

SECTION B – PRIME CATTLE

WOOLWORTHS FEEDLOT TRIAL

PLATINUM SPONSORS: WOOLWORTHS MEAT, ALEXANDER DOWNS, SUTTON'S LIVESTOCK

GOLD SPONSORS: ABBEY LABS, ELDERS MERRIWA, COOPERS ALFLEX, ROCKWELL LIVESTOCK, PBA FEEDS

SEEDSTOCK SPONSORS: HIGHRENT ANGUS, MERIDEN LIMOUSIN, KNOWLA LIVESTOCK, MILLAH MURRAH, TIVOLI ANGUS, NEW TUREE.

SUPPORTING SPONSORS: GUNDIBRI, BUFFIER LIVESTOCK MARKETING, MINIBIMBIL GRAZING, CRT MERRIWA, x OKE PORTFOLIO, T & V NASH

SUB-COMMITTEE: P Ryan (Captain), T Inder, R Gill, S Gill, J Maben, D Goodear, D Munro, A Wallings, J Edmonds, R Casben, P Sutton, B Sutton

DATA SUPERVISOR: Bronte Sutton **FEEDLOT SUPERVISOR:** Stephen Gill

FURTHER INFORMATION: www.merriwafeedlotcomp.com

INDUCTION CRITERIA

Cattle must be Steers, Milk Teeth, Dehorned Effectively, 2 score or better, recognized beef breed. Pen of 3 Woolworths Trade Steers, 250 – 310 kg live weight.

HOOK COMPETITION

The hook competition will be judged on three main criteria.

1. **Market Specifications** will be judged on weight, sex, dentition, P8 fat, fat colour & texture.
2. **Saleable Meat Yield** will be determined by the muscle score, rib eye area & rib fat depth.
3. **Eating Quality** will be determined by the pH, meat colour, weight for maturity, Bos Indicus %, marbling & fat distribution.

FEEDLOT COMPETITION

The Feedlot Competition is based on Induction Criteria, Daily Weight Gain, Dressing Percentage, Profitability and Carcase Specifications.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:

1. An online entry form via the website: www.merriwafeedlotcomp.com by the 25th of May 2026. Once the allocated number of cattle have been sourced no further entries will be accepted.
2. All cattle to be vendor bred. Maximum 2 pens of 3 per vendor.
3. All entries must be recognised beef breeds or their crosses, de-horned effectively.

4. There is a 5 kg tolerance on each individual weight as long as the average weight of each pen is within the weight spec. Thus 245 kg min, 315 kg max weight. Cattle outside these specs may be rejected or receive point and price deductions.
5. Hormonal Growth Promotants – No cattle entered are permitted to be treated with any HGP's.
6. All cattle need an ear tag with the property of origin on tag AND team A/B differentiated.
7. Cattle to be delivered on Thursday 4th June 2026 between 10am-4pm.
8. A national vendor declaration must accompany the cattle to Alexander Downs. Consign to Alexander Downs, MERRIWA, NSW, 2329.
9. Cattle will be purchased on a c/kg liveweight basis upon delivery to Alexander Downs, weighed on Friday 5th June 2026. Cattle to be on a wet curfew overnight prior to being weighed.
10. Price will be \$5.20/kg. A price deduction of 40c/kg will be applied to any out of spec weights. This will also receive a point deduction.
11. A non-refundable entry fee of \$15/head (\$45/pen) will be deducted from the purchase price.
12. Settlement 10 days from entry by Alexander Downs
13. **The Committee reserves the right to reject any beast if that beast is deemed to be below fair average quality. If a beast is rejected, market rate may be offered to vendor by Alexander Downs, alternatively it must be transported from Alexander Downs at Vendors expense.**
14. Any deaths that occur during the feeding trial will result in that pen being ineligible for certain prizes.
15. The Judge's decision shall be final.
16. Champion and Reserve Champion beasts will be drawn from single or multiple pens.
17. Presentation of Live cattle will be held on Saturday of the show at 12 noon.
18. Subject to the number of entries, the committee reserves the right to restrict the number of entries from one PIC.

PRIZES (Over \$10,000.00 cash & goods to be awarded across the following categories)

ON THE HOOF

First to sixth place.

Champion Beast: AG Gill Pastoral Co. Perpetual Trophy & Wendouree Challenge Cup.

Tivoli Angus Reserve Champion Beast.

Woolworths Meat Champion Pen of Three: GG Hordern Perpetual Trophy.

Elders Merriwa Reserve Champion Pen of Three.

ON THE HOOK

First to Sixth place plus Association Award Cards.

Champion Carcase.

Reserve Champion Carcase.

Champion Pen of Three, Gilder Trophy.

Reserve Champion Pen of Three.

Most Successful Exhibitor in Hoof and Hook, D.G. Munro Perpetual Trophy.

FEEDLOT COMPETITION

First to Tenth overall see point score system below.

Point Score System: Individual animals will be scored on Induction (20 points), Feedlot Performance (80 points) and Carcase Specifications (100 points), to give a total possible of score of 200 points per animal, or 600 points per team.

Rockwell Livestock/ PBA Feeds Champion Pen. Special prize 1 pallet of PBA loose lick (value \$1,300)

Coopers Allflex Reserve Champion Pen

Millah Murrah Angus Highest Weight Gain Pen

Buffier Livestock Marketing Highest Dressing % Pen

Abbey Labs Highest Profitability Pen. Special prize 1 drum of Invictus dual acting drench (value \$1,600)

Highrent Angus Top Overall Pen

The Sutton's Livestock Golden Hobbles - awarded to the highest overall scoring client of Sutton's Livestock, featuring 2 hobble belts and \$500 of promo' d service.