1) Find the animal on NALF's website www.nalf.org
    i. Click on "Animal Search" tab
    ii. Find the animal by name or by registration number or by tattoo

Note: it will be much easier to keep track if you print the animal page.

2) Open the CLA website www.limousin.com
    i. Click on "Animal Search" tab
3) Start looking with the immediate parents to see if they are already in the Canadian Herdbook.
    i. Use the NALF registration numbers for all your searches

Note: because all information is entered manually from the American Herdbook to our system, sometimes errors have been made in the name of the animals when entered. Also, because some US tattoos don't always fit our Canadian system (i.e. when there are extra letters, or letters in front of the number), the registration number are much more reliable.

Note: There are two reasons why a NALF registration number might have been changed when entered into the Canadian system.

a) If the animal was a purebred in the US but a percentage in Canada. The entering has been inconsistent over the years, so some animals middle letter was changed from P (purebred) to X (percentage). So an animal under 90% maybe for example N**P**F111111 in the USA, but N**X**F1111111 in Canada

b) All registration numbers in the Canadian system have 7 numbers. Therefore when looking for background American animals in the Canadian system, you may have to add extra "0". For example NPF720503 in the US would be NPF**0**72503 in Canada

Therefore when looking for an American animal there might be 3 possibilities:
    The NALF registration number as is
or
    The NALF registration number with a different middle letter
And/or
    The NALF registration number with added "0" in front of the digits

4) As an example let's say we want to know the Canadian % of MAGS Salena.

    Start by looking up the parents of the animal in question.

        i. Using our example, when looking for her sire NPM1623559 (JCL Lodestar) comes up in the Canadian system as being as being 92%. The top side of our animal of interest is complete; we do not need to go any further.
        ii. When checking her dam NPF1657543 (MAGS Luck Be a Lady) we find out that she is not there. We must go to the next generation, looking for her sire and dam.

Her sire, NPM1424825 (EXLR Dakota) is in the system as 90%

The dam, NPF1009697(MAGS Black Satin) is in the Canadian system as 88%.

Therefore, MAGS Luck Be a Lady is 90+88/2 = 89% in Canada.

Therefore our animal of interest MAGS Salena is 91% (92% from her sire + 89% from her dam, divided by 2)

Note: Decimals are rounded up. Therefore an animal that ends up with a decimal of 0.5 or higher is rounded to the higher number. For example 90.5 = 91%

In some cases, in takes many generations before finding the first animal that is in the Canadian system.

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