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## Mutli-breed Data Received

The Multi-breed (MBE) EPDs were downloaded into the database on August 30th, 2012. Please remember that EPDs cannot be compared from a single model evaluation to a MBE. This is due to the way the contemporary groups are put together and the additional information of non-Senepol data. Please keep in mind that since our last evaluation, we had 4,292 animals added to our database. Of these animals there was an increase in the performance information as follows:

BW— 3,049 records

WW— 2,033 records

YW— 136 records

Carcass— 16 records

Just going from the Single model to the MBE created a lot of EPD shifts during the prototype phase. When you also add a significant number of animals to the database, which also affects the ranking

of the animals, even more fluctuation is expected. We expect there are breeders whose animals did not perform as well as they think they should. Dr. Northcutt (AGI), Dr. Bertrand (Univ. of GA) and Dr. Hough (Consultant) warned us that this would happen and we asked Dr. Hough to discuss this change during the 2012 convention in Orlando, Florida in case the membership had specific questions.

The correlation between the EPD results from 2012 vs. 2013 will be better because the initial shock between the two models will be over and the changes in rank will be due to the new information added to the database only.

It is the intent of the SCBA to publish the SCBA MBE Sire Summary by October 12th, 2012. Between now and September 29th, we ask that the members please log into the

database and review your animals, see how their EPDs have shifted and by all means contact the SCBA office to discuss your specific concerns. Progeny reports can be created and specific animals can have their data analyzed.

In general, we saw average EPDs drop in each growth trait (Birth, Weaning, Milk, M&G and Yearling) across the board.

Remember that when using EPDs, the important thing to remember is that EPDs should only be used to compare two animals. This is true with the Single breed evaluation and also the Multi-breed evaluation.

If you want help looking at your data, please contact the SCBA office.

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## Upcoming Events

**September 29th**—Advertising due for Sire Summary

**October 12th, 2012**—MBE Sire Summary

**October 5-6th**— Next Board meeting. Durant, OK.  
Hampton Inn & Suites

**July 17-19th, 2013**—36th Annual Convention,  
Bogota, Colombia