August, 1952, by the Agriculture Act (Part I) Extension of Period Orders, 1950 and 1951(a), is hereby extended for a further year from the 6th day of August, 1952, up to and including the 5th day of August, 1953.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this 8th day of June, 1952.

Tom Dugdale,
Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland this 7th day of June, 1952.

James Stuart,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

Given under the hand of the Secretary of State for the Home Department this 10th day of June, 1952.

David Maxwell Fyfe,
Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Approved this 12th day of June, 1952.

Dennis Vosper,
T. G. D. Galbraith,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The period of three years from 6th August, 1947, during which Orders under section four of the Agriculture Act, 1947 (relating to arrangements for the provision of guaranteed prices and assured markets for producers of produce mentioned in the First Schedule to that Act) may have effect was extended up to and including 5th August, 1952, by the Agriculture Act (Part I) Extension of Period Orders, 1950 (S.I. 1950, No. 851) and 1951 (S.I. 1951, No. 1342). This Order, which applies to the whole of the United Kingdom, extends the period for a further year to 5th August, 1953.

1952 No. 672

The Eggs (Minimum Prices for 1952-53 and 1953-54) Order, 1952

Made - - - -	*27th March,* 1952
Laid before Parliament	*28th March,* 1952
Coming into Operation	*3rd April,* 1952

In pursuance of subsection (2) of section five of the Agriculture Act, 1947(b), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the

(a) S.I. 1950/851; 1951/1342: 1950 I, p. 2; 1951 I, p. 1. (b) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 48.

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 1952-53 and 1953-54) Order, 1952, and shall come into operation on the third day of April, 1952.

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;

"First quality" and "second quality" mean the qualities respectively conforming to the descriptions of the state or condition of "first quality eggs" and of "second quality eggs" as prescribed by any Order of the Minister of Food for the time being in force(**a**);

"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(**a**);

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

"Standard price" means the price of feedingstuffs as determined on the thirty-first day of August, 1950, in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule to this Order;

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

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(**b**), 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 third day of April, 1952, the average price (calculated in accordance with the provisions of Article 5 of this Order) to be paid for eggs of first quality and of second quality to producers in the United Kingdom by licensed buyers, licensed packers or licensed collectors shall be not less than three shillings per dozen eggs.

Provided that whenever the price of feedingstuffs, as from time to time determined in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule to this Order, is less than the standard price, the aforesaid price of three shillings per dozen eggs shall be reduced by five per centum for each ten per centum of the standard price by which the said price of feedingstuffs is less than the standard price.

4. For the year beginning on the second day of April, 1953, the average price (calculated in accordance with the provisions of Article 5 of this Order) to be paid for eggs of first quality and of second quality to producers in the United Kingdom by licensed buyers, licensed packers or licensed collectors shall be not less than two shillings and eleven pence per dozen eggs.

(a) The following relevant Orders were in force at the date of this Order:—
S.I. 1951/2143, 2144; 1951 III, pp. 171, 183.

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

Provided that whenever the price of feedingstuffs, as from time to time determined in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule to this Order, is less than the standard price, the aforesaid price of two shillings and eleven pence per dozen eggs shall be reduced by five per centum for each ten per centum of the standard price by which the said price of feedingstuffs is less than the standard price.

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 each description and 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 arithmetic mean of the estimated numbers of dozen eggs of similar description and quality, graded by licensed packers in those periods of the two years immediately preceding the year in question 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-seventh day of March, 1952.

(L.S.) *Tom Dugdale,*
Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland this twenty-seventh day of March, 1952.

(L.S.) *James Stuart,*
Secretary of State for Scotland.

Given under the hand of the Secretary of State for the Home Department this twenty-seventh day of March, 1952.

David Maxwell Fyfe,
Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Approved this twenty-seventh day of March, 1952.

Dennis Vosper,
H. R. Mackeson,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

SCHEDULE

Determination of the Price of Feedingstuffs

For the purposes of the provisos to Articles 3 and 4 of this Order, the price of feedingstuffs shall be the price per ton net weight of a ration of poultry food composed of 40 per centum wheat offals, 25 per centum maize, 15 per centum wheat, 10 per centum barley and 10 per centum fish meal; and the said price shall be calculated by reference to the basic price per ton net weight, as prescribed by any Order of the Minister of Food for the time being in force(a), of each feedingstuff named in column 1 of the Table herein.

Provided that if separate basic prices per ton net weight are prescribed as aforesaid for different descriptions of any feedingstuff named in column 1 of the Table herein, the basic price per ton net weight of that feedingstuff shall be deemed to be the arithmetic mean of the basic prices separately prescribed as aforesaid.

TABLE

Column 1	Column 2
Feedingstuff	Percentage
Wheat by-products (but not including wheat germ) produced at a port flour mill	40
Maize (other than cinquantina maize)...	25
Imported wheat (other than reconditioned wheat and wheat screenings)	15
Imported barley (other than barley grown in the Isle of Man) ...	10
Home produced fish meal (other than herring meal) the oil content of which is 3 per cent. or more, but does not exceed 4 per cent. and the albuminoid content of which is 64 per cent.	10

NOTE.—To calculate the price per ton net weight of a ration of poultry food composed as above mentioned, the basic price per ton net weight of each feedingstuff named in column 1, ascertained as aforesaid, should be multiplied by the appropriate percentage specified in column 2, and the total of the sums thus obtained should be divided by 100.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order fixes the minimum average price to be paid for eggs to producers in the United Kingdom for each of the years beginning on 3rd April, 1952, and 2nd April, 1953; and prescribes the manner in which the average price for each year is to be calculated. The minimum average price for each of these years is subject to a reduction of 5 per cent. for each 10 per cent. fall in feedingstuffs prices below the level obtaining on 31st August, 1950.

(a) The following relevant Orders were in force at the date of this Order:—
S.I. 1951/494; 1951 III, p. 195; as amended by S.I. 1951/961, 1136, 1571, 2037; 1951 III, pp. 212, 213, 215, 241.