

Great turn-out for Murray Grey events

By Clare Pugh (Farm Weekly)

IT was a deep and complete Murray Grey bull from the Monterey Murray Grey stud, Karridale which took out the supreme champion Murray Grey honors at this year's Perth Royal Show last week where a top notch line up of Murray Grey's from all over the state descended on the Claremont Showgrounds to be judged among the best.

Previously sashed the senior champion and grand champion Murray Grey bull, Monterey Impeccable lived up to his name as far as NSW judge Andrew Mackay was concerned with the judge stating that the bull was the complete package with exceptional easy doing ability.

A 2004 drop sire, Impeccable weighed in at a hefty 1055kg with 9ml of fat on the P8 sight, 6ml of fat on the rib and an eye muscle area (EMA) of 132cm².

He was sired by Monterey Tremendous and was out of Bundaleer Rejoyce.

The Monterey stud continued to dominate in the broad ribbon stakes also taking out the junior champion and grand champion female award with a classy 16 month old heifer Monterey Showgirl girl from the from the renowned Monterey Showgirl line.

The heifer really appealed to Mr Mackay who said that the heifer possessed the optimum frame size for a heifer of her age with ideal structure and even, smooth muscling.

The reserve junior champion female ribbon was awarded to the Tullibardine Murray Grey stud, Albany, with Tullibardine Margarite achieving first place in a class of five heifers before being sashed the reserve champion.

Rounding out and excellent day at the show, the Monterey stud also received the ribbon for the senior champion Murray Grey female with a nine year old cow with heifer calf at foot.

Monterey Gemstone was in tremendous shape for her age displaying exceptional volume and structural soundness in both her frame and udder.

The reserve ribbon for the senior champion female went to the Jomal Glen Murray Grey stud with Jomal Glen Sarah achieving the honor.

In the junior champion bull classes, the quality was outstanding however it was the Bundaleer Murray Grey stud, Karridale, who this time edged out the Monterey stud when Bundaleer True Blue came up trumps in a large field of junior bulls for which there were three classes.

True Blue was described by Mr Mackay as being a bull with extra stretch and capacity and he was pleased with his figures which included 129cm² for EMA, 7ml for P8 and 5ml for rib fat.

Monterey Hot Prospect from the Monterey stud was then awarded the reserve junior champion bull title after much deliberation from the judge.

Concluding the Murray Grey judging for 2006, the final class of the day was the progeny group where the Tullibardine Murray Grey stud took out first place, followed by second for the Willawa Murray Grey stud and third for Jomal Glen Murray Grey stud.

Champions Table:

Judge: Andrew Mackay, Boggabilla, NSW.

Supreme Exhibit, Grand Champion and Senior Champion bull: Monterey Impeccable, Monterey Murray Grey stud, Karridale.

Junior Champion bull: Bundaleer True Blue, Bundaleer Murray Grey stud, Karridale.

Reserve Junior Champion bull: Monterey Hot Prospect, Monterey Murray Grey stud, Karridale.

Grand Champion female and Junior Champion female: Monterey Showgirl, Monterey Murray Grey stud, Karridale.

Reserve Junior Champion female: Tullibardine Margarite, Tullibardine Murray Grey stud, Albany.

Senior Champion female: Monterey Gemstone, Monterey Murray Grey stud.

Reserve Senior Champion female: Jomal Glen Sarah, Jomal Glen Murray Grey stud, Cloverdale.