2. The Agricultural (Marginal Production Seeds and Fertilisers) Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1956(a) is hereby varied as follows:—

In paragraph 4 which prescribes the maximum rate of assistance the figures "75" shall be substituted for the figures "85".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 13th day of February, 1958, in the presence of

(L.S.) *J. V. Bateman,*
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 13th day of February, 1958, in the presence of

(L.S.) *W. W. Arthur,*
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Scheme but is intended to convey its general purport.*)

This Scheme made under Section 6 of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland), 1949, reduces the maximum rate of assistance given under the Agricultural (Marginal Production Seeds and Fertilisers) Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1956, towards the cost of Fertilisers and Grass Seeds purchased by certain classes of occupiers of lands in County Fermanagh and in certain District Electoral Divisions in the Rural District of Omagh in the County of Tyrone from 85 per cent. to 75 per cent. of the net cost of the goods.

Poultry Breeding Scheme

SCHEME, DATED 23RD MAY, 1958, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE AGRICULTURE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1949(b).

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The Ministry of Agriculture by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sub-section (1) of section nine of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland), 1949, and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following Scheme:

(a) S.R. & O. 1956, No. 182. (b) 1949. c. 2.

Citation and Commencement

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Poultry Breeding Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1958, and shall come into operation on the first day of June, 1958.

Definitions

2. In this Scheme unless the context otherwise requires;

"Ministry" means the Ministry of Agriculture.

"poultry" means domestic fowl.

"accredited farm" means a farm accredited under the Accredited Poultry Farms Scheme for the time being in force.

"breeder" means a person whose name has been entered in the Register of Approved Pedigree Breeders under this Scheme.

Register of Approved Pedigree Breeders

3. In order that superior strains of poultry may be developed and distributed, thus improving the average quality of poultry on commercial egg farms, the Ministry shall maintain a Register of Approved Pedigree Breeders.

Application for Registration

4. Application for registration shall be made to the Ministry in the form prescribed in the First Schedule.

Conditions of Approval

5. The Ministry may approve any application where, in the opinion of the Ministry:

(1) the proposed breeding programme is likely to lead to an improvement of the stock, and

(2) the equipment on the farm, arrangements for keeping different strains of birds segregated, hatching and rearing facilities, standards of husbandry and the amount and calibre of assistance on the farm are such that the proposed breeding programme can be effectively carried out.

Registration

6. Where an application has been approved the Ministry shall enter the name of the applicant in the Register of Approved Pedigree Breeders. Registration will continue in force until it is cancelled at the request of the breeder or by the Ministry pursuant to the provisions of Article 10.

Conditions to be observed by Breeders

7.—(1) A breeder shall:

(*a*) submit to the Ministry, for approval at the beginning of each breeding year, his proposed breeding programme for the following year, and such programme shall include the recording individually of the laying of all pullets which are part of his breeding programme up to 500 days old, provided that the Ministry may, in

certain circumstances, approve of a breeding programme which shall include the recording of such pullets up to 250 days old ;

(*b*) maintain on the forms prescribed in the Second Schedule, or on forms to the like effect, the record of all eggs laid and such other data as are required by the Ministry;

(*c*) make the records available for inspection by the Ministry at all reasonable times;

(*d*) send, at his own expense, the carcase of every bird which dies on his farm to the Veterinary Research Division for post-mortem examination, unless the Ministry directs otherwise;

(*e*) maintain his stock and equipment to the satisfaction of the Ministry;

(*f*) provide, free of charge, a random sample of 180 hatching eggs, drawn each year from his supply for test purposes, and consent to the publication of the results of the test;

(*g*) take such precautions against disease, including the testing of the poultry on his farm, as the Ministry may from time to time direct;

(*h*) maintain a record of all sales of hatching eggs, chicks and cockerels, giving in respect of each sale

(i) the date on which supplied;

(ii) the name and address of the purchaser;

(iii) the number of eggs, chicks or cockerels of each breed supplied.

(2) A breeder may not:

(*a*) vary the approved breeding programme except with the approval of the Ministry;

(*b*) bring on to his farm any new stock except with the written permission of the Ministry.

8. For the purposes of this Scheme a breeding year shall commence on 1st August and end on the 31st July next following.

Distribution of Certified Strains

9. Each breeder shall make available hatching eggs or cockerels resulting from his breeding pens to other breeders, priority being given to orders from Accredited Farms.

10. If a breeder shall fail to observe any of the conditions of this Scheme the Ministry may remove his name from the Register. Without prejudice to the foregoing provisions of this Article, the Ministry may, if it thinks fit, remove the name of any breeder from the Register on giving three months' notice in writing of its intention so to do.

Financial Provisions

11.—(1) The Ministry shall pay to each breeder at the end of each breeding year, a sum calculated as follows:—

(*a*) where the approved breeding programme includes the recording of pullets up to 500 days old—10s. per pullet,

(*b*) where the approved breeding programme includes the recording of pullets up to 250 days old—4s. per pullet.

(2) Any breeder removed from the Register, or who voluntarily leaves the Scheme, during a breeding year, shall not be entitled to any payment for that year.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 23rd day of May, 1958, in the presence of

(L.S.) *W. A. V. Sanderson,*
Assistant Secretary.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 23rd day of May, 1958, in the presence of

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

FIRST SCHEDULE

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

POULTRY BREEDING SCHEME

Application for Registration

Name :

Address :

Size of Farm :

Particulars of Poultry kept :

Breed(s)	Birds under 1 year old	Birds between 1 and 2 years old	Birds over 2 years old

Type and capacity of incubator(s) :

Number of pullets which will be produced and kept for one laying year :

Breeding system which has been followed during the past five years and records available :

Number of breeding birds which will be kept :

Records which will be kept :

System of breeding to be adopted :

I undertake if registered to comply with conditions of the Scheme, and to remain in the Scheme for at least five years.

Signature ..... Date .....