# British Society of Animal Production



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# BRITISH SOCIETY OF ANIMAL PRODUCTION

# WINTER MEETING 1990

# PROGRAMME

DAY	TINE	THEATRE SESSIONS		POSTER SESSIONS		
		Ballroom	South Lounge	Novel Forms of Animal Production		
	1400	The President		Sea View Lounge		
HONDAY	1410	Beef Production	Animal Breeding	Session opens 1410 Authors in attendance 1420-1550		
19 NARCH	1550	TEA		Dis <u>cussion</u> 1610-1740 <u>Pig Production</u>		
18:30	1610	Animal Welfare - Where Do We Go Prom Here?	Dairy Cow Nutrition	Balcony Session opens 1440 Authors in attendance 1610- <b>3</b> 740		
	1900	SCARBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL RECEPTION				
	1945	ANNUAL DINNER				
	0850	Carcass and Meat Quality in Pigs	Rumen Metabolism	Electronics in Animal Production Sea View Lounge		
	1030	COFFEE	_	Session opens 0920		
	1050	Impact of Pood Processing Technology on Animal Production	Sheep Production	Authors in attendance 1050-1220  Discussion 1350-1520  Ruminant Nutrition Sea View Lounger Session opens 0920		
TUBSDAY	1230	LUNCH	Authors in attendance 1050-1220  Dairy Production Balcony			
20 NARCH	1350	Use of Commercial Farms for Research	Nutrition & Management of Dairy Cows	Session opens 0920 Authors in attendance 1050-1220		
	1530	TEA	Silage Feeding Balcony Session opens 0920 Authors in attendance 1050-1220			
	1550	PLENARY SESSION Livestock Wastes and the Environme				
	1800	ANNUAL GENERAL M	EETING			
	1945	DINNER				
	0900	SIR JOHN HAMMOND MEMORIAL LECTURE		Raw Materials Sea View Lounge		
	1010	COFFEE		Session opens 0900 Authors in attendance 1030-1200		
WEDNESDAY 21 NARCH	1030	Appropriate Technology for Overseas	Pig Production	Discussion 1340-1510 Authors in attendance 1030-1200 Genetics and Reproduction		
	1220	LUNCH		Balcony Session opens 0900		
	1340	Hormonal and Behavioural Aspects of Production	Silage Additives and Animal Production	Authors in attendance 1030-1200		
	1520	CLOSE OF MEETING				

# BEEF PRODUCTION

# CHAIRMAN - DR M. KAY

1400		Opening remarks by the BSAP President, Dr M. Bichard
1410	1	Calving performance and calf survival in a twin calving beef herd M G Diskin, T G McEvoy and J M Sreenan
1430	2	The effect of different distributions of the same total dietary energy between late pregnancy and early lactation on the performance of twin-bearing suckler cows J H Topps, P J Broadbent, J N Methu and B B N Xaba
1450	3	An evaluation of the effects of twinning in dairy cows on animal production C S Mayne and W J McCaughey
1510	4	Beef cattle output from clover-based and nitrogen fertilised swards over six grazing seasons D Younie and S B Heath
1530	5	A comparison of the growth rate of single and twin born beef calves M G Diskin, T G McEvoy and J M Sreenan
1550		T E A

# ANIMAL WELFARE -WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

CHAIRMAN - PROF. A. J. F. WEBSTER

1610	6	The science of animal welfare M C Appleby, University of Edinburgh
1635	7	An economic perspective on animal disease J P McInerney, University of Exeter
1700	8	Farm animal welfare legislation in Europe H E Carter, Enfield, Middlesex
1725		Discussion

1800	Session ends
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### ANIMAL BREEDING

CHAIRMAN - DR M. K. CURRAN

1410	9	Selection for improved carcass composition in Suffolk sheep: interim results G Simm, W S Dingwall, S V Murphy, J FitzSimons and W R Brown
1430	10	Effect of ignoring major genes when predicting responses to selection S P Simpson
1450	11	Relationship between sires transmitting ability and daughter performance in a high yielding dairy herd P Persaud, G Simm, H Parkinson and W G Hill
1510	12	Estimation of genetic and phenotypic trends for litter size in Canadian Yorkshire and Landrace swine O I Southwood
1530	13	Growth of carcass joints and tissues in steers of three breed types fed two dietary energy levels  M G Keane, G J More O'Ferrall and J Connolly
1550		TEA

