

Price Order No. 1296 (Eggs)

PURSUANT to the powers conferred on it by the Control of Prices Act 1947, the Price Tribunal, acting with the authority of the Minister of Industries and Commerce, hereby makes the following Price Order:—

PRELIMINARY

1. This Order may be cited as Price Order No. 1296, and shall come into force on the 15th day of October 1951.
2. (1) Price Orders Nos. 1225*, 1271†, 1274‡, and 1287§ are hereby revoked.
- (2) The revocation of the said Orders shall not affect the liability of any person for any offence in relation thereto committed before the coming into force of this Order.

3. (1) In this Order,—
 - “Wellington District” means the district defined in the First Schedule to the Egg Marketing Regulations 1951|| as the Wellington Egg Marketing Area;
 - “Westland District” means the district comprising the Counties of Buller, Murchison, Inangahua, Grey, and Westland including all cities, boroughs, and town districts situate within or contiguous to the boundaries of any such county;
 - “Invercargill District” means the district defined in Price Order No. 1296¶.

APPLICATION OF THIS ORDER

4. (1) Except as provided in the next succeeding subclause, this Order applies with respect to all sales, whether wholesale or retail, of eggs of domestic fowls or ducks (whether fresh, chilled, or preserved).
- (2) This Order shall not apply with respect to the sale of eggs within the Invercargill District or to the sale of eggs which the vendor proves were sold for the purpose of hatching.

CLASSIFICATION OF EGGS FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ORDER

Hen Eggs

5. (1) For the purposes of this Order every lot of hen eggs sold by a producer, or wholesaler, or retailer shall be classified as “Heavy Grade”, “Standard Grade”, “Medium Grade”, “Pullet Grade”, or “Mixed”.
- (2) With respect to hen eggs that have been graded in accordance with the Egg Marketing Regulations 1951||, the classification of such eggs for the purposes of this Order shall correspond to the grading under those regulations.
- (3) With respect to hen eggs that have not been graded in accordance with the said regulations, the following special provisions shall apply:—
 - (a) Any lot of eggs sold or offered for sale may be classified for the purposes of this Order as “Heavy Grade”, “Standard Grade”, “Medium Grade”, or “Pullet Grade” as the case may be if all the eggs in the lot would be of the corresponding grade if they had been graded under the said regulations.

* Gazette, 15 March 1951 Vol. I, page 331.
 † Gazette, 26 July 1951, Vol. II, page 1056.
 ‡ Gazette, 2 August 1951, Vol. II, page 1113.
 § Gazette, 13 September 1951, Vol. III, page 1384.
 || Statutory Regulations 1951, Serial number 1951/203, page 684.
 ¶ Gazette, 11 October 1951, Vol. III, page 1509.

- (b) Any lot of eggs sold or offered for sale consisting of eggs which, if graded under the said regulations, would be graded in more than one grade shall be classified for the purposes of this Order as “Mixed Eggs”: Provided that if the average weight of the eggs in the lot is less than 2 oz. the lot shall be classified as “Pullet Grade” eggs.

Duck Eggs

6. (1) For the purposes of this Order, every lot of duck eggs sold by a producer, wholesaler, or retailer shall be classified as “Large”, “Small”, or “Mixed”.
- (2) With respect to the classification of duck eggs—
 - (a) All eggs of a weight not less than 2 $\frac{1}{8}$ oz. shall be classified as “Large”.
 - (b) All eggs of a weight less than 2 $\frac{1}{8}$ oz. shall be classified as “Small”.
 - (c) If any lot of eggs comprises some eggs classifiable as “Large” and some classifiable as “Small” all the eggs in the lot shall be classified as “Mixed”.

