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Premium Boar Scheme, 1959

SCHEME, DATED 12TH OCTOBER, 1959, 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, 1959, and shall come into operation on 13th October, 1959.

Definitions

2. In this Scheme—

"Ministry" means 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.

"Approved" means approved by the Ministry of Agriculture.

"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.

"Accredited Pig Herd" means a pig herd registered as accredited under the Accredited Pig Herds and Litter Testing Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1958(b), as amended by the Accredited Pig Herds and Litter Testing (Amendment) Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1958(c).

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

Eligible Breeds

3. Only pedigree boars of the Large White and Landrace breeds which have been bred in Accredited Pig Herds shall be eligible to be selected for use as premium boars. Provided that, if prior to the 1st February, 1960, the number of eligible boars available from Accredited Pig Herds is less than the number of boars which the Ministry wishes to select before that date, the Ministry may, for the purpose of making up the desired number, select suitable Large White pedigree boars from other herds.

(a) 1949. c. 2.
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1958, No. 17.
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1958, No. 54.

Age and selection of Boars

4. Save in exceptional circumstances, 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

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

Purchase of Boars

6. Applicants selected in accordance with Article 5 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

7. Conditions applicable to the placing out of premium boars and the authority and functions of County Committees are as set forth in the Second and Third Schedules respectively.

Premiums

8. The values of the premiums payable by the Ministry and the methods of claiming and paying such premiums are as set forth in the Fourth Schedule.

Penalties

9.—(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

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

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this twelfth day of October, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine.

(L.S.) *J. C. Baird,*
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 twelfth day of October, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine, in the presence of

(L.S.) *K. R. Shimeld,*
Assistant Secretary.