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AGRICULTURE

Headage Payments—Cattle

SCHEME, DATED 10TH MARCH 1971, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 1 OF THE AGRICULTURE (TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1954 AS AMENDED BY THE AGRICULTURE (TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE) (AMENDMENT) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1957.

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(a) and of all other powers him thereunto enabling, hereby makes the following Scheme:—

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Scheme may be cited as the Cattle Headage Payments Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1971, No. 2.

(2) This Scheme shall come into operation on the 29th March 1971.

Definitions

2. In this Scheme—

"bulls" means uncastrated cattle or the carcases of such cattle;

"certified" means certified under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme;

"deadweight certification centre" means any place for the time being approved for the certification of the carcases of livestock under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme;

"Fatstock Guarantee Scheme" means the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme in operation in Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

"Fatstock Guarantee Scheme Year" means the year as specified under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme for the time being in operation;

"home bred" means born and entirely produced in Northern Ireland;

"liveweight certification centre" means any place for the time being approved for the certification of livestock under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme.

Headage payments

3. Subject to the provisions of this Scheme, the Ministry may make to persons producing home-bred cattle a payment in respect of each eligible home-bred animal which is certified under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme, at any liveweight or deadweight certification centre in Northern Ireland during the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme Year 1971/72.

The Ministry may also make a similar payment in respect of home-bred bulls which are accepted at a deadweight certification centre in Northern Ireland as qualifying for a payment equivalent to that which may be made under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme for certified cattle during the said Fatstock Guarantee Scheme Year 1971/72.

(a) 1954. c. 31 and 1957. c. 3.

4. Payments shall be made in respect of such animals certified or accepted during the specified periods of the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme Year 1971/72 at the rates set forth in the Schedule.

5.—(1) Where a butcher or meat wholesaler has home-bred cattle certified or accepted by deadweight which were not produced by him, the payment shall be made to the farmer who sold the cattle to the said butcher or meat wholesaler.

(2) Payment in all other cases of both liveweight and deadweight certification shall be made to the person in whose name the home-bred cattle were certified or accepted.

6. In case of doubt as to the certification or acceptance of an animal or as to the person to be paid, eligibility for payment shall be at the discretion of the Ministry.

7. There shall be no contract or obligation on the part of the Ministry to make any headage payment and all headage payments shall be at the Ministry's discretion.

8. If the Ministry, after having made a payment under this Scheme, finds that such payment ought not to have been made in whole or in part it may recover from the person to whom such payment has been made the whole, or any part of the sum already paid, or may withhold or cause to be withheld any payment which would otherwise be or become due to that person by the Ministry under this or any other Scheme. The Ministry may also recover from a person producing home-bred cattle by way of deduction from a payment which might otherwise be made to him under this Scheme any monies due by that person to the Ministry or to any other Government Department.

Dated this 10th day of March 1971.

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

I approve the foregoing Scheme.

Dated this 11th day of March 1971.

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

SCHEDULE

Period	Rate of Headage Payment
	£
29th March to 2nd May 1971 . .	7
3rd May to 9th May 1971 . .	6
10th May to 16th May 1971 . .	4
17th May to 23rd May 1971 . .	3
24th May to 30th May 1971 . .	2

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Scheme enables the Ministry of Agriculture to pay to farmers Headage Payments in respect of home-bred cattle certified under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme 1971/72 for the periods and at the rates set out in the Schedule.