

in agriculture within the meaning of Section 17 (1) of the Corn Production Act, 1917, in the above-mentioned area during such time as they are so employed.

9. 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 workman who was present at the place of employment and ready to work.

10. The above rates shall come into force on the 9th of September, 1918.

Dated this third day of September, 1918.

Signed by Order of the Wages Board,

*R. E. Stanley,*  
Assistant Secretary.

Agricultural Wages Board  
(England and Wales),  
80, Pall Mall,  
London, S.W. 1.

Applications for Permit of Exemption under the proviso to Section 5 (3) of the Act may be made by employer or worker, and should be addressed to the Secretary, The Hertfordshire and Middlesex Wages Committee, Room 75, Palmerston House, Old Broad Street, London, E.C. 2, from whom forms of application for Permits can be obtained.

Complaints under Section 6 of the Act should also be addressed to the Secretary, The Hertfordshire and Middlesex District Wages Committee, as above.

Complaints under Section 7 of the Act should be addressed to the Secretary, The Agricultural Wages Board (England and Wales), 80, Pall Mall, London, S.W. 1.

## CORN PRODUCTION ACT, 1917.

### AGRICULTURAL WAGES BOARD (ENGLAND AND WALES).

#### MINIMUM RATES OF WAGES FIXED FOR MALE WORKMEN IN NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM TO COME INTO FORCE ON THE 9TH SEPTEMBER, 1918.

The Agricultural Wages Board (England and Wales), duly established and constituted under Section 5 (1) of the above Act and the Regulations made by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries dated the 8th November, 1917, having given the Notice prescribed by the said Act, and having considered all objections duly lodged with them, and having had regard to the provisions of sub-sections (6) and (7) of the said Section, hereby give Notice as required by sub-section 4 of the said Section and by paragraph 4 of the Agricultural Wages Regulations, 1918, that they have fixed the following minimum rates of wages and the following differential rates for overtime employment, as hereinafter defined, for male workmen employed in agriculture for time-work in the area comprising the administrative counties of Northumberland (including the Borough of Berwick-on-Tweed) and Durham, and the county boroughs of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Tynemouth, Darlington, Gateshead, South Shields, Sunderland and West Hartlepool, and have defined for the purpose of the application of such differential rates for overtime the employment which is to

be treated as overtime employment as follows, that is to say:—

1. The wages payable for employment of any male workman of 16 years of age and over employed as a Horseman or Cattleman or employed wholly or mainly in tending sheep or in attending to other stock (other than whole-time Shepherds) shall be not less than wages at the following minimum rates for a week consisting of the hours of employment, whether on weekdays or on Sunday, customary in the above area in the case of a workman so employed, that is to say:—

For male workmen of 19 years of age and over, 38s. a week.

For male workmen of 18 and under 19 years of age, 35s. a week.

For male workmen of 17 and under 18 years of age, 30s. a week.

For male workmen of 16 and under 17 years of age, 25s. a week.

2. The wages payable for employment of all other male workmen in agriculture shall be not less than wages at the following minimum rates, that is to say:—

In respect of employment in summer (as hereinafter defined) for 54 hours, and in respect of employment in winter (as hereinafter defined) for 48 hours:—

For male workmen of 19 years of age and over, 36s.

For male workmen of 18 and under 19 years of age, 33s.

For male workmen of 17 and under 18 years of age, 28s.

For male workmen of 16 and under 17 years of age, 23s.

For male workmen of 15 and under 16 years of age, 18s.

For male workmen of 14 and under 15 years of age, 14s.

For male workmen under 14 years of age, 10s.

Provided that where a whole-time workman to whom these rates apply is employed by the week or any longer period the wages payable to him for the hours of work agreed between him and the employer in any week (excluding hours of overtime employment) shall not be less than the respective amounts set out in this clause, notwithstanding that those hours are less than 54 in summer or 48 in winter.

3. The differential rates for overtime employment shall be as follows:—

For male workmen of 19 years of age and over, 10d. per hour on weekdays, 1s. per hour on Sundays.

For male workmen of 18 and under 19 years of age, 9d. per hour on weekdays, 11d. per hour on Sundays.

For male workmen of 17 and under 18 years of age, 8d. per hour on weekdays, 9½d. per hour on Sundays.

For male workmen of 16 and under 17 years of age, 6½d. per hour on weekdays, 7½d. per hour on Sundays.

For male workmen of 15 and under 16 years of age, 5d. per hour on weekdays, 6d. per hour on Sundays.

For male workmen of 14 and under 15 years of age, 4d. per hour on weekdays, 4½d. per hour on Sundays.

For male workmen of under 14 years of