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The mailbox is full of Bull Sale Catalogs...

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Yup you guessed it... February once again!

Even with the hustle and bustle, it is one of the best times of the year.

We have an opportunity to see what bulls worked last year and what we may need to improve on for the next.

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Bismarck, ND
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Almont, ND
- 3 Klain Simmental Ranch Annual Production Sale
Turtle Lake, ND
- 5 Haas Ranch Production Sale
Mandan, ND
- 6 Hoiby-Hystad Bullnanza Sale
Rugby, ND
- 6 James Creek Simmentals Private Treaty Bull Sale
Heaton, ND
- 6 Koeplin's Black Simmental Bull Sale
Mandan, ND
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Wibaux, MT
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Almont, ND
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Lanesboro, MN
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Bismarck, ND
- 11 Rydeen Farms Vision IX Sale
Clearbrook, MN
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Valley City, ND
- 12 Traxinger Simmentals Bull Sale
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Napoleon, ND

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- 15 Bichler/Johnson 2nd Annual Bull Sale
Linton, ND
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Bismarck, ND
- 17 Ellingson Simmentals Production Sale
Rugby, ND
- 18 Northern Plains Simmental Private Treaty Sale
Bowbells, ND
- 20 Keller Broken Heart Ranch Annual Production Sale
Mandan, ND

March

- 2 LaBatte Simmentals 27th Annual Production Sale
Moose Jaw, SK
- 6 Doll Ranch Annual Production Sale
Mandan, ND
- 7 Bata/Olafson Annual Production Sale
Rugby, ND
- 10 NW ND Select Simmental Sale
Stanley, ND
- 11 7N Simmentals Annual Production Sale
Medina, ND
- 26 Nelson Livestock Production Sale
Baker, MT

April

- 2 Kjelgaard Simmental Production Sale
Jamestown, ND
- 6 Edge of the West Bull Sale
Mandan, ND

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News from the ASA...

SimChoice Promo

SimChoice^{SV} is part of a renewed commitment by the members of the American Simmental Association to promote profits among our genetics customers by preserving the source, age and genetic identity of SimGenetics further down the US beef chain. By offering the known added value of source and age verification technology, currently averaging between \$2 and \$6 per cwt., the added value of SimChoice^{SV} is relatively certain. The extra value of the program comes from the branding of calves and or fed cattle as SimAngus or Simmental Genetics so that end users may more effectively manage and market the cattle or beef they purchase.

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EPDs: 11.6 2.1 39.3 68.5 -3.4 1.6 21.2



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EPDs: BW +2.4 WW+59 YW+83 Milk+18

Adj. WW: 815 Ratio 112 Dam 3/105



HART DAY AHEAD 6675

BD: 4/28/06 BW: 78 lbs.

Sire: Mohnen Day Ahead 144

MGS: T Lite of Westwind 859

EPDs: BW +1.3 WW+51 YW+85 Milk+27

Adj. WW: 840 Ratio 116 Dam 3/113



HART CONTENDER S115

BD: 3/27/06 BW: 93 lbs.

Zeis-GCF Contender x PCC Lionheart

EPDs: 8 1.9 41 71 3 4 24

Adj. WW: 827 Ratio 107 Dam 5/104

1/6/07 Wt: 1,216 lbs.



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COTT Locator 582L x BDV Festus 35G

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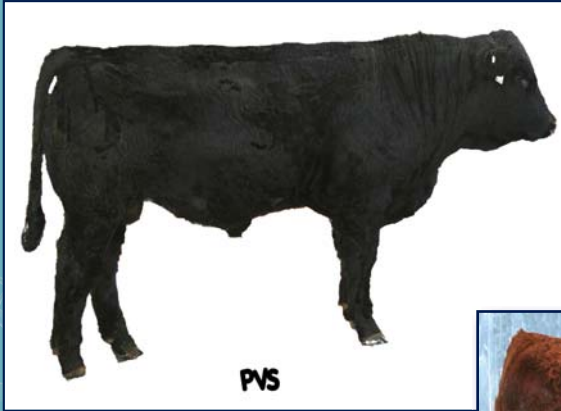
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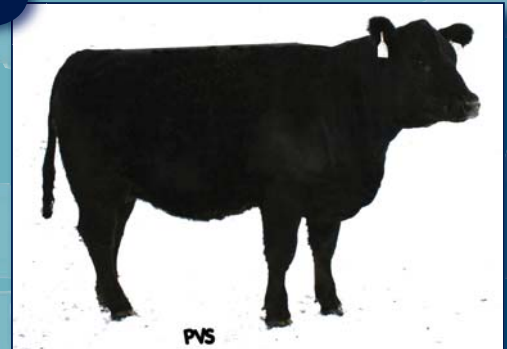
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The Ethanol Industry — Has It Ushered in a New Era in the Beef Industry?



