

ANNUAL REPORT 1974

**ROYAL
AGRICULTURAL
SOCIETY OF
VICTORIA**



OFFICE BEARERS 1974

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President's report to members

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Council of the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria to report to you on the Society's activities for twelve months ending 31st December, 1974.

The past year has not been an easy one for the country people but despite their anxiety they continued to support the Society, their breed societies, and especially the 1974 Royal Melbourne Show. It is very pleasing to again report that a new total entry record was established.

On the other hand the Society suffered rather badly over the Royal Show period with unprecedented bad weather, cutting the attendance figure to 777,357, which was 136,477 below that of 1973.

Essential works carried out during the year included new turnstiles in Brisbane Avenue, No. 3 Gate in Langs Road, No. 4 Gate in Leonard Crescent, a new Main Gate in Plummer Avenue, re-roofing of the Hall of Commerce and general maintenance, and the cost to the Society for this work was just on \$200,000.

During the year negotiations were finalised with the Department of Agriculture to take over the Government Pavilion for the use of the Kennel Control Council. This action was taken on the understanding that a new Government Pavilion will be erected in the near future.

As the weather was so consistently bad this permitted the huge dog entry to be judged without undue delays because of rain.

It is the first time since the Pavilion was erected in 1917 that the Department of Agriculture did not use the venue for a Royal Show display. However, provision was made for the Department's display in Smith Street, in the former General Motors Pavilion.

As stated last year, the Council is anxious to make more use of the Showgrounds during the year, and for this reason various recommendations have been made by the Planning Committee, resulting in submissions to the Government.

It must be understood that plans of such magnitude need much thought and careful consideration at all levels, especially regarding the future of trotting at the Showgrounds, this has caused unavoidable delays in our overall redevelopment plans.



Mr. P. B. Ronald

The 1974 Royal Melbourne Show

This year the Royal Show was conducted over 11 days and nine nights from Wednesday, September 18 to Saturday, September 28 inclusive.

The additional day, Wednesday, September 18, was used for horse judging and led classes of fat cattle on the Main Arena, and proved a great success with exhibitors. This innovation permitted the full use of the arena on Thursday for beef and dairy cattle judging, and was a great spectacle, marred only by the bad weather conditions later in the day.



Sir Henry Winneke, opening the 1974 Royal Show.

OFFICIAL OPENING

The Official Opening was carried out on the Main Arena at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, September 21 by our newly appointed Victorian Governor and Society Patron, His Excellency, The Honourable Sir Henry Winneke, K.C.M.G., O.B.E., K.St.J., Q.C. This ceremony too was affected by rain but nevertheless His Excellency indicated his interest in the primary industries fields and his awareness of conditions in country Victoria.

We were privileged to have among our other guests on this occasion The Right Hon. The Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Councillor Ronald J. Walker, and the Lady Mayoress, The Hon. Vernon F. Wilcox, Q.C., M.P., Attorney-General — representing the Premier of Victoria, and Mrs. Wilcox, Colonel J. M. Murphy, M.C., Officer Commanding 3rd Military District, and Mrs. Murphy, and Her Worship The Mayor of Essendon, Cr. D. E. Fullarton, accompanied by her son, Mr. Neil Fullarton.

VISIT BY SHAH OF IRAN

On Tuesday, September 24, we had the honour and privilege to welcome and entertain their Imperial Majesties, The Shahanshan Aryamehr and the Shahbanou of Iran.

Their Imperial Majesties were guests at a Council luncheon which was also attended by the Hon. I. W. Smith, Minister of Agriculture, and Mrs. Smith with a number of prominent businessmen and their wives.

The Society made changes in the arena programme so that their Imperial Majesties could witness a Grand Parade after which they made a brief tour of attractions of the Royal Show.

ARENA ATTRACTIONS

It was generally agreed that the overall programme for this year's Show was one of the best ever presented.

Among the features were the Great Silvanas, a high wire motor-cycle act, David Pinkerton, Australia's trail bike champion, the Precision Car Driving Team, Polo, Tent Pegging, Camp Drafting, the Victoria Mounted and Mobile Police demonstrations, Obedience Dog Trials, Sheep Dog Trials, Dressage demonstrations, Fireworks displays, Grand Parades, and the usual Show jumping competitions.



OTHER ATTRACTIONS

For the first time Donkeys were shown in competition and Stock Horse classes and demonstrations created much interest. Cavies (Guinea Pigs) were also shown in competition and this hobby has a large following.

