

Gippslanders win top award for second time

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GIPPSLAND dairyfarmers Geoff, Carol and Mark Landy claimed the Australian Dairy Business of the Year award for the second time in three years at the award ceremony last month. But their performance was not strong enough to beat the New Zealand award winners, Dave and Sue Forsythe, Te Awamutu, who claimed the Trans-Tasman trophy.

The Victorian winners pipped the strong Tasmanian entrants, who claimed the supreme dryland award. The Landys won the inaugural competition in 2007 but did not enter last year.

The Landys also won the Medium Supplement, Pasture Harvest and Gippsland awards with a return on capital of 22.2% in the competition year 2007-08.

That year was one of record milk prices with all competition finalists receiving prices of about 50 cents a litre.

The Landys' success was built on a high pasture harvest of 16.5 tonnes of dry matter a hectare consumed.

Wayne and Angela Huisman, of Tasmania, who in May were named Tasmanian Dairy Business of the Year winners, won the Supreme Dryland award and were joint Tasmanian winners.

The Huismans were sharefarmers for Bob and Carol Campbell for part of the competition year, before entering an equity partnership with New Zealanders Bradley

This issue we are featuring an on-farm story on the overall winner of the Dairy Business of the Year award. We will feature the other winners in on-farm stories in future issues.

Watson and Gerry Vaughan. The Huismans won the sharefarmer award in last year's Australian Dairy Business of the Year awards.

The other joint Tasmanian winners were Paul and Nadine Lambert, who last year won the Low Supplement Award.

The competition rules mean that a winner in either a regional or supplement section of the award cannot win that award in the following year – although they are still eligible for the overall award.



D Western Australian award winners Belinda and Kevin Depiazzi receive their award from Neil Lane, from Intelact.

Dairy Business of the Year Award winners

INTERNATIONAL WINNERS

Trans-Tasman: Dave and Sue Forsythe, Te Awamutu, New Zealand

AUSTRALIAN WINNERS

Supreme: Geoff, Carol and Mark Landy, Briagolong, Vic

Dryland supreme: Angela and Wayne Huisman, Carol and Bob Campbell and Bradley Watson and Gerry Vaughan, Togari, Tas

Pasture harvest: Landy family, Briagolong, Vic

Most improved: Ruth, Neville and Daniel Kydd, Finley, NSW

Sharefarmers: Jackie and Rohan Shawcross, Scott River, WA

Young farmer: Damien and Heidi Pinnuck, Strathmerton, Vic

REGIONAL WINNERS

Gippsland, Vic: Landy family, Briagolong

Northern Victoria: Joy and Greg

Johnson, Oxley Flats

South-west Victoria: Daryl Sell, Barongarook

Southern Riverina: Ruth, Neville and Daniel Kydd, Finley, NSW

SA Central: Hurrell family, Rockwella Farms, Yankilla

SA South East: Catherine and Craig Cleggett, Glencoe

Tasmania: Joint winners Nadine and Paul Lambert, Spreyton; and Angela and Wayne Huisman, Carol and Bob Campbell and Bradley Watson and Gerry Vaughan, Togari

WA: B.J. Depiazzi and Co, Dardanup

FEEDING SYSTEM WINNERS

Low concentrate: Danny and Nikki Everingham, Deniliquin, NSW

Medium concentrate: Landy family, Briagolong, Vic

High concentrate: Hurrell family, Yankilla, SA

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NAB Agribusiness congratulates the finalists and winners of the 2009 Dairy Business of the Year Awards.

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LEFT: Vicki Surwillo, from Dairy Australia, presents with Supreme Award winners Geoff and Mark Landy, Briagalong, Vic. The Landys (also including Carol) also won the Medium Concentrate, Gippsland and Pasture Harvest awards.



RIGHT: Joy and Greg Johnson, Oxley Flats, Vic, received the Northern Victorian award from Peter van Elzaker, from Bos Trading.



South West Victoria award winner Daryl Sell, Barongarook, Vic, receives his award from Trevor Gardner, from CopRice.



LEFT: Bill Fuller, from Wrightson Seeds, presents South East South Australia winners Craig and Cate Cleggett, Glencoe, SA, with their award.



David Huggins, from Elanco, presented the Sharefarmer award to Jackie and Rohan Shawcross, Scott River, WA.



RIGHT: David Beca, from Red Sky, presented the joint Tasmanian award winners with their prizes Paul Lambert, South Spreyton, Tas, and Wayne and Angela Huisman, Toggari, Tas.



John Brown, from NAB, presents Central South Australia award winner Wes Hurrell, Yankalilla, SA, with his award.



LEFT: Rob Salmon from Wrightson Seeds presented the Most Improved award to Ruth and Daniel Kydd, Finley, NSW. The Kydds (also including Neville) also won the award for Riverina NSW.

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