EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This scheme, which is the second 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.

Under the first part of the scheme a grant may be made at the rate of £5 an acre where after ploughing a crop is grown in 1953; but if after ploughing the land is directly re-seeded to grass the grant is only payable if the Minister certifies direct re-seeding to be expedient. In order to qualify, the land ploughed up must have been sown to grass before the 1st June, 1949, and must be ploughed up between the 1st June, 1952, and the 31st May, 1953.

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 August, 1952, and the 31st May, 1953, 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, 1953.

In accordance with section 3 (4) of the Act resolutions approving a draft of this scheme were passed by the House of Commons on 21st October, 1952, and by the House of Lords on 28th October, 1952.

1952 No. 1462 (S. 76)

The Agriculture (Ploughing Grants) (Scotland) Scheme, 1952

Made - - - -	*1st August*, 1952
Coming into Operation	*2nd August*, 1952

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 1 of the Agriculture (Ploughing Grants) Act, 1952(a), and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf and with the approval of the Treasury, I hereby make the following scheme:

Short title

1. This scheme may be cited as the Agriculture (Ploughing Grants) (Scotland) Scheme, 1952.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:—

"the Act" means the Agriculture (Ploughing Grants) Act, 1952;

"approved crop" means any crop specified in the Schedule hereto;

"land under grass" includes any grazing land, land under rye grass and other rotational grasses and clover and permanent grass.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(b) applies to the interpretation of this scheme as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(a) 15 & 16 Geo. 6 & 1 Eliz. 2. c. 35. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

Persons to whom grants may be made

3. Subject to the provisions of the Act and of this scheme the Secretary of State may make ploughing grants to occupiers of land to which this scheme applies who have carried out the operations of ploughing up and preparing the land for sowing and thereafter sowing it to an approved crop for the 1952 harvest:

Provided that where there is a change of occupier and these operations have been carried out partly at the expense of one person and partly at the expense of another person the grant will be divided between them in such proportion as the Secretary of State may determine.

Eligible land

4. The land to which this scheme applies shall be land under grass of one acre or more ploughed up during the period beginning with the 5th day of February, 1952 and ending with the 31st day of May, 1952, which has been continuously under grass for at least four years before ploughing.

Provided that in the case of land occupied by landholders under the Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts, 1886 to 1931(**a**) the scheme shall apply notwithstanding that the area of the land ploughed up by an individual landholder is less than one acre if (*a*) the total area ploughed up by neighbouring landholders is one acre or more, and (*b*) application in respect of the total area ploughed up is made on behalf of the individual landholders concerned by a Common Grazings Committee or Grazings Constable duly appointed under the said Acts or by a representative authorised by the landholders to act on their behalf and approved by the Secretary of State.

Rate of grant

5. The rate of grant to be made in accordance with this scheme shall be £5 per acre of land actually ploughed up and sown to an approved crop:

Provided that in calculating the amount of a grant fractions of an acre less than one-quarter shall be disregarded.

Application for grant

6.—(1) Application for payment of grant under this scheme shall be made on a form provided by the Secretary of State and shall be received by him not later than the 31st day of August, 1952 or such later date as he may appoint:

Provided that the Secretary of State, in any case which appears to him to be exceptional and if he in his sole discretion considers it desirable in the circumstances so to do, may accept an application received after the said 31st day of August, 1952 or such later date as may be so appointed.

(2) Applicants for grant shall complete a declaration that the operations of ploughing up and preparing the land for sowing and thereafter sowing it to an approved crop have been duly carried out and shall give adequate facilities for inspection of the land and for such other investigations as the Secretary of State may deem necessary in respect of the applications for grant.

(a) 49 & 50 Vict. c. 29; 50 & 51 Vict. c. 24; 54 & 55 Vict. c. 41; 8 Edw. 7. c. 50; 1 & 2 Geo. 5. c. 49; 9 & 10 Geo. 5. c. 97; 21 & 22 Geo. 5. c. 44.

Payment of grant

7.—(1) In any case in which the Secretary of State is of opinion that the operations in respect of which a grant is to be made have been inefficiently carried out or that adequate facilities for inspection and investigation have not been given, payment of grant shall not be made or shall be restricted to such amount as the Secretary of State considers reasonable.

(2) In cases in which payments out of moneys provided by Parliament under any enactment other than the Act are available in respect of any of the operations qualifying for a grant under this scheme, the Secretary of State may withhold payment of grant or restrict the amount payable to such amount as he considers reasonable.

James Stuart,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh, 1.
31st July, 1952.

We approve.

Herbert Butcher,
Hendrie D. Oakshott,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

1st August, 1952.

Schedule of approved crops

Wheat	Mixed grain	Linseed
Barley	Rye	Peas
Oats	Potatoes	Beans

The following fodder crops:

Turnips	Cabbage	Mashlum
Swedes	Kale	Vetches
Mangolds	Savoys	Tares
Fodder Beet	Kohl Rabi	Rape

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

This Scheme, made under Section 1 of the Agriculture (Ploughing Grants) Act, 1952, provides that the Secretary of State may make grants of £5 per acre on land which has been under grass since 1948 or earlier and which is ploughed up and sown to an approved crop for the 1952 harvest. The Scheme is intended to increase the production of grain and fodder crops for feeding to stock in the winter of 1952-53.