

London: Always a welcome Christmas attraction, the Smithfield Show brings a pre-view of goodly fare to supplement that festive table. And among the stalwart examples of our rural wealth are successful Royal entries ~~exhibited~~ - exhibited by the Queen.

The Porkers are being scrubbed, ~~though one saw more future in life back on the farm.~~ though one saw more future in life back on the farm.

The Sheep are getting that last trim-up. "Short back and sides? O.K. you're next. A Boston or a crew-cut?"

The biggest show since the war: it brought freedom from all controls, a record entry of over 1300 livestock, and prime champions like this...

Another section is devoted to agricultural machinery, and this new potato-harvester, fitted with caterpillar tracks, will lift a maximum crop in any soil conditions.

The show co-incided with the visit of experts from the Soviet Ministry of agriculture, who examined the latest British tractors, and operated them, too, in gruelling field tests at Stoneleigh, near Kenilworth.

The deputation is here on a three-week tour at the invitation of British Tractor Company officials - who recently visited Russia.

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~~The Soviet Union, it seems, is anxious to expand its agricultural output, and, it is hoped that they may import farming equipment from Britain for this purpose. An exchange that should sow the seeds of better Anglo-Soviet relations.~~ <sup>the country's</sup> <sup>it is hoped,</sup> <sup>Soviet</sup>