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## THE HILL COW SUBSIDY SCHEME, 1960.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor has approved the Hill Cow Subsidy Scheme, 1960, prepared by the Isle of Man Board of Agriculture and Fisheries providing for the payment of subsidy on breeding cows kept on upland farms approved by the Board.

The Scheme, which operates as from 1st January, 1959, replaces the Cattle Rearing Subsidy Scheme, 1958.

By Order,

E. R. St. A. DAVIES

Government Secretary.

Government Office,  
ISLE OF MAN.  
16th February, 1960.

# THE ISLE OF MAN BOARD OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

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1. The objects of the Scheme are :

- (a) to maintain and secure the improvement of upland farms ;
- (b) to ensure that full use is made of the stock-carrying capacity of upland farms and to keep such farms in occupation in an economic condition ;  
and
- (c) to encourage the home breeding and rearing of cattle on upland farms.

2. The subsidy shall be paid with effect from the 1st day of January, 1959, at the following rates in respect of eligible breeding cows kept on upland farms to be approved as such by the Board.

a. **In respect of the year 1959 £7. 10. 0. per head, and in respect of any subsequent year £10. 0. 0. per head.** Eligible breeding cows (other than cows producing milk for sale and including, in relation to milk produced for sale, cows seasonally dry) owned and kept continuously on an approved upland farm for the 'qualifying period' by the occupier who lives on the upland farm or on which his agent or servant lives throughout the year and which is cultivated under normal farming practice. Provided that if in the year 1960, or in any subsequent year, the occupier vacates the upland farm during the qualifying period a subsidy shall nevertheless be paid to him under this Scheme at the rate of £5. per head in respect of eligible breeding cows kept continuously on the upland farm from the 1st January to the 12th August during the qualifying period.

b. **In respect of the year 1959 £5. 5. 0. per head, and in respect of any subsequent year £7. 0. 0. per head.** Eligible breeding cows (other than cows producing milk for sale and including, in relation to milk produced for sale, cows seasonally dry) owned by the occupier of an approved upland farm and kept continuously thereon for the qualifying period ; the upland farm to be cultivated under normal farming practice but on which the dwelling house need not be occupied. Provided that, when found necessary for the maintenance of the breeding cows on the upland farm, fodder grown on the ancillary holding in the occupation of the occupier of the upland farm may be fed to the breeding cows.

3. Applications for the Board's approval of upland farms for the purposes of this Scheme shall be submitted in writing so as to reach the offices of the Board, 3 Hill Street, Douglas, on a date to be specified by the Board.

Claim and Declaration forms in respect of the subsidy will be sent thereafter by the Board to occupiers of approved upland farms and the form duly completed by the occupier must be returned to the offices of the Board not later than the date specified.

The Board will consider each application on its merits and will decide whether or not the holding is eligible to be approved as an upland farm for the purposes of the Scheme. The decisions of the Board will be final and binding on all parties, but the Board is under no obligation to provide reasons to an applicant for any decision reached.

4. The qualifying period must be continuous and the eligible cows must be kept day and night on the upland farm except that animals may be changed once where it is necessary to take them off the grazings for some good reason, e.g., in preparation for calving or for veterinary treatment provided that the approval of the Board is obtained without delay and that the animals removed are replaced immediately by an equal number of other eligible cows ; otherwise payment of subsidy may be withheld. In special circumstances, exceptions may be allowed to the general rule with regard to continuous grazings, e.g., where cows have to be taken off the grazings for a short time to be tuberculin tested or to be kept apart from or run with a bull. In such cases, the Board will recommend payment of the subsidy, provided that the breeding cows are returned to the grazings as soon as possible.

5. (1) Breeding cows must be of a hardy type, capable of living under natural conditions upon upland farms during a full period of twelve months without suffering loss of condition. Breeding cows considered by the Board to be of unsuitable breed or type or not of a satisfactory standard will be disqualified.

(2) "breeding cow" means a female bovine animal which has borne a calf during the qualifying period.

(3) "qualifying period" means a period of one year commencing on the 1st day of January and ending on the 31st day of December.

6. Subsidy will be payable only to an occupier who has maintained on an approved upland farm throughout the qualifying period not fewer than three eligible breeding cows.

The number of breeding cows kept should not be greater than the number that could in the opinion of the Board normally be maintained on the approved upland farm in good condition and without detriment to the grazing. If application is made for subsidy payment on breeding cows in excess of that number, the amount of the subsidy will be reduced.

7. It is a condition of the payment of subsidy that the occupier shall be required to carry out such improvements (e.g., fencing, surface draining, bracken clearing, liming, re-seeding, etc.), to an upland farm as may be required by the Board, provided that the cost in any one year does not exceed 60 per cent of the total subsidy payment estimated to be payable in respect of that year. Payment of subsidy may be withheld, pending the completion of the work, or, in the event of failure to carry it out, may be reduced by an amount corresponding to the estimated cost.

8. Facilities for the inspection of the breeding cows on the upland farm must be given by the occupier at any reasonable time to representatives of the Board. He must also, if required, gather the breeding cows at a convenient place to enable them to be inspected or counted.

9. The Cattle Rearing Subsidy Scheme, 1958, is hereby revoked.

10. This Scheme may be cited as “The Hill Cow Subsidy Scheme, 1960.”