1955 No. 1170

The Fat Pigs (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 Pigs (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 fat pigs " means the average sum per score deadweight received by producers from the sale of fat pigs 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 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 pigs ; and for the purpose of calculating that average if the average price of feedingstuffs determined on the third Monday in any month, is less than twenty-nine shillings and tenpence per hundredweight, no account shall be taken of any permitted deduction made during the following month ;

" 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 twenty-four weeks immediately preceding the date of determination ;

" Dead weight " means the weight of the carcase after the following parts have been removed : hair, liver, melt, heart and lungs, guts, caul and gut fat, genito-urinary organs excluding kidneys ;

" Fat pig " means any porcine animal (other than a sow, boar, stag pig or rig pig) of not less than 60 pounds dead weight or 90 pounds live weight and not more than 180 pounds dead weight or 250 pounds live weight which is offered for sale for slaughter for human consumption and is

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

considered by the appropriate Minister to be of reasonable quality and suitable for bacon curing or for the retail pork trade or for manufacturing, other than such an animal as has been brought into the United Kingdom;

"Live weight" means the actual weight of the live animal;

"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 sums paid to producers by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food or the Secretary of State for Scotland in respect of fat pigs 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 ten pence per hundredweight, such deduction being at the rate of one penny per score for every complete one penny (or part of one penny exceeding one half-penny) per hundredweight by which the average price of feedingstuffs, determined as aforesaid, was below twenty-nine shillings and ten pence per hundredweight;

"Pound" means pound avoirdupois;

"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;

"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 price of fat pigs to be received by producers in the United Kingdom shall not be less than forty-one shillings per score dead weight.

4. For the year beginning on the 25th day of March, 1957, the average price of fat pigs to be received by producers in the United Kingdom shall not be less than thirty-eight shillings per score dead 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.

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

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 three 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 fourth 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
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

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 fat pigs by producers in the United Kingdom for each of the years beginning on 26th March, 1956, and 25th March, 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.