 2009
Bismarck, ND



Roger, Jeanette, Erika, Jessica & Brett Kenner
5606 57th St NE • Leeds, North Dakota 58346
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FEBRUARY DEADLINE IS JANUARY 20TH

Contact Todd Finke 701.240.7711

Selling in Bismarck

North
Dakota
Simmental
Association

Classic SALE



BCLR Miss Ulma U808

BD: 2/22/08 • BW: 82 • WW: 678
Freedom x Good A Nuff
EPDs: 73 • -0.5 • 40 • 76 • 4 • 6 • 26

Stay	CW	YG	Mrb	BF	REA	API	TI
19	71	0.0	-.05	.01	.18	99	66



BCLR Miss Ingrid U810

BD: 2/26/08 • BW: 97 • WW: 706
Crockett x Hummer
EPDs: 5 • 2.7 • 49 • 82 • 4 • 3 • 27

Stay	CW	YG	Mrb	BF	REA	API	TI
*	14.7	.01	.28	.01	.25	106	71



BCLR Miss Phoebe U817

BD: 3/4/08 • BW: 93 • WW: 634
Triple C Invasion x Mr. MT
EPDs: 9 • 1.8 • 27 • 49 • 0 • 8 • 21

Stay	CW	YG	Mrb	BF	REA	API	TI
18.9	-5.5	-.02	.25	.02	.14	107	62



BCLR Miss Ursula U813

BD: 2/27/08 • BW: 93 • WW: 642
Triple C Invasion x Mr. MT
EPDs: 9 • 1.8 • 27 • 49 • 0 • 8 • 21

Stay	CW	YG	Mrb	BF	REA	API	TI
18.9	-5.5	-.02	.25	.02	.14	107	62

Doug Bichler

130 83rd Street SE
Linton, ND 58552
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701-226-4068 Cell

Johnson's Simmental Farm

Jeff Johnson • 701-371-4141 Cell
57570 State Hwy 28
Alberta, MN 56207

For updated pictures go to:
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JSF Trixie K254T

Winchester x JSF Black Preferred
EPDs: 11 • 1.0 • 34 • 60 • 2 • 7 • 24

Stay	CW	YG	Mrb	BF	REA	API	TI
*	-0.4	-.07	.16	0.0	.20	114	64

• Bred to Red Teddy



JSF Fancy and Free 264U

BD: 1/25/08 • BW: 91
Freedom x HS/Hook's Good Fortune 2
Proj. EPDs: 7 • 0.7 • 36 • 75 • 7 • 11 • 29

4th Annual
BULL SALE

Johnson/Bichler

February 19, 2009 • Linton, ND

Two programs One goal in mind!

Sound, productive and profitable cattle

COOL: What Does It Mean For You?

By Cari Rincker, Esq., Associate Attorney
Budd-Falen Law Offices, L.L.C. - Cheyenne, WY

After a decade of dialogue and controversy, country-of-origin labeling (“COOL”) is finally in full force. Economists and policy experts can hypothesize about the long-term effects on the beef business and cattle prices, but what are the implications for you and your beef operation?

Background

For many years, voluntary COOL regulations have been in place for beef, lamb, pork, and perishable agriculture commodities and peanuts. Recently, the 2008 Farm Bill amended the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (“AMA”) once more by finally making COOL mandatory. See 7 U.S.C. § 1638 et seq. The 2008 provisions added chicken, goat, ginseng, pecans, and macadamia nuts to the list of “covered commodities” under COOL. The interim final rule and request for final public comments was published by the USDA in the Federal Register on September 30, 2008. See 7 C.F.R. Part 65.

Put simply, excluded from COOL are “processed foods” and “mixed foods.” For example, raw pork chops will be labeled, but not ham or bacon. Also, COOL is applicable at the retail level only-- not the food service industry or butcher shops. See 7 C.F.R. § 65.300. In other words, the menus at your favorite steak restaurant or local tavern are not required to have COOL. Even so, the hope is that U.S. cattle producers will be able to reap the rewards of this county’s reputation with safety and quality.

