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**Form:** Circular

**By:** South African Mint

**Date:** 1965

**Ref:** Laidlaw: 0144c;

**Variations:**

Size	Metal Mass	Value
38.4 mm	Silver 24.5 gm	\$28

**Edge:** Plain. Reeded rim.

**Obverse:** Horse, cow and calf, sheep and pig in a field flanked by sheaths of corn, behind on right, vintage car and steam engine, distance mine head works and chimney, radiant sun on the horizon. Legend on a ribbon above: "WITWATERSRAND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY" with two small crosses at the top on each side. At the bottom, corn cobs tied with a ribbon

**Reverse:** Within a wreath of corn cobs (left) and laurel (right), "AWARDED / TO / FOR" with space for engraving. At the bottom, the African coat of arms with motto: "EX.UNITATE.VIRES". South African Mint sterling silver marks stamped at the foot: "(L) STG q (for 1964) S.A.M"

Engraved on this medal: "MRS. R.S.E. PIENAAR EXHIBITOR DISPLAYING THE BEST AND MOST OUTSTANDING BULLS IN CLASSES 453-456 AT THE RAND EASTER SHOW 1965".

**Notes:** The Witwatersrand Agricultural Society was instituted 1894 and the fledgling 'Rand Show' was opened by Paul Kruger the following year. The shows ceased during the Boer War but recommenced in 1907 with show grounds in Milner Park. This was the venue for the Rand Show until 1984. The Rand Show continues to be held annually during the Easter holidays. The nature of the show has changed and the nature of the exhibition has become oriented towards family entertainment.

The style of this medal is similar to the pre-union medal (Laidlaw: 0144a) and identical to the union medal made at the South African Mint Pretoria (Laidlaw 144b) except for S.A.M replacing RMP.