The National Bank Barnyard, established in Merrett Avenue incorporating the long established Animal Nursery was an outstanding success, whilst the Wild Life display occupying the old animal nursery site was always filled to capacity.

Other attractions such as the Musical Fountains, the Rees Puppets and cottage industries demonstrations were all well received.

The 1974 Royal Show had the privilege of staging four National Championships, these were for Wines, Sheep Shearing, Fleeces and the first ever National Friesian Cattle Feature Show. All proved extremely successful.

BEEF SYMPOSIUM

With the dramatic downturn in beef prices, the Society in conjunction with the Australian Meat Board, organised a Beef Symposium on Sunday, September 22, at the Lawn Dining Room, Flemington Racecourse.

The symposium was chaired by Colonel M. H. McArthur, O.B.E., a Council Member of the R.A.S.V. and Chairman of the Australian Meat Board, and took as its theme, "What Happened to Beef." Speakers included A.M.B. representatives from the United Kingdom and E.E.C., Japan and South East Asia, the Middle East, the U.S.A. and Canada, all of whom outlined the present situation and gave their predictions for the future of beef in their respective areas.

These speakers were supported by representatives from the export and domestic meat trade in Australia.

ENTRIES

Entries received were 32,917, thus creating a new record and exceeding that established in 1973 by 1,532.

1. The Shah of Iran, and R.A.S. President Mr. P. B. Ronald, on a tour of the Royal Show.
2. Mrs. H. Ronald congratulates a Champion.
3. A Floral arrangement of note.
4. Puffed up with pride—a pigeon big-shot.
5. A cagefull of mischief in the Cat Section.



With the exception of the Sheep Section practically every livestock section had best ever entries.

OVERSEAS JUDGES

Of the nine overseas judges invited to adjudicate at the 1974 Royal Melbourne Show, two judged dogs, six judged horses, and one judged the First National Friesian Feature.

Mr. Arthur Zane, Hawaii, and Mrs. Merle Smith of California judged the huge Dog Section and proved very popular with exhibitors.

After many years the Clydesdale exhibitors faced a Scottish judge, Mr. J. Brewster, "Straun Park", Cupar-Fife, who created tremendous interest in his approach to judging.

A husband and wife team—Major and Mrs. T. W. I. Hedley, Windermere, Cumbria, judged the record Arab entry, whilst Mr. Alan Wilding-Davies, Herefordshire, judged the Welsh Mountain Ponies.

Saddle Horses and Equestrian Turnouts were judged by Mr. John Shedden, Gloucestershire, and the Hon. Dianna Connolly-Carew came from Kildare, Ireland to judge jumping events.

To celebrate the First National Friesian Feature Show, the Society was fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. John Moffitt, of Stockfield, Northumberland, to judge the record entry.

On behalf of the Council and Members of the Society I extend my sincere thanks to the many talented Australian judges who so ably supported our overseas judges under anything but the best weather conditions. I wish also to express gratitude to all those honorary stewards, stewardesses and the numerous other officials for their loyal co-operation and outstanding contribution to the 1974 Royal Melbourne Show.

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other R.A.S.V. activities

BREED SOCIETIES:

The formation and support of Breed Societies has always been among the main aims and objects of the R.A.S.V., and for over almost a century our Society has been custodian of the records of many such societies.

We have at all times endeavoured to co-operate in every way possible with these organisations and to provide a service acceptable to their members.

As I said last year, it is essential that we liaise closely and have a complete understanding of the problems confronting each of us, by so doing the excellent co-operation which has always been apparent between the R.A.S.V. and the organisations will continue.

These organisations have for many years been provided with secretarial services which to a large extent have been subsidised by the R.A.S.V., but increased costs, especially those of wages and salaries, continue to be a problem, and are causing concern in budgeting.

During the year the Victorian Herd Improvement Association and the Artificial Breeders' Association combined and created the Herd Improvement Organisation. This body has now moved its secretarial services from the R.A.S.V. and although we regretted this action we wish the new organisation well in its future role.

The Australian South Devon Breeders' Association Executive also decided to transfer their secretariat to New South Wales.

We welcome the formation of the Maine-Anjou Cattle Breeders' Association of Australia and look forward to a long and mutually satisfying period of working with their members.

At the present time the Society is carrying out the secretarial work for 48 breed societies and allied organisations.

COMPETITIONS:

a. Farm Competitions Association

This organisation received a set-back during the year when the Department of Agriculture advised that its officers would not be available in future to judge the District Championships of the wheat crop competitions.