### DAIRY COW NUTRITION

CHAIRMAN - DR B. R. COTTRILL

1610	14	Changes to the amounts of compounds for mid-lactation cows as a method of modifying milk output  D A Poole
1630	15	Factors affecting yields of milk constituents in dairy cows A J Rook, J D Sutton and J France
1650	16	The effect of protein supply and level of supplementary concentrate on rumen metabolism of lactating dairy cows R E Poots and E F Unsworth
1710	17	Lactational responses of dairy cows to changes in dietary protein fed at different stages of lactation B L Wood, D J Roberts and E A Hunter
1730	18	Use of protected amino acids to increase duodenal amino acid supply in lactating dairy cows D E Beever, D J Napper and B Sloan
1750		Session ends
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#### CARCASS AND MEAT QUALITY IN PIGS

CHAIRMAN - DR J. F. O'GRADY

0850	19	The effects of sire type and company source on litter productivity and pig growth performance A J Kempster, A P Landon, D G Evans and D E Steane
0910	20	The effects of sire type, company source, feeding regimen and sex on eating quality of pig meat C C Warkup, A W Dilworth, A J Kempster and J D Wood
0930	21	The effects of different factors on the levels of androstenone and skatole in pig fat R L S Patterson, P K Elks, D B Lowe and A J Kempster
0950	22	The effect of diet on skatole concentrations in the intestine and adipose tissue of growing pigs  S M Hawe and N Walker
1010	23	Sex and feeding level effects on the eating quality of fresh pork M Ellis, A J Webb, P J Avery, R Smithard and I Brown
1030		COFFEE

#### IMPACT OF FOOD PROCESSING ON ANIMAL PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY

CHAIRMAN - DR J. D. WOOD

1050	24	Is there still a need for milk quality at point of production? F Harding, MMB, Thames Ditton
1115	25	Meat P D Jolley, IFR - Bristol
1140	26	Food G C Evans, United Biscuits (UK) Ltd., High Wycombe
1205		Discussion

### RUMEN METABOLISM

# CHAIRMAN - DR J. D. OLDHAM

0850	27	Effect of fishmeal supplementation on rumen function and silage intake M Gill, D P Poppi, R T Evans and A Sargeant
0910	28	Effect of feed type on methane produced by sheep A Moss and D I Givens
0930	29	Rumen proteolysis of constituent proteins of soyabean meal J R Newbold and S R Rust
0950	30	The effect of short term intra-ruminal infusions of lactic acid on the voluntary intake of silage and hay by steers M Cole and M Gill
1010	31	Effect of dietary monensin and tetronasin on rumen fermentation in sheep C J Newbold and R J Wallace
1030		COFFEE

# SHEEP PRODUCTION

# CHAIRMAN - DR J. J. ROBINSON

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1050	32	Effect of selection for increased litter size on ovulation rate and embryo survival in sheep J P Hanrahan
1110	33	Evaluation of the use of a small leaved clover as an alternative to fertiliser N on tetraploid and diploid perennial ryegrass swards grazed to controlled sward heights by ewes and lambs  J E Vipond, G Swift, J FitzSimons, T H McClelland, J A Milne and E A Hunter
1130	34	The effect of ruminal metabolites of brassica-derived glucosinolates and S-methyl cysteine sulphoxide (SMCO) on the voluntary intake and metabolism of sheep A J Duncan and J A Milne
1150	35	Effect of a B agonist on the partition of protein between wool and other tissues in sheep J E Nash, J F D Greenhalgh and M Birnie
1210	36	Relationships between lamb vigour and ewe behaviour on sucking success at parturition  C E O'Connor and A B Lawrence

