

BEEF CATTLE ASSESSMENT COURSE

MONDAY - Registration & Introduction

9am - 11am Registration

An introduction to the course and discussion on live steer assessment begins at 1pm. At 3pm participants move to the cattle yards for the "hands on" session of live steers determining muscle, fat, etc. Participants are given a lead in as to what will be expected on the following day.

7pm Night Lectures begin with overjudges comments on steer selection.

TUESDAY - Steer Judging

On the first day of judging, participants are presented with a number of different groups of steers. The overjudges comment on the animals, offering advice and tips on assessing each live animal.

Market specifications are given and participants are asked to place the steers in order of merit, 1 to 4, to suit the requirements of various markets. A team of 4 steers are also selected for the carcass assessment session on the final day.

3pm Demonstration groups on the selection of both male and female breeding cattle to complement the steer market specifications.

7pm Night lectures - Overjudges give comments on their selection criteria for breeding cattle to suit different markets and environments.

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WEDNESDAY - Breeding Cattle

The day begins with pens of 4 bulls at the cattle yards. Participants will be asked to place the bulls in order of merit to suit given market specifications or environments.

Pens of 4 females will also be judged in the same manner. A larger group of heifers will be presented for participants to judge based on EBV figures.

On *Wednesday evening (7pm)* an informal dinner is held with presentations to overjudges and participants.

THURSDAY - Carcass Assessment

This session will be held at the Hamilton TAFE College involving the college butchering staff. A carcass is broken down into retail cuts and the team of 4 chosen steers will be assessed on the hook. *1.00 pm Closing Comments* and suggestions from participants.

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HISTORY

This Beef Cattle Assessment Course, now celebrating over 30 years, has been widely recognised as the most practical and hands on beef cattle selection course of its kind.

The course embraces both the newcomer and the experienced alike. A great deal of time and thought goes into the selection of overjudges. They *must* possess the practical and communicative skills necessary to ensure all participants receive maximum benefit, given the varied level of experience of participants.

Although this course is organised by New England Angus Breeders, the Beef Cattle Assessment Course is open to all beef cattle enthusiasts. It utilises both Bos Taurus and Bos Indicus breeds and their crosses, over the 4 days.

Primarily, the Beef Cattle Assessment Course is committed to the education of its participants in all aspects of the beef industry. However, there is a progressive point scoring system in place, which enables those eligible to further their assessment skills at the National Angus Show & Sale at Wodonga.

But we *stress* that point scoring plays a secondary role in the course. Rather, it is an opportunity for beef industry members to learn skills from experts in the beef assessment field.

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COMMENTS

“Meat yield, meat quality and performance in steers are the starting point. The course then neatly weaves modern breeding technology in with practical assessment of breeding stock to produce the best three-day education a cattle breeder can get in Australia.”

Bob Gaden, Technical Specialist Quality Beef, NSW Agriculture, Armidale.

“This assessment course provides an ideal opportunity for beef producers to improve their knowledge in all facets of the beef industry. The specially selected overjudges are chosen for their ability to relate to participants at all skill levels. Don't miss it!”

Phil Doyle, Beef Cattle Consultant, Coffs Harbour.

“The beef assessment course is a seedstock appraisal workshop with a true commercial focus. The course combines objective selection, breedplan EBV's, and carcass appraisal. I have attended the course as both a student and overjudge, and as such, learnt a great deal about seedstock and meat production. As a winner of the scholarship to Illinois I was able to fulfil my dream of furthering my knowledge of meat quality. I thoroughly recommend the course.”

Greg Chappell, Moree.

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PRICE AS FOLLOWS (including GST)

Adult live-in fee	\$590 inc GST
18 yrs & under live-in fee	\$490 inc GST
Day students (per day)	\$155 inc GST
Subject to increase	

DIRECTIONS

The CB Alexander Ag College is located 15 kms North East of Maitland on the Dungog Road, NSW. A full map and details of what to bring will be forwarded to you upon application.

CONTACT DETAILS

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Applications accepted
in order of receipt, so enter quick,
positions are limited!

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