The Association will conduct crop competitions at local society level, and the R.A.S.V. has agreed to continue to supply prize money for these competitions.

Although the past season was not a good one for wheat growers because of large infestations of rust, the Crop Competitions continued to attract good support.

b. The Victorian Farm Management, Production and Improvement Competition.

The responsibility for selecting State finalists in the competition was again left to the Victorian Agricultural Societies Association Groups and although the number of finalists was below that of the previous year and somewhat disappointing, the winners were of a high standard.

Section winners were:—

Section A (up to \$250,000 Gross Capital Investment).

A. M. & M. B. Jans, Meeniyah. Nominated by the Leongatha Agricultural Society through the Central and South Gippsland Group.

Section B (over \$250,000 Gross Capital Investment).

J. C. & P. R. Lyons, Melville Forest. Nominated by the Coleraine Agricultural Society through the Western Group.

On behalf of my Council I take this opportunity to express appreciation to the Commonwealth Banking Corporation for its continued support and increased prize money for the current competition.

To the judges, including Officers of the Department of Agriculture and the Commonwealth Bank, who travelled throughout most of the State, we express our sincere thanks.

c. The District Fleece Competition.

Country agricultural societies continue to give strong support to this competition, which in conjunction with the National Fleece Competition this year, made a very worthwhile contribution to an industry going through a depressed period.

d. Pre-Royal Show Journalists' Tour.

This year the Shell/R.A.S.V. Journalists' Tour visited the Swan Hill/Kerang area.

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We express sincere thanks to the Shell Group of Companies which has sponsored this Tour since 1957, and over that time made a tremendous contribution to our Royal Show by giving media representatives an opportunity to see at first hand the work carried out by breeders and exhibitors in preparing stock and other exhibits for the Royal Show.

We are indebted to the Swan Hill and Kerang District A. & P. Societies for presenting outstanding displays of livestock, craftwork, and local industry products, for the benefit of the touring party.

Mr. G. R. Starritt, Vice-President of the R.A.S.V. was Tour Leader and his knowledge of the district assisted greatly in making the Tour such an outstanding success.

CHANGES IN COUNCIL

We congratulate Mr. Lance Cunningham and Mr. Keith Drummond on their twenty years of service to the Society and their well earned right to be elected Honorary Life Councillors.

Also, we congratulate Mr. P. J. R. Steele on his appointment to Vice Chairman of the Victoria Racing Club, and regret that it was necessary for him to resign from the Council.

We welcome Mr. Bruce Langlands, Sir Cecil Looker, and Mr. Colin Kelly to the Council and express the hope that they will find satisfaction and give generously of their many talents in serving the Society.

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1. Best of a mighty good entry in the Dog Section.
2. Young Farmers shearing against the clock.
3. Journalists take a breather during a busy pre-Show Tour.
4. The Meat Board Chief, Colonel McArthur, O.B.E., with guests try the steak at the Beef Symposium lunch.

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THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER

1974

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INCOME —

Subscriptions —					
Members	\$54,745			\$45,387	
Associate Members	8,170			7,514	
Ladies' Badges	2,226			2,238	
Junior Members	2,490			1,836	
			\$67,631		\$56,975
Annual Exhibition —					
Admissions —					
Turnstiles	575,786			478,894	
Railways	176,506			149,299	
Grandstands and Sales Ring	236			567	
Motor Parks and Cloak Rooms	3,370			3,697	
Catering Premiums	47,579			45,968	
Entry Fees	75,620			72,333	
Rent of Grounds and Buildings	228,733			187,305	
Catalogue and Programme Sales	7,575			7,323	
Commissions	5,895			7,133	
Donations	51,134			37,911	
Advertising	4,690			2,561	
Dairy Display Sales	19,921			23,602	
Cattle Club and Sundry Income	1,788			1,920	
			1,198,833		1,018,513

General —

Rent of Grounds and Buildings	164,660			133,978	
Motor Parks	7,565			4,693	
Labour, Materials and Services	138,008			112,445	
Commissions	2,623			2,329	
Secretarial Service Fees	291,524			206,266	
Transfer from Fodder Conservation				390	
Other Income	215			116	
Profit on disposal of assets	1,118				
			605,713		460,217
			<u>\$1,872,177</u>		<u>\$1,535,705</u>

