

## 2021 Steer Trial

Celebrating 46 years  
of steer trials at Lardner Park



We are excited to announce that applications are NOW OPEN for the 2021 Lardner Park Steer Trial.

This year's trial will be bigger and better than ever with numbers expanded to enable even greater data output and results for all entrants. With a stellar line up of sponsors and partners, we'll be able to share information and innovative ideas through our regular e-newsletters and correspondence. We'll also live-stream our monthly weighing days and our property manager Anthony Willems, will provide regular updates on the condition of your steers, their progress and the current weather situation.

The 46th Lardner Park Steer Trial will begin in July, with entrants invited from anywhere in Australia, to arrive on the property in late June. Compliant with the Coles QA grass fed program, the aim is to achieve the best outcomes for both during trial information and data collection, and purchase price on carcass meat when the trial is turned off in late November, as a domestic grade with a specification of between 220-330kg HSCW (hot standard carcass weight).

As the only grass based Steer Trial in Australia, producers across multiple states are provided the opportunity to assess cattle under independently controlled grazing conditions. Entrants will be required, as part of the application process, to declare entered steers have not been grain fed since birth. Entry is by application only, which can be found on [www.lardnerpark.com.au](http://www.lardnerpark.com.au) on the Steer Trial page

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## Sponsors, prizes and rules

Sponsors and all prizes will be announced during July.

The trial will be extensively promoted on social media, through publication media partners and industry partner channels. Entrants and subscribers are encouraged to attend the monthly weighing days, however where not possible, livestreaming of the weighing days will be available highlighting the steers growth and condition each month. Emailed and online monthly weigh-in data will be available. Several lunch time industry presentation and information sessions will occur during the trial that entrants may attend.

Our Carcass Demonstration & Awards Day will occur at the conclusion of the trial to present detailed slicing and retail meat cuts, boning demonstrations, dark cutting information, carcass grading and meat-eating quality presentation, followed by preparation and cooking demos. This will present in detail perfect and imperfect carcass components allowing you to fully appreciate what is required to achieve that top-dollar return on the best possible meat cuts.

Winners of the trial will also be announced at this special day.

**Carcass assessment uses the Meat Standards Australia (MSA) grading scheme. Awards include:**

Domestic Weight Gain & Carcass Award	Overall recognition with 1st, 2nd and 3rd places, based on highest combined points calculated as 45% weight gain and 55% carcass assessment
Highest Weight Gain	For a pair calculated as highest combined weight gain
Highest Carcass Score	As a pair calculated as highest combined weight gain
Eating Quality Award	Using the standard national measure (MSA Index)

No individual steer/carcass will be disqualified from the awards “Domestic Weight Gain & Carcass” or “Highest Carcass Score” if it does not meet carcass specifications. Eligibility for the “Highest Weight Gain” award requires each carcass to fall within the specified weight range. Two penalty points per kilogram will apply to carcasses falling outside the HSCW weight range of 220-330kg, over or under (for example, a carcass weighing 338kg, so 8kg over, will receive a 16-penalty point reduction).

To receive regular updates on the program, content sharing, opportunity to access trial data, and an invitation to the Carcass Demonstration Day, please sign up via the website on the Steer Trial page.

# Terms & Conditions of Entry

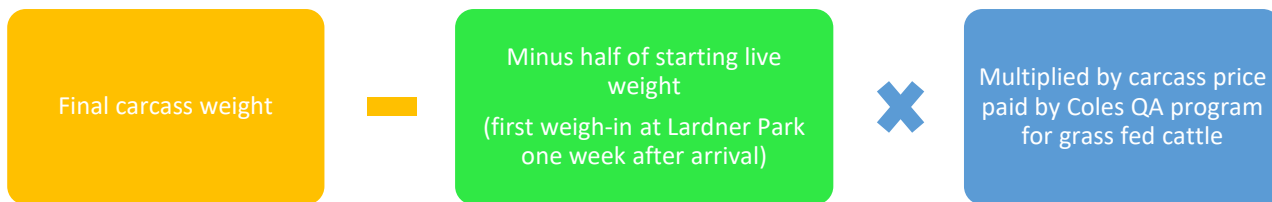
Entries close Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
One entry shall consist of a pair, being two steers of the same breed
Lardner Park retains the right to accept or reject entries as best fitting to the trial
Lardner Park Steer Trial is seeking entrants of British/European cross breeds or British origin. Direct European breeds are not suitable for this trial due to fat level coverage
Cattle must be delivered to Lardner Park cattle yards before 4.00pm on Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2021. Please notify the Property Manager of your cattle's estimated time of arrival. The competition will start Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 after a one-week settling-in period
Turn-off date has been set for Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November. Lardner Park reserves the right to change these dates if deemed necessary for reasons such as extreme seasonal conditions
Lardner Park Steer Trials overall historically average better than 1kg/day, however no performance guarantees are given
Steers must have been weaned for a minimum of a fortnight
Declaration is required that cattle have not been grain-fed since birth. Coles Supplier Vendor Declaration to be completed and returned with the application or on arrival of cattle.
Cattle will be weighed at regular intervals between arrival and late November turn-off date
To meet the Coles grid at the end of the trial, steers should be entered between 280-385kg liveweight. Steers outside this weight range may only be accepted under the discretion of the Lardner Park Property Manager and the Coles Procurement Officer. Steers that fall considerably outside the Coles grid may find they are not accepted or will be heavily penalised on price upon processing. Any queries on the weight criteria prior to entry or transportation, please phone Anthony Willems on 0408 624 620.
Data will be collected on the life of the steer including DAYS OF AGE and WEIGHT AT BIRTH (if known)
All steers will be drenched upon arrival at Lardner Park with Bovishield MH-One and a broad-spectrum drench – 7-in-1 with a second vaccination booster later in the trial.
Entered pairs of steers may be split into separate mobs to trial the use of a mineral to increase the potential of weight and carcass. The trial has the unique opportunity to trial a product across multiple breeds to see any benefits which producers can learn from. As an example, in 2019 one of the pairs from each entrant received a Rumifert capsule, which we could measure the benefits of through monthly weights and carcass assessment
Steers must be effectively castrated or subjected to disqualification, and must be de-horned prior to arrival at Lardner Park
Steers must not have received a Hormonal Growth Promotant and if found at Lardner Park or the abattoir to have received an HGP, will be disqualified
Best practice is applied by our qualified Farm Manager to ensure proper management of cattle in the Trial, however if any livestock deaths occur, no responsibility is accepted by Lardner Park. Breeders may consider insuring cattle during the Trial with their normal insurer. In the event of a death occurring, a steer having to be destroyed or withdrawn, the remaining steer of that entry may continue in the Trial but will not be eligible for final awards.
All weights are final. Steers will only be re-weighed at the discretion of Lardner Park. Judges' decisions are final, and no correspondence will be entered into
As applications are received, Lardner Park will identify producers who are in close proximity to each other that may have the ability to share transportation to Lardner Park. For example, a delivery point at the Wangaratta saleyards is being organised for producers in the north-east region of Victoria. We will advise details as soon as possible.
On arrival steers will be marked and identified with a 2021 Lardner Park Steer Trial ear tag. Original farm tag numbers must be attached to the steers prior to arrival, eliminating any processing errors on delivery to Lardner Park. It is recommended farm tags be placed on the offside or right-hand side when looking at the rear of the animal. All cattle must have compliant NLIS tags.
Lardner Park reserves the right to reject cattle deemed inappropriate on the day of delivery with the option of these being sold on the local market or returned to the owner's property at the owner's expense.

