

Summer 2023

MSA NEWSLETTER



WHY SIMMENTAL?

The Simmental breed was developed to be a dual-purpose breed. While the breed isn't used quite the same way anymore, the functionality of the breed remains the same. By integrating SimGenetics in your herd, you can help to increase your operation's efficiency and profitability.

The top reasons to use Simgenetics:

- Lower birth weight and high calving ease
- Milking ability
- Big growth and heavy weaning weights
- Docility
- Stayability
- Lower feed costs in production operations due to moderate mature frame size.

Whether your operation's goal is production in the pasture or the feedlot, the ASA has developed a set of breed EPDs and Indexes that will help predict an animal's profitability within your herd to help you reach your goal.

Let SimGenetics work for you today!

MN STATE FAIR OPEN SHOW DEADLINES

- **Opens:** Monday, June 26
- **Mail-in Entry Deadline:** must be received by Monday, July 31 @ 4:30 p.m.
- **Online Entry Deadline:** Wednesday, August 2, @ 4:30 p.m.

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BREEDER SPOTLIGHT

Oak Meadow Farms



Aggen Family pictured left to right: Hunter, Matt, Jessica, & Garrett

Oak Meadow Farms is a progressive seedstock operation owned and operated by the Aggen Family in the south east corner of Minnesota. They maintain a herd of 130 cows. Extensive AI and Embryo transfer are tools used to help propagate the best Simmental genetics possible. Breeding philosophies that are emphasized are balance and bridging the gap between outstanding data and indexes and desirable, functional visual quality. Oak Meadow Farms is a perennial exhibitor at the National Western Stock Show in Denver, CO and have had many success in the past years. Their 6th annual production sale will be held next February in Cresco, Iowa. Matt is currently on the American Simmental Association board where he is a great representation not only for the breed, but for Minnesota as well! **Make sure to like and follow the Oak Meadow Farms Facebook page for more information on their operation and production sale.**

Additionally, be sure to follow the Minnesota Simmental Association's Facebook page for weekly breeder spotlights September-April!





FIELD DAY

2023 Field Day was a two day event. The first day saw new ASA Board member Matt Aggen and IA State Association member Cade Bracker speak to the members present. Matt spoke about his experience thus far on the board and the areas of focus within the ASA. Cade spoke about the upcoming 2023 AJSA National Classic. The Raatz Family and the Pipestone Cattlemen put on an amazing steak supper. The Juniors met after supper. They broke up into 3 small groups to work on contest skills for the upcoming Classics.

RESULTS

Day 2 was the Junior show. Judge Cade Bracker. See the MN Simmental Facebook page for official backdrop photos.

Champion Purebred Heifer

SS/ PZC Lookin Like Something
Exhibited by Brooke Polzin

Reserve Purebred

ADSF Robins Kiss 340K
Exhibited by Aiden Hiniker

Champion Percentage Heifer

FRKG Karat 220K ET
Exhibited by Reese Anderson

Reserve Purebred

WEBR Montana Skies 50K
Exhibited by Matt Weber

Champion Cow/Calf

JSUL PCC All about Rosie 1115J
Exhibited by Jaxon Hilbrands

Reserve Cow/Calf

JSUL Sara's Dream 0125H
Exhibited by Brooklyn Hiniker

Champion Bred & Owned Bull

AHIN Bankers Dream L310
Exhibited by Brooklyn Hiniker

Reserve Bred & Owned Bull

HWK Keystone K206
Exhibited by Weston Hawkins





John & Rita Volz - still in love with the Simmental cattle and each other after 50 years!





MEALS WITH MOENNING'S!

Here's the classic we love... whether you're camping or just cooking at home! Steak and potatoes foiled and over fire! We also love Kita Robert's, Carnivore Girl! Give her a follow. Her recipes for beef and other meat will elevate your favorite beef recipes.

Garlic Steak and Potato Foil Packs for Camping

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 lb. Idaho Dutch Yellow Potatoes (cut into equal portions, halved or quartered)
- 1 Onion (sliced thin)
- 1 Pint Mushrooms (sliced)
- 4 Garlic Cloves
- 4 Tbsp Cooking Oil
- 2 Tsp Salt
- 1 Tsp Thyme
- 1 Tsp Paprika
- 1 Tsp Steak Seasoning
- 12 oz. Sirloin Steak (divided evenly)
- 2 Tbsp Butter (divided)
- 1 Tbsp Parmesan Cheese (grated)
- Freshly Minced Parsley (for garnish)

INSTRUCTIONS:

PREP THE CAMPFIRE:

- Preap a campfire for low heat.
- Build a fire and shovel the coals to the center, maintaining a low and even heat for cooking with glowing red embers.

