

AGRICULTURAL WAGES (REGULATION) ACT, 1924.

Whereas the Agricultural Wages Committee for the area comprising the administrative county of Dorset 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 on 12th June, 1932.

SCHEDULE.

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

	Per week.	
	s.	d.
21 years of age and over ...	30	0
20 and under 21 years ...	27	6
19 " 20 " ...	25	0
18 " 19 " ...	21	6
17 " 18 " ...	18	0
16 " 17 " ...	15	0
15 " 16 " ...	12	0
14 " 15 " ...	9	0

For the purpose of this clause, the expression "week" shall be deemed to mean a week consisting of the following number of hours:—

(a) In the week in which Boxing Day falls 39½, with in addition not more than 3 hours' employment in connection with milking and the care of and attendance upon stock on Boxing Day.

(b) In any other week in winter 48.

(c) In the weeks in which Good Friday, Easter Monday, Whit Monday and August Bank Holiday fall 44, with in addition not more than 3 hours' employment in connection with milking and the care of and attendance upon stock on each of the said public holidays.

(d) In any other week in summer 53½.

2. The wages payable for the employment of female workers (other than workers to whom Clause 6 of this Order applies) shall be wages at not less than the following minimum rates:—

	Per week.	
	s.	d.
21 years of age and over ...	24	0
20 and under 21 years ...	22	0
19 " 20 " ...	20	0
18 " 19 " ...	18	0
17 " 18 " ...	16	0
16 " 17 " ...	13	0
15 " 16 " ...	11	0
14 " 15 " ...	9	0

For the purpose of this clause the expression "week" shall be deemed to mean a week consisting of the following number of hours:—

(a) In the weeks in which Good Friday, Easter Monday, Whit Monday, August Bank Holiday and Boxing Day fall 39½,

with in addition not more than 3 hours' employment in connection with milking and the care of and attendance upon stock on each of the said public holidays.

(b) In any other week 48.

3. Where a whole-time worker (other than a female worker to whom Clause 6 of this Order applies) 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 the full number of hours mentioned above in the case of that worker in respect of that week, 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 the full number of hours mentioned above in the case of that worker in respect of that week.

4. For the purpose of the above rates, employment in summer shall be deemed to be employment during the period commencing on the second Monday in February and terminating on the last Sunday in October, and employment in winter shall be deemed to be employment during the rest of the year.

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

(a) Male Workers.	Per hour.	
	d.	
21 years of age and over ...	8	
20 and under 21 years ...	7½	
19 " 20 " ...	7	
18 " 19 " ...	6	
17 " 18 " ...	5½	
16 " 17 " ...	4½	
15 " 16 " ...	4	
14 " 15 " ...	3	

(b) Female Workers (other than workers to whom Clause 6 of this Order applies).

20 years of age and over ...	6
18 and under 20 years ...	5
16 " 18 " ...	4
14 " 16 " ...	3

6. The wages payable for the employment of female workers:—

(a) by the week for not more than 4 hours per day, or

(b) as casual workers

shall be wages at not less than the following minimum rates:—

	Minimum Overtime Rates	
	Per hour.	Per hour.
	d.	d.
18 years of age and over	5	6
16 and under 18 years ...	4	5
14 " 16 " ...	3	4

7. For the purpose of all 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.

8. These rates shall continue in operation until 10th June, 1933.

9. For the purpose of the application of the above differential rates of wages for overtime