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PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP 5 POINTS  
PARITY INDEX UP 4 POINTS  
ADJUSTED PARITY RATIO 80

During the month ended March 15, the Index of Prices Received by Farmers advanced 5 points (2 percent) to 272 percent of its 1910-14 average, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Higher prices for cattle and lettuce contributed most to the advance. Price declines for tomatoes and milk were partially offsetting. The index was 5 percent above March 1968.

The Index of Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities and Services, Including Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates rose 4 points (1 percent) during the month to a new high of 369. The index was 19 points (5 percent) above a year earlier.

With the Prices Received Index up 5 points and the Parity Index up 4 points, the preliminary Adjusted Parity Ratio rose to 80.

The Parity Ratio advanced 1 point to 74.

SUMMARY TABLE

Index 1910-14=100	Mar. 15, 1968	Feb. 15, 1969	Mar. 15, 1969	Record high Index	Date
Prices Received .....	258	267	272	313	Feb. 1951
Parity Index 1/ .....	350	365	369	369	Mar. 1969
Parity Ratio .....	74	73	74	123	Oct. 1946
Adjusted Parity Ratio 2/ (Preliminary) :	79	79	80		

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 1968, compared with 73 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, April 1967 AGRICULTURAL PRICES, for a description of the method for making current estimates of the Adjusted Parity Ratio.

NOTE: The final 1968 U. S. wool and mohair price is published in this issue on page 23.

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## PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

The Prices Received Index advanced 5 points from mid-February to mid-March. Of the 12 subgroup indexes shown on page 7, the following 6 contributed most to the net change.

**MEAT ANIMALS:** The index of prices received by farmers for meat animals jumped 4 percent during the month ended March 15 to 375 percent of its 1910-14 base. Prices of all species advanced. Beef cattle, up \$1.00 per cwt. from mid-February, averaged \$25.20, the highest since July 1952. Hog prices advanced 40 cents per cwt. to average \$20.00. Calves were up \$1.00 to \$30.70, the highest since April 1952. Sheep prices averaged \$7.99, the highest since April 1953, and lambs were up 90 cents to \$27.40, the highest since January 1952. Receipts of beef cattle at reporting markets during the 4 weeks ended March 22 were up 3 percent from the preceding 4 weeks, but were 10 percent below a year earlier. Receipts of hogs were at about the same level as for the preceding 4 weeks, and 3 percent below a year earlier. Receipts of sheep and lambs were down from both the preceding 4 weeks and a year earlier.

**DAIRY PRODUCTS:** In March, declining milk prices dropped the dairy products index 2 percent to 323. An upturn in milk production in the spring is generally accompanied by seasonally lower milk prices. Fluid-market milk sold to plants and dealers during March averaged \$5.80 per cwt., 11 cents below the revised February price, but 28 cents above March 1968. Manufacturing-grade milk averaged \$4.30 per cwt. during March, 3 cents less than a month earlier, but 25 cents more than in March last year. The dairy products index for March was 5 percent above March 1968. This was the fifteenth consecutive month that the dairy products index has been above the corresponding month a year earlier.

**FRUIT:** Higher prices for oranges, apples, and strawberries were mainly responsible for a 5 percent increase in the fruit index during the month to 279. Oranges, at \$2.33 per box, equivalent on-tree returns, were 9 percent above a month earlier. Apple prices advanced 6 percent, and strawberries were 14 percent higher. The index was 5 percent below March 1968.

**COTTON:** Prices received by farmers for upland cotton advanced 4 percent during the month, about the same as the average February-to-March gain. The mid-March average, at 20.46 cents per pound, was 1 percent above a year earlier.

**POULTRY AND EGGS:** Slightly higher prices during the month for eggs, chickens, and turkeys lifted the poultry and egg index nearly 3 percent to 160. Egg prices advanced 2 percent to 39.5 cents per dozen; the average February-to-March change is a decrease of 2 percent. Chickens averaged 3 percent higher in price. The index was 21 percent above March 1968.

**COMMERCIAL VEGETABLES:** The March index for commercial vegetables, at 348, was up 3 percent from a month earlier. Contributing most to the increase was a sharp rise in the average price of lettuce. Significantly lower tomato prices were partially offsetting. The March index was the same as a year earlier.

### PRICES PAID BY FARMERS

The March 15 index of prices paid by farmers advanced 3 points (1 percent) from a month earlier to 321 percent of the 1910-14 base. Prices of both family living and production items averaged higher. The index was 4 percent above a year earlier.

### PRODUCTION GOODS INDEX RISES

The index of prices paid by farmers for production goods for March 15 jumped 4 points (1 1/2 percent) from mid-February to 303. Higher average prices were reported for all commodity groups except feed, which averaged unchanged. Compared with a year earlier the index was 4 percent higher.

FEEDER LIVESTOCK: The March 15 index of prices paid by farmers for feeder livestock, at 430, was 6 percent above a month earlier. Prices averaged higher for all livestock items with feeder cattle and pig prices advancing sharply. The mid-March feeder cattle price was the highest since May 1952. Compared with March 15, 1968, the index was up 9 percent.

MOTOR VEHICLES: Prices paid by farmers for motor vehicles at midmonth averaged 1 1/2 percent above a month earlier. Prices of used autos and trucks and new tractors all averaged higher. Compared with mid-March 1968, prices averaged 5 percent higher.

FARM MACHINERY: Average prices paid by farmers in mid-March for farm machinery were 1 percent higher than when last priced in mid-December. Higher average prices paid for plows, harrows and cultivators, and planting machinery accounted for the increase. Prices averaged 5 percent above a year earlier.

### RURAL CONSUMER INDEX UP

The mid-March index of prices paid by farmers for family living items climbed 3 points (3/4 percent) from a month earlier to 347. All commodity groups averaged higher in price, with autos and auto supplies, building materials, and food and tobacco showing the largest increases. The index was 5 percent higher than on March 15, 1968.

AUTOS AND AUTO SUPPLIES: Mid-March prices paid by farmers for autos and auto supplies averaged 2 percent above mid-February prices. Used car prices averaged higher, and filling-station gasoline was up about 1 cent per gallon. Compared with a year earlier prices averaged 4 percent higher.

BUILDING MATERIALS, HOUSE: Prices paid by farmers at midmonth for building materials used in the construction or repair of dwellings continued their unbroken monthly rise since June 1968. Prices averaged 2 percent higher than a month earlier and 14 percent above a year earlier. Prices paid in mid-March for boards, framing lumber, siding, and paint showed the sharpest advances during the month. Most other building materials showed lesser average price increases.

FOOD & TOBACCO: Prices paid by farmers at midmonth for food and tobacco averaged 1/2 percent higher than in mid-February. Increased average prices for vegetables, fruits, and tobacco more than offset decreased prices for cereal and bakery products and sweets. Compared with a year earlier, prices averaged 4 percent higher.

