

# **IRRABINA GALLOWAYS and THE NEW ENGLAND GIRLS' SCHOOL PLACE IN THE VIRTUAL TASTE TEST**

## **AT THE 2013 SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW**

After previous success in carcase competitions, Steve Gapes of Irrabina Galloways and The New England Girls' School have gained 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Lightweight Open Steer Competition 300kg – 354kg Live Weight at this year's Sydney Royal Easter Show.

The 18 month old steer was home bred by Irrabina Galloways located at Yarrowyck, west of Armidale and prepared and shown by The New England Girls' School, Armidale.

The Irrabina Galloway cattle female herd is based on an original Scottish herd import in 1955 with original Scottish bull semen up to 60 years old used to develop the traditional characteristics of taste and tenderness in the meat.

There were 16 entrants in this year's carcase competition.

The Virtual Taste Test isn't an easy competition to win, with the winner based on the highest score calculated from the carcase's Meat Standards Australia (MSA) grading assessments.

The score is calculated to reflect the predicted eating quality of a range of cuts from the carcase. To receive a Virtual Taste Test Score, carcasses need to have a pH of less than 5.70 and a minimum rib fat depth of 3mm.

The Irrabina steer had a pH of 5.31 and a rib fat depth of 4.

