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PRICES RECEIVED AND PARITY INDEXES UP 1 POINT ADJUSTED PARITY RATIO 79

During the month ended May 15, the Index of Prices Received by Farmers advanced 1 point (1/3 percent) to 260 percent of its 1910-14 average, the Crop Reporting Board announced today. Higher prices for potatoes and cotton contributed most to the increase. Partially offsetting were price declines for onions, eggs, and hogs. The May index was 3 percent above a year earlier.

The Index of Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities and Services, including Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates advanced 1 point (1/4 percent) during the month. At 354, the index was 4 percent above a year earlier.

With prices of farm products and prices paid by farmers both higher, the preliminary Adjusted Parity Ratio remained unchanged at 79, and the Parity Ratio at 73.

SUMMARY TABLE

Index 1910-14=100	: May 15, 1967	: April 15, 1968	: May 15, 1968	: Record high Index	: Date
Prices Received	252	259	260	313	Feb. 1951
Parity Index <u>1/</u>	341	353	354	354	May 1968
Parity Ratio	74	73	73	123	Oct. 1946
Adjusted Parity Ratio <u>2/</u> (preliminary):	79	79	79		

1/ Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates based on data for indicated dates. 2/ The Adjusted Parity Ratio, reflecting Government payments, averaged 79 for the year 1967, compared with 74 for the Parity Ratio. Preliminary Adjusted Parity Ratios for the current year, supplied by the Economic Research Service, are based on estimated cash receipts from marketings and estimates of Government payments for the current calendar year. See p. 30 of the April 1967 issue of AGRICULTURAL PRICES for a description of the method of making current estimates of the Adjusted Parity Ratio.

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PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

The Prices Received Index increased 1 point from mid-April to mid-May. Of the 12 subgroup indexes shown on page 7, the following 6 contributed most to the 1 point net change.

POTATOES, SWEETPOTATOES, AND DRY EDIBLE BEANS: Higher potato prices were mainly responsible for a 30 percent advance in the index during the month ended May 15 to 245 percent of the 1910-14 average. Sweetpotato and dry bean prices also increased. Potatoes, at \$2.55 per cwt. during May, were 44 percent higher than a month earlier. The index was 27 percent above May 1967.

COMMERCIAL VEGETABLES: The mid-May index for commercial vegetables, at 333, was down 9 percent from a month earlier but was 16 percent above May 1967. Sharply lower prices than a month earlier were reported for onions, tomatoes, and lettuce. Partially offsetting were higher prices for cabbage and sweet corn.

COTTON: Prices received by farmers for upland cotton advanced 8 percent during the month to 21.09 cents per pound. The average April to May change is an increase of 1 percent. Mid-May prices averaged 7 percent above a year earlier.

POULTRY AND EGGS: Seasonally lower prices received for eggs more than offset an increase in chicken and turkey prices, and resulted in a 2 percent decline in the poultry and egg index during the month to 124. Egg prices, at 27.0 cents per dozen in mid-May, were 6 percent less than a month earlier. The average April to May change is a decline of 9 percent. Prices received for chickens advanced 3 percent during the month and turkey prices were 1 percent higher. The index was 2 percent below May 1967.

FEED GRAINS AND HAY: A 3 percent increase in prices received by farmers for corn was mainly responsible for a 1 percent advance in the feed grains and hay index during the month to 166. Corn averaged \$1.09 per bushel in mid-May, up 3 cents from a month earlier. Barley prices increased about 2 cents per bushel while sorghum grain prices were up an average of 1 cent per cwt. Hay prices declined 50 cents per ton during the month. Compared with May 1967, the index was 9 percent lower.

FRUIT: A greater-than-seasonal increase in apple prices was mainly responsible for a 1½ percent advance in the fruit index during the month to 303. Per unit returns for grapefruit, lemons, and strawberries also were higher; partially offsetting were lower per unit returns for oranges and pears. Apples, at 10.5 cents per pound, were 17 percent above last month. Equivalent on-tree returns for oranges, at \$2.51 per box, were 9 percent below a month earlier. The index was 55 percent above May 1967, mostly because of higher equivalent returns for oranges.

PRICES PAID BY FARMERS

The index of prices paid by farmers as of mid-May was 310 percent of the 1910-14 base, 1/3 percent above a month earlier. Prices of both family living and production items averaged higher. Compared with a year earlier, the index was up 3 percent.

RURAL CONSUMER INDEX RISES

The mid-May index of prices paid by farmers for items used in family living, at 335, was 2 points (2/3 percent) above a month earlier. Prices averaged higher for food, autos and auto supplies, house building materials, and household furnishings, while clothing prices averaged lower. Prices for household operation items averaged unchanged. Compared with a year earlier, family living prices were 5 percent higher.

FOOD AND TOBACCO: Prices of food and tobacco purchased by farmers at mid-month averaged 2 percent above mid-April and 5 percent above a year earlier. Prices of vegetables, meats, fruit, beverages, and dairy products averaged higher than the previous month. Lower average prices were reported for poultry, eggs, and fats and oils.

CLOTHING: Prices paid by farm families for items of clothing and materials on May 15 averaged 1 percent below mid-April, but were 6 percent higher than a year earlier. Women's and girls' clothing average prices showed the largest declines from April. Men's and boys' clothing averaged slightly lower, while yard goods edged higher.

BUILDING MATERIALS, HOUSE: Prices paid by farmers for building materials used in the construction or repair of dwellings in mid-May averaged 1/2 percent above April 15. Higher prices were reported for most types of construction materials, with paint and framing lumber showing the largest advances. Prices averaged 7 percent higher than a year earlier.

PRODUCTION GOODS INDEX UP

The index of prices paid by farmers for production goods advanced 1 point from mid-April to 293. Higher average prices were reported for motor vehicles, building and fencing materials, motor supplies, and farm supplies. Feeder livestock prices declined, while feed prices averaged unchanged. The index was 2 percent above May 15, 1967.

FEEDER LIVESTOCK: The May 15 index of prices paid by farmers for feeder livestock, at 396, was 1/2 percent below mid-April. Declines in average prices paid for feeder cattle and calves and feeder pigs were responsible for the lower index. Prices for feeder lambs, turkey poults, and replacement dairy cattle averaged higher. Compared with a year earlier, the May 15 index was up 5 percent.

MOTOR VEHICLES: Mid-May prices paid by farmers for motor vehicles averaged 1 percent above a month earlier. Increases in average prices were recorded for new and used cars and trucks. The index, at 528, was 6 percent higher than a year earlier.

MOTOR SUPPLIES: Prices paid by farmers for motor supplies during mid-May averaged 1/2 percent above the previous month. Higher prices for petroleum products accounted for most of the increase. Compared with a year earlier, motor supply prices averaged 2 percent higher.

Average prices received by farmers for farm products, United States, May 15, 1968

Commodity and unit	with comparisons					
	Average		May	Mar.	Apr.	May
	Jan. 1910- Dec. 1914	Jan. 1957- Dec. 1959	15, 1967	15, 1968	15, 1968	15, 1968
Wheat, per bu.	Dol.: .880	1.84	1.58	1.42	1.36	1.36
Rye, per bu.	" : .725	1.01	.974	.985	.966	.933
Rice (rough), per cwt.	" : 1.81	4.87	1/5.18	1/5.35	1/5.37	1/5.35
Corn, per bu.	" : .649	1.10	1.25	1.06	1.06	1.09
Oats, per bu.	" : .399	.622	.693	.687	.694	.692
Barley, per bu.	" : .617	.892	1.05	.971	.963	.986
Sorghum grain, per cwt.	" : —	1.72	1.97	1.86	1.83	1.84
Hay, all, baled, per ton	" : 11.90	19.10	23.80	23.60	22.90	22.40
Cotton, American upland, per lb.	Ct.: 2/11.92	30.90	19.70	19.35	19.58	21.09
Cotton, American-Egyptian, per lb.	" : —	55.4	50.1	42.5	48.3	47.9
Cottonseed, per ton	Dol.: 21.80	47.60	—	56.10	—	—
Soybeans, per bu.	" : —	2.09	2.69	2.57	2.56	2.58
Peanuts, per lb.	Ct.: 4.83	10.6	—	11.5	11.4	—
Flaxseed, per bu.	Dol.: 1.68	2.81	2.83	2.94	2.94	2.94
Potatoes, per cwt. 3/	" : 1.13	1.71	1.99	1.46	1.77	2.55
Sweetpotatoes, per cwt.	" : 1.61	4.30	7.08	6.76	7.46	8.03
Beans, dry edible, per cwt.	" : 3.39	7.04	7.52	9.21	9.19	9.88
Peas, dry field (open mkt.), per cwt. .	" : —	4.04	4.80	4.41	4.38	4.41
Apples, for fresh use, per lb. 3/ 4/ ..	Ct.: —	4.70	7.86	8.49	8.99	10.5
Peaches for fresh use, per lb. 3/	" : —	5.56	—	—	—	—
Pears, for fresh use, per ton 3/ 4/ ...	Dol.: —	73.30	77.20	156.00	180.00	142.00
Strawberries, for fresh use, per lb. 3/	Ct.: —	23.6	23.1	36.9	22.5	24.6
Citrus (equiv. on-tree), per box 3/	" : —	—	—	—	—	—
Grapefruit	Dol.: —	1.33	.57	1.81	1.67	2.00
Lemons	" : —	1.42	1.92	3.89	2.84	2.97
Limes	" : —	4.79	7.32	6.57	20.00	10.40
Oranges	" : —	2.62	.81	2.37	2.76	2.51
Tangelos	" : —	—	—	—	—	—
Tangerines	" : —	—	—	2.95	1.19	—
Hogs, per cwt.	" : 7.29	17.30	21.50	18.50	18.60	18.20
All beef cattle, per cwt.	" : 5.52	20.60	22.30	23.30	23.50	23.70
Cows, per cwt.	" : —	15.10	16.90	17.50	17.80	17.80
Steers and heifers, per cwt.	" : —	23.10	23.80	25.20	25.30	25.30
Calves, per cwt.	" : 6.84	23.50	26.80	28.10	28.10	28.10
Sheep, per cwt.	" : 4.59	6.48	6.29	6.99	7.07	6.91
Lambs, per cwt.	" : 5.96	19.90	24.60	24.50	25.40	25.90
Milkfat in cream, per lb.	Ct.: 26.3	60.1	65.9	66.2	66.5	66.7
All milk wholesale, per cwt. 3/	Dol.: 1.61	4.19	4.75	5.08	5.03	5/5.02
Milk eligible for fluid market	" : —	4.71	5.13	5.52	5.42	5/5.44
Milk of manufacturing grade	" : —	3.22	3.99	4.05	4.19	5/4.17
Milk, retail, per quart 6/	Ct.: 6.90	21.4	23.7	24.1	24.3	24.7
Chickens, all, live, per lb.	" : 11.5	17.1	12.7	14.0	13.5	13.9
Chickens, excluding broilers, live, per lb.	" : —	13.2	10/7.9	5/8.1	8.4	7.9
Broilers, live, per lb. 3/	" : —	17.8	13.2	14.6	14.2	14.6
Turkeys, live, per lb.	" : 14.3	24.0	19.5	17.9	18.8	19.0
Eggs, per dozen 7/	" : 21.6	35.4	28.8	30.4	28.6	27.0
Wool, per lb. 3/ B/	" : 17.8	43.8	40.1	37.9	39.8	41.2
Mohair (Texas only), per lb.	" : —	80.0	52.0	46.0	45.0	44.0
Adjusted for seasonal variation	" : —	—	—	—	—	—
All milk, wholesale, per cwt. 3/	Dol.: —	4.19	10/5.22	5.13	5.35	9/5.52
Eggs, per dozen	Ct.: —	35.7	10/32.7	30.1	29.8	31.0