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Average prices received by farmers for farm products, United States, March 15, 1969  
with comparisons

Commodity and unit		Average		Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
		Jan. 1910- Dec. 1914	Jan. 1957- Dec. 1959	15, 1968	15, 1969	15, 1969	15, 1969
Wheat, per bu. ....	Dol.	.880	1.84	1.42	1.27	1.28	1.28
Rye, per bu. ....	"	.725	1.01	.985	.980	.988	.997
Rice (rough), per cwt. ....	"	1.81	4.87	5.36	4.71	4.84	4.83
Corn, per bu. ....	"	.649	1.10	1.06	1.08	1.09	1.09
Oats, per bu. ....	"	.399	.622	.687	.625	.644	.621
Barley, per bu. ....	"	.617	.892	.971	.898	.909	.898
Sorghum grain, per cwt. ....	"	---	1.72	1.86	1.74	1.77	1.76
All hay, baled, per ton ....	"	11.90	19.10	23.60	23.50	24.40	24.80
Cotton, American upland, per lb. ....	Ct.	1/11.92	30.90	20.29	19.23	19.60	20.46
Cotton, American-Egyptian, per lb. ....	"	---	55.4	41.8	41.9	41.2	42.1
Cottonseed, per ton ....	Dol.	21.80	47.60	56.10	49.90	50.20	49.90
Soybeans, per bu. ....	"	---	2.09	2.57	2.46	2.48	2.48
Peanuts, per lb. ....	Ct.	4.83	10.6	11.5	11.8	11.9	11.8
Flaxseed, per bu. ....	Dol.	1.68	2.81	2.94	2.77	2.81	2.86
Potatoes, per cwt. 2/ ....	"	1.13	1.71	1.45	2.08	2.30	2.46
Sweetpotatoes, per cwt. ....	"	1.61	4.30	6.89	6.62	6.60	6.89
Dry edible beans, per cwt. ....	"	3.39	7.04	9.21	8.41	8.99	8.68
Dry field peas (open mkt.), per cwt. ..	"	---	4.04	4.41	4.91	5.29	6.20
Apples, for fresh use, per lb. 2/3/ ...	Ct.	---	4.70	8.60	8.57	8.85	9.40
Peaches, for fresh use, per lb. 2/ ...	"	---	5.56	---	---	---	---
Pears, for fresh use, per ton 2/3/ ....	Dol.	---	73.30	157.00	179.00	173.00	172.00
Strawberries, for fresh use, per lb. 2/	Ct.	---	23.6	32.9	39.8	35.5	40.5
Citrus (equiv. on-tree), per box 2/ ...	"	---	---	---	---	---	---
Grapefruit .....	Dol.	---	1.33	1.81	1.08	.75	.66
Lemons .....	"	---	1.42	3.89	2.66	2.37	2.55
Limes .....	"	---	4.79	6.57	.59	1.12	8.52
Oranges .....	"	---	2.62	2.37	1.47	2.14	2.33
Tangelos .....	"	---	---	---	1.98	2.09	---
Tangerines .....	"	---	---	2.95	1.68	2.24	3.32
Temple .....	"	---	---	2.50	2.68	2.02	2.34
Hogs, per cwt. ....	"	7.29	17.30	18.50	18.60	19.60	20.00
All beef cattle, per cwt. ....	"	5.52	20.60	23.30	23.60	24.20	25.20
Cows, per cwt. ....	"	---	15.10	17.50	16.60	17.70	18.70
Steers and heifers, per cwt. ....	"	---	23.10	25.20	26.10	26.30	27.20
Calves, per cwt. ....	"	6.84	23.50	28.10	28.30	29.70	30.70
Sheep, per cwt. ....	"	4.59	6.48	6.99	6.96	7.41	7.99
Lambs, per cwt. ....	"	5.96	19.90	24.50	25.10	26.50	27.40
Milkfat in cream, per lb. ....	Ct.	26.3	60.1	66.2	66.9	67.8	67.9
All milk, wholesale, per cwt. 2/ ....	Dol.	1.61	4.19	5.08	5.53	5.45	4/5.34
Milk eligible for fluid market .....	"	---	4.71	5.52	5.99	5.91	4/5.80
Milk of manufacturing grade .....	"	---	3.22	4.05	4.41	4.33	3/4.30
Milk, retail, per quart 5/ .....	Ct.	6.90	21.4	24.1	25.4	25.4	25.5
All chickens, live, per lb. ....	"	11.5	17.1	14.0	13.7	14.3	14.7
Chickens, excluding broilers, live, per lb. ....	"	---	13.2	8.1	9.2	9.3	9.8
Broilers, live, per lb. 2/ .....	"	---	17.8	14.6	14.3	15.0	15.3
Turkeys, live, per lb. ....	"	14.3	24.0	17.9	20.4	19.6	19.7
Eggs, per dozen 6/ .....	"	21.6	35.4	30.4	43.0	38.6	39.5
Wool, per lb. 2/7/ .....	"	17.8	43.8	37.9	39.8	39.7	39.4
Mohair (Texas only), per lb. ....	"	---	80.0	46.0	57.0	57.0	61.0
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Adjusted for seasonal variation							
All milk, wholesale, per cwt. 2/ ....	Dol.	---	4.19	5.13	5.32	5.34	8/5.39
Eggs, per dozen .....	Ct.	---	35.7	30.1	41.0	37.5	39.1

1/ All cotton. 2/ Average for the month. 3/ Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for Washington and Oregon, equivalent first delivery point returns for California, and prices as sold for other States. 4/ Prices are preliminary. Fat test percent for all milk, 3.70; fluid market, 3.71; manufacturing grade, 3.66. 5/ Sold by farmers directly to consumers. 6/ Average of all eggs sold by farmers, including hatching eggs and eggs sold at retail by farmers. 7/ Average local market price, excluding incentive payments. 8/ Preliminary.

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

Based on price reports from 6,529 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 March 1969, with comparisons 1/

