

The 'Shorthorn' Brief



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Your Canadian Shorthorn Association News

REGISTRY UP-DATE:

The clock is ticking and anticipation for the Canadian Shorthorn Association's (CSA) new on-line registry is widespread and gaining momentum. At recent shows and sales, many members were talking about the new registry and anxiously awaiting its arrival. Everyone knows that major change is never easy. At first there will be many questions, some confusion, and yes, you may even find some errors. But have no fear, with the very experienced and knowledgeable staff at the Canadian Limousin Association (CLA) as the CSA's registrar staff helping each and every member as needed, the training tools we will have available, and the topnotch people at Digital Beef looking into every anomaly or error found, the CSA membership will all soon be gliding along with the multitude of advantages presented in the new system. And for those members without computer access or limited skills, full assistance will always be readily available.

- Digital Beef is right on schedule with the development of CSA's registry. The final download of data as of December 31, 2017 from Canadian Livestock Records Corporation (CLRC) is expected to be sent to Digital Beef early in January.
- Bob Riviere, CSA's Project Manager for the new registry has been diligently testing the system as CSA requirements and functions are being added to the CSA Digital Beef platform. Bob has full access to the system and to date, after considerable testing, "ALL" data transferred from CLRC to Digital Beef has been found to be 100% consistent, ie; no errors in data transfer. The CLA staff are now also assisting in checking the new CSA on-line system.
- Member access to the CSA on-line registry is expected to be at some date in January following the final download of CLRC data and necessary testing. Details on how to access accounts will be provided as soon as the system is ready for general membership use.
- During the interval period between December 31, 2017 and the date when our new Digital Beef registry goes on-line, the CLRC Shorthorn web-site will remain accessible to all members on a look-see basis only. No registry changes, additions or activities can be performed thru the CLRC system or site, however all data in the herdbook, as of December 31, 2017, can still be accessed and viewed.

2018 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS and HERD ENROLLMENTS:

Annually, members have received their enrollment and membership renewal forms from CLRC in December. As this activity comes right at the cross over of systems, it has been decided that the best way to handle it this year, is like always... filling out paper forms - yes, paper! Members should think of this as possibly the last paper registry exercise required (if that is your choice). The enrollment forms will be mailed out by the CSA office in Regina over the next week. Note that the inventory lists have been generated by CLRC and are effective as of December 13th. Members will return the forms with payment to the new registry office in Calgary where they will be processed on the new system.

The registry office address will be: Canadian Shorthorn Association, Unit A, #13, 4101-19 Street NE Calgary, Alberta T2E 7C4. The phone lines are being installed later this week and the number will be provided along with your enrollment forms. Payment procedures and fees will also be outlined in detail.

***WEANING & YEARLING WEIGHTS**

All weights that were not received at CLRC by December, 15, 2017 will be forwarded to the Canadian Shorthorn registry office in Calgary and added to the new on-line registry as soon as possible. If members have any concerns about EPDs, especially those with upcoming sales early in 2018, please contact Bob Riviere directly at 905-466-1466 who will assist you.

***PARENTAGE, DNA and GENETIC CONDITION TESTING:**

Our service provider, Delta Genomics remains unchanged. Procedures for requesting testing will be very similar to what we have been doing for the last few years in that you will request the specific tests from Registry, either by using the on-line system yourself, or by calling the registry office. In the interim, if you have a very urgent issue regarding DNA or defect testing, please contact the CSA office in Regina, or the registry office in Calgary for assistance.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- *All registry related work and requests received at CLRC by December 15th will be completed by CLRC by year end, provided all information is complete and requirements are met.
- *All active registry service, input and output will end with CLRC effective December 31st.
- *After December 15th, all registry work and requests received at CLRC will be forwarded to the CSA office in Regina and handled appropriately in a timely manner.
- *As of January 1 all registry work and requests will be directed to the Canadian Shorthorn registry office in Calgary.

From the Canadian Shorthorn Association we'd like to wish all a

