

REPORT OF HIDES COMMITTEE ON OPERATIONS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1946

The following report has been submitted to the Hon. the Minister of Marketing on behalf of the Hides Committee by the Chairman, Mr. A. P. O'Shea :—

I have pleasure in submitting the sixth annual report and statement of the Equalization Fund for the year ended 31st March, 1946.

Export Levy.—There has been no change in the rate of levy during the past year.

Current rates of levy are as follows :—

Ox-hides	One penny farthing (1½d.) per lb.
Cow-hides	One penny farthing (1½d.) per lb.
Bull-hides	One penny (1d.) per lb.
Yearlings	One penny farthing (1½d.) per lb.
Calf-skins (other than freezers)	Threepence (3d.) per lb.

Sale of Hides to Australia.—The arrangement made between the Governments of New Zealand and Australia continued at the prices set out in the schedule below until 20th August, 1945, when Australia restricted their purchases to heavy hides in the following classes :—

Ox-hides	48 lb. and up (all grades).
Cow-hides	51 lb. and up (all grades).

The ruling price schedule as at 1st April, 1945, was as follows :—

—	Freezers.	Abattoir.	Country Butcher.	First Country.	Second Country.	Third Country.
Ox-hides 40/47 lb. ..	10 ⁷ / ₁₆	9 ¹⁵ / ₁₆	9 ⁷ / ₁₆	8 ¹⁵ / ₁₆	8 ⁷ / ₁₆	7 ¹⁵ / ₁₆
Ox-hides 48 lb. up—						
Average weight 49/52 lb. ..	10 ⁹ / ₁₆	10 ¹ / ₁₆	9 ⁹ / ₁₆	9 ¹ / ₁₆	8 ⁹ / ₁₆	8 ¹ / ₁₆
Average weight over 52/54 lb. ..	10 ¹¹ / ₁₆	10 ³ / ₁₆	9 ¹¹ / ₁₆	9 ³ / ₁₆	8 ¹¹ / ₁₆	8 ³ / ₁₆
Average weight over 54/56 lb. ..	10 ³ / ₈	10 ¹ / ₈	9 ³ / ₈	9 ¹ / ₈	8 ³ / ₈	8 ¹ / ₈
Average weight over 56/58 lb. ..	10 ¹³ / ₁₆	10 ⁵ / ₁₆	9 ^{13/₁₆}	9 ⁵ / ₁₆	8 ^{13/₁₆}	8 ^{5/₁₆}
Average weight over 58/59 lb. ..	10 ³ / ₈	10 ^{3/₈}	9 ^{3/₈}	9 ^{3/₈}	8 ^{3/₈}	8 ^{3/₈}
Average weight over 59/61 lb. ..	10 ¹⁵ / ₁₆	10 ⁷ / ₁₆	9 ^{15/₁₆}	9 ⁷ / ₁₆	8 ^{15/₁₆}	8 ^{7/₁₆}
Average weight over 61 lb. ..	11	10 ¹ / ₂	10	9 ¹ / ₂	9	8 ¹ / ₂
Cow-hides—						
51 lb. up	10 ⁷ / ₁₆	9 ^{15/₁₆}	9 ⁷ / ₁₆	8 ^{15/₁₆}	8 ⁷ / ₁₆	7 ^{15/₁₆}
40/50 lb.	10 ⁷ / ₁₆	9 ^{15/₁₆}	9 ⁷ / ₁₆	8 ^{15/₁₆}	8 ⁷ / ₁₆	7 ^{15/₁₆}

As previously mentioned, the ox-hides 40/47 lb. and cow-hides 40/50 lb. were deleted from the schedule on 20th August, 1945.

On 12th September, 1945, the contract with Australia was cancelled, and shipment of existing stocks as at that date was completed by November, 1945.

Statistics.—The following shows the number of hides claimed by the tanners, and the number freed for export under the regulations during the year ending 31st March, 1946 :—

—	Ox.	Cows.	Bull.	Yearlings.	Calf-skins.
Tanners' claims	125,255	256,619	1,443	32,639	32,606
Freed for export	113,352	229,703	25,429	11,546	39,919
Totals	238,607	486,322	26,872	44,185	72,525

Financial Report.—The following summary shows the position of the Equalization Fund as at 31st March, 1946 :—

	£	s.	d.
Bank balance as at 1st April, 1945	22,008	11	2
Receipts from levy	83,098	19	4
	105,107	10	6
Part payment of subsidy of £40,000	35,000	0	0
	140,107	10	6
Less claims paid to tanners, freezing companies, and exporters	112,925	17	10
	27,181	12	8