EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Scheme, which is made under section 1 of the Agriculture (Small Farmers) Act, 1959, provides for the making of grants to any person carrying on in England, Wales, or Northern Ireland a small farm business capable of yielding an adequate return to a reasonably efficient full-time occupier, if such a person carries out with the approval of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food a plan for increasing the efficiency of the business.

The Scheme defines the class of farm business which is eligible and provides for the making of two kinds of grant, (i) a farm business grant (to be paid by four equal instalments) at the rate of £6 per acre on the whole farm, excluding rough grazing, subject to a maximum of £360 and (ii) field husbandry grants payable at rates specified in the First Schedule to the Scheme for the improvement or renovation of grassland and consequential ditching, any reclamation of waste land, and any removal of obstacles to cultivation. An overall limit of £1,000 in respect of any one plan is imposed.

1959 No. 475

The Small Farmer (England and Wales and Northern Ireland) Supplementary Scheme, 1959

Laid before Parliament in draft
Made - - - - 18th March, 1959

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, being the appropriate Minister in relation to a joint Scheme for England and Wales and Northern Ireland, in pursuance of Sections 2 and 4 of the Agriculture (Small Farmers) Act, 1959(a) and of all other powers him enabling, with the approval of the Treasury, hereby makes the following Scheme, a draft of which has been laid before Parliament and has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.

Citation and Extent

1. This Scheme which may be cited as the Small Farmer (England and Wales and Northern Ireland) Supplementary Scheme, 1959, shall apply to England and Wales and Northern Ireland.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Scheme, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say :—

" the Act " means the Agriculture (Small Farmers) Act, 1959.

" the Minister " means the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

" small farm business to which this Scheme applies " has the meaning assigned to it by paragraph 3 of this Scheme.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(b), shall apply to the interpretation of this Scheme as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(a) 7 & 8 Eliz. 2. c. 12. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

Classes of Small Farm Businesses to which the Scheme applies

3. A small farm business to which this Scheme applies is a trade or business consisting in, or such part of any trade or business as consists in, the carrying out of agricultural operations on land comprised therein, in respect of which trade or business or part thereof either:—

(*a*) the Small Farmer (England and Wales and Northern Ireland) Scheme, 1959(a) for the time being applies, by reason of the fact that the amount of land under crops or grass comprised in it, excluding any rough grazing land, is not less than 20 acres and does not exceed 100 acres, and the standard labour requirements thereof, calculated in accordance with the provisions of that Scheme, are not less than 250 and not more than 450 standard man-days a year, or

(*b*) the person for the time being carrying it on or any previous occupier of any of the agricultural land comprised in it has at any time since the 1st August, 1953, received either assistance by way of payment under any of the instruments mentioned in the Schedule to the Act (which instruments are set out in Part II of the First Schedule to this Scheme), or approval for a programme qualifying him for such assistance, and the amount of agricultural land comprised in it under crops or grass, excluding any rough grazing land, is not less than 10 acres and does not exceed 150 acres, and the standard labour requirements calculated in accordance with the provisions of the Second Schedule to this Scheme are not less than 150 and not more than 450 standard man-days a year,

not being in either case a trade or business or part thereof in respect of which payments are being, or have been made under any Scheme under Section 1 of the Act.

Supplementary Grants

4. Subject to the provisions of this Scheme, where any grant or contribution specified in Part I of the First Schedule to this Scheme is payable in respect of any matters arising during the period commencing with the 1st July, 1959, and ending with 30th June, 1962, to the person for the time being carrying on a small farm business to which this Scheme applies, the Minister may pay to that person in respect of that business, by way of supplement to any such grant or contribution as aforesaid, a grant at the rate and subject to the maximum amount specified in Part I of the First Schedule to this Scheme in respect of the grant or contribution to be supplemented.

Limitation on Classes of Farm Business

5. Where a small farm business to which this Scheme applies comprises any land for the benefit of which—

(*a*) a livestock rearing land improvement scheme under the Hill Farming and Livestock Rearing Acts, 1946 to 1956(b), or

(*b*) a programme of work approved by the Minister for the purpose of the Agricultural Goods and Services (Marginal Production) Scheme (England

(a) S.I. 1959/474 (Pt. I, p. 200, of this vol.).
(b) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 73; 14 & 15 Geo. 6. c. 18; 2 & 3 Eliz. 2. c. 23; 4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 72.

and Wales) Order, 1956(a) as amended by the Agricultural Goods and Services (Marginal Production) Scheme (England and Wales) (Amendment) Order, 1957(b), and the Agricultural Goods and Services (Marginal Production) Scheme (England and Wales) (Amendment) Order, 1958(c), is to be, or is being carried out, no grant shall be made under this Scheme in respect of that small farm business if the grant or contribution to be supplemented is payable in respect of any matters arising before the completion of such scheme or programme.

