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# RNA PADDOCK TO PALATE COMPETITION 2018

## \$46,000 IN PRIZE MONEY!

Australia's richest beef supply competition

The RNA Beef Committee is pleased to advise entries are now open for the 2018 RNA Paddock to Palate Competition presented by Mort & Co. Held in conjunction with the 2018 Royal Queensland Show (Ekka), the competition offers a prize pool of \$46,000 across various categories.

Now in its 21st year, 2018 will once again see the competition begin with the feedlot phase being conducted at one of Australia's largest and most modern feedlots, Mort & Co's Grassdale Feedlot at Dalby.

Recognised as the beef supply chain competition to enter, the competition entices leading end product and customer focused beef producers to accept the challenge that this event poses. Entry numbers will be capped so competitors are advised to get their entries in early.

Breed Societies will be eager to promote this competition amongst members and put their breed promotional and marketing spiels to the test in this encompassing feed chain competition.

The Paddock to Palate Competition is three phased:

- 1st Phase** Class 37 - 100 Day Feedlot Competition and Class 38 - 70 Day Feedlot Competition; for best aggregate weight gain for a pen of six steers
- 2nd Phase** Carcass Competition for best aggregate pen
- 3rd Phase** MSA Eating Quality Competition, where MSA grading models predict eating quality of 40 muscles by 6 different methods

### WEIGHT GAIN COMPETITION

The RNA recognises Mort & Co for their assistance in the Paddock to Palate Competition and the conduct of the weight-gain competition at the Grassdale Feedlot Dalby.

### CARCASS COMPETITION

The RNA appreciates the assistance of JBS Australia Pty Ltd for the conduct of the Carcass Competition and for purchasing the steers.

### MSA EATING QUALITY COMPETITION

The RNA acknowledges the assistance of Meat Standards Australia (MSA) for the conduct of the Eating Quality Competition.

### ANIMAL PRODUCTS

We would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous donations: Elanco, Zoetis, Virbac and Zee Tags.



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## Competition Information

### POINTS SCALE

Weight Gain Maximum 35pts  
(per head)

Carcass Competition Maximum 110pts  
(per head)

MSA Eating quality 10pts per animal  
Based on MSA Index score

#### 1. Key dates: (see schedule for further information)

##### 100 Day Feedlot Competition – Class 37

Nominations close Friday 19 January 2018  
Delivery of animals to Mort & Co Monday, 26 February 2018  
Grassdale Feedlot

Commencement of feedlot competition Tuesday 6 March 2018

##### 70 Day Feedlot Competition – Class 38

Nominations close Friday, 2 February 2018  
Delivery of animals to Mort & Co Monday, 26 March 2018  
Grassdale Feedlot

Commencement of feedlot competition Friday 6 April 2018

Feedlot competition concludes - final weighing  
Class 37: Thursday, 14 June 2018  
Class 38: Friday 15 June 2018

Feedlot viewing and announcement of weight gain winners Tuesday, 19 June 2018

Processing of Cattle  
Class 37: Wed, 20 June 2018  
Class 38: Thurs 21 June 2018

Presentation of Awards, Brisbane Showgrounds Friday, 10 August 2018

#### 2. Entry Fee per pen is:

Entry Fee per pen per class		Online	Non Online
Class 37 - 100 day	RNA Member	\$195	\$200
	Non Member	\$215	\$220
Class 38 - 70 day	RNA Member	\$195	\$195
	Non Member	\$215	\$220

- As per Mort & Co feedlot requirements, all cattle must have 2.0 mls of Bovi-Shield MH-One vaccine, 7-14 days prior to the delivery of the animals in class 37 (100 day fed) and 7 - 44 days days prior to the delivery of the animals in class 38 (70 day fed) to the Grassdale Feedlot. If you are entering cattle in both class 37 and 38 then the timing of vaccination has been made flexible enough to allow you to administer the same bottle of vaccine for both classes on the same. The product will be cold pack couriered to your nominated address on acceptance of your entry.
- Maximum of 3 entries/pens per class per exhibitor. Entry weight of steers in Class 37 at arrival MUST BE LESS THAN 420KG. Entry weight of steers in Class 38 at arrival MUST BE LESS THAN 380KG. Please pay special attention to this weight range as exhibitors will be given 0 points for weight gain if above this range. Exhibitors with multiple entries are requested to clearly identify individual pens if they are to be drafted into particular groups.
- All entries to consist of a pen of 7 steers, with the best 6 being judged in the competition. If for any reason there are less than 6 head at the time of judging, the entry will be disqualified.
- All steers must be delivered on the nominated dates above and will be inducted to the paddock until the steers are weighed at the commencement of the feedlot trial. Steers arriving after the nominated arrival dates will be disqualified and unable to participate in the competition.
- Mort & Co will contact Exhibitors to coordinate freight from central pick up locations through Farmhaul at a cost to be advised. Exhibitors will be responsible for all feedlot and transport costs, with billing arrangements deducted from final carcase payments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO ENTER THE COMPETITION,  
PLEASE VISIT [WWW.EKKA.COM.AU](http://WWW.EKKA.COM.AU) OR CONTACT 07 3253 3921 OR [AOHARA@RNA.ORG.AU](mailto:AOHARA@RNA.ORG.AU)