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Steaks are high when judging Australia's best beef and lamb

Judges for the Royal Queensland Food and Wine Show's (RQFWS) Branded Beef and Lamb Competition will today begin deciding which red meats are a cut above the rest.

Judging to crown Australia's best beef and lamb is taking place at the Brisbane Showgrounds over the next two days.

Twelve judges including top chefs from award-winning restaurants, butchers and food consultants will taste their way through 58 entries.

Chief Judge Elaine Millar said they're expecting the quality of entries to be high.

"Although our vast country constantly experiences enormous weather diversity, this year, there is a heightened level of excitement from our judges due to the valuable rainfall received in substantial grazing regions resulting in superior pastures and potentially superb quality beef, wagyu and lamb," she said.

"Because Australia produces the best beef globally, and in addition world-class lamb, our experienced judges will enthusiastically embrace all entries to evaluate the tenderness, juiciness, visual and most importantly, the balance of remarkable flavours."

Each piece of meat goes through a rigorous judging process, with food scientists ensuring the beef and lamb is cooked to precise requirements to be presented to the judges in its perfect state.

The judges will oversee five competition classes for branded beef including grain-fed, grass-fed and Wagyu, plus three for branded lamb including one to cater for the restaurant trade.

Australia's best beef and lamb, along with the RQFWS medal-winning cheese and ice cream, will be announced at an awards presentation at the Brisbane Showgrounds on Friday 21 May.

WHAT: RQFWS Branded Beef and Lamb Competition Judging

WHEN: Tuesday 27 (lamb) and Wednesday 28 (beef) April, 9am to 12pm

WHERE: Ernest Baynes dining room – Brisbane Showgrounds, 600 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills

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