



2020 Simbrah – SimGenetics Steer Feedout
November 6, 2020

Graham Land & Cattle
3772 US 183
Gonzales, TX 78629

July 2, 2020

ASA Member –

It's time again for the 2020 Simbrah – SimGenetics Steer Feedout. With the great turn out and success in 2018 and 2019, we are excited about the feeding and carcass trials of Simbrah and SimGenetics at Graham Land & Cattle, Gonzales, TX, starting on November 6.

Attached you will find a steer entry form for the event and guidelines from the feedlot. Make sure to pay close attention to the prep work for the cattle ahead of drop off.

If you plan on participating in the feeding trial, please fill out the entry form/RSVP, scan and email to Luke Bowman by October 1, 2020. LBOWMAN@SIMMGENE.COM

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luke Bowman", written in a cursive style.

Luke Bowman
ASA Simbrah Liaison

Simbrah – SimGenetics Feedout Guidelines

Location: Graham Land & Cattle, Gonzales, TX

Duration: Early November 2020 – Mid Summer 2021

Delivery: November 6, 2020

Simbrah & SimGenetics breeders continue to need data in order to make their cattle fit the current and future needs of the beef industry. The agreement with Graham Land & Cattle is designed to provide feedback to producers on how their cattle perform in the feedyard and the type of carcasses these cattle produce. Assessment of this information will allow producers to determine how close they are to hitting the target with commercially successful genetics. The purpose of this program is to provide feedback to ASA members on the cattle they raise and garner more phenotypes and genomically enhanced data for the ASA's IGS Multi-breed Genetic Evaluation.

Before delivered to the feedyard, the following protocols must be completed:

- All steers must be entered in American Simmental Association database
- All steers must be born between January 1, to April 15, 2020
- There must be a minimum of 2 steers per consignor; there must be a minimum of 2 sires represented in the cattle delivered.
- All steers must be weaned and have completed the following health program 45-60 days before delivery:
 - o *Five Way Virus Vaccine for IBR, BVD 1&2, PI3, BRSV (MLV) – Administer at weaning and 14-21 days later (**Bovi-Shield Gold One Shot (5 way viral- IBR, PI3, BRSV, BVD 1&2 w/ Pasteurella)**)*
 - o *Pasturella Vaccine at weaning*
 - o *Clostridial 7 Way + Hemophilus Somnus (Blackleg + Somnus) – Administer at weaning & 14-21 days later (**ULTRABAC 7/SOMUBAC [7 way Clostridial +H. Somnus]**)*
 - o *Deworm at weaning*
 - o *Steers should be knife castrated if castrated within the 45-60 days leading up to entry, if not before. Steers can be banded before weaning. Dehorning is preferred, but not mandatory.*
 - o *Cattle should be started on a grain diet - 45-60 days before delivery*
 - o *All steers must be identified by brand and ranch ear tag*

Steers will be harvested when the pen has reached the average weight and condition regarded as acceptable by the industry (approx. 1,150 lbs. with 0.3" of backfat). The decision will be made by the feedyard operator.

Here is additional information on the program

- 1) Steers will individually be identified, weighed and processed after arrival. The ASA will collect ear tissue for genomically enhanced EPDs for each steer.

- 2) Based on entries, the cattle will be sorted into an appropriate number of expected outcome groups.
- 3) Animals that require treatment for any illness will be treated according to guidelines established by the feedyard veterinarian. Costs of treatment will be charged to the owner. The feedyard and the ASA will make every effort to safeguard the health of the animals but will assume no responsibility for death loss or sickness. The feedlot will notify the owners of any death loss.
- 4) After an acceptable length of time, steers that are not achieving an economic rate of gain will be sold as realizers and the proceeds will be placed in escrow for disbursement at the end of the program.
- 5) Charges to be assessed for each entry at the end of the feeding period include:
 - a. Processing fee
 - b. Medicine costs
 - c. Feed costs
 - d. Trucking costs (Feedyard to packing plant where the cattle are sold on the grid)
- 6) The above items will be financed at the prevailing interest rate

7) Payment Options:

- a. *Each consignor is billed monthly **OR** they have the option to wait for costs to be deducted at closing on carcass sale. This finance option is charged at a 5.5% interest rate.*
 - b. *Texas Cattle Feeders Association Dues (\$0.50/head)*
 - c. *Beef Check-off (\$2.00/head)*
- 8) Steers will be marketed when the pen average reaches the weight and condition regarded as acceptable by the industry. This decision will be made by the feedyard manager
 - 9) Feedyard performance and carcass information to be collected:
 - a. Average Daily Gain
 - b. Dressing Percent
 - c. Carcass Weight
 - d. Ribeye Area
 - e. % Kidney, Pelvic and Heart Fat
 - f. Quality Grade
 - g. Yield Grade
 - h. Marbling Score
 - 10) Producers and ASA will be sent a report after re-implant at the feedyard with information on arrival weight, steer value, re-implant weight, muscle score, frame score and pen assignment
 - 11) At the conclusion of the feeding period, feedyard performance data and carcass information will be provided on each consignment. The information will be kept confidential for consignors to use in evaluating the cattle they are producing.



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Summit and Feedout Entry Form

Ranch _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

No. head entering feedout program at Graham Land & Cattle _____

Return Entry Form to:
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