

STATEMENT showing the QUANTITIES SOLD and AVERAGE PRICE of BRITISH CORN per Hundred-weight of 112 Imperial Pounds,\* as received from the INSPECTORS of CORN RETURNS in the week ended 17th December, 1938, pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882, and the Corn Sales Act, 1921:—

British Corn.	Quantities Sold.	Average Price per Cwt.
	Cwt.	s. d.
WHEAT ... ..	402,458	4 3
BARLEY ... ..	417,629	7 8
OATS ... ..	63,324	6 0

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT for the Corresponding Week in each of the Years from 1934 to 1937:—

Week ended.	Quantities Sold.			Average Price per Cwt.		
	Wheat.	Barley.	Oats.	Wheat.	Barley.	Oats.
	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
15th December, 1934 ...	349,100	263,989	47,901	4 11	8 4	6 8
14th December, 1935 ...	352,153	325,391	32,911	5 9	8 2	5 10
19th December, 1936 ...	270,336	370,201	54,912	8 10	9 6	7 3
18th December, 1937 ...	216,303	318,751	43,469	8 7	13 3	8 6

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT for each of the Four previous Weeks:—

Week ended.	Quantities Sold.			Average Price per Cwt.		
	Wheat.	Barley.	Oats.	Wheat.	Barley.	Oats.
	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
19th November, 1938 ...	429,061	538,527	67,473	4 5	7 9	6 1
26th November, 1938 ...	365,169	485,676	65,888	4 3	7 5	5 11
3rd December, 1938 ...	379,954	512,435	71,078	4 3	7 6	6 0
10th December, 1938 ...	338,416	513,199	61,696	4 3	7 7	5 11

\* 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 hundredweight of one hundred and twelve imperial standard pounds.

NOTE.—The prices in the first statement above are based on returns received from Inspectors during the week ending 17th December, 1938, and represent on the whole the average prices ruling in the week ending 10th December, 1938. The weeks cited in the comparative statements are similarly to be regarded as weeks of Inspectors' returns.

R. H. FRANKLIN,  
Assistant Secretary.

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries,  
Whitehall Place, London, S.W.1.  
17th December, 1938.