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The 'Shorthorn' Brief



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Your Canadian Shorthorn Association News

REGISTRY UP-DATE

The CSA's new registry development is moving ahead smoothly and steadily thanks to a group of knowledgeable and dedicated people at Digital Beef, our new registry staff in Calgary and Bob Riviere. In Bob's words, the CSA's base Digital Beef platform is strong and has been Canadianized and Shorthornized. Unfortunately, our target timeline has been set back a bit due to a delay in getting the final download from CLRC (as of December 31st).

The weights and EPD data for Canadian registered animals that was residing on the American Shorthorn Association's registry has been transferred to our new registry and checking/validation is well underway. Starting this week, a small group of CSA members from across Canada will be testing the new registry with the goal to catch any instructions that may not be clear, as well as detect possible errors and omissions in data. A training manual is currently being put together and will be available in printed form as well as on-line. We hope to have the system live and available to all members by mid-February.

New Pedigree Format

The pedigree format you have been familiar with in paper form is undergoing an update. All information previously included will still be provided. The most notable change is the addition of the animal's EPDs and adjusted weights on the pedigree as well as any reported defect test results. It is important to remember that EPDs do change when more data on related animals is submitted and processed through IGS. To get the most current EPDs you will be able to go to our on-line registry where they will always be displayed, and available to print. IGS, who produces our EPDs, currently does two runs per year with an increase in that number expected soon.

CSA Registry Office In Calgary

By now, quite a number of CSA members have had communications with our three member service registry staff: Dallas Wise, Laura Ecklund and Shayla Chappell as well as perhaps Tessa Verbeek, their supervisor and the Canadian Limousin Association's General Manager. Our French-speaking members are invited to contact Dennis Cox, Quebec Director, Canadian Shorthorn Association, who has agreed to help with questions or translation they may need with the new registry. Dennis can be reached at: 819-838-4899 (work); 819-837-2086 (home); email: triplejcox@gmail.com.

When CSA entered into a service contract with the Canadian Limousin Association to share registry staff

we knew their almost three-year experience with Digital Beef, IGS and Delta Genomics, all the same suppliers the CSA has, would be invaluable. Perhaps that will become an understatement. Their depth of knowledge with the on-line registry has already paid major dividends in the checking/validation process as they work with Bob Riviere. In addition, they are using their experience to help with the development of the training tools our will members need.

CSA Billings and Accounts

Setting up new member accounts from the transferred data that was sent and creating new credit card files is on-going. Invoices/statements will be mailed or e-mailed to you (if you have an e-mail address on file). This will also be dependent on the nature of the invoice (ie. If there are registration papers that accompany it, it will be mailed). Please ensure the CSA registry staff has your correct e-mail on file.

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