



# Lardner Park Steer Trial 2026

## APPLICATION INFORMATION



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The trial will be promoted through social, publication and digital media partners and industry partner channels. Entrants and subscribers are encouraged to attend the monthly weighing days, however where not possible, information will be emailed and available on-line.

Results will be formalised by Agriculture Victoria and the 2026 trial awards presentations will occur at Farm World 2027 at Lardner Park. Each producer (per pair) will receive an invitation and 2 entry tickets to attend the special presentation where you can then join in the networking and hospitality at the historic Rotunda.

Carcases are sold to Radfords Warragul and must meet the following specifications for the standard domestic market when they are turned off : Hot Standard Carcase Weight range of 220-330kg with a fat range of P8 - 4-14mm. (*\*Pasture fed, not grain*)

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

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

Individual steer/carcase will not be disqualified from the 'Combined Weight Gain & Carcase' or 'Highest Carcase Score' awards. However, two (2) penalty points per kilogram will apply to carcasses falling outside the HSCW weight range of 220-330kg, over or under (for example, a carcase weighing 338kg, i.e. 8kg. over, will receive a 16-penalty point reduction). Eligibility for the 'Highest Weight Gain Award' requires each carcase to fall within the specified weight range of 220-330kg.

# TERMS & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Entries Close [Monday 1st June, 2026](#)
2. One entry shall consist of a pair, being two steers of the same breed and bred by the vendor entering the trial.
3. Lardner Park Steer Trial is seeking entrants of British/European cross breeds or British origin. Straight European breeds are not suitable for this trial due to fat level coverage.
4. Once the application has been accepted and payment made, cattle remain the ownership of the breeder, but under the control of Lardner Park whilst in their care. Veterinary costs will be incurred 50/50 by Lardner Park and the owner.
5. Producers should ensure that all GST implications related to the wholesale sale of the carcasses are clearly the responsibility of each producer based on their GST registration status.
6. Lardner Park retains the right to accept or reject entries at any time as best fitting to the trial.
7. Cattle must be delivered to Lardner Park's cattle yards before [4:00pm on Thursday June 11, 2026](#). Please notify the Property Manager of your cattle's estimated time of arrival. The competition will start on Tuesday 16th June, 2026, after a settling-in period.
8. On arrival, steers will be identified with a 2026 Lardner Park Steer Trial ear tag. **Original farm tag numbers must be attached to the steers prior to arrival.** 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. **On arrival steers must be verified by the carrier and Lardner Park staff before leaving the property - this will eliminate any processing errors on delivery. Please ensure your carrier is aware.**
9. Final weighing has been set for **Friday November 13** with the cattle leaving the property for the abattoir on **Sunday November 15\*** to be slaughtered on **Monday 16th November**. Lardner Park reserves the right to change these dates if deemed necessary for reasons such as extreme seasonal conditions or abattoir request.
10. If the number of steers entered in this year's trial is greater than can be managed by Radfords Warragul in one kill day, the mob will be split (still in their pairs) and slaughtered on the following day\*. You will be advised if this occurs.
11. Lardner Park Steer Trials overall historically average better than 1kg/day, however no performance guarantees are given.
12. Steers must have been weaned for a minimum of a fortnight.
13. Declaration is required that cattle have not been grain-fed since birth and are grass eligible for the trial (see application).
14. Cattle will be weighed at regular intervals (approx. 35 days) between arrival and November turn-off date.
15. To meet the Radfords Warragul 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 Radfords Warragul Procurement Officer. Steers that fall outside the Radfords Warragul grid may not be accepted or will be heavily penalised on price upon processing and MSA grading. Any queries on the weight criteria prior to entry or transportation, please phone Anthony Willems on 0408 624 620.
16. Agriculture Victoria Data will be collected on the life of the steer including DAYS OF AGE and WEIGHT AT BIRTH (please supply if known).
17. All steers will be drenched upon arrival at Lardner Park with Bovishield MH-One and a broad-spectrum drench-7-in-in with a second vaccination booster later in the trial.
18. Steers must be effectively castrated or will be subjected to disqualification and must be de-horned prior to arrival at Lardner Park.
19. 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.
20. Best practice is applied by our qualified Farm Manager to ensure property 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.
21. 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.
22. Lardner Park reserves the right to reject cattle deemed inappropriate by the Lardner Park Property Manager or on veterinary advice on the day of delivery, or at anytime during the trial. The owner is obliged to collect the animal and remove from the property.
23. Once steers are entered, delivered and the 1st weighing is held on 16 June, steers must remain in the trial, unless unforeseen circumstances including veterinary advice prevent them remaining in the trial. The owner will be required to remove the steer from the Lardner Park property .

# FEES

Entry fee cost is \$275 inc.gst 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 as soon as possible. Entry fee includes the right to:

- Enter 1\* x livestock pair compliant to the Steer Trial  
(\*if more than 1 pair, please list – applicant numbers dependent)
- Access to the weighing data
- Participate at the monthly cattle weigh-in and provision of morning tea refreshments
- Access to industry experts from the Steer Trial Partners and Sponsors
- Attend Farm World 2027 and the Steer Trial awards presentation on Friday 9th April 2027

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



Cattle not meeting weight and fat requirements can be penalised by Radfords Warragul. 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 1st to 3rd achievers, this prestigious award is based on a combination made up from 45% gain of weight and 55% quality assessment of carcase.
Eating Quality	Using the standard national measure (MSA Index), scores reflect the combination of predicted tenderness, juiciness, flavour and overall liking of beef.
Liveweight Gain	Increase in liveweight gain is measured as the difference between final liveweight (last weigh-in) and the initial liveweight (weighed 1 week after arrival).
Carcase Evaluation	The MSA judging system is used in judging the carcasses with the assessment including BOS Indicus Content, Marbling Meat Colour, pH, Fat, Thickness, Carcase Weight, Ossification and Day's Age of the product.

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