

The
Royal Agricultural
Society of Victoria

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1960

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Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of members of the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria will be held in the Council Room, Administrative Building, Plummer Avenue, Royal Showgrounds, Epsom Road, Ascot Vale, on Tuesday, the 7th March, 1961, at 12 noon.

BUSINESS

1. To receive the Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
2. To elect members to fill the vacancies on the Council.
3. To appoint two Auditors.

Dated the 21st day of February, 1961.

H. T. C. WOODFULL,

Secretary.

For list of nominations see back.

LIST OF NOMINATIONS

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

(Eleven to be elected)

ANGLISS, W. A., "Marnong," Mickleham.

CLARKE, Sir Rupert W. J., Bolinda Vale, Clarkefield.

DOYLE, E. A., O.B.E., "Mulutu," Gembrook Road, Emerald.

DRUMMOND, K. A., "Talgarno Park," Private Bag, Wodonga.

GARDINER, J. M., "Ventnor," Cowes, Phillip Island.

LUKE, K. G., C.M.G., "Deepfields," Romsey.

MITCHELL, T. N., C.B.E., "Selkirk Park," Whittlesea.

SANDERSON, R. F., C.B.E., C/- Wm. Haughton & Co. Ltd., 545 Little Collins St., Melbourne.

STARRITT, G. R., "Kelso Park," N.W. Mooroopna, via Tatura.

STEPHENS, Dr. F. G., "Uplands," Terrara Road, Vermont.

YUNCKEN, H. F., "Birkenmoor," Lower Plenty.

NOTE:—The nominations not being in excess of the vacancies, there will be no poll.

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3. To appoint two Auditors.

Dated the 23rd day of February, 1960.

H. T. C. WOODFULL,

Secretary.

For list of nominations see back.

LIST OF NOMINATIONS

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL (Eleven to be elected)

BLACKBURN, R. H., Mooroolbark.

BOOTHBY, W. B., "Old Boorhaman," Peechelba East.

BUCHANAN, J. M., Bass Street, Flinders.

COLES, Sir Edgar, 6 St. Georges Road, Toorak.

DOOLING, L. J., 367 Collins Street, Melbourne.

FORSTER, Professor, H. C., 2 Belmont Avenue, Balwyn.

HOWELL, G., Wollert, via Epping.

KNOX, D. W., 115 Grange Road, Toorak.

RONALD, P. B., "Koo-man-goo-nong," Pakenham East.

SCOTT, F. E. Selwyn, "Yuulong," Scotsburn.

WILSON, G. P. H., Wilson House, Berwick.

NOTE:—The nominations not being in excess of the vacancies, there will be no poll.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria

To the Members—

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Council of this Society I have pleasure in submitting to you a report on the Society's activities during the year 1960.

ANNUAL EXHIBITION

I am happy to record that the Governor General His Excellency Lord Dunrossil and Her Excellency Lady Dunrossil made their first public appearance in Melbourne by attending our Royal Show. In his remarks when officially opening our Show, His Excellency displayed a clear understanding of primary industry and a deep interest in the affairs of the Australian farmer.

At the opening ceremony we were especially pleased to have as our guests the Prime Minister, the Right Honourable R. G. Menzies, and Dame Pattie Menzies; the Premier, the Hon. H. E. Bolte, and Mrs. Bolte, and the Acting Lord Mayor, Sir Frederick Thomas and Lady Thomas.

During our deliberations in preparing for the Show it was obvious to the Council that it would be faced with the serious problem of steeply rising costs. After serious thought it was considered that in order to offset these cost rises, action would have to be taken to increase our revenue from the Show by raising charges for admission and also for standholders' space.

In addition to increasing charges, action was taken to popularise the last Saturday of the Show by adding new features and also by holding the livestock on display until the close of the Show. By adopting these measures, I am happy to say, not only were we able to counter satisfactorily the effect of the rising costs but also to ensure an all-time record attendance.

Before dealing with the Show in detail, I do feel that I should, on behalf of the Council and also all interested in the affairs of the Society, sincerely thank the livestock exhibitors for their co-operative reaction to the Council's decision by which they were required to keep their stock at the grounds until the last night of the Show instead of taking the animals away at midday on the Friday as in previous years. The Council appreciates the sacrifice made by the stock exhibitors and realize that they were not only caused inconvenience but also involved in additional expense. Their co-operation was a potent factor in the success of the final Saturday.