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The slide in feeder cattle prices this fall leaves little doubt that the price of corn has a huge impact on what feedlot operators can and will pay for feeder cattle. In most cases, feeder cattle futures contracts are off \$20 or more per hundredweight from their highs early this fall while corn is up over \$1 per bushel during the same time period. Very few (read “any”) people predicted this rapid rise in corn prices, but yet here it is. So, what does the future hold? In this month’s newsletter, I’ll give you some opinions on likely outcomes in the short and long term.

Ethanol Industry Consuming More Corn. It’s no secret that the ethanol industry has been expanding rapidly. There are currently 108 ethanol plants in operation in the United States, another 48 under construction, and 11 in the process of undergoing major expansion (Table 1). The plants currently in operation have the capacity to produce slightly more than 5 billion gallons of ethanol annually. Those plants under construction and in expansion (most of which will be completed in the next 12 to 18 months) will add almost 3.7 billion gallons annually to that capacity.

The ethanol industry standard is 2.7 to 2.8 gallons of ethanol per bushel of corn. Like any business, some producers are more efficient than others. If we use an average figure of 2.75 gallons of ethanol per bushel of corn, the plants currently operating will use approximately 1.85 billion bushels of corn and those under construction will use an additional 1.49 billion bushels. Recent USDA estimates of the 2006 corn crop have the harvest pegged at 10.745 billion bushels. Using that figure, current ethanol plants are consuming 17.2 percent of the 2006 harvest. The new plants will consume an additional 13.85 percent of the 2006 crop. The total consumption will be 32.1 percent of the projected 2006 harvest!! This is a staggering figure.

It is also important to note that, across the country, many additional plants are undergoing equity drives or are in some form of planning phase. When they are built, it will further upward pressure on the corn market.

Ethanol Industry Producing More Distiller’s Grain. The main byproduct of corn-based ethanol is dried distillers grains plus solubles (DDGS). Some of this byproduct is sold wet, but for the sake of this column, we’ll focus on calculations based all the byproduct produced is DDGS. A good rule of thumb for DDGS production is about 17 to 18 pounds of DDGS for every bushel of corn fermented in an ethanol facility (roughly 31 percent of the original weight of the incoming corn).

In the United States, the bulk of the DDGS produced is fed to ruminant livestock (beef and dairy cattle), with some use in pork and poultry diets. The usefulness of DDGS in pork and poultry diets is somewhat limited, however, because the fat level and amino acid profile are not ideal for those species. Also, there is an increasing amount of DDGS heading to the export market.

Dried distiller’s grains with solubles will become more and more common in the feed industry, both as a commodity and as an ingredient in commercial feedstuffs. The current limitations are mainly due to pelleting characteristics of feeds produced with high levels of DDGS. In part because of the fat level, DDGS makes a relatively poor quality pellet with a high proportion of fines. However, I’m confident that innovations will eventually make this less of a problem.

Short-Term Impacts on the Beef Industry. The short-term impact on the beef industry should be painfully obvious to producers who still own

this year’s calf crop but are wishing they would have contracted these calves in August or taken advantage of some form of price protection. In most cases, \$100 or more has been left on the table with the upturn in corn prices. The question on everyone’s mind is whether or not this situation will correct itself in the next few weeks or months.

I’m not willing to offer a prediction on this one. Part of the increase in corn prices has been caused by an effort on the part of the ethanol industry to “buy more corn acres” for the 2007 planting season. How long prices will need to stay in the current range for this to be accomplished is an uncertainty. It is likely that significantly more corn acres will be planted in 2007, which should provide some corn price relief in 2007 provided there are no weather related growing concerns.

