



The  
Royal Agricultural Society  
of Victoria



1972

**ANNUAL REPORT**

# The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria

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*Director:*

H. J. CLAPPISON.

(Circular)



## The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria

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 6th March, 1973, at 12.30 p.m.

### BUSINESS

1. Minutes of previous Annual Meeting.
2. To receive the Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
3. To elect members to fill the vacancies on the Council.
4. To appoint two Auditors.
5. Alteration to Constitution: Rule 70 to be amended as follows:—  
"Unless otherwise determined by the Council questions arising at any meeting of the Council shall be decided by a majority of votes of those present at such meeting. In case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall, at his discretion have a second or casting vote."

Dated the 6th day of February, 1973.

H. J. CLAPPISON,  
Director.

For list of nominations see back.

## LIST OF NOMINATIONS

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### MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

(Eleven to be elected)

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ANGLISS, W. A., "Marnong", Donnybrook, 3652.

CLARKE, SIR RUPERT, "Bolinda Vale",  
Clarkefield, 3430.

DRUMMOND, K. A., "Talgarno Park", P.B.,  
Wodonga, 3690.

GARDINER, C. B., Box 126, Tongala, 3621.

GARDINER, J. M., "Karalee", Tungamah, 3728.

GERRAND, R. B., "Malanda", Stradbroke, via Sale,  
3850.

MacGREGOR, D. S., "Dalmore", Baringhup, 3463.

RAE, J. W., a'Beckett Road, Narre Warren North,  
3804.

STARRITT, G. R., "Kelso Park", North West  
Mooroopna, 3629.

TURNER, S. A., "Woodlands", Huon, 3695.

YUNCKEN, H. F., "Birkenmoor", Lower Plenty,  
3093.

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

# ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO MEMBERS

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure on behalf of the Council to present the report of the Society's activities for the year ending December 31, 1972.

The past 12 months have been outstanding in the history of your Society with a record breaking Royal Show and progress in every aspect of the Society's activities.

Near to \$400,000 has been spent on improvements, alterations and additions to the Showgrounds over the period. The new Cattle Pavilion, situated alongside the Nicholas Jersey Pavilion, was erected at a cost of \$250,000. Other improvements include the reconstruction of the Sir William Angliss Art Gallery (previously the Fleeces Hall); extensive alterations and additions in the Arts & Crafts Pavilion; installation of ticket-selling machines at the western entrances from the V.R.C. car park and at No. 1 Gate (Degraeves Street) where new turnstiles were also erected.

Other main works included sewerage of cattle pavilions and washes; alterations to sheep pens; construction of additional cooking facilities for exhibitors; renewal of the Pig Pavilion roof; the purchase of a horse ambulance and alterations and improvements in other pavilions.

### THE 1972 ROYAL SHOW

The Society adopted an historical theme for the 1972 Royal Show, which was conducted from September 21 to 30. The theme was a combined tribute, firstly to the founders of the National Agricultural Society of Victoria, and secondly, to the Victorian Department of Agriculture which was formed on June 19, 1872. Special medallions were struck, and sashes, ribbons and award cards provided to commemorate the event.

The Royal Show was extended to 10 days and 10 nights for the first time and under ideal weather conditions created a record attendance of 916,730, which exceeds the previous record in 1971 by 28,321. Individual records were created for the first Thursday evening; the first Friday; both Saturday evenings; Sunday evening; Tuesday evening and Wednesday evening.

This is the first time the attendance has passed 900,000 and the sixth successive year in which attendance records have been broken.

The Official Opening ceremony was performed by His Excellency The Right Honourable Sir Paul Hasluck, G.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., K.St.J., Governor-General of Australia and Patron in Chief of the Society, at 8.00 p.m. on Saturday, September 23.

The arena programme was again a most entertaining one with special features including an historical parade of horse-drawn vehicles and early model motor vehicles; the Flying Carellas; The Precision Car Driving Team; The Australian Gold Cup Tent Pegging series and interstate polo-cross competitions. Besides the feature items, 306 horse classes were judged in the arena over the period of the Royal Show.

