

SEVENTH SCHEDULE

Procedure to be observed by owners of Accredited Poultry Farms wishing to obtain Stock Cockerels

Grade A farms

Owners of grade A farms shall obtain only from other grade A farms any fresh blood, namely, stock cockerels, or eggs or chicks from which primarily to raise stock cockerels, they may wish to introduce.

An established pedigree breeder whose stock is shown by official recording to be satisfactory and whose farm would be eligible for grade A if there were sufficient birds on it to satisfy the conditions of this Scheme will be regarded as equivalent to grade A for the purpose only of supplying new blood to owners of accredited farms. This concession shall not apply to farms which are eligible for accreditation, the owners of which have not applied to have them accredited.

Grade B farms

Owners of grade B farms shall obtain only from grade A farms any fresh blood, namely, stock cockerels, or eggs or chicks from which primarily to raise stock cockerels, they may wish to introduce.

Grade C farms

Owners of grade C farms shall obtain only from grade A or grade B farms any fresh blood, namely, stock cockerels, or eggs or chicks from which primarily to raise stock cockerels, they may wish to introduce. Surplus birds obtained by a grade C farm from an A or B farm shall not be eligible for sale as being from a grade A or B farm.

Unless in exceptional circumstances where prior approval to do so is obtained, it shall not be permissible to obtain from another farm more eggs than are necessary to provide the cockerels needed. The pullets from such a hatch shall not be retained unless they are of a breed approved for the farm for breeding.

Acreege Payments—Potatoes

SCHEME DATED 20TH JUNE, 1955 MADE BY THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTION 1(1) OF THE AGRICULTURE (TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1954.

1955. No. 103

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The Minister of Agriculture by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the Agriculture (Temporary Assistance) Act (Northern Ireland), 1954 and of all other powers him thereunto enabling, and with the approval of the Minister of Finance, hereby makes the following Scheme:—

Short Title and Commencement

1.—(1) This Scheme may be cited as the Acreege Payments (Potatoes) Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1955.

(2) This Scheme shall come into operation on 24th June, 1955.

Definitions

2. In this Scheme—

“Potatoes” means potatoes planted in Northern Ireland during the year 1955.

“Acre” means statute acre.

“Acreage Payment” means a sum calculated in respect of any of the specified varieties of potatoes by reference to the acreage occupied by that variety.

Acreage Payments

3.—(1) For the purpose of assisting the agricultural industry in Northern Ireland the Ministry may, subject to and in accordance with the succeeding provisions of this Scheme, make to qualified producers in respect of the varieties of potatoes specified in the first column of Part I of the Schedule acreage payments at the rates specified in respect thereof in the second column of the said Part I.

(2) Where potatoes of a variety specified in Group A or Group B of Part I of the Schedule are found to contain less than 95 per cent. of the variety in respect of which payment is sought, the acreage payment to be made in respect thereof shall be at the rate specified for Group C potatoes:

Qualified Producers

4.—(1) A person shall not be deemed to be a qualified producer for the purposes of this Scheme unless on the first day of June, 1955:—

- (a) he was farming land in Northern Ireland either as owner or occupier thereof or as conacre tenant thereof;
- (b) the area of that land on which any of the specified varieties of potatoes were grown was not less than one acre; and
- (c) he owned the said potatoes.

(2) Where a qualified producer dies before a payment under this Scheme has been made to him, that payment may, on production of Probate, Letters of Administration or such other evidence as appears to the Ministry to be satisfactory, be paid by the Ministry to his Personal Representatives for the benefit of his Estate or, if representation has not been raised and the amount of the payment is under one hundred pounds, may be paid by the Ministry to or for the benefit of his dependents.

Computation of Acreage

5. For the purpose of calculating the area of land on which any of the specified varieties of potatoes are grown:—

- (a) Headlands shall be included.
- (b) Woodland and land occupied by roads, ponds, buildings, pits and quarries shall be excluded.

Application for Acreage Payments

6. An acreage payment shall not be made under this Scheme unless on or before the 16th day of July, 1955, or by such later date as the Ministry may, in special circumstances, allow, application therefor is made in such manner as the Ministry may by public notice direct.

Conditions as to Good Husbandry and Returns

7. A person shall not be entitled to an acreage payment in respect of potatoes unless:—

- (a) the Ministry is satisfied that the land on which the potatoes are grown is maintained in good condition and farmed in accordance with the rules of good husbandry within the meaning of Section fifteen of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland), 1949; and
- (b) he furnishes to the Ministry at such times as the Ministry may require, such particulars of stocks of potatoes held by him, as the Ministry may require.

Crop Failures

8. Where the potatoes have failed after planting, the Ministry may make an acreage payment in respect thereof, if:—

- (a) such failure was notified to the Ministry at such time as to enable an Inspector of the Ministry to examine the crop; and
- (b) the Ministry is satisfied that such failure was not due to any failure to maintain the land in good condition and farm it in accordance with the rules of good husbandry as aforesaid.

Recovery of Certain Sums

9. Where any acreage payment or any part thereof has been paid by the Ministry to any person not entitled thereto the Ministry may recover that sum summarily as a civil debt due to it by that person.

Powers of Inspection

10. For the purpose of securing the due and proper administration of this Scheme and for preventing fraud in connection therewith, an officer of the Ministry, on production, if so required, of his authority, may, at all reasonable times, enter on any lands on which potatoes in respect of which application for an acreage payment has been made are grown.

Robert Moore,

Minister of Agriculture.

I approve of the foregoing Scheme.

Brian Maginess,

Minister of Finance.

SCHEDULE

PART I

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2
VARIETIES	RATE OF PAYMENT PER ACRE
<i>GROUP A</i>	
Arran Peak Dunbar Standard Gladstone King Edward VII Majestic Ulster Supreme	60/-
<i>GROUP B</i>	
Any variety other than those specified in Group A or Group C but excluding the varieties named in Part II	25/-
<i>GROUP C</i>	
Arran Banner Arran Victory Kerr's Pink	10/-

PART II

Arran Comrade
British Queen
Duke of York
Epicure
Ninetyfold
Ulster Chieftain
Ulster Prince

Arran Pilot
Craig's Royal
Dunbar Rover
Home Guard
Ruby Queen
Ulster Dale
Vanguard

Ballydoon
Di Vernon
Eightyfold
May Queen
Sharpes Express
Ulster Ensign

SCHEME DATED 5TH SEPTEMBER, 1955, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTION 1 OF THE AGRICULTURE (TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1954.

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The Minister of Agriculture by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred on him by the Agriculture (Temporary Assistance) Act (Northern Ireland), 1954, and of all other powers him thereunto enabling, and with the approval of the Minister of Finance hereby makes the following Scheme:—

1.—(1) This Scheme may be cited as the Acreage Payments (Potatoes) (Amendment) Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1955, and shall be construed as one with the Acreage Payments (Potatoes) Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1955.

(2) This Scheme shall come into operation on 5th September, 1955.

2. The Acreage Payments (Potatoes) Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1955, shall have effect as if—