

1833

The Royal Jersey Agricultural and Horticultural Society is founded.

1834

The first show of cattle in Jersey was arranged by the RJA&HS and held in the Beresford Street Cattle Market in St. Helier.

1866

The Jersey Herd Book is established, as a register of animals in the island. This is the start of formal pedigree breeding and the systematic improvement of the breed providing a way of regularising the breed. The ancestry of all pedigree 'Jerseys' in the world can be traced back to the Herd Book here in the Island.

1882

The cow 'Khedive's Primrose' was sold to America for the incredible sum of \$1,000, which in those days would have been sufficient to purchase an average size farm, house and buildings.

1884

The Society purchased meadow land at the edge of St Helier as a permanent location for their shows, which they developed into Springfield showground.

1912

The introduction of a system of recording the weight of milk yielded by the individual cattle, that was the forerunner of the system of milk recording carried out to this day.

1930

In Jersey, there were over 12,000 head of cattle on 1,808 holdings.

1940

Jersey is occupied during World War 2, which brought many challenges to agriculture in the island.

1946

The presentation of the Champion Cow "Mary Belle of the Isle" to Miss Mary Churchill, the Society's gift to Mr Winston Churchill.

1952

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II ascended the Throne and graciously granted Royal Patronage upon the Society.

1955

Land in St Lawrence on Mont Cochon, was kindly donated by F J Ahier for use by the Horticultural Department of the RJA&HS.

1969

The Society's office moved from 3 Mulcaster Street into a new office building at the Springfield showground.

1978

Her Majesty The Queen, was presented with an Island cow to add to her famous Windsor herd.

1983

RJA&HS celebrates 150 years with a pageant of country life at Rozel Manor.

1994

Jersey Island Genetics Ltd is registered acting as the Society's cattle export and management services trading arm.

2000

The Society relocated to their new home, The Royal Jersey Showground in Trinity.

2001

Her Majesty The Queen officially opened the new headquarters and showground and was presented with an Island cow to add to her famous Windsor herd.

2008

The States of Jersey amended legislation to enable the importation of pedigree Jersey bull semen.

2009

The opening of 61 allotments at the F J Ahier Country Gardens in St Lawrence on Mont Cochon.

2020

In Jersey, there are over 4,000 head of cattle on 15 milk producing farms, and the breed is the second most numerous dairy cow on the planet.

