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**BEEF CARCASS COMPETITION, 1958**

The Beef Carcass Competition which for some years has been conducted by the Royal Agricultural Society on behalf of the Australian Meat Board will again be a feature of the Royal Show this year. Prize money will be maintained at the high level of previous years with £100 and a special ribbon for first prize, £30 for second prize, and £20 for third prize. In addition a special sash will be awarded for the best steer of all entries judged “on the hooks.”

Entry forms are obtainable from the offices of the Royal Agricultural Society, the several associated stock agents, the Department of Agriculture and the Australian Meat Board.

In brief, the conditions of entry provide for an even pen of three young steers of any breed or cross, of a quality suitable for export and dressing between 450 lb. and 720 lb. each. The animals must be reared on their own mothers and receive no supplementary feed after June 30. They must be essentially paddock reared; stall-fed animals are ineligible. Two pens are allowed each entrant at a fee of 5s. each pen for members of the Royal Agricultural Society and 7s. 6d. for non-members.

Entries will be exhibited at the Royal Show and then sold on behalf of exhibitors at Midland Junction Saleyards prior to slaughter at the abattoirs.

Judging will be carried out in two sections. The live animals will be first judged as beef types at the show grounds and points allotted “on the hoof.” After slaughter at Midland Abattoirs the carcasses will be appraised under the McMeekam System and points awarded “on the hook.”

Final points for each entry will be the sum of those allotted under each section. An important feature of the judging is that for both sections the assessment of points will be based essentially on trade requirements. By participating in this competition breeders will have an excellent opportunity of gaining knowledge at first-hand of the type of carcass best suited to the markets of today.

Entries close on August 8, at the office of the Royal Agricultural Society, Adelaide Terrace, Perth.
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