

Partridges in release pens

All valuations expressed in pence per bird

Week of cull	Date of first placing in release pens													
	1-Jul	8-Jul	15-Jul	22-Jul	29-Jul	5-Aug	12-Aug	19-Aug	26-Aug	2-Sep	9-Sep	16-Sep	23-Sep	30-Sep
1-Jul	974													
8-Jul	1000	977												
15-Jul	1025	1002	979											
22-Jul	1051	1028	1005	981										
29-Jul	1076	1053	1030	1007	984									
5-Aug	1102	1079	1056	1032	1009	986								
12-Aug	1127	1104	1081	1058	1035	1012	988							
19-Aug	1153	1130	1107	1083	1060	1037	1014	991						
26-Aug	1179	1155	1132	1109	1086	1063	1039	1016	993					
2-Sep	1204	1181	1158	1135	1111	1088	1065	1042	1019	995				
9-Sep	1230	1206	1183	1160	1137	1114	1091	1067	1044	1021	998			
16-Sep	1255	1232	1209	1186	1162	1139	1116	1093	1070	1047	1023	1000		
23-Sep	1281	1257	1234	1211	1188	1165	1142	1118	1095	1072	1049	1026	1003	
30-Sep	1306	1283	1260	1237	1213	1190	1167	1144	1121	1098	1074	1051	1028	1005

This table is intended to provide valuations for partridges in release pens on a game farm. Release pens are generally large outdoor pens that provide limited shelter and protection to the immature pheasant prior to it being released into the wild. The birds are provided with food and water in the release pens, but are gradually encouraged out of the pen by the gamekeeper over a period of weeks. Valuation figures are provided from the 1st week of July, which is generally accepted as being the earliest that poults will be available. The latest date that birds might be recovered within release pens is the last week in September.

To value a flock, both the date of first placing in the release pens and the point at which the cull takes place needs to be ascertained. Thus the value of a bird placed during week commencing 8th July and a cull date of 29th July would be the amount shown in the highlighted cell. If the date the birds were placed and cull dates do not match exactly, the pro-rata valuation should be calculated.

In practice, birds do not spend more than a few weeks in the release pens, although they will return the pens overnight (especially if encouraged back by the gamekeeper). To allow for the possibility of birds being able to be culled for several weeks after initial placing the tables have been extended to cover the period up to the end of September.