1964. No. 195 **[C]**

PIGS

Premium Boars

SCHEME, DATED 27TH NOVEMBER, 1964, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE AGRICULTURE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1949.

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section Nine of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland) 1949(**a**), and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following Scheme:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Premium Boar Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1964 and shall come into operation on 31st December, 1964.

Revocation

2. The Premium Boar Scheme 1959(**b**) is hereby revoked.

Definitions

3. In this Scheme—

"Accredited Pig Herd" means a pig herd registered as accredited under the Accredited Pig Herds and Litter Testing Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1961 to 1963(**c**) or under an Accredited Pig Herds Scheme in operation by the Department of Agriculture in the Republic of Ireland.

"Agricultural Co-operative Organisation" means a group of farmers who are co-operating to their mutual advantage in the breeding or commercial production of pigs.

"Approved" means approved by the Ministry of Agriculture.

"County Committee" means a County Committee of Agriculture appointed pursuant to Section 2(1) of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland) 1949.

"Ministry" means the Ministry of Agriculture.

"Pedigree" means entered in the Herd Book of the breed concerned and earmarked in accordance with the appropriate Herd Book regulations.

"Premium" means the payment which a selected owner will receive for allowing his premium boar to stand for general use in his district.

"Premium Boar" means a boar which has been approved, after inspection by an authorised officer of the Ministry, as being suitable for the award of a premium and which has been purchased by an applicant selected by a County Committee to keep a boar under this Scheme.

Eligible Breeds

4. To be eligible for selection as a premium boar, a boar shall—

(*a*) be a pedigree boar of the Large White or Landrace Breed; and

(*b*) have been bred in a herd which at the time of selection is an accredited pig herd;

(**a**) 1949. c. 2.
(**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1959, No. 163.
(**c**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961, No. 4 and S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1963, No. 5.

provided that a boar from a first litter born in an accredited pig herd from a gilt or sow *not* bred in an accredited pig herd shall be eligible for selection if the Ministry is satisfied as to the standards achieved by the dam and/or the sire of the said boar or by the herd from which they were derived.

Age and selection of Boars

5. Except where the Ministry otherwise approves, boars shall be selected as eligible for first-year premiums only from those which are over six months and under twelve months old and which are entered and exhibited at approved Shows and Sales.

Selection of Applicants

6. Each County Committee shall, in accordance with the First Schedule, receive applications and select suitable persons to keep premium boars.

Purchase of Boars

7. Applicants selected in accordance with Article 6 shall purchase boars for premium only from those animals which are approved for use as premium boars. Applicants who purchase boars shall supply to the County Agricultural Executive Officer, or his representative, at the time of purchase, or as soon afterwards as is possible, details of the boars purchased. If for any reason a Show and Sale is not held the Ministry may make such other arrangements as are necessary for the inspection, selection and purchase of boars for premium.

Conditions and authority of County Committees

8. The conditions applicable to the placing out of premium boars are as set out in the Second and Third Schedules. The functions of County Committees are as set out in the Fourth Schedule.

Premiums

9.—(1) The values of the premiums payable by the Ministry and the methods of claiming and paying such premiums are as set out in the Fifth Schedule.

(2) In addition to the payment of premiums as in paragraph (1) the Ministry may, where the boar is conveyed by public transport from the place of purchase to the purchaser's farm, pay half the cost of the carriage so incurred.

Penalties

10.—(1) In the event of any infringement of, or non-compliance with the terms of this Scheme, or of a boar being unable from any cause to complete the prescribed number of services, payment of the premium or any part thereof may be withheld by the Ministry.

(2) Any person who through misrepresentation or fraud receives or claims payment of a premium for a boar, or obtains the service of a premium boar for his sow under this Scheme, may, in addition to any other penalty to which he may be liable by law, be debarred from obtaining in future any benefit under this Scheme.

General

11. The Ministry may brand or otherwise mark any premium boars, and may inspect them at any time.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 27th day of November, 1964.

