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Queensland home to Australia's best beef and ice cream

Queensland has reclaimed its status as the beef and ice cream capital of Australia, following the Royal Queensland Food and Wine Show (RQFWS) Awards at the Brisbane Showgrounds today.

Australia's best beef, lamb, cheese and ice cream was crowned from a total of almost 500 entries, in the RQFWS's largest ever celebration of the nation's finest produce.

Stockyard Black produced on the Darling Downs was named Australia's best steak, while Milani Minus Eight Degrees in Sunnybank, Brisbane, took the title of Australia's best ice cream with their dark chocolate lemon flavour.

Queensland has held the Grand Champion Branded Beef of Show title since 2014, but the Grand Champion Ice Cream, Gelato or Sorbet of Show award sat with a New South Wales producer, after they crushed a four year winning streak by the Sunshine State in 2019.

Meanwhile, Victoria proved it's the state to beat when it comes to lamb and cheese.

Midfield Meat International's Union Station product from Warrnambool was named Australia's best lamb, while Berrys Creek Gourmet Cheese's Riverine Blue made in Gippsland won the title of Australia's best cheese.

Chief Judge of the Branded Beef and Lamb Competition Elaine Millar said the overall quality of the beef and lamb entries were exceptional this year.

"Due to the extraordinary marbling in both the beef and lamb entries, the uncooked visual judging was overwhelmingly the best we have ever experienced," she said.

"Unlike any other year, there was extreme diversity in visual, flavour, texture and juiciness which provides a wonderful opportunity for retail, food service and ultimately the end diner to experience the multiplicity of taste sensations the seasons, regions and breeds bring to our plate."

Chief Judge of the Cheese and Dairy Produce Show presented by King Street and Ice Cream, Gelato and Sorbet Competition presented by King Street Russell Smith said the judges were pleased with the quality of the dairy entries.

"The standard of the cheese and dairy products were higher than in previous years, in part due to several small manufacturers who produce high quality products who entered the competition for the first time," he said.



“The quality of the ice creams, gelatos and sorbets were excellent, as the judges have come to expect in this competition, particularly the tropical fruit and citrus flavours.”

Some of today’s award-winning products will be showcased at the Royal Queensland Show (Ekka), which is now just 78 days away.

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

Stockyard Black by Stockyard

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

Union Station by Midfield Meat International

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

Riverine Blue by Berrys Creek Gourmet Cheese

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

Dark Chocolate Lemon by Milani Minus Eight Degrees

OTHER BEEF TROPHY WINNERS

CHAMPION MSA GRADED BRANDED BEEF OF SHOW

Grandchester by Mort & Co

King Street Grain Fed Class

Gold: Grandchester by Mort & Co

Silver: Ebony Black Angus by Kilcoy Global Foods

Bronze: Five Founders by North Australian Pastoral Company

King Street Grass Fed Class

Gold: JOSDALE by Australian Meat Group

Silver: Southern Ranges by Australian Meat Group

Bronze: JBS Queenslander by JBS Australia

Wagyu Class AUS-MEAT Marble Score 6 or less

Gold: ICON XB Wagyu by Paradigm Foods

Silver: The Phoenix by Mort & Co

Bronze: Roam Australian Wagyu by Paradigm Foods

Wagyu Class AUS-MEAT Marble Score 7+

Gold: Stockyard Black by Stockyard

Silver: ICON XB Wagyu by Paradigm Foods

Bronze: Master Selection by Mort & Co

Open Class

Gold: Stockyard Gold by Stockyard



Silver: JBS Yardstick by JBS Australia
Bronze: Ebony Black Angus by Kilcoy Global Foods

OTHER LAMB TROPHY WINNERS

Meat & Livestock Australia Branded Lamb - 20kg or Less
Gold: Tasmanian Royal by Royal Wholesale Meats
Silver: 246 by Midfield Meat International
Bronze: Union Station by Midfield Meat International

Branded Lamb - More than 20kg
Gold: Tasmanian Royal by Royal Wholesale Meats
Silver: Lamb of Tasmania by Tasmanian Lamb Company
Bronze: Australian Lamb by Woodward Foods Australia

Restaurant Trade Branded Lamb - More than 24kg
Gold: Union Station by Midfield Meat International
Silver: 246 by Midfield Meat International
Bronze: Tasmanian Royal by Royal Wholesale Meats

OTHER CHEESE AND DAIRY TROPHY WINNERS

Champion Cow's Milk Cheese of Show
Oak Blue by Berrys Creek Gourmet Cheese

Champion Non Cow's Milk Cheese of Show
Riverine Blue by Berrys Creek Gourmet Cheese

13cabs Champion Dairy Dessert or Yoghurt of Show
Probiotic Kefir by Cheeses Loves You

Dairy Australia Champion Butter, Milk or Cream of Show
Real Cream by Maleny Dairies

Champion Buffalo, Goat, Sheep or Other Non Cow's Milk Product of Show
Camel Milk Marinated Cheese - Persian Style Feta by Summer Land Camels

Champion Queensland Cheese or Dairy Product of Show
Blackall Gold Washed Rind by Woombye Cheese Company

OTHER ICE CREAM, GELATO AND SORBET TROPHY WINNERS

Champion Vanilla, Chocolate or Strawberry Ice Cream or Gelato of Show
Dark Chocolate by Milani House of Gelato

13cabs Champion Flavoured Ice Cream or Gelato of Show
Dark Chocolate Lemon by Milani Minus Eight Degrees



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Dairy Australia Champion Ice Cream or Gelato of Show
Dark Chocolate Lemon by Milani Minus Eight Degrees

Champion Sorbet of Show
Queenslander Mango by The Standard Market Company

Champion Queensland Ice Cream, Gelato or Sorbet of Show
Dark Chocolate Lemon by Milani Minus Eight Degrees

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