MINIMUM PRICES

The Eggs (Minimum Prices for 1950-51 and 1951-52) Order, 1950

1950 No. 435

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In pursuance of subsection (2) of section five of the Agriculture Act, 1947(a), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, and the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for the Home Department (being the Secretaries of State concerned with agriculture in Scotland and Northern Ireland respectively), with the approval of the Treasury, hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Eggs (Minimum Prices for 1950-51 and 1951-52) Order, 1950, and shall come into operation on the thirtieth day of March, 1950.

2.—(1) In this Order, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them:—

"Appropriate coefficient" has the meaning assigned to it by Article 6 of this Order;

"Eggs" means the eggs in shell of domestic fowls and domestic ducks, but does not include cooked eggs served as a meal or part of a meal;

"First quality" means the quality conforming to the description of the state or condition of "first quality eggs" as prescribed by any Order of the Minister of Food for the time being in force(b);

"Licensed packer", in Great Britain "licensed buyer" and in Northern Ireland "licensed collector" mean respectively the holders of licences as such under or by virtue of the provisions in that behalf of any Order of the Minister of Food for the time being in force(b);

"Producer" includes any person having under his care, control or management domestic fowls or domestic ducks;

"Year" means a continuous period of fifty-two weeks.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(c), shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. For the year beginning on the thirtieth day of March, 1950, the average price (calculated in accordance with the provisions of Article 5 of this Order) to be paid for eggs of first quality to producers in the United Kingdom by licensed buyers, licensed packers or licensed collectors shall be not less than three shillings and four pence per dozen eggs.

4. For the year beginning on the twenty-ninth day of March, 1951, the average price (calculated in accordance with the provisions of Article 5 of this Order) to be paid for eggs of first quality to producers in the United Kingdom by licensed buyers, licensed packers or licensed collectors shall be not less than three shillings and two pence per dozen eggs.

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

(b) The following relevant Orders are in force at the date of this Order: In Great Britain, the Eggs (Great Britain) Order, 1949 (S.I. 1949 (No. 612) II, p. 311) as amended by S.I. 1949 (Nos. 1748 and 1937) II, pp. 322–4, and S.I. 1950 No. 327. In Northern Ireland, the Eggs (Northern Ireland) Order, 1949 (S.I. 1949 (No. 613) II, p. 326) as amended by S.I. 1949 (Nos. 1749 and 1938) II, pp. 335–7, and S.I. 1950 No. 327.

(c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

5.—(1) For the purposes of the two immediately preceding Articles of this Order, the average price for each year therein referred to shall be calculated in the manner following, that is to say :—

Multiply the price per dozen eggs paid to producers by licensed buyers, licensed packers or licensed collectors for eggs of first quality in each period of the year in question, being the period to which the said price relates, by the appropriate coefficient determined in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 of this Order. Add together the resulting sums for the whole of the year in question and divide the total sum thus ascertained by the sum of the appropriate coefficients determined as aforesaid.

(2) In making the foregoing calculation, any deduction made from any price on account of transport costs or charges which may be permitted or enforced by any Order of the Minister of Food for the time being in force shall be disregarded.

6. For the purposes of Article 5 of this Order, the appropriate coefficient for each price shall be the estimated number of dozen eggs graded by licensed packers as of first quality in the period of the year which began on the fourth day of April, 1946, corresponding to the period of the year in question to which the said price relates.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this twenty-third day of March, 1950.

(L.S.) *T. Williams,*
Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland this twenty-third day of March, 1950.

(L.S.) *Hector McNeil,*
Secretary of State for Scotland.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for the Home Department this twenty-third day of March, 1950.

(L.S.) *J. Chuter Ede,*
Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Approved.

Richard Adams,
W. A. Wilkins,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order fixes a minimum average price to be paid for eggs to producers in the United Kingdom for each of the years beginning on 30th March, 1950 and 29th March, 1951, respectively ; and prescribes the manner in which the average price for each year is to be calculated.