

CARCASS SPECIFICATIONS

Grain Fed Section

Weight Range:

Grain fed: 300 - 430kg with 330-400kg optimum (dressed weight), for maximum points

Dentition: Milk teeth on entry, maximum 2 teeth at slaughter.

P8 Fat depth: 8 – 20mm,

Optimum: 10 – 15mm

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Grass Fed Section

Weight Range:

Grass fed: 270-400kg with 300-360kg optimum (dressed weight), for maximum points

Dentition: Milk teeth on entry, maximum 2 teeth at slaughter.

P8 Fat depth: 6 – 18mm,

Optimum: 8 – 15mm

All carcasses will be scored:

- * objectively for weight, rib eye area, fat depth, pH and yield
- * Visually using standard AusMeat colour chips for fat and marbling score
- * visually for ossification score, and fat distribution
- * where an optimum and range are given carcasses with the optimum will score maximum points, those within the range will have points deducted, those outside the range will score 0 points.
- * carcasses will be assessed by MSA Grading Services to provide more information including eating quality.
- * tropical breed content will not be scored but, as per MSA specifications, will be indicated by hump height and included in for eating quality assessment points.
- * Points for eye muscle and fat depth varies with carcass weight.
- * Live animals will be weighed with an overnight fast. Live animals will be scored for temperament during backgrounding. It is planned to live scan all animals at end of backgrounding period.

Points Score		
	Grain	Grass
LWT - grass	100	200
LWT – grain	100	-
Temperament	40	40
Live assessment	50	50
Carcass weight	60	60
Dressing %	15	15
Carcass		
- Dentition	10	10
- EMA	50	50
- P8 Fat	15	15
- Rib Fat	15	15
- Meat Colour	15	15
- Fat Colour	15	15
- Fat Distribution	10	10
MSA	30	30
Yield of Saleable meat	75	75
Total Points	600	600

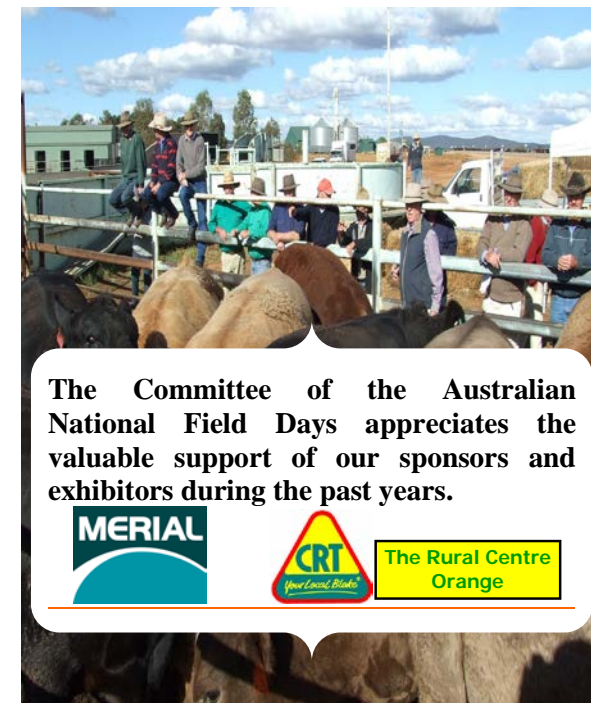
The steers will be backgrounded for approximately 38 days on grass at ANFD site and finished for a minimum 100 days in Gundmain feedlot or 100 to 100 days on grass/crop.

