



Trade and Export Cattle Competition 2019/20

The 37th annual hoof and hook competition saw a yarding of 69 entries with a quality field of 48 yearling steers and heifers, and 21 heavy prime beef steers. Our competition matches the specs for the Beef Australia National Competition, with all entries being accepted in pens of three.

The hoof section was held at Stanley on Saturday November 30th in perfect weather. Experienced livestock manager Duncan Newcomen from Yea, Victoria took on the challenge of hoof judge for this year. Duncan's knowledge gained from years in beef seedstock and consultancy was evident with the detailed descriptions of each entry and his reasons for ranking them in the competition.

This year new entrant Pigeon Hill from Ridgley took out first in the yearling class with a great pen of Red Angus, that had some familiar influences from the late Rex Frankcombe. Second was Bayswater Red Angus, and third Western Plains. In the Prime Beef Steer class it was M&G De Jonge first and Peter and Jean Moore second and third. The group of Pigeon Hill steers also won show champion entry and the Cyril Wells Memorial Trophy.

In the public judging, Roxene from Forest Cattery and Kennel again sponsored the boxes of chocolates, for those who were closest to the judges selections in each class. Class One winner was John Aitken. Closest to the judge in Class Two were Robert Scott and Stafford Heres jnr. Well done all.

Prizes this year totalled over \$6000 in value, with thanks to our many sponsors for their continuing generosity that makes the competition possible. We also appreciate the extensive support of Greenham Tasmania. The disruption to the daily routine of the plant to cater for the competition is considerable.

The other valued sponsors are Bayer Animal Health, Gallagher Australia, Chemvet, Zoetis, Incitec-Pivot, Datamars, Coopers Animal Health, Impact Fertilisers, Red Angus Australia and the Frankcombe family, Rabobank, Roberts Ltd., and Virbac Australia. Also local sponsors Perry's Quality Meats, Smithton Vet Service, Medwin Enterprises, Jaeger Electrical and the Wells family, Anthony's at Highfield, Nut Chairlift and Western Plains. Coopers Animal Health representative Andrew Streeter also presented all the entrants with a Leatherman multi-tool.

The judging of the carcass section of the competition was held at Greenham Tasmania, Smithton on January 6th, 2020. Winner in the Yearling class was Milton and Gaylene De Jonge, which came with the inaugural Rex Frankcombe Memorial Trophy. Second was Bayswater Red Angus and third was new entrant Trethewie Farms at Stanley. Prime Beef Steer class was won by Banna Holdings from Mawbanna, winning the Greenham Tasmania Trophy, with Peter Moore second and M&G De Jonge third.

Livestock Manager Gavin Coombe and Chiller Assessor Brent Burgess were impressed with the carcasses this year, and congratulated the winners.

The committee look forward to a productive season for Tasmanian beef producers and hope to have another impressive line-up of cattle at the 2020 Circular Head Show in November.

Winners for 2019/2020

HOOF SECTION :

Class One

1st 34, 35, 36 Pigeon Hill winning the Perry's Quality Meats Trophy
2nd 10,11,12 Bayswater Red Angus
3rd 4,5,6 Western Plains

Class Two

1st 53,54,55 M&G De Jonge winning the Fergus Medwin Memorial Trophy
2nd 65,66,67 Peter & Jean Moore
3rd 68,69,70 Peter & Jean Moore

Champion of Show and winning the Cyril Wells Memorial Trophy
1st 34, 35, 36 Pigeon Hill

HOOK SECTION

Class One

1st 13,14,15 M&G De Jonge winning the Rex Frankcombe Memorial Trophy
2nd 10,11,12 Bayswater Red Angus
3rd 43,44,45 Trethewie Farm

Class Two

1st 62,63,64 Banna Holdings winning the Greenham Tasmania Trophy
2nd 71,72,73 Peter Moore
3rd 53,54,55 M&G De Jonge