

The 'Shorthorn' Brief



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Your Canadian Shorthorn Association News

YOUR NEW CSA ON-LINE REGISTRY IS NOW "LIVE"!!!

Effective Tuesday, March 6th, 2018, all CSA members in good standing will have the capability to log in to the new on-line registry.

- Contact the CSA Registry Office by email registry@canadianshorthorn.com or phone 403-717-2581 to get a password of your choosing. Your user name, which is your current member ID #, and your new password will give you your personalized on-line access.
- To log in, go to the registry website at www.csa.digitalbeef.com. Then enter your user name and password and you are off and running.

***IMPORTANT NOTES:** The Registry office is in the process of inputting all of the 2018 WHR enrollments sent in to date. They are being processed in date order received and currently the staff are working on enrollments received the week of January 22nd. As you will recall, your 2018 enrollments were submitted in paper format and therefore, the input is an entirely manual process for the staff.

All members whose enrollments have been processed can work on-line with their inventories, files and data.

All other members awaiting enrollment processing can log-in and view data on all animals, however, functions such as recording/registering 2018 born calves, transfers, etc. that are covered under the 2018 WHR will require the 2018 enrollments to be completed first. You can check if your 2018 WHR has been processed yet by going to the 'Inventory' tab under Herd Mgmt. If there is a tab that says 'Assessed 2018' your 2018 enrollment has been processed. If there is only an 'Assessed 2017 (or previous year)' tab then CSA registry staff have yet to process your WHR, please be patient.

PLEASE DO NOT ENROLL YOUR ANIMALS YOURSELF ON-LINE.

It is important for this year that enrollments be based on the paper forms submitted and processed by the Registry staff.

***FIRST STEPS:** Consult the "CSA MEMBER GUIDELINES for the DIGITAL BEEF SITE" (click [here](#)) and also available on the CSA website. These guidelines will take you through step by step the most common processes members request, for example: herd look up, new calf registrations, recording weights, etc.

When you first log into your account, please go to the "Address" and "Phones" tabs to ensure that the correct information is on file for you and make any necessary changes. Please also select the "Prefs" tab and ensure your preferences are as you wish them to be.

DON'T BE AFRAID TO GET IN AND WORK WITH YOUR FILES. EVEN IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE AND ACCIDENTALLY DELETE SOMETHING... NO WORRIES! THE REGISTRY STAFF CAN EASILY FIX IT.

***WORKING ON-LINE:** Once your enrollments are processed, you will be able to make many changes and edits to your own member and herd data yourself. For example, anything that has a red edit or red update button beside it is available for members to make changes to. Some fields cannot be changed by members and if an error is detected in one of those fields members should bring it to the attention of the Registry Staff who will review the concern. For example: errors in CSA #'s, purebred status, genetic conditions and DNA information.

***NEW CALF REGISTRATIONS & CERTIFICATES:** It's that time of year when members may be anxious to try out their new on-line registry by registering one or a few of their newborn calves.

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE DIRECTIONS FOR NEW CALF REGISTRATIONS:

- You may 'record' a calf when it is born, but you must not 'register' each calf one at a time; this will cause individual certificates to be generated and mailed out as they are produced which is costly in postage and time consuming. Instead, after 'recording' the new calf, **uncheck** the 'Register' button and **uncheck** the 'Send me the Certificate?' button. Calves entered in this manner will be recorded, and all data saved in the registry **once you click 'Validate' and 'Commit to Registry'**, but they will not receive an official registration number or certificate.
- Later, when you wish to 'upgrade' these recorded animals to registered as a group you can go into your 'Herd' tab and click 'Upgrade' beside each animal you wish to register. This will put them into a queue called 'Upgrade/Register' under Herd Mgmt. If you have not already named the animal you will have the option to do so at that time. You can do this more than once over the course of calving if you wish, we are just asking that you do not register each calf as it is born as a certificate will generate, print and be mailed one by one. It is best to either only **record** one by one without registering or wait until you have a larger group of calves to register all at once.
- Regarding paper certificates, you have the choice to check the "Send me the Certificate?" box to receive a paper pedigree for new registrations and transfers OR some members may prefer to 'e-file' their pedigrees in which case they will leave the box unchecked and the certificate will not be printed and mailed. An official certificate can always be requested at a later date. As well, unofficial certificate copies may be printed by members on-line by clicking the 'View Certificate' button in each animal's profile. This can be very useful as EPD data will now be included on the certificates and as time goes on and EPDs are updated, a newly printed certificate will include current EPDs.

***FUNCTIONS UNDER CONSTRUCTION:** a few key functions in the Registry are still under construction and are expected to be fully functional in a few weeks. They include the field "Spring 2018 NCE" - Trait Leaders, Young Sires and Progeny Tested Sires and data found under the DNA tab may temporarily not displayed or may be incomplete. All of these functions are being actively worked on. **ERRORS and OMISSIONS:** Although a number of members as well as the Registry Staff have worked on the new Registry system over the past months, testing and checking for errors, omissions and discrepancies, it was not possible to look at every file in every member's herd, so it is quite possible that further anomalies will be found. So far, all errors have been easily fixed, so please, detail any problems you may find in an email to the Registry Office where they will be looked after promptly.

For those members who may be comparing information on their animals between the CSA Digital Beef Registry and the ASA Digital Beef Registry, you may find instances where the animal's information does not line up (i.e.; performance data, EPDs, DOB, etc.). Some animals appear to have conflicting IDs between the two Registry systems causing these discrepancies. They will need to be manually corrected by our DigitalBeef programmer one by one. Please email a list of any of these animals you detect with discrepancies to the Registry Office where they will ensure they are looked after.

***Old CLRC REGISTRY:** for your convenience, the CSA's old CLRC registry will remain on-line, available for member look up only, until the end of March 2018.