I am willing to predict that fed steer and heifer carcass weights will likely decline in the next few months as feedlot operators respond to high corn prices. This should be favorable to beef supplies, fed cattle prices, and ultimately to feeder cattle prices. However, how soon this ripple effect will be felt in ranch country is an unknown. High corn prices have already reduced the number of egg sets produced in the broiler industry, and reduced broiler and hog carcass weights. This should also be favorable to the overall meat complex.

Long-Term Impacts on the Beef Industry. There are several scenarios that could unfold over the next few years with regard to long-term impacts. If, in fact, we are in a new era for corn prices, we’ll see shorter feeding periods, more emphasis on yearling cattle, backgrounding, and stocker programs and less emphasis on calf-feds. We’ll also likely see the value of grass (especially good grass) increase. On a nationwide basis, the number of beef cows could shrink, while yearling and stocker cattle numbers could increase. How far this pendulum will swing will depend on a number of factors, but a “new plateau” for corn prices in the current trading range will likely force this movement faster than many people think.

In areas close to ethanol production facilities, there may be an increase in fed cattle production. This would be a major structural change in the industry and would not happen overnight.

Some ethanol plants are investigating alternative uses for DDGS. These include additional fermentation steps to convert the corn fiber to ethanol and the use of DDGS as a fuel source for the plant itself. If these technologies are widely adapted, there would be a lot less byproduct available as a feedstuff for the livestock industry. I think this scenario is unlikely, except where plants are located some distance from feed markets; but it is a possibility worth watching out for.

One of the major questions facing the beef industry is the impact of feeding large quantities of DDGS (or wet distillers grains with solubles) to feedlot cattle. We know it can be fed at levels up to about 30 percent of the diet with either no change or improvements in cattle performance and very few, if any, negative effects on beef quality and consumer sensory panel evaluations of taste and tenderness. The question is, can greater levels be fed and the same results achieved. If higher levels do have negative effects on consumer sensory characteristics of beef, then we have some real challenges ahead of us.

The ultimate outcome is unknown at this point; but be assured, the impacts of increased use of corn by the ethanol industry are going to fuel change. Are you prepared to take advantage of the changes?

Table 1. Production Capacity and Corn Utilization by the United States Ethanol Industry in 2006.^a

Item	United States Ethanol Plants			
	Existing	Under Construction	Expansions	Total
Number of Plants	109	56	7	165
Estimated Annual Ethanol Production Capacity (Billion Gallons)	5.2814	4.0935	0.311	9.6859
Estimated Corn Usage (Billion Bushels)	1.85	1.49	0.11	3.45
Percentage of the 2006 Corn Crop ^b	17.2	13.85	1.05	32.1

^aAdapted from the Renewable Fuels Association <http://www.ethanolrfa.org/>

^bBased on USDA November, 2006 corn production estimates of 10.745 billion bushels.



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EPDs: 0.9 0.8 32 59 3 5 21

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SRS Nugget 33 N

EPDs: 12 1 41 68 2 8 28
12 5.5 .12 .16 .03 -.09

Full brother to Preferred Beef, may have the
top lot in the sale. • Semen for Sale

R Plus Red Ribeye 1134L

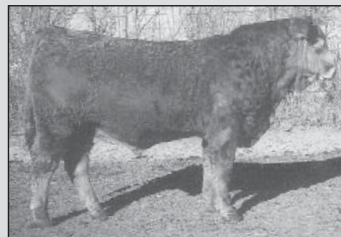
EPDs: 3. 5 49 89 3 9 33
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Sired the top-selling lot and group the past
three years.



DCR Mr Red Ribeye S194

Polled PB SM Red Nondiluter
BD: 3/15/06 • BW: 89 • AWW: 775
R Plus Red Ribeye 1134L x
DCR Ms Jet Top M170
EPDs: 4 4 52 87 2 3 29



DCR Mr Red Coat S5

PB SM Herdsire
BD: 2/14/06 • BW: 89 • AWW: 813
HRS Red Coat N5 x J-H Rodeo P24
EPDs: 7 2 37 63 4 7 25
Very thick.



DCR Mr Red Ribeye S122

Polled PB SM
BD: 3/6/06 • BW: 80 • AWW: 820
RPlus Red Ribeye 1134L x
DCR Ms Zinger E16
(grandam of WS Beef Maker R13)
EPDs: 4 2 50 88 2 4 29



DCR Mr Nugget S149

Polled PB SM
BD: 3/10/06 • BW: 92 • AWW: 817
SRS Nugget 33N x
DCR Ms Ribeye N123
EPDs: 7 4 51 87 2 5 30
Best Ever Raised, Herd Sire Plus!