Commodity and Unit	Adjusted base prices 2/	Parity prices 3/ based on data for			Average prices as percentage of parity prices		
		Mar. 1968	Feb. 1969	Mar. 1969	Mar. 1968	Feb. 1969	Mar. 1969
<b>Basic Commodities:</b>							
Cotton, per lb.:							
American upland .....	Ct. : 12.79	44.03	46.68	47.20	4/46	42	43
Extra long staple .....	" : 5/20.6	73.8	75.2	76.0	---	---	---
Wheat, per bu. ....	Dol. : .738	2.60	2.69	2.72	55	48	47
Rice, per cwt. ....	" : 1.95	6.82	7.12	7.20	---	---	---
Corn, per bu. ....	" : .460	1.62	1.68	1.70	65	65	64
Peanuts, per lb. ....	Ct. : 5/ 4.37	15.3	16.0	16.1	75	74	73
Tobacco, per lb.:							
Flue-cured, types 11-14 .....	" : 5/24.7	86.1	90.2	91.1	---	---	---
Va. fire-cured, type 21 .....	" : 5/15.9	55.0	58.0	58.7	---	83	---
Ky.-Tenn. fire-cured, types 22-23 .....	" : 6/	---	---	---	---	---	---
Burley, type 31 .....	" : 5/25.8	89.6	94.2	95.2	---	74	---
Maryland, type 32 .....	" : 7/23.3	79.8	85.0	86.0	38	---	---
Dark air-cured, types 35-36 .....	" : 5/15.1	51.8	55.1	55.7	---	---	---
Sun-cured, type 37 .....	" : 5/16.0	53.9	58.4	59.0	---	86	---
Pa. seedleaf, type 41 .....	" : 6/	---	---	---	---	---	---
Cigar filler and binder, types 42-44, 53-55 .....	" : 6/	---	---	---	---	---	---
Puerto Rican filler, type 46 .....	" : 5/14.4	49.0	52.6	53.1	---	---	---
Cigar binder, types 51-52 .....	" : 6/	---	---	---	---	---	---
<b>Designated Nonbasic Commodities:</b>							
Tung nuts, per ton .....	Dol. : 5/27.90	95.60	102.00	103.00	---	---	---
Milkfat in cream, per lb. ....	Ct. : 24.8	86.1	90.5	91.5	77	75	74
All milk, whole, per cwt. ....	Dol. : 1.76	6.06	6.42	6.49	8/85	8/83	8/83
Honey, wholesale, per lb.:							
Extracted .....	Ct. : 9/ 5.71	20.0	20.8	21.1	---	---	---
<b>Wool and Mohair:</b>							
Wool, per lb. ....	" : 25.1	87.8	91.6	92.6	10/43	10/43	10/43
Mohair, per lb. ....	" : 32.9	116.0	120.0	121.0	---	---	---
<b>Other Nonbasic Commodities:</b>							
Barley, per bu. ....	Dol. : .379	1.34	1.38	1.40	72	66	64
Cottonseed, per ton .....	" : 5/19.70	68.60	71.90	72.70	82	70	69
Dry edible beans, per cwt. ....	" : 2.99	10.30	10.90	11.00	89	82	79
Flaxseed, per bu. ....	" : 1.14	3.99	4.16	4.21	74	68	68
Oats, per bu. ....	" : .251	.882	.916	.926	78	70	67
Potatoes, per cwt. ....	" : 5/ .837	2.86	3.06	3.09	51	75	80
Rye, per bu. ....	" : .394	1.39	1.44	1.45	71	69	69
Sorghum grain, per cwt. ....	" : .746	2.60	2.72	2.75	72	65	64
Soybeans, per bu. ....	" : .972	3.36	3.55	3.59	76	70	69
Sweetpotatoes, per cwt. ....	" : 2.01	6.86	7.34	7.42	4/100	90	93
Apples, for fresh use, per lb. 11/ .....	Ct. : 2.39	7.88	8.72	8.82	4/109	101	107
<b>Citrus (equiv. on-tree), per box:</b>							
Grapefruit .....	Dol. : 5/ .512	1.76	1.87	1.89	103	40	35
Lemons .....	" : 5/ .829	2.66	3.03	3.06	146	78	83
Limes .....	" : 5/ 1.25	4.69	4.56	4.61	140	25	185
Oranges .....	" : 5/ .964	3.50	3.52	3.56	68	61	65
Tangerines .....	" : 5/ .976	3.28	3.56	3.60	90	63	92
Temples .....	" : 5/ 1.03	---	3.76	3.80	---	54	62
Beef cattle, per cwt. ....	" : 8.33	29.30	30.40	30.70	80	80	82
Calves, per cwt. ....	" : 9.76	34.00	35.60	36.00	83	83	85
All chickens, live, per lb. ....	Ct. : 5.67	20.6	20.7	20.9	68	69	70
Eggs, per doz. ....	" : 13.6	48.6	49.6	50.2	8/62	8/76	8/78
Hogs, per cwt. ....	Dol. : 6.90	24.50	25.20	25.50	76	78	78
Lambs, per cwt. ....	" : 8.17	28.40	29.80	30.10	86	89	91
Sheep, per cwt. ....	" : 2.43	8.64	8.87	8.97	81	84	89
Turkeys, live, per lb. ....	Ct. : 8.69	31.5	31.7	32.1	57	62	61

See footnotes on page 6.

Parity prices based on data for March 1969, United States 1/

Other Nonbasic Commodities (Continued)	Parity prices 3/ based on data for Mar., 1969: Dol.	Other Nonbasic Commodities (Continued)	Parity prices 3/ based on data for Mar., 1969: Dol.
<b>Field Crops and Miso.</b>		<b>Noncitrus Fruits:</b>	
Commodities:		Peaches	
Castor beans, owt. ....	7.71	For fresh use, lb. 13/ .....	.0882
Crude pine gum, bbl. ....	44.60	Dried (Calif.), ton .....	694.00
Hops, lb. ....	.690	For processing (excl. dried)	
Tobacco, lb.:		clingstone (Calif.), ton 12/ .....	96.30
Cigar wrapper, type 61 .....	6/		
Cigar wrapper, type 62 .....	6/	Pears	
		For fresh use, ton 14/ 16/ .....	160.00
		Dried (Calif.), ton .....	6/
<b>Noncitrus Fruits:</b>		Plums (Calif.), equiv. on-tree, ton	
Apples, for processing, ton .....	66.80	For fresh use .....	173.00
Apricots, ton		Prunes, dried (Calif.), ton .....	443.00
For fresh use .....	277.00	Prunes and Plums	
Dried (Calif.) .....	1,390.00	(excl. Calif.), ton	
Avocados, ton 12/ .....	6/	For fresh use .....	224.00
Cherries, ton		For processing (excl. dried) .....	101.00
Sweet .....	513.00		
Tart .....	274.00	<b>Tree Nuts, ton:</b>	
Cranberries, bbl. 12/ .....	6/	Almonds .....	6/
Dates (Calif.), ton .....	205.00	Filberts .....	642.00
Figs (Calif.), ton		Walnuts .....	712.00
Dried .....	306.00	<b>Vegetables for fresh market, owt.:</b>	
Grapes, ton		Cantaloupes .....	7.56
Raisin varieties		Carrots 15/ .....	5.31
dried (Calif.) .....	335.00	Cauliflower 15/ .....	11.20
Grapes excl. raisin		Celery 15/ .....	6.09
varieties dried .....	86.30	Green peas .....	16.50
Nectarines (Calif.), ton		Honeydew melons .....	8.34
For fresh use 12/ .....	170.00	Lettuce .....	6.46
Olives (Calif.)		Onions 15/ .....	4.98
for canning, ton 12/ .....	406.00	Tomatoes .....	12.80

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 1959-December 1968 average (including an allowance where appropriate for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments resulting from price support operations) by dividing by 252 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/ Revised. 5/ Adjusted base price 1910-14 derived from 10 season average prices 1959-68 (including an allowance, where appropriate, for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments resulting from price support operations). 6/ Not available. 7/ Adjusted base price 1910-14 derived from 10 weighted calendar year prices 1959-68. 8/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price. 9/ Adjusted base price derived from State annual average prices weighted by production. 10/ Average local market price, excluding incentive payments. 11/ 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. 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.

See Supplement No. 1, January 1969 AGRICULTURAL PRICES for details on parity price computations.

Support Price Announcements for Agricultural Products  
February 28 - April 1, 1969

**Dairy Products, 1968-69 Marketing Year:** The national average support price for manufacturing milk for the marketing year which began April 1, 1969, will be \$4.28 per hundredweight for milk of average milkfat content, unchanged from an earlier announcement. The support price for milkfat in farm-separated cream will increase from 66 to 68 cents per pound.

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Index numbers of Prices Received by Farmers, United States, March 15, 1969  
with comparisons

Index	1957-59		1910-14=100			1968		
	March 1969	Average Jan. to Dec. 1959	Jan. 15	Feb. 15	Mar. 15	Jan. 15	Feb. 15	Mar. 15
<b>UNADJUSTED</b>								
All Farm Products	112	242	254	257	258	263	267	272
All Crops	103	223	230	228	229	220	225	229
Food grains	74	212	170	173	173	155	156	156
Feed grains and hay	103	159	162	165	165	162	165	164
Feed grains	99	161	159	162	162	159	162	160
Cotton	66	261	189	168	164	163	166	173
Tobacco	120	485	558	560	560	578	583	583
Oil-bearing crops	113	229	267	272	271	258	260	259
Fruit	126	222	270	273	294	251	265	279
Fresh market 1/	131	229	282	286	313	263	281	299
Commercial vegetables	148	235	351	342	348	333	339	348
Fresh market	151	260	425	418	424	369	367	392
Potatoes, etc. 2/	140	163	177	178	166	202	219	229
Livestock & products	119	258	275	282	282	299	302	308
Meat animals	122	308	324	342	345	349	362	375
Dairy products	126	257	318	314	308	332	330	323
Poultry & eggs	101	158	132	131	132	166	156	160
Wool	90	246	219	208	213	224	223	221
<b>SEASONALLY ADJUSTED</b>								
Fresh market fruit 1/	132	229	295	298	323	269	289	302
Fresh market vegetables	138	264	377	366	385	319	314	365
Potatoes, etc. 2/	140	163	182	181	165	209	225	228
Dairy products	127	257	307	309	310	320	324	326
Poultry & eggs	98	159	128	125	128	160	150	155

