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

Made - - - -	*26th July*, 1955
Laid before Parliament	*2nd August*, 1955
Coming into Operation	*26th March*, 1956

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.

respect thereof, calculated by the Ministers in accordance with the best information available to them, and after consultation with such bodies of persons as appear to the Ministers to represent the interests of producers of fat cattle and fat sheep;

"Dressed carcase weight" means, in relation to fat sheep, the weight of the carcase after the following parts have been removed: skin, head and tongue, paunch and guts, caul and gut fat, liver, melt, heart and lungs, heart or breast fat, sweetbreads, genito-urinary organs excluding kidneys, and feet; and, in relation to fat cattle, the weight of the carcase after the following parts have been removed: hide, head and tongue, feet, guts and tripes including liver spleen and pancreas, caul and gut fat, heart, Thymus glands, lights, thick skirt, tail, genito-urinary organs excluding kidneys, and large blood vessels of the abdomen and thorax;

"Fat cattle" means steers and heifers which weigh seven hundredweight, live weight, or more, which have an estimated killing-out percentage of fifty-four per centum or more or a dressed carcase weight of 425 pounds or more and 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 ninety-one days immediately preceding the date of such offering for sale;

"Fat sheep" means sheep and lambs of more than 25 pounds estimated dressed carcase weight (other than rams, ewes or uncastrated ram lambs) which are offered for sale for slaughter for human consumption and which are properly finished for the retail trade, other than such animals as have been brought into the United Kingdom;

"Heifer" means any female bovine animal which is not in calf or has not calved;

"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 live animal;

"Ministers" means the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for the Home Department, acting jointly;

"Pound" means pound avoirdupois;

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

"Steer" means any castrated male bovine animal;

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

"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 26th day of March, 1956, the average prices to be received for fat cattle and fat sheep by 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.

4. For the year beginning on the 25th day of March, 1957, the average prices to be received for fat cattle and fat sheep by 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.

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.

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 received for fat cattle and fat sheep by producers in the United Kingdom for each of the years beginning on 26th March, 1956, and 25th March, 1957, respectively.