

On Line Registration and Help

You must have an account to access the online registration system. If you do not already have one, please contact the registrar at the Australian Simmental Breeders Association, quoting your membership ID and name, and an account will be set up for you.

Introduction

This system allows you to:

- Register your animals on line. The cows that you are applying to register calves from must belong to your membership ID.
- View/Display Herd Inventory
- Down load Breedplan Files

Security

You must have already enrolled with the Association to open an Internet Account and signed on using your Member Ident and Password. The first time you log on, you will be asked to change your password. Simply hit the back button on your browser to return to the sign on screen.

* Member I.D.:	<input type="text"/>
* Password:	<input type="password"/>
To change your password, enter your Member I.D. and current password above and your new password below.	
New Password:	<input type="password"/>
New Password Validation:	<input type="password"/>

Note: Cookies must be enabled to access this site

Sign on again with your issued password at the top, but choose a new password for the third box. Re-enter your new password to validate it.

Your password can be changed to a unique and private code at any time. For maximum security your password should be a combination of numbers, letters and characters and be at least 6 digits long, eg 86cow\$.

Preparation

Before beginning a session you should have all information available to enable you to enter all required data.

Changes in the female inventory are made throughout the year via the DAM fate.

New females added to the herd by purchase or reinstatement will need to be added.

The Association encourages its members to enrol in Simmental BREEDPLAN. Enrolment forms are available from the office.

BREEDPLAN is a powerful performance recording package to help in your herd selection and marketing plans. Once enrolled, performance recording forms will be forwarded to you for your animals.

Create a new batch

Before you enter data on line you must create a batch. A batch can be opened and accessed many times so you do not have to complete it in one setting. You can give a batch a name or comment (eg calves born June 2002) and click "ADD". A batch number will automatically be given.

Entering data

Click on the "ADD" button to create a blank form to fill in. You must fill in all the blanks relating to the registration of the calf to be entered. Some have drop down boxes, which give you options to click. Once you have entered the required details always validate to check the data you have entered. It may take several attempts to eliminate warnings and or errors but you don't have to clean these up in a single session.

NB: Once a female is declared dead or inactive, none of its progeny may be registered. Before any further transactions can be effected for the animal, it must be reinstated to Active Inventory and reinstatement fee, plus any other due fees, will be applicable.

To enter your data

-Dam of Calf-

Dam ID

If not already displayed, enter the Dam ID.

Fate

Choose Dam's fate from the drop down bar.

-Sire of this Calf and Mating Details-

Sire ID

Enter sire ID if not already displayed. Any mating details provided from previous year will be displayed.

Mating Type

Choose mating type from drop down bar.

The AI or Mating From Date

(ie the date when the bull was introduced to the joining group), or the Implant Date (for embryo transfer calves) must be included.

Mating Correction

If the mating details are different to the pre-printed details then the Mating Correction must be chosen to indicate whether the new details are the result of re-mating or a correction.

By ET

Please indicate Yes or No from the drop down bar.

NB: If the calf is the result of an Embryo transfer you will need to forward to the Association a Certificate of Agreement if applicable. Also documentation of the date of flushing and the implant documentation before we can register the resultant calf/calves.

Implant Date

Enter Implant Date.

-Known Recipient Dam Details-

Recip Dam ID

Enter Recip Dam ID if applicable.

Calf Details

Tattoo

Enter calf tattoo.

Birth Date

Enter Birth Date.

Sex

Choose Sex from drop down bar.

Original Owner Prefix

Enter Owner prefix.

Name

Enter calf name.

Number in Birth

Choose number in birth from drop down bar.

Horn

Choose from drop down bar.

Colour

Choose Colour from drop down bar.

Calf Fate

Choose from drop down bar.

Calving Ease

Choose from drop down bar.

Birth Weight

Optional – include actual birth weight in kgs.

Birth Management Group

Group progeny from dams that have been treated differently prior to calving, ie paddock/supplementary feeding differences that may have influenced birth weight.

Registration Status

Choose from drop down bar.

Next Calf and Sire Information**Sire ID**

Enter sire Tattoo.

Next Mating Type

Choose from drop down bar.

Mating from Date

Enter Date.

NB: By the time you are ready to submit the S1 form for your current born calves you will probably have already re-joined your cows. The S1 form has provision for including the current Mating Details for each female (which relate to calves to be born next year). These details provide important information for the evaluation of cow fertility.

Include the Sire Ident, Next Mating Type (AI or Paddock), and either the AI Date or the Date In (ie the date when the bull was introduced to the joining group).

Remember that the Sire Ident to be included in the *Next Calf and Sire Information* Matings From is the Bull to which the cow is joined this year, with resultant progeny to be born next year. This will often be different to the Sire of the calf born in this year.

The time interval from the start of mating (AI Date or Date In) to subsequent calving (Birth Date) is known as Days to Calving. The current mating details can be used in Simmental BREEDPLAN with your next years calf birth dates to compute Days to Calving EBVs. Research has shown that Days to Calving is a moderately heritable trait and can be used as a selection criterion to improve female fertility. Cows with shorter Days to Calving tend to return to oestrus earlier after calving, conceive earlier in the joining season and have shorter gestation periods.

Warnings

Warnings are given in **green**. They inform you of a possible mistake but usually suggest such things as Dam inactive in herd at calving. Processing can continue but you should **ADVISE THE Association WHY A WARNING HAS BEEN OVERRIDDEN**, eg you want the Dam reinstated to active so you can record the calf.

Fatal Errors

Fatal errors are given in **red**. They must be corrected before a batch can be submitted. Fatal errors include Dam not in ownership at time of calving. If you are unable to correct a fatal error and you want to submit your batch you may delete a record by clicking the "delete" field and then click "GO".

Editing batches and records

You call up a batch by clicking on the batch number. This produces a batch summary indicating validated entries, entries with warnings, entries with fatal errors and deleted records. You can edit a record by clicking on the record number. This displays the record page with each component and indicates which is/are in error. You can change any component and click "GO" at the bottom. The record will go through the validation process again.

Validation Options

1. Validate and re-display form if any warnings or errors exist.

If you select "GO" with this option, it will advise you of any warnings or errors that exist. You then alter any fields that require fixing and re-validate.

2. Validate and redisplay form only if errors exist.

If you select "GO" with this option, you will be advised of errors only (not warnings). All errors must be fixed before you are able to submit a batch to the Association.

3. Validate but do not re-display form.

This option wouldn't show you any warnings or errors that may exist and would take you directly to the Summary Sheet. Under the status column, you will be notified if there were any warnings or errors. If there are, you can click on *view this record* to see which fields may require altering.

4.Delete this Record

If it turns out that this record is not to be submitted to the Association for processing, choose this option.

Submitting a Batch

If you have warnings they will be accepted by the system when you submit the batch but you cannot submit a batch with fatal errors. Either correct them or delete the record. To submit a batch to the Association you click the "View batch or submit this batch" heading and then confirming your wish by clicking the "Submit this batch to Association" button. This will automatically send an e-mail with attachment to the Association Office. These registrations will be processed electronically.