

SUMMER NEWSLETTER





**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
NEW YEAR TO ALL ALCA
MEMBERS!**

May 2015 be all you hope it to be.....

Also, our best wishes to all members that have been caught up in the terrible summer bushfires. Please let us know if you need any help and we can get the message out. Contact Carole at the office.

South Australian News

Beef Week

Lowlines will again be on display at the Combined Beef Week exhibit at the Mount Gambier showgrounds on **Tuesday 3rd February 2015.**

On-Farm Challenge

Entry forms will be sent out towards the end of February for this event planned to take place over two consecutive weekends in **May 2015.**

By Susan Yates

2014 Lardner Park Steer & Carcase Competiton Carcase Results

After five months, the Lardner Park Steer Trail has come to an end, with all steers being processed & assessed by JBSwifts Aust. using Meat Standards Australia (MSA) standards.

This is a grass-fed trial where all steers are run on the same property under the same conditions, being weighed at intervals during the trial and resulting with the steers going to the JBS abattoir for a final assessment.

The winner of the competition is based on results of a PAIR of animals from the same entrant – 36 pairs were entered.

The Carcase element of the trial (these results) is 45% of the total points for the trial & combined with the Weight gain results (55%) will determine the winner. The overall winner will not be announced until the Farmvision Field Days in February 2015.

Congratulations to ALCA members participating with Lowline and LowlineX animals - Ardrossan, Colombo Park & The Clan.

Individual steer Carcase results out of 72 animals included

CARCASE POINTS Score

The Clan – SpecklePark/Lowline X steers – 5th & 65th – 14th overall

Ardrossan – Australian Lowline steers - 56th & 64th - 32nd overall

Colombo Park - Ausline/Lowline X & Ausline/Poll Hereford X - 43rd & 70th - 34th overall

EMA Score

The Clan – one SpecklePark/Lowline X – 4th highest points for EMA

Colombo Park - Ausline/Lowline X steer – 6th highest points for EMA

EATING QUALITY Points

Colombo Park - Ausline/Lowline X steer - 1st place for Eating Quality

Ardrossan – one Australian Lowline steer – 3rd place for Eating Quality

Update on Aimee Sewell

Aimee (EO for ALCA on Maternity Leave) had a baby boy on 9th November 2014, 7lb 13 oz, named Jack William Sewell. Aimee and Jack are doing well, as is husband Sam.



CALENDAR PHOTO COMPETITION

Congratulations to Matt Cooney, Vicki Gilbert and Sarah Price for winning the first three categories for the Australian Lowline 2016 Calendar.

These three photos will now be used in the 2016 Lowline Calendar – Congratulations!

Their winning photos are below.

Don't forget to get your entries in for the categories of Aussie, Aussie, Aussie, Summer and Naughties (Lowlines Only) are now open. Entries close on Monday 9th March.

Great to see so many members entering and sharing their Lowlines! Do yourself a favour and get on ALCA's facebook page and vote with your likes for the photos entered.



MERCHANDISE

Remember the office still has available polo shirts in stud colours as well as chambray shirts and black knitted Vests and Zip Up Vests for the upcoming show season. We also have ties in maroon and grey, farmgate signs, Lowline badges, Travel Mugs and Fridge magnets – and lots of other goodies! Just contact Carole to place your order!