1/ Average for Mo., Miss., Ark., La., and Tex. 2/ All cotton. 3/ Average for the month.
 4/ Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for Washington and Oregon, equivalent first delivery point returns for California and prices as sold for other States. 5/ Prices are preliminary. Fat test percent for all milk, 3.62; fluid market, 3.62; manufacturing grade, 3.61. 6/ Sold by farmers directly to consumers. 7/ Average of all eggs sold by farmers, including hatching eggs and eggs sold at retail by farmers. 8/ Average local market price, excluding incentive payment. 9/ Preliminary. 10/ Revised.

State prices were weighted by corresponding monthly sales, annual sales, or annual production to compute regional and U. S. average prices.

Based on price reports from 7,140 firms and individuals, and supplemented by data from marketing agencies and related sources.

United States parity prices for farm products and average prices received as percentage of parity prices based on data for May 1968, with comparisons 1/

Commodity and Unit	Adjusted base prices	Parity prices 3/ based on data for			Average prices as percentage of parity prices		
		2/ 1967	1968	1968	1967	1968	1968
Basic Commodities:							
Cotton, per lb.:							
American upland	Ct.: 12.58	42.78	44.41	44.53	46	44	47
Extra long staple	" 4/21.1	74.2	74.5	74.7	—	—	—
Wheat, per bu.	Dol.: .744	2.60	2.63	2.63	61	52	52
Rice, per cwt.	" 1.95	6.81	6.88	6.90	—	—	—
Corn, per bu.	" .464	1.61	1.64	1.64	78	65	66
Peanuts, per lb.	Ct.: 4/4.36	15.0	15.4	15.4	—	74	—
Tobacco, per lb.:							
Flue-cured, types 11-14	" 16/4 24.5	84.1	85.8	86.7	—	—	—
Va. fire-cured, type 21	" 4/15.7	54.4	55.4	55.6	—	—	—
Ky.-Penn. fire-cured, types 22-23	" 4/16.3	55.4	—	57.7	—	—	—
Burley, type 31	" 4/25.6	87.6	90.4	90.6	—	—	—
Maryland, type 32	" 5/22.8	79.7	80.5	80.7	62	78	81
Dark air-cured, types 35-36	" 4/14.8	50.6	52.2	52.4	—	—	—
Sun-cured, type 37	" 4/15.4	52.0	54.4	54.5	—	—	—
Pa. seedleaf, type 41	" 4/10.5	35.6	—	37.2	—	—	—
Cigar filler and binder, types 42-44, 53-55	" 4/12.4	42.8	—	43.9	—	—	—
Puerto Rican filler, type 46	" 4/14.0	47.9	49.4	49.6	—	—	—
Cigar binder, types 51-52	" 6/18.5	61.9	—	65.5	—	—	—
Designated Nonbasic Commodities:							
Tung nuts, per ton	Dol.: 4/27.30	93.40	96.40	96.60	—	—	—
Milkfat in cream, per lb.	Ct.: 24.7	84.8	87.2	87.4	16/78	76	76
All milk, whole., per cwt.	Dol.: 1.73	5.92	6.11	6.12	7/88	7/88	7/90
Honey, wholesale, per lb.:							
Comb	Ct.: 8/13.8	47.5	48.7	48.9	—	—	—
Extracted	" 8/5.72	20.0	20.2	20.2	—	—	—
Wool and Mohair:							
Wool, per lb.	" 25.1	86.5	88.6	88.9	9/16/46	9/45	9/46
Mohair, per lb.	" 33.0	116.0	116.0	117.0	—	—	—
Other Nonbasic Commodities:							
Barley, per bu.	Dol.: 16/.381	1.31	1.35	1.35	80	71	73
Beans, dry edible, per cwt.	" 2.94	10.10	10.40	10.40	74	88	95
Cottonseed, per ton	" 4/19.60	67.70	69.20	69.40	—	—	—
Flaxseed, per bu.	" 1.14	3.97	4.02	4.04	71	73	73
Oats, per bu.	" .252	.876	.890	.892	79	78	78
Potatoes, per cwt.	" 4/.816	2.85	2.88	2.89	16/70	61	88
Rye, per bu.	" .398	1.39	1.40	1.41	70	69	66
Sorghum grain, per cwt.	" .744	2.56	2.63	2.63	16/77	70	70
Soybeans, per bu.	" .960	3.28	3.39	3.40	82	76	76
Sweetpotatoes, per cwt.	" 1.96	6.67	6.92	6.94	16/106	108	116
Apples, for fresh use, per lb. 10/	Ct.: 2.25	11/7.71	7.94	7.96	90	113	132
Citrus (equiv. on-tree), per box:							
Grapefruit	Dol.: 4/.504	1.71	1.78	1.78	33	94	112
Lemons	" 4/.760	2.50	2.68	2.69	77	106	110
Limes	" 4/1.34	4.34	4.73	4.74	169	423	219
Oranges	" 4/1.00	3.49	3.53	3.54	23	78	71
Tangerines	" 4/.936	3.07	3.30	3.31	—	36	—
Beef cattle, per cwt.	" 8.36	28.40	29.50	29.60	16/79	80	80
Calves, per cwt.	" 9.72	32.70	34.30	34.40	82	82	82
All chickens, live, per lb.	Ct.: 5.88	21.3	20.8	20.8	60	65	67
Eggs, per doz.	" 13.9	48.9	49.1	49.2	7/67	7/61	7/63
Hogs, per cwt.	Dol.: 7.00	24.20	24.70	24.80	16/89	75	73
Lambs, per cwt.	" 8.12	27.80	28.70	28.70	16/88	89	90
Sheep, per cwt.	" 2.47	8.55	8.72	8.74	16/74	81	79
Turkeys, live, per lb.	Ct.: 8.96	31.8	31.6	31.7	61	59	60

See footnotes on page 6.

Parity prices based on data for May 1968, United States ^{1/}

Other Nonbasic Commodities (Continued)	: Parity : prices ^{3/} : based on : data for : May 1968 : <u>Dol.</u>	Other Nonbasic Commodities (Continued)	: Parity : prices ^{3/} : based on : data for : May 1968 : <u>Dol.</u>
Field Crops and Misc. Commodities:		Noncitrus Fruits:	
Castor beans, cwt.	7.47	Peaches	
Crude pine gum, bbl.	42.10	For fresh use, lb. ^{13/}0825
Hops, lb.680	Dried (Calif.), ton	658.00
Tobacco, lb.:		For processing (ex. dried)	
Cigar wrapper, type 61	<u>17/3.61</u>	clingstone (Calif.), ton ^{12/} ...	"91.70
Cigar wrapper, type 62	<u>17/2.93</u>	Pears	
Noncitrus Fruits:		For fresh use, ton ^{14/}	143.00
Apples, for processing, ton	60.50	Dried (Calif.), ton	1,020.00
Apricots, ton		Plums (Calif.), equiv. on-tree, ton	
For fresh use	255.00	For fresh use	164.00
Dried (Calif.)	1,360.00	Prunes, dried (Calif.), ton	442.00
Avocados, ton ^{12/}	<u>18/</u>	Prunes and Plums	
Cherries, ton		(Exo. Calif.), ton	
Sweet	474.00	For fresh use	211.00
Tart	245.00	For processing (ex. dried)	97.40
Cranberries, bbl. ^{12/}	<u>18/</u>	Tree Nuts, ton:	
Dates (Calif.), ton	194.00	Almonds	<u>18/</u>
Figs (Calif.), ton		Filberts	602.00
Dried	297.00	Walnuts	662.00
Grapes, ton		Vegetables for fresh market, cwt.:	
Raisin varieties		Cantaloupes	7.08
dried (Calif.)	331.00	Carrots ^{15/}	4.99
Grapes excl. raisin		Cauliflower ^{15/}	10.40
varieties dried	84.60	Celery ^{15/}	5.84
Nectarines (Calif.), ton		Green peas	15.00
For fresh use ^{12/}	166.00	Honeydew melons	7.75
Olives (Calif.),		Lettuce	6.12
for canning, ton ^{12/}	354.00	Onions ^{15/}	4.71
		Tomatoes	11.70

^{1/} Parity prices are computed under the provisions of Title III, Subtitle A, Section 301 (a) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 as amended by the Agricultural Acts of 1948, 1949, 1954, and 1956. ^{2/} Adjusted base price 1910-14 derived from 120-month, January 1958-December 1967 average (including an allowance where appropriate for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments resulting from price support operations) by dividing by 250 percent (the 120-month average of the Index of Prices Received by Farmers adjusted to include an allowance for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments) unless otherwise noted. ^{3/} Parity prices as computed currently using base prices in effect and indexes for months indicated. These parity prices are the legally applicable parity prices for the following calendar month. ^{4/} Adjusted base price 1910-14 derived from 10 season average prices 1958-67 (including an allowance, where appropriate, for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments resulting from price support operations). ^{5/} Adjusted base price 1910-14 derived from 10 weighted calendar year prices 1958-67. ^{6/} Based on a price of 37.9 cents per pound for the marketing year 1958 and the average price received by producers for the 1959-67 crops. ^{7/} Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price. ^{8/} Adjusted base price derived from State annual average prices weighted by production. ^{9/} Average local market price, excluding incentive payment. ^{10/} Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for apples for Washington and Oregon, equivalent first delivery point returns for California, and price at point of first sale for other States. ^{11/} Converted from \$3.49 per bu. ^{12/} Equivalent returns for bulk fruit at first delivery point. ^{13/} Based on prices for fresh peaches for important producing States and average price for all methods of sale for other States. ^{14/} Based on packinghouse-door returns for fresh pears for Washington and Oregon, equivalent first delivery point returns for fresh pears for California, average prices for fresh use for New York and Michigan and average prices for all methods of sale for other States. ^{15/} Includes some processing. ^{16/} Revised. ^{17/} Adjusted base price for tobacco, type 61, \$1.02; type 62, \$0.828. ^{18/} Not available.