FIXING MAXIMUM WHOLESALE PRICES OF EGGS TO WHICH THIS ORDER APPLIES

7. (1) The price that may be charged or received by any wholesaler (including a producer selling otherwise than by way of retail) for any eggs to which this Order applies shall not exceed the appropriate maximum price specified in the First Schedule hereto.
- (2) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this clause, the maximum price that may be charged or received by any producer for preserved eggs sold in a quantity of less than 30 dozen to any person authorized under the provisions of paragraph (a) of subclause (2) of Regulation 29 of the Egg Marketing Regulations 1951|| to purchase such eggs shall be the appropriate maximum price fixed for preserved eggs in the First Schedule hereto as amended or substituted from time to time, reduced by 2½d.

FIXING MAXIMUM RETAIL PRICES OF EGGS TO WHICH THIS ORDER APPLIES

8. The maximum retail price that may be charged or received by any retailer (including a producer) for any eggs to which this Order applies shall be the appropriate maximum price specified in the Second Schedule hereto.

Retailers to Exhibit Prices

9. Every retailer who offers or exposes any eggs to which this Order applies for sale in any shop shall keep in a prominent position in such proximity to the eggs to which it relates as to be obviously descriptive thereof a ticket, placard, or label on which shall be stated in legible and prominent characters the classification of the eggs, according to whether they are “Heavy Grade”, “Standard Grade”, “Medium Grade”, “Pullet Grade”, or “Mixed”, (in the case of hen eggs) or “Large”, “Small”, or “Mixed” (in the case of duck eggs), and the retail price per dozen of the eggs.

PROVISION FOR SPECIAL PRICES

10. Subject to such conditions, if any, as it thinks fit, the Tribunal, on application by any wholesaler or retailer, may authorize special maximum prices in respect of any eggs to which this Order applies, where special circumstances exist, or for any reason extraordinary charges (freight or otherwise) are incurred by the wholesaler or retailer. Any authority given by the Tribunal under this clause may apply with respect to a specified lot or consignment of eggs, or may relate generally to all eggs to which this Order applies sold by the wholesaler or retailer while the approval remains in force.

FIRST SCHEDULE

MAXIMUM WHOLESALE PRICES (PER DOZEN) FOR EGGS TO WHICH THIS ORDER APPLIES

	Hen Eggs.					Duck Eggs.		
	Heavy Grade, Fresh.	Standard Grade, Fresh.	Medium Grade, Fresh.	Pullet Grade, Fresh.	Mixed, Fresh.	Large.	Small.	Mixed.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Wellington District	3 11½	3 9½	3 6½	3 0	3 6	3 9½	3 6½	3 6
Elsewhere in the North Island ..	3 8½	3 6½	3 3½	2 9	3 3	3 6½	3 3½	3 3
Westland District	3 10½	3 8½	3 5½	2 11	3 8	3 8½	3 5½	3 5½
Elsewhere in the South Island other than the Invercargill District	3 7½	3 5½	3 2½	2 8	3 2½	3 5½	3 2½	3 2½

SECOND SCHEDULE

MAXIMUM RETAIL PRICES (PER DOZEN) FOR EGGS TO WHICH THIS ORDER APPLIES

	Hen Eggs.					Duck Eggs.		
	Heavy Grade, Fresh.	Standard Grade, Fresh.	Medium Grade, Fresh.	Pullet Grade, Fresh.	Mixed, Fresh.	Large.	Small.	Mixed.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Wellington District	4 4	4 2	3 11	3 4½	3 10½	4 2	3 11	3 10½
Elsewhere in the North Island ..	4 1	3 11	3 8	3 1½	3 7½	3 11	3 8	3 7½
Westland District	4 3	4 1	3 10	3 3½	4 0½	4 1	3 10	3 10
Elsewhere in the South Island other than the Invercargill District	4 0	3 10	3 7	3 0½	3 7	3 10	3 7	3 7

Dated at Wellington, this 11th day of October 1951.

The Seal of the Price Tribunal was affixed hereto in the presence of—

[L.S.]

G. LAURENCE, Presiding Member.
 D. W. A. BAKER, Member.