

Murray Grey-cross steer sells for \$2700 at Perth Royal

A Limousin/Murray Grey-cross steer, which had earlier been sashed as Supreme Champion in the on-the hoof competition at this years Perth Royal Show commercial cattle competition, achieved the second highest price of the sale when sold for \$2700.

Entered by the Murray family, of Tullibardine Murray Grey Stud, the steer scored 97 points out of 100 in the prime section of the competition the day before, scanning with 7mm of fat and weighing in at 566kg.

After winning the prime section of the competition, judges Don Patch, of Bunya Creek Angus, Queensland, and John Wirth, of Landmark, then selected the steer for the Supreme Champion prize.

“He is a bit more trimmed through the middle and has a higher muscle score — at the end of the day he will be higher yielding,” Mr Patch said.

Entries for the led and prime steer and heifer competitions were up by about 25 head on last year, in contrast with other show livestock sections which were down in numbers on previous years, due largely to the dry season.

As usual, the selling spectacle drew plenty of interest from showgoers, with prices reaching a top of \$2800 for a Dexter/Limousin-cross steer, which had earlier been sashed Champion Lightweight Steer.