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

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 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.

bacon curing or for the retail pork trade, other than one which has been brought into the United Kingdom during the period of seventy days immediately preceding the date of such offering for sale;

"Month" means a continuous period of four weeks beginning on the 29th day of March, 1954, and thereafter on every fourth Monday;

"Permitted deduction" means a deduction from the prices paid for fat pigs during any month if the average price of feedingstuffs, determined on the third Monday in the immediately preceding month, is less than thirty shillings and two pence per hundredweight, such deduction being at the rate of three pence per score for every complete three pence (or part of three pence exceeding one and one half pence) per hundredweight by which the average price of feedingstuffs, determined as aforesaid, was below thirty shillings and two pence per hundredweight;

"Pound" means pound avoirdupois dead weight;

"Price", in relation to fat pigs, means the amount of money paid or payable in respect of the sale of any fat pig, including any additional payments of whatever nature;

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

"Rig pig" means a male porcine animal which has either one undescended testicle and the other removed or two undescended testicles;

"Score" means twenty pounds;

"Stag pig" means a castrated male porcine animal which, by reason of late castration, shows some physical characteristics of a boar but whose carcase would not yield boar flesh;

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

"Year" means a continuous period of thirteen months.

(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 price (calculated in accordance with the provisions of Article 5 of this Order) to be paid for fat pigs to producers thereof in the United Kingdom shall not be less than—

(1) Forty-seven shillings per score, for fat pigs of between one hundred and forty-one pounds and one hundred and seventy-five pounds (both weights inclusive) which comply with the requirements set out in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Second Schedule to this Order, and for fat pigs of one hundred and sixteen pounds and over but less than one hundred and forty-one pounds;

(2) Forty shillings per score, for fat pigs of between one hundred and forty-one pounds and one hundred and seventy-five pounds (both weights inclusive) which do not comply with all the requirements set out in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Second Schedule but which comply with the requirements set out in the Third Schedule to this Order, for fat pigs of between one hundred and seventy-six pounds and one hundred and eighty pounds (both weights inclusive) which comply with the requirements of either paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Second Schedule to this Order or the Third Schedule to this Order, and for fat pigs of less than one hundred and sixteen pounds.

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

4. For the year beginning on the 28th day of March, 1955, the average price (calculated in accordance with the provisions of Article 5 of this Order) to be paid for fat pigs to producers thereof in the United Kingdom shall not be less than—

(1) Forty-five shillings per score, for fat pigs of between one hundred and forty-one pounds and one hundred and seventy-five pounds (both weights inclusive) which comply with the requirements set out in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of the Second Schedule to this Order, and for fat pigs of one hundred and sixteen pounds and over but less than one hundred and forty-one pounds;

(2) Forty shillings per score, for fat pigs of between one hundred and forty-one pounds and one hundred and seventy-five pounds (both weights inclusive) which do not comply with all the requirements set out in the Second Schedule but which comply with the requirements set out in the Third Schedule to this Order, for fat pigs of between one hundred and seventy-six pounds and one hundred and eighty pounds (both weights inclusive) which comply with the requirements of either the Second or Third Schedules to this Order, and for fat pigs of less than one hundred and sixteen pounds.

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:—

(1) 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 pigs which is comprised in the class set out in paragraph (1) of Article 3 or paragraph (1) of Article 4 of this Order in each month of the year in question by the number of score (actual or estimated) of each similar description of fat pigs purchased at collecting centres or bacon factories in the corresponding month 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 pigs as aforesaid in each month of the year in question by the number (actual or estimated) of each similar description of fat pigs purchased as aforesaid in the corresponding month of the standard year; and then divide the total amount of money thus ascertained by the total number of score (actual or estimated) of that class of fat pigs purchased as aforesaid in the standard year.

(2) 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 pigs which is comprised in the class set out in paragraph (2) of Article 3 or paragraph (2) of Article 4 of this Order in each month of the year in question by the number of score (actual or estimated) of each similar description of fat pigs purchased at collecting centres or bacon factories in the corresponding month 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 pigs as aforesaid in each month of the year in question by the number (actual or estimated) of each similar description of fat pigs purchased as aforesaid in the corresponding month of the standard year; and then divide the total amount of money thus ascertained by the total number of score (actual or estimated) of that class of fat pigs purchased as aforesaid in the standard year.

(3) If the average price of feeding stuffs, determined on the third Monday in each month, is less than thirty shillings and two pence per hundredweight, then in making the calculations set out in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Article no account shall be taken of any permitted deduction made during the following month.

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.

FIRST 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 three feedingstuffs named in column 1 of the Table hereunder, and the price per ton ex factory for lots of not less than two tons of the fourth feedingstuff named in column 1 of the Table hereunder, as determined in each case by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, 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 sum so arrived at shall be converted to a price per hundredweight and adjusted to the nearest penny, any exact half-penny being reckoned as a complete penny.

TABLE

Column 1	Column 2
Feedingstuffs	Percentage
Barley meal	40
Maize meal (home produced)	20
Wheat by-products	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

SECOND SCHEDULE

In the years beginning on 29th March, 1954, and 28th March, 1955—

1. The thickness of the fat at the point on the middle of the back where the fat is thinnest shall not be less than $\frac{3}{4}$ inches and shall not exceed $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches; and

2. (*a*) The thickness of the fat at the part of the shoulder where the fat is thickest shall not exceed $2\frac{3}{8}$ inches and the thickness of the fat at the top of the rump muscle shall not exceed $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches; or alternatively

(*b*) the thickness of the fat at the part of the shoulder where the fat is thickest shall not exceed $2\frac{5}{16}$ inches and the thickness of the fat at the top of the rump muscle shall not exceed $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches.

And, in the year beginning on 28th March, 1955—

3. The thickness of the belly $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches in from the belly edge opposite the joint between the fourth and fifth vertebrae from the curve shall be not less than $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

THIRD SCHEDULE

In the years beginning on 29th March, 1954, and 28th March, 1955—

1. The thickness of the fat at the point on the middle of the back where the fat is thinnest shall not exceed $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches; and

2. (*a*) The thickness of the fat at the part of the shoulder where the fat is thickest shall not exceed $2\frac{5}{16}$ inches; or alternatively

(*b*) the thickness of the fat at the top of the rump muscle shall not exceed $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

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

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 in the prices to be paid for fat pigs of 3d. per score for each complete 3d. (or part of 3d. exceeding $1\frac{1}{2}$d.) per hundredweight by which the price of a standard ration of feedingstuffs falls below 30s. 2d. per hundredweight.

1953 No. 1855

The Milk (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 approval of the Treasury, in exercise of the powers conferred