

AGRICULTURAL WAGES (REGULATION)  
ACT, 1924.

Whereas the Agricultural Wages Committee for the area comprising the administrative county of Stafford which for the purposes of the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) Act, 1924, shall be deemed to include the county boroughs of Burton-on-Trent, Dudley, Smethwick, Stoke-upon-Trent, Walsall, West Bromwich and Wolverhampton have, in pursuance of the above Act, duly fixed minimum and overtime rates of wages for workers employed in agriculture for time work in that area, and the said rates are set out in the Schedule to this Order. Now the Agricultural Wages Board, in pursuance of the said Act, and for the purpose of carrying out the decision of the said Committee, hereby order that the provisions contained in the Schedule to this Order shall become effective from the 28th day of June, 1925.

SCHEDULE.

1. The wages payable for employment of male workers in agriculture shall be not less than wages at the following minimum rates and the following overtime rates:—

	Minimum Rates.		Overtime Rates
	Per week of 54 hours.	per hour.	
	s.	d.	d.
21 years of age and over	31	6	9
20 and under 21 years ...	30	0	8½
19 " 20 " ...	27	0	7½
18 " 19 " ...	25	0	7
17 " 18 " ...	20	0	5½
16 " 17 " ...	15	0	4
15 " 16 " ...	12	6	3½
14 " 15 " ...	10	0	3

2. Where a whole time worker is employed by the week or any longer period and the hours of work agreed between the worker and the employer in any week (excluding hours of overtime employment) are less than 54, the rate of wages applicable to that worker shall be such as to secure to the worker the wages which would have been payable if the agreed hours had been 54. This clause shall not apply where the worker has agreed with the employer to take time off without pay.

3. For the purpose of the above rates the hours of work shall not include meal times, but shall include any time during which, by reason of weather conditions, an employer has prevented from working a worker who was present at the place of employment and ready to work.

By Order of the Agricultural Wages Board.

R. E. Stanley,

Secretary.

Gwydyr House Annexe,  
Whitehall, S.W. 1.

15th June, 1925.

NOTE.—Applications for Permits of Exemption (which can be obtained in cases where a worker is affected by physical injury, or mental deficiency, or any infirmity due to age or to any other cause) should be addressed to The Secretary, Staffordshire Agricultural Wages Committee, School Chambers, Castle Street, Shrewsbury. Complaints as to non-payment of the prescribed rates of wages should be addressed to The Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, 7, Whitehall Place, London, S.W. 1.

Copies of the above Order can be obtained from the Secretary, Staffordshire Agricultural Wages Committee at the above address.

ORDER MADE BY THE STAFFORDSHIRE AGRICULTURAL WAGES COMMITTEE VARYING THEIR ORDER OF THE 23RD JANUARY, 1925, DEFINING THE BENEFITS OR ADVANTAGES WHICH ARE TO BE RECKONED AS PAYMENT OF WAGES IN LIEU OF PAYMENT IN CASH.

The Staffordshire Agricultural Wages Committee in pursuance of the powers vested in them by the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) Act, 1924, and the Agricultural Wages Committees Regulations, 1924, do by this Order vary their Order of the 23rd January, 1925, defining the benefits or advantages (not being benefits or advantages prohibited by law) which may be reckoned as payment of wages in lieu of payment in cash for the purpose of the application of any minimum rate of wages fixed by the said Committee in the area comprising the administrative county of Stafford which for the purposes of the said Act shall be deemed to include the county boroughs of Burton-upon-Trent, Dudley, Smethwick, Stoke-on-Trent, Walsall, West Bromwich and Wolverhampton, and hereby order that such benefits or advantages and the values at which they are to be so reckoned shall be as follows:—

1. *Benefits or Advantages.*

(a) *Lodging*, except in any case in which the Wages Committee shall have determined that the lodging accommodation provided is so defective as to be injurious to health.

(b) *Board*, including any meals but not including intoxicating drink.

(c) *Cottage*, including any garden provided with the cottage, except where the cottage is one in regard to which the Medical Officer of Health has reported that it is in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.

2. *Values.*

(a) *Board and Lodging.*

(i) In the case of male workers:—