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The following changes should be made to update the information contained in document L/4622/Add.12.

AGRICULTURE

The last sentence of Section 2 should be deleted and replaced by the following:

"Additional assistance is also given to the industry in the form of grants. These accord with EEC directives designed to promote capital investment in order to improve productivity, to increase income where these are below average earnings outside agriculture and to assist less-favoured areas."

PRICE GUARANTEES

Fat sheep

(c) Amount of subsidy in 1977/78

Sheep: £0.4 million

(d) Amount of subsidy per unit

Sheep: 0.26p per kg. dressed carcass weight.

Notes: These are the average unit rates paid on animals certified for the guarantee payment in 1977/78. If related to total marketings the unit rates would be lower.

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Potatoes

(c) Amount of subsidy

The current estimated cost of implementing the price guarantee for the 1977 crop is £22 million.

Notes: The figures in the previous Notification related to financial year. We will advise the GATT secretariat of the final figure for the 1977 crop when it is known.

(d) Estimated amount per unit

£3.3 per tonne for the 1977 crop.

Wool

I. (c) Amount of subsidy

The Exchequer recovered £2.2 million in 1977 and there are now no loans outstanding to the Board.

Notes: The figure relates to the calendar year 1977, while that in the previous Notification related to financial year.

At the start of the 1978/79 financial year, some £5.1 million remained available in the fund from recent surpluses to offset future deficits.

Forestry

I. (c) Amount of subsidy

The amount paid in grants for the year ended 31 March 1978 was £1,266,903, and for the year ended 31 March 1979 was £2,142,914.