See Supplement No. 1, January 1968 AGRICULTURAL PRICES for details on parity price computations.

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Index numbers of Prices Received by Farmers, United States, May 15, 1968
with comparisons

Index	1957-59:		1910-14=100					
	=100 : May : 1968	Average : Jan. 1957: : to Dec. '59:	1967 : Mar. : 15	1967 : Apr. : 15	1967 : May : 15	1968 : Mar. : 15	1968 : Apr. : 15	1968 : May : 15
UNADJUSTED								
All Farm Products	108	242	250	246	252	258	259	260
All Crops	105	223	224	223	222	229	232	235
Food grains	79	212	189	185	188	173	167	167
Feed grains and hay	104	159	186	183	183	165	164	166
Feed grains	102	161	185	183	184	162	162	165
Cotton	69	261	173	173	167	164	166	179
Tobacco	116	485	561	559	559	560	563	563
Oil-bearing crops	118	229	288	286	284	271	270	271
Fruit	136	222	200	192	195	294	298	303
Fresh market 1/	143	228	193	186	190	313	319	328
Commercial vegetables	141	235	273	304	287	348	365	333
Fresh market	151	260	318	359	332	424	445	394
Potatoes, etc. 2/	150	163	191	171	193	166	189	245
Livestock & Products	109	258	273	266	279	282	282	281
Meat animals	113	308	322	320	351	345	348	348
Dairy products	119	257	301	292	290	308	305	305
Poultry & eggs	78	158	144	130	126	132	127	124
Wool	94	246	228	221	225	213	224	231
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED								
Fresh market fruit 1/	140	229	197	183	187	323	316	320
Fresh market vegetables	145	264	289	329	325	385	389	382
Potatoes, etc. 2/	136	163	190	159	174	165	176	222
Dairy products	129	257	304	308	314	310	322	331
Poultry & eggs	84	159	141	132	135	128	129	133

1/ Fresh market for noncitrus and fresh market and processing for citrus. 2/ Includes sweet-potatoes and dry edible beans.

Commercial Vegetables for Fresh Market: Average f.o.b. shipping point prices per cwt.
United States, May 1-15, 1968, with comparisons

Commodity	Average	May	May	April	April	May
	: Jan. 1957: : to Dec. : : 1959	1-15, 1967	1-31, 1967 1/	1-15, 1968	1-30, 1968	1-15, 1968
- - - D O L L A R S - - -						
Asparagus	16.30	21.10	19.80	17.60	18.10	22.70
Broccoli	8.37	12.00	11.10	10.40	10.50	11.50
Cabbage	2.47	3.75	3.50	1/3.09	3.05	4.05
Cantaloupes	4.64	7.20	8.20	---	---	7.00
Carrots	4.44	5.00	5.20	1/4.77	4.67	4.20
Cauliflower	6.90	11.50	10.50	10.80	11.50	11.20
Celery	3.92	6.10	6.20	5.04	5.10	5.27
Cucumbers	6.33	5.70	6.20	13.30	10.80	8.20
Green peppers	12.70	13.60	12.80	23.10	22.40	22.30
Lettuce	4.11	4.30	5.70	4.89	4.32	3.77
Onions	3.21	3.65	3.60	10.20	8.80	5.49
Snap beans	10.20	12.20	11.20	12.80	11.00	12.30
Spinach	6.24	7.90	8.00	8.52	7.70	7.30
Sweet corn	4.72	5.50	4.70	7.40	6.90	7.78
Tomatoes	8.59	7.50	9.00	18.60	17.10	15.20
Watermelons	1.65	2.50	2.30	---	5.50	3.70

1/ Revised.

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Index numbers of Prices Paid by Farmers, Interest, Taxes, and Wage Rates,
and related data, United States, May 15, 1968, with comparisons

Indexes and ratios	1957-59=100			1910-14=100					
	May 1967	Apr. 1968	May 1968	Mar. 15	Apr. 15	May 15	Mar. 15	Apr. 15	May 15
PRICES PAID BY FARMERS									
Commodities & Services,									
Interest, Taxes, & Wage Rates	1/116	121	121	339	340	341	350	353	354
Prices Paid	111	114	114	300	300	1/301	307	309	310
Family living items	112	117	117	319	319	320	330	333	335
Food and tobacco	---	---	---	318	---	---	323	---	---
Clothing	---	---	---	392	---	---	415	---	---
Household operation	---	---	---	233	---	---	237	---	---
Household furnishings	---	---	---	261	---	---	268	---	---
Building materials, house	---	---	---	430	---	---	452	---	---
Autos and auto supplies	107	---	113	338	---	345	358	---	364
Production items	1/109	111	112	287	287	1/287	291	292	293
Feed	1/107	103	103	218	216	1/214	206	205	205
Feeder livestock	106	112	111	369	370	378	393	398	396
Motor supplies	---	---	---	180	---	---	184	---	---
Motor vehicles 2/	121	---	129	488	---	497	519	---	528
Farm machinery	---	---	---	454	---	---	476	---	---
Building & fencing materials	---	---	---	404	---	---	422	---	---
Fertilizer	---	98	---	3/152	154	---	3/152	150	---
Farm supplies	---	---	---	274	---	---	278	---	---
Seed	---	119	---	239	237	234	3/235	250	---
Interest 4/	253	273	273	463	463	1/463	500	500	500
Taxes 5/	181	193	193	896	896	1/896	956	956	956
Wage Rates 6/	146	157	157	799	849	849	870	912	912
PARTY RATIO 7/	---	---	---	74	72	74	74	73	73
Adjusted Parity Ratio (Prelm.)	---	---	---	79	78	79	79	79	79
Production Items, Interest,									
Taxes, and Wage Rates	120	123	123	353	356	1/357	364	367	368
Prices Received by Farmers	104	107	108	103	102	104	107	107	108
Wholesale prices: 8/									
All commodities	106	108	108	106	105	106	108	108	108
Industrial commodities	106	109	109	106	106	106	109	109	109
Prices Paid by Farmers,									
Interest, Taxes, & Wage Rates	1/116	121	121	116	116	116	120	121	121
Consumers' prices (CPI) 8/	116	120	---	115	115	116	120	120	---
Average hourly earnings, mfg.									
production workers 9/	133	140	---	132	132	133	140	140	---

1/ Revised. 2/ Includes autos, trucks, and tractors. 3/ Estimated unchanged since September 15, date of last previous survey. 4/ Interest payable per acre on farm real estate debt. 5/ Farm real estate taxes payable per acre. 6/ Seasonally adjusted. 7/ Ratio of Index of Prices Received to Index of Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes, and Wage Rates. 8/ Bureau of Labor Statistics' indexes for month indicated. 9/ Based on earnings per hour as estimated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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State and division	Wheat per bu.	Rye per bu.	Rice per cwt.	Corn per bu.	Oats per bu.	Barley per bu.	Sorghum grain per cwt.	Soybeans per bu.
D O L L A R S								
Maine					.85			
N. Eng.					.850			
N. Y.	1.23	.99		1.15	.83	.98		2.35
N. J.	1.27	1.00		1.22	.87	1.02		2.48
Pa.	1.25	1.02		1.19	.83	.98		2.50
Mo. Atl.	1.24	.998		1.18	.830	.983		2.47
Ohio	1.25	1.00		1.05	.80	.88		2.62
Ind.	1.22	1.07		1.04	.79	.86	1.75	2.57
Ill.	1.30	.97		1.06	.71	.88	1.80	2.60
Mich.	1.19	.90			.98	.90		2.58
Wis.	1.26	1.05		1.12	.72	1.08		2.55
E. N. Cent.	1.22	.953		1.05	.729	.984	1.77	2.60
Minn.	1.50	.96		1.08	.66	.99		2.55
Iowa	1.37	.95		1.08	.70	.90	1.75	2.56
Mo.	1.33	1.03		1.15	.77	1.00	1.86	2.59
N. Dak.	1.52	.87		1.04	.58	.91		2.48
S. Dak.	1.40	.93		1.14	.64	.94	1.80	2.52
Nebr.	1.29	.98		1.14	.71	.95	1.74	2.54
Kans.	1.29	.95		1.14	.77	1.00	1.81	2.53
W. N. Cent.	1.42	.903		1.10	.655	.935	1.78	2.55
Del.	1.20	1.20		1.10	.82	.88		2.48
Md.	1.21	1.20		1.09	.81	.89		2.48
Va.	1.31	1.40		1.21	.77	.97	1.95	2.58
W. Va.	1.43			1.29	.85	1.00		
N. C.	1.40	1.45		1.20	.80	1.00	2.05	2.57
S. C.	1.37	1.70		1.27	.87	1.05	2.00	2.62
Ga.	1.35	2.25		1.27	.85	1.02	1.90	2.60
Fla.	1.29			1.25	.85			2.60
S. Atl.	1.30	1.20		1.21	.838	.953	2.04	2.59
Ky.	1.30	1.20		1.20	.79	.95	1.92	2.55
Tenn.	1.42	1.40		1.27	.89	1.10	2.00	2.55
Ala.	1.25			1.26	.85		1.90	2.60
Miss.	1.25		5.40	1.35	.76		1.95	2.60
E. S. Cent.	1.35	1.30	5.40	1.22	.801	.988	1.95	2.59
Ark.	1.31		5.30	1.30	.81	1.10	1.97	2.62
La.	1.27		5.50	1.34	.78		2.00	2.63
Okl.	1.31	1.02		1.29	.81	1.02	1.84	2.45
Texas	1.31	1.10	5.30	1.35	.81	.99	1.81	2.36
W. S. Cent.	1.31	1.07	5.35	1.34	.806	1.00	1.82	2.61
Mont.	1.26	.78		1.27	.67	.85		
Idaho	1.31	1.15		1.27	.72	.94		
Wyo.	1.16	1.01		1.19	.70	1.02		
Colo.	1.25	.95		1.15	.84	.98	1.86	
N. Mex.	1.26			1.45		1.13	1.80	
Ariz.	1.35			1.45		1.09	2.17	
Utah	1.41				.84	1.10		
Nev.	1.32				.85	1.10		
Mount.	1.27	1.02		1.17	.727	1.01	1.90	
Wash.	1.43	1.15		1.35	.86	1.01		
Oreg.	1.40	1.15		1.45	.87	1.07		
Calif.	1.37			1.44	.86	1.05	2.32	
Pac.	1.42	1.15		1.44	.866	1.05	2.32	
U. S.	1.36	.933	1.5.35	1.09	.692	.986	1.84	2.58
1/ Average for Mo., Miss., Ark., La., and Texas.								

