

## Bazadais boost meat yield



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### AT A GLANCE

- Bazadais cattle outperformed most other breeds in Callide Dawson carcass competition.
- They measured high eye muscle and lean meat yields, but recorded lower fat coverage.
- Dry and cold weather is starting to affect quality of carcasses.

**B**AZADAIS cattle are heralded for producing quality carcasses without heavy supplementation of grazing patterns.

Monto producers Graham and Cate Hansen, Nesnah, knew there was only one way to test the theory.

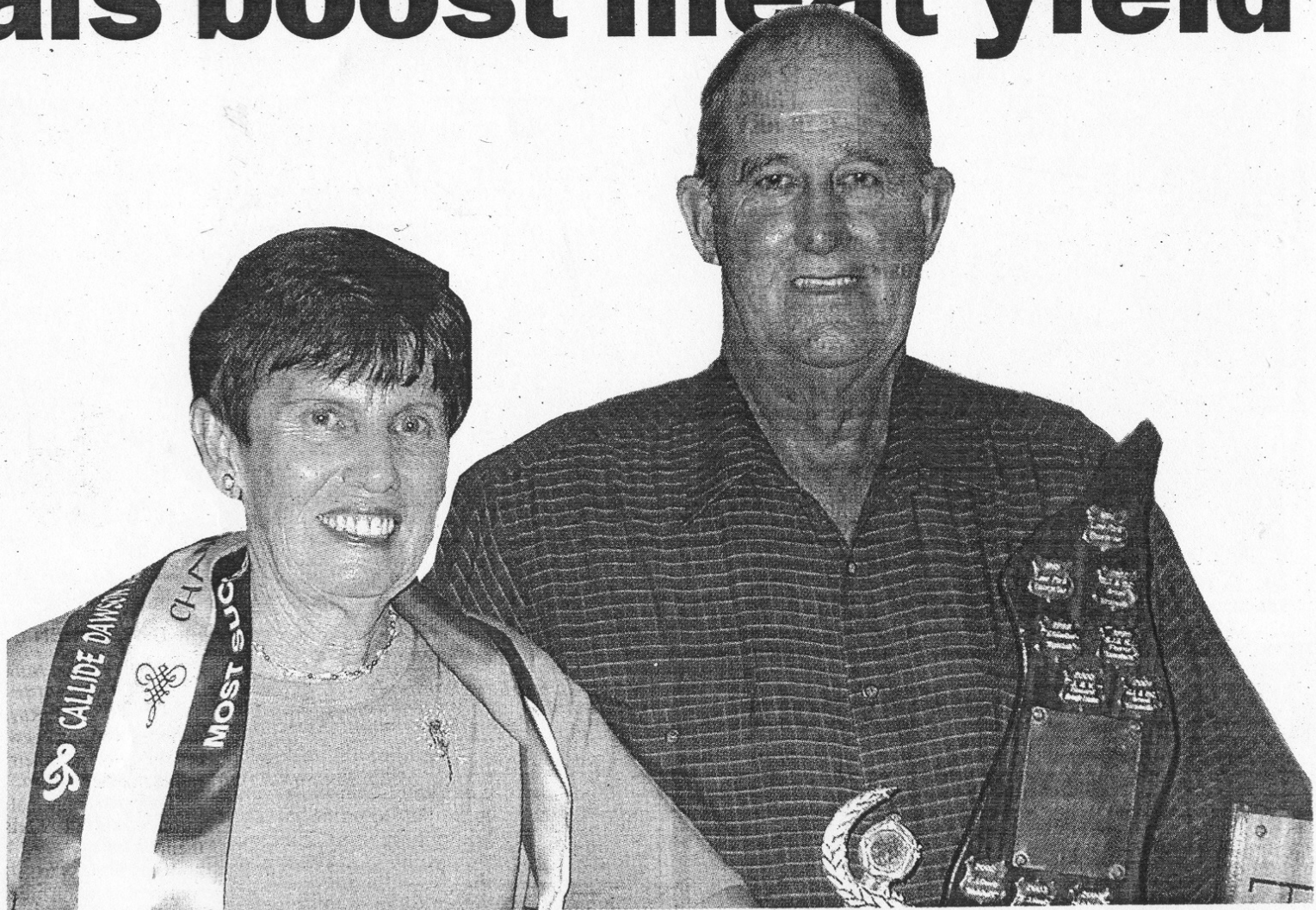
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Their trade stock entry was named champion grassfed steer carcass. It had an eye muscle area (EMA) of 94 square centimetres, earning 28 of 35 points, and scored 65.33 of 70 points for estimated lean meat yield.

Above-average scores in both areas compensated for lower fat measurements; the carcass measured 8mm and 3mm of rump and rib fat respectively.

Mr Hansen said the reduced fat content is a trademark of the breed and although it worked against the breed in competition, it helped meet the required market specifications.

"A lot of butchers and abattoirs are saying they don't want that much fat because they just have to cut it off," he said. "At any rate, it's difficult for us to try to put more fat on our cattle because we haven't got many genetics to choose from."



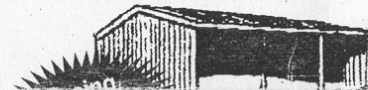
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### CALLIDE DAWSON CARCASS CHAMPIONS

**Champion grassfed steer carcass:**  
Graham and Cate Hansen, Nesnah,  
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**Reserve champion steer carcass:**

**Champion grainfed steer carcass:**  
Heather and Gordon Stewart,  
Craiglands, Jambin.  
**Reserve champion grainfed steer:**

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