Provision is made in the Order for adjusting the calculation of the average price for the purposes of the Order, so as to allow for a reduction of one penny per dozen eggs for each complete 13½ pence (or part of 13½ pence exceeding 6¾ pence) per hundredweight by which the price of a standard ration of feedingstuffs falls below twenty seven shillings and ten pence per hundredweight.

1953 No. 1851

The Fat Cattle and Fat Sheep (Minimum Prices for 1954-55 and 1955-56) Order, 1953

Made - - - -	*16th December,* 1953
Laid before Parliament	*17th December,* 1953
Coming into Operation	*29th March,* 1954

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, 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 1954-55 and 1955-56) Order, 1953, and shall come into operation on the 29th day of March, 1954.

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 or the Minister of Food;

"Collecting centre" means a livestock market or other place approved by the appropriate Minister for the purposes of this Order;

"Corresponding week", in relation to any week of the period of two years beginning on the 29th day of March, 1954, means the week beginning on that Monday in the standard year whose date is as nearly as possible the same as the Monday which begins the said week of the two years in question;

"Dressed carcase weight" means such weight as may be ascertained by or on behalf of the appropriate Minister in accordance with the provisions in that behalf issued in, under or by virtue of any Order of the said Minister for the time being in force(**b**);

"Fat cattle" means steers, heifers and special young cows which are offered for sale for slaughter for human consumption, other than such animals as have been brought into the United Kingdom during the period of seventy days immediately preceding the date of such offering for sale;

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

(**b**) The following relevant Order is in force at the date of this Order:—S.I. 1949/1253; 1949 II, p. 256.

"Fat sheep" means first-grade sheep and first-grade lambs which are offered for sale for slaughter for human consumption, other than such animals as have been brought into the United Kingdom during the period of seventy days immediately preceding the date of such offering for sale;

"First-grade lamb" means any ovine animal (other than an uncastrated ram lamb) until it has been shorn in the year immediately following the year of its birth which is well, or fairly well, finished with an estimated dressed carcase weight of not less than eighteen pounds;

"First-grade sheep" means any ovine animal (other than a ewe, ram or lamb) which is well, or fairly well, finished;

"Heifer" means any female bovine animal which is not in calf or has not calved, which weighs six and three-quarter hundredweight, live weight, or more or which has cut its first permanent incisor tooth and which has an estimated killing-out percentage of fifty per centum or more;

"Killing-out percentage" means the percentage which the dressed carcase weight of the animal bears to the live weight;

"Live weight" means the actual weight of the animal less twenty-eight pounds;

"Pound" means pound avoirdupois;

"Price", in relation to any animal, means the amount of money paid or payable in respect of the sale of that animal, including any additional payment of whatever nature;

"Producer" includes any person having under his care, control or management any fat cattle or fat sheep;

"Special young cow" means any young female bovine animal which has calved and been properly dried off, which has an estimated killing-out percentage of 56 per centum or more, which is firm, deep and even in the flesh when handled and is not unduly patchy in fat, the teeth of which show no signs of wear, and whose weight is not less than eight hundredweight, live weight;

"Standard year" means (i) in relation to the year beginning on the 29th day of March, 1954, the year beginning on the 5th day of January, 1953; and (ii) in relation to the year beginning on the 28th day of March, 1955, the year beginning on the 4th day of January, 1954;

"Steer" means any castrated male bovine animal which weighs six and three-quarter hundredweight, live weight, or more or which has cut its first permanent incisor tooth and which has an estimated killing-out percentage of fifty per centum or more;

"Week" means a continuous period of seven days beginning on any Monday;

"Weight" means (i) in relation to fat cattle, live weight; and (ii) in relation to fat sheep, pounds estimated dressed carcase weight;

"Year" means a continuous period of fifty-two 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. For the year beginning on the 29th day of March, 1954, the average prices (calculated in accordance with the provisions of Article 5 hereof) to be paid for fat cattle and fat sheep to producers thereof in the United Kingdom shall not be less than the following prices:—

(1) For fat cattle, one hundred and thirteen shillings and sixpence per one hundred and twelve pounds live weight.

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

(2) For fat sheep, two shillings and threepence per pound estimated dressed carcase weight; provided that the average price of first-grade lambs shall be higher by not less than three half-pence per pound estimated dressed carcase weight than the average price of first-grade sheep.

4. For the year beginning on the 28th day of March, 1955, the average prices (calculated in accordance with the provisions of Article 5 hereof) to be paid for fat cattle and fat sheep to producers thereof in the United Kingdom shall not be less than the following prices:—

(1) For fat cattle, one hundred and thirteen shillings and sixpence per one hundred and twelve pounds live weight.

(2) For fat sheep, two shillings and twopence per pound estimated dressed carcase weight; provided that the average price of first-grade lambs shall be higher by not less than three half-pence per pound estimated dressed carcase weight than the average price of first-grade sheep.

5. For the purpose of Articles 3 and 4 of this Order, the average prices for each year therein referred to shall be calculated in the manner following, that is to say:—

Where the price or part of the price is ascertained by reference to weight, multiply such price or such part of the price paid for each description of fat cattle or fat sheep in each week of the year in question by the weight (actual or estimated) of each similar description of fat cattle or fat sheep purchased at collecting centres in the corresponding week of the standard year; and, where the price or part of the price is ascertained without reference to weight, multiply such price or such part of the price paid for each description of fat cattle or fat sheep in each week of the year in question by the number of each similar description of fat cattle or fat sheep purchased as aforesaid in the corresponding week of the standard year; and then divide the total amount of money thus ascertained in respect of fat cattle or fat sheep or first-grade sheep or first-grade lambs by the total weight (actual or estimated) of each similar class of animal purchased as aforesaid in the standard year.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this 14th day of December, 1953.

Tom Dugdale,
Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland this 14th day of December, 1953.

James Stuart,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

Given under the hand of the Secretary of State for the Home Department this 15th day of December, 1953.

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

Approved this 16th day of December, 1953.

Edward Heath,
Dennis Vosper,
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.)

This Order fixes the minimum average prices to be paid for fat cattle and fat sheep to producers in the United Kingdom for each of the years beginning on 29th March, 1954, and 28th March, 1955, respectively; and prescribes the manner in which the average price for each class and for each year is to be calculated. Under present arrangements, all fat cattle and fat sheep produced in the United Kingdom are purchased by or on behalf of the Minister of Food.

1953 No. 1853

The Fat Pigs (Minimum Prices for 1954-55 and 1955-56) Order, 1953

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The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, 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 Pigs (Minimum Prices for 1954-55 and 1955-56) Order, 1953, and shall come into operation on the 29th day of March, 1954.

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 or the Minister of Food;

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

"Collecting Centre" means a livestock market or other place approved by the appropriate Minister for the purposes of this Order;

"Corresponding month", in relation to any month of the period of two years beginning on the 29th day of March, 1954, means a continuous period of four weeks beginning on that Monday in the standard year whose date is as nearly as possible the same as the Monday which begins the said month of the two years in question;

"Fat pig" means any porcine animal (other than a sow, boar, stag pig or rig pig) which is offered for sale for slaughter for human consumption and is considered by the appropriate Minister to be suitable for

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