State	Winter wheat May 15, 1968	Spring wheat, other than Durum May 15, 1968
Dollars per bushel		
Minn.	1.34	1.49
N. Dak.	1.25	1.45
S. Dak.	1.29	1.45
Mont.	1.19	1.39
Idaho	1.33	1.26
Colo.	1.25	1.24

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State and division	American	Cotton	Peanuts	Flax	Beans	Tobacco	Apples	Sweet	Wool
	upland cotton	seed	per lb.	seed	dry	per lb.	fresh	potatoes	per lb.
	per lb.	per ton	per lb.	per bu.	per cwt.	per lb.	per lb.	per cwt.	per lb.
	Ct.	Dol.	Ct.	Dol.	Dol.	Ct.	Ct.	Dol.	Ct.
Maine							8.00		46
N. H.							8.00		43
Vt.							8.40		43
Mass.							8.30		44
R. I.									44
Conn.							8.60		44
N. Eng.							8.21		44.5
N. Y.					8.90		11.00		40
N. J.							9.09	8.40	
Pa.							11.00		44
M. Atl.					8.50		10.70	8.40	42.5
Ohio							7.80		33
Ind.									34
Ill.									35
Mich.						8.40		8.00	35
Wis.									34
E. N. Cent.					8.40		7.99		33.9
Minn.				2.89					34
Iowa				3.00					34
Mo.									35
N. Dak.				2.91	7.80				34
S. Dak.				2.97					37
Nebr.					7.80				36
Kans.					8.50				34
W. N. Cent.				2.84	7.87				35.2
Del.									
Md.						65.5			
Va.								6.00	43
W. Va.									42
N. C.	20.0							6.80	40
S. C.	24.0							6.20	
Ga.	23.5							7.90	
Fla.	21.5								
S. Atl.	23.58					65.5		8.80	42.4
Ky.									39
Tenn.	20.0							5.50	40
Ala.	23.0							6.20	
Miss.	23.0							5.20	
E. S. Cent.	22.88							5.46	39.2
Ark.	21.0							5.80	34
La.	24.5							7.90	30
Okla.	18.0								30
Tex.	16.5							6.00	47
W. S. Cent.	18.29							7.34	46.5
Mont.				2.80	8.50				46
Idaho					6/8.30				46
Wyo.					8.50				41
Colo.					8.70				43
N. Mex.	22.5				8.50				45
Ariz.	23.0								37
Utah					8.70				42
Nev.									45
Mount.	22.96			2.60	8.50				43.0
Wash.					9.80		11.40		41
Oreg.							7.35		40
Calif.	23.0				14.40			14.00	41
Pac.	23.00				14.20		11.30	14.80	40.8
U. S.	21.09			2.94	9.88	65.5	10.50	8.03	41.2

1/ Insufficient sales. 2/ Prices by types shown on page 15. 3/ Average for the month.
 4/ Equivalent p.h.d. returns for Washington and Oregon, equivalent first delivery point returns for California, and price at point of first sale for other States. 5/ Incentive payment not included. 6/ Excludes garden seed.

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Average prices per cwt. received by farmers, by States and geographic divisions, May 15, 1968

State and division	Hogs	Cows 1/	Steers and heifers	Beef cattle 2/	Calves	Sheep	Lambs
D O L L A R S							
Maine	17.40	18.40	21.70	18.80	27.30	7.00	24.00
N. H.	17.70	17.80	21.50	18.20	26.20	7.00	24.80
Vt.	18.10	16.50	19.80	16.90	24.30	7.00	24.70
Mass.	17.60	18.00	20.00	18.30	26.80	6.80	26.30
R. I.	17.90	17.70	20.40	17.90	27.10	6.80	26.30
Conn.	18.20	17.50	21.00	17.80	27.30	6.80	26.30
N. Eng.	17.70	17.40	20.50	17.80	25.80	6.95	25.00
N. Y.	19.00	19.00	24.00	19.70	33.00	7.30	27.00
N. J.	19.10	18.70	25.40	19.90	42.50	9.00	26.30
Pa.	19.30	18.40	25.40	21.30	34.60	7.20	26.50
M. Atl.	19.20	18.70	25.10	20.60	33.60	7.46	26.70
Ohio	18.70	17.90	24.90	23.00	33.00	6.50	25.00
Ind.	18.00	18.10	24.70	23.80	29.70	6.70	26.10
Ill.	18.10	18.00	24.50	23.70	27.50	5.50	26.00
Mich.	18.60	17.70	24.00	21.20	27.00	7.30	25.50
Wis.	18.30	18.00	22.40	19.30	31.00	5.60	25.50
E. N. Cent.	18.20	17.50	24.40	22.70	30.80	6.17	25.60
Minn.	18.20	19.00	25.10	23.50	32.40	6.10	27.60
Iowa	18.40	18.80	25.60	25.00	27.50	6.30	26.30
Mo.	18.30	17.80	25.60	24.40	29.00	6.00	27.00
N. Dak.	18.10	17.50	24.70	23.10	28.50	5.50	25.50
S. Dak.	18.20	17.40	25.60	24.40	29.10	5.60	26.70
Nebr.	18.20	18.30	25.90	25.20	29.10	5.70	28.40
Kans.	18.20	18.20	25.00	23.70	27.20	5.60	27.00
W. N. Cent.	18.30	18.30	25.50	24.50	29.20	5.97	26.90
Del.	19.00	17.50	24.80	19.70	31.60	6.50	25.50
Md.	19.00	18.00	25.00	21.00	33.60	6.50	25.50
Va.	18.40	17.00	22.30	19.80	31.50	6.00	25.50
W. Va.	19.10	17.30	24.00	21.00	31.30	5.50	25.00
N. C.	18.00	18.60	22.20	20.30	31.00	5.70	24.00
S. C.	17.60	17.80	23.00	20.40	27.20	---	---
Ga.	17.80	16.90	22.50	20.20	26.00	---	---
Fla.	17.70	18.90	24.20	22.30	25.60	---	---
S. Atl.	18.00	18.00	23.40	21.00	28.10	5.80	25.30
Ky.	17.90	16.70	23.60	21.80	31.50	6.50	25.00
Tenn.	17.80	16.10	23.10	20.60	28.50	6.50	23.30
Ala.	17.40	17.30	24.00	21.80	25.90	---	---
Miss.	17.80	17.40	23.80	20.60	27.00	---	---
E. S. Cent.	17.70	17.00	23.60	21.20	27.90	6.50	24.60
Ark.	18.20	17.20	24.10	21.70	26.50	7.00	21.60
La.	17.40	17.00	24.60	20.10	26.00	7.00	21.00
Okla.	18.10	17.00	24.90	23.30	27.90	8.00	26.20
Tex.	17.90	17.10	25.00	22.00	26.80	11.00	24.00
W. S. Cent.	18.00	17.10	24.90	22.20	26.80	10.90	24.10
Mont.	18.40	19.20	24.60	23.60	28.90	5.20	25.00
Idaho	19.00	18.00	25.60	23.50	29.50	5.50	25.00
Wyo.	17.80	18.60	25.00	23.90	28.50	6.00	26.20
Colo.	19.90	19.00	26.20	25.80	30.10	5.50	26.70
N. Mex.	18.20	17.00	24.50	23.40	28.00	7.00	25.00
Ariz.	19.20	16.70	25.90	25.30	27.00	6.00	27.00
Utah	18.30	17.20	24.50	22.00	28.50	6.50	25.50
Nev.	17.70	16.40	24.00	21.30	26.50	5.50	23.50
Mount.	19.00	18.00	25.70	24.80	28.40	5.81	25.80
Wash.	19.80	16.70	24.70	21.70	27.60	6.00	25.50
Oreg.	19.90	16.70	25.50	22.50	27.30	5.00	26.30
Calif.	19.10	17.50	26.00	25.10	28.30	5.20	25.50
Pac.	19.50	17.20	25.90	24.60	27.80	5.21	25.70
48 States	18.20	17.80	25.30	23.70	28.10	6.91	25.90
Hawaii	34.20	14.90	24.40	21.60	---	---	---
U. S.	18.20	17.80	25.30	23.70	28.10	6.91	25.90

1/ Includes cull dairy cows sold for slaughter, but not dairy cows for herd replacement.

2/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined with allowance where necessary for slaughter bulls.

