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Royal New Zealand Show Supreme Animal

Over one hundred Royal Agricultural Supreme Champion medals are awarded at the Royal New Zealand show every year and they cover a range of affiliated livestock classes, however only one animal can win the Royal New Zealand Show Supreme Animal and this year it was awarded to – Woodbury Lilly owned by Jim and Deborah Cook from Cust.

Woodbury Lilly, a five year old, blue roan coloured Clydesdale standing at 17 hands high, is the progeny of Woodbury Ruby and Donnybrook Maynooch. Obviously good genes will always win out as mother Woodbury Ruby had previously won the Supreme In Hand Horse at Canterbury four years ago as well as winning the Supreme Clydesdale at Rangiora A&P Show this year.

As winner of the 'supreme animal' Woodbury Lilly was awarded with the tri coloured red, white and blue Royal Agricultural Society (RAS) and Royal New Zealand Show supreme animal ribbon and owners Deborah and Jim Cook were the recipients of the Royal Agricultural Society decanter and set of six glasses; all items engraved with the RAS crest.

The Royal Agricultural Society (national body of the A&P showing movement) is responsible for awarding the Royal New Zealand Show Supreme Animal and this year's judges were William Mitchell, RAS Honorary Life member from Wyndham and Neil McCrostie, an experienced stud stock agent from Invercargill. The judges had the additional assistance of commentator Melissa Jebson from Sheffield. While Mr Mitchell had previously judged the Supreme Animal Award this was the first time for Mr McCrostie and he had to admit that it was no easy task. "Comparing a horse with cattle, sheep, goat or any other livestock for that matter is not easy. While they all had one thing in common and that was they were the 'supreme specimen' of that particular breed or class this made the job harder in some respects. However all the owners can be secure in the knowledge that making it to the supreme line-up was a huge achievement in itself," said Mr McCrostie.

The supreme line up consisted of:

Supreme In Hand Horse – Woodbury Lilly – Deborah & Jim Cook
Supreme Horse – Zactac Copperfield – Michelle Edmans
Supreme Pony – Brookfields Dream Maker – Isabella Kloogh
Supreme Donkey – Flaxton Green Macauley – G, S & N Green
Supreme Beef – Lake Station Herefords
Supreme Dairy – Cloverlane Lee Audrey – D & D Pipe
Supreme Llama – Avalon Theodore – Jacky Middleton
Supreme Alpaca – Hadstock NZ Silken Barbaranna – R & C Nelson
Supreme Meat Breeds Sheep – Kim Ridgen
Supreme Wool Breeds Sheep – Jim & Ramona Sidey
Supreme Dairy Goat – Lagooncreek Roisin – Margaret Tomes
Supreme Boer Goat – Caesar – T & L Windle

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The Royal New Zealand Show is the flagship event of the Royal Agricultural Society of New Zealand (national body of the A&P showing movement) and is currently hosted by Canterbury A&P Association. Attracting 120,000 people, over 7000 livestock and feature competition entries and close to 600 trade exhibitors, plus three full days of entertainment, it is the premier agricultural and pastoral event in the country.

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