DCR Mr Chereky Boy S72

1/2 Blood Herdsire
BD: 2/24/06 • BW: 78 • AWW: 790
BFCK Cherokee Canyon x
DSR Beef Duchess P113
EPDs: - 2 35 63 - 2 20

North Dakota Simmental Association Board Minutes

Minutes from the January 19, 2007 meeting

The North Dakota Simmental Association board of directors met January 19, 2007 at Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck. Board members present: Kelly Hanson, Patrick Thorson, Greg Myers, Perry Thomas, Gary Sys, Claye Kaelberer, Dwight Keller, and Doug Bichler. Bob Grant, Sec/treas also present.

Bob read the minutes of the October 23, 2006 board of directors meeting. Motion by Dwight, second by Doug to accept as read. Carried. Motion Bob read the reorganization meeting minutes of December 15, 2006. Motion Greg, second by Claye to accept as presented. Carried.

Bob presented the financial report. Cash flow statements and sheets that were mailed to all Showcase/Classic sale consignors showing income and expenses of the sale were passed out. Mailed to the board with the meeting agenda were sheets with income and expenses for the annual meeting weekend. The cost of door prizes, coloring contest, and photo contests were given along with the winners. Annual meeting and banquet income and costs were reviewed. Banquet attendance was lower than guaranteed, so cost higher in that area. Income: Semen auction - \$4,005; Donation auction - \$910; Donation heifer - \$4,215 and Simmental Scene primary color location pages - \$2,050. Letter of thank you has been sent to Terry Robinson for the *Farm and Ranch Guide* donation. Letters will be mailed to those that donated semen. Bob went through the cash flow statements and sale results with the board. All consignor checks for the sale have been made out and waiting for some bills, certificates, and purchaser checks. Any money that was owed the North Dakota Simmental Association was deducted from the check. January 17, 2006 balances: Checkbook - \$16,024.14; CD's - \$8,464.43. Board reviewed and discussed. Motion Claye, second Gary to accept the report. Carried.

Pat presented the audit committee report. Everything looked in order. Motion to accept the audit report by Gary, second by Perry. Carried.

Board discussed the *Simmental Scene*. Motion Claye, second by Perry to charge 1.5 % of unpaid balance on all bills that are not paid by the 20th of the month. This should be added to the bill mailed on the date the magazine is mailed. Carried. The November/December issue made a few dollars. The January issue will be mailed to over 4,000 people. The size of the magazine and the mailing cost will make it hard to break even with this edition. The January edition was mailed this week along with bills to the advertisers. Committee will visit with Todd about an agreement. Todd will try to come to the April board meeting to discuss the operation of the *North Dakota Simmental Scene*.

Showcase/Classic sale comments and discussion by board. Whole weekend was upbeat. There has been an inquiry about preparing and serving meals at the annual meeting and the sale. Board will pursue.

Annual meeting and banquet comments and discussion. Breeders should contact board members with names and reasons for nominating commercial producer of the year. It was also suggested to ask for Pioneer of the Year recipients. Banquet took too long. Some things we need to do: start on time. As soon as head table is finished we need to start the program. Need to set and follow agenda that gets the Juniors out as quick as possible. Photo contest:

Good number of quality pictures that may be used in our advertising. Consensus of board to hold another one in 2008. Encourage more participation. More advertising, **earlier**. Vertical pictures work a little better for magazine covers and some full page ads.

Kelly gave the Jr. report. There has been an inquiry if North Dakota would hold the regional classic in 2008. Motion by Perry, seconded by Dwight to continue the payment of \$25 to the youth for championship awards. Individual animals are eligible for payment once per year with a Grand or Reserve Championship. County Fairs and any Jr. Point Shows are eligible. Photos of animal and youth with pertinent information (Show - date - animal name - pedigree - award received - youth name and address) should be sent to Bob Grant for payment. The photos will be published in the *Simmental Scene* when space is available. Carried.

Feeder calf sales discussion. It does provide a service to Simmental influenced calves. These runs are not as strong as in the past, with majority of calves being marketed off the farm through order buyers or video auction. We will continue.

Field day discussion. Board will explore options of sites and dates. Motion to table until April meeting.