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State and division	Milk, wholesale, price per cwt. April 1968				May 15, 1968				
	Eligible for fluid market 1/		Manufacturing grade		All Milk		All milk	Milkfat	Milk
	Price	Fat test	Price	Fat test	Price	Fat test	2/	in cream	per head
	Dol.	Pct.	Dol.	Pct.	Dol.	Pct.	Dol.	Ct.	Dol.
Maine	5.95	3.78	---	---	5.95	3.78	6.05	---	295
N. H.	5.75	3.87	---	---	5.75	3.87	5.80	---	305
Vt.	5.45	3.80	---	---	5.45	3.80	5.50	---	290
Mass.	5.90	3.72	---	---	5.90	3.72	6.00	---	320
R. I.	5.95	3.72	---	---	5.95	3.72	6.05	---	320
Conn.	6.00	3.75	---	---	6.00	3.75	6.10	---	330
N. Eng.	5.71	3.78	---	---	5.71	3.78	5.78	---	303
N. Y.	5.00	3.57	---	---	5.00	3.57	5.00	56	310
N. J.	5.55	3.66	---	---	5.55	3.66	5.55	---	355
Pa.	5.70	3.72	4.10	3.61	5.65	3.72	5.75	54	340
M. Atl.	5.28	3.63	4.10	3.61	5.26	3.63	5.30	54.6	324
Ohio	5.60	3.71	4.17	3.80	5.45	3.72	5.30	49	280
Ind.	5.30	3.73	4.30	3.87	5.10	3.76	5.00	50	295
Ill.	4.95	3.63	4.10	3.65	4.70	3.64	4.70	57	265
Mich.	5.65	3.64	4.30	3.74	5.45	3.66	5.45	64	305
Wis.	4.77	3.67	4.28	3.65	4.49	3.66	4.52	70	300
E. S. Cent.	5.17	3.67	4.26	3.67	4.81	3.67	4.80	58.8	291
Minn.	4.80	3.59	4.22	3.49	4.28	3.51	4.30	73	280
Iowa	4.88	3.64	4.18	3.55	4.34	3.57	4.34	70	275
Mo.	5.10	3.60	4.00	3.76	4.55	3.68	4.50	64	215
N. Dak.	4.60	3.50	3.95	3.52	4.20	3.51	4.25	70	255
S. Dak.	5.05	3.56	4.15	3.53	4.30	3.55	4.20	68	250
Nebr.	4.85	3.60	4.05	3.54	4.35	3.56	4.40	62	245
Kans.	5.50	3.54	4.05	3.64	5.00	3.57	5.05	61	260
W. S. Cent.	4.93	3.59	4.17	3.54	4.37	3.55	4.38	58.4	262
Del.	5.85	3.67	---	---	5.75	3.67	5.90	---	265
Md.	5.90	3.68	---	---	5.90	3.68	6.00	---	265
Va.	6.20	3.65	4.05	3.77	5.80	3.67	5.65	49	210
W. Va.	5.90	3.70	---	---	5.75	3.72	5.70	48	190
N. C.	6.60	3.71	4.20	4.05	6.45	3.73	6.40	---	180
S. C.	6.50	3.87	---	---	6.40	3.87	6.35	---	190
Ga.	6.35	3.71	---	---	6.35	3.71	6.35	---	200
Fla.	6.60	3.61	---	---	6.60	3.61	6.60	---	225
S. Atl.	6.31	3.68	3/4.12	3/3.83	6.19	3.69	6.15	48.8	213
Ky.	5.20	3.68	4.00	3.75	4.65	3.71	4.60	48	215
Tenn.	5.85	3.70	3.95	3.95	5.10	3.80	5.15	---	190
Ala.	6.85	3.80	3.95	4.00	6.75	3.81	6.75	---	185
Miss.	6.00	3.78	4.15	3.88	5.70	3.80	5.80	---	185
E. S. Cent.	5.85	3.73	3.99	3.85	5.23	3.77	5.20	48.0	197
Ark.	6.20	3.56	3.90	3.72	5.35	3.62	5.35	---	195
La.	6.35	3.71	---	---	6.35	3.71	6.50	---	210
Okla.	5.40	3.48	3.85	3.73	5.25	3.50	5.30	56	220
Tex.	5.95	3.50	---	---	5.95	3.50	6.00	51	230
W. S. Cent.	5.93	3.54	3.88	3.72	5.81	3.55	5.85	55.5	219
Mont.	5.50	3.60	3.45	3.62	5.25	3.60	5.10	65	260
Idaho	4.90	3.77	4.10	3.61	4.30	3.65	4.30	62	270
Wyo.	5.50	3.55	---	---	4.95	3.55	5.00	61	255
Colo.	5.80	3.59	3.80	3.78	5.75	3.60	5.90	60	240
N. Mex.	5.70	3.50	---	---	5.70	3.50	5.80	---	240
Ariz.	5.90	3.47	---	---	5.90	3.47	6.00	---	260
Utah	5.35	3.61	3.90	3.46	4.90	3.56	4.95	59	260
Nev.	5.55	3.53	---	---	5.55	3.53	5.50	63	260
Mount.	5.58	3.58	3/4.04	3/3.59	5.07	3.58	5.09	62.9	257
Wash.	5.40	3.78	3.75	4.08	5.40	3.78	5.35	87	270
Oreg.	5.55	3.92	4.15	4.08	5.20	3.96	5.10	69	250
Calif. 4/	5.05	3.56	4.20	3.70	4.95	3.58	4.85	71	330
Pac.	5.15	3.63	4.18	3.78	5.04	3.64	4.95	68.5	311
48 States	5.41	3.65	3/4.19	3/3.62	5.02	3.64	5.02	66.7	272
Hawaii	8.82	3.56	---	---	8.82	3.56	8.90	---	---
U. S.	5.42	3.65	3/4.19	3/3.62	5.03	3.64	5.02	66.7	272

1/ Includes surplus diverted to manufacturing. 2/ Average for the month. Preliminary.
 3/ Includes data for some States not shown separately. 4/ Milk priced f.o.b. ranch.

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Average prices received by farmers, by States and geographic divisions, May 15, 1968

State and division	Turkeys	Chickens, excluding broilers	Broilers	All chickens	Eggs	Seeds, per cwt.					
	per lb.	per lb.	per lb.	per lb.	per doz.	Alfalfa	Red clover	Sweet clover	Timothy	Lespedeza	
	CENTS				DOLLARS						
Maine		9.5	3/16.5	16.0	34.0						
N. H.	30.0	9.5	16.5	13.0	36.0						
Vt.		9.5	17.0	10.2	32.0						
Mass.		9.5	16.0	13.9	38.0						
R. I.		9.5	16.0	13.2	41.0						
Conn.		9.5	17.0	15.0	41.0						
N. Eng.	31.7	9.5	16.5	15.5	36.9						
N. Y.	28.0	8.5	22.5	13.0	26.0						
N. J.	30.0	6.5	22.5	10.2	28.0						
Pa.	26.0	11.0	16.5	15.3	30.0						
M. Atl.	26.8	9.3	17.0	14.3	28.3						
Ohio	19.0	8.5	15.5	12.6	24.0	22.00	6.10	6.00			
Ind.		6.0	15.5	12.4	25.6	23.50					
Ill.	20.0	6.0	14.5	6.5	23.0	25.00					
Mich.	19.0	8.0	17.5	10.7	28.0	23.00					
Wis.	17.0	6.5	15.5	13.0	23.0	26.00					
E. N. Cent.	17.8	7.0	15.5	12.0	24.7	24.40					
Minn.	14.0	4.5		11.2	18.5	26.00	6.00	6.50			
Iowa	15.0	4.5		7.1	19.0	27.00		6.20			
N. Dak.	18.0	6.5	14.5	12.3	19.5	24.50		7.30	12.00		
N. Dak.		4.0		4.0	20.0		6.50				
S. Dak.		4.0		4.0	19.3	34.00	5.50				
Nebr.		3.5	15.0	6.8	19.4	32.00	6.00				
Kans.		5.0	16.0	5.6	20.3	31.50	25.50	5.00		11.00	
W. N. Cent.	15.1	5.0	4/15.2	10.2	19.2	31.70	26.30	5.69	6.50	13.00	
Del.	18.0	11.5	16.5	16.4	39.2						
Md.	18.0	9.0	16.5	16.4	31.0						
Va.	19.0	10.0	15.5	14.8	29.0						
W. Va.	19.0	11.0	15.5	15.1	32.0						
N. C.	20.0	11.0	14.5	14.2	33.0						
S. C.	20.0	10.5	14.0	13.2	33.0					21.10	
Ga.	20.0	8.0	3/13.5	13.2	33.0					26.70	
Fla.	21.0	6.0	14.0	11.8	22.0						
S. Atl.	19.3	9.1	14.7	14.3	30.9					24.40	
Ky.		11.0	14.5	14.3	25.0	29.00				17.00	
Tenn.		9.5	3/15.0	14.8	31.0					20.20	
Ala.	20.0	9.0	3/13.5	13.3	31.5						
Miss.		8.0	3/13.5	13.1	34.0						
E. S. Cent.	20.0	8.7	13.6	13.4	31.3					17.00	
Ark.	21.0	10.0	3/14.0	13.8	31.5						
La.		7.0	13.5	13.0	31.5						
Okla.	18.0	8.0	13.5	12.9	25.5	32.50					
Tex.	19.0	7.5	14.5	14.0	29.0		11.50				
W. S. Cent.	19.5	8.9	14.1	13.7	30.0	32.50					
Mont.		10.5		10.5	30.0	35.20					
Idaho		6.5	17.0	16.4	30.0	39.10	27.30				
Wyo.		10.0		10.0	32.0						
Colo.	20.0	10.5	18.0	12.5	24.0	36.70					
N. Mex.		9.5		9.5	33.0						
Ariz.		4.0		7.5	21.0						
Utah	19.0	4.0	17.0	14.4	22.0	36.40					
Nev.		5.5		5.5	27.0						
Mount.	19.5	7.2	4/17.0	14.5	26.0	38.30	27.30				
Wash.	19.0	5.0	16.0	16.5	26.0	38.50	34.50				
Oreg.	17.0	3.5	18.0	15.7	30.0	39.50	30.50				
Calif.	20.0	5.0	17.0	13.6	23.0	40.50					
Pac.	19.3	4.9	17.4	14.4	23.7	39.90	31.50				
48 States	19.0	7.8	4/14.6	13.9	26.9	39.00	26.90	5.69	6.50	19.40	
Hawaii		12.0	32.0	27.2	40.0						
U. S.	19.0	7.9	4/14.6	13.9	27.0	39.00	26.90	5.69	6.50	19.40	

1/ Average for the month. 2/ Average of all eggs sold by farmers including hatching eggs and eggs sold at retail by farmers. 3/ Liveweight equivalent price. 4/ Includes data for some States not shown separately.

