

AWARDS RE COGNISE SA'S TOP BEEF FARMERS

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WINNER: South-East producer Andrew Johnson of Mount Boothby Pastoral Company, Tintinara, won a Meat Standards Australia award for his beef cattle.

THOMAS Foods International's Iranda feedlot at Tintinara has been named most outstanding feedlot in South Australia in the Meat Standards Australia awards held in Naracoorte this week.

Swan Reach, Tintinara and Balaklava producers also won major awards.

Run by Meat & Livestock Australia, the awards recognise beef producers who have achieved outstanding compliance rates to Meat Standards Australia specifications, as well as high-eating quality performance.

The Iranda feedlot turns off 50,000 head annually, with all cattle sent for Meat Standards Australia grading.

Adrian, Dawn, Colin and Roz Stoeckel, from Beacon Hill, Swan Reach, won most outstanding beef producer in the band 1 section, which recognises producers turning off large consignment volumes from any non-feedlot operation. Mount Boothby Pastoral Company, Tintinara, took out most outstanding beef producer in the band 2 section, for smaller, non-feedlot consignment volumes. Kuruman Pastoral Pty Ltd, Balaklava, won the MSA Progress Award.

The winners came from a field comprising 900 registered producers in SA.