The Fat Stock (Minimum Prices for 1950-51 and 1951-52) Order, 1950

1950 No. 436

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In pursuance of subsection (2) of section five of the Agriculture Act, 1947(a), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, and 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, hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Fat Stock (Minimum Prices for 1950-51 and 1951-52) Order, 1950, and shall come into operation on the third day of April, 1950.

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

"Appropriate coefficient" has the meaning assigned to it by Article 6 of this Order.

"Clean pig of the standard weight range" means any porcine animal (other than a sow, boar, stag pig or rig pig) which is considered by the Minister of Food to be suitable for bacon curing or for the retail pork trade or which, in his opinion, is not below the standard of fair quality manufacturing pigs.

"Collecting centre" means a livestock market or other place authorised by the Minister of Food for the collection and sale for slaughter of fat stock.

"Cow-heifer" means any female bovine animal which has calved, but which has not grown more than seven permanent incisor teeth and still retains at least one temporary incisor tooth (calf tooth).

"Fat stock" means fat cattle, fat sheep, fat lambs and fat pigs offered for sale for slaughter for human consumption.

"First-grade lamb" means any ovine animal 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.

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

"Heifer" means any female bovine animal which has not calved, and is estimated to yield a beef carcase of over two hundred pounds dressed carcase weight.

"Killing-out percentage" means the percentage which the dressed carcase weight of the animal bears to the actual live weight of the animal less twenty-eight pounds.

"Live hundredweight", "dead weight", and "dressed carcase weight" mean, in each case, such weight respectively as may be ascertained by or on behalf of the Minister of Food 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(a).

"Producer" includes any person having under his care, control or management any fat stock.

"Quality premium payment" and "headage premium payment" mean, in each case, an additional payment for animals falling within specified limits of quality as from time to time defined by the Minister of Food.

"Score" means twenty pounds.

"Steer" means any castrated male bovine animal estimated to yield a beef carcase of over two hundred pounds dressed carcase weight.

"Year" means a continuous period of fifty-two weeks.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(b), 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 third day of April, 1950, the average prices (calculated in accordance with the provisions of Article 5 hereof) to be paid for fat stock to producers thereof shall not be less than the following prices:—

(1) For steers, heifers and cow-heifers, ninety-two shillings per live hundredweight.

(2) For first-grade sheep, one shilling and ten pence per pound estimated dressed carcase weight.

(3) For first-grade lambs, three-halfpence per pound estimated dressed carcase weight over and above the said price for first-grade sheep.

(4) For clean pigs of the standard weight range, thirty-one shillings per score dead weight.

4. For the year beginning on the second day of April, 1951, the average prices (calculated in accordance with the provisions of Article 5 hereof) to be paid for fat stock to producers thereof shall not be less than the following prices:—

(1) For steers, heifers and cow-heifers, ninety-two shillings per live hundredweight.

(2) For first-grade sheep, one shilling and ten pence per pound estimated dressed carcase weight.

(a) The following Orders are in force at the date of this Order:—S.I. 1949 (No. 1253) II, p. 256; and S.I. 1948 (No. 1935) II, p. 417 as amended by S.I. 1948 (No. 2765) II, p. 420.
(b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

(3) For first-grade lambs, three halfpence per pound estimated dressed carcase weight over and above the said price for first-grade sheep.

(4) For clean pigs of the standard weight range, thirty shillings per score dead weight.

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

(1) *For steers, heifers and cow-heifers*

Multiply the price paid per live hundredweight (or, where different prices are paid for different killing-out percentages, the arithmetic mean of such prices) for each description, class or grade of such animals purchased at collecting centres by the Minister of Food in each week of the year in question by the appropriate coefficient determined in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 hereof. Add together the resulting sums in respect of all such animals for the whole of the year in question, and divide the total sum thus ascertained by the sum of the appropriate coefficients determined as aforesaid.

Provided that, in determining for the purposes of the foregoing calculation the price paid per live hundredweight for any animal, no account shall be taken of price deductions for heavy weight animals.

Provided also that, in determining for the purposes of the foregoing calculation the price paid per live hundredweight for any animal, there shall be included in the price an estimate, where appropriate, of the amount per live hundredweight of any quality premium payment.

(2) *For first-grade sheep and lambs*

Multiply the price paid per pound estimated dressed carcase weight (or, where different prices are paid for different classes of such animals, the arithmetic mean of such prices) for such sheep and for such lambs respectively purchased at collecting centres by the Minister of Food in each week of the year in question by the appropriate coefficient determined in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 hereof. Add together the resulting sums in respect of sheep and of lambs respectively for the whole of the year in question, and divide the total sums thus ascertained by the sum of each of the appropriate coefficients determined as aforesaid.

Provided that, in determining for the purposes of the foregoing calculation the price paid per pound estimated dressed carcase weight for any animal, there shall be included in the price an estimate, where appropriate, of the amount per pound estimated dressed carcase weight of any headage premium payment.

(3) *For clean pigs of the standard weight range*

Multiply the price paid per score dead weight for such pigs purchased at collecting centres or at bacon factories by the Minister of Food in each week of the year in question by the appropriate coefficient determined in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 hereof. Add together the resulting sums for the whole of the year in question, and divide the total sum thus ascertained by the sum of the appropriate coefficients determined as aforesaid.

6. For the purposes of Article 5 hereof, the appropriate coefficient shall be, in each case, the number (whether actual or estimated) of animals of the corresponding species, description, class and grade purchased at collecting centres or at bacon factories by the Minister of Food in the corresponding week of the year which began on the first day of April, 1946.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this twenty-third day of March, 1950.

(L.S.) *T. Williams,*
Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland this twenty-third day of March, 1950.

(L.S.) *Hector McNeil,*
Secretary of State for Scotland.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for the Home Department this twenty-third day of March, 1950.

(L.S.) *J. Chuter Ede,*
Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Approved.

Richard Adams,
W. A. Wilkins,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of His 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 certain classes of livestock to producers in the United Kingdom for each of the years beginning on 3rd April, 1950 and 2nd April, 1951, respectively; and prescribes the manner in which the average price for each class and for each year is to be calculated.