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**The Hill Cattle Subsidy (Breeding Herds) (Northern Ireland)
Payment Order 1970**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	30th September 1970
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	7th October 1970
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	8th October 1970

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, in pursuance of sections 14(3) and 17 of the Hill Farming Act 1946(a), as amended by section 8 of the Livestock Rearing Act 1951(b), and all his other enabling powers, with the approval of the Treasury, hereby makes the following order :—

Citation and commencement

1. This order, which may be cited as the Hill Cattle Subsidy (Breeding Herds) (Northern Ireland) Payment Order 1970, shall come into operation on 8th October 1970.

Interpretation

2.—(1) Unless the context otherwise requires, expressions used in this order shall have the same meaning as in the Hill Cattle (Breeding Herds) (Northern Ireland) Scheme 1968(c), as amended (d).

(2) In this order, “certified herd” means a herd in respect of which the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland has issued a brucellosis certificate in accordance with the provisions of an order made under the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958(e) in connection with the eradication of that disease, being an order which provides for such certificates to be issued in respect of herds which have been officially tested by that Ministry for the presence of brucella infection, with negative results, or which have been wholly constituted by the transfer of animals from other certified herds or from similar herds in the Republic of Ireland.

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889(f) shall apply to the interpretation of this order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Amounts of subsidy payments for 1970–1972

3. Subject to the provisions of the Hill Cattle (Breeding Herds) (Northern Ireland) Scheme 1968, as amended, the amount which may be paid by way of subsidy payment under that scheme in respect of any animal to which it applies shall be—

(a) in respect of the year 1970—

(i) in the case of an animal comprised in a herd which is a certified herd on 1st September 1970 and which is also on that day free from brucellosis to the satisfaction of the Ministry, £25 12s. 6d. ;

(ii) in the case of an animal comprised in a herd which is not a certified herd on 1st September 1970 but which subsequently becomes a certified herd as a result of a final official test by the

(a) 1946 c. 73. For change of title of the Minister, see S.I. 1955/554 (1955 I, p. 1200).
 (b) 1951 c. 18. (c) S.I. 1968/965 (1968 II, p. 2569). (d) S.I. 1969/700 (1969 II, p. 1918).
 (e) 1958 c. 13 (N.I.). (f) 1889 c. 63.

- Ministry for the presence of brucella infection commenced on or before that day, £25 12s. 6d. ;
- (iii) in the case of any other animal, £23 15s. 0d. ;
- (b) in respect of the years 1971 and 1972 respectively—
- (i) in the case of an animal comprised in a herd which is a certified herd on the qualifying day in the year to which the subsidy relates and which has been free from brucellosis to the satisfaction of the Ministry at any time during the period commencing with 1st September 1970 and ending with that qualifying day, £25 12s. 6d. ;
- (ii) in the case of an animal comprised in a herd which is not a certified herd on the qualifying day in the year to which the subsidy relates but which subsequently becomes a certified herd as a result of a final official test by the Ministry for the presence of brucella infection commenced on or before that day, £25 12s. 6d. ;
- (iii) in the case of any other animal, £23 15s. 0d.

Existing orders not to apply

4. The Hill Cattle Subsidy (Breeding Herds) (Northern Ireland) Payment Order 1968(a), as amended (b), shall cease to apply to subsidy payments in respect of the years 1970, 1971 and 1972.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 24th September 1970.

J. M. L. Prior,

(L.S.)

Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

We approve,

H. S. P. Monro,

Reginald Eyre,

Two of the Lords Commissioners of
Her Majesty's Treasury.

30th September 1970.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This order increases the amount of the Northern Ireland Hill Cattle subsidy for the years 1970, 1971 and 1972. The old rate was a uniform amount of £22 5s. 0d. per cow. The new rate will depend on whether the cow is in a herd which is certified by the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland under their statutory powers for the eradication of brucellosis, in which case the subsidy will be £25 12s. 6d. per cow. For other cows it will be £23 15s. 0d.

In 1970, a herd will be eligible for the higher rate if it is already a certified herd on 1st September, or if it subsequently becomes certified as a result of a final test started on or before that date. In 1971 and 1972 the operative date will be the qualifying day for the hill cattle subsidy, usually 1st June. Where brucellosis is present in a certified herd on 1st September 1970 the animals in the herd will not be eligible for the higher rate of subsidy in that year, nor in a subsequent year if the original infection continues until the qualifying day in that year.

(a) S.I. 1968/966 (1968 II, p. 2574). (b) S.I. 1969/701 (1969 II, p. 1920).

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