Labeling Categories

Pursuant to 7 C.F.R. § 65.400(a), “[c]ountry of origin declarations can either be in the form of a placard, sign, label, sticker, band, twist tie, [or] pin tag” labeling that the retail unit is a “Product of USA,” “Produce of the USA,” “Grown in Mexico,” or the labeling may simply be in check box form. That said, there are four major categories for COOL designation for beef, lamb, pork, chicken, and goat meat:

1) **United States Only (“Category A”)**: This category includes meat derived from animals “exclusively born, raised and slaughtered in the United States” (emphasis added). 7 U.S.C. § 1638a(a)(2)(A). As a general rule, to be labeled as a “Product of the U.S.,” the animal product needs to have been on U.S. soil from birth to retail. The only exception is meat derived from an animal “born in Alaska and Hawaii and transported through Canada for no more than 60 days.” 7 C.F.R. § 65.260.

2) **Multiple Countries of Origin (“Category B”)**: This category includes meat derived from animals “not exclusively born, raised, and slaughtered in the United States [but] born, raised, or slaughtered in the United States, and not imported into the United States for immediate slaughter” (emphasis added). 7 U.S.C. § 1638a(a)(2)(B). Stated differently, the beef animal spent at least one phase of their life in the U.S. and one phase outside the U.S. (e.g., “Product of U.S. and/or Canada”). See 7 C.F.R. § 65.300(e)(1)(i).

3) **Imported for immediate slaughter (“Category C”)**: This category includes “meat that is derived from an animal that is imported into the United States for immediate slaughter.” 7 U.S.C. § 1638a(a)(2)(C). More specifically, this category is for livestock imported to the U.S. less than two weeks before they are harvested (e.g., “Product of Mexico and the U.S.”). See 7 C.F.R. § 65.300(e)(1)(ii). Please note that the U.S. is listed last on the label in this instance because countries are listed in descending order of prominence.

4) **Foreign (“Category D”)**: Finally, this category includes “meat derived from an animal that is not born, raised, or slaughtered in the United States.” 7 U.S.C. § 1638a(a)(2)(D). Imported meat products will be labeled according to its origin, “as declared to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) at the time the product entered the United States, through retail sale.” 7 C.F.R. § 65.300(f) (e.g., “Product of Canada”).

Interestingly, Congress did not create an “unknown origin” label. From a cattle producer’s perspective, if you have cattle whose origin is not verifiable, then those cattle will never be eligible for a Category A “Product of U.S.” label. If the cattle can be proved to be contained within U.S., Canada, and Mexico during their life but harvested in the U.S., such beef will likely be labeled under Category B or C, depending on time in the U.S. before harvest.

Affidavit

A self-certifying affidavit is considered sufficient evidence to prove the origin of livestock. There are three types of affidavits, each used in

different circumstances: (i) producer, (ii) consolidated, and (iii) continuous. Each should be used in different circumstances. If your local salebarn does not voluntarily offer any of these affidavits make sure to ask them for a copy.

Producer Affidavit. Under the promulgated regulations, a “producer affidavit shall be considered acceptable evidence on which the slaughter facility may rely to initiate the origin claim, provided it is made by someone having first-hand knowledge of the origin of the animal(s) and identifies the animal(s) unique to the transaction” (emphasis added). 7 C.F.R. § 65.500(b)(1). This provision does not require that the person signing the affidavit be an owner or a ranch representative; however, this person must have personal knowledge and be able to identify animals “unique to the transaction” by way of eartag, number of head, breed and sex, the date of the transaction, and the name of the buyer. To more sharply define, “first-hand knowledge” is knowledge gained from personal observation or experience as distinguished from what someone else has verbally told you. That said, a recently hired ranch hand will likely be precluded from signing the producer affidavit.

Consolidated Affidavit. This type of affidavit is used when transferring the cattle to another rancher. To illustrate, a consolidated affidavit would be used if you are a first-level producer raising feeder cattle to sell at weaning or when selling terminal cattle to the feedyard for finishing.