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Average prices per ton received by farmers, by States and geographic divisions,
May 15, 1968

State and division	Hay, baled						
	All 1/	Alfalfa	Clover-timothy	Lespedeza	Peanut-vine	Wild	
	D O L L A R S						
Maine	24.30	32.50	24.00	---	---	---	---
N. H.	26.80	32.50	26.00	---	---	---	---
Vt.	22.30	27.00	21.00	---	---	---	---
Mass.	32.20	39.00	30.50	---	---	---	---
R. I.	34.90	40.50	33.50	---	---	---	---
Conn.	35.70	42.00	33.50	---	---	---	---
N. Eng.	25.60	31.70	24.80	---	---	---	---
N. Y.	22.70	24.00	22.00	---	---	---	---
N. J.	29.50	32.00	27.50	---	---	---	---
Pa.	28.50	32.00	25.50	---	---	---	---
M. Atl.	25.20	27.20	23.70	---	---	---	---
Ohio	27.40	29.50	25.00	---	---	---	---
Ind.	27.70	29.50	24.50	---	---	---	---
Ill.	22.00	23.00	20.50	---	---	---	---
Mich.	23.00	23.50	20.00	---	---	---	---
Wis.	19.50	20.00	18.50	---	---	---	---
E. N. Cent.	22.20	22.50	21.60	---	---	---	---
Minn.	20.50	21.00	18.50	---	---	---	16.00
Iowa	19.30	20.00	18.00	---	---	---	---
Mo.	21.00	23.00	20.00	19.00	---	---	---
N. Dak.	16.50	18.50	---	---	---	---	13.50
S. Dak.	17.90	19.00	---	---	---	---	16.00
Nebr.	18.40	18.50	---	---	---	---	18.50
Kans.	20.30	22.00	19.00	19.00	---	---	17.00
W. N. Cent.	19.30	20.30	19.00	19.00	---	---	16.40
Del.	33.80	39.00	32.00	---	---	---	---
Md.	31.90	37.00	28.50	---	---	---	---
Va.	32.30	39.50	34.00	33.50	27.00	---	---
W. Va.	30.90	38.00	30.00	---	---	---	---
N. C.	30.10	38.00	30.00	31.00	23.00	---	---
S. C.	31.20	---	---	32.50	---	---	---
Ga.	28.00	35.00	---	29.00	24.00	---	---
Fla.	32.50	---	---	---	27.00	---	---
S. Atl.	31.00	38.10	31.30	31.60	24.50	---	---
Ky.	27.40	31.50	26.50	22.50	---	---	---
Tenn.	26.00	32.00	28.00	24.50	---	---	---
Ala.	25.90	35.50	28.50	30.00	22.00	---	---
Miss.	24.00	28.50	25.50	27.00	---	---	---
E. S. Cent.	26.30	31.50	27.00	24.20	22.00	---	---
Ark.	22.80	28.00	23.00	25.00	---	---	---
La.	22.40	28.00	---	25.50	---	---	---
Okla.	20.70	24.00	---	19.50	18.50	18.00	---
Texas	24.00	30.00	---	---	25.00	---	---
W. S. Cent.	22.60	26.00	23.00	23.40	22.10	---	18.00
Mont.	21.00	21.00	21.50	---	---	---	21.00
Idaho	17.00	17.00	17.00	---	---	---	15.50
Wyo.	19.00	18.50	17.50	---	---	---	21.00
Colo.	27.50	27.00	32.00	---	---	---	28.00
N. Mex.	27.50	28.00	---	---	---	---	---
Ariz.	24.30	24.50	---	---	---	---	---
Utah	21.30	21.50	21.00	---	---	---	18.00
Nev.	22.50	23.50	21.00	---	---	---	19.50
Mount.	21.70	21.60	22.60	---	---	---	21.60
Wash.	24.00	25.00	23.00	---	---	---	19.00
Oreg.	25.00	25.50	23.50	---	---	---	19.00
Calif.	25.00	26.00	---	---	---	---	19.00
Pac.	24.80	25.70	23.30	---	---	---	19.00
U. S.	22.40	22.40	23.30	24.00	23.30	---	17.70

1/ The all hay price is the weighted average of separate kinds, including an allowance for kinds not shown.

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Potatoes: Average prices per cwt. received by farmers, by States, May 1968

State	Dollars	State	Dollars
Maine	1.65	North Carolina	---
Massachusetts	---	Florida	3.54
Rhode Island	---	Alabama	---
Connecticut	---	Texas	5.60
New York--All	2.10	Montana	3.10
Long Island	1.55	Idaho	2.15
Upstate	2.40	Wyoming	---
New Jersey	---	Colorado	2.20
Pennsylvania	2.65	New Mexico	---
Ohio	---	Arizona	3.35
Indiana	---	Utah	4.00
Michigan	2.70	Washington	1.80
Wisconsin	3.00	Oregon	2.25
Minnesota	2.45	California--All	3.14
North Dakota	2.40	Winter 1968	---
South Dakota	1.50	Late Spring	3.15
Nebraska	---	Early Summer	---
Delaware	---	Late Summer	---
Maryland	---	Fall 1967	3.10
Virginia	---	United States	2.55

Average prices per pound received by growers for peanuts and tobacco, by areas and types, May, 1967 and 1968

Area	Peanuts		Tobacco			
	May 15, 1967	May 15, 1968	Class	Type	May 1967	May 1968 1/
	- Cents -				- Cents -	
Virginia-Carolina Southeast	INSUFFICIENT SALES		Southern Maryland	32	2/ 49.3	65.5
Southwest						

1/ Prices by States are shown on page 10. 2/ Revised.

Parity price equivalent for manufacturing milk 1/, United States May 1968, with comparisons

	May 1967	April 1968	May 1968
Parity equivalent Dcl. per cwt. :	4.65	4.83	4.83
Average price - f.o.b. plants Dcl. per cwt. :	3.99	4.19	2/ 4.17
Average fat test of milk Percent :	3.63	3.62	2/ 3.61

1/ Based on prices received by farmers for all manufacturing grade milk. Parity price equivalent relates to the national average price for all manufacturing grade milk of average milk-fat content sold by farmers. The parity price equivalent during 1968 is 79.0 percent of the parity price of all milk sold wholesale, which compares with 78.6 percent in 1967. For additional details see Supplement No. 1 to the January 1968 issue of AGRICULTURAL PRICES.
2/ Preliminary.

Note: In May 1968 the U.S. average price received by farmers for milk used for American cheese, evaporated milk, and butter and by-products is estimated at \$4.19 per cwt. for milk with an average fat content of 3.65 percent. These averages are a continuation of the "3-product" series previously reported and are estimated for use in Federal milk orders in which this series is used.

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Citrus fruit: Average prices and equivalent returns per box received by growers, by utilization, May 1968

Commodity and States	F.O.B. :		Equivalent returns per box 1/				
	packed :	fresh :	Packinghouse door :	Fresh :	Process. :	On-tree Fresh :	Process. :
--- D O L L A R S ---							
ORANGES:							
Florida	5.00	3.12	3.24	3.10	2.48	2.62	2.46
Temples	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Other Early and Mids.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Valencias	5.00	3.12	3.24	3.10	2.48	2.62	2.46
Texas	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Arizona	7.70	5.23	6.10	1.40	4.68	5.55	.85
Navels and Misc.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Valencias	7.70	5.23	6.10	1.40	4.68	5.55	.85
California	7.30	2.62	5.04	1.10	1.72	4.14	.20
Navels and Misc.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Valencias	7.30	2.62	5.04	1.10	1.72	4.14	.20
California-Arizona	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Navels and Misc.	---	---	---	---	---	4.83	---
Valencias	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U. S.	6.66	3.18	4.39	2.87	2.51	3.72	2.21
GRAPEFRUIT:							
Florida	5.77	2.72	3.77	1.79	2.15	3.23	1.20
White Seedless	5.60	2.74	3.62	1.85	2.17	3.08	1.26
Pink Seedless	6.30	3.53	4.23	1.55	2.98	3.69	.96
Other than Seedless	4.50	1.86	2.74	1.75	1.27	2.20	1.16
Texas	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Arizona	4.10	2.22	2.65	.95	1.77	2.20	.50
California	5.20	2.36	3.60	.30	1.88	3.12	-.18
Desert Valleys	5.20	2.36	3.60	.30	1.88	3.12	-.18
Other Areas	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
California-Arizona	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Desert Valleys	---	---	---	---	---	2.72	---
U. S.	5.05	2.53	3.44	1.34	2.00	2.94	.79
LEMONS:							
Arizona	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
California	8.35	4.17	6.01	1.34	2.97	4.81	.14
U. S.	8.35	4.17	6.01	1.34	2.97	4.81	.14
LIMES:							
Florida	15.90	12.00	13.40	2.00	10.40	11.80	.40
TANGELOS:							
Florida	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
TANGERINES:							
Florida	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Arizona	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
California	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U. S.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

1/ Approximate net contents per box are as follows: Oranges - California and Arizona, 75 lbs.; Florida and other States, 90 lbs.; Tangerines - Florida, 95 lbs.; California and Arizona, 75 lbs.; Grapefruit - California Desert Valleys and Arizona, 64 lbs.; other California areas, 67 lbs.; Florida, 85 lbs.; Texas, 80 lbs.; Lemons - 76 lbs.; Limes - 80 lbs.; Tangelos - 90 lbs.

Local market commodity-feed price ratios and dairy ration values, United States,
May 15, 1968 with comparisons ^{1/}

Commodity-Feed Price Ratio	Average 1963-67		May 15, 1967	April 15, 1968	May 15, 1968
	60 months	May			
Hog-corn: Bushels of corn equal in value to 100 lbs. of hog, liveweight					
United States	2/15.8	3/15.3	6/17.2	17.5	16.7
North Central States	2/16.2	3/15.6	6/17.4	18.0	16.9
Egg-feed: Pounds of laying feed equal in value to 1 dozen eggs	8.1	7.2	6.7	7.2	6.8
Broiler-feed: Pounds of broiler grower equal in value to 1 lb. broiler, liveweight ^{4/}	3.2	3.2	2.8	3.2	3.3
Turkey-feed: Pounds of turkey grower equal in value to 1 lb. turkey, liveweight	4.9	4.9	4.3	4.3	4.4
Milk-feed: Pounds concentrate ration equal in value to 1 lb. whole milk ^{4/}	1.45	1.33	6/1.45	1.60	5/1.60
Milkfat-feed: Pounds concentrate ration equal in value to 1 lb. milkfat in cream ^{4/}	24.1	23.6	6/23.7	24.9	5/24.9
Value of concentrate ration fed milk cows ^{4/} :					
In milk selling areas, dollars per cwt.	3.10	3.08	6/3.27	3.14	5/3.14
In cream selling areas, dollars per cwt.	2.62	2.61	6/2.73	2.67	5/2.68
In milk and cream selling areas, dollars per cwt.	3.08	3.07	6/3.26	3.13	5/3.13

^{1/} Long-time average comparisons published in Supplement No. I to the May 1967 Issue of AGRICULTURAL PRICES.
^{2/} 1958-67 120-month average.
^{3/} 1958-67 average.
^{4/} Milk and broiler prices and values of dairy concentrate ration are monthly averages.
^{5/} Preliminary.
^{6/} Revised.