1230 L U N C H

# USE OF COMMERCIAL FARMS FOR RESEARCH

CHAIRMAN - DR M. J. DUCKER

1350	37	The usefulness of commercial pig farms for research studies PR English, VR Fowler and JA Roden, School of Agriculture, Aberdeen
1415	38	Reproducibility of performance results in dairy cow trials J D Oldham, ESCA and E A Hunter, SASS, Edinburgh
1440	39	The use of field trials in reproduction research - experiences with melatonin in sheep and milk progesterone in dairy cattle  W Haresign, University of Nottingham
1505		Discussion

1530 TEA

# PLENARY SESSION

# LIVESTOCK WASTES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

		CHAIRMAN - PROF. J. D. LEAVER
1550	40	The problem, legislation and codes of practice V C Nielsen, ADAS Liaison Unit, Silsoe
1620	41	Agronomical and environmental implications of soil enrichment with P and K and heavy metals from slurries F A M de Haan, Wageningen Agricultural University, The Netherlands
1650	42	Fate of nitrogen applied to land in livestock slurries B F Pain, IGAP, Hurley
1720		Discussion
1745		Session ends
1800		ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DINNER

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# NUTRITION AND MANAGEMENT OF DAIRY COWS

CHAIRMAN - PROF. J. F. D. GREENHALGH

1350	43	The effect of protein content of the supplement on the response to level of supplementation with dairy cattle offered grass silage ad libitum  C S Mayne
1410	44	The use of bovine somatotrophin (BST) to increase summer milk production D J Roberts, R J Wells, D N Logue and A G Buchanan
1430	45	Effect of level of concentrate feeding on the intakes and digestion of grass silages differing in cutting date A B McAllan, J D Sutton, D E Beever and D J Napper
1450	46	Supplementation of grazing dairy cows with a brewers grains/treated straw mixture  J D Leaver and R C Campling
1510	47	Predicting food intake in dairy heifers from part-lactation records G Simm, P Persaud, H Parkinson and B J McGuirk
1530		T E A

# SIR JOHN HAMMOND MEMORIAL LECTURE

CHAIRMAN - DR M. BICHARD

0900	Animal Production in the Federal Republic of Germany
	K. Meyn, Bonn
1010	COFFEE

# APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY FOR OVERSEAS

CHAIRMAN - DR F. D. DeB HOVELL

1030	48	Identification of constraints in livestock production in developing countries
		E R Ørskov, RRI, Aberdeen
1055	49	The role of aid Organisations
		R Sansoucy, FAO, Rome
1120	50	Education in temperate countries
		T R Morris, University of Reading
1145		Discussion

1220 LUNCH

# 0900-1010 SIR JOHN HAMMOND MEMORIAL LECTURE See opposite page for details

1010 COFFEE

South Lounge

# PIG PRODUCTION

CHAIRMAN - PROF. C. T. WHITTEMORE

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1030	51	Current European advances in the measurement of stress in pigs
		A B Lawrence
1050	52	Dietary factors affecting voluntary food intake in growing and finishing pigs
		S A Chadd
1110	53	The metabolic effects of feeding diets containing sugar beet pulp to sows
		W H Close , J E Pettigrew, C E Sharpe, H D Keal and J I Harland
1130	54	The effects of feeding diets containing high levels of fibrous by-products during late pregnancy on sow performance
		S A Edwards and A G Taylor
1150	55	The chemical composition of fresh pork and bacon from pigs of different breed types, sexes and origins
		D B Lowe, A J Kempster, M W Fogden and C F White
1210		Session ends
1220		LUNCH

# HORMONAL AND BEHAVIOURAL ASPECTS OF PRODUCTION

CHAIRMAN - DR M. A. VARLEY

1340	56	Effect of pre-mating nutritional status and post-mating progesterone supplementation on early pregnancy in Large White gilts  C J Ashworth
1400	57	Evaluation of the Chinese Meishan as a nurse sow for establishing ill-nourished 3 week old White breed pigs P R English, O MacPherson, S A Edwards, V R Fowler, B P Gill, A G Taylor, M Birnie and C S Haley
1420	58	The hormonal manipulation of cashmere growth and shedding P Lynch and A J F Russel
1440	59	The effect of age of purebred Large White and Landrace boars at time of service on herd performance M J H Francis and J T Mercer
1500	60	The effect of supplementary light on the behaviour and environmental preference of calves C J C Phillips and L Weiguo
1520		CLOSE OF MEETING