DISPOSAL OF INCOME —

Direct Costs —					
Annual Exhibition —					
Wages, Salaries, Superannuation and Payroll Costs	\$252,682			\$193,648	
Prize Money, Trophies and Sashes	75,345			69,010	
Attractions	94,988			87,067	
Catering	67,111			48,298	
Advertising and Publicity	67,416			49,827	
Judges' Expenses	14,051			10,505	

Security and Fire Services	17,873	30,614			
Cleaning	8,151	14,172			
Public Address System and Commentators	7,218	8,934			
Medical and Veterinary Officers' Fees	3,333	4,468			
Cartage and Fodder	6,601	5,115			
Printing and Booklets	47,894	61,484			
Repairs and Maintenance	13,499	19,096			
Signs and Floral Work	5,044	8,256			
Transport and Badges	2,261	3,292			
All other Exhibition Direct Costs	1,370	1,129			
	<u>571,599</u>	<u>728,153</u>			

General Overhead and Administration Costs —

Wages, Salaries, Superannuation and Payroll Costs	403,472	587,279			
Repairs and Maintenance	111,304	162,954			
Bank Charges and Interest	29,992	31,347			
Insurance Premiums	38,761	48,426			
Electricity and Gas	29,865	35,269			
Rates and Taxes	20,995	23,326			
Motor Vehicle Running Costs	8,408	12,566			
Office and General Cleaning	6,447	8,772			
Telephones and Postage	14,788	22,044			
Printing and Stationery	7,916	13,150			
Catering	11,626	13,262			
Audit and Legal Fees	3,648	5,609			
Travel, Accommodation and Entertainment	6,548	6,540			
Farm Competitions Prizemoney	1,027	1,373			
Doubtful Debts	2,546	375			
Bad Debts	2,622				
Depreciation	195,467	198,601			
Long Service Leave Accrual	17,741	21,326			
Maintenance on Office Machines	883	1,688			
Members' Badges	2,877	3,248			
All other Expenses	2,037	2,767			
	<u>918,970</u>	<u>1,199,922</u>			

RESERVES —

Special Purposes Insurance	5,000				
	<u>\$1,495,569</u>	<u>\$1,925,075</u>			
	5,000	5,331			
	<u>\$1,495,569</u>	<u>\$1,933,406</u>			
	40,136	(61,229)			
	<u>1,920,861</u>	<u>2,016,552</u>			
	55,555				
	<u>\$2,016,552</u>	<u>\$1,955,323</u>			

(Deficit)/Surplus transferred to Accumulated Fund

Add Balance Accumulated Fund at Start of Year					
" Capital Grant towards New Cattle Pavilion					
Balance Accumulated Fund at end of year					

THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER

1973

1974

FIXED ASSETS —

Land at Council valuation 1972	\$8,489,774	\$1,068,000	\$8,489,774	\$1,068,000
Buildings and Improvements at Council valuation 1972	131,239		195,938	
Additions at Cost	8,621,013		8,685,712	
	150,868		302,868	
Less provision for depreciation	8,470,145		8,382,844	
Services and Utilities at cost	585,023		585,023	
Less provision for depreciation	10,237		20,474	
Plant and Motor Vehicles at cost	276,418		321,247	
Less provision for depreciation	192,070		214,987	
Office Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings at cost	64,319		82,823	
Less provision for depreciation	27,185		35,352	
	37,134		47,471	

INVESTMENTS —

General	70,000		50,000	
	5,373			
Special Purposes Insurance Fund				
Trust Accounts	9,011		3,332	
	23,020		9,347	
			173,020	
Short Call	73,080		5,194	
	1,300		1,300	
			56,000	
Trotting Control Board				
	74,380			
	121,746			

CURRENT ASSETS —

Cash on Hand	700		800	
Cash at Bank	400		400	
Prepayments and Accrued Interest	9,390		6,489	
Sundry Debtors				
Less provision for Doubtful Debts	101,867		138,254	
	2,546		2,323	
Stock on Hand at cost			135,931	
			43,155	
Total Assets		\$10,717,942		\$10,792,044

LESS —

CURRENT LIABILITIES —

Bank Overdraft	\$33,730	\$19,601
Bank Loans	53,562	61,170
Sundry Creditors and Accruals	82,908	42,003
Provision for Long Service Leave	47,539	41,191
Rents Received in Advance	6,311	7,739
Short Call Deposits	62,494	74,380
Building Loans	22,857	22,857
	<u>309,401</u>	<u>268,941</u>

