

Carcase points flowing south

ALMOST 1000 head of cattle were entered in the 2018 Royal Queensland Show's RNA Beef Cattle Committee's Paddock to Palate Competition, with some top ribbons now safe at home – south of the border.

The competition follows both domestic, 70-day fed cattle (Class 38) and export, 100-day grain fed cattle (Class 37) through the beef supply chain.

The three phased competition includes a feedlot competition for the best aggregate weight gain, a carcass competition and eating quality. Steers, in teams of seven, came from Queensland and New South Wales.

For the second year, a Wagyu challenge was also included in the line up.

In the 100 day export category (Class 37) Palgrave Pastoral Company with Charolais cross took out the major prize of the Sturrock Trophy, sponsored by Mort and Co's Grassdale feedlot at Dalby, Qld.

For the 70-day trade class (Class 38) David Crombie of Mountside, Warwick, with Santa Gertrudis/ Ultrablack



Shane Newton, Coolah, for Minnamurra Pastoral Company, accepts a ribbon from Susan MacDonald for Highest Individual Index Score in the 100 day export class at Queensland Royal Show's paddock to palate competition.

over Angus steers took out the Ken Crotty OAM Trophy sponsored by JBS Australia.

Rob and Kelly Lamoureux, Kingsford and Sun Valley via Armidale came second in the 100 day export class with

their Simmental/Santa Gertrudis over Angus-cross.

As the couple have sold up and moved back to Canada, old friends Pam and Phil Dutton, Walcha, accepted the ribbon.

Minnamurra Pastoral, Coolah, placed second and third in the 70 day trade class with an all Angus team. They also scored highest individual index score for Speckle Park/ Angus in the 70 day

domestic competition.

"We were particularly happy with our marbling points," said general manager Dennis Power who breeds with Te-Mania blood with a focus on marbling.

"Of the seven in each of the two groups there were six and five that scored maximum points. All were marble score two and three."

Yulgilbar Pastoral Company, Baryulgil, placed runner-up overall in the 70 day trade class, with a team of Santa Gertrudis steers.

"It proves our performance from a commercial point of view," said stud manager Rob Sinnamon, who noted export winner Mr Crombie included Yulgilbar genetics in his Santa infusion and that Santa Gertrudis contributed to five of the top seven places.

"This is recognising the overall combination of genetics we bring to our program. It's about how we combine and match cattle to production."

Coffin creek Angus, Hayes Gap, placed first with their team of seven Angus steers, presenting with Coffin Creek and Wattletop blood, topping Meat Standards Australia's eating quality points in the 70 day trade division.

Their steers also the highest performing pure Angus in the division.