It was manifest even before entries closed that there would be tremendous interest in the Show because record entries were being received in several Sections. The high entry in the Beef Cattle Section resulted from the combination of larger entries than last year's in all but one breed. All Dairy Cattle entries showed an increase on last year's, Jerseys leading the way with almost 600 entries. It was very pleasing to note a substantial increase in Ayrshires.

The display of 1,300 British Breeds of Sheep was probably the best ever staged in the world. Very strong entries were also received in the Fleece, Wine, Apiculture and Pig Sections. For the first time since 1936 we introduced a Cat Section, which had an entry of 238 cats and proved most popular.

It is specially pleasing to note the increased interest being taken by School Children, whose entries in the Home Craft Section have risen from 50 to 724 in the last 6 years.

We were favoured with the services of two judges from Britain. Mr. Gerald Rankin, who judged Shorthorns and Poll Shorthorns, and Mr. Edward Jackson, who judged Dairy Shorthorns. Both of these gentlemen proved very popular selections and gave satisfaction to the exhibitors as well as making their sections most interesting. We were also favoured with another overseas judge, Mr. J. A. Moreland, who came from New Zealand to judge Jersey Cattle. It is perhaps interesting to note that almost 200 judges officiated and a great number of these came from other States in the Australian Commonwealth.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

New structures during the year included further development of the Horse Section by adding new boxes in the Western Area. These replaced some of the old boxes at the eastern end of the grounds, which were in bad condition. The part in which these old boxes were located was converted into an amusement area.

New hospital pens were erected for cattle; a new bar was constructed; a new lavatory, new animal washes and new lockers for exhibitors were also built. Several renovations and renewals to buildings such as a new ceiling in the Home Craft Pavilion, new electrical equipment and cable, renovations to roads and other services were carried out.

ATTENDANCE

I am pleased to report that the attendance showed an all-time record total of 677,687. At no time during the Show did we have a break of fine weather, and we were at all times harassed by inclement conditions. In view of this it is very pleasing to record that we closed with such an outstanding attendance on the last Saturday.

It is perhaps interesting to observe that we estimate that 138,500 people obtained admission from our family ticket scheme and that approximately 15,800 school children attended the Show on a school excursion, with teachers from their schools.

VISITORS

In addition to those who were present at the official opening, our many distinguished visitors included His Excellency Sir Dallas Brooks, the Governor of Victoria, and Lady Brooks; the Rt. Hon. The Earl of Selkirk, U.K. Commissioner-General in South East Asia and the Countess of Selkirk; all the Members of the State Cabinet and their wives; the Hon. C. P. Stoneham, M.L.A., the Leader of the Opposition, and Mrs. Stoneham; Sir Herbert Hyland, M.L.A., Leader of the Country Party; Mr. L. M. Fennessy, M.L.A.; Mr. P. W. C. Stokes, M.H.R.; Mr. A. Buchanan, M.H.R.; Mr. S. Merrifield, M.L.C., and Mr. J. M. Tripovich, M.L.C. We were also pleased to have with us His Excellency Mr. Vadhana Isarabhadki, Ambassador of Thailand; His Excellency the Hon. F. Jones, High Commissioner for New Zealand; His Excellency Monsieur Nils-Eric Ekblad, Envoy of Sweden; Mr. J. A. Dougan, Acting High Commissioner for Canada, and Mr. I. R. Smyth, Assistant Commercial Secretary for Canada. Commodore F. L. George, A.D.C., R.A.N., was also present representing the Navy, and Major-General L. C. Canet, G.O.C. Southern Command and Mrs. Canet. Others included the Mayor of Essendon, Cr. G. S. Ireland, and his councillors.

FINANCE

I am pleased to say that the action mentioned in the early part of this report whereby we were able to increase our revenue assisted the Society in meeting the additional expenditure due to increased costs. It is difficult, however, to meet the growing requirements of all sections connected with such a large organisation as the Royal Show; any additional revenue which we are able to produce from the Show is at once applied to further the improvement of the Show either in the interests of the exhibitors or for the public benefit or, as is usual, for both.