LONG TERM LIABILITIES —

Bank Loans	271,844	316,718
Mitchell Grandstand Loan	200,000	200,000
Building Loans	57,587	80,444
	<u>529,431</u>	<u>597,162</u>
	<u>185,699</u>	<u>32,031</u>
	<u>1,024,531</u>	<u>898,134</u>
	<u>\$9,767,513</u>	<u>\$9,819,808</u>

*** TRUST ACCOUNTS —**

Total Liabilities	1,955,323	2,016,552
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>7,812,190</u>	<u>7,803,256</u>
	<u>\$9,767,513</u>	<u>\$9,819,808</u>

REPRESENTING —

Accumulated Funds Reserves —	1,955,323	2,016,552
Assets Revaluation	7,759,190	7,759,190
Special Purposes Insurance Fund	53,000	44,066
	<u>7,812,190</u>	<u>7,803,256</u>
Total Accumulated Funds and Reserves	<u>\$9,767,513</u>	<u>\$9,819,808</u>

* **Note to and forming part of the Accounts:** The Society is holding in trust, Debenture Stock transferred by the Kennel Control Council. These Investments amounting to \$150,000 will be used in the construction of a building for the Department of Agriculture, which vacated its present pavilion to allow use thereof by the Kennel Control Council throughout the year. Interest on the Investments is being accumulated in the Trust Account.

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, 1974. 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 Revenue Account 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 5th day of February, 1975.

J. A. COURT, F.C.A. }
I. McC. ROUGH, F.C.A. } Chartered Accountants

Acknowledgements

Our Society would find it most difficult to function without the assistance so freely given by so many organisations and individuals, and on behalf of the Members of Council and the Society I wish to record our sincere thanks and appreciation to each and every one of our supporters.

Especially do we extend our grateful thanks to the Premier, the Hon. R. J. Hamer, E.D., M.P., and members of his Ministry, with special thanks to the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. I. W. Smith for assistance to the Society.

To the Director of Agriculture, Dr. D. S. Wishart, and officers of his Department, the Members and staff of the Australian Wool Corporation, the Chairman and members of the Australian Meat Board and the Meat and Allied Trades Federation, the Victorian Egg Board, the Milk Board, and the many Government and semi-Government Departments and organisations from whom we seek advice and assistance — to all of these we express our thanks.

We also thank the media representatives for their assistance and express the hope that we may be able to call on their services and co-operation in the coming year.

A special mention is reserved for our sponsors, donors and exhibitors without whom we would not be able to function.

This report would not be complete without expressing my personal and sincere thanks to all members of Council and their ladies for the unstinting support and the unselfish manner in which they have served the Society over the past year. I especially wish to express my gratitude to the Vice-Presidents, Mr. G. R. Starritt, Mr. J. H. Sleigh and Mr. R. T. Balderstone, M.C., who, with their wives have helped my wife and myself so much in what has been a most difficult year.

Also, I would like to place on record my thanks to Mr. H. J. Clappison for the efficient manner in which he has performed his duties as our Director, and to the members of the staff for the loyal and dedicated manner in which they have carried out the functions of the Society during the past year.

P. B. Ronald,
President.



A Grand Parade on one of the few fine days.

The 1973 Champion Dairy Cow, a Jersey, also won the title in 1974.



