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Tasmania triumphs as the home of Australia's best beef and lamb

Tasmania can lay claim to producing the best beef and lamb in Australia this year, with the state taking top honours for red meat in the RNA's prestigious Royal Queensland Awards supported by King Street.

Australia's best beef, lamb, cheese, dairy, ice cream, gelato and sorbet were crowned from a total of 540 entries, with the winners announced at the Brisbane Showgrounds today.

The Grand Champion Branded Beef of Show was awarded to Paradigm Foods' ICON XB Wagyu and the Champion Branded Lamb of Show went to Royal Wholesale Meats' Tasmanian Royal.

Chief Judge of the Royal Queensland Branded Beef and Lamb Awards Elaine Millar said the competition was very tight and the visual and taste judging was challenging due to the extraordinary quality of the majority of entries.

"The Grand Champion ICON XB Wagyu from Paradigm Foods' Tasmanian herd is a very deserving winner of the Branded Beef category. It offered the perfect balance of juiciness, tenderness and structure," she said.

"The Tasmanian Royal Lamb from Royal Wholesale Meats earned its Champion title for its complexity of delicate yet luscious sweet and savoury flavours including shortbread, pureed macadamia and the richness of Chanterelle mushrooms sauted in homemade butter.

"Every year the judging panel is overwhelmed by the escalation in the quality of the Branded Beef and Lamb Entries. It is an outstanding achievement by our dedicated Australian producers and our retail and food service industries and ultimately the end diner are the beneficiaries."

Meanwhile Scoop Gelati Bar from Burleigh on the Gold Coast was awarded Australia's best in the Ice Cream, Gelato and Sorbet competition for its Yuzu Gelato.

Ice Cream, Gelato and Sorbet Judge Savannah Sexton said the Grand Champion gelato was exceptional.

"The Yuzu Gelato was balanced in flavour, very creamy and refreshing, and the acid from the yuzu rounded it out nicely," she said.



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In the Cheese and Dairy competition, the nation's finest cheese was awarded to Montefiore Cheese from Victoria for their Trecce.

Chief Judge of the Royal Queensland Ice Cream, Gelato and Sorbet Awards and Royal Queensland Cheese and Dairy Awards Russell Smith said the Grand Champion cheese was phenomenal and the standard of entries across the two dairy competitions was very high.

"The Montefiore Trecce was exceptional quality, scoring 19 points, and certainly deserves its Grand Champion status. It's rare for this type of cheese to win over cheddars and blues which have more complex flavours, speaking volumes about how excellent it is," he said.

"The quality of what's now by far the biggest Ice Cream, Gelato and Sorbet competition in Australia, was exceptional as always – particularly the entries from northern and southern Queensland.

The top cheese products were up there with the best cheeses in Australia and on average the quality in cheese and dairy was very high."

Some of today's award-winning products will be showcased on the Royal Queensland Cooking Stage at the Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) which is now just 93 days away.

GRAND CHAMPION BRANDED BEEF OF SHOW (Australia's best steak)

ICON XB Wagyu by Paradigm Foods

CHAMPION BRANDED LAMB OF SHOW (Australia's best lamb)

Tasmanian Royal by Royal Wholesale Meats

GRAND CHAMPION DAIRY PRODUCT OF SHOW (Australia's best cheese)

Montefiore Trecce by Montefiore Cheese Aust Pty Ltd

GRAND CHAMPION ICE CREAM, GELATO OR SORBET OF SHOW (Australia's best ice cream)

Yuzu Gelato by Scoop Gelati

OTHER BEEF TROPHY WINNERS

CHAMPION MSA GRADED BRANDED BEEF OF SHOW

Stockyard Gold by Stockyard Beef

Grain Fed Class Class 1

Gold: Stockyard Gold by Stockyard Beef

Silver: Angus Reserve Black Angus Beef by NH Foods Australia



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Bronze: Southern Grain 150 Day Angus by Australian Meat Group

Grass Fed Class 2

Gold: Josdale Angus Grass Fed by Australian Meat Group

Silver: Southern Ranges Grass Fed by Australian Meat Group

Bronze: Angus Pure Grass Fed Beef by Thomas Foods International

Wagyu Class AUS-MEAT Marble Score 6 or less

Gold: Tajima Australian Grainfed Wagyu by Andrews Meat Industries

Silver: Black Opal by Harmony Agriculture & Food Company Pty Ltd

Bronze: Yugo XB Wagyu by Paradigm Foods

Wagyu Class AUS-MEAT Marble Score 7+

Gold: ICON XB Wagyu by Paradigm Foods

Silver: Kiwami by Stockyard by Stockyard Beef

Bronze: Tajima Australian Grainfed Wagyu by Andrews Meat Industries

Open Class

Gold: JBS Australia Yardstick MB2+ by JBS Australia

Silver: Coles Finest Carbon Neutral Beef by Coles

Bronze: Kilcoy Diamond Choice by Kilcoy Global Foods

OTHER LAMB TROPHY WINNERS

Branded Lamb – 20 kg or less

Gold: Lamb of Tasmania Trade Lamb by Tasmanian Lamb Company

Silver: Tasmanian Royal by Royal Wholesale Meats

Bronze: Royal Trade by Royal Wholesale Meats



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Branded Lamb – More than 20kg

- Gold: Tasmanian Royal by Royal Wholesale Meats
- Silver: Royal Trade by Royal Wholesale Meats
- Bronze: White Pyrenees Lamb by WHITE STRIPE FOODS PTY LTD

Restaurant Trade Branded Lamb – More than 24kg

- Gold: Australian Whole Meats/Minerva Foods
- Silver: Royal Trade by Royal Wholesale Meats
- Bronze: Tasmanian Royal by Royal Wholesale Meats

OTHER CHEESE AND DAIRY TROPHY WINNERS

CHAMPION COW'S MILK CHEESE OF SHOW

Montefiore Trecce by Montefiore Cheese Aust Pty Ltd

CHAMPION NON COW'S MILK CHEESE OF SHOW

Floridia Cheese Buffalo Mozzarella by Floridia Cheese Pty Ltd

CHAMPION DAIRY DESSERT OR YOGHURT OF SHOW

Maleny Gourmet Passionfruit Yoghurt by Maleny Cheese

DAIRY AUSTRALIA CHAMPION BUTTER, MILK OR CREAM OF SHOW

Norco Pure Jersey Milk by Norco Foods

CHAMPION BUFFALO, GOAT, SHEEP OR OTHER NON-COW'S MILK PRODUCT OF SHOW

Natural Sheep Milk Yoghurt by Meredith Dairy

CHAMPION QUEENSLAND CHEESE OR DAIRY PRODUCT OF SHOW

Blackall Gold Washed Rind by Woombye Cheese

OTHER ICE CREAM, GELATO AND SORBET TROPHY WINNERS

CHAMPION VANILLA, CHOCOLATE OR STRAWBERRY ICE CREAM OR GELATO OF SHOW

Lindt Chocolate 70% by The Standard Market Company

CHAMPION FLAVOURED ICE CREAM OR GELATO OF SHOW

Yuzu Gelato by Scoop Gelati



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CHAMPION ICE CREAM OR GELATO OF SHOW

Yuzu Gelato by Scoop Gelati

CHAMPION SORBET OF SHOW

Spicy Pineapple Sorbet with a touch of Tequila by Wicked Ice Cream

For further information about the Royal Queensland Awards and a complete list of beef, lamb, cheese, dairy, ice cream, gelato and sorbet competition results, visit www.rqa.com.au.

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