



National Irish Steak Challenge Results

Held as a centrepiece of last Sunday's Butcher's Expo at the Curragh Racecourse, the National Irish Steak Challenge brought together the very best of Ireland's independent butchery sector in a powerful celebration of skill, quality and craftsmanship.

Hosted by the Associated Craft Butchers of Ireland, the Challenge was open exclusively to independent butchers from across the country. Each entry represented hours of careful preparation, expert cutting, product knowledge and pride in sourcing and presenting the finest Irish beef. The competition provided a national platform for butchers to showcase not only their cuts, but the expertise, tradition and passion that underpin their work every day.

Delivered in partnership with Fire Steakhouse & Bar and proudly sponsored by Bord Bia, the event highlighted a shared commitment to championing premium Irish beef, traditional skills and excellence in food production. This collaboration between butchers, chefs and industry partners reinforced the strength of Ireland's food community and the importance of supporting local, independent businesses.

The judging process was both rigorous and respected, with more than 25 industry professionals taking part. Every steak was blind tasted, ensuring the focus remained solely on quality, technique and execution. Judging criteria included appearance, tenderness, flavour, texture and succulence, demanding consistency and excellence at every level.

All competing steaks were cooked by the highly experienced chef team from Fire & Sole Restaurants, led by Culinary Director Richie Wilson, who also serves as Chair of the World Steak Challenge. To guarantee precision and consistency, Synergy Grills were specially installed at the Curragh Racecourse, ensuring each steak was cooked to perfection under controlled conditions.

From butcher to grill to judging plate, the level of care and attention involved in the National Irish Steak Challenge was exceptional. It reflected the dedication of the butchers who entered, the expertise of the chefs who prepared each steak, and the commitment of the judges who gave their time and knowledge to uphold the highest standards.

The National Irish Steak Challenge continues to stand as a benchmark for excellence within the industry. More than a competition, it is a celebration of independent Irish butchers, the quality of Irish beef, and the skill, tradition and pride that define craft butchery in Ireland.



Striploin Steak Overall Winner

Morris Meats

Main Street
Elphin, Roscommon



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Striploin Steak Provincial Winners



Shortts Butchers

Homebred Angus Striploin
Main Street,
Castleblaney,
Monaghan



Morris Meats

Angus Striploin
Main Street
Elphin,
Roscommon



Fitzgerald Butchers

Himalayan Salt Aged Striploin
Pearse Square,
Fermoy,
Co Cork



Redmond Farm

Black Angus Striploin Steak
Wexford Road,
Gorey,
Co Wexford



Striploin Steak Gold Awards

- **Millar Meats & Fine Foods**, Fermanagh
Aberdeen Angus Dry Aged Striploin
- **Martin O'Dwyer Family Butchers** by Keimar, Friar Street, Cashel, Tipperary
Black Angus Striploin
- **Callaghan Butchers Bettystown**, Unit 4 the Anchorage, Bettystown, Co Meath
Black Angus Striploin
- **Furlongs Food Hall**, Unit 14 Gorey Shopping Centre, The Avenue, Gorey,
Wexford
Dry Aged Striploin
- **Etherson Butchers**, 99 Cabra Road, Phibsboro, Dublin
Etherson Striploin Steak
- **B Molloy Master Butchers**, Roslevan Shopping Centre, Ennis, Co Clare
Dry Aged Black Angus Striploin
- **Wilsons Butchers**, Rathfarnham
Striploin Steak



Striploin Steak Gold Awards

- **Gary Coote Meats**, 108 Main Street, Fivemilteown, Co Tyrone
Charolais Striploin
- **Brendan Bergin**, Unit 7 Edenderry Shopping Centre, Co Offaly
Striploin Steak
- **Bergins Family Butchers**, The Healy Centre Naas, Kildare
Striploin Steak
- **Joe the Butcher**, Church Road, Rathdown Lower, Greystones, Wicklow
Castle Grange Black Angus Organic Striploin Steak
- **Bradys Butchers**, Newcastle, Dublin
Striploin Steak
- **McCarthy's of Kanturk**, Cork
Himalayan Salt Aged Striploin
- **Murtagh Meats**, Rathdrinagh Beuparc, Navan, Co Meath
Dry Aged Striploin



