

TRIO ANGUS GENETICS HELP WIN SYDNEY ROYAL GOLD MEDAL

Trio Angus genetics performed exceptionally well in the 2013 Sydney Royal Trade Hoof & Carcase Competition.

A heifer exhibited by St Marys School in Gunnedah, received Champion Trade Carcase & also won a Gold Medal for carcase quality. This is the first time a Gold Medal has been awarded in this division of the cattle section.

The Angus cross Limousin heifer was bred by Phil & Rachel McCrae, from 'Boondah' Breeza. Using an Angus bull over their Limousin cows has been the perfect cross for the McRaes, allowing them to have both yield & fat cover in their cattle.

This proved a valuable combination in the carcase judging at the Sydney Show with the heifer measuring a large rib eye area but also scoring full points for fat depth & distribution & gaining extra points for its marbling. The combination of these carcase traits led to it being awarded 93 points out of a possible 100 points & winning Champion Trade Carcase along with the Gold Medal.

The carcasses were judged based on their suitability to meet the Woolworths grid which



included an optimal carcase weight range of 260-300kg along with 9-13mm of P8 fat.

Phil & Rachel McCrae have been buying bulls from Trio Angus for many years & the winning heifer was sired by a Bojangles bull. The heifers were supplemented grain prior to being sold to St Marys College to be prepared for the show.

St Marys College also entered another heifer with the same breeding in the competition, it received a Bronze Medal.