



Canadian Simmental Association 2021 Proposed By-law Changes

The Canadian Simmental Association (CSA) Board of Directors is proposing amendments to its by-laws that would recognize a 7/8 male as a Purebred Simmental rather than the current requirement of 15/16 for a Simmental male to attain Purebred status. This change has been discussed for numerous years at the CSA board level as a result of requests from CSA members.

Some of the reasons for this change are:

- To more accurately recognize the genetic contribution of 7/8 males at an equal level to 7/8 females which have been recognized as purebreds since 1970
- The change of purebred status would also facilitate the amendment to the CSA upgrade table and recognize the progeny born from the mating of a 7/8 Simmental male to a 1/2 Simmental female as a 3/4 blood calf.
 - o This was originally part of the 2013 by-law and upgrading table changes that received unanimous support through a CSA membership vote held at its Annual General Meeting. While all the other revisions to the upgrading table were accepted by Agriculture and Agrifood Canada (AAFC), this specific mating outcome was not approved and the CSA is currently required to recognize the calves from this mating as a 1/2 blood animal. A 7/8 Simmental female mated to a 1/2 blood male is however recognized as a 3/4 blood calf with the reasoning that a 7/8 female is recognized as a Purebred while as stated above, a 7/8 male is not.
- Purebred 15/16 status would continue to be calculated for those who require to identify that level of purity, as well as to facilitate the process of developing a 7/8 Purebred Simmental from a recorded 3/4 blood parent.
 - o This addresses the concern of this change possibly affecting export markets to other countries

It is important to note that:

- This change would not result in the Canadian Simmental upgrade table being the same as the American Simmental upgrade table as the American table has some distinct differences, including recognizing Simmental animals at less than 1/2 blood status.
- These changes will be voted on by active CSA members who are in good standing through a mail-in ballot process in the spring of 2021
- Support by a 2/3 majority of the vote is required to move to the step of sending the revisions to AAFC for final approval from the Federal Minister of Agriculture
- This change in no way affects the Canadian Simmental Fullblood registry nor does it any way make any changes to Fullblood status.

We are confident that these by-law changes will influence the Simmental breed in Canada in a positive way as we facilitate growth for our members and will allow us to continue the Simmental breed's contributions to the improvement of the Canadian beef cattle herd.

Canadian Simmental Association Board of Directors