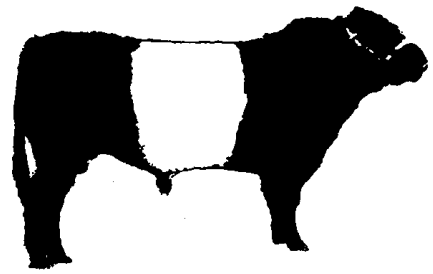


# Media Release



## AUSTRALIAN BELTED GALLOWAY ASSOCIATION INC.

ABN 64 054 638 602

24<sup>th</sup> October 2009

### Belties Champion Carcasses at Cootamundra

Belted Galloways took out Grand Champion Carcase and Heavyweight Champion Carcase at this year's Cootamundra APH & I show's Steer and Heifer carcass competition held on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October.

Peter Koppman of Bumbaldry, NSW near Cowra bred the Beltie heifer that won Grand Champion Carcass. Mr Koppman has had phenomenal success regularly over the years in carcass competitions with Belted Galloways.

NSW DPI Beef Cattle Livestock Officer (Forbes), Jeff House was the carcass judge. Mr House has also been a carcass judge at Sydney Royal for a number of years and is aware of the success that Belted Galloways enjoy in carcass comps generally.

"She was a good trade-weight carcass, and as a heifer, outperformed the eighteen steers entered. She was spot-on with fat depth and distribution, and had a good ribeye area and yield," said Mr House. "Pretty much a good overall commercial carcass."

The ABCAM (version 4.2) judging method was employed. Ribeye was measured on the 10/11<sup>th</sup> rib – the quartering site. The C+ muscled heifer's rankings are:

- 🏆 Grand Champion Carcase: 85 points**
- 1<sup>st</sup> out of total exhibits in competition
- 1<sup>st</sup> in Class: Heifers 300-430 kgs

The heifer also placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in its class on the hoof, beaten by a Hereford x Angus heifer that achieved 74.5 points on the hook.

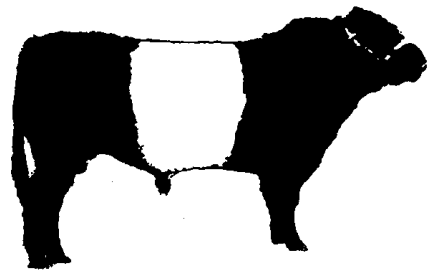
Mr Koppman's last broad ribbon win at Cootamundra was in 2007 where he won Champion Lightweight Carcass, also with a Belted Galloway.

Another Belted Galloway - this time a steer - was also bred and entered by Michael Croft who operates Mountain Creek Farm west of Canberra ACT and direct-markets Beltie beef.

At 440kgs, the B- muscled steer was the second heaviest animal in the competition. Carcass rankings are:

- 🏆 Champion Heavyweight Carcase: 81.5 points**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> out of total exhibits in competition
- 1<sup>st</sup> for muscling out of total exhibits in competition
- 1<sup>st</sup> in Class: Heavyweight Steers 380-430 kgs

# Media Release



---

## AUSTRALIAN BELTED GALLOWAY ASSOCIATION INC.

ABN 64 054 638 602

On the hoof, this steer placed second to a Poll Hereford, which then ran second to the Croft steer in the hook class.

Breeds to participate in the Cootamundra competition, included Angus, Black Limousin, Hereford, Poll Hereford and Square Meaters. Crosses included Angus/Hereford, Charolais/Hereford, Limousin/Murray Grey, Shorthorn/Angus and Santa/Angus.

The Cootamundra wins follow the significant carcass performance of another Belted Galloway heifer at the 2009 Melbourne Royal where the Galloway family of breeds was featured.

Bred by Di and Cameron Woolfe of Bakery Hill, Victoria, the heifer achieved a highly respectable carcass score of 85.743 points and ranked:

- 8<sup>th</sup> out of 50 exhibits in Class 2: Medium Domestic 181-240kg
- 2<sup>nd</sup> for MSA Marbling in Class 2: Medium Domestic 181-240kg
- 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 8 female exhibits in Class 2: Medium Domestic 181-240kg  
(1<sup>st</sup> Limousin 88.163pts)

While still considered a rare breed, Belted Galloways are attaining a triumphant reputation for reliably good commercial beef qualities through their carcass competition victories.

*Word Count: 470*

*For more information, please contact Andrew Monaghan  
02 9879 7880 or 0417 686 455  
or email [thefrockmaker@yahoo.com.au](mailto:thefrockmaker@yahoo.com.au)*

*For more information on Belted Galloway carcass success, Peter Koppman, or Belted Galloways in general, please go to [www.beltedgalloway.org.au](http://www.beltedgalloway.org.au)*

*For more information on Michael Croft or his Belted Galloway beef operation, please go to [www.mountaincreekfarm.com.au](http://www.mountaincreekfarm.com.au)*