BREED SOCIETIES

It is with regret that we have found it necessary from time to time to increase the charges made to Breed Societies for carrying out their secretarial work. Over the years, there has been a large increase in wages and at the same time the membership of many of the Breed Societies has grown enormously. These two factors have led to a very substantial increase in the cost of the secretarial work and we have had in consequence to pass on some of this increase in cost to the Breed Societies. An examination of the cost of this work is made every year and we are pleased to be able to subsidise to some extent these charges from the funds of the R.A.S.V. thereby lessening the burden on the resources of the Breed Societies. We have been pleased also to purchase new equipment whereby the cost of printing Herd Books has been considerably reduced to such of these Societies as desire to use this new photo-litho method.

COMPETITIONS

A new competition sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia was introduced by the Society this year, the contest being known as the Farm Management and Improvement Competition. The winner was Mr. Gordon E. Laver, of Somerlea, Leongatha South; he received the sum of £500. Entries for the Competition totalled 62 and came from all parts of Victoria; the judging entailed a long but, the judges report, nevertheless, an interesting task. We are appreciative of the work done by our Judges of the Farm Management and Improvement Competition, Messrs. G. R. Lambert, A. Lloyd, W. A. Angliss, G. P. H. Wilson and C. C. Johnson. The Competition proved so interesting that the Judges have written a report and this will be distributed to interested members of the Society.

The Fodder Conservation and Wheat Crop Championships were again conducted with the assistance of the Department of Agriculture which indeed assisted in all the competitions conducted by the Society.

TROTTING CONTROL BOARD

During the year, Mr. H. F. Yuncken retired from the Trotting Control Board; on behalf of the Council and Members of the Society, I wish to record our thanks for the very valued assistance which he rendered during his term as a member of that Board. Mr. K. A. Morrison was appointed to the Board in his stead and Messrs. A. J. L. James and L. G. C. Nicholas continued as our nominees on the Board. Our thanks go to Messrs. James and Nicholas for the time spent on matters appertaining to the T.C.B.

CHANGES IN COUNCIL

At the August Meeting of Council, Messrs. J. W. Kelly, P. J. R. Steele, and J. W. D. Ward were elected to the Council in place of Messrs. S. A. Greaves, A. E. Dahlenburg and K. McGarvie, who were elected as Honorary Councillors. Mr. W. C. Greaves was awarded the O.B.E. in the Birthday Honours List.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

It is with great satisfaction that I render to the Honourable The Premier and Members of the Victorian Cabinet in particular the Minister of Agriculture, the Hon. G. L. Chandler, the thanks of this Society for their interest during the year in the Society's activities.

Mr. P. Ryan and the many officers of the Department of Agriculture have again indicated their willingness to co-operate in our activities at all times during the year and particularly during our Royal Show. Valued assistance was also given during the year by many Government Departments and Boards; in particular I would like to mention the Milk Board, the Wool Bureau, the Education Department, the Egg Board, the Victorian Railways, the Australian Meat Board, the Australian Dairy Produce Board and the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board.

We were also favoured by assistance from the Navy who provided the Guard of Honour at the Official Opening and with a spectacular and interesting arena event, a demonstration of a rescue by a Navy helicopter. We are grateful also to the Army for the presentation of a commando raid as an arena event which proved very popular with the public.

Commercial firms were generous in the sponsorship of events and considerable assistance was given to the Society not only in this manner but also in the way various standholders co-operated to make the Show attractive and also to develop the goodwill of the Society with the public. The Shell Co. of Australia Ltd. and the Shell Chemical Pty. Ltd. again generously sponsored the Pre-Show Tour by Journalists, Radio and TV personnel. The Tour covered the Western District of Victoria and again established a high standard both in providing Show publicity for the Society and publicity for the owners of the properties which were visited. Mr. F. E. Selwyn Scott did an excellent job as Council Member in charge of the Tour.

To all Stewards, Stewardesses and Judges and other officials I offer my sincere thanks for their ready assistance, without which we would find it difficult to conduct a Show. We are always indebted to the various means of publicity through the Press, Radio and TV, and this year I felt that all these various media of publicity surpassed their activities in previous years in their support of the Show. The Sun News-Pictorial were again good enough to sponsor the Sun Show Girl Competition, which attracted 78 finalists. The winner was Miss Margaret Franc, of Beaufort. She was a fitting winner of the Competition and spared no efforts in aiding the Society by making her services available during the whole of the Show to present ribbons and give support in other activities.

The Members, I feel, are fortunate in the unselfish and solid work given by the Members of the Council in the interest of Members, Exhibitors and the Society — I should like to express my appreciation of their help and assistance.