Bob gave an advertising update on magazine and radio ads. Radio ads will again run from the last week in January through the first week in March. The general breed ads will run in the following cities: Jamestown-Valley City, Lisbon, Williston, Dickinson, Devils Lake, Minot, Bismarck, Bottineau, and Rugby. Bob handed out a sheet that showed the ads and dollars (\$2,256) that were sent in to ASA for cost sharing. Cost sharing dollars and check off dollars from ASA are to be used in general advertising and promotion of the Simmental breed. Many state organizations do not promote or advertise as much as North Dakota. We always receive the maximum dollars from ASA for our efforts.

Bob will send out membership reminder postcards sometime in February. We have (5) five new or persons that have not belonged for quite awhile as 2007 members.

Kelly and board went through committee assignments for 2007. Copy of those assignments on a separate sheet.

Motion by Gary, second by Claye to have NDSA sponsor the following events as in the past: Ag Expo, Western Star, North Star Classic, Stockmen's Tour, and the Jr. Points Association. Carried.

Memorials have been sent to the ND Jr. Simmental Association in the names of Myron Bata and Dennis Pherson.

Correspondence and thank you letters were passed around.

Board excused Bob and went into executive session.

Kelly called meeting back into order. Board and Bob discussed his performance as secretary/treasurer of the association. Bob was hired for another year.

The next meeting will be April 11, 2007 at Seven Seas, Mandan in the Board Room. Meeting will begin at 11:00 am.

Submitted by Bob Grant

In Memory Of

On January 5, 2007 we lost a pioneering member of our Simmental family. Dennis Pherson passed away at his home in Rutland, ND surrounded by family.

For those of us that had the opportunity to know Dennis, we will be forever changed by his life and are deeply saddened by his passing. He was a wonderful man and a good friend. On behalf of the ND Scene and the entire ND Simmental Association we offer our thoughts and prayers to the Pherson family.

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OLF S492

PPSR Nophalt 20H x Hart Jackpot J310

EPDs: 3 3 35 73 -1 8 26

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OLF S509

BF N324 Triathlon X PPSR Nophalt 20H

EPDs: 7 1 33 66 3 9 25

Triathlon is our new feature herd sire and his calves are stylish, thick and full of meat. Check out the great set of EPDs on this tremendous package of muscle and style!



OLF S491

Dream On x Black Irish Kansas

EPDs: 11 0 35 63 4 4 22

Tremendous natural thickness, eye appeal and depth of rib. He is as thick a calf as we have ever raised. Dream On will live on through this exciting new herd sire prospect.



OLF S681

BF N324 Triathlon x Black Irish Kansas

EPDs: 8 3 40 77 6 6 26

Sired by Triathlon, our new senior herd sire who is doing a tremendous job of sire performance and style. Several Triathlon sons will be at the front end of the sale order.



BBS S39

RFS Maximum x BBS Zima D55

EPDs: 2 4 61 94 0 -2 29

Our top weaning weight bull, he is as thick and deep as you can make them. Tested Homozygous Polled.



BBS S70

BBS Redeye P35 x MV Red Light

EPDs: 3 2 40 64 1 2 22

Redeye had a 19.7" REA as a yearling and indications are his offspring won't disappoint us. Tested Homozygous Polled.



BBS S27

TNT Top Cut x TNT Cruzor K265

EPDs: 3 3 63 107 3 2 33

Dam is a daughter of J109. Our Top Cut sons averaged 838 lbs at weaning with 88 lbs birth weight. A true performance black Simmental bull. Order your semen today!



BBS S2

BBS Redeye P35 x SS Goldrush

EPDs: 4 0 37 61 2 1 19

Tested homozygous polled, born 1-1-06. Three outstanding sons of BOZ Red Coat also sell, including a homozygous polled son of J109. He is a full brother to BBS Red Canadian.



OLF Miss Legacy R238

Nichols Legacy x Ellingson Black Perfector

EPDs: 7 2 36 64 4 6 23

Our entry to the NDSA Classic Sale. More females like her will sell on March 7th!

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Sires represented in the bull pen:

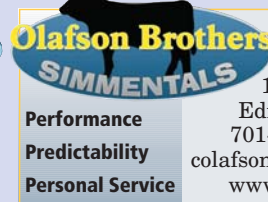
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PPSR Nophalt Meyer's Redline
BOZ Redcoat BBS Redneck M25
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