

Fact Sheet

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ROCA AWARD OF MERIT 1968 – Denis Muirhead

Denis Muirhead (RDA, 1936) worked on pastoral and stud properties in South Australia before joining the staff at Roseworthy College, then the South Australian Department of Agriculture where he had a 20 year career as Livestock Field Officer, Sheep Husbandry Advisor and Senior Advisor in Animal Production. He served with the AIF for 4 ½ years from 1940.

During his Departmental career, he was involved with prime lamb production, then beef cattle production before joining the CSIRO Regional Pastoral Laboratory at Armidale.

In 1959 Denis was seconded to the Australian Meat Board, firstly as the North American representative then as the London representative. In 1968 Denis became Director of Meat & Livestock Liaison Services in Sydney.

During the 1950s, Denis Muirhead was recognised throughout Australia as a Royal Show and Competition sheep and cattle judge for both the live animal and the carcass classes.

Denis Muirhead's work took him to NZ, USA, Canada, Argentina, West Indies, Middle East, northern Africa and the length and breadth of Europe.

Among organisations Denis was associated with during his many years with the meat industry, were the Technical sub-committee of Fat Lamb and Beef Cattle Production (Chairman 1957), Institute of Meat UK, Worshipful Company of Butchers City of London, and the London Meat Traders' and Drovers' Benevolent Association (Chairman 1964).



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