

Table II.

PARTICULARS OF SALES OF PIGS.

Name and Address of Purchaser.	No. of Pigs.

Signed.....

Date.....

Pigs, Marketing of : Grading.

THE PIGS MARKETING (GRADING) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER, 1934, DATED 27TH NOVEMBER, 1934, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTION 4 (2) OF THE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1933 (23 AND 24 GEO. 5, CH. 22).

1934. No. 101.

WHEREAS the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland in exercise of its powers under the Agricultural Marketing Act (Northern Ireland), 1933, made on the 6th September, 1933, the Pigs Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland) (Approval) Order, 1933, approving the Pigs Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1933, regulating the marketing of pigs.

Now the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 4 (2) of the Agricultural Marketing Act (Northern Ireland), 1933, hereby makes for the purposes of the Pigs Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1933, the following Order :—

Pigs for Curing to be Graded.

1. Dead pigs for curing into bacon and hams in Northern Ireland shall be graded as specified in the Schedule to this Order by Veterinary Inspectors of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland duly authorized in that behalf by that Ministry.

2. Dead pigs as aforesaid shall be marked and graded in accordance with the following procedure :—

A. *Marking on the Farm of Origin.*

The producer shall :

- (i) attach in such manner as may be directed a carcass card previously supplied to him by the curer to every pig carcass leaving the producer's premises consigned to a curer's establishment or to be delivered to a curer at a market or elsewhere.
- (ii) see that each such carcass card contains the following information :—
 - (a) the name and address of the curer to whom the carcass is consigned or delivered as aforesaid ;
 - (b) the serial number of the carcass card ;
 - (c) the name and address of the producer ;
 - (d) the date and place of delivery, together with any instructions as to route ;
 - (e) the number of carcasses in the consignment ;
 - (f) whether payment is desired by cash or by cheque.

B. *Marking at a Market.*

The authorized weighmaster, where a carcass is delivered to a curer at a market, having weighed the carcass shall mark the dead weight of the carcass on the carcass card and make out in triplicate a numbered weigh ticket signed and dated by himself and containing the following particulars :

- (i) the name of the market ;
- (ii) the name of the curer ;
- (iii) the name and address of the producer ;
- (iv) the serial number of the carcass card ;
- (v) the dead weight of the carcass.

The weighmaster shall dispose of the three copies of the weigh ticket as follows :—

- (1) Copy to be handed to the producer ;
- (2) Copy to be handed to the curer ;
- (3) Copy to be retained by the weighmaster.

The curer is to see that the curer's copy of the weigh ticket either accompanies the carcass to the curer's premises or is delivered to those premises without avoidable delay.

The producer shall retain his copy of the weigh ticket until he receives payment and the purchase and grading statement referred to below whereupon he shall hand or send his copy of the weigh ticket to the curer.

In the case of pigs delivered or consigned direct to the curer's establishment, the curer shall deliver to the producer a receipt showing the serial number of each carcass card and the dead weight of the carcass.

C. *At the Curer's Premises.*

1. The authorized Veterinary Inspector of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland is :

- (i) to grade the carcass at the premises of the curer in accordance with the classes and grades set out in the Schedule to this Order ;
- (ii) to remove the carcass card immediately the carcass has been split and the back fat measured ;
- (iii) to enter the grade on the carcass card, initial it and then pass the card on to the curer.

If the carcass is found by the Veterinary Inspector to be outside the weights or the quality grades as set out in the Schedule hereto, the Veterinary Inspector is to note the fact on the carcass card.

2. The carcass cards shall be retained by the curer for one month after the grading of the carcass.

3. The curer shall make out a purchase and grading statement showing the name and address of the curer, the name and address of the producer, the dead weight, quality grade, price per dead cwt., and value of each pig, the total value of the consignment, authorised deductions, and the nett payment. One copy of this statement shall be delivered to the producer at the time payment is made, one copy shall be sent to the Ministry of Agriculture or such other person as the Ministry may direct and one copy shall be retained by the curer.

Interpretation.

4. "Curer" includes "Curer's Agent."

Short Title.

5. This Order may be cited as the Pigs Marketing (Grading) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1934.

Commencement.

6. This Order shall come into operation on the first day of December, 1934.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture, Northern Ireland, is hereunto affixed this twenty-seventh day of November, Nineteen hundred and thirty-four.

(L.S.)

(Signed),

J. Taylor,

Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE.

WEIGHT CLASSES AND QUALITY GRADES.

Weight Classes.	Grades. (Maximum thickness of back fat at the shoulder.)		
	A.	B.	C.
I. Dead carcase weight not less than 1 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs. and not more than 1 cwt. 2 qrs. 14 lbs. ..	From 1½" to 1¾"	From 2" to 2¾"	From 2¼" to 2½"
II. Dead carcase weight not less than 1 cwt. 2 qrs. 15 lbs. and not more than 1 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs. ..	From 1¾" to 2"	From 2½" to 2¾"	From 2¾" to 2½"
III. Dead carcase weight not less than 1 cwt. 3 qrs. 15 lbs. and not more than 2 cwt. ..	From 1½" to 2¾"	From 2¼" to 2½"	From 2½" to 2¾"
IV. Dead carcase weight not less than 2 cwt. 0 qrs. 1 lb. and not more than 2 cwt. 0 qrs. 14 lbs. ..	From 1¾" to 2¾"	From 2¼" to 2½"	From 2¾" to 2¾"

Ungraded Pigs.

- (a) All dead pigs sold and delivered as dead pig carcasses which weigh less than 1 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs., or weigh more than 2 cwt. 0 qrs. 14 lbs.; or,
- (b) Pigs within these weights, but of which the shoulder fat measurements are less than or more than the grade A., B. or C. measurements of the weight class into which they fall.
- (c) Wholly or mainly black pigs, injured pigs, shoulder stuck pigs, dead pigs with broken hams, boars and suckled sows.

Grade Measurements.

All measurements to be taken to the nearest ¼th of an inch by an instrument approved by the Ministry of Agriculture. The range of shoulder fat measurements is inclusive in all cases.

Weights for Grading.

For grading purposes, the dead weight of the pig shall be deemed to be the dead weight marked on the carcase card attached to the carcase by any authorised weighmaster of a Market Authority. In the case of pigs coming direct to curers' stores, or insufficiently marked, the curer shall be responsible for marking the dead weight or weight class on the carcase card.

If the grader is in any doubt about the correctness of the dead weight or weight class marked on the carcase or the carcase card, he shall check the dead weight of the carcase.

Pigs, Marketing of : Grading Fee.

THE PIGS MARKETING (GRADING FEE) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER, 1934, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTION 3 (1) (b) OF THE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING (PIG INDUSTRY) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1934.

1934. No. 122.

WHEREAS the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland in exercise of its powers under the Agricultural Marketing Act (Northern Ireland), 1933, made the Pigs Marketing (Grading)