Striploin Steak Silver Awards

- **Mitchell Meats**, Mohill, Leitrim
Striploin Steak
- **Kennedys of of Bunclody**, Ryland Road, Bunclody, Co Wexford
Wexford Black Angus Striploin
- **Peter Callaghans**, 58 Market Street, Ardee, Louth
Grass Fed, Dry Aged Striploin
- **Finns Artisan Butchers**, 58 lower Cork Street, Mitchelstown, Cork
Johns Grass Fed Striploin
- **Murphys Craft Butchers**, Church Street, Tullow, Co Carlow
Striploin Steak
- **Monaghans Butchers**, 2 Killashee Street, Longford,
Striploin Steak
- **D&F Butchers**, 70 Main Street, Cashel, Tipperary
Angus Striploin
- **CR Tormeys Butchers**, Unit 15 Harbour Place Shopping centre, Mullingar
Heritage Salt Aged Striploin
- **Gleeson Butchers**, 2 Coolmine Business Park.
Aged & Tender Striploin Steak
- **Nolans of Kilcullen**, Main street, Kilcullen, Co Kildare
Striploin Steak



- **Seamus Bracken Butcher Shop**, Lynn Road, Mullingar, Co Westmeath
Striploin Steak
- **Loughnane Butchers Loughrea**, Galway
Striploin Steak
- **Millar Meats & Fine Foods**, Fermanagh
Home Reared Shorthorn Dry Aged Striploin
- **Keith Grant Master Butchers**, Main Street, Roundwood, Co Wicklow,
Dry Aged Striploin Steak
- **Gormley Family Butchers**, Prosperous, Co Kildare
21 Day Aged Striploin
- **Corrigans Artisan Butchers**, 1 Fitzmaurice Road Finglas
28 Day Dry Aged Strploin
- **Molloys Ardkeen**, Ardkeen, Dunmore Road, Waterford.
Aged Hereford Striploin
- **Moran Meats**, Main Street, Clifden, Galway
Striploin Steak
- **C.R Tormey Finest Quality Meats**, Unit 17, Galway Shopping Centre,
Galway
Black Angus Striploin



Striploin Steak Bronze Awards

- **Wayne Morrow Butchers**, 117 Moore Street, Aughnacloy, Tyrone,
30 Days Dry Aged Sirloin Steaks
- **O'Leary Family Butchers**, The Square, Millstreet, Cork
21 Day Matured Striploin
- **Ryans Mastercraft Butchers**, 3 Bridge Street, Tipperary town
Hereford Striploin
- **Eddie Walsh & Sons Butchers**, Upper Main Street, Donegal Town
Aubrac Striploin
- **Davidson Craft Butchers**, 7 St Christophers Drive, Montenotte, Cork,
Striploin Steak
- **Walsh Butchers Kilcock**, Kildare
Traditional Black Angus Striploin



Fillet Steak Overall Winner

Murphys Craft Butchers

Tullow
Co Carlow



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Fillet Steak Provincial Winners



Eddie Walsh & Sons Butchers

Aubrac Fillet Steak

Upper Main Street, Donegal Town



Moran Meats

Fillet Steak

Clifden

Galway



Finns Artisan Butchers

John's Grass Fed Fillet

58 Lower Cork Street, Mitchelstown, Cork



Murphys Craft Butchers

Fillet Steak

Tullow

Co Carlow



Fillet Steak Gold Awards

- **Gormley Family Butchers**, Prosperous, Co Kildare
21 Day Aged Fillet
- **FX Buckley**, 10 Clonkeen Road, Deansgrange
Fillet Steak
- **Eddie Walsh & Sons**, Upper Main Street, Donegal Town
Aubrac Fillet Steak
- **Brady's Butchers Newcastle, Dublin**
Fillet Steak
- **Corrigans Artisan Butchers**, 1 Fitzmaurice Road ,Finglas, Dublin
28 Day Dry Aged Fillet Steak



