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# AGRICULTURE

## The Cattle Welfare Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1975

*Made* . . . . . *5th February* 1975

*Coming into operation* . . . *5th February* 1975

The Department of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 1 of the Agriculture (Temporary Assistance) Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(a) as amended by the Agriculture (Temporary Assistance) (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 1957(b) and Paragraph 2(1) and (2) of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974(c) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, and with the approval of the Department of Finance, hereby makes the following Scheme:—

*Citation and Commencement*

**1.**—(1) This Scheme may be cited as the Cattle Welfare Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1975.

(2) This Scheme shall come into operation on 5th February 1975.

*Definitions*

**2.** In this Scheme—

"the Department" means the Department of Agriculture;

"eligible cow" means an animal in respect of which subsidy is payable in 1975 under the Beef Cow (Northern Ireland) Scheme 1972(d) as amended by the Beef Cow (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Scheme 1974(e) or the Cattle (Breeding Herds) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1968(f) as amended by the Cattle (Breeding Herds) (Amendment) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1974(g) or the Hill Cattle (Breeding Herds) (Northern Ireland) Scheme 1973(h) as amended by Hill Cattle (Breeding Herds) (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Scheme 1974(i), but it shall not be necessary to maintain an animal in the herd throughout 1975.

"eligible herdowner" means a herdowner who has a herd of more than two eligible cows on 1st January 1975 and who is eligible for subsidy payments in 1975 under the Beef Cow (Northern Ireland) Scheme 1972 as amended by the Beef Cow (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Scheme 1974 or the Cattle (Breeding Herds) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1968 as amended by the Cattle (Breeding Herds) (Amendment) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1974 or the Hill Cattle (Breeding Herds) (Northern Ireland) Scheme 1973 as amended by the Hill Cattle (Breeding Herds) (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Scheme 1974;

"suitable feedingstuffs" means feedingstuffs considered suitable by the Department for feeding cattle, but shall not include hay or silage.

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(a) 1954. c. 31 (N.I.)
(b) 1957 c. 3 (N.I.)
(c) 1974 c. 28
(d) S.I. 1972/700 (1972, II, p. 2237)
(e) S.I. 1974/1999
(f) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1968 No. 166 (p. 779)
(g) S.R. 1974 No. 320
(h) S.I. 1973/830 (1973, I, p. 2623)
(i) S.I. 1974/1996

*Object*

**3.** The object of this Scheme is to encourage herdowners in the present emergency situation caused by the shortage of fodder to obtain additional suitable feedingstuffs for their cattle in the early months of 1975 so as to enable them to maintain their cows in an adequate nutritional condition.

*Payments*

**4.** Subject to the provisions of this Scheme the Department may at its discretion pay to an eligible herdowner a sum of £4 in respect of suitable feedingstuffs obtained by that eligible herdowner for each eligible cow in his herd subject to the following conditions:

(*a*) no payment shall be made in respect of the first two cows in his herd;

(*b*) no payment shall be made in respect of more than seven cows;

(*c*) the eligible herdowner must produce evidence to satisfy the Department that he has obtained such suitable feedingstuffs to a value of at least £12 for each eligible cow in respect of which payment has been claimed;

(*d*) no payment shall be made unless the suitable feedingstuffs are delivered to the eligible herdowner on or between 5th February 1975 and 31st March 1975;

(*e*) the eligible herdowner shall permit officers of the Department to inspect his herd and premises, and shall if so requested by an officer of the Department provide that officer with all records which may reasonably be required to determine whether a payment should be made under this Scheme and if so the amount of that payment, and shall permit the officer to take copies of any such records;

(*f*) payments shall be made to such persons and at such times as the Department may think proper.

*Application for payments*

**5.**—(1) Application for payment under this Scheme must be made in the form set out in the Schedule to this Scheme and must be accompanied by a valid invoice or receipt showing clearly the type of feedingstuffs delivered, the quantity of feedingstuffs delivered, the date of delivery, and the price of the feedingstuffs.

(2) Applications for payment under this Scheme must be received by 21st April 1975 unless the Department agrees to accept a late application in exceptional circumstances.

(3) No more than one application may be made by each eligible herdowner.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 5th February 1975.

(L.S.) *J. A. Young*
Permanent Secretary

The Department of Finance hereby approves of the foregoing Scheme.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance for Northern Ireland on 5th February 1975.

(L.S.) *R. H. Kidd*
Second Secretary