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## The 'Shorthorn' Brief



## **Your Canadian Shorthorn Association News**

This report is the first of what will be regular summaries of Canadian Shorthorn Association (CSA) activities and notices of interest to members.

#### \* New Registry

- The contract has been signed with Digital Beef LLC for CSA member registry services.
- The implementation timeline for the new registry is on track with January 2018 the target date for on-line member usage.
- Digital Beef is working on implementing CSA's Bylaws, Rules and Regulations into our registry system.
- The process to finalize a Registrar to handle all day to day aspects of member services is in progress.
- The initial download of current CSA registry data has been sent to Digital Beef and testing will be commencing soon.

### \* IGS and EPD's for CSA Members

- The contract with IGS to provide the CSA with their own EPDs is not scheduled to come into effect until January 2018, after the launch of the CSA Digital Beef registry.
- IGS has confirmed that all CSA data currently in their files will remain and will be included in their Fall run of EPDs.

# \* WHAT SHOULD CSA MEMBERS BE DOING TO HELP WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS?

- 1) Be sure to submit all 2017 animal registrations to CLRC as soon as possible.
- 2) Submit weaning and/or yearling weight data to CLRC as soon as it is collected.
- 3) Update contact information for your membership.