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The first ever Show was held on the Vicarage Fields in Aberystwyth on 3 and 4 August 1904. At the time, it was called the "Welsh National Show".
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The show was held in Wrexham in 1922 - the first time the event had been held since the First World War. The event was a resounding success and in November that year, the show gained its "Royal" status.
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The North Wales city of Bangor hosted the Royal Welsh Show in 1926.
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Welsh Black cattle line up at the 1926 Royal Welsh Show in Bangor.
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The Prince of Wales (later to be King Edward VII) and his entourage pay a visit to the Royal Welsh Show. The Royal family have long been supporters of the show and the present Queen is the show's patron.

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Princess Elizabeth (the present Queen) made her first visit to the Royal Welsh Show when it was held in Carmarthen in 1947. The event attracted a new record crowd of 78,951 and made a profit of more than £12,000.
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The 'Royal Squelch Show'

The Royal Welsh Agricultural Society celebrated its 50th Anniversary at the 1954 show in Machynlleth. Weather conditions, however, were appalling and it was dubbed the "Royal Squelch Show".
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The 1957 Royal Welsh Show at Aberystwyth will be remembered for the floods which ensured a roaring trade for one Cardiganshire wellington boot seller - who even sold the wellies on his own feet!
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A BBC camera crew filming a prize bull at the Royal Welsh Show in 1963 - the year the event moved to its permanent home at Llanelwedd.
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The Llanelwedd show site in the early days. If you can add some more detail, please get in touch.
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A display of Massey Ferguson tractors at the now permanent home of the show in Llanelwedd. If you can add some more detail, please get in touch.
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HRH Prince Charles visited the Royal Welsh Show in 1969, the year of his investiture at Caernarfon Castle.
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Miss Royal Welsh 1972

Young women used to compete for the title of Miss Royal Welsh Show. The beauty contest has now been replaced by the role of Lady Ambassador who is selected not by how she looks but according to personality, local involvement and knowledge, and understanding of the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society.
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Her Majesty the Queen returned to the Royal Welsh Show in Llanelwedd in 1983 and is seen here with the then MP for Ceredigion the late Geraint Howells.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit the Royal Welsh Show in its centenary year. More from BBC News Online...