

Carcass Merit Program

Sire nominations summary

The Carcass Merit Program (CMP) is entering its 26th year of sampling Simmental and SimGenetic bulls in the commercial industry. CMP is one of the largest contributors of high-quality carcass data entering the International Genetic Solutions (IGS) genetic evaluation, an arm of the American Simmental Association (ASA).

CMP is a great way to get an idea of how your sire stacks up against the other superior sires in the beef industry. This is done through progeny tests performed on calves sired by your bull.

CMP sire nominations are open to all ASA members and IGS partner breeders.

Semen on young, unproven, elite genetics is used in commercial herds. The cooperator ultimately harvests and collects carcass data, which in turn improves the marketability of your provided sire. ASA will update the EPD according to how your sire performs and **increase the EPD accuracy**, with the CMP results.

Nomination specifics:

- Contact CMP coordinator Susan Russell at 719-469-0020 to nominate a sire. (Please return this form to cmp@simmgene.com)

- Deadline for nominating is March 15.
- Sire must be parentally verified & 100K tested.
- Ship 100 units of semen by March 25 to:
 - ORIGen
Attn: ASA Carcass Merit Program
10 West Arrow Creek Road
Huntley, MT 59037.
 - Let Susan know when semen is shipped.
- Provide a photo of your sire nominee to be used for promotion.

Your sire and others will be placed on the CMP class list for cooperators to choose. We will encourage them to select your sire and strive to place your semen in at least three different herds.

- Enough cattle will be bred to provide 12-15 carcasses. Cooperators are allowed to keep replacement females, but all males are terminal. A minimum of 12 carcasses are guaranteed. If CMP program falls below that threshold, ASA will refund \$125 for each carcass fewer than 12.

- You will be billed \$1500.⁰⁰ per bull when AI breeding is finished. (If this is a partnership bill, please provide the billing split.)

- You will be updated periodically on the status of the calves. CMP takes about three years from nomination to carcass collection. For example, spring breeding cooperators gather birthweights in May-June and turn in calf weaning data in August-January.

- Harvest information on your sire will include REA, FAT, HCW, MARB, YG & QG.



Responsibilities of

CMP Sire Nominators

- Enroll young sire at \$1,500.⁰⁰
- Provide 100 units of semen
- Ensure young sire is AI certified (high-density genomic panel)
- Ship semen to ORIGen for storage
- Ship semen prior to the beginning of breeding season (April 1st)

Responsibilities of ASA

- Guarantee at least 12 carcass data per CMP sired in the program
- Reimburse \$125 for each carcass record less than the guaranteed 12 animals
- Coordinate shipment of semen to cooperator herds
- Coordinate data retrieval and report back to test herd and bull owner

- All data collection on your bull will appear in the genetic evaluation, along with a swath of unbiased calf data. (If you want individual data, please just email your request after harvest and our data team will email it to you.)

We are excited to continue to help you sort out the superior sires, assist all breeders in making the best possible genetic decisions and improve the marketability of your bulls.

CMP Sire Nomination Worksheet

Please fill out and return to cmp@simmgene.com

Ranch

Name _____ ASA# _____

Contact: _____

Cell ph: _____ Email: _____

Bull(s) nominated for CMP

Name	Reg #	Semen code #

DNA testing

100K completed

Shipping

100 straws semen sent to ORigen, Attn: ASA Carcass Merit Program, 10 West Arrow Creek Road, Huntley, MT 59037

Tell CMP coordinator my sire's semen was shipped on ____/____/20__.

Photo

High-resolution photo of sire emailed to CMP coordinator.

Billing

100% billed to my ASA membership number after Artificial Insemination is completed in cooperator herds.

or
 ____% to my ASA membership number and ____% to ASA# _____

Contact info on my partner: _____

_____ / ____/20____
 Signature Date

Complete & return this worksheet to CMP program coordinator Susan Russell at cmp@simmgene.com