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AGRICULTURE

Payments of Bonuses for Carcase Quality

SCHEME, DATED 23RD JANUARY 1970, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTION 1(1) OF THE AGRICULTURE (TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1954(a), AS AMENDED BY THE AGRICULTURE (TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE) (AMENDMENT) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1957(b).

The Minister of Agriculture with the approval of the Minister of Finance and in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the Agriculture (Temporary Assistance) Acts (Northern Ireland) 1954 and 1957 and of all other powers him thereunto enabling, hereby makes the following Scheme:—

Short Title and Commencement

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Carcase Quality Bonus (Amendment) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1970 and shall come into operation on 2nd February 1970.

2. The Carcase Quality Bonus Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1967(c) shall be amended as follows:—

(*a*) by substituting for the First Schedule thereto the First Schedule to this Order;

(*b*) by substituting for the Second Schedule thereto the Second Schedule to this Order.

Dated this Twenty-Third day of January 1970.

Phelim R. H. O'Neill,
Minister of Agriculture for Northern Ireland.

I approve the foregoing Scheme.

Dated this Twenty-Seventh day of January 1970.

H. V. Kirk,
Minister of Finance for Northern Ireland.

(a) 1954. c. 31. (b) 1957. c. 3. (c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967, No. 252.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Grades of Quality and Weights

Characters of Carcase	Grade U	Grade L	Grade T	Grade E
General Conformation	Very good to good	Very good to good	Good	Certified carcases which do not qualify for grade U, L or T
General Fleshing i.e. Rounds, Loins, Ribs Chucks	Very good	Very good to good	Good to reasonably good	
Neck and Shanks	Short to relatively short	Short to relatively short	Relatively short to slightly long and thin	
Fat Covering	Thin and evenly distributed	Thin to medium and evenly distributed	From thin to thicker than the maximum requirement for Grade L but not very fat	
Kidney and Channel Fat	Slight to moderate	Slight to medium	From slight to somewhat more than the maximum requirement for Grade L but not heavy	
Cold Carcase Weight Steers Heifers	Within the weight range 450 lb. - 625 lb. inclusive Within the weight range 390 lb. - 510 lb. inclusive	Within the weight range 450 lb. - 660 lb. inclusive Within the weight range 390 lb. - 560 lb. inclusive Except in relation to animals which are young lightweights under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme in which case the minimum cold carcase weight is 430 lb. for a steer and 365 lb. for a heifer.	Within the weight range 450 lb. - 660 lb. inclusive Within the weight range 390 lb. - 560 lb. inclusive	

SECOND SCHEDULE

Rates of Payment

Carcases graded as Grade U or L—45/- per carcase

" " " " T —30/- " "

" " " " E —Nil

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Scheme provides for the introduction of a further quality grade and the reduction of the maximum weights for the other grades qualifying for a bonus payment.