Projected Dates

- Delivery of Steers to ANFD 1-4 September 2017
- Steers moved to feedlot or grass approx. 3-4 October 2017
- Live Judging 5 January 2018
- Processed 22-23 January 2018



2018 Australian National Field Days Steer Competition



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CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Entries will consist of teams of Six (6) steers with final judging to be assessed on all steers in each of grain fed and grass fed sections. Should any animal be removed from the team they may be ineligible for points in the Competition. Where possible the remaining cattle will be slaughtered and feed back provided. Teams not meeting carcass specifications will have points deducted.
All steers are to be properly castrated and dehorned or polled. Any steers with unhealed dehorning or castration wounds will not be accepted. **All steers are to be individually identified by unique ear tag and in accompanying documentation before departure from property of origin.**
2. All entries **must nominate breed or cross** and be owned and bred by the exhibitor. In the event that the number of teams nominated exceeds the number that can be accommodated, participating teams will be selected, at the ANFD Committee's discretion, to represent a cross-section of breed and locality of origin.
3. All steers must have an acceptable NLIS ear tag on arrival and must be accompanied by a National Vendor Declaration. **Bolus are no longer accepted.**
4. All entries must be in a healthy condition, to be free of disease and originate from properties with herds of known disease free status for notifiable diseases. **Steers must also be free of pink eye and ring worm** on delivery. Any team found to be infected with a pre-existing notifiable disease will be disqualified and immediately removed from the ANFD site at the exhibitor's cost.
5. Exhibitors will be responsible for the delivery of their team to the ANFD site at Borenore by the **4 September 2017. ANFD will co-ordinate transport delivery**, if required, and details should be supplied to the Committee's office with nominations.
6. All steers will be drenched, vaccinated and ear tagged on arrival at the ANFD site. Steers will be given a minimum 15 days stabilisation period. The Competition will then commence from a 12 hour fasted weight.
7. All teams will be depastured together and managed under the same conditions for a period of approximately 6 weeks. At the conclusion of this period four (4) steers will enter the feedlot section and steers will be trucked to a suitable feedlot where they will be fed for a minimum of 100 days, the grass fed section steers of two (2) will be located on to grass/crop agistment for a similar period. All steers will be run together for the duration of the trial.
Entrants to nominate selection of two (2) steers that will stay on grass on delivery.
8. **ANFD reserves the right to remove steers which show problems in temperament, injury or sickness that make stock handling difficult or are detrimental to other stock. Problem steers will be deemed as the cull steer for the entire competition. Problem steers will be culled.**
9. Inspection will generally be available at: Initial weight at the beginning of the trial period and final weighing and live judging at the feedlot. It will not be possible to carry out live judging of the grass fed steers because of timing and lack of facilities.
Inspection of carcasses at abattoir will be arranged if sufficient interest and agreement by abattoir.
Exhibitors will be advised of dates at least two weeks prior to each event and progress results forwarded to exhibitors as appropriate.
10. It is planned to be able to slaughter both feedlot and grass fed steers at the same time but if adverse seasonal condition set in it may be necessary to slaughter the grass fed steers at a later date or finish them in the feedlot.
11. Judging for both live animals and carcass will be carried out by panels of at least two judges made up from industry, NSW Dept of Primary Industry. Live animal assessment, prior to slaughter, will contribute to overall point score. Judges' decision will be final. All carcasses will be assessed objectively.
12. Entrants will be paid for their steers after sale to the chosen abattoir on a per kg of saleable meat basis less the average feedlot costs and agistment costs per kg of live weight, transport costs and statutory charges. The entrant will bear the cost of any deaths and individual veterinary expenses, if required.
13. A backgrounding and entry fee of \$75 per head will be deducted by the ANFD. The ANFD will charge 10 cents per kg on the negotiated price to defray costs of the administration, collection of data, printing and promotion. It should be noted that ANFD has been able to negotiate a higher price from the abattoir than would be likely to be obtained by individual owners.
14. Overall management of the Competition is vested in the Committee of the Australian National Field Days, which will maintain sole authority for the management of the steers and the conduct of the Competition. However, the Committee accepts no responsibility and will not accept any claim for loss or damages resulting from the conduct of the Competition.
15. Completion of a nomination form acknowledges your acceptance of these conditions.