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Dear CSA Member:

Thank you for your continued commitment to the Simmental breed and your involvement with the Canadian Simmental Association (CSA). Your association continues to work hard to meet all your needs in the areas of registry and genetic improvement, as well as creating market awareness and opportunities for Simmental within the beef industry in Canada and around the world.

In order to register animals, CSA members may choose one of two options in working with the CSA office; through our Total Herd Enrollment (THE) or registration/transfer fees:

Option 1. Total Herd Enrollment (THE) Option

THE participants (who are not online members) - enclosed please find your 2020 total herd enrollment forms and instructions. **Deadline submission date for best rate is December 15, 2019.** The fee for enrollments received by this date is \$22/head for Purebred, Fullblood and Percentage females. Members enrolling by this date will be invoiced in two equal installments: the first on April 1, 2020 and the second October 1, 2020. Enrollments received between December 16, 2019 and February 15, 2020 will be charged a \$27.00/head enrollment fee, payable in full on April 1, 2020. Cost to enroll after February 15, 2020 is \$38/head, payable in full at time of submission. Applicable taxes will be added to all prices.

In the event an enrolled cow is shipped or sold between installment billings, the second installment is still due and payable by the member who enrolled the cow. For further information and instructions on Total Herd Enrollment, please go to www.simmental.com under Registry / Total Herd Enrollment (THE).

ONLINE MEMBERS WILL NOT RECEIVE FEMALE ENROLLMENT FORMS IN THIS PACKAGE. THE participants using online.simmental.com are required to submit enrollments by the above THE deadlines through our online program.

In order to simplify data collection and improve service, breeders simply need to review their inventory and identify those animals that have been disposed with a disposal code. **All remaining registered females will automatically be enrolled if a disposal code is not included.** (Please note: Breeding Code 109 – Bred Commercial – does not constitute as a disposal code, therefore the female will be enrolled if given this code.)

The enrollment form also enables us to capture heifer pregnancy data. All non-disposed yearling heifers appear at the end of the enrollment listing (registered or not), and breeders wishing to participate in heifer pregnancy work can enter either a disposal code, or a breeding code and resulting pregnancy test result. These non-registered heifers will not be charged enrollment fee.

Registered heifers kept as replacement females will be enrolled as per the fee schedule. It is important that breeding and resulting pregnancies are reported on all heifers, not just those kept for replacement purposes.

As in previous years, Total Herd Enrollment (THE) members can submit all data and register and transfer offspring born to THE cows during the enrollment year. **Complete** herd data submitted through the THE program will continue to be sent to the genetic evaluation and will be the driving force behind EPDs for Canadian Simmental. Only performance data submitted through the THE program will be submitted to the genetic evaluation. To remind and encourage members to submit complete herd data, **Incomplete THE Data Reports** are a new report listing those animals with incomplete data (marked with an "X"). Members must submit missing data using Registration Form and Performance Worksheets to capture all required information.

Online Simmental.com users – over 55% of CSA members are now using the online computer system representing 75% of THE cows. Online Simmental.com users also benefit by saving \$2/head for each Purebred and Fullblood cow enrolled online by December 15.

Option 2. Registration Option (for members NOT in Total Herd Enrollment)

Breeders selecting the Registration option can submit data on those females that they choose and for members selecting this option we have included a blank calving sheet which you may copy as often as you wish to register individual animals. The data will be shown on the registration paper along with any relevant EPD, as is currently the case. Data through this option will not be included in our Genetic Evaluation or in future maternal trait EPD development or other research projects.

Breeders may elect to enter in the Total Herd Enrollment (THE) option at any time. If you wish to participate or rejoin, please contact the office for your THE forms. A reactivation fee will apply to those females that have left the THE program and then rejoin.

The CSA is owned and directed by Simmental members to serve themselves and their customers. We offer services including promotion of Simmental genetics, registry services, breed improvement programs, information technology (web services, Online Simmental.com, and management reports) and publication of our breed magazine Simmental Country along with the Commercial Country. Another pillar of our programming is the Young Canadian Simmental Association.

Through your participation in Total Herd Enrollment or other registry and transfer services, you are ensuring that your Association can continue to maintain our current service levels as well as working towards providing new services for you.

Sincerely Yours,

Canadian Simmental Association