
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1990 No. 1696

LANDLORD AND TENANT

The Agricultural Holdings (Units of Production) Order 1990

Made - - - - 16th August 1990

Laid before Parliament 22nd August 1990

Coming into force - - 12th September 1990

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in relation to England and the Secretary of State in relation to Wales, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by paragraph 4 of Schedule 6 to the Agricultural Holdings Act 1986(1), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Agricultural Holdings (Units of Production) Order 1990 and shall come into force on 12th September 1990.

(2) Any reference in this Order to “the Schedule” shall be construed as a reference to the Schedule to this Order, and the reference to column 3 of the Schedule shall be construed as including a reference to the note to that column.

Assessment of productive capacity of land

2.—(1) Paragraph (2) of this article has effect for the purpose of the assessment of the productive capacity of a unit of agricultural land, in order to determine whether that unit is a commercial unit of agricultural land within the meaning of subparagraph (1) of paragraph 3 of Schedule 6 to the Agricultural Holdings Act 1986.

(2) Where the land in question would be capable, when farmed under competent management, of carrying or producing any such livestock, crop etc, as is mentioned in any entry in column 1 of the Schedule—

- (a) the unit of production prescribed in relation to that use of the land shall be the unit specified in column 2 of the Schedule opposite to that entry, and
- (b) the amount which, for the period of 12 months beginning with 12th September 1990, is to be regarded for the purposes of the said paragraph 3 as the net annual income from that unit of production in that period shall be the amount so specified in column 3 of the Schedule.

(1) 1986 c. 5; section 96(1) of the Act defines “the Minister” in the sense here expressed.

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Revocation

3. The Agricultural Holdings (Units of Production) Order 1989(2) is hereby revoked.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 15th August 1990.

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John Selwyn Gummer
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

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Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for
Wales

16th August 1990

SCHEDULE

Articles 1(2) and 2

PRESCRIBED UNITS OF PRODUCTION AND
DETERMINATION OF NET ANNUAL INCOME

Column 1 Farming use	Column 2 Unit of production	Column 3 Net annual income from unit of production
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1. Livestock		
Dairy cows:		
Channel Islands breeds	cow	215
Other breeds	cow	271
Beef breeding cows:		
On eligible land under the Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) Regulations 1984(3) which is—		
severely disadvantaged land or disadvantaged land	cow	79
On other land	cow	37
Beef fattening cattle (intensive)	head	50(4)
Dairy replacements	head	60(4)
Other cattle	head	35(4)
Calves fattened for veal	head	18
Ewes:		
On eligible land under the Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) Regulations 1984 which is—		
severely disadvantaged land or disadvantaged land	ewe	8
On other land	ewe	7
Store lambs (including ewe lambs sold as shearlings)	head	1.40
Goats (Dairy)	goat	68

(3) [S.I. 1984/2024](#), to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

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Pigs:		
Sows and gilts in pig	sow or gilt	95
Porker	head	4.10
Cutter	head	5.40
Bacon	head	6
Poultry:		
Laying hens	bird	1.20
Broilers	bird	0.15
Capons	bird	0.65
Point-of-lay pullets	bird	0.25
Turkeys	bird	0.95
Ducks	bird	0.35
Rabbits	doe	9
2. Farm arable crops		
Barley	hectare	75
Beans or peas-stockfeed	hectare	80
Herbage seed	hectare	100
Linseed	hectare	85
Oats	hectare	77
Oilseed rape	hectare	111
Peas:		
Dried	hectare	80
Vining	hectare	120
Potatoes:		
First early	hectare	460
Maincrop (including seed)	hectare	438
Rye	hectare	68
Sugar Beet	hectare	220
Wheat	hectare	95
3. Outdoor horticultural crops		
Asparagus	hectare	1700
Beans:		
Broad	hectare	440
French	hectare	330

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Runner	hectare	2400
Beetroot	hectare	1285
Brussels sprouts	hectare	950
Cabbage, savoys and sprouting broccoli	hectare	1050
Carrots	hectare	1650
Cauliflower and winter broccoli	hectare	1300
Celery	hectare	5500
Leeks	hectare	2400
Lettuce	hectare	3000
Nursery stock:		
Container grown	1000 square metres	5000
Field grown	hectare	5500
Onions:		
Dry bulb	hectare	1300
Salad	hectare	3700
Outdoor bulbs	hectare	1450
Parsnips	hectare	1000
Rhubarb-natural	hectare	2000
Turnips and swedes	hectare	400
4. Protected crops		
Single crop cycle:		
Heated ornamentals	1000 square metres	11000
Fully heated vegetable (approximately 22°C lift in temperature)	1000 square metres	6200
Forced narcissus	1000 square metres	4500
Forced tulips	1000 square metres	6000
Mushrooms	1000 square metres	9000
Crop sequences:		
Heat (approximately 18°C lift in temperature)	1000 square metres	4500
Heated assisted (approximately 8°C lift in temperature)	1000 square metres	3500
Unheated	1000 square metres	2400

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5. Orchard fruit		
Apples:		
Cider	hectare	300
Cooking	hectare	750
Dessert	hectare	750
Cherries	hectare	600
Pears	hectare	720
Plums	hectare	550
6. Soft fruit		
Blackcurrants	hectare	710
Gooseberries	hectare	750
Raspberries	hectare	2300
Strawberries	hectare	3000
7. Miscellaneous		
Deer	breeding hind	20
Hops	hectare	700
Trout for table	tonne	300

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order prescribes units of production for the assessment of the productive capacity of agricultural land and sets out the amount which is to be regarded as the net annual income from each such unit for the year 12th September 1990 to 11th September 1991 inclusive. In so far as the units of production prescribed in the Order are relevant to the assessment they are to be used, in conjunction with the net annual income ascribed to them, in calculating the net annual income of the unit of land when assessing whether it is a commercial unit of agricultural land for the purposes of the succession provisions in Part IV of the Agricultural Holdings Act 1986, that is to say a unit of agricultural land which is capable, when farmed under competent management, of producing a net annual income not less than the aggregate of the average annual earnings of two full-time, male agricultural workers aged 20 or over, (see paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 6 to the Act). Therefore the assessment will not necessarily be based on the system of farming carried out on the holding or on historical data from the holding.

The net annual income figures in column 3 of the Schedule specify the net annual income from one unit of production. In some cases the net annual income is derived from a unit which will be on the

land for the full twelve month period. In other cases the net annual income is derived from a unit which will be on the land for only part of the year, and there may be more than one production cycle in the twelve month period. The assessment of the productive capacity of the land will take account of the total production in the course of a year.

The Order supersedes the Agricultural Holdings (Units of Production) Order 1989.