

**Pig Industry : Grading.**

THE PIGS MARKETING (GRADING) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER, 1936, DATED 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1936, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTION 7 (1) OF THE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING (PIG INDUSTRY) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1934 (25 GEO. 5, CH. 3).

1936. No. 176.

The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 7 (1) of the Agricultural Marketing (Pig Industry) Act (Northern Ireland), 1934, and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, orders and it is hereby ordered as follows :—

*Pigs for Curing to be Graded.*

1. Dead pigs for curing into bacon shall be graded as specified in the First Schedule to this Order by Veterinary Inspectors duly authorised in that behalf by the Ministry.

## PART I.

2. For the purposes of Article 1 of this Order pigs sold alive for curing into bacon of the Wiltshire type of cure shall be marked and the carcasses shall be graded in accordance with the following procedure :—

*A. Marking on farm of Origin.*

The producer shall attach with due care in such manner as may be directed an ear tag or ear tags (bearing a serial number) previously supplied to him by the curer to every live pig leaving the producer's premises.

*B. Grading at the Curer's Premises.*

The authorised Veterinary Inspector shall :—

- (i) grade the carcass in accordance with the weight classes and quality grades set out in the First Schedule to this Order.
- (ii) ensure that a purchase and grading statement as referred to in Article 4 of this Order is made out under his supervision by the curer, and that the correct weight class and quality grade are entered thereon. This statement shall be initialled by the Veterinary Inspector.

## PART II.

3. For the purposes of Article 1 of this Order, dead pigs for curing into bacon shall be marked and graded in accordance with the following procedure :—

A. *Marking on the farm of Origin.*

The producer shall :—

- (i) attach in such manner as may be directed a carcass card previously supplied to him by the curer to every pig carcass leaving the producer's premises consigned to a curer's establishment or to be delivered to a curer at a market or elsewhere ;
- (ii) ensure that each such carcass card contains the following information :—
  - (a) a serial number ;
  - (b) the name and address of the curer to whom the carcass is consigned or delivered as aforesaid ;
  - (c) the name and address of the producer ;
  - (d) the date and place of delivery, together with any instructions as to route ;
  - (e) the number of carcasses in the consignment ;
  - (f) whether payment is desired by cash or by cheque.

B. *Marking at a Market.*

The authorised weighmaster, where a carcass is delivered to a curer at a market, having weighed the carcass shall mark the dead weight of the carcass on the carcass card and make out in triplicate a numbered weigh ticket signed and dated by himself and containing the following particulars :—

- (i) the name of the market ;
- (ii) the name of the curer ;
- (iii) the name and address of the producer ;
- (iv) the serial number of the carcass card ;
- (v) the dead weight of the carcass.

The weighmaster shall dispose of the three copies of the weigh ticket as follows :—

- (1) Copy to be handed to the producer ;
- (2) Copy to be handed to the curer ;
- (3) Copy to be retained by the weighmaster.

The curer shall see that the curer's copy of the weigh ticket either accompanies the carcass to the curer's premises or is delivered to those premises without avoidable delay.

In the case of pigs delivered or consigned direct to the curer's establishment the curer shall deliver to the producer a receipt showing the serial number of each carcass card and the dead weight of each carcass.

Where payment is made otherwise than by post the producer shall hand the weigh ticket or the curer's delivery receipt to the curer at the time of payment.

### C. *Grading at the Curer's Premises.*

The authorised Veterinary Inspector shall :—

- (i) grade the carcass at the premises of the curer in accordance with the weight classes and grades set out in the First Schedule to this Order ;
- (ii) remove the carcass card immediately the carcass has been split and the required measurements taken ;
- (iii) enter the weight class and quality grade on the carcass card, initial it, and then pass the card on to the curer.

Each carcass card shall be retained by the curer for one month after the grading of the carcass.

## PART III.

### *General.*

4. The curer shall make out a purchase and grading statement for all pigs or pig carcasses delivered to him irrespective of weight class or quality grade showing :—

- (a) the name and address of the curer ;
- (b) the name and address of the producer ;
- (c) date of delivery ;
- (d) the serial number of the carcass card or ear tag number ;
- (e) the dead weight ;
- (f) weight class and quality grade ;
- (g) price per dead cwt. and value of each pig ;
- (h) total value of the consignment ;
- (i) authorised deductions ;
- (j) nett payment.

