

Palgrove sweep commercials

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It is not everyday that a name synonymous with the seed stock industry wipes the floor in a commercial cattle competition.

But this is exactly what David and Prue Bondfield, Palgrove, Dalveen, did at the Royal Brisbane Show last week.

They collected the champion pen of six, reserve champion pen of six and the reserve champion pen of three with their Charolais-cross steers.

“There is no secret,” Mr Bondfield laughed.

The steers are all Charolais-Angus cross, are about 11 months of age and have been fed for 100 days at Maydan Feedlot, Warwick.

“We have only just started showing commercial cattle here at the Brisbane Royal rather than showing stud cattle and we’re thrilled with the result.”

Mr Bondfield, who also entered cattle in the Woolworths Carcase Competition and the Palate to Palate, said he was attracted to this competition because it was industry relevant.

It was about cattle that grow



David Bondfield with his champion pen of Charolais-cross steers. —Picture: Sarah Coulton.

fast and the balance of fat cover and lots of yield. “Obviously cattle that have a great temperament will feed better and present better and I guess we just enjoy pitching our cattle against others in the industry,” he said.

“It is just a commercial arm to what we do with our stud and I think it makes a lot of commonsense.”

This is not the first time the Bondfields have entered the prime cattle competition.

Although they gave last year a miss, they did enter with a pen of six the previous year and were

rewarded with a reserve champion.

“It’s a tough competition, and with visual judging it is always subjective but this time it landed our way,” Mr Bondfield said.

“It’s a great competition and it always has been. It has a lot of history and we’re thrilled with the result.”

His champion pen went on to be sold to The Breakfast Creek Hotel for 365c/kg, while the reserve sold to Coles for 330c/kg.

The reserve champion pen of three sold to Coles for 375c/kg and another pen of three sold to Highchester for 318c/kg.

