Simmental Association Signs Historic Agreement

American Simmental Association (ASA) has signed a historic agreement with the Mexican Simmental/Simbrah Association (MSSA).

Under the terms of the one-year agreement, ASA is providing custom records-processing service and a sire evaluation report for the MSSA.

"We are very happy to be joining forces with our Simmental/ Simbrah cattle-breeding neighbors from south of the border," said ASA Board chairman Johnny Poore, Barnesville, Ga. "Our two organizations have much in common through these two great breeds of cattle, and we both stand to benefit from this relationship."

Through an interpreter, MSSA President Dr. David Galvan of Monterrey, N.L., echoed Poore's comments. "This agreement marks a great step forward for my association. It is an opportunity to capitalize on the outstanding sire evaluation and records-keeping capability of the American Simmental Association."

Poore and Galvan finalized the agreement, affixing their signatures to the document during ASA's annual meeting and convention held recently in Denver. Specific services to be performed by ASA include:

- · Calculation of age-adjusted birth, weaning, and yearling weights.
- · Herd summaries by sire for each breeder.
- A breed-wide sire evaluation for Simmental and Simbrah cattle through affiliation with the Animal Breeding Group at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.
- · Identification of outstanding cows through a cow awards program and listing of the cow's progeny.



Johnny Poore, left, chairman of the American Simmental Association's (ASA) Board of Trustees, and Dr. David Gaivan, president of the Mexican Simmental/Simbrah Association (MSSA), sign a historic agreement under which the ASA will handle registration, data collection, and sire evaluation for the MSSA.

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