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, March 1-15, 1969, with comparisons

Commodity	Average	March	March	February	February	March
	Jan. 1957 to Dec. 1959	1-15, 1968	1-31, 1968 1/	1-15, 1969	1-28, 1969	1-15, 1969
Dollars						
Asparagus	16.30	25.90	22.10	44.00	41.40	36.40
Broccoli	8.48	9.97	10.40	13.50	14.00	14.00
Cabbage	2.30	3.84	3.37	2.68	2.84	2.90
Cantaloupes	4.97	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Carrots	3.78	8.35	6.97	4.71	4.74	5.11
Cauliflower	6.90	12.00	11.50	15.40	15.20	14.20
Celery	3.90	4.03	3.78	4.26	4.28	4.95
Cucumbers	6.37	16.80	17.20	1/9.50	9.80	10.80
Green peppers	12.00	17.30	16.20	1/17.20	17.60	13.50
Lettuce	3.93	3.55	4.71	3.56	4.98	10.40
Onions	3.11	8.62	8.68	2.69	2.39	2.16
Snap beans	10.30	17.30	16.20	1/11.80	11.30	13.70
Spinach	6.20	10.40	11.50	9.09	9.38	10.70
Sweet corn	4.74	9.60	8.90	9.80	9.20	8.80
Tomatoes	8.48	13.10	14.80	17.10	15.70	11.20
Watermelons	2.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

1/ Revised.

Index numbers of Prices Paid by Farmers, Interest, Taxes, and Wage Rates,  
and related data, United States, March 15, 1969, with comparisons

Indexes and ratios	1957-59=100			1967-68=100			1969		
	Mar. 1968	Feb. 1969	Mar. 1969	Dec. 15	Feb. 15	Mar. 15	Dec. 15	Feb. 15	Mar. 15
<b>PRICES PAID BY FARMERS</b>									
Commodities & Services, Interest, Taxes, & Wage Rates ...	120	125	126	344	349	350	360	365	369
Prices Paid .....	113	117	118	303	306	1/308	315	318	321
Family living items .....	116	120	122	325	330	330	341	344	347
Food and tobacco .....	117	—	—	319	—	323	332	—	—
Clothing .....	128	—	—	408	—	415	436	—	—
Household operation .....	1/116	—	—	234	—	1/238	242	—	—
Household furnishings .....	1/101	—	—	267	—	1/269	276	—	—
Building materials, house .....	111	—	—	441	—	452	485	—	—
Autos and auto supplies .....	111	—	—	353	—	358	365	—	—
Production items .....	111	114	116	287	290	1/292	296	299	303
Feed .....	103	102	102	205	207	206	202	204	204
Feeder livestock .....	110	113	120	361	379	393	395	405	430
Motor supplies .....	107	—	—	183	—	184	186	—	—
Motor vehicles 2/ .....	125	—	—	510	—	519	535	—	—
Farm machinery .....	133	—	—	473	—	476	496	—	—
Building & fencing materials ...	109	—	—	414	—	422	447	—	—
Fertilizer .....	100	—	—	3/152	—	3/152	3/147	—	—
Farm supplies .....	1/107	—	—	277	—	1/280	283	—	—
Seed .....	112	—	—	3/235	—	3/235	3/251	—	—
Interest 4/ .....	283	315	315	467	518	1/518	518	577	577
Taxes 5/ .....	192	206	206	888	951	1/951	951	1,020	1,020
Wage Rates 6/ .....	150	166	166	882	870	1/870	964	965	965
<b>PARITY RATIO 7/ .....</b>	—	—	—	74	74	74	73	73	74
<b>ADJUSTED PARITY RATIO (Prelim.) ...</b>	—	—	—	79	79	79	79	79	80
Production Items, Interest, Taxes, and Wage Rates .....	122	128	129	358	363	365	374	381	385
<b>1957-59=100</b>									
Prices Received by Farmers .....	107	110	112	105	106	107	108	110	112
Wholesale prices: 8/ .....	108	111	112	107	108	108	110	111	112
All commodities .....	109	111	112	107	108	109	110	111	112
Industrial commodities .....	109	111	112	107	108	109	110	111	112
Prices Paid by Farmers, Interest, Taxes, & Wage Rates .....	120	125	126	117	119	120	123	125	126
Consumers' prices (CPI) 8/ .....	120	125	—	118	119	120	124	125	—
Average hourly earnings, mfg. production workers 9/ .....	140	147	—	138	139	140	146	147	—

1/ Revised. 2/ Includes autos, trucks, and tractors. 3/ Estimated unchanged since Sept. 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.



Average prices received by farmers, by States and geographic divisions, March 15, 1969

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.
Dollars								
Maine					.70			
N. Eng.					.700			
N. Y.	1.21	1.20		1.21	.74	.92		2.30
N. J.	1.27	1.07		1.31	.80	1.12		2.32
Pa.	1.30	1.04		1.31	.76	.93		2.33
M. Atl.	1.25	1.15		1.29	.747	.948		2.32
Ohio	1.20	1.06		1.08	.82	.86		2.47
Ind.	1.17	1.06		1.06	.64	.90	1.77	2.45
Ill.	1.22	1.05		1.08	.64	.86	1.70	2.54
Mich.	1.15	.96		1.03	.59	.81		2.42
Wis.	1.13	1.05		1.08	.67	.88		2.42
E. N. Cent.	1.17	.997		1.07	.636	.854	1.72	2.51
Minn.	1.43	1.01		1.01	.59	.87		2.44
Iowa	1.22	1.01		1.05	.67	.86	1.64	2.45
Mo.	1.21	1.05	5.10	1.12	.73	.98	1.73	2.50
N. Dak.	1.45	.90		1.07	.52	.80		2.37
S. Dak.	1.37	.96		1.05	.59	.87	1.66	2.40
Nebr.	1.18	.96		1.11	.71	.91	1.64	2.41
Kans.	1.24	.90		1.11	.75	.91	1.70	2.38
W. N. Cent.	1.32	.932	5.10	1.06	.592	.822	1.68	2.45
Del.	1.21	1.25		1.28	.75	.98		2.45
Md.	1.24	1.25		1.26	.75	.94		2.45
Va.	1.29	1.35		1.25	.78	.97	1.80	2.50
W. Va.	1.30			1.31	.83	.89		
N. C.	1.24	1.30		1.24	.77	.95	2.00	2.55
S. C.	1.28	1.55		1.26	.83	1.00	2.00	2.53
Ga.	1.30	2.00		1.29	.86	1.00	2.00	2.50
Fla.				1.25	.85			2.40
S. Atl.	1.26	1.83		1.26	.814	.963	1.99	2.51
Ky.	1.24	1.25		1.26	.74	.95	1.81	2.48
Tenn.	1.29	1.32		1.28	.85	1.05	1.94	2.46
Ala.	1.29			1.30	.88		1.85	2.45
Miss.	1.15		5.40	1.35	.75		1.85	2.50
E. S. Cent.	1.23	1.30	5.40	1.27	.773	.975	1.85	2.49
Ark.	1.20		5.20	1.25	.77	.93	1.85	2.49
La.	1.20		4.85	1.30	.80		1.75	2.55
Okla.	1.25	1.05		1.19	.77	.87	1.79	2.37
Texas	1.27	1.10	4.30	1.29	.77	.95	1.80	2.33
W. S. Cent.	1.26	1.07	4.72	1.28	.770	.879	1.80	2.49
Mont.	1.21	.76		1.27	.63	.83		
Idaho	1.24	1.10		1.27	.71	.95		
Wyo.	1.06	1.08		1.18	.72	.97		
Colo.	1.15	.96		1.19	.75	1.00	1.82	
N. Mex.	1.28			1.41		1.05	1.80	
Ariz.	1.40			1.50		1.25	2.27	
Utah	1.35				.83	1.11		
Nev.	1.35				.85	1.25		
Mount.	1.21	1.02		1.21	.692	.896	1.88	
Wash.	1.30	1.11		1.30	.77	1.04		
Oreg.	1.29	1.20		1.45	.77	1.09		
Calif.	1.48			1.43	.85	1.23	2.39	
Pac. States	1.30	1.16		1.42	.793	1.19	2.39	
48 States	1.28	.997	4.83	1.09	.621	.893	1.76	2.48
Alaska					1.20	1.90		
U. S.	1.28	.997	4.83	1.09	.621	.896	1.76	2.48

