

STATEMENTS ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE CORN RETURNS ACT, 1882, THE CORN SALES ACT, 1921, AND THE AGRICULTURE (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT, 1943.

STATEMENT showing the QUANTITIES SOLD and AVERAGE PRICES of BRITISH CORN per cwt. of 112 Imperial lb.,* computed from returns received by the MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES in the week ended 10th April 1948.

British Corn.	Quantities Sold.	Average Price per Cwt.
	Cwt.	s. d.
WHEAT	90,498	20 1
BARLEY	89,838	26 4
OATS	10,674	20 11

STATEMENT showing the QUANTITIES SOLD and AVERAGE PRICES of BRITISH CORN per cwt. of 112 Imperial lb.,* for the QUARTER ended LADY DAY, 1948, with comparative figures for the three earlier years :—

Quarter ended Lady Day.	Quantities Sold.		
	Wheat.	Barley.	Oats.
	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.
1945	6,299,109	5,258,589	542,233
1946	4,208,014	5,562,587	924,883
1947	4,534,701	3,779,784	628,270
1948	2,465,661	4,147,215	385,485

Quarter ended Lady Day.	Average Price per Cwt.		
	Wheat.	Barley.	Oats.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1945	14 5	24 11	18 0
1946	14 6	24 7	15 11
1947	15 4	23 6	17 3
1948	19 6	26 4	21 6

* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, as amended by Section 2 of the Corn Sales Act, 1921, provides that, in the weekly summary of quantities and prices each sort of British Corn shall be computed with reference to the cwt. of 112 Imperial Standard lb.

NOTE: The above statements are based on returns received from 108 prescribed towns in England and Wales. The prices represent the average for all sales at these towns, which include transactions between growers and merchants, and some transactions between merchants.

The statement of weekly quantities and prices is based on sales during the week ended 3rd April 1948.

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DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS, 1894 TO 1937, AND AGRICULTURE ACT, 1937 (PART IV.).

GREAT BRITAIN.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

RETURN No. 6/1948. OUTBREAKS OF SCHEDULED (NOTIFIABLE) DISEASES WHICH HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED BY THE MINISTRY during the period 16th to 31st MARCH 1948.

Summary of Returns of outbreaks of certain scheduled (notifiable) diseases which have been confirmed by the Ministry during the period 16th to 31st March 1948.

Period.	Anthrax.		Foot-and-Mouth Disease.		Fowl Pest.	Parasitic Mange.*		Sheep Scab.	Swine Fever.	
	Outbreaks confirmed.	Animals attacked.	Outbreaks confirmed.	Animals slaughtered as diseased or exposed to infection.	Outbreaks confirmed.	Outbreaks confirmed.	Animals attacked.	Outbreaks confirmed.	Outbreaks confirmed.	Swine slaughtered.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Period 16th to 31st March 1948	4	4	—	—	20	—	—	3	—	—
Corresponding period in { 1947	1	1	6	447	25	—	—	1	4	1
{ 1946	3	3	2	549	—	—	—	1	38	31
{ 1945	7	7	8	996	—	—	—	4	48	41
Total 1st January to 31st March 1948	29	30	—	—	149	1	1	21	7	2
Corresponding period in { 1947	16	17	83	8,788	27	1	2	14	14	2
{ 1946	29	29	20	1,926	—	4	4	34	171	119
{ 1945	34	39	59	4,353	—	3	3	33	277	206

NOTE.—The figures for the current year are approximate only.

* Excluding outbreaks in Army Horses.

NOTE.—The following diseases were eradicated from Great Britain in the years indicated :—Cattle plague, or rinder-pest (*pestis bovina*) 1877; pleuro-pneumonia (*peripneumonia contagiosa bovum*) 1898; sheep pox (*variola ovium*) 1850; rabies 1922; epizootic lymphangitis (*lymphangitis epizootica*) 1906; and glanders (including farcy) (*malleus*) 1928. Dourine (*exanthema coitale paralyticum*) has never existed in Great Britain.

TUBERCULOSIS (ATTESTED HERDS) SCHEMES.

The number of Attested Herds, i.e. herds officially certified as free from Tuberculosis, as at 31st March 1948, was as follows :—

ENGLAND.	WALES.	SCOTLAND.	TOTAL (GREAT BRITAIN).
10,470	11,550	10,240	32,260

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries,
10th April 1948.