

Murray Grey Steers in the Mix at Adelaide

Murray Grey steers, have once again shown the quality carcass characteristics of the Murray Grey breed with a highly consistent performance in the hoof and hook classes at the 2009 Royal Adelaide Show.

In the led steer section across all classes Murray Grey Steers won a total of twenty ribbons out of twenty seven Murray Grey entries. Murray Grey steers placed 1st on one occasion, 2nd on 6 occasions, 3rd on three occasions, 4th on five occasions, 5th on two occasions, and received two highly commended ribbons, as well as a merit award.

A 420kg liveweight steer exhibited by the Kenton Murray Grey Stud, Kenton Doolittle (*pictured right*) translated his 2nd place on the hoof to a 1st place in the Light Domestic Carcass Class, followed up by being named the Champion Light Domestic Led Steer Carcass. The steer, by Kenton Space Ace and out of a commercial Murray Grey cow dressed at 55%, had an EMA of 76cmsq and rib and rump fats of 5mm and 10mm respectively.



Kenton Murray Grey Stud has won \$250 from the MGBCS, as part of the conditional sponsorship by winning the Champion Light Domestic Led Steer Carcass.

Kenton Doolittle missed out on being named Grand Champion Led Steer Carcass by the smallest of margins scoring a total of 90.692 points behind the Grand Champion Carcass who scored 90.814. Kenton Doolittle was the highest scoring Murray Grey Steer in the Royal Adelaide Show adding to the Kenton Murray Grey Studs prize pool, a further \$250 from the MGBCS.

A Murray Grey Steer exhibited by the Faith Lutheran School was the Reserve Champion Export Carcass behind the Grand Champion Carcass. Faith Bruceter a 590kg liveweight steer, dressed at 59%, had an EMA of 95cmsq and respective rib and rump fats of 12mm and 14mm.

Overall the carcass judging saw Murray Grey Steers win two 1sts, two 2nds and a 3rd.

In the highly sort O'Connor Trophy Competition for a team of three steers, the Murray Grey team placed a respectable 3rd.

These results continue to highlight the fact that Murray Greys have desirable carcass characteristics, and are a breed that produces high quality beef. This win compounded by other carcass competition wins throughout 2009 should encourage the commercial cattle producer that Murray Greys are the breed they need to be using in order to improve the quality of the carcass characteristics of their beef cattle herd.