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AGRICULTURE

Headage Payments—Cattle

SCHEME, DATED 30TH APRIL, 1964, 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.—(1) This Scheme may be cited as the Cattle Headage Payments Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1964.

(2) This Scheme shall have effect from 30th March, 1964.

Definitions

2. In this Scheme—

"Fatstock Guarantee Scheme" means the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme in operation in Great Britain and in 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.

"Cattle" means fat cattle or the carcases of such animals.

"Certified" means certified 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 properly certified under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme at any Liveweight or Deadweight Certification Centre in Northern Ireland during the three Fatstock Guarantee Scheme Years 1964/65, 1965/66 and 1966/67.

4. Payments shall be made in respect of such animals certified during:

(1) the specified periods of the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme Year 1964/65 at the rates set forth in the Schedule;

(2) the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme Years 1965/66 and 1966/67 for such periods and at such rates as the Minister, with the approval of the Minister of Finance, may by Order prescribe.

(a) 1954, c. 31. (b) 1957, c. 3.

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

6.—(1) Where a butcher or meat wholesaler has home-bred cattle certified 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.

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 or that the payment was in excess of the amount properly payable 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.

H. W. West,
Minister of Agriculture.

I approve the foregoing Scheme.

J. L. O. Andrews,
Minister of Finance.

SCHEDULE

Period	*Rate of Headage Payment*
30th March to 3rd May, 1964	£3
4th May to 24th May, 1964	£2
25th May to 7th June, 1964	£1
1st February to 14th February, 1965	£1
15th February to 7th March, 1965 ..	£2
8th March to 28th March, 1965 ..	£3

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order enables the Ministry of Agriculture to pay to farmers Headage Payments in respect of home-bred cattle certified under the Fatstock Guarantee Schemes 1964/65, 1965/66 and 1966/67.

The periods and rates for 1964/65 are set out in the Schedule.