# SILAGE ADDITIVES AND ANIMAL PRODUCTION

CHAIRMAN - DR C. S. MAYNE

1340	61	Prediction of voluntary intake of grass silage by lactating cows A J Rook, M Gill and R D Willink
1400	62	Effects of feeding silage and sugar-beet pulp, separately, mixed or in an ensiled blend, upon milk production in British Friesian dairy cows  C P Ferris and C S Mayne
1420	63	Effect of applying high levels of mixed aliphatic carboxylic acids to grass on silage composition, and energy value and nitrogen balance in sheep D I Givens, A R Moss and D A Jackson
1440	64	The effect of a bacterial inoculant on the digestibility of grass silage and energy intake by young growing cattle T W J Keady and R W J Steen
1500	65	An alternative approach to the use of silage inoculants R J Merry, M K Theodorou, D E Beever, D K Leemans and C Thomas
1520		CLOSE OF MEETING

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# NOVEL FORMS OF ANIMAL PRODUCTION

66	The developing market for farm-bred meat rabbits in Britain N D Jones
67	Fibre production in Angora rabbits J C McKay
68	Effect of dietary protein and energy on growth and fibre characteristics of British Angora goats Md Shahjalal, H Galbraith and J H Topps
59	Relationships between fleece characteristics and body weight in male Angora goats J S Broadbent and D Pullar
70	Effect of dietary yeast and protein supplementation on growth and fibre characteristics of British Angora goats E R Deaville and H Galbraith
71	Production and composition of milk from suckled feral, dairy and crossbred goats A J F Russel and J E Adkins
72	Sensory attributes of conventional and organic beef D Younie, M Hamilton and I Nevison
73	Dutch free-range pig keeping H A M van der Steen, A Dyson and B Dekker
74	Carcass and meat quality in iron age pigs J D Wood and G R Nute
75	Livestock diversification. The potential for farming camelids in the United Kingdom C Campbell
76	Effect of two growth rates and two forage diets over winter on the performance of red deer stag calves  M H Davies and E M Thomas
77	Silage and hay intakes of housed red deer calves D J Kennedy

# PIG PRODUCTION

78	Performance of group-housed growing pigs at and below lower critical temperature P H Simmins, S A Edwards, A T Smith and A W Armsby
79	The roles of feeding regime, housing and individuals' characteristics in the development of stereotypic behaviour in pregnant gilts E M C Terlouw, A B Lawrence and A W Illius
80	Space requirements of the boar and sow at mating A M Petchey and K A Hunt
81	Hypothermia and its attempted control in newborn piglets R J Pattison, P R English, O MacPherson, J A Roden and M Birnie
82	The effect of dietary concentration and blend of added fat on the performance of growing pigs at equal energy intake  D C Patterson
83	The influence of heavy slaughter weights on growth and carcass characteristics of pigs M Ellis and P J Avery
84	Influence of the correlation between growth rate and backfat on selection response in pigs P R Bampton and A J Webb
85	Consistency and accuracy of pig carcass lean prediction from P2 fat thickness and sample joint dissection J Planella, G L Cook and C C Warkup
86	Associations between carcass lean and predictors of lean in the pig J R Walters and S P Simpson
87	Estimation of carcass lean content in the revised EC pig grading scheme G L Cook and A J Kempster
88	Evaluation of the performance of five exotic pig breeds under test station conditions in Zimbabwe N Pathiraja and K T Mandizodza
89	Evaluation of different feeding strategies for the lactating sow C J M Anderson, P R English, S A Edwards and O McPherson
90	Lifetime performance of pigs fed post- weaning diets of different levels of ideal protein R M Kay, B V Miller, F J Bourne and J Gibson
91	The effect of high-fat diets on gastric inhibitory polypeptide (GIP) and insulin secretion in growing pigs A A Ponter, D N Salter, L M Morgan and P R Flatt
92	Effect of feed intake on protein and energy retention of boars of high genetic potential for lean growth S D Rao and K J McCracken
93	Effect of dietary linoleic acid on the fatty acid composition of pig muscle M Enser, F M Whittington, J D Wood, D J A Cole and J Wiseman
94	Serum cholesterol as an indicator of performance and carcass quality in growing pigs J Taylor, D Salter and D Lister
95	A study of factors which influence the job satisfaction of stockpeople on commercial pig farms R C Segundo, P R English, G Burgess, S A Edwards, O Macpherson, J Roden, P A Russell, J W Shepherd and J Dunne
96	A critical evaluation of culling policy in a commercial herd of sows J H Dunne, P R English, O MacPherson, J A Roden and R C Segundo
97	The influence of inclusion of a probiotic in the diet on the development of enzyme activity in the small intestine of the pig G K Collington, D S Parker, D G Armstrong and M Ellis