In the case of statements furnished in respect of pigs delivered by producers under direct contract the contract number should be inserted by the curer on the purchase and grading statement. The statement should also indicate any carcasses which should have been delivered in the previous month and which under terms of contract are regarded as deliveries in respect of that month.

In the event of a deduction being made in respect of damage to a carcase the nature of the damage should be indicated on the purchase and grading statement. A copy of the Veterinary Inspector's certificate as to the damage should be attached to the statement to be sent to the Ministry. One copy of the purchase and grading statement shall be delivered to the producer at the time payment is made one copy shall at the end of the week be sent to the Ministry or such other person as the Ministry may direct and one copy shall be retained by the curer.

*Interpretation.*

5. "Curer" includes "Curer's Agent."
- "Ministry" means the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland.
- "Veterinary Inspector" means a Veterinary Inspector of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland.
- "Bacon" includes Hams.

*Revocation of Order.*

6. The Order described in the Second Schedule to this Order is hereby revoked as from the date of the commencement of this Order.

*Short Title.*

7. This Order may be cited as the Pigs Marketing (Grading) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1936.

*Commencement.*

8. This Order shall come into operation on the first day of January, 1937.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture, Northern Ireland, is hereunto affixed this thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and thirty-six.

(L.S.)

J. Taylor,

Assistant Secretary.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

DEAD WEIGHT CLASSES AND QUALITY GRADES.

PART I.

Dead Weight Classes.	Quality Grades.		
	1.	2.	3.
I. Under 1 cwt. 0 qr. 21 lb.	Maximum back fat 1 $\frac{3}{16}$ ins.	Maximum back fat 1 $\frac{7}{16}$ ins.	All other pigs suitable for Bacon.
II. 1 cwt. 0 qr. 21 lb. to 1 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.	Maximum shoulder fat 2 ins.  Maximum loin fat 1 $\frac{3}{16}$ ins.	Maximum shoulder fat $2\frac{1}{2}$ ins.  Maximum loin fat 1 $\frac{7}{16}$ ins.	

PART II.

Dead Weight Classes.	Quality Grades. (Maximum thickness of back fat at shoulder.)				
	A.	B.	C.	U.L.	U.F.
III. 1 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. to 1 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.	From $1\frac{1}{4}$ " to $1\frac{7}{8}$ "	From 2" to $2\frac{1}{8}$ "	From $2\frac{1}{4}$ " to $2\frac{1}{2}$ "	Under Grade A measure- ments.	Over Grade C measure- ments.
IV. 1 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. to 1 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.	From $1\frac{3}{8}$ " to 2"	From $2\frac{1}{8}$ " to $2\frac{1}{4}$ "	From $2\frac{3}{8}$ " to $2\frac{1}{2}$ "		
V. 1 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. to 2 cwt. 0 qr. 0 lb.	From $1\frac{1}{2}$ " to $2\frac{1}{8}$ "	From $2\frac{1}{4}$ " to $2\frac{1}{2}$ "	From $2\frac{5}{8}$ " to $2\frac{3}{4}$ "		
VI. 2 cwt. 0 qr. 1 lb. to 2 cwt. 0 qr. 14 lb.	From $1\frac{5}{8}$ " to $2\frac{1}{8}$ "	From $2\frac{1}{4}$ " to $2\frac{3}{8}$ "	From $2\frac{3}{4}$ " to $2\frac{7}{8}$ "		

PART III.

(1) Grading for Part I.

Quality Grades :

(a) If the measurement at the centre of the back qualifies for a particular grade and one of the other measurements also qualifies for that grade, the pig shall be accepted for the grade for which the back fat measurement qualifies.

(b) Every pig shall be graded and every pig when graded shall be deemed to be within the highest grade applicable to its measurements. No pig whose back fat is less than  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch shall be eligible for grade 1 or 2.

(c) No pig which after slaughter is certified by the authorised Veterinary Inspector as unsuitable for the manufacture of Wiltshire bacon for one or more of the following reasons :—

- (i) has not firm white fat, or
- (ii) shows fishy flavour or seedy cut, or
- (iii) was not castrated within 12 weeks after birth, or
- (iv) is a rig pig, sow or pregnant pig, or
- (v) is a female pig that is not a maiden gilt, or
- (vi) is an emaciated or "screw" pig,

shall be eligible for Grades 1, 2 or 3 :