Dairy product-feed price ratios and ration values, by regions
May 1968 with comparisons

Region	Milk-feed ratio ^{1/}			Milkfat-feed ratio ^{1/}			Ration value ^{2/}		
	May 1967	April 1968	May 1968 ^{3/}	May 1967	April 1968	May 1968 ^{3/}	May 1967	April 1968	May 1968 ^{3/}
N. Atl.	1.31	1.47	1.48	—	—	—	3.80	3.65	3.64
E. N. Cent.	1.49	1.64	1.63	19.2	20.1	19.9	3.06	2.93	2.95
W. N. Cent.	1.54	1.69	1.69	24.8	26.4	26.4	2.71	2.58	2.59
S. Atl.	1.66	1.77	1.77	—	—	—	3.64	3.49	3.48
S. Cent.	1.53	1.66	1.67	16.5	16.6	16.7	3.41	3.31	3.29
West.	1.41	1.53	1.52	19.0	19.5	19.6	3.38	3.30	3.29

^{1/} Pounds of concentrate ration equal in value to 1 pound wholesale milk or milkfat in cream, respectively.
^{2/} Value per 100 pounds of concentrate rations fed to milk cows.
^{3/} Preliminary.

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Feed: Average prices paid by farmers,
United States, May 15, 1968, with comparisons

Commodity and unit	Average 1963-65	1967			1968		
		Mar.	Apr.	May	Mar.	Apr.	May
----- Dollars -----							
Alfalfa hay, baled, per ton	32.8	36.0	35.6	34.8	34.1	33.3	32.9
Other hay, baled, per ton	32.0	33.5	33.4	33.1	32.4	31.8	31.4
Cottonseed meal, 41 pct., 100 lb.	4.53	5.42	5.37	5.33	5.27	5.25	5.26
Soybean meal, 44 pct., 100 lb.	4.91	5.45	5.35	5.26	5.22	5.21	5.23
Bran, per 100 lb.	3.15	3.72	3.70	3.59	3.56	3.52	3.48
Middlings, per 100 lb.	3.23	3.78	3.79	3.66	3.63	3.59	3.57
Corn meal, per 100 lb.	3.25	3.49	3.52	3.51	3.20	3.19	3.20
Laying feed "complete feed" per ton 1/	84	88	2/87	2/86	81	80	80
Broiler grower feed, per ton	91	2/94	94	93	90	89	89
Turkey grower, "complete feed", per ton 1/	89	2/91	2/91	2/90	88	88	87
Chick starter feed, per ton 1/	95	99	97	97	94	93	93
Dairy feed							
14 pct. protein, per ton	68	70	70	70	69	68	67
16 pct. protein, per ton	72	76	76	75	73	72	72
18 pct. protein, per ton	72	78	78	77	76	76	75
20 pct. protein, per ton	78	84	83	82	78	79	78
32 pct. protein, per ton	---	---	---	---	99	99	98
40 pct. and over, per ton	---	---	---	---	108	108	108
Hog feed, 14-18 pct., 100 lb.	4.23	4.55	4.61	4.54	4.38	4.37	4.41
Hog feed, over 29 pct., 100 lb.	5.85	6.40	6.33	6.22	6.20	6.20	6.21
Cattle feed, 30% and over, 100 lb.	4.59	5.00	4.96	4.86	4.78	4.82	4.76

INDEX NUMBERS (1910-14=100)

Feed, prices paid by farmers	206	218	216	214	206	205	205
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1/ Beginning January 1968 "Complete" ration feed specified which is fed without further mixing or supplementation. No specification as to "completeness" made prior to January 1968 and quotations usually reflected the higher prices of higher protein feeds requiring supplementation. 2/ Revised.

Livestock: Average prices paid by farmers
United States, May 15, 1968, with comparisons

Commodity and unit	Average 1957-59	1967			1968		
		Mar.	Apr.	May	Mar.	Apr.	May
Feeder and stockers:							
Cattle and calves, 100 lb.	Dol. : 23.1	24.2	24.1	24.7	26.0	26.3	26.1
Lambs, per 100 lb.	" : 20.7	20.0	19.2	22.8	24.2	24.5	25.2
Pigs, per 100 lb. 1/	" : 18.5	33.5	33.2	34.0	33.6	2/34.9	33.4
Baby chicks, per 100	" : 13.0	12.2	12.9	12.3	12.0	12.3	12.3
Started pullets, each	" : ---	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.66	1.66	1.67
Turkey poults, each	Ct. : 59.0	57.3	57.9	58.6	56.9	56.6	57.7
INDEX NUMBERS (1910-14=100)							
All livestock	357	369	370	378	393	398	396

1/ Based on data derived from reports from farmers in 27 States on prices paid for feeder pigs weighing 40-60 lbs. Prior to July 1965 based on data derived from price reports on 100-160 lb. feeder pigs in Sioux City, Iowa - St. Paul, Minnesota markets. 2/ Revised.

Feed: Average price per 100 pounds paid by farmers,
by States and geographic divisions, May 15, 1968

State and division	Cottonseed		Soybean		Corn meal	Hog feed		Beef cattle concentrate, 30% and over
	Bran	Middlings	meal, 41% protein	meal, 44% protein		14-18% protein	Over 29% protein	
Maine	3.80	3.90	5.80	—	3.70	4.40	—	—
N. H.	3.65	—	5.80	5.30	3.50	4.25	—	—
Vt.	3.75	3.90	5.80	5.40	3.70	4.40	—	—
Mass.	3.70	3.80	5.80	5.30	3.70	4.30	—	—
R. I.	3.80	3.85	—	—	3.70	—	—	—
Conn.	3.85	—	5.80	—	3.70	4.45	—	—
N. Eng.	3.76	3.84	5.80	5.34	3.67	4.36	—	—
N. Y.	3.50	3.65	5.70	5.30	3.35	4.30	6.00	5.00
N. J.	3.85	—	6.00	5.60	3.60	4.35	—	5.30
Pa.	3.50	3.70	5.70	5.30	3.30	4.20	6.00	4.90
M. Atl.	3.54	3.66	5.72	5.33	3.35	4.26	6.00	4.95
Ohio	3.70	3.80	6.00	5.50	2.80	4.45	6.40	5.40
Ind.	3.80	3.85	5.90	5.40	2.50	4.25	6.20	5.40
Ill.	3.75	3.75	5.60	5.20	2.75	5.00	6.40	5.00
Mich.	3.70	3.80	5.70	5.40	2.85	4.30	6.30	5.30
Wis.	3.25	3.40	5.90	5.20	2.70	4.30	6.50	5.60
E. N. Cent.	3.50	3.72	5.84	5.32	2.71	4.46	6.37	5.20
Minne.	3.35	3.35	5.40	5.00	2.60	4.50	6.30	4.85
Iowa	3.55	3.65	5.60	5.10	2.40	5.00	6.30	5.10
Mo.	3.05	3.10	5.10	4.95	2.75	4.25	5.90	4.60
N. Dak.	3.20	3.30	—	5.30	2.50	—	—	—
S. Dak.	3.60	3.50	5.50	5.10	2.50	—	—	—
Nebr.	3.40	3.35	5.50	5.10	2.65	4.45	6.20	4.60
Kans.	2.90	2.90	4.95	4.85	2.75	4.40	5.90	4.40
W. N. Cent.	3.20	3.37	5.25	5.02	2.58	4.51	6.13	4.70
Del.	3.70	—	—	5.50	3.35	4.30	6.00	—
Md.	3.60	3.70	5.40	5.30	3.25	4.25	6.00	4.95
Va.	3.75	3.90	5.50	5.40	3.50	4.35	6.20	5.20
W. Va.	3.85	4.20	5.70	5.70	3.65	4.40	6.10	—
N. C.	3.70	3.85	5.30	5.20	3.30	4.25	6.30	5.20
S. C.	3.80	3.90	5.30	5.20	3.50	4.30	6.20	5.10
Ga.	3.80	3.95	5.20	5.10	3.30	4.25	5.90	5.10
Fla.	4.00	4.05	5.40	5.30	3.45	4.45	6.00	5.20
S. Atl.	3.74	3.92	5.42	5.33	3.38	4.30	6.14	5.15
Ky.	3.55	3.70	5.30	5.30	3.45	4.55	6.10	5.00
Tenn.	3.50	3.60	5.10	5.10	3.40	4.35	6.00	4.70
Ala.	3.55	3.85	4.85	5.00	3.35	4.35	5.90	4.90
Miss.	3.70	3.75	4.75	4.80	3.30	4.20	5.90	4.75
E. S. Cent.	3.54	3.70	5.01	5.12	3.40	4.35	5.98	4.82
Ark.	3.10	3.25	4.65	5.00	3.20	4.00	5.50	4.60
La.	3.30	3.60	5.10	4.85	3.35	4.35	5.70	4.80
Okla.	3.00	3.10	4.85	4.90	3.30	—	—	—
Tex.	3.40	3.50	4.80	5.20	3.60	—	—	—
W. S. Cent.	3.25	3.33	4.81	5.01	3.49	4.18	5.58	4.65
Mont.	3.05	3.00	5.40	5.70	3.40	—	—	—
Idaho	2.95	3.00	5.30	6.40	3.30	—	—	—
Wyo.	3.30	3.50	5.60	5.80	3.65	—	—	—
Colo.	3.45	3.40	5.00	4.90	2.70	—	—	—
N. Mex.	3.65	3.75	5.10	5.60	3.95	—	—	—
Ariz.	4.20	—	3.75	6.00	—	—	—	—
Utah	2.85	3.00	4.95	5.50	3.45	—	—	—
Nev.	—	—	5.30	—	—	—	—	—
Mount.	3.44	3.24	5.04	5.58	3.14	—	—	—
Wash.	3.60	3.70	5.50	6.20	4.05	—	—	—
Oreg.	3.85	3.75	5.30	5.90	3.75	—	—	—
Calif.	3.85	3.85	4.75	5.90	3.90	—	—	—
Pac.	3.79	3.76	5.09	6.01	3.91	—	—	—
U. S.	3.48	3.57	5.26	5.23	3.20	4.41	6.21	4.76