State	Winter wheat March 15, 1969	Spring wheat, other than Durum March 15, 1969
Dollars per bushel		
Minn.	1.31	1.42
N. Dak.	1.17	1.40
S. Dak.	1.24	1.42
Mont.	1.14	1.34
Idaho	1.25	1.19
Colo.	1.15	1.14

Average prices received by farmers, by States and geographic divisions, March 15, 1969

State and division	American upland cotton	Cotton seed	Pea nuts	Flax seed	Dry edible beans	Tobacco	Apples, fresh	Sweet potatoes	Wool
	per lb.	per ton	per lb.	per bu.	per cwt.	per lb. 2/ 3/	per lb. 3/4/	per cwt.	per lb. 3/ 5/
	Ct.	Dol.	Ct.	Dol.	Dol.	Ct.	Ct.	Dol.	Ct.
Maine							8.50		
N. H.							8.60		
Vt.							8.90		
Mass.							8.50		
R. I.									
Conn.							8.70		
N. Eng.							8.60		
N. Y.					12.80		10.50		38
N. J.							9.70	7.30	
Pa.							8.63		38
M. Atl.					12.80		10.20	7.36	38.0
Ohio							9.20		34
Ind.							9.00		33
Ill.							5.50		34
Mich.					8.90		7.02		36
Wis.									34
E. N. Cent.					8.90		7.46		34.1
Minn.				2.92	5.50				32
Iowa				2.87					33
Mo.	20.0	48.00							35
N. Dak.				2.83	5.80				34
S. Dak.				2.90					40
Nebr.					7.40				33
Kans.					6.20				32
W. N. Cent.	20.00	48.00		2.86	7.12			5.20	35.4
Del.							7.00		
Md.							9.50	5.20	
Va.			12.0				7.50	5.70	
W. Va.							7.50		
N. C.	21.5	50.00	12.0				5.80	7.50	
S. C.	21.5	51.00	13.0					6.00	
Ga.	21.5	50.00	12.0					7.50	
Fla.	20.5								
S. Atl.	21.49	50.20	12.0				7.58	7.12	
Ky.									
Tenn.	21.5	50.00				50.0		5.40	
Ala.	20.5	48.00	11.5					5.80	
Miss.	21.0	50.00	22.0					5.00	
E. S. Cent.	20.84	50.00				50.0		5.36	
Ark.	21.0	49.00						5.50	
La.	22.0	49.00						6.40	
Okla.	18.0	49.00	11.8					5.60	29
Texas	18.0	50.00	11.4					6.30	44
W. S. Cent.	18.85	49.50	11.5					6.35	43.6
Mont.				2.45	6.20				44
Idaho					6/6.80		9.00		40
Wyo.					6.50				41
Calif.					6.50				42
N. Mex.	26.0	52.00			7.40			4.75	40
Ariz.	19.5	52.00							39
Utah					6.50				42
Nev.									43
Mount.	20.55	52.00		2.45	6.63		9.00	4.75	41.5
Wash.					8.70		10.40		37
Oreg.							8.96		38
Calif.	22.0	50.00			11.20		8.00	9.50	34
Pac.	22.00	50.00			10.80		10.20	9.50	35.1
U. S.	20.46	49.90	11.8	2.86	8.68	50.0	9.40	6.89	39.4

1/ Average price by area shown on page 15. 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 of first sale for other States. 5/ Incentive payments not included. 6/ Excludes garden seed.

Average prices per cwt. received by farmers, by States and geographic divisions, March 15, 1969

State and division	Hogs	Cows 1/	Steers and heifers	Beef cattle 2/	Calves	Sheep	Lambs
Dollars							
Maine	18.30	18.50	23.90	19.00	27.50	---	---
N. H.	18.40	18.20	23.00	18.60	27.00	---	---
Vt.	18.80	17.00	21.10	17.30	26.60	---	---
Mass.	18.50	18.00	21.60	18.40	27.30	---	---
R. I.	18.70	18.00	22.10	18.20	27.60	---	---
Conn.	18.90	18.00	22.80	18.30	27.60	---	---
N. Eng.	18.50	17.80	22.10	18.10	27.00	---	---
N. Y.	20.40	18.70	25.00	18.40	31.50	7.30	26.00
N. J.	20.00	18.40	25.00	19.30	31.70	---	---
Pac.	20.60	18.60	27.00	21.50	35.00	7.40	26.50
M. Atl.	20.50	18.60	26.50	20.60	32.90	7.36	26.30
Ohio	20.30	18.90	26.80	24.40	37.50	8.10	26.00
Ind.	20.20	18.80	27.00	26.10	33.30	7.90	27.90
Ill.	20.20	18.50	27.00	25.70	32.50	6.80	27.00
Mich.	20.20	19.00	24.70	22.20	31.50	8.00	26.60
Wis.	19.50	18.50	24.80	20.20	34.00	6.00	25.30
E. N. Cent.	20.10	18.70	26.60	24.20	34.20	7.40	26.60
Minn.	20.20	19.50	26.50	23.00	34.80	7.30	28.10
Iowa	20.00	19.10	26.20	26.90	29.80	7.00	27.00
Mo.	20.30	18.90	27.20	25.60	29.00	7.50	27.70
N. Dak.	19.10	17.70	25.90	24.10	30.00	6.90	26.50
S. Dak.	19.60	18.00	27.00	25.30	30.40	6.40	27.00
Nebr.	20.10	18.30	27.90	26.40	30.70	6.50	28.30
Kans.	20.00	18.80	26.50	25.00	28.50	6.80	27.00
W. N. Cent.	20.00	18.60	27.30	25.70	30.40	6.86	27.40
Del.	20.40	17.50	25.90	20.00	34.00	---	---
Md.	20.40	18.40	26.50	21.50	34.50	---	---
Va.	20.00	18.00	22.80	20.40	34.00	6.50	26.00
W. Va.	19.60	17.00	23.40	20.60	33.70	6.60	26.50
N. C.	19.30	18.50	24.80	21.20	32.50	6.50	24.00
S. C.	18.70	17.70	23.50	20.30	28.90	---	---
Ga.	19.20	17.50	24.00	21.10	27.70	---	---
Fla.	18.80	18.80	25.40	22.90	31.50	---	---
S. Atl.	19.30	18.50	24.50	21.60	31.20	6.54	26.10
Ky.	19.90	17.80	25.80	23.50	34.00	7.50	26.50
Tenn.	19.10	17.00	24.70	21.90	33.00	7.00	26.60
Ala.	18.70	19.00	25.60	23.40	28.80	---	---
Miss.	19.60	18.00	24.50	21.40	28.50	---	---
E. S. Cent.	19.30	17.90	25.20	22.50	30.40	7.28	26.50
Ark.	19.10	17.60	25.50	22.50	30.50	---	---
La.	19.20	19.20	25.30	21.70	28.00	8.00	23.00
Okla.	19.30	18.10	26.80	24.90	31.30	6.50	25.50
Texas	19.20	18.70	27.70	25.50	30.70	11.60	27.90
W. S. Cent.	19.20	18.50	27.30	25.00	30.30	11.40	27.70
Mont.	19.10	19.70	25.80	24.20	30.80	7.00	27.50
Idaho	19.70	19.40	27.80	25.30	32.00	6.30	27.50
Wyo.	19.00	18.40	27.00	24.50	31.40	6.40	26.50
Colo.	20.40	19.40	28.10	27.90	31.50	7.50	29.70
N. Mex.	19.40	18.50	27.50	26.60	31.00	8.50	27.50
Ariz.	20.10	19.30	28.10	27.20	28.00	7.50	29.00
Utah	19.70	18.70	27.10	24.10	30.00	7.60	26.00
Nev.	18.60	20.00	27.50	25.00	31.00	7.80	26.50
Mount.	19.70	19.20	27.70	26.70	30.70	7.13	27.80
Wash.	20.50	18.00	26.70	23.80	31.40	6.30	26.50
Oreg.	20.20	17.70	27.50	24.90	29.90	5.80	27.00
Calif.	20.60	19.60	27.90	27.00	29.20	8.00	27.00
Pac.	20.40	19.00	27.80	26.60	29.80	7.11	27.00
48 States	20.00	18.70	27.20	25.20	30.70	7.99	---
Alaska	32.00	17.00	28.50	23.90	---	---	---
Hawaii	35.30	16.00	25.20	22.80	---	---	---
U. S.	20.00	18.70	27.20	25.20	30.70	7.99	27.20

