

December, 1925, and hereby order that the provisions contained in the Schedule to this Order shall become effective from the 28th February, 1927.

SCHEDULE.

1. The wages payable for employment throughout the year shall be not less than wages at the following minimum rates:—

(a) Male Workers.	s.	d.	
21 years of age and over	30	0	} Per week of 50 hours throughout the year.
20 and under 21 years	27	0	
19 " " 20 "	23	0	
18 " " 19 "	20	0	
17 " " 18 "	16	6	
16 " " 17 "	14	0	
15 " " 16 "	11	6	
14 " " 15 "	9	0	

Rates per hour for all time worked.

(b) Female Workers.	d.
19 years of age and over	... 5
18 and under 19 years	... 4½
17 " " 18 "	... 4
16 " " 17 "	... 3½
14 " " 16 "	... 3

2. The differential rates of wages for overtime employment of male workers shall be not less than the following minimum rates:—

	Per hour.
	d.
21 years of age and over	... 8½
20 and under 21 years	... 8
19 " " 20 "	... 6½
18 " " 19 "	... 6
17 " " 18 "	... 5
16 " " 17 "	... 4
15 " " 16 "	... 3½
14 " " 15 "	... 2½

3. Where a whole time male 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 50 the rate of wages applicable to that worker shall be such as to secure to that worker, provided he was present at his place of employment and ready to work the wages which would have been payable if the agreed hours had been 50 throughout the year.

4. 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.

5. This Order shall remain in operation until 11th October, 1927.

6. For the purpose of the application of the above differential rates of wages for overtime employment the Berkshire Agricultural Wages Committee have by Order dated 19th January, 1925, defined the following employment as the employment which is to be treated as overtime employment:—

(a) All employment in excess of 5 hours (exclusive of meal times) on a Saturday or on such other day (not being Sunday) in every week as may be agreed between the employer and the worker.

(b) All employment on a Sunday.

(c) All employment in excess of 50 hours in any week (excluding all hours which are to be treated as hours of overtime employment) throughout the year.

By Order of the Agricultural Wages Board.

R. E. Stanley,
Secretary.

7, Whitehall Place,
London, S.W. 1.
21st February, 1927.

Notes.—(1) The Berkshire Agricultural Wages Committee have by Order dated 24th January, 1927, defined a cottage as the only benefit or advantage which may be reckoned as payment of wages in lieu of payment in cash and the value at which it is to be reckoned for the purpose. Copies of the Order may be obtained from the Secretary of the Committee, 29, London Street, Reading, Berks.

(2) Applications for Permits of Exemption (which may 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 of the Committee at the address given above. 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 may be obtained from the Secretary, Berkshire Agricultural Wages Committee, 29, London Street, Reading, Berks.

AGRICULTURAL WAGES (REGULATION) ACT, 1924.

Whereas the Agricultural Wages Committee for the area comprising the administrative counties of Cambridge and Isle of Ely 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 1st day of March, 1927.

SCHEDULE.

1. The wages payable for employment of male workers wholly or mainly as Horsemen, Cowmen or Shepherds (other than workers employed solely as Stockmen or Yardmen) shall be not less than wages at the following minimum rates for the hours necessary for the performance of the customary duties of workers so employed:—

	Per week.
	s. d.
21 years of age and over	... 37 0
20 and under 21 years	... 35 0
19 " 20 "	... 33 0
18 " 19 "	... 31 0
Under 18 years of age	... 28 0