



Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

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Changes to Sydney Royal Dairy Cattle Competition to benefit exhibitors and public

Australia's premier Dairy Cattle Competition has undergone recent changes to accommodate exhibitor requests and encourage entries into this prestigious event.

Sponsored by Dairy Farmers, the Dairy Cattle Competition will take place on the first week of the Sydney Royal Easter Show: 5 – 10 April 2007. There will be an increase in judging time allocated to two full days for all dairy breeds.

The RAS Dairy Sub-Committee have responded to exhibitor requests to separate the classes for dry and in-milk cows. In turn, this will ensure two days of impressive displays of dairy cows for exhibitors and public alike.

"We showcase some of the best dairy genetics available in Australia in the best exhibition facilities," said **Mr Patrick Keast, Chairman, RAS Cattle Committee**. "The Sydney Royal has a strong history and tradition of rewarding excellence and it is our intention to ensure this continues in our Dairy Show."

The Committee has also introduced other changes including:

- Reduced entry fees and clipping frame fees
- A later closing date (6 weeks before the Show) to reduce the need for withdrawals and substitutes
- An arrival and departure roster system for long distance travellers

The Committee was aware of the increasing difficulties and expense of bringing dairy cattle to Sydney and made these changes following consultation with exhibitors and dairy breed societies.

The Dairy Interbreed competition will be held on Sunday 9 April, followed by the Grand Parade of Champions in NAB Arena, which will also feature displays of historic horse-drawn milk carts and dairy goat Champions.

In addition a number of informal social events will give exhibitors the opportunity to relax and enjoy their time at Sydney.

The Cattle Committee is hopeful the new initiatives will encourage more exhibitors to enter, and bring more spectators back to the Dairy Cattle judging ring.

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