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.

Average prices received by farmers, by States and geographic divisions,  
February and March 1969

State and division	February 1969		March 1969		February 1969		March 15, 1969		
	Milk, wholesale, price per cwt. Eligible for fluid market 1/1 grade		Manufacturing grade Milk		All Milk		All milk	Milkfat	Milk
	Price	Fat test	Price	Fat test	Price	Fat test	per cwt.	in cream	per lb. cows
	Dol.	Pct.	Dol.	Pct.	Dol.	Pct.	2/	per lb.	Dol.
Maine	6.60	3.75	---	---	6.60	3.75	6.45	---	305
N. H.	6.50	3.88	---	---	6.50	3.88	6.30	---	325
Vt.	6.10	3.80	---	---	6.10	3.80	5.85	---	330
Mass.	6.60	3.75	---	---	6.60	3.75	6.35	---	340
R. I.	6.60	3.72	---	---	6.60	3.72	6.35	---	350
Conn.	6.80	3.75	---	---	6.80	3.75	6.55	---	355
N. Eng.	6.40	3.78	---	---	6.40	3.78	6.17	---	332
N. Y.	5.80	3.60	---	---	5.80	3.60	5.60	59	330
N. J.	6.20	3.66	---	---	6.20	3.66	6.05	---	375
Pa.	6.20	3.80	4.50	3.75	6.15	3.80	6.00	55	345
M. Atl.	5.97	3.68	4.50	3.75	5.95	3.68	5.77	56.2	338
Ohio	6.05	3.81	4.40	3.95	5.90	3.82	5.85	49	300
Ind.	5.85	3.84	4.55	4.05	5.60	3.88	5.55	54	290
Ill.	5.40	3.73	4.30	3.74	5.05	3.73	4.95	60	280
Mich.	5.90	3.71	4.40	3.86	5.70	3.73	5.65	64	320
Wis.	4.97	3.69	4.39	3.68	4.65	3.68	4.63	71	320
E. N. Cent.	5.51	3.74	4.39	3.72	5.10	3.73	5.03	59.9	311
Minn.	4.85	3.67	4.28	3.53	4.38	3.56	4.36	72	305
Iowa	5.48	3.80	4.36	3.67	4.62	3.70	4.56	73	275
Mo.	5.90	3.82	4.30	3.95	5.20	3.88	5.05	64	235
N. Dak.	4.95	3.60	4.10	3.63	4.40	3.62	4.35	71	265
S. Dak.	5.40	3.70	4.35	3.63	4.50	3.64	4.45	69	265
Nebr.	5.70	3.82	4.30	3.82	4.90	3.82	4.85	63	260
Kans.	6.00	3.83	4.35	3.83	5.45	3.83	5.35	65	275
W. N. Cent.	5.45	3.76	4.30	3.62	4.61	3.66	4.58	69.6	278
Del.	6.45	3.76	---	---	6.35	3.77	6.25	---	280
Md.	6.45	3.84	---	---	6.45	3.84	6.35	---	280
Va.	6.65	3.81	4.25	4.08	6.35	3.85	6.20	47	220
W. Va.	6.40	3.84	---	---	6.30	3.86	6.20	48	185
N. C.	7.20	3.94	4.45	4.36	7.10	3.96	7.00	---	185
S. C.	7.05	4.06	---	---	7.00	4.07	6.85	---	190
Ga.	6.55	3.88	---	---	6.55	3.88	6.45	---	210
Fla.	7.30	3.84	---	---	7.30	3.84	7.15	---	235
S. Atl.	6.82	3.87	3/4.35	3/4.14	6.74	3.88	6.63	47.2	221
Ky.	5.95	3.85	4.15	4.00	5.30	3.90	5.15	50	225
Tenn.	6.35	3.89	4.20	4.15	5.75	3.97	5.50	---	190
Ala.	7.20	3.90	4.30	4.28	7.10	3.92	7.10	---	205
Miss.	6.45	3.95	4.45	4.15	6.25	3.97	6.10	---	210
E. S. Cent.	6.40	3.89	4.20	4.07	5.86	3.94	5.71	50.0	208
Ark.	6.55	3.73	4.25	3.88	5.90	3.77	5.65	---	205
La.	6.80	3.88	---	---	6.80	3.88	6.70	---	230
Okla.	6.25	3.66	4.25	3.90	6.10	3.68	6.00	60	230
Texas	6.80	3.70	---	---	6.80	3.70	6.65	54	260
W. S. Cent.	6.67	3.73	4.25	3.89	6.57	3.73	6.42	59.4	240
Mont.	5.95	3.75	3.90	4.01	5.70	3.78	5.60	67	280
Idaho	5.25	3.89	4.40	3.85	4.60	3.86	4.55	65	300
Wyo.	6.00	3.67	---	---	5.40	3.69	5.25	63	260
Colo.	6.15	3.71	---	---	6.15	3.71	6.10	60	250
N. Mex.	6.25	3.67	---	---	6.25	3.67	6.20	---	240
Ariz.	6.35	3.66	---	---	6.35	3.66	6.30	---	280
Utah	5.75	3.76	4.20	3.71	5.25	3.74	5.10	59	270
Nev.	5.80	3.76	---	---	5.80	3.76	5.60	59	300
Mount.	5.98	3.73	3/4.34	3/3.83	5.47	3.76	5.37	64.5	276
Wash.	5.95	3.84	---	---	5.95	3.94	5.85	67	290
Oreg.	6.00	4.09	4.65	4.30	5.75	4.13	5.60	68	260
Calif. 4/	5.20	3.70	4.10	3.81	5.10	3.71	4.95	71	355
Pac.	5.39	3.77	4.20	3.80	5.29	3.78	5.14	68.0	334
48 States	5.91	3.75	3/4.33	3/3.70	5.44	3.73	5.34	67.9	289
Alaska	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	375
Hawaii	9.54	3.35	---	---	9.54	3.35	9.50	---	---
U. S.	5.91	3.75	3/4.33	3/3.70	5.45	3.73	5.34	67.9	289

1/ Including 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.

