

All marks are in every case read from the tip of the ear towards the head, in the order in which they are placed upon the ear (see illustrations herewith).

Attention is directed to a very small punch-hole shown in the centre of the ear on earmarks representing District 1, breeders' Nos. 36 and 60. This is a portion of the system, and is intended to prevent tampering with any earmark consisting of less than a maximum number of marks. For example, when an earmark consists of a single mark two small punch-holes are added, and when it consists of two marks, as in the illustration just referred to, only one small punch-hole is added. In the case of a full earmark consisting of three marks no punch-hole is required. It will thus be seen that the addition of any mark or marks to an ear containing either one or two punch-holes would be an infringement of the system, and clear evidence that the ear had been tampered with; it would nevertheless still show the breeder's original mark.

Under this system the punching-irons would be uniform, and will possibly be supplied by the Government at cost price.