I would like to record appreciation of the fine work done by the Staff of the Society during the year — both administrative and ground staff. I feel that we have a staff which is not only loyal but energetic in the interests of the Society. The leadership and example of Mr. Woodfull, with his capacity to delegate, are outstanding factors.

NORMAN MITCHELL,

President.

THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE,
FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1960.

| EXPENDITURE | INCOME |
|---|---|
| ANNUAL EXHIBITION | ANNUAL EXHIBITION |
| To Wages £39,772 | By Admission: |
| „ Prize Money, Cups, Trophies 19,195 | Turnstiles £73,432 |
| „ Printing 12,721 | Railways 30,295 |
| „ Attractions 8,377 | Grandstands 11,708 |
| „ Catering 6,524 | Woodchopping Arena 884 |
| „ Advertising & Publicity 5,043 | Motor Parks and Cloakrooms 864 |
| „ Judges Expenses 2,311 | Sales Rings 281 |
| „ Police & Fire Services 2,761 | „ Ground Rents 59,710 |
| „ Cleaning 1,172 | „ Entry Fees 12,230 |
| „ Public Address Equipment 1,369 | „ Premiums Refreshments & Catering 7,753 |
| „ Wood Chopping 827 | „ Catalogue & Programme Sales 1,860 |
| „ Medical & Veterinary Officers' Fees 798 | „ Commission Stock Sales 1,157 |
| „ Cartage 604 | „ Sundries 727 |
| „ Fodder 147 | <u>£200,892</u> |
| „ Kennel Control Council — Surcharge Refund 153 | |
| „ Sundries 6,455 | |
| <u>£108,229</u> | |
| GENERAL ADMINISTRATION | GENERAL INCOME |
| To Wages, Salaries, Superannuation £36,191 | By Rent of Showground and Buildings 34,864 |
| „ Repairs and Maintenance 21,021 | „ Donations 9,571 |
| „ Interest & Bank Charges 9,135 | „ Advertising 3,273 |
| „ Insurance Premiums 8,828 | „ Interest — Trotting Control Board 1,288 |
| „ Secretarial Services to Herd Societies 5,068 | „ Commission 438 |
| „ Rates and Taxes 4,918 | „ Motor Parks 601 |
| „ Payroll Tax 2,375 | „ Sundries 446 |
| „ Motor Vehicle Maintenance 1,604 | <u>£50,481</u> |
| „ Office Rent and Cleaning 1,392 | |
| „ Telephone 1,412 | |
| „ Postages 1,321 | |
| „ Office Supplies 1,178 | |
| „ Long Service Leave 1,022 | |
| „ Catering 848 | |
| „ Service for Tenants 570 | |
| „ Audit and Legal Fees 391 | |
| „ Travelling Expenses 916 | |
| „ Wheat Crop and Farm Tree Championships 384 | |
| „ Loose Tools 191 | |
| „ Advertising 152 | |
| „ Donations 100 | |
| „ Sundries (including Members' medallions) 3,429 | |
| „ Architect Fees 1,000 | |
| „ Members News Letter 513 | |
| „ Depreciation 31,183 | |
| <u>£135,142</u> | |
| 243,371 | |
| Balance Transferred to Accumulated Fund 27,797 | |
| <u>£271,168</u> | <u>£271,168</u> |

THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1960.