Supplementary Condition

6. It shall be a condition of the making of a payment under this Scheme that there shall be an application therefor in writing in such form and at such time as the Minister may require.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed this eighteenth day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine.

(L.S.) *John Hare,*
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Approved this eighteenth day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine.

Martin Redmayne,
Michael Hughes-Young,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

FIRST SCHEDULE Paragraphs 3, 4

PART I

The grants and contributions which may be supplemented by grants under this Scheme, and the rates at which such supplementary grants may be paid are—

Grants and Contributions	*Rates*
(*a*) grants by virtue of the Agriculture (Ploughing Grants) Act, 1952(d) in respect of the ploughing up of land under grass;	Subject to a maximum of £50 a year, £5 an acre in respect of each acre for which the grant to be supplemented is paid, excluding any land for which the rate of grant paid is conditional on the fact that, at the time when the ploughing up was begun, that land was under grass that had been sown not later than the 1st day of June, 1946, or had been continuously under grass since before that date.
(*b*) grants under section fifteen of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Act, 1940(e) towards expenditure incurred in carrying out a scheme for the cleansing or improvement of ditches;	Subject to a maximum of £70, 35 per cent. of any expenditure incurred which qualifies for the grant which is to be supplemented.

(a) S.I. 1956/1150 (1956 I, p. 147). (b) S.I. 1957/1543 (1957 I, p. 109).
(c) S.I. 1958/1173 (1958 I, p. 101). (d) 15 & 16 Geo. 6 & 1 Eliz. 2. c. 35. (e) 3 & 4 Geo. 6. c. 14.

Grants and Contributions	*Rates*
(*c*) contributions by virtue of the Agriculture (Fertilisers) Act, 1952(a) towards expenditure in respect of fertilisers;	Subject to a maximum of £45 a year, 75 per cent. of any contributions paid.
(*d*) contributions by virtue of section ninety-seven of the Agriculture Act, 1947(b) towards costs incurred in liming land;	Subject to a maximum of £10 a year, 15 per cent. of any costs incurred which qualify for the contribution which is to be supplemented.
(*e*) grants by virtue of paragraph (*a*) of subsection (1) of section six of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland), 1949(c) for such improvement of sheughs as is necessary to make effective the field drains for the drainage of land used or to be used for agricultural purposes.	Subject to a maximum of £70, 35 per cent. of any expenditure incurred which qualifies for the grant to be supplemented.

In this Part of this Schedule "year" means a period commencing with the 1st July and ending with the 30th June next following.

PART II

INSTRUMENTS REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 3

1. The Agricultural Goods and Services (Marginal Production) Scheme (England and Wales), 1953(d) or that instrument as amended by the Agricultural Goods and Services Schemes (Amendment and Extension) Order, 1954(e).

2. The Agricultural Goods and Services (Marginal Production) Scheme (England and Wales) Order, 1956.

3. The Agricultural Goods and Services (Marginal Production) Scheme (England and Wales) (Amendment) Order, 1957.

4. The Agricultural Goods and Services (Marginal Production) Scheme (England and Wales) (Amendment) Order, 1958.

5. The following instruments made under the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland), 1949, that is to say—

(*a*) The Agricultural Goods and Services (Marginal Production) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1951(f);

(*b*) The Agricultural (Marginal Production Seeds and Fertilisers) Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1956(g);

(*c*) The Agricultural (Marginal Production Seeds and Fertilisers) (Amendment) Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1958(h);

(*d*) The Agricultural Development (Marginal Land Farm Buildings) Schemes, 1953 to 1957;

(*e*) The Agricultural Development (Fertiliser) Schemes (Northern Ireland), 1953 to 1958.

(a) 15 & 16 Geo. 6 & 1 Eliz. 2. c. 15.
(b) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 48.
(c) 1949 c. 2 (N.I.).
(d) S.I. 1953/1184 (1953 I, p. 11).
(e) S.I. 1954/1098 (1954 I, p. 62).
(f) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1951/27 (1951, p. 13).
(g) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1956/182 (1956, p. 44).
(h) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1958/18 (1958, p 81).

SECOND SCHEDULE Paragraph 3

In this Schedule "business" means a trade or business consisting in, or such part of a trade or business as consists in, the carrying out of agricultural operations on land comprised in it.

1. The standard labour requirements of a business on any date shall be expressed in standard man-days calculated, except as is otherwise provided in the succeeding paragraphs, by multiplying respectively the number of standard man-days set out in the Table below in relation to any kind of crop or livestock therein mentioned by the total number of acres of that kind of crop or the average of the numbers of that kind of livestock shown to the satisfaction of the Minister to be comprised in the business during the 12 months immediately preceding the date to which the calculation relates, adding together the results so obtained and increasing the total by 15 per cent.

