

AGRICULTURAL WAGES (REGULATION) ACT, 1924.

Whereas the Agricultural Wages Committee for the area comprising the administrative counties of Bedford and Huntingdon 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 28th February, 1932.

SCHEDULE.

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

	Per week.	
	s.	d.
21 years of age and over ...	30	6
20 and under 21 years ...	28	0
19 " 20 " ...	26	0
18 " 19 " ...	24	6
17 " 18 " ...	20	0
16 " 17 " ...	16	0
15 " 16 " ...	13	0
14 " 15 " ...	10	0
Under 14 years of age ...	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 Easter Monday and Whit Monday fall, 41.
- (b) In any other week in summer, 50.

(c) In the week in which Boxing Day falls, 39½.

(d) In any other week in winter, 48.

2. 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 the full number of hours mentioned above in respect of that week the rate of wages applicable to that worker shall be such as to secure to that worker the wages which would have been payable if the agreed hours had been the full number of hours mentioned above in respect of that week.

3. For the purpose of the above rates employment in summer shall be deemed to be employment during the period commencing on the first Monday in March and ending on the last Saturday in October, and employment in winter shall be deemed to be employment during the rest of the year.

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

	Per hour.	
	s.	d.
18 years of age and over	6
17 and under 18 years	5
16 " 17 "	4
15 " 16 "	3½
14 " 15 "	3
Under 14 years of age	2½

5. 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.

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

	On Weekdays (except as provided in the next column).	On Easter Monday, Whit Monday and Boxing Day.	On Sundays.
	Per hour. d.	Per hour. d.	Per hour. d.
<i>Male Workers.</i>			
21 years of age and over ...	9	10	11
20 and under 21 years ...	8½	9½	10
19 " " 20 " ...	8	9	9½
18 " " 19 " ...	7½	8½	9
17 " " 18 " ...	6	7	7½
16 " " 17 " ...	5	5½	6
15 " " 16 " ...	4	4½	5
14 " " 15 " ...	3	3½	4
Under 14 years of age ...	2½	3	3½
<i>Female Workers.</i>			
18 years of age and over ...	7½	8½	9
17 and under 18 years ...	6½	7	7½
16 " " 17 " ...	5	5½	6
15 " " 16 " ...	4½	5	5½
14 " " 15 " ...	4	4½	5
Under 14 years of age ...	3½	4	4½