PREP THE POTATOES:

- Place the cut potatoes, onion, and mushrooms in a large bowl.
- Add the garlic.
- Drizzle the cooking oil over top and toss to coat everything.
- Add the salt, thyme, paprika, and umami blend to the bowl and toss again.

ASSEMBLE THE PACKETS:

- Arrange 4 12" sections of heavy-duty aluminum foil on a clean work surface.
- Divide the potato mixture evenly between each packet.
- Place beef over top of each.
- Top each steak with a plat of butter.
- Fold the foil up on the edges, crimping to securely seal the package.

GRILL THE PACKETS:

- Place each foil packet around the edge of the fire, and cook about 35-40 minutes, rotating as needed to evenly cook.
- Cook until potatoes are fork-tender and steak is cooked through to at least 135 degrees F. The onions and mushrooms will soften in the juices.

SERVE:

- Serve each hobo packet as it's own plate, unfolding the foil and allowing the steam to escape.
- Season with parmesan cheese and garnish with fresh thyme and parsley.





50TH ANNUAL MINNESOTA STATE SIMMENTAL SALE

November 18-19, 2023

**Haas Livestock
Cannon Falls, MN**

Saturday, November 18th, 2023

- MSA Board Meeting
- MJSA Meeting & Board Nominations
- Membership Meeting
- Banquet, Semen Auction, Merchandise Auction - Everyone is Welcomed!

Sunday, November 19th, 2023

- 50th Annual Minnesota State Simmental Association Sale

A reminder if you would like to nominate anyone for the following awards/positions feel free to let our current board know at any time!

These include: Traveling Bell, MSA Board Member, & Commercial Producer of the Year



STATE SALE HIGHLIGHTS

OUTSTANDING SENIOR MEMEBER

Chad Hagen



OUTSTANDING JUNIOR MEMBER

Jazlynn Hilbrands

MN SIMMENTAL QUEEN

Audrey Redalen



CHAMPION SHOWMAN OF THE YEAR

Wyatt Herman



CHAMPION % HEIFER

Weston Hawkins



RES. CHAMPION SHOWMAN OF THE YEAR

Aiden Hiniker

CHAMPION PB HEIFER

Jaxon Hilbrands



VOLZ SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Kinzie Kutney

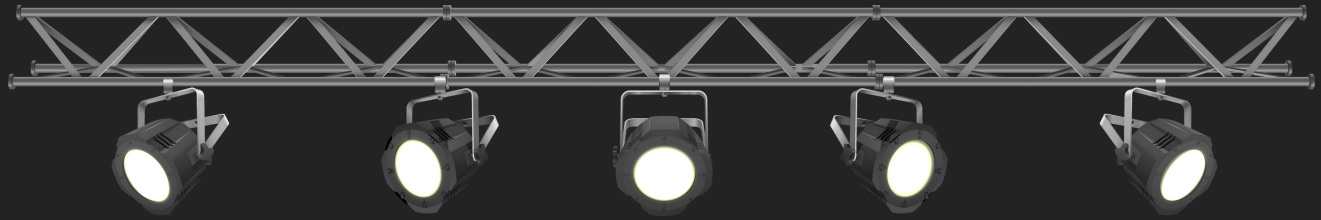


TRAVELING BELL WINNER

Pit Stop Acres -
Daryl & Marilee
Peterson & Family

(pictured with last years
winner, the Raatz family)





RES. CHAMPION PB HEIFER

Brooke Polzin

RES. CHAMPION % HEIFER

Wyatt Herman





AJSA NATIONAL CLASSIC XLIII

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY
JULY 6

8 PM ALL TIE OUTS OPEN FOR CATTLE

FRIDAY
JULY 7

8 AM BARN OPEN FOR SET UP
5 PM MENTOR/MENTEE PROGRAM KICKOFF PAV

SATURDAY
JULY 8

HOSPITALITY OPEN 9 AM TO 4 PM SNX
8 AM ALL CATTLE IN PLACE
8-11 AM CONTESTANT & CATTLE CHECK-IN YIN
9 AM NOVICE ACTIVITY SNX
10 AM STEER WEIGH-IN
11 AM LUNCH SNX
12 PM JUDGING CONTEST OCA
1 PM NOVICE ACTIVITY SNX
6 PM OPENING CEREMONIES PAV
7:30 PM AJSA DANCE SNX
10 PM FIREWORKS