In keeping with the historical aspect of the Royal Show many stand-holders produced articles with historical significance on their stands and in their pavilions.

The Government Pavilion contained many reminders of past farming practices in the way of equipment and produce. The Society erected a huge exhibition stand and supplied much of the produce for it in the Government Pavilion this year as a tribute to the Victorian Department of Agriculture's centenary.

The Society also continued with its own farm produce display in Centenary Hall.

In conjunction with the 1972 Royal Show the Society conducted the Sir William Angliss Art Competition.

This competition was for a prize of \$5,000 donated by Mrs. Adrian Gibson, granddaughter of the late Sir William Angliss, and resulted in 25 entries being received and a win for Perth artist, Mr. George Haynes.

## ENTRIES

Total entries made an all-time record of 30,184, which is 2,731 above the previous record created in 1971.

The Horse entry of 5,402 was 17 above that of last year with new records for Palominos, Stallions and riding competitions.

The Connemaras were shown in competition for the first time and had 21 entries.

Lack of accommodation once again forced the Council to restrict numbers in the Horse Section.

Interest in the Fat and Beef Cattle classes continues to be maintained with entries constantly rising. Fat cattle entries rose to 364 which was 121 above the record created last year.

Three breeds of beef cattle recorded best ever entries; these were:— Santa Gertrudis, Murray Greys and Brangus, whilst Charolais were shown in competition for the first time and South Devons for the first time since 1935.

In the Dual Purpose breeds, Dairy Shorthorns again had a record entry and Red Polls improved on last year's figure.

Overall entries in the Dairy breeds were up 32 on last year with a record entry in the Friesian classes.



Although there was an overall decrease of 50 entries in the Sheep Section on those of 1971, five of the 12 breeds had increased entries on last year.

Pig entries were the best ever with 928 plus 230 carcass entries, and Trade Lamb, Sheep Shearing, Goats, Poultry, Farm Produce, Floriculture, Photography, Wood Chopping, Young Farmer competitions, and Farm Gadgets all showed increases on entries from last year.

New records were established in Arts & Crafts, Cats and the Dog Section.

For the first time the Dog entry passed 5,000 with the huge total of 5,557 entries making it the biggest section in the 1972 Royal Show.

A comparative list of all entries appears at the back of this report.

## **JUDGES AND STEWARDS**

The Council invited eight overseas judges to officiate at the 1972 Royal Show.

Mr. Frank Young, Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbrightshire, Scotland, judged the Galloway beef cattle and Ayrshires; Mr. T. Fleming, Rangiora, Canterbury, New Zealand, judged the Jerseys; Mr. J. W. Risi, Ngaruawahia, New Zealand, judged Large White pigs; Miss L. A. Moran, Wellington, New Zealand, cats; Miss Ann Hammond, Stretchworth, Essex, England, and Mrs. Gold, Brackwell, Berkshire, England, judged the horse classes.

The record breaking dog classes were judged by Mr. Maxwell Riddle, of Ravenna, Ohio, U.S.A., and Mrs. Carin Lindhe, of Freden, Vallentura, Sweden.

On behalf of the Council and Members of the Society, I extend sincere thanks to the many skilled judges from all States who so ably supported our overseas judges, also thanks to the honorary stewards, stewardesses, and other officials for their co-operation and their huge contribution to the success of the 1972 Royal Show.

## **OTHER ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY ACTIVITIES**

### **1. Breed Societies**

In June 1972 the Murray Grey Beef Cattle Society moved its headquarters from the R.A.S.V. This Society has had a spectacular rise in popularity over recent years and much of the credit for its sound financial position must be attributed to the guidance and administration provided by the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria.

The total number of breed societies and allied agricultural organisations now being administered by the R.A.S.V. is 39.

In previous Annual Reports we have endeavoured to alert societies and organisations to the effect that they would face increased costs, especially those of salaries, and unfortunately, over the past year this situation has not been eased.





**THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA**  
**REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1972**

	1972	1971
<b>INCOME —</b>		
Subscriptions —		
Members	\$42,283	\$38,399
Associate Members	6,805	6,263
Ladies' Badges	1,770	1,365
Junior Members	1,628	1,218
	\$52,486	\$47,245
Annual Exhibition —		
Admissions —		
Turnstiles	452,387	386,096
Railways	115,956	95,956
Grandstands and Sales Ring	523	725
Motor Parks and Cloak Rooms	1,271	854
Catering Premiums	33,478	16,201
Entry Fees	67,253	60,180
Rent of Grounds and Buildings	151,971	151,929
Catalogue and Programme Sales	7,972	6,947
Commissions on Stock Sales	1,307	1,023
Donations	25,786	25,991
Advertising	3,188	3,365
Cattle Club and Sundry Income	2,145	1,277
	863,237	750,544
General —		
Rent of Grounds and Buildings	107,782	99,659
Motor Parks	3,421	3,180
Labour, Materials and Services	36,911	22,407
Commissions on Stock Sales	3,521	4,831
Other Income	253	139
	151,888	130,216
	\$1,067,611	\$928,005
<b>DISPOSAL OF INCOME —</b>		
Direct Costs — Annual Exhibition —		
Wages, Salaries, Superannuation and Payroll Costs	\$159,698	\$145,181
Prize Money, Trophies, Sashes, etc.	59,497	52,629
Attractions	55,436	36,156
Catering	33,765	26,480
Advertising and Publicity	42,423	33,882
Judges' Expenses	12,866	8,491
Police and Fire Services	17,641	15,064
Cleaning	8,662	7,394
Public Address System and Commentators	7,348	6,496
Medical and Veterinary Officers' Fees	2,924	2,165
Cartage and Fodder	2,985	1,731
Printing and Booklets	49,573	40,328
Repairs and Maintenance	10,664	9,276
Signs and Floral Work	4,438	4,218
Buses and Badges	3,286	2,768
All other Exhibition Direct Costs	1,765	4,567
	\$472,971	\$396,826

General Overhead and Administration Costs —			
Wages, Salaries, Superannuation and Payroll Costs	\$201,220		\$176,478
Repairs and Maintenance	56,742		69,953
Bank Charges and Interest	24,111		32,762
Insurance Premiums	41,170		33,839
Secretarial Wages Unrecovered — Breed Societies	11,143		6,343
Rates and Taxes	21,652		19,389
Motor Vehicle Running Costs	6,828		6,925
Office and General Cleaning	6,309		5,312
Telephones and Postage	12,118		10,770
Printing and Stationery	7,298		6,389
Catering	7,258		4,185
Audit and Legal Fees	1,128		1,137
Travelling Expenses	3,783		2,383
Farm Competitions Prizemoney	1,047		1,074
Bad Debts	174		359
Depreciation	105,997		71,221
Long Service Leave Accrual	36,555		—
Maintenance on Office Machines	941		848
Members' Badges	2,417		2,668
All other Expenses	5,136		6,510
Loss on Disposal of Asset	2,537		—
		\$555,564	\$458,545
		<u>\$1,028,535</u>	<u>\$855,371</u>

**RESERVES —**

Special Purposes Insurance Reserve	\$4,000		\$30,000
Contingency Reserve	—		20,000
		\$4,000	\$50,000
		<u>\$1,032,535</u>	<u>\$905,371</u>
		\$35,076	\$22,634

**Surplus Transferred to Accumulated Fund**

Add Balance Accumulated Fund 1/1/72	\$886,285	\$919,199
" Prior Period Adjustment (see Note 1)	32,914	\$954,275
	<u>\$111,112</u>	
Add Capital Grant towards New Cattle Pavilion	\$111,112	
" Transfer from Grandstand Reserve Account	484,247	
" Transfer from Building Reserve Account	271,227	966,586
" Transfer from Contingency Reserve	100,000	
Balance Accumulated Fund 31/12/72	<u>\$1,920,861</u>	

**THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA**  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1972

	1972	1971
<b>FIXED ASSETS —</b>		
Land (see Note 2)	\$1,068,000	\$4,213,477
Buildings and Improvements (see note 2)	8,489,774	816,913
Less provision for depreciation		—
Services and Utilities at cost	585,023	236,937
Plant and Motor Vehicles at cost	72,538	149,965
Less provision for depreciation		—
Office Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings at cost	59,907	31,929
Less provision for depreciation	19,621	15,015
	40,286	16,914
<b>INVESTMENTS —</b>		
Debenture Stock at cost— Special Purposes Insurance Fund	36,266	30,000
— General	6,000	—
	42,266	29,040
	23,040	182,780
	156,498	137,596
	105,869	—
	99,559	86,038
	<u>\$10,682,853</u>	<u>\$4,668,561</u>
<b>TRUST ACCOUNTS INVESTMENTS —</b>		
<b>DEFERRED ASSETS —</b>		
Trotting Control Board—Grandstand Advance	900	900
<b>SHORT CALL DEPOSITS INVESTMENT —</b>		
Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney Ltd.	10,902	8,536
<b>CURRENT ASSETS —</b>		
Cash on Hand	69,523	62,508
Prepayments	18,234	14,094
Sundry Debtors		
Stock on Hand at cost		
	99,559	86,038
	<u>\$10,682,853</u>	<u>\$4,668,561</u>
<b>LESS LIABILITIES —</b>		
Trust Accounts —		
Australian Pig Society	—	\$6,000
T. H. Payne Memorial	\$500	500
W. J. Dawkins Trophy	200	200
Provident Fund	1,700	1,700
Capt. A. E. T. Payne	20,000	20,000
C. P. Fairbairn	400	400
A. F. McNaughton	240	240
	\$23,040	\$29,040
Deferred Liabilities —		
Mitchell Grandstand Loan	200,000	200,000
Fodder Conservation	390	630
Building Loans	94,158	—
	294,548	200,630
Short Call Deposits	105,869	137,596
Current Liabilities —		
Bank Overdraft	471,649	430,977
Sundry Creditors and Accruals	25,708	14,553

Provision for Long Service Leave	36,555		
Rents received in Advance	9,167		
		543,079	445,530
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<u>\$966,536</u>	<u>\$812,796</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<u>\$9,716,317</u>	<u>\$3,855,765</u>
<b>REPRESENTING —</b>			
Accumulated Funds		\$1,920,861	\$886,285
Reserves —			
Assets Revaluation	7,759,190		2,084,006
Building and Contingency Reserves			855,474
Special Purposes Insurance Fund	36,266	7,795,456	30,000
		<u>\$9,716,317</u>	<u>2,969,480</u>
			<u>\$3,855,765</u>

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

1. In recent years the Society has entered into agreements whereby money has been lent to the Society for the construction of buildings and improvements on Society land. Increased rentals have in the past been offset against loan repayments and neither the asset nor the liability was shown in the Balance Sheet. This position has been rectified and all assets, liabilities and past rentals have now been brought into account.

2. The Council have made a revaluation of Land and Buildings to show a more realistic value than that shown in previous Balance Sheets.

Land at Cost	133,339	
Land at Valuation of Council 1972	1,068,000	Increase 934,661
Buildings and Improvements at 1956 Valuation plus additions at cost	4,645,262	
Less Provision for Depreciation	896,011	
	<u>3,749,251</u>	
Buildings and Improvements at Valuation of Council 1972	8,489,774	Increase 4,740,523
		<u>5,675,184</u>
Assets Revaluation Reserve —		
Balance at 31st December, 1971		2,084,006
Balance at 31st December, 1972		<u>7,759,190</u>

**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, 1972. 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 to 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 and as shown by the books of the Society.

Dated at Melbourne this 6th day of February, 1973.

