

Barclay Smith introduced Danny Blaine for the induction at Farm Fair in November 2026 with Harry Satchwell

MEMBER NUMBER 400

***Danny Blain** of Eagle Hill, AB, joins the Canadian Simmental Association Hall of Fame*

Some names are woven into an association's history. Danny Blain's is stamped on his membership number: CSA #400. Behind that number are decades of service, a herd built, lost and built again, and a lifelong devotion to the Simmental breed that earned him a place in the Canadian Simmental Association Hall of Fame.

A Farm Family from Olds

Danny was born in Olds, Alberta, in 1945, one of thirteen children in a farm family. He is also a twin. Agriculture was not just part of his upbringing; it was daily life.

He farmed his dad's home quarter near Eagle Hill, and after he and his wife, Loretta, were married, the two entered the Simmental seedstock business together in the mid-1970s. That partnership became Eagle-Ridge Simmentals.

For 25 years, Danny also worked off the farm as an oilfield operator. Through those years, he and Loretta added two more quarters of land in the early 1980s and kept growing the herd.

Cattle Known for Staying Power

The Eagle-Ridge cattle earned a reputation for longevity, maternal strength and consistency, qualities cattlemen have valued for decades.

Then came a terrible hailstorm in the middle of the night. In its aftermath, Danny and his family made the heartbreaking decision to sell the majority of the Eagle-Ridge herd to the Beechinor Brothers. What followed speaks to the quality of those females: the Beechinors went on to elevate them to an international stage.

Rebuilding

Danny did not quit. He set about rebuilding, buying from some of the most reputable breeders in the business, including Beechinors, Anchor D, Circle G, Virginia Ranch, Double Bar D and OH KAY FARMS.

Along the way, he used herdsires that left a real mark on the breed, among them Anchor T Impact, Sim Roc Stroller and Anchor T Torpedo, and he raised tremendous females and bulls. For many years, he also held his own Lucky Bull Sale.

Giving Back

Danny's contributions reach well beyond his own pastures. He served two terms on the Alberta Simmental Board, was a 4-H leader, coached hockey and sat on the board of the Eagle Hill Co-op, now Westview Co-op.

Those who know him describe a tremendous mentor to young CSA breeders. His children and grandchildren have carried that tradition forward, with many successful 4-H shows to their names.

A Lifelong Dream

For Danny, farming the land has always been the most important thing, and raising Simmental cattle has been a lifelong dream, one he continues to live today.

On behalf of the Board and the membership, congratulations to Danny Blain, the newest member of the Canadian Simmental Association Hall of Fame, and thank you for everything he has given to this breed.