Average prices received by farmers, by States and geographic divisions, March 15, 1969

State and division	Turkeys	Chickens	Broilers	All	Eggs	Seeds per cwt.				
	keys excluding per lb.	per lb.	per lb.	Chickens per lb.	per doz.	Alfalfa	Red clover	Sweet clover	Timothy	Lespedeza
	Cents					Dollars				
Maine	---	11.0	3/17.0	16.5	51.0	---	---	---	---	---
N. H.	---	10.0	17.0	13.0	53.0	---	---	---	---	---
Vt.	---	10.0	17.5	10.6	48.0	---	---	---	---	---
Mass.	---	10.0	17.0	14.4	54.0	---	---	---	---	---
R. I.	---	10.0	17.0	13.5	58.0	---	---	---	---	---
Conn.	---	10.0	17.0	14.6	59.0	---	---	---	---	---
N. Eng.	---	10.4	17.0	15.9	53.9	---	---	---	---	---
N. Y.	---	11.5	23.0	14.4	43.5	---	---	---	---	---
N. J.	---	11.0	25.0	14.1	45.0	---	---	---	---	---
Pac.	24.0	12.0	18.0	16.2	43.0	---	---	---	---	---
M. Atl.	24.0	11.7	18.4	15.8	43.5	---	---	---	---	---
Ohio	22.0	10.0	16.5	13.6	36.5	29.00	10.00	8.00	---	---
Ind.	21.0	9.0	15.5	12.8	38.1	30.50	---	---	---	14.00
Ill.	20.0	6.0	15.5	6.3	32.0	34.00	---	---	---	14.00
Mich.	21.0	8.0	18.0	9.7	35.5	30.00	---	---	---	---
Wis.	18.0	6.0	15.5	13.0	37.0	32.00	---	---	---	---
E. N. Cent.	18.9	8.1	15.8	12.3	36.8	31.30	10.00	8.00	---	13.00
Minn.	18.0	5.5	---	12.2	30.5	32.50	9.50	10.00	---	---
Iowa	19.0	5.5	---	9.4	29.0	33.00	---	10.00	---	---
Mo.	20.0	6.0	15.0	12.6	32.0	31.50	---	9.80	---	14.00
N. Dak.	---	4.0	---	4.0	28.0	---	12.00	---	---	---
S. Dak.	19.0	4.5	---	4.5	27.0	31.50	10.00	---	---	---
Nebr.	---	4.0	15.5	9.4	26.1	31.50	10.00	---	---	---
Kans.	21.0	4.5	15.0	6.6	29.0	31.50	31.00	9.00	---	13.00
W. N. Cent.	18.2	5.3	4/15.7	11.3	29.1	31.50	32.30	9.63	9.98	13.70
Del.	20.0	15.0	18.0	18.0	52.8	---	---	---	---	---
Md.	20.0	12.5	18.0	18.0	47.0	---	---	---	---	14.40
Va.	20.0	14.0	15.5	15.2	42.4	---	---	---	---	---
W. Va.	21.0	12.0	15.5	15.2	45.0	---	---	---	---	---
N. C.	20.0	13.0	15.0	14.8	46.0	---	---	---	---	21.60
S. C.	20.0	11.5	14.0	13.1	40.0	---	---	---	---	20.80
Ga.	20.0	11.0	3/14.5	14.3	47.6	---	---	---	---	31.50
Fla.	---	8.5	14.0	12.6	33.0	---	---	---	---	---
S. Atl.	20.1	11.8	15.6	15.3	43.6	---	---	---	---	25.00
Ky.	20.0	10.5	14.5	13.8	38.0	36.00	---	---	---	18.00
Tenn.	---	10.0	3/16.0	15.4	42.5	---	---	---	---	19.00
Ala.	---	10.0	3/14.0	13.9	45.5	---	---	---	---	---
Miss.	---	10.0	3/14.0	13.8	46.0	---	---	---	---	---
E. S. Cent.	20.0	10.0	14.2	13.9	44.4	36.00	---	---	---	18.80
Ark.	20.0	10.0	3/14.0	5/13.8	41.0	---	---	---	---	20.00
La.	---	11.0	14.0	13.8	41.5	---	---	---	---	---
Okla.	---	8.0	14.0	13.2	38.7	29.50	---	---	---	---
Texas	19.0	8.5	15.5	14.7	42.5	---	14.00	---	---	---
W. S. Cent.	19.3	9.4	14.4	14.0	41.5	29.50	14.00	---	---	20.00
Mont.	---	10.5	---	10.5	43.0	33.50	---	---	---	---
Idaho	---	6.5	18.0	17.1	41.0	38.90	37.50	---	---	---
Wyo.	---	11.5	---	11.5	45.0	---	---	---	---	---
Colo.	---	10.0	18.0	10.5	36.0	33.00	---	---	---	---
N. Mex.	---	10.0	---	10.0	42.0	---	---	---	---	---
Ariz.	---	5.0	---	7.7	34.0	32.50	---	---	---	---
Utah	20.0	6.0	17.0	15.3	38.0	34.50	---	---	---	---
Nev.	---	6.0	---	6.0	37.0	40.00	---	---	---	---
Mount.	20.0	7.6	4/17.6	14.6	38.7	37.30	37.50	---	---	---
Wash.	20.0	5.0	18.0	16.6	36.8	40.50	41.50	---	---	---
Oreg.	20.0	5.5	18.0	16.4	43.0	39.50	40.50	---	---	---
Calif.	21.0	8.5	17.5	15.2	35.6	39.50	---	---	---	---
Pac.	20.9	8.0	17.7	15.6	36.1	38.90	40.90	---	---	---
48 States	19.7	9.8	15.3	14.7	39.4	37.90	33.20	9.79	9.77	18.30
Alaska	---	---	---	---	80.0	---	---	---	---	---
Hawaii	---	12.0	33.0	26.7	47.5	---	---	---	---	---
U. S.	19.7	9.8	4/15.3	14.7	39.5	37.90	33.20	9.79	9.77	18.40

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. 5/ Correction: The February 1969 all chicken price should be 13.8, not 13.3.

