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## Beefed up winners weigh in at RNA's Paddock to Palate Competition

David and Prue Bondfield from Dalveen in Queensland and Yulgilbar Pastoral Company from Baryulgil in New South Wales have taken home the blue ribbons in the first phase of the prestigious RNA Paddock to Palate Competition, presented by Mort and Co.

The competition, which is the richest of its kind in the nation with \$45,000 in prize money on offer, attracted 770 head of cattle this year.

David and Prue Bondfield's pen of six winning Charolais X Angus had an Average Daily Gain (ADG) of 2.95 kg in Class 37, just beating Yulgilbar Pastoral Company's Santa Gertrudis X Charolais which tipped the scales with an ADG of 2.90 kg.

It was Yulgilbar Pastoral Company's time to shine in Class 38 - winning the 70 day class for the second year in a row, with their pen of Santa Gertrudis X Angus weighing in with an ADG of 3.27 kg.

Class 37's highest individual weight gain award went to D and AD Bassingthwaighe and Co for their Santa Gertrudis X Charolais which had an ADG of 3.30 kg, while Yulgilbar Pastoral Company raked in another award, winning the highest individual weight gain for Class 38 for their Santa Gertrudis X Angus which had an ADG of 3.74 kg.

Rob Sinnamon from Yulgilbar Pastoral Company said he was over the moon with the results.

"We consider this to be the largest benchmarking competition of its kind in the country, so we're thrilled to place highly," he said.

"The competition shows the commercial relevance of our genetics and to do well means a lot to us."

RNA Beef Cattle Committee Chairman Gary Noller said the competition has been bringing the nation's top cattle producers together for 19 years, with great results.

"The high quality of genetics entered into the competition this year presented average daily gains higher than normal feedlot conditions," he said.

"The RNA is dedicated to celebrating and championing agriculture and this competition really gives producers the chance to benchmark their hard work and get their beef out to the consumer."

The three phased Paddock to Palate competition now moves on from weight gain into its second phase – a carcass competition, followed by an MSA eating quality competition.

The exhibitor who polls the highest aggregate score across the three categories is then awarded the overall prize, to be announced during Ekka at a special Paddock to Palate Competition Awards Presentation Breakfast.

All steers were forward sold over the hooks to JBS Australia Dinmore on a price and grid negotiated in March so that all exhibitors have full transparency on pricing.

Sponsors for the 2016 competition include Mort & Co; JBS Australia; Rabobank; Zoetis; Elanco; Virbac; Black Truck Sales; Grant, Daniel & Long (GDL); Queensland Country Life; ZTags; Anipro Liquid Supplements; Super Butcher and Thompson Longhorn.

## RESULTS:

### **Class 37 - Mort & Co Best Weight Gain for Pen of Six Grain-Fed Steers (100 Day)**

1<sup>st</sup> - David & Prue Bondfield – Charolais X Angus – ADG 2.95 – Dalveen QLD  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Yulgilbar Pastoral Company – Santa Gertrudis X Charolais – ADG 2.90 - Baryulgil NSW  
3<sup>rd</sup> - David & Prue Bondfield – Charolais X Angus – ADG 2.89 - Dalveen QLD

### **Class 37 - Black Truck Sales Highest Individual Weight Gain**

1<sup>st</sup> - D & AD Bassingthwaighe & Co – Santa Gertrudis X Charolais – ADG 3.30 - Wallumbilla QLD

### **Class 38 - Elanco Animal Health Best Weight Gain for Pen of Six Grain-Fed Steers (70 Day)**

1<sup>st</sup> - Yulgilbar Pastoral Company – Santa Gertrudis X Angus – ADG 3.27 – Baryulgil NSW  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Yulgilbar Pastoral Company – Santa Gertrudis – ADG 3.17 – Baryulgil NSW  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Brodie & Ayesha Clifford – Charolais – ADG 3.09 – Ettrick NSW

### **Class 38 - Elanco Animal Health Highest Individual Weight Gain**

1<sup>st</sup> - Yulgilbar Pastoral Company - Santa Gertrudis X Angus – ADG 3.74 – Baryulgil NSW

## ENDS

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