



NSW snares Paddock to Palate win

By MARK PHELPS

ANGUS steers from the Boggabri headquartered Minnamurra Pastoral Company came up trumps at the Royal Queensland Show winning the JBS Australia trade section of the innovative RNA Paddock to Palate competition.

The 70-day fed Minnamurra entry was also the reserve champion carcase and topped the MSA eating quality competition.

The steer had a daily average gain of 2.94 kilograms, and produced a 280kg carcase with a 52.04 per cent yield, P8 fat depth of 14 millimetres, rib of 8mm and had an 88 square centimetre eye muscle area (EMA).

It scored 57.4 on the MSA index.

The trade steers were bred on Minnamurra's Mudgee property "Cortina".

Nigel White and his sons Jack and Harry, Coffin Creek Angus, Mudgee, placed second overall in the 70-day competition and exhibited both the Grant Daniel and Long champion pen of six and the champion trade carcase.

The winning steer entered Grassdale Feedlot at 303.4kg to gain 2.38kg/day.

The 260kg carcase had a P8 of 16mm, rib 6mm, EMA of 88cm² and it had an MSA index of 55.99 points.

Third place in pen of six trade carcasses went to Brisbane-based Drew Hutton with Shorthorn/Angus

steers bred by Lee McNichol, Dulacca, Qld.

Creating plenty of interest was Richard and Dyan Hughes, Wentworth Cattle Co, Clermont, Qld, who won the Thompson Longhorn Beef Taste-Off with their Brahman entry.

"It would have been a high content Brahman steer," Mr Hughes said.

"It really is an endorsement of the Supergene selection system."

The 70 day trade steer was bred on "Strathalbyn", Collinsville, Qld.

Second in the beef taste-off was an Angus entry from Dalara Pastoral Partnership, Denman.

Third was a Santa/Charolais from Acton Land and Cattle Co, Rockhampton, Qld.

It was almost a sweep for the northerners in the Mort and Co 100-day fed section of the Paddock to Palate competition.

The sole NSW entry to feature in the top 12 overall winners was the Santa Gertrudis entry from Yulgilbar Pastoral Co, Baryulgil.

Charolais steers from the Sullivan Family's Riverglenn Pastoral Co, Glenmorgan, Qld, secured top honours after being earlier placed third in the feedlot phase held at Grassdale Feedlot, Dalby, Qld.

The Sullivan's top steer gained 3.6kg/day to produce a 408kg carcase.

Second place overall in the 100-day competition went to a Angus/Wagyu entry from Edwards Livestock, Oakey, Qld.

RIGHT: Oakwood Fiddle, who claimed the Champion of Champions female award, is being held by proud owners 13-year-old Carmen Sowden and her 11-year-old sister Lannah, Five Star Limousins, Kingaroy, Queensland.



Paddock to Palate 70-day winner Dennis Power (centre), Minnamurra Pastoral Co, "Glenrowan", Boggabri, with Duane Woodham, JBS, and The Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland (RNA) councillor Liz Allen.

Third was a Angus-cross entry from Kudnapper Pastoral Co, Wyandra, Qld.

Edwards Livestock, Oakey, exhibited the champion 100-day carcase.

The Angus/Wagyu-cross produced a 379.5kg carcase from a 2.81kg daily gain.

It had a 12mm P8, 8mm of rib fat, and impressive 112cm² EMA.

It scored 59.01 on the MSA index.

The Edwards Livestock pen also won the champion pen of JBS Australia six carcasses award and the MSA eating quality competition.

The reserve champion export carcase was exhibited by Geoff and Sonya Comiskey, Comiskey Bazadais, Old Mount Stuart, Capella, Qld.

The steer had a 2.01kg daily gain to produce a 321.5kg carcase.

It had a 10mm P8, 9mm of rib fat, and a 98cm² EMA.

Waraba Park Poll Herefords, Meandarra, topped the Thompson Longhorn taste test in the 100-day class.

Champions

100 Days Export

1. Riverglenn Pastoral Co, Glenmorgan, Queensland. 2. Edwards Livestock, Oakey, Qld. 3. Kudnapper Pastoral Co, Wyandra, Qld. 4. David and Prue Bondfield, Dalveen, Qld. 5. Postle Pastoral Co, Dalby, Qld. 6. Yulgilbar Pastoral Co, Baryulgil. 7. McNicholl Family Trust, Dulacca, Qld. 8. Katherine River Pastoral Co, Willows Gemfields, Qld. 9. Hamblin Pty Ltd, Sarina, Qld. 10. Juandah Grazing, Wandoan, Qld. 11. Wentworth Cattle Co, Clermont, Qld. 12. Riverglenn, Glenmorgan, Qld.

Best Weight Gain Pen of Six: Gylanda Pastoral Co, Theodore, Qld. (3.06kg/day)

Highest Individual Weight Gain: Riverglenn (3.60kg/day)

Pen of Six Carcasses: Edwards Livestock

Champion Carcase: Edwards Livestock

MSA Eating Quality: Edwards Livestock

Beef Taste-Off: Waraba Park Poll

Herefords, Meandarra, Qld.

70 Days Trade

1. Minnamurra Pastoral Co, Boggabri. 2. Coffin Creek Pastoral Co, Mudgee. 3. Drew Hutton, Dulacca, Qld. 4. G.Morgan and Co, Condamine, Qld. 5. J. and K. Dougherty, Casino. 6. B.J. and A.R. Mearns, Durong, Qld. 7. Wentworth Cattle Co, Clermont. 8. D. and A.D. Bassingthwaite and Co, Wallumbilla, Qld. 9. McNicholl Family Trust, Dulacca. 10. Galloway Cattle Co, Roma, Qld. 11. Minnamurra Pastoral Co. 12. D. and A.D. Bassingthwaite and Co.

Best Weight Gain Pen of Six: Yulgilbar Pastoral Co (3.32kg/day)

Highest Individual Weight Gain: GL Campbell & Co, Jambin, Qld. (3.8kg)

Champion Carcase: Coffin Creek

MSA Eating Quality: Minnamurra Pastoral Co

Beef Taste-Off: Wentworth Cattle Co

Interbreed first for black Limousin

THE culmination of the Royal Queensland Show's massive stud cattle competition drew to a close on Friday afternoon with the judging of the champion of champions interbreed competition.

Allora's Kellie Smith K5X Red Angus stud, thought she had hit the jackpot when her 24-month-old bull, K5X Jackpot was announced as the winner of the Bassingthwaite trophy for Champion of Champions bull.

Minutes later the jackpot escalated when he became part of the duo that won the Warby Trophy for Champion

of Champions breed pair, teaming up with Gavin and Kirrily Iseppi's 44-month-old matron, GK Red Bella G42 from Dalby, and her eight-month-old heifer calf.

Other breeds considered in judge Terry Nolan's shortlist included Simmental, Charolais and Brahman.

In a first for the interbreed champions competition it was a black Limousin cow that was sashed the champion interbreed female, claiming the Santos GLNG trophy.

Kingaroy, Qld, sisters Carmen Sowden, 13, and Lannah 11, Five Star

Limousins, continued their winning run at this year's show with Oakwood Fiddles.

The sisters formed their stud after they won the grand champion led steer in 2013, and spent the prize money buying a couple of Limousin stud heifers.

The winning cow was one of their foundation cows, and her seven-month-heifer calf at foot is the first of their progeny to be registered under their Five Star stud prefix.

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