

**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	998	977												
15-Jul	1022	1000	979											
22-Jul	1045	1024	1003	981										
29-Jul	1069	1048	1026	1005	984									
5-Aug	1093	1071	1050	1029	1007	986								
12-Aug	1116	1095	1074	1052	1031	1010	988							
19-Aug	1140	1118	1097	1076	1055	1033	1012	991						
26-Aug	1163	1142	1121	1100	1078	1057	1036	1014	993					
2-Sep	1187	1166	1144	1123	1102	1081	1059	1038	1017	996				
9-Sep	1211	1189	1168	1147	1126	1104	1083	1062	1040	1019	998			
16-Sep	1234	1213	1192	1170	1149	1128	1107	1085	1064	1043	1021	1000		
23-Sep	1258	1237	1215	1194	1173	1152	1130	1109	1088	1066	1045	1024	1003	
30-Sep	1282	1260	1239	1218	1196	1175	1154	1133	1111	1090	1069	1047	1026	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.