(L.S.) *J. A. Young,*
Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance hereby approves of the foregoing Scheme.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 30th day of November, 1964, in the presence of

(L.S.) *R. H. Kidd,*
Assistant Secretary.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Selection of Premium Holders

1. The County Committee shall receive applications from persons who, if selected, are prepared to keep premium boars for the service of sows locally.

2. The County Committee shall also receive applications from Agricultural Co-operative Organisations wishing to keep premium boars for the service of sows owned by the Organisation or by its individual members.

3. Such applications shall be made to the County Committee in such form and within such time as the County Committee may determine.

4. In making selections the County Committee shall have regard to the needs of the various districts within its area and, save with the Ministry's special approval in writing, no two applicants residing within two statute miles by road of each other shall be selected to keep premium boars of the same breed.

5. The total number of applicants selected by a County Committee to keep premium boars shall be limited by the total number of premiums (first-year and second-year) approved by the Ministry for that county.

6. The County Agricultural Executive Officer shall notify those applicants who have been selected as suitable to keep premium boars and inform them of the Shows and Sales approved by the Ministry for the inspection of such boars.

7. A list of the applicants selected shall be forwarded to the Ministry by the County Committee immediately after the selections have been made and the list shall state the particular Sale at which each applicant intends to purchase a boar.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Conditions Applicable to First and Second-Year Premium Boars

Service Season

1. In the case of premium boars to be kept by persons:—

The service season shall commence not earlier than the 1st January. For first-year boars the service season shall begin not later than a date to be fixed by the County Committee, which date shall in no case be subsequent to the 1st July and shall close on the 31st December. Provided also that the service season for a first-year premium boar shall not commence, for the purposes of this Scheme, until the owner of the boar has notified the County Agricultural Executive Officer that he has purchased a suitable boar.

2. In the case of premium boars to be kept by Agricultural Co-operative Organisations:—

The service season for the first year shall commence as soon as the Organisation has informed the County Agricultural Executive Officer that it has purchased a premium boar and on the corresponding date in second or subsequent years.

Service and Fees

3. Each first-year premium boar shall serve not less than 30 sows, and each second-year boar shall serve not less than 40 sows.

4. With the exception of premium boars owned by Agricultural Co-operative Organisations, the service of sows the property of the owner of the boar shall not be recognised for premium purposes.

5. The service fee for the prescribed number of services shall be fixed for its area by each County Committee provided that the maximum fee shall not exceed 20/- per sow inclusive of all charges, except that an additional charge, at such rate

as the County Committee determines, may be made to cover the keep of a sow which is left on the farm of the premium boar owner for more than two days. In the case of a premium boar owned by an Agricultural Co-operative Organisation this condition shall apply only when the boar is used for the service of sows not owned by the Organisation or members of the Organisation.

6. After the prescribed minimum number of sows has been served the owner of the boar may charge such fee as he may decide.

7. A sow to be eligible for service under this Scheme must be the property of an Agricultural Co-operative Organisation, a farmer who is a rated occupier in a rural or urban district of a county in Northern Ireland or of a herdsman, artisan or bona-fide agricultural labourer resident in such a county.

Service Restrictions

8. Save in the case of an Agricultural Co-operative Organisation the owner of a premium boar shall not, before the prescribed number of sows has been served, reserve the use of the boar for sows the property of any individual.

9. Sows shall be served in the order in which they are presented.

10. The boar owner shall keep on the service form supplied by the Ministry a record of the names and addresses of persons whose sows have been served, with dates of such services and the amount of the fee charged.

11. The form shall be produced for inspection on request by any officer of the Ministry or by the County Committee.

12. The owner of a premium boar has the right to refuse the use of his boar in any case where he is satisfied that the service would be prejudicial to the boar or where the owner of a sow presented for service has failed to pay the fee due for any service previously obtained under this Scheme. The reason for such refusal in either of these circumstances shall be communicated immediately to the County Agricultural Executive Officer who shall notify the Ministry of the circumstances in which service has been refused.

Inspection of Boars for Second-Year Premiums

13. Of the boars awarded first-year premiums only those which are approved as suitable to stand for a second year under this Scheme shall be eligible to earn second-year premiums. A boar which is not well developed or which shows signs of having been badly cared for shall not be eligible to earn a second-year premium.

