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AGRICULTURE**Headage Payments—Cattle**

SCHEME, DATED THE 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER 1972, MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER SECTION 1 OF THE AGRICULTURE (TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1954 AS AMENDED BY THE AGRICULTURE (TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE) (AMENDMENT) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1957.

WHEREAS by section 1(1) of the Agriculture (Temporary Assistance) Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(a) the Minister of Agriculture with the approval of the Minister of Finance may make schemes whereby for the purpose of assisting the agricultural industry in Northern Ireland the Ministry of Agriculture may make payments to or for the benefit (whether direct or indirect) of farmers producing any produce specified in the Scheme:

AND WHEREAS by subsection (1)(a) of section 1 of the Northern Ireland (Temporary Provisions) Act 1972(b) it is provided that so long as that section has effect all functions which apart from that Act belong to any Minister of Northern Ireland shall be discharged by the Secretary of State:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Secretary of State in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 1 of the Agriculture (Temporary Assistance) Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 as amended by the Agriculture (Temporary Assistance) (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 1957(c) and by section 1(1) of the Northern Ireland (Temporary Provisions) Act 1972 and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf hereby makes the following Scheme:—

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Scheme may be cited as the Cattle Headage Payments Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1972, No. 3.

(2) This Scheme shall come into operation on 29th January 1973.

Definitions

2. In this Scheme:—

“certified” means certified under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme;

“deadweight certification centre” means any place for the time being approved for the certification of the carcasses of livestock under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme;

“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;

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

(a) 1954. c. 31.

(b) 1972. c. 22.

(c) 1957. c. 3.

“special young lightweight bulls” means animals which are classified as such under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme;

“young lightweight animals” means animals which are classified as such under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme.

Headage payments

3. Subject to the provisions of this Scheme, and with the exception of young lightweight animals and special young lightweight bulls, the Ministry may make to or for the benefit (whether direct or indirect) of farmers producing home-bred cattle a payment in respect of each eligible home-bred animal which is properly certified under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme, at any liveweight or deadweight certification centre in Northern Ireland during the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme Year 1972/73.

4. Payments shall be made in respect of such animals certified during the specified periods of the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme Year 1972/73 at the rates set forth in the Schedule.

5. In case of doubt as to the proper certification of an animal or as to the proper person to be paid, eligibility for payment shall be at the discretion of the Ministry.

6. There shall be no contract or obligation on the part of the Ministry to make any headage payment and all headage payments shall be at the Ministry's discretion.

7. If the Ministry, after having made a payment under this Scheme, finds that such payment ought not to have been made in whole or in part or that the payment was in excess of the amount properly payable it may recover from the person to whom such payment has been made the whole, or any part of the sum already paid, or may without prejudice to any other method of recovery withhold or cause to be withheld any payment which would otherwise be or become due to that person by the Ministry under this or any other Scheme. The Ministry may also recover from a person producing home-bred cattle by way of deduction from a payment which might otherwise be made to him under this Scheme any monies due by that person to the Ministry or to any other Government Department.

Dated this 31st day of December 1972.

W. S. I. Whitelaw,
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

SCHEDULE

Period	Rate of headage payment
	£
29th January to 4th February 1973	2
5th February to 11th February 1973	3
12th February to 18th February 1973	4
19th February to 25th February 1973	5
26th February to 25th March 1973	6

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Scheme enables the Ministry of Agriculture to pay headage payments in respect of home-bred cattle certified under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme 1972/73, with the exception of young lightweight animals and special young lightweight bulls, for the periods and at the rates set out in the Schedule.