Continuous Affidavit. Some facilities are offering “continuous affidavits” for producers or livestock handlers. After signed once, continuous affidavits are valid into perpetuity until canceled. In other words, if you know you will only be selling cattle born and raised in the United States (or you know you will always be importing cattle from Canada), then you only have to sign this affidavit once instead of signing a producer affidavit every trip to the sale barn. A small caveat, if you sign a continuous affidavit and anomalously have a calf that was born or raised outside your “norm,” you must sign a separate producer affidavit for that particular head if your continuous affidavit is still valid. Encourage your local facilities to offer continuous affidavits as they should help with efficiency. The National Cattlemen’s Beef Association (“NCBA”) has an electronic version of the affidavit online at www.beefusa.org.

Record Keeping

Typically, a self-certifying affidavit will be sufficient evidence to prove the origin of your animal; however, the regulations provide that the USDA will perform tracebacks and random audits. Because of this, all livestock producers must implement an accurate, efficient recordkeeping system if one is not already in place. If audited, a livestock producer only has five business days to produce said documentation so requested information must be readily available. The regulations currently allow for either hard or electronic records and only require that the records are “legible.” See 7 C.F.R. § 65.500(a). A failure to comply may result up to a \$1000 fine. See 7 U.S.C. § 1638b(b). Cattlemen are responsible for records for up to one year from the date of the transaction. See 7 C.F.R. § 65.500(b)(3).

The 2008 Farm Bill changed COOL’s record-keeping mandate: it states that “[r]ecords maintained in the course of the normal conduct of the business of such person, including animal health papers, import and customs documents, or producer affidavits” will serve as sufficient origin verification. 7 U.S.C. § 1638a(d)(2)(A). The Agricultural Marketing Service (“AMS”) has been asked by commentators to provide an enumerated list of required records; yet in the interim final rule, AMS maintained that producers only need such records normally kept in the course of business. Given the current ambiguity of the regulation, it is suggested in that cattle producers be prepared to present the following paperwork to ensure compliance with the industry standard:

- (i) health and vaccination records;
- (ii) birth and death records as well as records of missing cattle;
- (iii) production records including feed documents and Beef Quality Assurance (“BQA”) certification, if applicable;
- (iv) brand inspection documentation or ear tag (visual or electronic) records;
- (v) all transaction records such as purchase receipts, lease records, scale tickets, bills of sale, and closeout records;
- (vi) transportation and trucker records;

- (vii) breed association registration papers, if available;
- (viii) financial records such as balance sheets and income statements;
- (ix) pen and pasture information including a site map with capacities; and,
- (x) beginning and ending inventory records (e.g., number of bulls, virgin or bred heifers, open or bred cows, calves on cows, weaned calves, steers, etc.).

Under 7 C.F.R. § 65.500(b)(1), those cattle producers participating in the National Animal Identification System (“NAIS”) may “rely on the presence of an official ear tag and/or the presence of any accompanying animal markings . . .” in lieu of above listed records. In other words, participating in NAIS could ease your record keeping burden.

Furthermore, a grandfather clause was included in the statutory language so that all livestock residing in the U.S. as of July 15, 2008 that stay in the U.S. will be considered U.S. born and raised; thus, the meat from those animals is eligible under Category A. Documentation is preferred to prove

the animals were on U.S. soil before this threshold date.

Further, any cattle entering feedlot or finishing units after July 15, 2008 will need some type of record of origin (e.g., health papers, production records, affidavit) to be eligible for sale by U.S. retailers.

Final Thoughts

Only time will tell what the long-term impacts of COOL will be on the beef business, especially at the production level. It is critical that farmers and ranchers implement an economical yet thorough record-keeping system in their production program. Some states have implemented additional regulations such as specific tag or branding requirements or health provisions. To ensure compliance with both federal and state law, you should contact your Department of Agriculture, state affiliate livestock groups, or visit www.ams.usda.gov/COOL.

