

Fact Sheet

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ROCA AWARD OF MERIT 1971 – Professor Rex Butterfield

Rex Butterfield (RDA, 1941) was awarded the Gold Medal and Old Students Cup. During his career he contributed significantly to Australian primary production through his research into the beef cattle industry. Dr Butterfield was Professor of Veterinary Anatomy at the University of Sydney for many years and published extensively in relation to the beef cattle industry. Rex Butterfield's published work stands as a classic reference for beef carcass appraisal. His pioneer method of calculating the fat to meat ratio in beef cattle brought a more economic approach to appraisal systems and in 1967 he was awarded the Brodie Prize for published research work on the beef cattle industry in recognition of the economic benefit and practical value of the work and was conferred a Doctorate of Veterinary Science in 1968.

