

36. 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	983													
8-Jul	1009	986												
15-Jul	1034	1011	988											
22-Jul	1060	1036	1013	990										
29-Jul	1085	1062	1039	1016	992									
5-Aug	1110	1087	1064	1041	1018	995								
12-Aug	1136	1113	1090	1067	1043	1020	997							
19-Aug	1161	1138	1115	1092	1069	1046	1023	999						
26-Aug	1187	1164	1141	1117	1094	1071	1048	1025	1002					
2-Sep	1212	1189	1166	1143	1120	1097	1073	1050	1027	1004				
9-Sep	1238	1215	1192	1168	1145	1122	1099	1076	1053	1029	1006			
16-Sep	1263	1240	1217	1194	1171	1148	1124	1101	1078	1055	1032	1009		
23-Sep	1289	1266	1242	1219	1196	1173	1150	1127	1104	1080	1057	1034	1011	
30-Sep	1314	1291	1268	1245	1222	1198	1175	1152	1129	1106	1083	1060	1036	1013

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.