

**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	999	977												
15-Jul	1024	1001	979											
22-Jul	1049	1026	1004	981										
29-Jul	1074	1051	1029	1006	984									
5-Aug	1099	1076	1054	1031	1009	986								
12-Aug	1123	1101	1078	1056	1033	1011	988							
19-Aug	1148	1126	1103	1081	1058	1036	1013	991						
26-Aug	1173	1151	1128	1106	1083	1061	1038	1016	993					
2-Sep	1198	1175	1153	1130	1108	1085	1063	1040	1018	995				
9-Sep	1223	1200	1178	1155	1133	1110	1088	1065	1043	1020	998			
16-Sep	1248	1225	1203	1180	1158	1135	1113	1090	1068	1045	1023	1000		
23-Sep	1273	1250	1228	1205	1183	1160	1138	1115	1093	1070	1048	1025	1002	
30-Sep	1297	1275	1252	1230	1207	1185	1162	1140	1117	1095	1072	1050	1027	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.