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LIFTING OF EARLY POTATOES, 1944

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries has made an Order prohibiting the lifting of early potatoes before certain specified dates. These dates vary according to the districts where the potatoes are grown. The purpose of the Order is to prevent the lifting of immature potatoes.

The Order is in similar terms to that made last year and again provides that any land from which potatoes have been lifted before 10th July, must be sown or planted within 15 days from the date of lifting with a crop to provide a food for human or animal consumption, or a crop to produce agricultural or vegetable seeds.

Provision is made in the Order for the issue of licences by the County War Agricultural Executive Committee to permit lifting before the specified dates in exceptional circumstances.

The Order does not affect potatoes grown for domestic consumption on allotments or in private gardens, or potatoes grown in glasshouses.