

## Greenhams Abattoirs Smithton, Tasmania



To produce a Premium grade of meat & to be at the forefront of the industry **Greenhams Abattoirs** committed to becoming MSA (Meat Standards Australia) accredited about 2 years ago. In order to attain this level of recognition Greenhams identified the reasons why they weren't operating to this level which included an unacceptable **Dark Cutting of meat between 20% to 25%**.

Greenhams identified that the 'Dark Cutting' was associated with animals being stressed and not warm nor comfortable on the current flooring. Learning about the RPS SureFoot® Cattle mat from Page's Transport (a local livestock carrier) Greenhams initially installed the mats in 6 pens and a laneway as a trial.

### Graham Pretty Greenhams Livestock manager said

*"The installation of the RPS SureFoot® Cattle mat has dramatically improved the animals condition before slaughtering and continually produces a Premium Grade of meat which has increased our earnings significantly. When you slaughter between 750 & 1000 yearlings a week it doesn't take much to work out the value of RPS SureFoot® Cattle mats which **we paid in just 4 weeks.***

*There is no doubt the animals settle down easier on the matting and we certainly use less water when cleaning them. If I had more yards or were to ever expand the operations I would certainly use the RPS SureFoot® Cattle mat".*



It became evident very quickly that the animals behavior had changed. When staff arriving for work in the early hours of the morning discovered *as many animals that could fit were sitting on the SureFoot® Cattle matting & those which couldn't were standing and consequently scored a much higher level of dark cutting.* This observation lead to the immediate decision to install the SureFoot® mat throughout the entire yard of the abattoir facility.

Since the complete installation of the RPS SureFoot® Cattle mat Greenhams' **Dark Cutting level has reduced to between 5% & 8%** ensuring they continue to produce Premium Grade meat which attains an extra 10 cents per kiloaram premium.

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