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Nutrien®

COMMERCIAL CATTLE CHAMPIONSHIP

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THE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Nutrien® Commercial Cattle Championship is a permanent fixture on Beef Australia's calendar of events where Australian commercial cattlemen and women test their skills and compete for a chance to have their cattle awarded the best in the country.

The Championship aims to ensure Australia's beef industry remains productive and profitable by selecting judges with comprehensive knowledge on current market specifications, relevant to market drivers and modern production parameters. This provides participating producers with the opportunity to benchmark their stock against national standards, allowing them to identify areas of improvement.

The Championship also features a Young Commercial Judge's Competition where competitors are required to judge four pens on conformation, muscling, market suitability, and evenness of the pen.

We invite you to be involved in Beef Australia's Nutrien 2027 Commercial Cattle Championship to showcase your commercial herd to a national and international audience. Winners will be announced at the 2027 Nutrien Commercial Cattle Championship Awards Dinner on Monday 3rd May at Beef 2027 (venue and time to be advised).

BEEF 2027
NUTRIEN COMMERCIAL CATTLE CHAMPIONSHIP
KEY DATES AND PROGRAM

2026

FRIDAY, 6th NOVEMBER

10.00am	Nominations open

2027

FRIDAY, 12th MARCH

11.59pm	Nominations close

FRIDAY, 30th APRIL

5.00pm	Substitutions close

SATURDAY, 1st MAY

5.00pm	Cattle must be at Central Queensland Livestock Exchange (CQLX), Gracemere

SUNDAY, 2nd MAY

9.00am	Judging commences
12.00pm	Young Commercial Judges Competition Entries Close
1.00-4.00pm	Young Commercial Judges Competition Presentations to follow

MONDAY, 3rd MAY

7.00am for 7.30am Start	Exhibitors Welcome Breakfast
8:30am	Official Opening of the Sale and Announcement of Champions
9.00am	Sale of Champions and Feature Sale Commences
6.30pm	Awards Presentation Dinner (Venue TBA)

DETAILS

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

CLASS	DESCRIPTION
Grain Fed	
1	Pen of 10 steers 560-650kgs, maximum 2 teeth, minimum 100 days grain fed, suitable for export market
2	Pen of 10 steers 640-760kgs, maximum 4 teeth, minimum 100 days grain fed, suitable for export market
3	Pen of 10 steers 520-600kgs, maximum 2 teeth, minimum 70 days grain fed, suitable for heavy trade market
4	Pen of 10 steers 430-520kgs, maximum 2 teeth, minimum 70 days grain fed, suitable for light trade market, HGP free or EU
5	Pen of 10 heifers 500-640kgs, maximum 2 teeth, minimum 70 days grain fed, suitable for heavy trade market
6	Pen of 12 heifers 420-520kgs, milk tooth, minimum 70 days grain fed, suitable for light trade market, HGP free or EU
**Maximum time on feed of 130 days. Refer to conditions.*	
Grass Fed	
7	Pen of 10 steers 560-650kgs, maximum 2 teeth, suitable for export market
8	Pen of 10 steers 640-760kgs, maximum 4 teeth, suitable for export market
9	Pen of 10 steers 520-760kgs, maximum 4 teeth, HGP free or EU
10	Pen of 10 steers 450-560kgs, maximum 2 teeth, suitable for trade market, HGP free or EU
11	Pen of 10 heifers 500-760kgs, maximum 4 teeth, suitable for export market
12	Pen of 12 heifers 420-520kgs, maximum 2 teeth, suitable for open trade market, HGP free or EU

ARRIVALS

No cattle will be accepted at Central Queensland Livestock Exchange (CQLX), Gracemere, after **5pm on Saturday, 1st May 2027**. All cattle should come in drafted and appropriately tagged.

BIOSECURITY

All exhibitors must comply with all statutory biosecurity requirements and be LPA registered.

PRIZES

Prize money and ribbons will be awarded to first, second, third, fourth and fifth place in each class as per the following:

- First - $575 cash
- Second - $345 cash
- Third - $230 cash
- Fourth - $185 cash
- Fifth - $140 cash.

Trophies will be awarded to the winning pen in each class.

Prize money will be awarded to competition champions and reserve champions as per the following:

- Grand Champion Pen - $1,500 cash
- Champion Pen Lot Fed Steers - $1,000 cash (Reserve Champion $500 cash)
- Champion Pen Lot Fed Heifers - $1,000 cash (Reserve Champion $500 cash)
- Champion Pen Crop or Pasture Fed Steers - $1,000 cash (Reserve Champion $500 cash)
- Champion Pen Crop or Pasture Fed Heifers - $1,000 cash (Reserve Champion $500 cash)
- Most Successful Exhibitor - $1,000 cash
- Most Successful Feedlot - $1,000 cash.

All competition champions and reserve champions will receive a trophy and ribbon.

PRESENTATION DINNER

The Nutrien Commercial Cattle Championship Presentation Dinner will start at 6.30pm on Monday 3rd May. Tickets are avaliable for purchase on the Beef Australia website.

HOW TO ENTER

All nominations must be made online at **beefaustralia.com.au/commercialcomp.**

By nominating online, entrants will be able to enter and pay nominations through a simple, secure and easy to use process.

NOMINATION DATES

- Entries open **Friday, 6th November 2026**
- Entries close **Friday, 12th March 2027**

Any changes to entries must be advised by **5pm on Friday, 30th April 2027** to the exhibitor's nominated selling agent. No late entries will be accepted.

