

Unfortunately the 2020 Circular Head Show has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 regulations.

While this has meant the cancellation of the Trade and Export Cattle Competition for this year, the bright note is that the Beef Australia Competition is to be held for cattle processed between August 2020 and May 2021.

Beef Australia entries will be processed at Greenham Tasmania, and are invited for grass-fed cattle in two classes:

- **Class 2. Pasture fed – Pen of three Heavy Trade steers or heifers 260.1 to 340 kg**
- **Class 3. Pasture fed – Pen of three Export chiller bullocks 300-420 kg**

Full entry details are available at <https://beefaustralia.com.au/competitions/carcase/>

There are two kill dates for the processing of entries at Greenham Tasmania Smithton. These are **Friday 4 December 2020**, and **Friday 26 March 2021**.

Carcases will be judged on the following Monday for both dates, and carcass data submitted to BA. Winners are announced at Beef Australia in Rockhampton **2-8 May 2021**.

Usually a Beef Australia chiller judge would travel around the 22 processing plants receiving entries around Australia. This year, due to Covid-19 this will not be possible, so plant assessors will take measurements for entries. Specialised cameras will be supplied to each plant to take images of the carcasses, to allow assessment for marbling, eye muscle area, rib fat depth etc, and to ensure consistency across all entries.

The Circular Head Trade and Export Cattle committee encourages Tasmanian producers to consider entering their cattle in the Beef Australia competition. Local producers have achieved great success at this comp, at the “home” of beef production in Queensland. Stanley producers Milton & Gaylene De Jonge have won their class in two consecutive attempts, which is a remarkable feat. There have been several other top ten results by local cattle, in a field of over 1000 entries most years. The entry cost of \$110 incl GST is not small, but prize money of \$1000/\$750/\$500 for the top places are very attractive, apart from the great opportunity to promote the quality of Tasmanian beef across the country.

The Circular Head Show will be back again in November 2021. See you there.

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