

21. Closing date in 1947.

Intending applicants should note that the closing date for receipt of applications is 30th April 1947. They should ensure that their applications are posted in time to reach Committees by that date.

Patrick R. Laird

Secretary.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh, 1.
March, 1947.

The applicant is advised to retain this Notice and, before posting his application to the Committee, to complete the following note:—

Date of application to Committee. *16th April* 1947.

	Ewes.	Gimmers.	Total.
Subsidy in respect of	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>21</i>

Code Number of holding(s) *163/25*

These two numbers on the right of the name and address in Section A of the application form should be quoted in any correspondence regarding subsidy payments for hill sheep.

Please retain
this Notice for Reference.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR SCOTLAND

HILL FARMING ACT, 1946.

SUBSIDY PAYMENTS for HILL SHEEP in 1947.

NOTICE to HILL SHEEP FARMERS.

1. Subsidy payments for sheep maintained at 4/12/46.

Subject to the conditions of the Hill Sheep (Scotland) Scheme, (S.R. & O. No. ⁴⁵⁷ S. 18) copies of which may be purchased from H.M. Stationery Office, 13a Castle Street, Edinburgh, 2 or through any bookseller—price 3d. net) subsidy payments will be made in 1947 in respect of regular breeding ewe stocks of hill sheep kept under natural conditions on hill land and managed in accordance with the recognised practices of hill sheep farming.

For the information of intending applicants for subsidy payments the conditions of the Hill Sheep (Scotland) Scheme are summarised in this notice.

2. Duration of Scheme.

The Scheme, unless varied or revoked by a subsequent scheme, shall remain in operation for five years and will relate to sheep maintained on 4th December in the years 1946, 1947, 1948 and 1950 and on 3rd December in the year 1949.

3. Amount of subsidy payment.

The amount of subsidy payment in respect of each sheep found to be eligible in terms of the Scheme will be as prescribed, in relation to ewes and gimmers mentioned in the foregoing paragraph, by Order made by the Secretary of State for Scotland.

The amount of subsidy payment so prescribed for each eligible sheep maintained on 4th December, 1946 is *8s. 9d.*

4. Persons entitled to subsidy payments in 1947.

Subsidy payment will be made to the person who at the beginning of the 4th December, 1946, maintained a flock eligible for subsidy payment in terms of the Scheme. For the purposes of the Scheme the person maintaining the flock shall be regarded as

- the person who owns the flock, except as at (b) of this paragraph or at paragraphs 10 and 11.
- the person who rents the flock and pays the rent or hire for the flock and takes the commercial risks in connection therewith.

5. Regular breeding ewe stocks.

The flock must be in regular ages, except as provided in paragraphs 13 and 14 of this notice. The expression "regular ages" means at least three successive age groups the youngest of which is comprised of gimmers.

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6. Breeds of sheep.

The Scheme will apply to

- (a) sheep of the Blackface, Cheviot, Shetland and Soay breeds and such other breeds of a hardy type as the Secretary of State may approve;
- (b) first crosses between any two of these breeds, and
- (c) crosses between ewes of any one of these breeds and rams of the Border-Leicester breed.

7. Hill land.

For purposes of the Scheme, "hill land" means mountain, hill and heath land suitable for use for the maintenance of sheep of a hardy kind but not of sheep of other kinds; that is to say, land which should be classified in an Agricultural Return as mountain and heath land used for grazing.

8. Management.

Sheep must be kept and rear their lambs on hill land. Occasional supplementary feeding during severe weather in winter or during lambing time will, if the Secretary of State approves, be regarded as complying with the conditions of the Scheme.

9. Compensation of numbers of eligible sheep.

In certain circumstances where a flock is not wholly eligible for subsidy payment, the Secretary of State may make payment in respect of such number of sheep as he may deem to be eligible.

An applicant may be required to gather his sheep and permit them to be counted and weighed and inspected.

10. Township or Common Grazings Committees.

Where an Agricultural Return made by a township or Common Grazings Committee includes sheep stocks owned by landholders and grazed on the township or common grazings, the application for subsidy payment must be made by the Clerk or authorised officer of the Committee who, on receipt of any subsidy payment found to be due, shall disburse to each landholder his appropriate share.

11. Sheep Stock Clubs or Societies.

Any application for subsidy payment in respect of sheep owned by a Sheep Stock Club or Society shall be made by the Secretary or other authorised officer as may be prescribed in the rules of the Club or Society and any subsidy payment found to be due shall be made to the Secretary or other authorised officer.

12. Pack sheep.

"Pack" sheep belonging to a shepherd or other employee may be entered separately by the employer under Section C (3) of his application. Subsidy payment in respect of the "pack" sheep will be made direct to the shepherd or other employee.

13. Small flocks in the Crofting Counties.

Provision is made for the making of subsidy payments in respect of flocks (in the Crofting Counties only) which on account of the small number of sheep comprised therein, cannot be maintained in regular ages.

14. Newly formed flocks.

A subsidy payment may be made in respect of a newly formed flock which is not in regular ages, provided the Secretary of State is satisfied of the applicant's intention to build up a regular breeding ewe stock.

15. Agricultural Returns.

No subsidy payment will be made for sheep stated to have been maintained at 4th December, 1946,

- (a) where an Agricultural Return was not made as at 4th December, 1946;
- (b) where no breeding ewes or gimmers were entered in the relative Agricultural Return made as at 4th December, 1946;
- (c) for any sheep (including stragglers) in excess of the number of breeding ewes or gimmers entered in the relative Agricultural Return made as at 4th December, 1946.

16. Gimmers not put to the ram.

Gimmers forming part of a flock eligible for subsidy payment under the Scheme will be deemed to qualify for subsidy payment whether or not they are put to the ram or not.

17. Ewe lambs and hogs.

Ewe lambs and hogs, whether put to the ram or not, will be eligible for subsidy payment.

18. Sheep introduced into breeding flocks.

No subsidy payment will be made in respect of sheep of an age older than gimmer introduced into a flock (other than a newly formed flock) unless following exceptional stock losses.

19. Disputes as to ownership of sheep stocks.

In the event of there being a dispute as to the person who owns or rents the sheep stock, any subsidy payment found to be payable will be withheld pending settlement by the disputing parties as to the person who owns or rents the sheep stock.

20. Applications.

Persons maintaining flocks of hill sheep which they consider to be eligible for subsidy payment should complete the application form which accompanies this Notice and return it by 30th April, 1947 to the Committee whose address is on the form. Where, after examining an application, a Committee propose to recommend to the Secretary of State that the application should be disallowed either in whole or in part, the applicant will be given an opportunity of making representations in writing to the Committee within fourteen days and before the application is forwarded to the Department.