

**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	978													
8-Jul	1002	980												
15-Jul	1025	1004	983											
22-Jul	1049	1028	1006	985										
29-Jul	1073	1052	1030	1009	987									
5-Aug	1097	1075	1054	1033	1011	990								
12-Aug	1121	1099	1078	1056	1035	1013	992							
19-Aug	1145	1123	1102	1080	1059	1037	1016	994						
26-Aug	1168	1147	1125	1104	1083	1061	1040	1018	997					
2-Sep	1192	1171	1149	1128	1106	1085	1063	1042	1020	999				
9-Sep	1216	1195	1173	1152	1130	1109	1087	1066	1044	1023	1001			
16-Sep	1240	1218	1197	1175	1154	1132	1111	1090	1068	1047	1025	1004		
23-Sep	1264	1242	1221	1199	1178	1156	1135	1113	1092	1070	1049	1028	1006	
30-Sep	1287	1266	1245	1223	1202	1180	1159	1137	1116	1094	1073	1051	1030	1008

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 poult 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.