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LIFTING OF EARLY POTATOES

To ensure the fullest possible yields the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries has issued an Order prohibiting the lifting before certain specified dates of any variety of early potatoes for sale. The dates vary according to the districts where the potatoes are grown.

Provision is made in the Order for the issue of licences by the appropriate County War Agricultural Executive Committee to allow 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.

Apart from the dates specified in the Order, it is hoped that all growers will delay the lifting of their early potatoes until the land is actually required for planting the winter crop that follows.

The Secretary of State for Scotland and the Minister of Agriculture for Northern Ireland are issuing Orders in similar terms with regard to early potatoes grown in Scotland and Northern Ireland.