| LIABILITIES | ASSETS |
|---|---|
| Current Liabilities — | Current Assets — |
| Bank Overdraft £404,840 | Cash on Hand £10 |
| Sundry Creditors and Accruals 2,875 | Secretary's Advance 200 |
| £407,715 | Prepayments 2,041 |
| Short Call Deposits 130,415 | Sundry Debtors 15,758 |
| Deferred Liabilities — | Showground Stock on Hand at Cost 1,143 |
| Dairy machinery & Fodder Conserva- tion 1,445 | £19,152 |
| Trust Accounts — | Short Call deposits — |
| T. H. Payne Memorial .. 250 | Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney Ltd. 130,415 |
| W. J. Dawkins Trophy .. 100 | Deferred Assets — |
| Australian Pig Society .. 3,000 | Trotting Control Board — |
| Capt. A. E. T. Payne £10,000 | Original Advance 22,601 |
| Income Accrued .. 301 | Grandstand Advance 206,752 |
| 10,301 | Deposit State Electricity Comm. 1,310 |
| 13,651 | 230,663 |
| Members' Funds — | Trust Investments — |
| Accumulated Fund — | T. H. Payne Memorial |
| Balance at 1/1/60 372,751 | Bonds 250 |
| Transfer from In- come & Expendi- ture Statement 27,797 | Capt. A. E. T. Payne Trust Inscribed Stock 10,000 |
| 400,548 | A. F. McNaughton Ayrshire Trophy Bond 120 |
| Reserves — | W. J. Dawkins Inscribed Stock 100 |
| Assets Revaluation 1,042,003 | Australian Pig Society Bonds 3,000 |
| Grandstand 242,123 | 13,470 |
| Sheep Pavilion 26,120 | Fixed Assets — |
| 1,710,794 | Showground Services and Utilities 232,311 |
| | Land at Cost 56,921 |
| | Buildings and Im- provements at Valuation 1,560,185 |
| | Less Depreciation 26,071 |
| | 1,534,114 |
| | Showgrounds |
| | Plant and Motor Vehicles as Cost 46,746 |
| | Less Depreciation 4,672 |
| | 42,074 |
| | Office Furniture at Cost 5,340 |
| | Less Depreciation 440 |
| | 4,900 |
| | 1,870,320 |
| £2,264,020 | £2,264,020 |

AUDITORS' REPORT

We wish to report to the members that we have audited the books and accounts of the ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA for the year ended 31st December, 1960. We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required, and, in our opinion, the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and fair view of the state of the Society's affairs and that the accompanying statement of Income and Expenditure is properly drawn up so as exhibit a true and fair view of the results of the operations of the Society for the year, according to the best of our information, the explanations given to us, as shown by the books of the Society.

Dated at Melbourne this 31st day of January, 1961.

