

NEW ZEALAND **SHEARERS AND SHED HANDS.**—DETERMINATION OF COMMITTEE REGARDING RATES OF WAGES FOR 1947-48 SEASON

Award dated 15th October, 1945, covering rates of pay for Shearers and Shed Hands for Seasons 1945-46 to 1947-48 (inclusive)

PURSUANT to the above award, a Committee consisting of Mr. G. E. F. Wood, Government Statistician, Mr. L. C. Gardiner, as representative of the Employers' Union, and Mr. L. C. Hair, as representative of the Shearers' Union, announce as follows:—

1. The Government Statistician's index number of export prices of greasy wool, calculated for the twelve months ended 30th June, 1936, was taken as equal to 1000, and it was found that the index number for the twelve months ended 30th June, 1947, was 1900.

2. The rates of pay for the 1947-48 season will therefore be as follows:—

Shearers—

- (a) The rate for shearing by machines shall be not less than £1 18s. per 100, with rations.
- (b) The rate for shearing lambs shall be not less than £1 18s. per 100, with rations.
- (c) The rate for shearing by hand shall be not less than £2 0s. 6d. per 100, with rations.
- (d) In cases where the shearers find themselves in rations an allowance of 5s. per day shall be paid, this allowance to be paid on every day (Sundays and wet days included) from the commencement of the shed until the cut out: Provided that during any period of interruption to the continuity of the employment this allowance shall not be paid to any employee who takes alternate work for another employer.
- (e) The rate for shearing stud sheep and hogget rams shall be rate and a half, and for other rams double ordinary rate.
- (f) The rate for shearing double-fleece sheep shall be rate and one-half.
- (g) The minimum rate for crutching shall be 8s. 6d. per 100 and found. Casual workers employed at crutching-time shall be paid the rates specified for shed hands.
- (h) For every four shearers employed one learner shall be engaged, if available, and be paid during his first shearing season 3s. 1d. per hour until he is able to earn more than that amount.

Shed Hands—

- (a) Pressers: By the week, £5 13s.; by the hour, 3s. 1d.
- (b) All other shed hands: By the week, £5 3s.; by the hour, 2s. 11d.
- (c) Cooks: For twelve men or under, at the rate of £6 3s. per week, or 23s. per day. (Where over twelve men are employed the wages shall be increased by 2s. 6d. per week for each additional man required to be cooked for, and where the number exceeds eighteen men an assistant shall be employed; and where over twenty-eight men are employed, the rate shall be by mutual agreement.)

- (d) Cooks' Assistants: At the rate of £5 8s. per week, or 18s. 8d. per day.
- (e) A presser may work at a piece-work rate to be agreed on with his employer, but so that he shall in any event be paid not less than the minimum hourly rates herein specified for the time actually worked by him.
- (f) Each worker shall be provided with rations by his employer. In any case where it is agreed between the employer and the worker that the worker shall provide his own rations he shall be paid at the rate of 5s. per day in addition to the rates herein prescribed. This allowance shall be paid on every day (Sundays and wet days included) from the commencement of the shed until the cut out: Provided that during any period of interruption to the continuity of the employment this allowance shall not be paid to any employee who takes alternate work for another employer.

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