



Summer 2020

I hope this letter finds everyone doing well and free of COVID-19. Once again, we find the state going from drought conditions in the west to excess moisture in the east. It is hard to believe there are pockets where they are still trying to combine last years crops. I hope everyone can put enough feed together and has a profitable year.

While there are a lot of topics to touch on, I believe the situation in the ASA is the one that affects us all. For the betterment of the ASA it was a relief to see Wade Schafer was approved to stay on as Executive Vice President. While some of us may not agree with all the decisions that are made, I do feel that Wade and most of the board have the best interest of the breed at heart.

Unfortunately, with the cancelations of the State Fair there will be no picnic. Hopefully, there will be some County Fairs for the kids to participate in. Tony Heins is planning on having a 2-day show at his place in New Salem. It is for the juniors and is scheduled for July 22-23.

A big change for the Junior Association is that the 2020 National Junior Classic has been moved to Brookings, South Dakota on July 11-16.

As we approach late summer keep in mind the selection of animals for the state sale.

Have a great summer,

David Doll

The North Dakota Simmental Association Board has set aside funds for the AJSA Steer Profitability Competition (SPC) to support transportation of steers to the designated feedlot. Contact any board member or Kim Myers for details.

ND State Fair Schedule

Be sure to attend the NDSA picnic on Monday, July 20th. Location of the picnic is TBA!

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday – July 20rd	9:00 AM 10:30 AM 5:00 PM	Open Sim-Influenced Show Open Simmental Show Simmental Picnic	All Seasons Arena All Seasons Arena TBA
Tuesday – July 21th	8:00 AM	Open Simmental Show	Expo Barn
Wednesday – July 22th	8:00 AM	Jr. Steer and Heifer Show	All Seasons Arena
Thursday – July 23th	8:00 AM	4-H Beef Show	All Seasons Arena
Friday – July 24th	8:00 AM	FFA Beef Show	All Seasons Arena

CANCELLED

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER



Gabe Quandt

2020 ND Simmental Association Scholarship winner is Gabe Quandt, son of Jason and Jessica Quandt of Oakes ND. Gabe will graduate this spring from Oakes High School and this fall will be attending NDSU to major in Agribusiness. Gabe is involved in varsity football, wrestling, National Honor Society, 4H, FFA and Student Council. Gabe's Dad started out using simmental bulls on their commercial cowherd for the growth that he had out of the calves at weaning time. After a few years they decided to commit to it more, so they started buying purebred females. Gabe purchased his first simmental cow a few years ago at a ND State Simmental Sale with the help from an FFA grant. From that point on he really fell in love with simmental genetics and has been helping his Dad grow their purebred herd, and now host an annual bull sale each year in February. Gabe also hopes to improve his own genetics while producing cattle for more growth and size, so when the calves hit the sale barn, they will weigh up well. Along with being involved with the cattle industry he is planning to be greatly involved in the farming aspect of the family operation. After college he looks forward to working alongside his Dad, Uncles and Cousins that have created a sustainable operation that keeps him positive about the future of agriculture. Congratulations Gabe!

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER



Kendra Myers

2020 ND Simmental Scene Scholarship winner is Kendra Myers, daughter of Greg and Kim Myers of Kathryn ND. Kendra will graduate from Lisbon High School this spring and this fall will attend Black Hawk East College to major in Ag Business. Kendra is involved in the ND Junior Simmental Association, 4H, FFA and the ND Junior Points Show Association. Kendra's Grandpa Jerry bought his first purebred bull in 1987 to use on his Hereford based cowherd that he eventually switched to purebred Simmental for the hybrid vigor as well as the added weaning weights. Today she is the third generation on the family farm raising and showing Simmentals. Kendra has been heavily involved in showing Simmental heifers at the county fair, state fair, regionals and the national classic. She believes this has helped her learn more about Simmental genetics, meet amazing people and learn about the programs available through ASA, which allows for the Simmental breed to continue to improve. Kendra believes that through showing livestock we can help educate Americans about the livestock industry and how animals are cared for, which she plans to continue to do in the future. Congratulations Kendra!

Military Appreciation Day Lunch

The NDSA is a sponsor for the ND Stockmen, ND Cattlemen, and ND Women's 15th Annual Military Appreciation Day. The meal is held at the [location] by [organization] - Tuesday July 21st.

Lunch will be served from 11:11 AM to 1:11 PM. [Location] Simmental folk that can attend are asked to wear Simmental attire to help [location] young else needed, and shaking hands and thanking the fine men/women who [location] as [location] 10:45 AM to find out where you can help! They appreciate all the help they get for making the event a huge success!

CANCELLED



Brookings, SD
JULY 11-16, 2020

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

11
Saturday

6 PM **Arrival Begins**
Cattle in tie-outs only
Barns open for tack setup

12
Sunday

5 AM **Cattle allowed in barns**
9 AM **Contestant and Cattle Check-In**
Lunch On Your Own
1 PM **Opening Announcements & Welcome**
2:30 PM **Cattlemen's Quiz**
4 PM **Calvin Drake Genetic Evaluation Quiz**
5:30 PM **Sullivan's Supply Stock Show U Clinic**
7 PM **AJSA Trustee Candidate Interviews**

13
Monday

8 AM **Judging Contest**
Contest start will be staggered by age division
Seniors - 8 am
Intermediates - 9:15 am
Juniors - 10:30 am
Lunch On Your Own
1 PM **Sales Talk**
6 PM **Weaver Leather Livestock Educational Clinic**

14
Tuesday

8 AM **AJSA National Classic Cattle Show**
OWNED SHOW
Fullblood Pairs & Heifers | Simbrah Pairs & Heifers
Percentage Pairs | Purebred Pairs | Steers
BRED & OWNED SHOW
Steers | Cow/Calf Pairs | Bulls | Heifers
Bred & Owned divisions will show in following order:
Fullblood, Simbrah, Percentage, Purebred
12 - 1:30 PM **Grab & Go Lunch**