A. J. COURT, F.C.A. } Chartered Accountants
L. R. GILLAM, A.C.A. }

H. T. C. WOODFULL, Secretary.

COMPARATIVE LIST OF ENTRIES

| Section | 1953 | 1954 | 1955 | 1956 | 1957 | 1958 | 1959 | 1960 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Clydesdales | 101 | 110 | 85 | 122 | 129 | 130 | 154 | 120 |
| Farm and Lorry | 14 | 44 | 31 | 16 | 24 | 8 | 25 | 22 |
| Arabs | 16 | 34 | 16 | 24 | 22 | 27 | 32 | 31 |
| Trotters | 97 | 68 | 35 | 52 | 52 | 44 | 46 | 42 |
| Galloways | 50 | 66 | 56 | 66 | 72 | 68 | 69 | 57 |
| Ponies | 223 | 202 | 220 | 201 | 245 | 256 | 273 | 290 |
| Saddle Horses, etc. .. . | 1,363 | 1,416 | 1,368 | 1,469 | 1,711 | 1,828 | 1,597 | 1,570 |
| Harness Horses, etc. .. . | 184 | 186 | 186 | 156 | 180 | 165 | 176 | 197 |
| *Riding Competitions .. . | — | — | — | 1,046 | 1,120 | 1,108 | 1,136 | 945 |
| *Novelty Horse Events .. . | — | — | — | 355 | 246 | 274 | 324 | 517 |
| *Jumping Competitions .. . | — | — | — | 1,226 | 1,175 | 898 | 861 | 694 |
| *Wood Chopping and Sawing | 890 | 866 | 1,027 | 1,002 | 982 | 916 | 904 | 944 |
| Shorthorns | 134 | 157 | 113 | 140 | 144 | 137 | 140 | 180 |
| Poll Shorthorns | 16 | 21 | 41 | 25 | 14 | 20 | 6 | 31 |
| Herefords | 70 | 56 | 82 | 98 | 85 | 104 | 83 | 117 |
| Poll Herefords | 92 | 97 | 133 | 117 | 128 | 116 | 115 | 113 |
| Aberdeen Angus | 123 | 130 | 111 | 199 | 179 | 226 | 186 | 208 |
| Devons | 9 | 13 | 19 | 16 | 18 | 19 | 16 | 17 |
| Santa Gertrudis | — | — | — | — | — | — | 6 | 10 |
| Red Polls | 117 | 116 | 111 | 63 | 59 | 44 | 35 | 39 |
| Dairy Shorthorns | 161 | 156 | 166 | 164 | 187 | 133 | 168 | 181 |
| Fat Cattle | 61 | 53 | 68 | 40 | 62 | 55 | 84 | 41 |
| Illawarra Shorthorns .. . | 201 | 220 | 170 | 200 | 176 | 101 | 121 | 163 |
| Ayrshires | 256 | 248 | 279 | 221 | 205 | 187 | 172 | 211 |
| Jerseys | 496 | 499 | 621 | 549 | 588 | 555 | 556 | 595 |
| Guernseys | 176 | 207 | 254 | 163 | 159 | 240 | 264 | 268 |
| Friesians | 246 | 245 | 212 | 246 | 213 | 195 | 263 | 289 |
| Lincolns | 10 | 14 | 10 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 6 | — |
| Border Leicesters | 171 | 158 | 147 | 144 | 149 | 198 | 163 | 189 |
| English Leicesters | 14 | 30 | 29 | 28 | 39 | 39 | 44 | 46 |
| Romney Marsh | 114 | 133 | 94 | 93 | 50 | 104 | 91 | 92 |
| Cheviots | 34 | 53 | 50 | 81 | 130 | 132 | 194 | 207 |
| Dorset Horns | 168 | 194 | 231 | 225 | 229 | 254 | 228 | 236 |
| Shropshires | 8 | 15 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 12 | 16 | 9 |
| Southdowns | 119 | 161 | 133 | 145 | 145 | 133 | 160 | 178 |
| Suffolks | 32 | 28 | 13 | 24 | 30 | 28 | 39 | 22 |
| Ryelands | 96 | 100 | 123 | 143 | 160 | 118 | 143 | 120 |
| Dorset Downs | — | 2 | 2 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Hampshire Downs | 2 | — | — | — | 5 | 3 | 6 | — |
| Poll Dorsets | — | — | — | — | — | 38 | 64 | 101 |
| Corriedales | 70 | 93 | 66 | 69 | 56 | 40 | 69 | 42 |
| Fat Sheep | 22 | 15 | 14 | 53 | 34 | — | — | — |
| Fleeces | 210 | 341 | 382 | 350 | 162 | 195 | 348 | 394 |
| *Sheep Dog Trials | — | — | — | 78 | 117 | 99 | 115 | 104 |
| Sheep Shearing Competitions | 92 | 67 | 66 | 40 | 16 | 16 | 37 | 25 |
| Goats | 98 | 135 | 167 | 147 | 166 | 170 | 145 | 154 |
| Pigs | 700 | 801 | 659 | 561 | 590 | 541 | 557 | 784 |
| Poultry | 2,034 | 2,167 | 2,195 | 2,058 | 1,691 | 1,917 | 1,974 | 1,984 |
| Pigeons | 1,170 | 890 | 843 | 626 | 997 | 1,161 | 1,312 | 1,047 |
| Budgerigars, etc. | 423 | 241 | 344 | 443 | 630 | 773 | 856 | 971 |
| Wines, etc. | 472 | 497 | 486 | 637 | 663 | 657 | 707 | 696 |
| Dairy Produce | 178 | 170 | 266 | 308 | 264 | 315 | 324 | 338 |
| Farm Produce | 169 | 173 | 173 | 213 | 198 | 192 | 155 | 151 |
| *Fruit Packing Competitions | — | — | — | 114 | 96 | 108 | 120 | 90 |
| Apiculture | 76 | 57 | 75 | 69 | 85 | 61 | 56 | 148 |
| Arena Contests | 5,758 | 5,470 | 4,879 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Home Crafts | 2,558 | 2,377 | 2,618 | 2,509 | 2,412 | 2,573 | 3,409 | 3,248 |
| Dogs | 3,178 | 3,112 | 3,265 | 3,545 | 3,549 | 3,200 | 3,615 | 3,060 |
| †Young Farmers' Competitions | — | — | 278 | 349 | 229 | 59 | 63 | 64 |
| *Trotting Races | — | — | — | 542 | 717 | 546 | 535 | 240 |
| *Rodeo Events | — | — | — | 70 | — | — | — | — |
| Sheaf Tossing | — | — | — | — | — | — | 21 | 17 |
| Cats | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 427 |
| Total Competitive Entries .. | 22,329 | 22,531 | 22,457 | 21,655 | 21,797 | 21,540 | 23,384 | 23,076 |

* Previously shown as Arena Contests.

† Competitive Classes in Young Farmers' Pavilion discontinued after 1957 Show.