

## ASA reports steady growth

BOZEMAN, MT. — The American Simmental Association continues to show steady growth, according to fiscal year end statistics released by the beef breed organization headquarters.



"Despite the current difficult times in the beef industry, our Association is experiencing a steady flow of animal records and new memberships", said ASA Executive Vice President Earl B. Peterson. "We feel fortunate that enthusiasm remains high for Simmental and Simbrah breeding stock".

For the second consecutive year, registrations topped the 80,000 mark. Transfers of ownership fell just short of 50,000, off nine percent from the previous year, but nevertheless, the third highest total in the history of the Association. And for the second

straight year, new junior and lifetime memberships exceeded 2,000. The Simbrah registry, which is also maintained by ASA, increased by 4,325 bringing the total of Simbrah or foundations to 17,287 head.

"Overall our figures look even better when you consider the work-in-progress", Peterson explained. "Due to the necessary learning associated with the installation of a new computer system we experienced a buildup of animal records. At the end of the fiscal year, we had nearly 2,200 more

unprocessed requests for registration certificates than at the same time one year ago".

"When our staff becomes more familiar with the larger and more efficient computer system we now have in place those numbers will decline and the average processing time should take about half the previous time", he said.

This past Spring, ASA went over the 900,000 mark in cumulative registrations. Current projections are for certificates number one million to be issued by mid-1985. Although the Simmental breed is considered to be relative newcomer on the American beef cattle scene, it currently ranks fourth among 58 recognized U.S. breeds in terms of annual registrations. The breed was introduced to North America in 1967 and to the United States the following year.

## Int'l Pig Trade Show moves to Iowa

DES MOINES, IA — A "change of scenery" marks the fourth annual International Pig Trade Show and visitors to the big event are assured a spectacular lineup of exhibits as well as educational seminars.

The 1984 show will be staged at Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Des Moines, Iowa, USA, Oct. 3-4-5. Both the show city and the early fall dates are departures from the first three years when the exhibition was held in December in Atlanta, Georgia.

Show manager Charles M. Rose pointed out that approximately 300 exhibits will line the aisles of the main arena and the lower level of the auditorium. A total of 97,000 square feet of space is available.

"Everything that is new in pig industry technology, equipment, and services will be on display", he noted.

Among the highlight exhibits will be pens of live breeder stock.

Technical seminars relating to pig management will be offered free to registrants. Pig Health will be the general topic of the opening session Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 3. A seminar in Spanish with the topic, "Becoming a Better Pigman", is scheduled for Thursday afternoon, Oct. 4. The third session, dealing with Pig Management, will be held Friday morning, Oct. 5.

Emphasizing the international flavor of the show, visitors are expected from the United States, Canada and as many as 40 other nations. IPTS '84 has been certified as an international trade fair by the U.S. Department of Commerce and as such has the support and encouragement of the U.S. government both at home and around the world.

The show was shifted to Des Moines because Iowa is the heart of the pig industry of the United States. Many producers from other countries indicated they would prefer a show in the Midwest during the fall of the year, an ideal time for travel.

The show is sponsored by Watt Publishing Co., Mt. Morris, IL, USA, which publishes agriculture-related magazines including Pig American, Pig International, and Indonesia Porcina.

For additional information about IPTS '84, contact: International Pig Trade Show, Watt Publishing Co., P.O. Box 947, Cullman, AL 35056. Phone: 205/734-6800.

## EggPAC tops \$32,000 in political contributions

DECATUR, Ga. — The egg industry's political action committee, EggPAC, set a record of contributions to congressional members' re-election campaigns last week by issuing checks to 33 members for \$12,500, bringing its 12 month total to \$32,000.

This action follows the recent EggPAC committee meeting in Atlanta, July 11, whereby members of the Senate and House Agriculture Committees and the Appropriations Subcommittees on Agriculture, along with key members and committee chairmen, were targeted for advance contributions before their fundraising efforts. This unique approach of targeting key legislators before the bulk of contributions

pour in provides for the greatest impact in responding to egg industry concerns and issues in the future.

The contributions also coincide with the effort to solicit support of United Egg Producers position statement concerning the 1985 Farm Bill. Future farm policy decisions are under review with UEP's statement focusing on, among other important factors to the egg industry, the authority being granted to the Secretary of Agriculture to respond effectively to the countries that take away our export markets illegally and that fair trade programs be developed that permit poultry and eggs to meet world prices.


"EggPAC, in establishing a

yearly PAC goal of \$35,000, is a nonpartisan political action committee that does not attempt to reward or punish candidates for votes," said UEP President Al Pope. "EggPAC contributions to members of Congress do buy access, visibility and a sym-

pathetic ear... all three of which are vitally important to an industry with approximately 4,000 commercial egg producers representing a minute part of the U.S. population and small segment of agriculture," he added.

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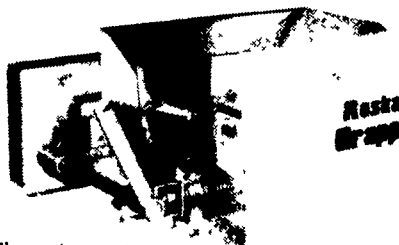


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