14. The owner of a boar selected for a second-year premium shall produce such evidence, as the Ministry may require, of the fruitfulness of the boar in the first service season.

15. A boar approved as eligible to earn a second-year premium shall stand for service at the same place as in the previous service season, save when in special circumstances the County Committee approves its transfer to another farm.

16. The Ministry shall send to the County Committee, as soon as practicable, a list of owners of boars which have been approved as eligible to earn second-year premiums and a list of owners whose boars have not been so approved.

17. The County Agricultural Executive Officer shall notify each owner who has not been selected by the County Committee to receive a second-year premium or whose boar has not been approved as suitable to stand for a second year under this Scheme.

18. The owner of a first-year premium boar which is selected as suitable for a second-year premium shall retain such boar for a second season as a premium boar unless he obtains the consent of the County Committee to dispose of it.

THIRD SCHEDULE

Additional Conditions Applicable to Premium Boars owned by Agricultural Co-operative Organisations

1. The agricultural co-operative organisation shall keep an accurate record in respect of each premium boar owned by it of:—

(*a*) the number of litters sired by the boar;

(*b*) the number of pigs born in each litter;

(*c*) the number of pigs weaned from each litter; and

(*d*) the grading results of all progeny slaughtered.

2. The record shall be produced on request for inspection by any officer of the Ministry.

3. Any application for a second-year premium shall be accompanied with details as to the number of pigs born and weaned from the first ten sows served by the boar and the grading results of at least the first 40 pigs, progeny of the boar, slaughtered.

4. A second-year premium shall not be awarded in respect of any boar unless the Ministry is satisfied as to the number of progeny born and weaned and their grading results.

5. A third-year premium may be awarded in respect of any boar which has earned a second-year premium provided that the Ministry is satisfied that the boar is capable of effecting 40 services in the third year.

FOURTH SCHEDULE

Authority and Functions of County Committees

Subject to the approval of the Ministry a County Committee may lay down conditions or requirements as it deems advisable in regard to:—

(1) the number of premium boars which any one owner may possess, provided that:

(*a*) no owner shall keep a premium boar and any other boar on the same farm unless such other boar has been bred in an Accredited Pig Herd and is approved as being up to the premium boar standard;

(*b*) no owner, save an agricultural co-operative organisation, shall possess two premium boars of the same breed unless located at least two miles by road from each other;

(2) the number of sows which any one farmer may send to a premium boar for service;

(3) permitting the service of sows owned by any persons who would otherwise be excluded in accordance with the terms of the Second Schedule;

(4) fixing the latest date for the commencement of the service season in accordance with the Second Schedule;

(5) fixing the service fee (subject to a maximum of 20/-) and a charge per day from the third day onwards to cover the keep of a sow which is left on the farm of a premium boar owner for longer than two days.

FIFTH SCHEDULE

Value of Annual Premium

The maximum values of premiums payable under this Scheme shall be:—

For "Approved Boars" and the sons of "Approved Boars" as defined in the Accredited Pig Herds and Litter Testing Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1961 to 1963	£25
For any other boar selected in accordance with the Scheme	£15

Claiming and Payment of Premiums

Not earlier than 1st September in any service season, and not later than the following 28th February, the owner of the premium boar shall forward to the County Agricultural Executive Officer the service form, and complete the claim for payment.

The County Agricultural Executive Officer shall be responsible for the examination and certification of all such claims and for their submission to the Ministry for payment.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Scheme but is intended to indicate the general purport.)

This Scheme revokes and re-enacts the 1959 Scheme with the following amendments. The boars which shall be eligible for use as premium boars are defined more specifically and the placing of premium boars with agricultural co-operative organisations is permitted.

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DISEASES OF ANIMALS

Ascertainment of Compensation

ORDER, DATED 2ND DECEMBER, 1964, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTIONS 12 AND 53 OF THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1958(a).

The Ministry of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 12 and 53 of the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958, and every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and Commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Diseases of Animals (Ascertainment of Compensation) Order 1964 and shall come into operation on the 3rd December, 1964.

(a) 1958. c. 13.