Fillet Steak Silver Awards

- **Redmond Farm**, Wexford Road, Gorey, Co Wexford
Black Angus Fillet
- **Millar Meats & Fine Foods**, Fermanagh
30 Day Aged Fillet
- **Moran Meats**, Main Street, Clifden, Galway
Fillet Steak
- **Davidson Craft Butchers**, 7 St Christophers Drive, Montenotte, Cork,
Fillet Steak
- **Wilsons Butchers**, Rathfarnham , Dublin
Fillet Steak
- **Bergins Family Butchers**, The Healy centre, Naas , Co Kildare
Fillet Steak
- **Wayne Morrow Butchers**, 117 Moore Street, Aughnacloy, Tyrone,
30 Days Dry Aged Fillet Steaks
- **B.Molloy Master Butchers**, Roslevan Shopping Centre,Ennis, Co Clare
Dry Aged Black Angus Fillet



Fillet Steak Silver Awards

- **D&F Butchers**, 70 Main Street, Cashel, Tipperary
Angus Fillet
- **Millar Meats & Fine Foods**, Fermanagh
Succulent Fillet of Beef
- **Seamus Bracken Butcher Shop**, Lynn Road, Mullingar, Co Westmeath
Fillet Steak
- **O'Leary Family Butchers**, The Square, Millstreet, Cork
21 Day Matured Fillet



Fillet Steak Bronze Awards

- **Molloys Ardkeen**, Dunmore Road, Waterford.
Aged Hereford Fillet
- **Ryans Mastercraft Butchers**, 3 Bridge Street, Tipperary town
Hereford Fillet
- **Morris Meats**, Elphin, Roscommon
Angus Fillet
- **Mitchell Meats**, Mohill, Co Leitrim
Leitrim Fillet Steak
- **Kennedys of Bunclody**, Ryland Road, Bunclody, Co Wexford
Wexford Black Angus Fillet
- **Shortts Butchers**, Main Street, Castleblaney, Monaghan
Dry Aged Fillet
- **Keith Grant Master Butchers**, Main Street, Roundwood, Co Wicklow,
Dry Aged Fillet Steak
- **Brendan Bergin**, Unit 7 Edenderry Shopping Centre, Offaly
Fillet Steak



Fillet Steak Bronze Awards

- **Jim Crowley Craft Butchers**, Midleton Cork
Fillet Steak
- **Nolans of Kilcullen**, Main Street, Kilcullen, Co Kildare
Fillet Steak
- **Loughnane Butchers**, Loughrea, Galway
Fillet Steak
- **Callaghan Butchers Bettystown**, Unit 4 The Anchorage, Bettystown, Co Meath
Hereford Fillet



Ribeye Steak Overall Winner

O'Leary Family Butchers

Millstreet
Cork



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Ribeye Steak Provincial Winners



Eddie Walsh & Sons Butchers
Aubrac Ribeye Steak
Upper Main Street, Donegal Town



Keanes Meats
Ribeye Steak
Main Street, Newport, Mayo



O'Leary Family Butchers
21 Day Matured Ribeye
The Square, Millstreet, Cork



Corrigans Artisan Butchers
28 Day Dry Aged Ribeye Steak
1 Fitzmaurice Road Finglas, Dublin



Ribeye Steak Gold Awards

- **Peter Callaghans**, 58 Market Street, Ardee, Louth
Grass Fed, Dry Aged Ribeye
- **Loughnane Butchers**, Loughrea, Galway
Ribeye Steak
- **Tuites Butchers**, 9 The Bullring Drogheda, Co Louth
Ribeye Steak
- **Davidson Craft Butchers**, 7 St Christophers Drive, Montenotte, Cork,
Ribeye Steak
- **Molloys Ardkeen**, Dunmore Road, Waterford.
Aged Hereford Ribeye
- **Francis Feighery**, Portlaoise
Ribeye Steak