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# ELECTRONICS IN ANIMAL PRODUCTION

98	The economic assessment of technological and management changes on Welsh dairy farms by computerised spreadsheet analysis R W M Willis, T H Thomas, C J C Phillips, G A Bright and R W Howarth
99	The application of electronics to the study of animal behaviour A B Lawrence
100	An electronic system for studying the relationship between behaviour and body temperature in dairy cows Y Mayet, T T McCarthy and P Rowlinson
101	Measurement of lamb carcass composition using the velocity of ultrasound C A Miles, A V Fisher, G A J Fursey and S J Page
102	Electronic live animal and carcass identification systems R W Slader and A M S Gregory
103	Survey of the state of the art of computerisation in British meat plants and an assessment of training requirements S J Porter, A J Kempster and A G Sains
104	Automatic recording of individual voluntary feed intake in group housed pigs A N R Brown and H A M van der Steen
105	The use of normalised NIR difference spectra to monitor the time course of rumen digestion of untreated and ammonia treated straws in sheep  D I Givens, C W Baker and B Zamine
106	Electronics in genetic improvement of pigs A J Webb, P R Bampton, S Smith and S P Close
107	Electronics in Animal Breeding G Simm and N R Wray

# RUMINANT NUTRITION

108	The effect of inclusion of virginiamycin in feed on glucose and alanine transport by intestinal brush border membrane vesicles of sheep  D S Parker, H Tapper, H Mason and H Tuer
109	Basal urinary excretion of purine derivatives in sheep J Balcells, J A Guada, C Castrillo and J I Bonafonte
110	The direct and residual effects of the plane of nutrition of calves in early life on physical performance and gains in chemical components D C Patterson and R W J Steen
111	The effect of a fungal probiotic on intake and performance of early weaned calves M K Theodorou, D E Beever, M J Haines and A Brooks
112	Feeding behaviour and digestive kinetics in sheep fed chopped or ground and pelleted low quality alfalfa hay A de Vega, J Gasa, M Fondevila and A Lopez
113	Urea-treated whole crop wheat for dairy cattle J Hill and J D Leaver
114	Dry matter intake and rumen fermentation in steers fed untreated grass hay or hay treated with urea, sodium hydroxide or a combination of both  A P Moloney and A V Flynn
115	The use of n-Alkanes as indigestible markers in studies on intestinal digestion in sheep F Kafilzadeh and D S Parker
116	The effect of supplemental yeast culture (Yea-sacc) on patterns of rumen fermentation and growth performance of intensively fed bulls I E Edwards, T Mutsvangwa, J H Topps and G F M Paterson
117	Effect of protein supplementation on the performance of intensively-fed weaned suckled bulls D Jacklin and I Rigby
118	Effect of calcium oxide, sodium hydroxide and alkaline hydrogen peroxide treatments on the nutrient digestion of wheat straw (Norman) by sheep  A S Chaudhry and E L Miller
119	Effect of treating wheat straw with sodium hydroxide and calcium oxide alone or in combination with hydrogen peroxide on the in vitro dry matter digestibility  A S Chaudhry and E L Miller
120	Effects on animal performance of a fat concentrate in diets for growing/fattening bulls  L Istasse
121	Response of urinary purine derivatives to urea supplementation of sodium hydroxide treated straw J A Guada J Balcells, J Gasa and A de Vega