North Dakota Simmental Association Board Minutes

Minutes from the September 15, 2008 meeting

The North Dakota Simmental Association board of directors met September 15, 2008 at Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck. Directors present: Kelly Hanson, Pat Thorson, Gary Sys, R B Gannaway, Erika Kenner, Doug Bichler, Mike Johnson, Dwight Keller, & Greg Myers. Also present: Bob Grant, Sec/treas, Jeff Thomas, sale manager, and Kelly Schmidt, ASA field representative.

Kelly called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. Agenda was adopted with changes in the order to accommodate our guests.

Bob read the April 17, 2008 minutes of the NDSA board meeting. Motion Dwight, second Mike to accept. Carried.

Jeff Thomas gave a sale update to the board. Numbers will be similar to last year. Requests by Bob:

- 1) All nomination fees paid by October 1. Bob would like to not catalog animals for which nomination fees had not been paid by that time.
- 2) Consignors will have to request registration certificates on animals registered this year in order for Bob to transfer ownership after the sale. ASA will not allow Bob to transfer the sale animals without a certificate. Get changes on the Futurity into the catalog. Health certificates will be required again. A later PG test will be needed between the 1st and 10th of December, preferably between the 5th and 10th. We need confirmation on bred or open.

Bob passed out itemized categories sheets to the board for discussion. Checking account balance -- \$17,271.01 \ \ \ the CD's balance is \$8,616.86. Bob and board went through the financial report. Motion by Bob Gannaway, second by Greg to accept the treasurers' report. Carried.

Simmental Scene report. Summer newsletter was discussed. Is there any reason to expand or add another newsletter. It will be brought up at the annual meeting if there needs to be any more during the summer and fall months.

Kelly gave a Jr Association update. There were 32 members as of the State Fair. Suggested that Fargo be the site of next year's regional classic. NDSU (Moore & Danielson) would assist with judging, etc. June 16th – 20th. Red River Fair grounds could also be used. Motion Dwight, second Greg for North Dakota to bid for the regional to be held at Fargo. Carried North Dakota will need people to coordinate. A point person and a committee should be set up. Kelly volunteered to be the chair. Erika and Doug volunteered to help. They will look for others to volunteer. Motion Dwight, second Pat to follow the Jr ASA national rules for holding and showing a Simmental influenced class at any event. The animals need to be 50% Simmental and have registration papers.

The Futurity show at the State Fair had approximately 10 head. Motion Doug, second Erika to hold a futurity show again this next year with eligibility from the same sales (North Dakota Simmental Association Showcase/Classic Sale and the Northwest North Dakota Select Simmental Group Sale). Motion Erika, second Buckshot to hold this year's Futurity Show at the North Central Regional Classic at Fargo. If bid is accepted. Carried.

Bob passed out a draft agenda for the annual meeting. Erika will look for a speaker. Board member reports set. Director election: NE – Kelly; NW

– Gary; SW – Dwight. All three are ineligible to seek another term this year. The investigative report from ASA will be added to the agenda. Nominating committee will be Kelly, Gary, and Dwight. Lori and Kim will be in charge of lunch. Bob will send a membership letter early December.

Banquet draft agenda was passed around. Similar to last year. We served 168 last year. Guarantee 160 this year. Coloring contest – Perry Thomas; Photo contest – Greg / Kim – Rules, judges, prizes, vertical pictures best for advertising. Set up and get information to Todd for the Simmental Scene.

Board discussion and vote on Promoter of the year -- ; Pioneer -- ; and commercial producer -- . There will be a Jr Auction and Semen Auction. NDSA is planning a directory this coming year and will auction off position pages. They will be---- Back page, center left, center right, inside front left, inside front right, inside back left, and inside back right. Bob to get door prizes.

Showcase / Classic discussion. Meal – Lori & Kim. Donation heifer – Mike Traxinger. Permit – Dwight. Card ads – went through list and some additions of businesses to contact by whom. Deadline is October 1 for space and Oct 10 for ad. Pat, Dwight, and Kelly will handle the barn boss responsibilities. Doug will get ear tags. Stall cards mailed direct to Kim.