COMPARATIVE LIST OF ENTRIES

Section	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974
Clydesdales	125	120	138	100	108	128	113
Farm and Lorry	21	17	27	30	26	31	31
Arabs	84	78	59	72	83	80	112
Trotters	48	58	31	41	45	37	32
Palominos	—	—	30	34	43	43	62
Quarter Horses	—	—	5	12	11	17	30
Galloways	67	64	41	46	62	48	57
Ponies	253	284	275	307	328	356	394
Connemaras	—	—	—	—	21	16	17
Horses (Led)	37	39	37	35	34	46	48
Saddle Horses, etc.	1,813	1,773	1,777	1,857	1,615	1,995	2,104
Siallions	83	86	77	77	93	89	125
Harness Horses, etc.	219	213	219	212	241	265	279
Stock Horses	—	—	—	—	—	—	41
Donkeys	—	—	—	—	—	—	58
Riding Competitions	1,150	1,229	1,337	1,441	1,614	1,678	1,863
Novely Horse Events	383	330	514	480	515	539	579
Jumping Competitions	613	659	739	640	663	718	642
Wood Chopping and Sawing	888	731	839	655	865	750	915
Tug-O'-War	16	16	16	17	16	18	12
Fat Cattle	101	174	235	243	364	355	349
Beef Shorthorns	114	144	174	165	158	145	209
Poll Shorthorns	42	64	70	61	45	56	99
Herefords	97	126	152	147	134	185	235
Poll Herefords	148	165	177	162	155	205	259
Angus	221	261	314	253	267	291	380
Devons	—	—	—	—	—	7	17
Santa Gertrudis	—	5	25	27	29	42	49
Galloways	17	17	33	37	20	41	45
Murray Greys	53	62	72	86	92	117	150
Brahmans	6	17	25	42	33	37	52
Brafords	—	—	8	14	9	18	20
Brangus	—	—	—	4	6	10	9
South Devons	—	—	—	—	2	—	2
Charolais	—	—	—	—	4	11	12
Herdmen's Competition	12	10	9	13	11	11	10
Red Polls	74	64	50	36	43	61	83
Dairy Shorthorns	175	204	189	243	266	256	209
Aust. Illawarra Shorthorns	96	128	98	155	209	145	90
Ayrshires	188	212	195	178	225	202	172
Jerseys	711	711	794	681	572	562	555
Guernseys	240	239	256	255	266	247	2*3
Friesians	384	420	458	462	490	476	520
Lincolns	—	3	1	4	7	2	3
English Leicesters	—	7	13	5	10	—	—
Border Leicesters	178	198	200	137	106	59	28
Romney Marsh	66	47	34	33	38	32	28
Cheviots	73	73	83	50	80	60	48
Southdowns	77	69	93	123	108	95	95
Shropshires	5	7	2	4	—	3	1
Suffolks	28	27	21	25	20	44	51
Dorset Horns	164	183	165	135	124	127	142
Ryelands	106	144	108	115	123	128	104
Hampshire Downs	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dorset Downs	—	—	—	1	—	—	2
Poll Dorsets	329	306	329	314	302	329	305
Corriedales	35	35	52	44	37	25	22
South-Suffolks	5	2	16	11	—	8	8
Perendales	—	—	16	12	8	7	6
Trade Lamb Competition	9	39	43	17	22	24	18
Fleeces	331	318	276	309	268	288	321
Sheep Dog Trials	90	78	111	98	94	68	80
Sheep Shearing Competitions	68	93	79	66	90	74	101
Goats	191	254	223	198	212	255	413
Pigs	686	767	775	951	1,158	884	631
Poultry	1,271	1,400	1,669	1,723	1,846	1,654	1,899
Eggs (Commercial)	170	189	222	207	174	151	159
Pigeons	910	1,002	1,073	1,275	1,259	1,083	955
Budgerigars, etc.	586	485	426	666	476	597	4*3
Wines, etc.	937	893	900	1,300	1,208	1,575	1,657
Dairy Produce	286	281	215	244	236	184	188
Farm Produce	228	205	152	138	142	151	85
Floriculture	51	66	70	78	80	63	66
Apiculture	123	129	132	134	102	135	90
Arts and Crafts	2,876	2,859	3,111	2,987	4,136	4,075	4,277
Photography	—	983	1,129	950	952	1,061	859
Dogs	4,777	4,809	4,895	4,827	5,557	5,713	5,438
Young Farmers' Competitions	147	141	102	126	151	197	110
Trotting Races	325	300	262	324	319	337	256
Farm Gadgets	55	40	52	53	60	53	41
Cats	608	636	747	748	885	1,499	1,5*8
Cowles	—	—	—	—	—	—	78
Total Competitive Entries	24,311	25,800	27,292	27,752	30,184	31,385	32,917

ENTRY CLOSING DATES

APRIL 1	Lambs Wool.
JUNE 18	Horse Events and Contests, Woodchopping.
JULY 2	Sheep Dog Trials, Viticulture.
JULY 9	Fat, Beef, Dual Purpose and Dairy Cattle, Dogs, Pigeons.
JULY 23	Sheep, Goats, Pigs, Dairy and Farm Produce, Apiculture, Arts and Crafts, School Competitions, Cats and Kittens, Young Farmers Competitions, Farm Gadgets, Poultry.
AUGUST 4	Sheep Shearing.
AUGUST 8	Photography.
AUGUST 13	Bacon and Pork Pig Carcase Competitions.
AUGUST 20	Trotting Races, Tug-O-War, Budgerigars, Caged Birds, Cavies.
AUGUST 22	District Fleece Competition.
AUGUST 29	Domestic Trade Lamb Competition.
SEPT. 1	Budgerigars (unbroken cap classes), Floriculture Competitions.
SEPT. 8	Victorian Fleece Competition.

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