# DAIRY PRODUCTION

122	The effect of differing patterns of energy intake in mid and late pregnancy in maiden heifers  K D Sinclair and B G Lowman
123	Effects of including malt distillers grains (draff) either ensiled alone or with molassed sugar beet shreds as a concentrate feedstuff for dairy cows  J J Hyslop and D J Roberts
124	The effects of protein and energy content of compound feeds offered at low levels to October calving dairy cows O D Davies and V J Theobald
125	A comparison of high nitrogen and clover based swards grazed by summer calving cows J A Bax and D J Roberts
126	A farm based comparison of grass/white clover with nitrogen based system for dairy cattle J A Bax, D J Roberts and C Thomas
127	Response by dairy cows to a change in concentrate energy supply with equal supply of concentrate crude protein  E J Smith, G C Emmans, N Friggens, J D Oldham, D A Whitaker,  K Aitchison and J M Kelly
128	Evaluation of a high fibre compound diet as a grass silage replacer for dairy cows T D A Brigstocke, W S Thickett, J S Blake and A B Harker
129	The effects of supplements containing different carbohydrate sources on milk production in cows receiving a hay-based diet P A Martin, D G Chamberlain and S Robertson
130	The effect of cubicle housing, grazing and increasing age on the locomotion scores of dairy cows R Wilkinson, T P Thomas, P E J Gwynn and M Jory
131	A parsimonious model of seasonal and regional variation in the parameters of lactation curves for milk yields of cows in the UK A Gnanasakthy and S V Morant
132	Intake and digestibility of urea-treated whole-crop wheat by growing heifers  M Castejon and J D Leaver

# SILAGE FEEDING

133	Beef production from silages produced from Lolium multiflorum, Lolium perenne and permanent grassland swards T Keating and P O'Kiely
134	The effect of fishmeal supplementation on in-vitro subcutaneous adipose tissue metabolism in young cattle fed silage A Walsh, M Gill and D E Beever
135	Restriction of the silage fermentation by the application of high levels of mixed aliphatic carboxylic acids on the productive performance of lactating dairy cattle  D A Jackson and S Furniss
136	Evaluation of a Lactobacillus inoculant as an additive for silage fed to heifers P O' Kiely
137	Characterisation of nitrogen fractions during ensilage of fresh and additive treated ryegrass A P Williams, J E Cockburn and J K S Tweed
138	The effect of a biological silage additive and type of supplement on the performance of beef cattle R Laird, A Gill, J McAuslan, C Thomas and I D Wright
139	The effect of biological additives on the composition and nutritive value of silage M Gonzalez-Yanez, R McGinn, D H Anderson, A R Henderson and P Phillips
140	Effect of stage of growth and conservation procedure on the ruminal N degradability of perennial ryegrass R C Siddons, J M Wilkinson, J Paradine and V de Faria

