

SQUARE MEATERS

COMMERCIAL APPENDIX

The Commercial Appendix was opened to increase the number of Square Meaters type cattle to supply households, restaurants and general catering for the local market. In doing so, the appendix has also provided a greater number of highly sort after steers. Square Meaters have the ability to grow quicker on less amount of feed than a larger framed animal and returns a premium price.

Commercial Murray Greys can be upgraded to Pure Bred Square Meaters through the Appendix.

A Commerical Murray Grey is placed on the Appendix as a foundation cow. This foundation female is then inseminated or served by a **registered Square Meaters bull**. The female progeny is then classed and registered as a 1st cross (F1) calf. The (F1) calf in then served or inseminated by a registered Square Meaters bull. It's female progeny is classed and registered as a 2nd cross (F2) calf. This procedure is then repeated to 3rd cross (F3). **Only females can be registered on the Commercial Appendix**. Bulls are cut and sold as steers.

Stud 100 per cent pure Murray Grey females can be entered onto the Commercial Index as F2 females.

Male and female calves of F3 dams can be registered as pure bred Square Meaters at 12 months of age after a Society classifier has inspected them. The inspection is to ensure that the animals included on the Pure Bred register meet the Square Meaters criteria.

To have a foundation female included on the register, the applicant must first become a member of the Square Meaters Cattle Association of Australia Limited. Once a member, the female must be named, including Stud Prefix and tattooed with the herd identity, which has been designated by the Society.

Example	Stud Prefix, Canberra		Herd Identity, CAN				
	Prefix	Chosen Name	Herd Identity	Year Letter	Herd Number	Class	Tattoo
Foundation Cow	Canberra	Polly	CAN	S	1	F	CAN S1F
1st Cross (25%)	Canberra	Tanya	CAN	T	1	F1	CAN T1F1
2nd Cross (50%)	Canberra	Ute	CAN	U	1	F2	CAN U1F2
3rd Cross (75%)	Canberra	Violet	CAN	V	1	F3	CAN V1F3

After the third cross all calves, male and female are inspected at 12 months of age by a Society appointed classifier. If these calves come under the Square Meaters criteria they can enter the Pure Bred Square Meaters register.

A set fee of \$20.00 is charged per female placed on the Commerical Appendix Register.

The Commercial Appendix Foundation Female Registration Form **or** Appendix Female Calves Registration Form, with all the female's details must be sent to the Society with a cheque accompanying it.