2. Where double cropping is practised on land comprised in the business, the acreage of both crops shall be included in the calculation.

3. The number of livestock comprised in the business shall not include calves less than seven days old, unweaned piglets, or unweaned lambs.

4. The number of pigs fattened or reared on land comprised in the business shall be the total number of pigs so fattened or reared during the 12 months immediately preceding the date to which the calculation relates.

5. The number of broilers produced or of poultry produced or reared for flock replacement on land comprised in the business shall be the total number produced or reared during the 12 months immediately preceding the date to which the calculation relates.

6. If the Minister is satisfied that by reason of special circumstances the acreage of crops, or of any kind of crop, or the number of livestock, or of any kind of livestock comprised in the business during any period of 12 months mentioned in the preceding paragraphs is unrepresentative of the acreage or number respectively usually comprised in the business, such other acreage or number shall be taken as is, in the opinion of the Minister, shown by the person for the time being carrying on the business to be representative of the acreage or number usually comprised in the business.

TABLE

Crops	*Standard man-days (per acre)*
Wheat	3½
Barley	3½
Oats	4½
Mixed corn	4½
Rye, for threshing	3½
Rye, for grazing	1½
Arable silage	4½
Beans and peas for stockfeeding	4½
Potatoes, seed	23
ware	20
Turnips and swedes for stockfeeding	12
Sugar beet	17
Fodder beet	17
Mangolds	12
Rape (or Cole)	2½
Kale, broadcast for grazing	2½
Cabbage, kale (not broadcast for grazing), savoys and kohl rabi, for stockfeeding	7

Crops	*Standard man-days (per acre)*
Vetches or tares	4½
Flax	15
Hops	100
Cider orchards	10
Orchards (other than cider)	
seven years old and over	25
under seven years old	10
Derelict orchards	¼
Small fruit	
under orchard trees	30
not under orchard trees	45
Vegetables for human consumption	
Brussels sprouts	25
Cabbage	17
Kale and sprouting broccoli	17
Cauliflower	17
Carrots	17
Parsnips	21
Turnips and swedes	21
Beetroot (red beet)	21
Peas, green for pulling	30
Peas, for vining or harvesting dry	4½
Lettuce, grown in the open	10
Tomatoes, grown in the open	50
Other vegetables	45
Hardy nursery stock	50
Bulbs and flowers in the open	50
Other crops in the open	7
Bare fallow	½
Grass (including clover, lucerne and sainfoin)—	
for mowing	2
for grazing	¼
for seed	4½
	(per 100 sq. ft. of glass)
Crops under glass	3

Livestock	*Standard man-days (per head per annum)*
Dairy cows in milk or in calf and heifers in milk	15
Beef cows	4½
Bulls	7
Other cattle	3
Upland sheep	½
Lowland sheep	1
Breeding sows and gilts	5
Boars	5
Pigs fattened or reared for breeding	0·6
Poultry—	
laying birds and male birds	0·25
broilers produced	0·01
other poultry produced, or reared for flock replacement	0·05

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Scheme is made under Section 2 of the Agriculture (Small Farmers) Act, 1959, which authorises the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, to make schemes for supplementing certain existing grants to persons carrying on small farm businesses as defined in the Scheme in England, Wales or Northern Ireland. The Scheme defines the classes of farm business to which the Scheme applies and provides for the making of grants

(i) to any person carrying on a small farm business to which the Small Farmer (England and Wales and Northern Ireland) Scheme, 1959, also applies who for any reason cannot immediately begin an approved programme under that Scheme, and

(ii) to any person who does not qualify for assistance under that Scheme, where since the 1st August, 1953, either he or a previous occupier of land comprised in the business, has received or qualified for aid under a Marginal Production Scheme.

Grants under this Scheme are by way of supplements to existing grants for ploughing up grassland, the cleansing and improvement of ditches on agricultural land and in respect of fertilisers and liming.

1959 No. 573 (S. 25)

The Small Farmers (Scotland) Scheme, 1959

Made - - - -	*26th March*, 1959
Coming into Operation	*26th March*, 1959

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by sections 1 and 4 of the Agriculture (Small Farmers) Act, 1959(a) and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, and with the approval of the Treasury, I, being the appropriate Minister in relation to a Scheme for Scotland, hereby make the following Scheme, a draft of which has been laid before Parliament and has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament:—

Citation and Extent

1. This Scheme which may be cited as the Small Farmers (Scotland) Scheme, 1959, applies to Scotland.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Scheme, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say:—

"croft" has the same meaning as in section 3 of the Crofters (Scotland) Act, 1955(b);

(a) 7 & 8 Eliz. 2. c. 12. (b) 3 & 4 Eliz. 2. c. 21.