State Fair picnic had a good turn out. Continue next year. Feedlot / Packing plant Tour discussed by the board. Time of the tour would probably be July. Cost of bus, rooms, meals, etc. Who to go? Anyone or invitation by breeders? Will put on agenda for annual meeting discussion.

Bob talked about the general advertising coming up until the end of the year. ASA investigative report had been mailed to all board members. Comments were made and decided to add that to the annual meeting agenda.

ASA Trustee position. Board discussed reasons North Dakota needs to support individuals that are truly Simmental breeders and make their living from the ranch. Two members from North Dakota are being considered as board nominees for the position. Motion Erika, second Mike – The North Dakota Simmental Association should endorse one of the North Dakota members for the ASA Trustee position. If the ASA board chooses someone other than from ND, Bob will poll the board to determine which of the ND candidates to support. A write in campaign will be pushed by word of mouth to get our person on the ballot. If our candidate makes the ballot, NDSA will send postcards through out the region showing why we support him. Carried. Bob will visit with the candidate as to what will go on the postcard. Postcard should be mailed before the final ballot is mailed from ASA.

Feeder calf sales – Kist – Dwight – January 7th \ \ \ Napoleon – Kelly – January 8th

Stockmen's All Breeds cattle tour is held in the Dickinson area. NDSA is a sponsor.

Kelly Schmidt (ASA Field Representative) visited with the board about 1) Simmental cattle for sale on the web site. Feeder calves can be listed. Don't need to be ASA member to list. 2) Age / Source verified ; Sim choice program. Eid tags are \$2.50 each 3) Youth Regional Classic; 4) Other ASA projects and programs.



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API	120
TI	76

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North Dakota Simmental Association Weekend Schedule of Events

Friday, December 19, 2008

1:00 pm Annual Meeting with guest speaker Rick Funston, University of Nebraska

6:00 pm Social at the Ramkota Hotel

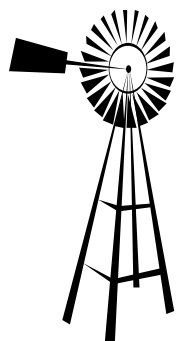
7:00 pm Annual Banquet & Fun Auction

Saturday, December 20, 2008

8:00 am Viewing of Sale Cattle

11:00 am Lunch

1:00 pm North Dakota Simmental Classic Sale



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BD: 2-15-07 • BW: 85 • ADJ WW: 574

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TNT Gunner x Black Joker

EPDs: 7.1 1.0 37.3 66.6 3.1 8.2 26.8 Stay: 22.4 API:99 TI:61

BD: 2-16-08 • BW: 85 • ADJ WW: 594

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CNS Dream On L186 x Black Shamrock



LRS MS Malta 723T
NLC Malta L132M x LRS Paramount 68M
Bred to HC Hummer



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Hooks Shear Force 38K x LBR MS Sunny R545
Bred to Wheatland Bull 6805



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Bred to ER Big Sky 545B



LRS MS Hummer 852U
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Annie is a super fronted big bodied heifer that will catch the eye of many. Her EPD's are impeccable with a 6 for CE, 41 for WW and 71 for YW, with tremendous milk. Annie had a ratio of 108 within her contemporary group. Jeff found this heifer right away and we thought long and hard before parting with her. Make a point to look her up on sale day.



BTS Ms Gun Powder 814U
KenCo/MF Powerline 204L x SAC Mr MT 73G
EPDs: 4 0.8 26 50 1 10 23

This Powerline heifer has the look to go many places. She is a sweet fronted as you will find, with tremendous volume and rib shape. Her mother has been a super cow for us with her first heifer calf being retained in our herd, followed up by this super complete female. Ms.Gun Powder will be one to watch this summer when the Jr shows roll around.



BTS Black Magic 810U
KMK Alliance 6595 I87 x RFS H91
EPDs: * 0.3 44 85 * 7 29

These I87 just keep rising to the top year after year. Black Magic has the ultimate cow look to her already as a calf. She is long bodied, big rib and has more middle as we have sold. Performance is build in the sweet female as she indexed a 109 with a weaning weight of 818 pounds.



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