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AGRICULTURE

Sheep Headage Payments Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1976

Made	*5th March* 1976
Coming into operation . . .	*29th March* 1976

The Department of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 1 of the Agriculture (Temporary Assistance) Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(a) as amended by the Agriculture (Temporary Assistance) (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 1957(b) and now vested in it(c) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, and with the approval of the Department(d) of Finance, hereby makes the following Scheme:

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Scheme may be cited as the Sheep Headage Payments Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1976.

(2) This Scheme shall come into operation on 29th March 1976.

Definitions

2. In this Scheme—

"approved deadweight certification centre" means any place for the time being approved for the certification of the carcases of livestock under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme;

"approved liveweight certification centre" means any place for the time being approved for the certification of livestock under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme;

"certified" means certified under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme;

"Department" means Department of Agriculture;

"Fatstock Guarantee Scheme" means the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme in operation in Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

"Fatstock Guarantee Scheme Year" means the year as specified under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme for the time being in operation;

"home bred" means born and entirely produced in Northern Ireland;

"sheep" means clean fat sheep or carcases of such animals.

Headage payments

3. Subject to the provisions of this Scheme, the Department may in its discretion make to or for the benefit (whether direct or indirect) of farmers producing home-bred sheep, a payment in respect of each eligible home-bred animal which the Department is satisfied has been properly certified under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme at any approved liveweight or deadweight certification centre in Northern Ireland during the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme Year 1976/77.

(a) 1954 c. 31 (N.I.)
(b) 1957 c. 3 (N.I.)
(c) By 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 7(1); 1974 c. 28 Sch. 1 para. 2(1) and (2)
(d) Formerly Minister: *see* 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 7(1); 1974 c. 28 Sch. 1 para. 2(1) and (2)

4. For each animal so certified during a period of the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme Year mentioned in the first column of the Schedule, the payment shall be that specified for that period in the second column of the Schedule.

5. Such payment shall be made to such persons and at such times as the Department may think proper.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 5th March 1976.

(L.S.) *J. A. Young*
Permanent Secretary

The Department of Finance hereby approves the foregoing Scheme.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance for Northern Ireland on 5th March 1976.

(L.S.) *R. H. Kidd*
Second Secretary

SCHEDULE

Period	*Rate of headage payment*
29th March to 9th May 1976 . . .	80p
10th May to 16th May 1976	65p
17th May to 23rd May 1976	50p
24th May to 20th June 1976	25p

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Scheme enables the Department of Agriculture to pay headage payments in respect of home-bread sheep certified under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme 1976/77 for the period and at the rates set out in the Schedule.