Feed: Average price per ton paid by farmers, by States and geographic divisions, May 15, 1968

State and division	Dairy feed, Percent Protein					
	14	16	18	20	32	40 and over
	D O L L A R S					
Maine	72	72	74	73	---	---
N. H.	73	72	---	73	---	---
Vt.	72	71	74	72	---	---
Mass.	73	71	74	73	---	---
R. I.	72	72	---	73	---	---
Conn.	72	72	74	73	---	---
N. Eng.	72	71	74	73	---	---
N. Y.	73	73	75	77	87	88
N. J.	85	77	76	84	92	103
Pa.	78	76	78	80	98	99
M. Atl.	76	74	76	79	94	96
Ohio	77	79	80	---	106	112
Ind.	72	77	---	---	105	112
Ill.	76	76	77	---	104	111
Mich.	71	74	---	82	107	111
Wis.	65	67	70	78	102	111
E. N. Cent.	72	74	76	79	104	111
Minn.	62	64	72	76	98	105
Iowa	73	74	79	---	105	115
Mo.	65	72	74	---	90	104
N. Dak.	71	72	---	---	92	106
S. Dak.	72	76	---	---	99	110
Nebr.	69	71	77	80	98	107
Kans.	68	72	---	---	88	104
W. N. Cent.	67	70	74	77	96	107
Del.	---	81	---	---	---	---
Md.	73	75	78	---	94	107
Va.	72	76	79	80	94	106
W. Va.	82	85	87	90	---	110
N. C.	70	73	74	80	96	105
S. C.	73	75	76	82	94	---
Ga.	72	75	80	81	94	103
Fla.	69	71	76	78	---	---
S. Atl.	72	75	76	79	94	106
Kyo.	63	74	---	77	95	104
Tenn.	63	69	72	74	86	94
Ala.	---	71	72	---	---	90
Miss.	67	68	72	75	89	---
E. S. Cent.	63	70	72	76	91	101
Ark.	66	70	72	---	---	---
La.	70	74	76	79	---	---
Okl.	64	68	72	76	87	96
Texas	68	72	73	74	88	95
W. S. Cent.	67	72	74	77	88	95
Mont.	70	71	77	---	---	---
Idaho	65	68	---	---	89	---
Wyo.	---	76	---	---	---	---
Colo.	68	69	---	---	95	107
N. Mex.	70	72	---	---	---	---
Ariz.	66	70	---	---	---	98
Utah	65	67	---	---	89	---
Nev.	77	80	---	---	---	---
Mount.	66	71	---	---	91	102
Wash.	67	70	---	---	---	---
Oreg.	70	70	---	---	---	---
Calif.	64	67	69	---	---	---
Pac.	65	68	---	---	---	---
U. S.	67	72	75	78	98	108

Feeds: Average price per ton paid by farmers for poultry feed, and poultry feed price ratios, by States and geographic divisions, May 15, 1968 1/

State and division	Poultry feeds, per ton				Poultry price ratios 2/		
	Chick starter	Laying complete feed 3/	Turkey grower complete feed 3/	Broiler grower	Egg-feed	Broiler feed	Turkey feed
	D O L L A R S				P O U N D S		
Maine	79	69	86	81	9.9	4.1	---
N. H.	79	69	85	81	10.4	4.1	7.1
Vt.	81	71	86	84	9.0	4.0	---
Mass.	79	69	84	81	11.0	4.0	---
R. I.	79	69	84	81	11.9	4.0	---
Conn.	79	69	83	81	11.9	4.2	8.0
N. Eng.	79	69	84	81	10.7	4.1	7.5
N. Y.	92	81	94	90	6.4	5.0	6.0
N. J.	87	72	88	85	7.8	5.0	6.8
Pa.	94	82	92	93	7.3	3.5	5.7
M. Atl.	92	80	92	93	7.1	3.7	5.8
Ohio	102	85	96	90	5.8	3.4	4.0
Ind.	97	79	87	88	6.5	3.5	4.4
Ill.	105	88	97	96	5.2	3.0	4.6
Mich.	102	80	98	93	7.0	3.8	3.9
Wis.	103	86	87	95	5.3	3.3	3.9
E. N. Cent.	101	83	92	91	6.0	3.4	3.9
Minn.	98	78	80	83	4.7	---	3.5
Iowa	100	80	93	94	5.0	---	3.2
Mo.	100	78	85	89	5.0	3.3	4.2
N. Dak.	100	91	94	93	4.4	---	---
S. Dak.	105	83	93	---	4.7	---	3.9
Nebr.	99	82	93	92	4.7	3.3	---
Kans.	96	81	89	92	5.0	3.5	3.9
W. N. Cent.	100	80	86	88	4.8	3.5	3.5
Del.	93	84	95	90	9.3	3.7	3.8
Md.	94	83	98	93	7.5	3.5	3.7
Va.	88	81	84	87	7.2	3.6	4.5
W. Va.	106	91	97	95	7.0	3.3	3.9
N. C.	86	79	87	83	8.4	3.5	4.6
S. C.	94	83	96	93	8.0	3.0	4.2
Ga.	94	82	98	93	8.0	2.9	4.1
Fla.	88	79	83	82	5.6	3.4	5.1
S. Atl.	92	81	89	90	7.6	3.3	4.4
Ky.	101	92	97	98	5.4	3.0	---
Tenn.	96	80	99	95	7.8	3.2	---
Ala.	91	82	93	84	7.7	3.2	4.3
Miss.	97	88	98	93	7.7	2.9	---
E. S. Cent.	95	85	96	88	7.4	3.1	---
Ark.	88	76	85	85	8.3	3.3	4.0
La.	97	89	99	95	7.1	2.8	---
Okl.	95	80	88	91	6.4	3.0	4.1
Tex.	98	86	91	92	6.7	3.2	4.2
W. S. Cent.	94	82	89	88	7.3	3.2	4.4
Mont.	109	93	100	---	6.5	---	---
Idaho	104	88	95	97	6.8	3.5	---
Wyo.	105	91	---	---	7.0	---	---
Colo.	100	90	98	96	5.3	3.8	4.1
N. Mex.	103	88	98	95	7.5	---	---
Ariz.	89	76	87	89	5.5	---	---
Utah	88	76	89	90	5.8	3.8	4.3
Nev.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mount.	100	85	92	95	6.1	3.6	4.2
Wash.	93	78	89	94	6.7	3.8	4.3
Oreg.	97	83	86	95	7.2	3.8	4.0
Calif.	85	71	78	88	6.5	3.9	5.1
Pac.	87	72	79	90	6.6	3.9	5.0
U. S.	93	80	87	89	6.8	3.3	4.4

1/ Pricing of scratch grain and cost of poultry ration discontinued January 1968. 2/ Number of pounds of laying feed, equivalent in value to one dozen eggs, number of pounds of broiler grower equal in value to one pound of broiler liveweight, and number of pounds turkey grower equal in value to one pound of turkey liveweight. 3/ Complete ration feeds which are fed without further mixing or supplementation.

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Feeder Pigs: Prices Paid by Farmers per
100 pounds for specified States for April 1968

State	Dollars	State	Dollars
New Jersey	34.50	Virginia	29.00
Ohio	34.00	West Virginia	30.30
Indiana	36.20	North Carolina	29.80
Illinois	37.10	South Carolina	25.00
Wisconsin	38.50	Georgia	26.00
Minnesota	38.70	Kentucky	30.00
Iowa	38.60	Tennessee	30.00
Missouri	31.00	Alabama	27.00
North Dakota	33.10	Mississippi	28.00
South Dakota	37.60	Arkansas	27.30
Nebraska	37.70	Louisiana	27.00
Kansas	33.50	Oklahoma	26.80
Delaware	33.70	Texas	25.70
Maryland	33.70		

New and Used Automobiles and Trucks: Average prices paid by farmers
United States, May 15, 1968, with comparisons

Commodity	Average 1957-59	1966			1967			1968	
		May	Oct.	Nov.	May	Oct.	Nov.	May	
		15	15	15	15	15	15	15	
--- D O L L A R S ---									
<u>New Autos and Trucks</u>									
<u>Automobiles, 4-door sedan</u>									
6-cylinder 1/	2,300	2,210	2,290	2,290	2,290	2,460	2,420	2,460	
8-cylinder 2/	2,910	2,730	2,810	2,820	2,830	3,010	3,000	3,030	
<u>Trucks</u>									
2 ton, cab and chassis 3/	3,000	3,280	3,500	3,470	3,480	3,700	3,670	3,720	
1/2 ton, pickup 4/	1,970	2,110	2,240	2,240	2,240	2,420	2,400	2,450	
<u>Used Autos and Trucks</u>									
<u>Automobiles</u>	691	815	---	768	840	---	815	927	
<u>Trucks</u>									
1/2 ton, pickup	556	751	---	683	774	---	735	820	
1 1/2 - 2 ton trucks	676	965	---	890	1,060	---	5/1,010	1,090	

1/ Current coverage includes Rebel, Falcon, Chevy II, and Valiant; in prior years, the lowest priced line of Standard Ford, Chevrolet, and Plymouth.

2/ Current coverage includes Ford Custom 500, Chevrolet Bel Air, Plymouth Fury II, and Buick Special; in prior years, comparable model designations for Ford, Chevrolet, and Plymouth, and the lowest-priced line of Buicks.

3/ Coverage includes Ford and Chevrolet.

4/ Coverage includes Ford, Chevrolet, International, and Dodge.

5/ Revised.

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- Commodity-feed ratios, U.S., 1966 to date.
- Index Numbers of Prices Received by Farmers, 1959-67 (1957-59=100).
- Index Numbers of Prices Received by Farmers, Revised, 1959-67 (1910-14=100).

Prices Paid Data:

- Poultry feed prices and poultry-feed price ratios, by States, 1966-67.
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Support Price Announcements for Agricultural Products
April 27 - May 29, 1968

Dry Edible Beans - 1968 Crop: The national average support price for 1968-crop dry beans will be \$6.38 per 100 pounds, compared to \$6.37 in 1967. Support prices by class of bean and area grown are generally unchanged from 1967 rates.

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