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CIRCULAR YARDS: OTHER TYPES

In New Zealand, several different circular designs are popular. The yards have some features of the Western Australian type, but without the benefit of the bugle entry to the drafting race.

The New Zealand designs provide more pens, often include facilities to draft more than three ways, and usually incorporate a central pen as a feature to improve access and movement of sheep through the yards.

These yard designs are likely to be suited to stud breeding situations, where additional yards for drafting and handling sheep are required. One type featuring a four-way draft is shown in Diagram 1, where the numbers indicate how many sheep can be held in each pen.

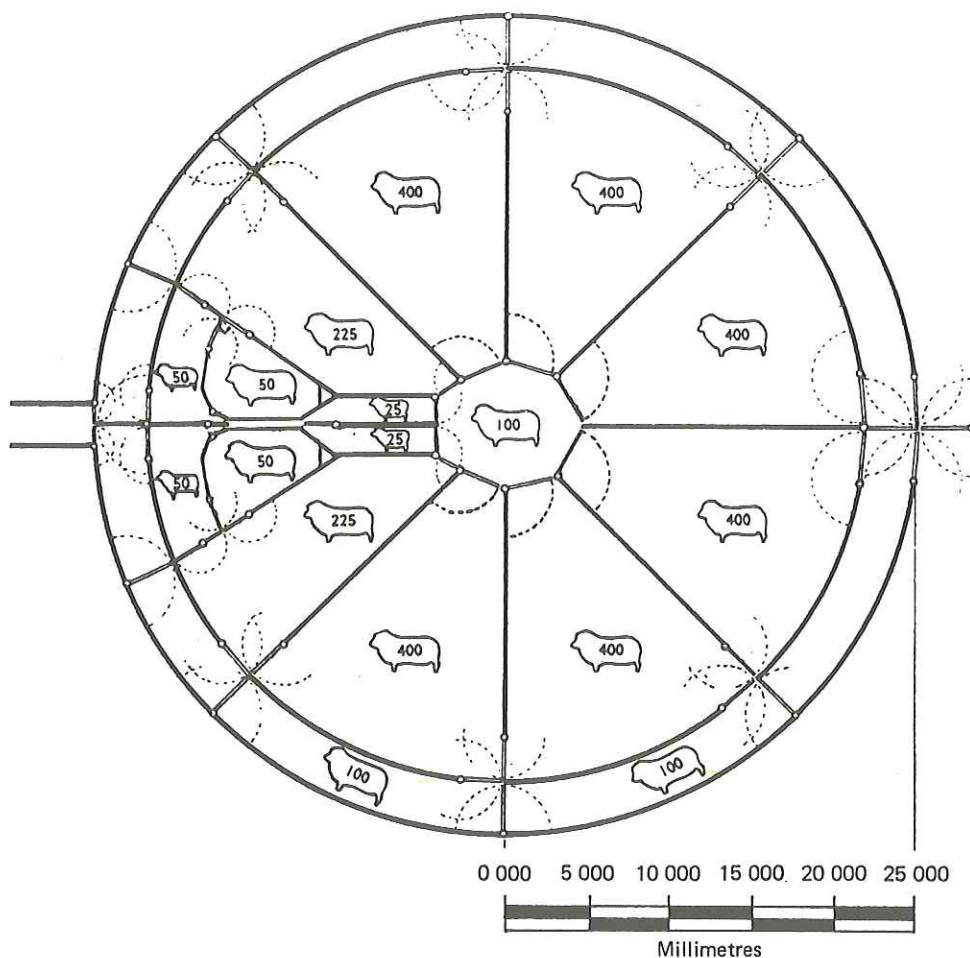
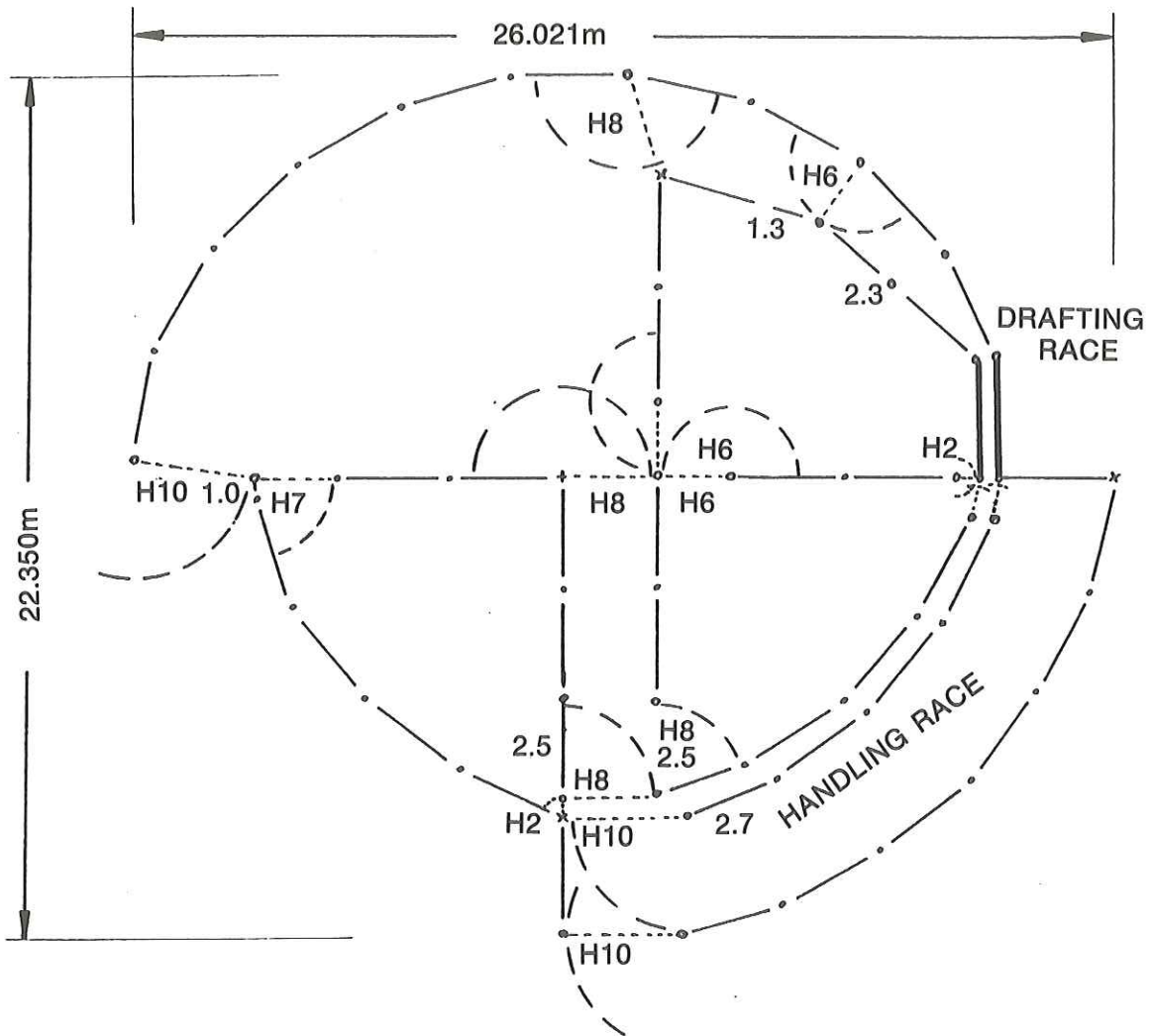


Diagram 1. Circular yards for handling 2,000 or so sheep (From Bulletin No. 353, New Zealand Department of Agriculture)

A set of yards of basically circular design which is commercially manufactured is represented in Diagram 2. Standard galvanised steel mesh panels 3 metres long form the basis of the construction. Gates and posts are of galvanised pipe.

These yards can be adapted to suit smaller properties, or can be used as secondary yards on large properties.



Basic panel length 3 metres
Panels supplied in these lengths and to be cut to suit for other lengths shown

POSTS
Code: • Intermediate 48 mm O.D.
• Gate and forcing 60.3mm O.D.
x Corner 60.3mm O.D.

GATES Code	Opening Size
H2	0.61m
H4	1.22m
H6	1.83m
H7	2.14m
H8	2.44m
H10	3.05m

Diagram 2. Commercially manufactured circular yards (Courtesy of A.R.C. Engineering Pty. Ltd.)