# Fees

Entry fee cost is \$175.00 per pair – an invoice will be emailed on receipt of application which is due and payable before steers arrive on the property. If your application is not successful, payment will be refunded in full within 24 hours of notification. Entry fee includes the right to:

- enter 1 x livestock pair compliant to the Steer Trial (there may be an opportunity to enter multiple pairs)
- access to trial data
- participate at the monthly cattle weigh-in and morning tea catered presentations (these will not occur at every weigh-in, but several will be scheduled throughout the trial)
- access to industry experts from the Steer Trial Partners & Sponsors
- attend the Carcass Demonstration Day & awards presentation

Carcass value improvement at the end of the trial is distributed on a 50/50 basis with Lardner Park. Increase in carcass value will be calculated on the following formula:



Cattle not meeting weight and fat requirements can be penalised by Coles. Any other costs incurred for the successful running of the trial will be deducted off the final payment on the basis of 50/50 (for example: veterinary fees).

# Judging Details

Overall Recognition	Recognising 1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup> achievers, this prestigious award is based on a combination made up from 45% gain of weight and 55% quality assessment of carcass
Eating Quality	Using the standard national measure (MSA Index), scores reflect the combination of predicted tenderness, juiciness, flavour and overall liking of beef
Live Weight Gain	Increase in live weight gain is measured as the difference between final live weight (last weigh-in) and the initial live weight (weighed 1 week after arrival)
Carcass Evaluation	The MSA judging system is used in judging the carcasses with the assessment including Bos Indicus Content, Marbling Meat Colour, pH, Fat Thickness, Carcass Weight, Ossification and Day's Age of the product

# For More Information

Steer Trial Entries	E: <a href="mailto:office@lardnerpark.com.au">office@lardnerpark.com.au</a> or P: 03 5626 1373
Marketing, Sponsorship & Advertising	E: <a href="mailto:office@lardnerpark.com.au">office@lardnerpark.com.au</a>
General Information	<a href="https://lardnerpark.com.au/">https://lardnerpark.com.au/</a>

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# 46th Annual Steer Trial 2021 Application Form

**Please complete & email to  
office@lardnerpark.com.au  
before Friday 18th June 2021**

Name of Farm	
Contact Name	
Address	
Town	Postcode
Email	Phone/Mobile
A.B.N.	Property ID (PIC #)

Breed of Steer <small>(if crossbred, please state particulars giving sire breed first)</small>	Farm Tag #	Cattle date of birth	Cattle weight at birth	How many head of cattle do you have on your farm?	LP Tag No. <small>(office use only)</small>



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## PAYMENT INFORMATION

**Payment to : Lardner Park** (please enter your name in "Reference" so we can identify your payment)

**BSB :** 063 532

**Account No :** 1007 2313

**Bank :** CBA

**Amount Due :** \$175 per pair

***So we can pay your trial carcass payment at conclusion, please advise your account details below***

**Account Name :**

**BSB :**

**Account No :**

## DECLARATION

- ☐ I declare the information contained in this application is true and accurate
- ☐ I declare the cattle as stated above have not been grain fed since birth
- ☐ I declare the cattle as stated above have been weaned for a minimum of two weeks
- ☐ I declare the cattle entered for this Trial have not received HGP's
- ☐ I declare the cattle entered for this Trial are as specified in the Terms & Conditions

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## Weighing Days

Weighing days are held at the cattle yards adjacent to the rotunda commencing at 11am\*. Morning tea will be available in the rotunda during each weighing session.

Tuesday 29th June	Cattle arrive at Lardner Park
Tuesday 6th July	1st weighing day
Tuesday 10th August	2nd weighing day
Tuesday 14th September	3rd weighing day
Tuesday 19th October	4th weighing day
Monday 29th November *(2pm)	5th and final weighing day
Tuesday 1st February 2022	Carcass Demonstration & Awards Day

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