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## Darling Downs wagyu crowned Australia's best steak

For the fourth year in a row Stockyard's Wagyu Kiwami has lived up to its name, taking out the title of Australia's best steak at the Royal Queensland Food and Wine Show (RQFWS) Branded Beef and Lamb Competition Awards at the Brisbane Showgrounds today.

Kiwami, meaning 'outstanding excellence,' is produced at Jondaryan on the Darling Downs and Chief Judge Elaine Millar said it deserved to be named Grand Champion Branded Beef of Show.

"Kiwami once again showcased its extraordinary credentials - long-lasting well-retained juiciness, a luxurious molten texture on the palate, and visually it was outstanding," she said.

The wagyu, which has a 9+ marbling score, beat 24 other entries to be named Australia's best, with the judges also impressed by the overall quality of beef entered in the competition.

"The scores were high and very close, many with less than one-point difference, therefore proving that grain, grass and wagyu entries are all worthy of the highest accolades," Ms Millar said.

"For a country that produces some of the finest beef in the world, we have unearthed the best of the best which continues to position Australia as leader in the international beef market."

Family-owned Woodward Foods Australia claimed the title of Australia's best lamb for the second year in a row, this time with their Australian Lamb product produced at Swan Hill in Victoria.

It was the first time in three years Tasmanian produced lamb had been outshone, with Woodward Foods Australia's HRW Tasmanian Lamb winning in 2019 and 2017, and Melrose Wholesale Meats' Tasmanian Royal taking top honours in 2018.

Chief Judge Elaine Millar said the Australian Lamb product had a long-lasting juiciness, due to its fine silk-like threads of marbling.

"It showcased beautifully balanced flavours of emulsified cashew, sweet biscuit and delicate earthy oyster mushrooms," she said.

A total of 36 entries were received in the competition this year, judged over two days last week by a team of 13 food experts including some of Queensland's top chefs.

RQFWS award-winning beef and lamb products will be served from 7-16 August at a pop-up store in King Street at the Brisbane Showgrounds, as part of Ekka 2020 Online presented by RACQ to keep the spirit of the Royal Queensland Show alive.



**MAJOR AWARD WINNERS:**

**GRAND CHAMPION BRANDED BEEF OF SHOW**

**(Australia's best steak)** Stockyard Pty Ltd for its Stockyard Kiwami

**CHAMPION MSA GRADED BRANDED BEEF OF SHOW**

NH Foods Australia for its Angus Reserve

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

Woodward Foods Australia for its Australian Lamb

**BEEF AWARD WINNERS**

Class 1 – Grain Fed Class

Gold: NH Foods Australia for its Angus Reserve

Silver: Stockyard Pty Ltd for its Stockyard Gold

Bronze: JBS Australia for its JBS Thousand Guineas Shorthorn

Class 2 – Grass Fed Class

Gold: Thomas Foods International for its Angus Pure Grass Fed

Silver: Woodward Foods Australia for its Natural Beef

Bronze: NH Foods Australia for its Manning Valley Naturally

Class 3 - Wagyu Class AUS-MEAT Marble Score 6 or less

Gold: Mort & Co for its Master Selection

Silver: Lotte International Oceania for its L'grow Wagyu

Bronze: Paradigm Foods Pty Ltd for its Icon XB Wagyu

Class 4 - Wagyu Class AUS-MEAT Marble Score 7+

Gold: Stockyard Pty Ltd for its Stockyard Kiwami

Silver: Stockyard Pty Ltd for its Stockyard Black

Bronze: Mort & Co for its The Phoenix

Class 5 - Open Class

Gold: JBS Australia for its JBS Yardstick

Silver: JBS Australia for its JBS Tender Valley

**LAMB AWARD WINNERS**

Class 6 - Meat & Livestock Australia Branded Lamb - 20kg or Less

Gold: Milly Hill Pty Ltd for its Milly Hill



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Silver: Woodward Foods Australia for its HRW Tasmanian Lamb

Bronze: Woodward Foods Australia for its Australian Lamb

Class 7 - Branded Lamb - More than 20kg

Gold: Thomas Foods International for its Supreme

Silver: Milly Hill Pty Ltd for its Milly Hill

Bronze: Thomas Foods International for its Thomas Farms

Class 8 - Restaurant Trade Branded Lamb - More than 24kg

Gold: Woodward Foods Australia for its Australian Lamb

Silver: Woodward Foods Australia for its HRW Tasmanian Lamb

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