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

H. J. CLAPPISON, Director

We are constantly working to contain costs on breed societies' behalf, but appreciate that the R.A.S.V. in promoting and fostering breed societies will always be required to bear some of the total costs.

## 2. Competitions

### (a) The Victorian Farm Management, Production and Improvement Competition.

Forty-four properties were entered in this year's Competition and 22 Group finalists were visited by the State judging panel.

Section winners were:—

Section A: J. I. & R. M. Saunders, Princetown.

Section B: K. & D. C. Godde, Tallandoon.

With the new approach of the selection of properties by Victorian Agricultural Societies Association Groups for future competitions, it is anticipated that still greater interest will be shown in this competition.

I express the thanks of my Society to the Commonwealth Banking Corporation for its continued support and to the judges, along with the Victorian Agricultural Societies Association and officers of the Victorian Department of Agriculture for their services and co-operation.

### (b) Farm Competitions Association

In spite of adverse seasonal conditions in some areas the crop competitions were again well supported with District Champions exhibiting crops of a very high standard.

### (c) The District Fleece Competition

Country agricultural societies again gave good support to the District Fleece Competition with a total of 63 entries.

The judges praised the high standard of the winning fleeces in a very even competition.

The proceeds from the sale of these fleeces was donated to the Legacy organisation by the Society.

Again on your behalf I take this opportunity to express the Society's thanks to all sponsors, judges and competitors of the competitions conducted during the past year.

## 3. Journalists' Tour

The annual Shell/R.A.S.V. Journalists' Tour for 1972 was conducted through the Western and Central areas of Victoria.

Sponsored by the Shell Group of Companies for the sixteenth consecutive year, the Tour placed emphasis on historical aspects as a tribute to the Victorian Department of Agriculture in its Centenary Year.

Held in the first week in August, it gave media representatives an opportunity to record progress made in research over the years by the Department of Agriculture and C.S.I.R.O., and to visit properties and places of historical significance in areas around Geelong and Ballarat.

Further, the tour members were able to meet Royal Show exhibitors and see some of the best stock in the country in course of preparation for the Royal Show.

Mr. R. T. Balderstone, M.C., was the Tour Leader and his knowledge of the area and hosts was of great assistance to all concerned with the Tour.

## **FINANCE**

The almost perfect weather contributed to a record attendance which enabled the Society to increase its revenue to an all-time high. This revenue increase was nearly dissipated by increases in all cost items more particularly wages and salaries. If costs continue to rise the Society will be forced to consider increases in admission charges, space rentals or other revenue items where such increases can be substantiated.

For a number of years the Fixed Assets of the Society have been conservatively valued in the Balance Sheet. The Council recommended that they should be revalued and shown in the Balance Sheet at a more realistic figure. Accordingly this revaluation has been effected. As you can see the Society's financial position is quite sound.

## **DIRECTOR RETIRES**

At the conclusion of the 1972 Royal Show Mr. H. T. C. Woodfull, O.B.E., retired as Director of the Society.

Mr. Woodfull was appointed Secretary in 1954 and Director in 1963. His sound advice and guidance have been responsible for the most progressive period in the long history of the Society.

His assistance to me and those Presidents preceding me has been of the utmost importance to this Society, and although his services will not be entirely lost to the R.A.S.V. we wish he and Mrs. Woodfull a long and happy retirement.

The Council appointed Mr. Harley John Clappison to the position of Director earlier in the year and he had the opportunity to work with Mr. Woodfull over the 1972 Royal Show.

With his excellent background and tremendous drive, Mr. Clappison will prove a worthy successor to Mr. Woodfull and a great asset to the Society.

## CHANGES IN COUNCIL

It has been our pleasure to welcome to Council Mr. F. R. I. Stephens who replaces Mr. F. E. S. Scott, M.B.E. Mr. Stephens is the son of the late Doctor Frank Stephens, who was a Vice-President of the Society and a most valued Council Member for many years.

