



Glatz Wins Back to Back with Blacks

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GLATZ'S Black Angus stud at Avenue Range has shown its maternal strength with back-to-back wins in the ANZ Heifer Challenge run in conjunction with last month's 2015 SA Beef Field Days.

The impressive feat was achieved by Day 4 participants Ben and Samantha Glatz with an outstanding pen of eight pregnancy-tested-in-calf heifers due to calve in April-May.

They scored 183 from a possible 200 points for breed characteristics, maternal potential, feet and legs, uniformity, temperament and overall presentation, and physical correctness.

In its third year, the challenge drew 18 entries with the two judges travelling more than 3000 kilometres across the four days.

The challenge aims to encourage studs to showcase their future breeders and promote top-quality replacement heifers.

Judge and former Angus breeder Joe Grieve, Adelaide, described the champions as "first class", scoring them highly for key criteria – general conformation, growth for age, and evenness.

"They were a very, very good even line of well-grown heifers with very good feet and legs," he said. You could have gone into the pen with your eyes shut and picked any one of them and got one of the best.

"One thing I really liked was the condition they were in leading up to calving."

Glatz's stud principal Ben Glatz said it was extremely satisfying to win such a strong statewide competition back-to-back from only two attempts.

The 22-month-old heifers were sired by Black Angus Brambuie F197, Ardrossan Equator A241 and Bushranger F119, and selected from the stud's 31 replacement heifers.

"It is a tremendous endorsement for our industry's relevant and disciplined breeding program," he said.



REPEAT SUCCESS: *Samantha and Ben Glatz, Glatz's Black Angus, Avenue Range, are congratulated as overall winners of the ANZ Heifer Challenge, by ANZ agribusiness manager – southern ports region – Darren Dean.*

"The uniformity and consistency of type starts with our breeding herd and flows through to our sale bulls and replacement females.

"It is the whole herd accountability that makes our breeding program so strong. Every cow in our herd is capable of producing a replacement female or sale bull, as opposed to relying on a select few ET donor females to get the job done."

The Glatz Black Angus herd is rotationally grazed on dryland perennial pastures at 18 dry sheep equivalent a hectare to 19 DSE/ha and all heifers are joined to calve as two-year-olds.

"Consistent cow herds breed consistent bulls which ensure predictability and uniformity in their commercial offspring," Mr Glatz said.

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