NOMINATION FEE

The nomination fee is $155 (inc. GST) per pen.

YOUNG COMMERCIAL JUDGES COMPETITION

Young cattlemen and women from around Australia have the chance to compete at Beef 2027 in the Young Commercial Judges Competition.

With four different age categories starting at Under 10 years and running through to 18 Years and Under, young competitors can test their skills against their peers in judging commercial beef cattle against market specifications.

DETAILS

Competitors will be required to judge four pens on conformation, muscling, market suitability, and evenness of the pen. Points will be awarded for the order in which these pens are placed. The Championship will be awarded to the highest scoring entrant from any of the four classes, with winners awarded for each category.

Presentation of awards will occur at 3.30pm on Sunday, 2nd May 2027 at the conclusion of the Young Commercial Judges Competition.

PRIZES

The Champion Young Commercial Judge will be awarded $200 cash, a champion trophy, and have their name engraved on the Jan Sinclair Perpetual Memorial Trophy to be displayed in the Beef Australia office.

Winner of the Champion Young Commercial Judge will be invited to Associate Judge the Led Steer Class in Centre Ring on Tuesday 4th May at the Rockhampton Showgrounds.

Prize money and ribbons will be awarded to First to Fifth placing in each class. First $50 cash; Second $40 cash; Third $30 cash; Fourth $20 cash; Fifth $10 cash.

Winners of each age category will also receive a trophy.

AGE CATEGORIES

The age categories for the competition are as follows:

- 10 years and under
- 13 years and under
- 16 years and under
- 18 years and under

The category in which the child will compete will be determined by their age as at Sunday, 2nd May 2027.

HOW TO ENTER

Entry forms and conditions of entry can be obtained online at **beefaustralia.com.au/commercialcomp.**

NOMINATION DATES

- Entries open **Friday, 6th November 2026**
- Entries close **12pm on Sunday, 2nd May 2027**

Early entries would be appreciated. No late entries past the close date and time will be accepted.

NOMINATION FEES

There are no fees for entering the Young Commercial Judges Competition.

CONDITIONS

1. All exhibitors must have current LPA registration.
2. Online entries will open on Friday, 6th November 2026 and close on Friday, 12th March 2027. Nominations to be made online at beefaustralia.com.au/commercialcomp.
3. Entry Fee is $155 including GST per pen. Payment of entry fee (by credit card) is to accompany the online entry and is non-refundable.
4. All cattle must be dehorned or polled (with no visible signs of horns).
5. Beef Australia's Commercial Cattle Championship Committee reserve the right to place a limit on the number of entries per class and/or the number of lots entered by each exhibitor.
6. Nominated lots will only be accepted when cattle numbers match the class specifications i.e. Class 2: Pen of 10; Class 6: Pen of 12.
7. All cattle must be offered for sale.
8. No cattle will be accepted at CQLX after 5.00pm on Saturday, 1st May 2027. All cattle should come in drafted.
9. All cattle will be fed and watered after penning on Saturday, 1st May 2027.
10. GRAIN/LOT FED CLASSES: All cattle sold as grain fed must be fed for the minimum amount of time required by the class conditions and be accompanied by the relevant documentation (i.e. NFAS). Maximum time on feed of 130 days. To be supported with NFAS from entry into feedlot.
11. CROP/PASTURE FED CLASSES: No grain assisted entries allowed.
12. All stock will be sold under the normal rules of live weight selling and all fees and charges will be at vendors' expense.
13. JUDGING AND SALE: All cattle must be offered for judging and all cattle must be offered for sale. Selling fees, charges and commission will apply. Any cattle passed in at auction will attract a $100 per head fee over and above the entry fee.
14. Beef Australia nominated Selling Agents will be rebating 1.5% of their commission to Beef Australia Ltd. All cattle must be sold through a Beef Australia Ltd Selling Agent.
15. Beef Australia's Commercial Cattle Championship Committee reserves the right to reject any entry not considered to be in the spirit of the Beef Australia 2027 Cattle Championships.
16. Beef Australia's Commercial Cattle Championship Committee reserves the right to alter the schedule in any way it sees fit in the interest of Beef Australia 2027.
17. All decisions of the judges will be absolute and final.
18. All cattle will be weighed from 2.00pm on Saturday, 1 May 2027. *Please note: Cattle will not be moved between classes to meet weight requirements. A weight tolerance of 1% will be permitted. Any animal that falls outside the weight range for its nominated class (after applying the 1% tolerance) will be ineligible to compete, but will still be offered for sale in its nominated class.*
19. Any class changes must be advised by 5.00pm on Friday, 30 April 2027 to the exhibitor's nominated selling agent.
20. All NLIS requirements must be adhered to and cattle must be accompanied by LPA or EU NVD. EU eligible and HGP free cattle can be shown in any class but will be sold as EU or HGP free.
21. All cattle must be mouthed and ear tagged within 3 weeks of being delivered to the saleyards.
22. HANDLING AND ACCEPTANCE: Handling of the cattle in the yards after unloading will be at the direction of the Committee.
23. MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR: Points shall be allocated as follows:

ENTRIES PER CLASS	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH
Up to 10 Entries	5	4	3	2	1
11-20 Entries	6	5	4	3	2
21-30 Entries	7	6	5	4	3
Over 30 Entries	8	7	6	5	4
Champion Pen	2				
Reserve Champion Pen	1				

24. All cattle to be exhibited at owner's risk.

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