

Extract of Minute of Meeting of the  
Export Development Committee  
held at  
50 Horse ~~Sh~~<sup>RMS</sup> Crescent, London  
on Monday, 7th October, 1985

Market Report

Meeting opened with resume of market situation - latest figures from PMB indicate approx 67,000 tonnes have been purchased under the D.I.S. scheme (40,000 tonnes re-sold for stockfeed). PMB have 417,519 contracted under price insurance scheme (175,000 in Scotland).

General liftings are behind - approx 36,000 hectares cleared against 40,506 same time last year. Current average yield 38/39 tonnes - they suggest consumption now 107lbs per head per annum.

Indicated surpluses in Western Europe:

West Germany	400,000 +
Holland	500,000 more than expected
France	1,000,000 +

In France surplus due mainly to dairy farmers trying new crops since stopping dairying.

Meeting went onto discuss classification scheme and then had a review of export markets from Alec Sinclair.

Areas entered for Certification:

		(1984)	
Northern Ireland	5781	(6,332)	-7.3%
France	15,214	(14,343)	+6%
Holland	34,149	(31,451)	+8.5%
Ireland (Donegal)	2,479	(2,325)	+6.6%

Main Exports from Scotland:

Algeria	37,656 tonnes
Morocco	12,491 tonnes
Portugal	17,175 tonnes

Went onto discuss current situation - 28,000 tonnes already sold to Algeria - Morocco likely to require approx 12,000 tonnes this year. Portugal bought too much seed last year - as a result poor ware prices - likely to buy less this year.

Other major item on agenda was proposed transfer of function of the Export Development Committee to the Joint Consultative Committee.

PMB illustrated the duplication of interest representation and suggested export interests could be covered - those present felt not, but agreed to discuss the matter further.

Suggest a copy of paper should be circulated.