Revision to Reportability of Australian Simmental Weight EBVs
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The Australian Simmental Technical Committee has recently resolved to revise the reportability criteria of the Simmental BREEDPLAN Weight EBVs (i.e. 200, 400 and 600 day weight).

The revision will follow the industry standard of “linking” the reporting of the three Weight EBVs. That is, if one weight EBV meets the minimum accuracy threshold to report then all three Weight EBVs report. Previously, the reporting of the weight EBVs were not linked, therefore each EBV needed to reach its own independent level of accuracy before reporting. This resulted is some animals, particularly young animals or “new” animals to the analysis (i.e. new sires), not having all three Weight EBVs reporting. Individual EBVs with accuracy less than 20% will still not be reported.

This revised approach to reporting the Weight EBVs will assist breeders in selection, particularly of young or “new” animals, as all three Weight EBVs will be available for those that meet the minimum accuracy level for at least one of the Weight EBVs.

This revision has been implemented on the live Australian Simmental database and will therefore be applied to reporting from all future BREEDPLAN analysis (GROUP or INTERIM) and sale catalogue extracts. The online search facility (known as Internet Solutions) will be updated on Friday evening during the usual weekly update of this system.

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