1955 No. 1173

The Eggs (Minimum Prices for 1956-57 and 1957-58) Order, 1955

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The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, 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, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by sub-section (2) of section five of the Agriculture Act, 1947(**a**), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Eggs (Minimum Prices for 1956-57 and 1957-58) Order, 1955, and shall come into operation on the 26th day of March, 1956.

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

"Appropriate Minister" means in relation to any part of the United Kingdom the Minister concerned with agriculture therein;

"Average price of feedingstuffs" means the average price of feedingstuffs, determined in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule to this Order, during the period of thirty-two weeks immediately preceding the date of determination;

"Duck eggs" means first quality eggs in shell produced of domestic ducks in the United Kingdom and sold through egg packers;

"Egg packers" means any persons holding licences as licensed packers under or by virtue of the provisions in that behalf of any Order of the appropriate Minister or the Ministers for the time being in force, or specified as egg packers for the purposes of this Order;

"Estimated," for the purpose of Article 5 of this Order, means estimated by the appropriate Minister or by the Ministers;

"First quality" means, in relation to duck eggs, eggs that are fresh and free from taint, the shells of which are clean and unstained, sound and of good texture and shape, the contents being free from visible blemish and discoloration, the yolk being central and translucent and the white being translucent with the air space not exceeding one-quarter of an inch in depth; and, in relation to hen eggs, eggs that are fresh and free from taint, the shells of which are clean and unstained, sound and of good texture and shape, the contents being free from visible blemish and discoloration, the yolk being central, translucent and faintly but not clearly defined and the white being translucent with the air space not exceeding one-quarter of an inch in depth;

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

" Hen eggs " means first quality eggs in shell each weighing not less than 1½ ounces avoirdupois produced of domestic fowls in the United Kingdom and sold through egg packers ;

" Ministers " means any two or more appropriate Ministers acting jointly ;

" Month " means a continuous period of four weeks beginning on the 26th day of March, 1956, and thereafter on every fourth Monday ;

" Permitted deduction " means a deduction from the prices or sums paid for hen eggs and duck eggs during any month if the average price of feedingstuffs, determined on the third Monday in the immediately preceding month, is less than twenty-nine shillings and one penny per hundredweight, such deduction being at the rate of one half-penny per dozen eggs for every complete six and two-thirds pence (or part of six and two-thirds pence exceeding three and one-third pence) per hundredweight by which the average price of feedingstuffs, determined as aforesaid was below twenty-nine shillings and one penny per hundredweight ;

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

" Received by producers " means received by producers in the United Kingdom (or by specified persons on their behalf) from the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food or the Secretary of State for Scotland, from egg packers and from such other persons (if any) as may be specified ;

" Specified " means specified by or under an Order of the appropriate Minister or the Ministers ;

" Year " means in respect of the year beginning on the 26th day of March, 1956, a continuous period of 53 weeks and in respect of the year beginning on the 1st day of April, 1957, a continuous period of 52 weeks.

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

3. The average prices (calculated in accordance with the provisions of Article 5 of this Order) received by producers for hen eggs shall be not less than the following prices :—

(1) For the year beginning on the 26th day of March, 1956, three shillings and three pence per dozen eggs ;

(2) For the year beginning on the 1st day of April, 1957, three shillings and one penny per dozen eggs.

4. The average prices (calculated in accordance with the provisions of Article 5 of this Order) received by producers for duck eggs shall be not less than the following prices :—

(1) For the year beginning on the 26th day of March, 1956, one shilling and ten pence per dozen eggs ;

(2) For the year beginning on the 1st day of April, 1957, one shilling and eight pence per dozen eggs.

5. For the purpose of Articles 3 and 4 of this Order, the average price for each year received by producers for hen eggs or duck eggs as the case may be shall be calculated in the manner following, that is to say :—

(1) Add together the total amounts (actual or estimated) received by producers in respect of the sale of hen eggs or duck eggs as the case

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

may be, in the year in question; and divide the sum thus ascertained by the total number (actual or estimated) of dozens of such eggs respectively sold in that year.

(2) If the average price of feedingstuffs, determined on the third Monday in each month, is less than twenty-nine shillings and one penny per hundredweight, then in ascertaining the amount received by producers during the following month, for the purpose of the calculation set out in paragraph (1) of this Article, no account shall be taken of any permitted deduction made during that following month.

(3) In making the calculation set out in paragraph (1) of this Article, any deduction made from any price on account of transport costs or charges which may be permitted or enforced by any Order of the appropriate Minister or the Ministers for the time being in force shall be disregarded.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed this 25th day of July, 1955.

(L.S.)

D. Heathcoat Amory,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland this 25th day of July, 1955.

(L.S.)

James Stuart,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

Given under the hand of the Secretary of State for the Home Department this 26th day of July, 1955.

G. Lloyd-George,
Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Approved this 26th day of July, 1955.

Gerald Wills,
Peter Legh,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

SCHEDULE

Determination of the Price of Feedingstuffs

For the purposes of determining the average price of feedingstuffs during any period, the price of feedingstuffs in any week of that period shall be calculated as follows:—

The average price per ton at London, Bristol, Hull, Liverpool, Leith, Glasgow and Belfast for lots of not less than five tons of fair average quality of each of the first four feedingstuffs named in column 1 of the Table hereunder, and the average price per ton ex factory in the United Kingdom for lots of not less than two tons of the fifth feedingstuff named in column 1 of the Table hereunder, as determined in each case by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food shall be multiplied by the appropriate percentage specified in column 2 of the said Table, the resultant sums shall be added together and the total thereof divided by one hundred; and the price per ton so arrived at shall be converted to a price per hundredweight:

TABLE

Column 1	Column 2
Feedingstuff	Percentage
Wheat by-products	30
Feeding Wheat	10
Feeding Oats	20
Maize	30
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 66 per cent.	10

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 received for hen eggs and duck eggs by producers in the United Kingdom for each of the years beginning on 26th March, 1956, and 1st April, 1957. The Order prescribes the manner in which the average price for each year is to be calculated, having regard to variations in the price of feedingstuffs.

1955 No. 1169

The Fat Cattle and Fat Sheep (Minimum Prices for 1956-57 and 1957-58) Order, 1955

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The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, 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, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by sub-section (2) of section five of the Agriculture Act, 1947(a), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Fat Cattle and Fat Sheep (Minimum Prices for 1956-57 and 1957-58) Order, 1955, and shall come into operation on the 26th day of March, 1956.

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

"Average prices" means the average prices realised by producers from the sale of fat cattle or fat sheep in the United Kingdom in each year, after taking into account any payments by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food or the Secretary of State for Scotland to producers in

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