We extend congratulations to Mr. F. E. S. Scott, M.B.E., on his election to Life Councillor after a period of 20 years' service to the Council.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Our Society would find it almost impossible to function without the assistance so freely given by organisations and individuals, and on your behalf I wish to express sincere appreciation to all concerned.

Our sincere thanks are extended to the retired Premier, the Honorable Sir Henry Bolte, and the Premier, the Honorable R. J. Hamer, and Cabinet members, especially the Honorable Sir Gilbert Chandler, for their continued assistance and co-operation.

The Society is most conscious of the help given by Dr. Wishart, the Director of Agriculture, and officers of his Department, the members of the Australian Wool Board, the Australian Meat Board, the Meat and Allied Trades Federation, the Victorian Egg Board, and the Milk Board, and the many Government and semi-Government organisations, which we call on for advice and assistance.

The Society would also like to express thanks to the Victoria Racing Club, which gave great assistance during the Royal Show in providing car parking facilities and in organising our free bus service.

Special thanks is expressed to those members of the Press, Radio and Television services who gave an excellent coverage to the Royal Show.

We are most grateful to our many donors, sponsors, standholders, and exhibitors, without whose support we would not be able to function.

As it is my intention not to seek re-election, I wish to record my sincere personal thanks and appreciation to all members of Council for their support and for the efficient and unselfish manner in which they have served the interests of the Society during my term as President.

I take this opportunity to express my indebtedness to my Vice-Presidents, past and present, for the loyal and uncompromising manner in which they have supported me and their service to the Society over the past nine years.

I extend my warmest appreciation to the retired Director, Mr. H. T. C. Woodfull, and to the present Director, Mr. H. J. Clappison, and the members of the staff for their help and dedication in handling the affairs of the Society.