SUNDAY
JULY 9

HOSPITALITY OPEN 9 AM TO 4 PM SNX
8:30 AM CATTLEMEN'S QUIZ YIN
9 AM CLASSIC COOK-OFF MEETING
9 AM NOVICE ACTIVITY SNX
10 AM SALES TALK JR & SR: PAV - INT: OCA
11 AM LUNCH SNX
1 PM NOVICE ACTIVITY SNX
3 PM AFTERNOON TREAT TIME WITH PURINA OCA
3:30 PM SULLIVAN SUPPLY CLINIC OCA
TO FOLLOW FITTING CONTEST OCA
4:30 PM CLASSIC COOK-OFF ENTRIES DUE

MONDAY
JULY 10

HOSPITALITY OPEN 9 AM TO 4 PM SNX
8:30 AM CALVIN DRAKE GENETIC EVAL QUIZ YIN
9 AM NOVICE ACTIVITY SNX
10 AM PUBLIC SPEAKING YIN
10 AM INTERVIEW CONTEST YIN
10 AM BREEDERS CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT
11 AM AJSA TRUSTEE CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS YIN
2:30 PM INAUGURAL T-SHIRT EXCHANGE YIN
3 PM AJSA REGIONAL MEETINGS YIN
4 PM ASA ADULT MEMBER TOWN HALL MEETING SNX
5:30 PM SC VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT OCA
AJSA BOARD DUNK TANK FUNDRAISER

LOCATION KEY

OCA: OUTDOOR COVERED ARENA SNX: SOUTH ANNEX
PAV: SHOW PAVILION YIN: YOUTH INN



Des Moines, Iowa • July 7-13

TUESDAY
JULY 11

HOSPITALITY OPEN 9 AM TO 4 PM SNX
6:30 AM BREAKFAST SNX
7:30 AM BRED & OWNED SHOW PAV - RING 1
STEERS - PERCENTAGE SIMBRAH
PUREBRED SIMBRAH - PUREBRED SIMMENTAL
8 AM OWNED SHOW PAV - RING 2
STEERS - PERCENTAGE SIMBRAH
PUREBRED SIMBRAH - PERCENTAGE SIMMENTAL
5-8 PM SKY GLIDERS OPEN

WEDNESDAY
JULY 12

HOSPITALITY OPEN 9 AM TO 4 PM SNX
6:30 AM BREAKFAST SNX
7:30 AM BRED & OWNED SHOW PAV - RING 1
FULLBLOOD SIMMENTAL - PERCENTAGE SIMMENTAL
7:30 AM OWNED SHOW PAV - RING 2
FULLBLOOD SIMMENTAL - PUREBRED SIMMENTAL

THURSDAY
JULY 13

HOSPITALITY OPEN 9 AM TO 4 PM SNX
8 AM SHOWMANSHIP PAV - 2 RINGS
JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE OCA
SENIOR
2 HOURS AFTER FINISH CLASSIC XLIII AWARDS BANQUET PAV
11 PM ALL CATTLE AND TACK OUT OF BARN

FRIDAY
JULY 14

11 AM ALL CATTLE OUT OF TIE OUTS

ALL CATTLE MUST BE IN THE BARN
FROM AT LEAST 8 AM TO 5 PM
SATURDAY, JULY 8 - THURSDAY, JULY 13



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Good luck to
all those
competing at
Jr. Nationals!

68 Minnesota kids entered

Those attending their last
Jr. Nationals

- Martha Moenning
- Dylan Lunning
- Mary Grace O'Sullivan

NEW WEBSITE

We have some exciting news to share!

We will be launching our new website in
the coming months which will make for a
more user-friendly experience.

Don't fret! It will be the same website
name so the change will be seamless for
all users!



 **SimGenetics**
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American Simmental Association

DEMAND DRIVER

The percentage of beef calves identified as **SimAngus**TM grew seven-fold from 2010 to 2018, according to Kansas State University analysis of more than 35,000 lots of beef calves marketed through Superior Livestock Auction.

7X

That is demand.

STAND STRONG SIMMENTAL

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*Dr. Bob Hough, *Western Livestock Journal*, "Breed trends in feeder cattle," January 2020. Kansas State University Superior Livestock Auction data analysis, 35,483 lots of beef calves marketed via 211 video auctions, 2010-2018.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Minnesota State Fair Open Show

September 2-3, 2023
MN State Fairgrounds
St. Paul, MN



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