Ribeye Steak Silver Awards

- **O'Sullivan Butchers**, Sarsfield Street, Kilmallock, Co Limerick
Dry Aged Ribeye Steak
- **Moran Meats**, Main Street, Clifden, Galway
Ribeye Steak
- **Mitchell Meats Mohill**, Leitrim
Ribeye
- **Tom Durcan The market**, English Market, Cork
Black Angus Rib Eye Steak
- **CR Tormeys Butchers**, Unit 15 Harbour Place Shopping centre, Mullingar
Heritage Salt Aged Ribeye
- **Murtagh Meats**, Rathdrinagh Beauparc, Navan, Co Meath
Dry Aged Ribeye
- **Ryans Mastercraft Butchers**, 3 Bridge Street, Tipperary town
Hereford Ribeye
- **Redmond Farm**, Wexford Road, Gorey, Co Wexford
Black Angus Ribeye



Ribeye Steak Silver Awards

- **Jim Flavin Butchers**, Dublin Road, Castletroy, Limerick
Hereford Ribeye
- **Fitzgerald Butchers**, Pearse Square, Fermoy, Co Cork
Himalayan Salt Aged Ribeye
- **Nolans of Kilcullen**, Main Street, Kilcullen, Co Kildare
Ribeye Steak
- **McCarthy's of Kanturk**, Kanturk, Cork
Himalayan Salt Aged Ribeye
- **Joe the Butcher**, Church Road, Rathdown Lower, Greystones, Wicklow,
BMS 12 Dry Aged Rib Eye Steak
- **Keith Grant Master Butchers**, Main Street, Roundwood, Co Wicklow,
Dry Aged Ribeye Steak
- **Brendan Bergin**, Unit 7 Edenderry Shopping Centre, Offaly
Ribeye Steak
- **Bergin's Family Butchers**, The Healy Centre, Naas, Kildare
Ribeye Steak
- **Callaghan Butchers Bettystown**, Unit 4, The Anchorage, Bettystown, Co
Meath
Black Angus Ribeye



Ribeye Steak Bronze Awards

- **Wilsons Butchers**, Rathfarnham
Ribeye Steak
- **Gleeson Butchers**, Unit 2 Coolmine Business Park.
Aged & Tender Ribeye Steak
- **Jim Crowley Craft Butchers**, Midleton, Cork
Dry Aged Ribeye Steak
- **B.Molloy Master Butchers**, Roslevan Shopping Centre, Ennis, Co Clare
Dry Aged Black Angus Ribeye
- **Millar Meats & Fine Foods**, Fermanagh
Prime Rib
- **Gormley Family Butchers**, Prosperous, Co Kildare
21 Day Aged Ribeye
- **Murphys Craft Butchers**, Church Street, Tullow, Co Carlow
Ribeye Steak
- **Kennedys of Bunclody**, Ryland Road, Bunclody, Co Wexford
Wexford Black Angus Ribeye



Ribeye Steak Bronze Awards

- **Monaghans Butchers**, 2 Killashee Street, Longford
Ribeye Steak
- **Furlongs Food Hall**, Unit 14 Gorey Shopping Centre, Gorey, Wexford,
Dry Aged Rib Eye
- **Fx Buckley**, 10 Clonkeen Road, Deansgrange
Ribeye Steak
- **Etherson Butchers**, 99 Cabra Road , Dublin
Ribeye steak
- **D&F Butchers**, 70 Main Street, Cashel, Tipperary
Angus Ribeye
- **Mike Walsh Butchers**, Athenry, Galway
Ribeye Steak
- **Shortts Butchers**, Main Street, Castleblaney, Monaghan
Black Angus Ribeye



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