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That final wash-and-brush up for the Show Ring was in full swing when our cameraman visited Town Moor, Newcastle, the 156 acre setting for the Royal Agricultural Society's four-day show.

In many cases, it was rather like bath-night. First, a good scrub, and then the brush - to produce that championship look.

This year over 3,500 livestock were on show, and here are some of the ninety-one Herefords being prepared to face the judges.

But whether or not you're farming folk - there's always something of interest. ~~For~~ Who could fail to admire the handiwork of Mr Lodge, Yorkshire's champion farrier, as he ~~is shown~~ <sup>PREPARES TO RE-SHOE</sup> a pit pony?

For the farmer - the mechanised section pointed the way to higher productivity, while no Agricultural Show would be complete without the Flower Show. During past weeks, the exhibits have been carefully tended, and now, skilful hands arrange this colourful tribute to the gardener's skill.

Of course, some places in the show tend to become rather crowded, especially the refreshment centre. So while the youngsters are struggling to get served - Mother has found the "From Fleece to Fashion" exhibition. And these are the lovely models in a moment off-duty - envying the woollen coat worn by one of their show rivals.