G. P. H. Wilson,  
President.



**COMPARATIVE LIST OF ENTRIES**

Section	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	Previous Best	
Clydesdales .. .. .	112	125	120	138	100	108	271	1924
Farm and Lorry .. .. .	25	21	17	27	30	26	75	1934
Arabs .. .. .	83	84	78	59	72	83	83	1967
Trotters .. .. .	41	48	58	31	41	45	112	1947
Palominos .. .. .	—	—	—	30	34	43	—	1971
Quarter Horses .. .. .	—	—	—	5	12	11	—	1971
Galloways .. .. .	91	67	64	41	46	62	94	1964
Ponies .. .. .	302	253	284	275	307	328	335	1962
Connemaras .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	21	—	—
Horses (Led) .. .. .	54	37	39	37	36	34	54	1967
Saddle Horses, etc. .. .	2,434	1,813	1,773	1,777	1,857	1,615	2,467	1966
Stallions .. .. .	73	83	86	77	77	93	86	1965
Harness Horses, etc. .. .	215	219	213	219	212	241	271	1965
Riding Competitions .. .	1,282	1,150	1,229	1,337	1,441	1,614	—	1971
Novelty Horse Events .. .	428	383	330	514	480	515	648	1966
Jumping Competitions .. .	668	613	659	739	640	663	1,233	1963
Wood Chopping and Sawing	918	888	731	839	655	865	1,027	1955
Sheaf Tossing .. .. .	62	41	—	—	—	—	62	1967
Tug-O'-War .. .. .	18	16	16	16	17	16	21	1963
Fat Cattle .. .. .	116	101	174	235	243	364	—	1971
Beef Shorthorns .. .. .	119	114	144	174	165	158	180	1960
Poll Shorthorns .. .. .	72	42	64	70	61	45	91	1965
Herefords .. .. .	99	97	126	152	147	134	152	1970
Poll Herefords .. .. .	158	148	165	177	162	155	177	1970
Angus .. .. .	218	221	261	314	253	267	314	1970
Devons .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	19	1955
Santa Gertrudis .. .. .	—	—	5	25	27	29	—	1971
Galloways .. .. .	15	17	17	33	37	20	—	1971
Murray Greys .. .. .	59	53	62	72	86	92	—	1971
Brahmans .. .. .	3	6	17	25	42	33	—	1971
Brafords .. .. .	—	—	—	8	14	9	—	1971
Brangus .. .. .	—	—	—	—	4	6	4	1971
South Devons .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
Charolais .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—
Herdmen's Competition .. .	11	12	10	9	13	11	19	1964
Red Polls .. .. .	52	74	64	50	36	43	159	1934
Dairy Shorthorns .. .. .	198	175	204	189	243	266	—	1971
Aust. Illawarra Shorthorns	165	96	128	98	155	209	235	1948
Ayrshires .. .. .	216	188	212	195	178	226	503	1922
Jerseys .. .. .	777	711	711	794	681	572	826	1965
Guernseys .. .. .	333	240	239	256	255	266	333	1967
Friesians .. .. .	395	384	420	458	462	490	—	1971
Lincolns .. .. .	—	—	3	1	4	7	219	1918
English Leicesters .. .. .	14	—	7	13	5	10	114	1947
Border Leicesters .. .. .	160	178	198	200	137	106	230	1962
Romney Marsh .. .. .	62	66	47	34	33	38	159	1949
Cheviots .. .. .	70	73	73	83	50	80	208	1961
Southdowns .. .. .	87	77	69	93	123	108	196	1938
Shropshires .. .. .	—	5	7	2	4	—	92	1934
Suffolks .. .. .	31	28	27	21	25	20	60	1937
Dorset Horns .. .. .	181	164	183	165	135	124	254	1958
Ryelands .. .. .	103	106	144	108	115	123	160	1957
Hampshire Downs .. .. .	4	—	—	—	—	—	9	1965
Dorset Downs .. .. .	3	—	—	—	1	—	4	1950
Poll Dorsets .. .. .	313	329	306	329	314	302	342	1966
Corriedales .. .. .	40	35	36	52	44	37	124	1934
South-Suffolks .. .. .	7	5	2	16	11	—	16	1970
Perendales .. .. .	—	—	—	16	12	8	16	1970
Trade Lamb Competition .. .	29	9	39	43	17	22	39	1969
Fleeces .. .. .	352	331	318	276	309	268	591	1964
Sheep Dog Trials .. .. .	47	90	78	111	98	94	117	1957
Sheep Shearing Competitions	76	68	93	79	66	90	109	1966
Goats .. .. .	207	191	254	223	198	212	254	1969
Pigs .. .. .	612	686	767	775	951	1,158	—	1971
Poultry .. .. .	1,252	1,271	1,400	1,669	1,723	1,846	2,195	1955
Eggs (Commercial) .. .. .	153	170	189	222	207	174	—	1971
Pigeons .. .. .	869	910	1,002	1,073	1,275	1,259	1,312	1959
Budgerigars, etc. .. .. .	371	586	485	426	666	476	1,054	1965
Wines, etc. .. .. .	973	937	893	900	1,300	1,208	—	1971
Dairy Produce .. .. .	265	286	281	215	244	236	357	1961
Farm Produce .. .. .	122	228	205	152	138	142	431	1930
Floriculture .. .. .	20	51	66	70	78	80	—	1971
Apiculture .. .. .	158	123	129	132	134	102	158	1967
Arts and Crafts .. .. .	3,211	2,876	2,899	3,111	2,987	4,136	3,846	1961
Photography .. .. .	—	—	983	1,129	950	952	1,129	1970
Dogs .. .. .	4,435	4,777	4,809	4,895	4,827	5,557	4,895	1970
Young Farmers' Competitions	204	147	141	102	126	161	349	1953
Trotting Races .. .. .	248	325	300	262	324	319	717	1956
Farm Gadgets .. .. .	68	55	40	52	53	60	71	1966
Cats .. .. .	606	608	636	747	748	885	—	1971
<b>Total Competitive Entries</b>	<b>25,156</b>	<b>24,311</b>	<b>25,829</b>	<b>27,292</b>	<b>27,752</b>	<b>30,184</b>		

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