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### RAW MATERIALS

141	The effects on feed intake in weaned calves of low glucosinolate rapeseed meal as the sole protein supplement R Hill, I C Vincent and J Thompson
142	The voluntary feed intake and weight gain of lambs given concentrate feeds containing rapeseed meal with a range of glucosinolate contents R Hill, I C Vincent and J Thompson
143	Determination of digestible energy, metabolisable energy and oil digestibility of triple-low rapeseed products for growing and finishing pigs  J A Agunbiade, J Wiseman and D J A Cole
144	The effect of inclusion rate of a 2:1 mixture of extruded whole rapeseed and peas in barley and wheat based diets for pigs from 17 to 30 kg liveweight S M O'Dowd, V R Fowler, P R English, B P Gill, O MacPherson, J A Roden, F M Davidson and P W Kenyon
145	Effect of dietary inclusion level of low glucosinolate rapeseed meal on growing pig performance M Davis, M Ellis and R R Smithard
146	Evaluation of solvent extracted meals from double-low and triple-low rapeseed as alternative dietary protein supplements to soya-bean meal for finishing pigs  B P Gill, J Q Zhu and A G Taylor
147	Rapeseed meal and maize gluten as supplements to straw in winter rations for spring calving suckler cows  D Pullar and I Rigby
148	Optimising crop residue utilization in Zimbabwe B Manyuchi, S Ncube and T Smith
149	Performance and digestibility of non- starch polysaccharides in cereals or sugar beet pulp in pigs of 3-8 weeks A G Low, J C Carruthers, A C Longland and J I Harland
150	Nutritive value of zero-tannin, white-flowered and tannin-containing, coloured-flowered field beans (vicia faba L.) for chicks C N Wareham, J Wiseman and D J A Cole
151	Soyabean meal degradability in the sheep rumen R C Siddons, J Paradine and D E Beever
152	Assessment of free fatty acid content on dietary energy values of soya bean oil fed to broilers F Salvador and J Wiseman
153	A legume browse, Sesbania sesban as an alternative protein supplement to fishmeal for lactating cows in Bangladesh M A S Khan, M A Jabbar, M A Akbar and J H Topps
154	The use of molassed sugar beet feed in growing pig diets and the effect of inclusion rates on subsequent performance R M Kay, P H Simmins and J I Harland
155	A comparison of hay and strawmix as forages for preweaned calves R Njei, C J C Phillips and L Weiguo

### SHEEP PRODUCTION

156	The system efficiency in Mediterranean sown irrigated pastures consumed by lactating ewes R Caballero, M Arauzo and P J Hernaiz
157	Influence of supplementation on the composition of Manchega ewes' milk grazing sown pastures in central Spain R Caballero, E Fernandez, J Rioperez, L Amigo and J Fontecha
158	A survey of lowground sheep farmers' concerns and experience of sheep health and diseases in Scotland A W Alexander, G Burgess, P R English, D C Macdonald and O MacPherson
159	Silvopastoral sheep and pine systems for small farmers in southern Chile M P Herve, O A Balocchi and R Penaloza
160	Feeding sorghum stover to Ethiopian sheep: effect of stover variety and amount offered on growth, intake and selection A A O Aboud, J D Reed, E Owen and A McAllan
161	The effect of dietary protein: energy ratio during food restriction on the size of the digestive tract and subsequent growth of lambs A R Mantecon, G R Iason and A D M Smith
162	Comparative performance of spring and summer born lambs grazing two sward types L M Mitchell, M E King and C M Mackie
163	An evaluation of methods for improving reproductive performance in summer lambing ewes  M E King, L M Mitchell, J S M Hutchinson, R Glatt and  M F Ibraheem
164	Influence of shearing and level of concentrates offered on the performance of fattening lambs H J Black and D M B Chestnutt
165	Effects upon the performance of Scottish Blackface ewes with different nutrition during the second oestrous cycle after ram joining A Waterhouse and L C Roger
166	Teasing to induce ovarian activity in anoestrous mule ewes M F Ibraheem, J S M Hutchinson, M E King, L M Mitchell and M Donald

### GENETICS AND REPRODUCTION

167	The potential for improving sire selection in dairy cattle by molecular genetic analysis of bovine casein genes S J Pinder, B N Perry, D Savva and C J Skidmore
168	A comparison of an indirect and direct method for converting sire evaluations from the USA to UK improved contemporary comparison (ICC83) equivalents - Holstein/Friesian G J T Swanson and H J Bellamy
169	Yolk lipid changes during embryonic development of the alligator and chicken: association with temperature dependent sex determination R C Noble, M W J Ferguson and D C Deeming
170	Withdrawn
171	Effect of altrenogest on litter size in primiparous sows D J Baker, G Gettinby and A R Peters
172	Plasma B-endorphin and cortisol in sheep during adaptation to a new environment D P Fordham, S J M Al-Gahtani, L A Durotoye and R G Rodway
173	Beef production from once calved heifers M G Keane and F J Harte