

# Walcha producers dominate awards

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Alan and Megan Scrivener with their Branded Beef Awards.



Top: Sandy, Don and Alison Cameron, and Carnie and Daniel Kermode with their Wingham Beef Exports 'Top Ten MSA Producer's of the Year' awards. Bottom left: Max Ireland. Right: Bruce and Helen Scrivener.

Wingham Beef Exports, in conjunction with Wingham Beef Week's 30th Anniversary, conducted an inaugural Branded Beef Challenge.

Based around the Wingham Beef Exports MSA brands – 'Manning Valley Naturally' and 'Wingham Blue', producers could enter pens of five for specified kill dates. These pens were judged on a set criteria and awards given for several categories, and one carcase from all entered pens combined (approx 150 head), awarded the Highest Individual MSA Index.

Class 1, the Manning Valley Naturally MSA Challenge: Grid 1, 2 and 3, saw five of the seven awards taken out by producers from the Walcha district, with Alan and Megan Scrivener of Yarrowitch being the most successful of these.

**AJ & M Scrivener Partnership won the 'Highest Combined Average MSA Index' for their pen of five with a score of 64.578, took out top place for the 'Highest MSA Index for an Individual Carcase' with an impressive score of 67.18, and were awarded second place for the 'ABCAS Carcase Competition' with 91.722, only 0.04 points behind Lawrom Nominees of Dungog.**

Max and Julie Ireland of Prairie Fields placed second in the 'Highest Combined Average MSA Index' with 64.464 – only 0.12 off first place, and Mark and Deleah Morawitz of Brockley Park won LDL Supplier Ranking Overall Compliance to the Wingham grid.

In Class 2, the Sealed Air Australia Wingham Blue MSA Challenge: Grid 4, Bruce and Helen Scrivener took out two second place awards – the ABCAS Carcase Competition and Highest Combined Average MSA Index for their pen of five.

Also awarded on the night were Wingham Beef Exports Top Ten MSA Producer's of the Year, based on supply from March 2016 to March 2017.

Results for these awards were calculated with 50% weighted on compliance to PBR and 50% on compliance to MSA minimum requirements. Again Walcha producers dominated and took out seven of the ten places. Don Kermode and Company placed third, Neil and Helen Mason of Upper Yarrowitch Pastoral fifth, Morgan and Kerry of Keating Emu Tops Partnership, sixth, Daniel and Carnie Kermode Orandumbie seventh, Jim and Carol Marchant eighth, David and Dianne Green of Fernhill ninth and Don and Alison Cameron of Glenora tenth.

Ultimately, it was a very successful night for local producers.