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PIGS

Premium Boars

SCHEME, DATED 1ST JULY 1969, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE AGRICULTURE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1949.

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section Nine of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland) 1949(a), and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following Scheme:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Premium Boar Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1969 and shall come into operation on 1st September 1969.

Revocation

2. The Premium Boar Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1964(b) is hereby revoked.

Definitions

3. In this Scheme—

"Accredited Pig Herd" means a pig herd registered as accredited under the Accredited Pig Herds and Pig Testing Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1968(c) or under the Accredited Pig Herds Scheme in operation by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries in the Republic of Ireland.

"Agricultural Co-operative Organisation" means a group of farmers who are co-operating to their mutual advantage in the breeding or commercial production of pigs.

"Approved" means approved by the Ministry of Agriculture.

"County Committee" means a County Committee of Agriculture appointed pursuant to Section 2(1) of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland) 1949.

"Ministry" means the Ministry of Agriculture.

"Pedigree" means entered in the Herd Book of the breed concerned and earmarked in accordance with the appropriate Herd Book regulations.

"Premium" means the payment which a selected owner will receive for allowing his premium boar to stand for general use in his district.

"Premium Boar" means a boar which has been approved, after inspection by an authorised officer of the Ministry, as being suitable for the award of a premium and which has been purchased by an applicant selected by a County Committee to keep a boar under this Scheme.

Eligible Boars

4. To be eligible for selection as a premium boar, a boar shall be a pedigree boar of the Large White or Landrace breed, which either:—

(i) was bred in an accredited pig herd or a herd which was accredited within three months prior to the approved sale, provided that a boar from a first litter born in an accredited pig herd from a gilt or sow *not* bred in an accredited pig herd shall be eligible for selection if the Ministry is

(a) 1949. c. 2.
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964, No. 195.
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1968, No. 210.

satisfied as to the standards achieved by the dam or the sire of the said boar or by the herd from which they were derived; or

(ii) is eligible for a Production Licence under the Live Stock Breeding (Licensing of Boars) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1968(**d**) or whose sire and dam have attained standards accepted by the Ministry as equivalent to those set forth in the said Rules.

Age and selection of Boars

5. Except where the Ministry otherwise approves, boars shall be selected as eligible for first-year premiums only from those which are over six months and under twelve months old and which are entered and exhibited at approved Shows and Sales.

Selection of Applicants

6. Each County Committee shall, in accordance with the First Schedule, receive applications and select suitable persons to keep premium boars.

Purchase of Boars

7. Applicants selected in accordance with Article 6 shall purchase boars for premium only from those animals which are approved for use as premium boars. Applicants who purchase boars shall supply to the County Agricultural Executive Officer, or his representative, at the time of purchase, or as soon afterwards as is possible, details of the boars purchased. If for any reason a Show and Sale is not held the Ministry may make such other arrangements as are necessary for the inspection, selection and purchase of boars for premium.

Conditions and authority of County Committees

8. The conditions applicable to the placing out of premium boars are as set out in the Second and Third Schedules. The functions of County Committees are as set out in the Fourth Schedule.

Premiums

9.—(1) The values of the premiums payable by the Ministry and the methods of claiming and paying such premiums are as set out in the Fifth Schedule.

(2) In addition to the payment of premiums as in paragraph (1) the Ministry may, where the boar is conveyed by public transport from the place of purchase to the purchaser's farm, pay half the cost of the carriage so incurred.

Penalties

10.—(1) In the event of any infringement of, or non-compliance with the terms of this Scheme, or of a boar being unable from any cause to complete the prescribed number of services, payment of the premium or any part thereof may be withheld by the Ministry.

(2) Any person who through misrepresentation or fraud receives or claims payment of a premium for a boar, or obtains the service of a premium boar for his sow under this Scheme, may, in addition to any other penalty to which he may be liable by law, be debarred from obtaining in future any benefit under this Scheme.

General

11. The Ministry may brand or otherwise mark any premium boars, and may inspect them at any time.

(**d**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1968, No. 183.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 1st day of July 1969.

(L.S.) *A. E. W. Steen,*
Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance hereby approves of the foregoing Scheme.
Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 1st day of July 1969 in the presence of

(L.S.) *R. R. Butler,*
Assistant Secretary.