EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Scheme, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This scheme, which is the fourth scheme to be made by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries under the Agriculture (Ploughing Grants) Act, 1952, provides for the making of grants at two different rates in respect of land ploughed up from grass, where after ploughing the operations described in the scheme are carried out. Except for the consequential advancing of dates as indicated below, the terms of the scheme are similar in all respects to those of the Ploughing Grants Scheme, 1953 (S.I. 1953/1092).

Under the first part of the scheme a grant may be made at the rate of £5 per acre where after ploughing a crop is grown in 1955, or, if in special circumstances the Minister approves before ploughing takes place, in 1956; but if after ploughing the land is directly re-seeded to grass (or to grass and any other crop grown for grazing by livestock), the grant is only payable if the Minister certifies such direct re-seeding to be in the interests of good husbandry. In order to qualify, the land ploughed up must have been sown to grass before the 1st June, 1951, and must be ploughed up between the 1st June, 1954, and the 31st May, 1955.

The second part of the scheme relates to operations which the Minister is satisfied are likely to involve abnormally heavy expenditure on land that has been down to grass since 1939. Under this part a grant may be made at the rate of £10 per acre in respect of the ploughing up of land between the 1st June, 1954, and the 31st May, 1955, and its preparation for cropping; but, with one exception relating to work already begun before the scheme was made, the grant is payable only if the Minister approves beforehand of the operations in relation to the land in question.

Persons wishing to apply for a grant under the first part of the scheme must do so before the 31st July, 1955.

GUARANTEED PRICES

1954 No. 1056

The Agriculture Act (Part I) Extension of Period Order, 1954

Made - - - -	*6th July,* 1954
Laid before Parliament	*8th July,* 1954
Coming into Operation	*6th August,* 1954

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for the Home Department, in pursuance of subsection (2) of section four and subsection (1) of section eight of the Agriculture Act, 1947(a), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, with the approval of the Treasury, hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Agriculture Act (Part I) Extension of Period Order, 1954, and shall come into operation on the 6th day of August, 1954.

(a) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 48.

2. The period of three years from the passing of the said Agriculture Act, 1947, after the expiration whereof (unless extended) no order under section four of the said Act was to have effect, having been extended as provided in subsection (2) of the said section four, up to and including the 5th day of August, 1954, by the Agriculture Act (Part I) Extension of Period Orders, 1950, 1951, 1952 and 1953(**a**), is hereby extended for a further year from the 6th day of August, 1954, up to and including the 5th day of August, 1955.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this 2nd day of July, 1954.

(L.S.)

Tom Dugdale,
Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland this 5th day of July, 1954.

(L.S.)

James Stuart,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

Given under the Hand of the Secretary of State for the Home Department this 6th day of July, 1954.

David Maxwell Fyfe,
Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Approved this 6th day of July, 1954.

Hendrie D. Oakshott,
Martin Redmayne,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The period of three years from 6th August, 1947, during which Orders under section four of the Agriculture Act, 1947 (relating to arrangements for the provision of guaranteed prices and assured markets for producers of produce mentioned in the First Schedule to that Act) may have effect was extended up to and including 5th August, 1954, by the Agriculture Act (Part I) Extension of Period Orders, 1950 (S.I. 1950, No. 851), 1951 (S.I. 1951, No. 1342), 1952 (S.I. 1952, No. 1501) and 1953 (S.I. 1953, No. 1147). This Order, which applies to the whole of the United Kingdom, extends the period for a further year to 5th August, 1955.

In accordance with section 7 (2) of the Act, resolutions approving this Order were passed by the House of Commons on 20th July, 1954, and by the House of Lords on 29th July, 1954.

(a) S.I. 1950/851, 1951/1342, 1952/1501, 1953/1147 (1950I, p. 2; 1951 I, p. 1; 1952I, p. 45; 1953 I, p. 24).