15
Wednesday

8 AM **AJSA National Classic Cattle Show**
OWNED SHOW
Percentage Heifers | Purebred Heifers
12 - 1:30 PM **Grab & Go Lunch**

16
Thursday

8 AM **Showmanship Contest sponsored by Sullivan Supply / Stock Show U**
Two Rings - Beginning with Junior and Intermediate
Seniors will follow in the ring that concludes first
5:30 PM **AJSA National Classic Awards Ceremony**

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

To accommodate a shorter schedule and COVID-19 requirements, these events will not be offered:
PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST ▪ TEAM FITTING ▪ MEET & GREET / MENTOR PROGRAM ▪ NOVICE ACTIVITIES



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ALL HOTEL BLOCKS UNDER 'AJSA SIMMENTAL CLASSIC'

BROOKINGS INN • 605.692.9471
\$85/Night + Tax

COMFORT SUITES UNIVERSITY • 605.692.2882
Double Queen Suites & King Suites
Block Closes July 4

COUNTRY INN & SUITES • 605.692.3500
Queen Doubles, King Mini Suites, King Rooms
\$99/Night + Tax
Block Closes June 20

ECONO LODGE INN & SUITES • 605.692.3111
Double Queen Rooms - \$85/Night
Block Closes June 15

HAMPTON INN & SUITES • 605.697.5232
Double Queen & King Rooms - \$104/Night
King Suites - \$119/Night
Block Closes June 19

MY PLACE HOTEL • 605.696.3150
Double & Single Queen Rooms - \$89/Night
Block Closes June 20

SUPER 8 • 605.692.6920
Double & King Rooms - \$88.49 + Tax
Block Closes June 15

CAMPING INFORMATION
\$25/Day - Includes water & electricity
Reservations: 608-697-8878
Available first come, first serve

HOTELS & CAMPING

SIMMENTAL PROVIDES MEMBERSHIP RELIEF IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

The American Simmental Association offers a support package for members in fiscal year 2021.

During this time of uncertainty and unprecedented challenge, the American Simmental Association (ASA) recognizes that members and their customers are working tirelessly to keep the cattle industry going strong despite broad-sweeping change. To give back, the ASA Board of Trustees recently passed a member support package for the fiscal year 2021 totaling over \$280,000.

“We all know the reality of current struggles,” says Tim Curran, Ione, CA, ASA Board of Trustees Chairman. “It is only appropriate that ASA does what it can to aid members and their families as they plow ahead with the task of building the best genetics they can for the beef business.”

Starting in July 2020, the ASA will offer a 10% allotment for active ASA members based on their 2019 fiscal year (July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019) animal registrations, transfers, and Total Herd Enrollments (THE). Members may view the dollar amount of their individual allotment through their Herdbook accounts beginning July 1. The allotment can be put toward the same services in fiscal year 2021. When members submit registrations, transfers, or THE transactions, from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021 the total fees will be reduced until the allotment has been depleted.

As members deal with the impacts of this pandemic, demand won't stop for raising quality genetics and providing better protein for consumers.

ASA's Executive Vice President Wade Shafer shares that now, more than ever, data and value-added programs provided by ASA make a difference for members and their customers.

“Due to the steadily increasing demand for our members' products, the American Simmental Association has experienced extraordinary financial success,” he says. “During this time of struggle in our world and our industry, our board and staff felt that extending a hand to those who created those products (our members) was simply the right thing to do.”

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought challenges to urban and rural settings across the entire globe.

“Remarkable demand for superior genetics and prudent fiscal management have uniquely positioned ASA. Our members' unyielding industry focus has brought this about. As such, it is better we leverage a portion of ASA's resources during this time than to ask our membership to exhaust theirs,” ASA Director of Commercial and Industry Operations Chip Kemp says. “We will get through this by coming together and helping each other out wherever we can.”

Founded in 1968, the American Simmental Association is headquartered in Bozeman, MT. ASA is committed to leveraging technology, education, and collaboration to accelerate genetic profitability for the beef industry. In keeping with its commitment, ASA, along with its partners, formed International Genetic Solutions — the world's largest genetic evaluation of beef cattle. Learn more at www.simmental.org



North Dakota Junior Simmental Incentive Program

For Information please visit our website.



www.northdakotasimmental.com

2020 North Dakota Simmental Association Classic Sale Scheduled.

The North Dakota Simmental Association has scheduled the 2020 Classic Sale for December 12, 2020. The sale will be held at Kist Livestock in Mandan, ND. As in the past the sale will follow the North Dakota Red Angus Sale which is scheduled to start at noon Central Standard Time.

The offering will include bred and open heifers as well as semen and embryo lots that will be selected from the top programs in the region. The past Classic Sales have been very successful with cattle selling to several states and Canada!

There is a block of rooms reserved at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck which will be the sale headquarters as well as the site for the North Dakota Simmental Association Annual Banquet which will be held on December 11, 2020. For reservations contact the Ramkota Hotel at 701-258-7700 and ask for the North Dakota Simmental Association Block Rate The deadline for reserving rooms at the block rate is December 1, 2020.

Breeders interested in consigning to the sale can contact *Jeff Thomas by phone at 406-581-8859 or by e-mail at jeffthomas138@gmail.com*. For more information and nomination forms go to the North Dakota Simmental Association website which is www.northdakotasimmental.com. Consignors must be active members of the North Dakota Simmental Association which can be taken care of through Kim Myers, the North Dakota Simmental Association Secretary.

Producers if you would like a link to your website from the ND Simmental Association page please contact Kim Myers or Amy Stangeland.

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