Average prices per ton received by farmers, by States and geographic divisions, March 15, 1969						
State and division	All 1/	Alfalfa	Hay, baled Clover-timothy	Lespedeza	Peanut-vine	Wild
Dollars						
Maine	25.70	32.50	25.50			
N. H.	28.30	33.00	27.50			
Vt.	26.30	31.00	25.00			
Mass.	34.00	40.00	32.50			
R. I.	37.20	41.50	36.00			
Conn.	36.80	42.00	35.50			
N. Eng.	28.50	34.10	27.40			
N. Y.	24.00	25.50	23.50			
N. J.	36.50	39.00	33.00			
Pa.	28.50	32.00	25.50			
M. Atl.	28.20	28.50	24.70			
Ohio	26.00	29.00	24.00			
Ind.	25.00	26.00	23.00			
Ill.	24.00	24.50	23.50			
Mich.	22.50	23.00	20.00			
Wis.	18.00	18.50	17.00			
E. N. Cent.	21.40	21.60	21.30			
Minn.	23.50	24.50	20.00			18.00
Iowa	22.40	23.50	20.00			
Mo.	23.00	25.00	21.50	22.50		
N. Dak.	16.00	18.50				13.00
S. Dak.	22.60	24.00				20.00
Nebr.	24.90	24.50				26.50
Kans.	23.40	25.50	19.50	20.00		19.00
W. N. Cent.	22.60	24.00	20.70	22.20		19.80
Del.	35.40	39.00	35.00			
Md.	32.70	37.00	30.00			
Va.	34.20	41.00	35.50	34.50	27.00	
W. Va.	31.10	37.00	31.00			
N. C.	31.50	41.00	30.50	35.00	22.50	
S. C.	30.30			32.00		
Ga.	30.00	36.00		31.00	22.50	
Fla.	34.20				25.00	
S. Atl.	32.40	38.50	32.90	33.70	23.50	
Ky.	28.50	33.00	27.00	24.00		
Tenn.	30.00	36.50	32.00	28.50		
Ala.	30.10	39.50	32.50	33.00	25.50	
Miss.	25.50	33.00	28.00	27.50		
E. S. Cent.	28.50	33.80	29.00	26.40	25.50	
Ark.	24.50	30.00	25.00			
La.	24.60	32.00		29.00		
Okla.	25.00	30.00		22.50	22.00	19.00
Texas	25.50	35.00			25.00	
W. S. Cent.	25.10	31.50	25.00	24.40	23.70	19.00
Mont.	26.90	27.00	28.00			27.00
Idaho	23.50	23.50	21.00			19.00
Wyo.	21.00	21.00	20.00			23.00
Colo.	28.50	28.00	32.00			30.00
N. Mex.	31.00	31.50				
Ariz.	25.80	26.00				
Utah	23.70	24.00	23.00			19.00
Nev.	23.50	24.50	23.00			21.00
Mount.	25.60	25.60	26.50			25.30
Wash.	36.00	38.00	34.00			28.00
Oreg.	29.50	31.00	25.00			21.00
Calif.	28.50	29.50				20.00
Pac.	30.10	31.10	29.70			21.80
48 States	24.80	25.40	24.60	26.10	23.90	20.90
Alaska	65.00					
U. S.	24.80	25.40	24.60	26.10	23.90	20.90

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

Potatoes: Average prices per cwt. received by farmers, by States, March 1969

State	Dollars	State	Dollars
Maine .....	1.90	North Carolina .....	---
Massachusetts .....	2.55	Florida .....	4.60
Rhode Island .....	2.55	Alabama .....	---
Connecticut .....	2.55	Texas .....	---
New York-All .....	2.33	Montana .....	4.00
Long Island .....	2.00	Idaho .....	3.13
Upstate .....	2.80	Wyoming .....	1.35
New Jersey .....	---	Colorado .....	1.45
Pennsylvania .....	2.80	New Mexico .....	---
Ohio .....	2.60	Arizona .....	---
Indiana .....	2.50	Utah .....	3.10
Michigan .....	2.60	Washington .....	2.05
Wisconsin .....	3.20	Oregon .....	2.45
Minnesota .....	1.85	California-All .....	3.15
North Dakota .....	1.60	Winter 1969 .....	3.15
South Dakota .....	1.70	Late Spring .....	---
Nebraska .....	1.25	Early Summer .....	---
Delaware .....	---	Late Summer .....	---
Maryland .....	---	Fall 1968 .....	3.15
Virginia .....	---	United States .....	2.46

Average prices per pound received by farmers for peanuts and tobacco, by areas and types, March 1968 and 1969

Peanuts			Tobacco			
Area	March 1968	March 1969 1/	Class	Type	March 1968	March 1969 1/
	- Cents -				- Cents -	
Virginia-Carolina	11.5	12.0	Total Hopkinsville-			
Southeast	11.5	---	Clarksville	22	41.9	50.0
Southwest	11.5	11.5	Southern Maryland	32	30.0	---
United States	11.5	11.8	United States		37.5	50.00

1/ Prices by States are shown on page 10.

Citrus fruit: Average prices and equivalent returns per box received by growers,  
by utilization, March 1969

Commodity and State	F.O.B. packed fresh	Equivalent returns per box <sup>1/</sup>					
		Packinghouse door		On-tree		Process.	
		All	Fresh	All	Fresh	All	Process.
--- D o l l a r s ---							
<b>ORANGES:</b>							
Florida .....	4.96	3.17	3.36	3.15	2.37	2.58	2.35
Other Early and Mids. ....	5.00	3.21	3.40	3.20	2.41	2.62	2.40
Valencias .....	4.95	3.14	3.35	3.10	2.34	2.57	2.30
Texas .....	4.55	2.21	2.34	2.10	1.76	1.89	1.65
Arizona .....	5.15	2.53	3.20	1.05	1.93	2.60	.45
Navels and Misc. ....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Valencias .....	5.15	2.53	3.20	1.05	1.93	2.60	.45
California .....	6.00	3.15	4.06	.46	2.35	3.26	-.34
Navels .....	6.00	3.15	4.06	.46	2.35	3.26	-.34
Valencias .....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
California-Arizona ..	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Navels and Misc. ....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Valencias .....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U. S. ....	5.60	3.11	3.69	2.89	2.33	2.94	2.10
<b>GRAPEFRUIT:</b>							
Florida .....	3.53	1.26	2.01	.95	.60	1.38	.27
White Seedless .....	3.50	1.30	1.99	.95	.63	1.36	.26
Pink Seedless .....	3.60	1.48	2.07	.65	.78	1.44	-.14
Other than Seedless .....	3.00	1.07	1.57	1.05	.43	.94	.41
Texas .....	3.50	1.24	1.60	.65	.89	1.25	.30
Arizona .....	4.25	1.58	2.60	.75	1.08	2.10	.25
California .....	4.10	1.23	2.52	.36	.73	2.02	-.14
Desert Valleys .....	4.10	1.23	2.52	.36	.73	2.02	-.14
Other Areas .....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
California-Arizona	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Desert Valleys .....	---	---	---	---	---	2.05	---
U. S. ....	3.60	1.27	1.95	.90	.66	1.41	.26
<b>LEMONS:</b>							
Arizona .....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
California .....	9.20	3.79	6.96	1.32	2.55	5.72	.08
U. S. ....	9.20	3.79	6.96	1.32	2.55	5.72	.08
<b>LIMES:</b>							
Florida .....	16.50	10.12	14.00	1.80	8.52	12.40	.20
<b>TANGELOS:</b>							
Florida .....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<b>TEMPLES:</b>							
Florida .....	6.40	3.21	4.65	2.25	2.34	3.87	1.32
<b>TANGERINES:</b>							
Florida .....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Arizona .....	9.30	7.15	7.15	---	6.30	6.30	---
California .....	6.00	3.82	4.18	.26	2.98	3.34	-.58
U. S. ....	6.37	4.16	4.51	.26	3.32	3.67	-.58

<sup>1/</sup> Approximate net contents per box are as follows: Oranges - California and Arizona, 75 lbs.; Florida and other States, 90 lbs.; Tangerines - 95 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, United States  
March 15, 1969 with comparisons 1/

Commodity-Feed Price Ratio	Mar.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.
	15, 1967	15, 1968	15, 1969	15, 1969
Hog-corn: Bushels of corn equal in value to 100 lbs. of hog, liveweight				
United States	14.0	17.5	18.0	18.3
North Central States	14.1	17.9	18.4	18.8
Egg-feed: Pounds of laying feed equal in value to 1 dozen eggs	7.9	7.5	9.8	10.0
Broiler-feed: Pounds of broiler grower equal in value to 1 lb. broiler, liveweight 2/	3.0	3.2	3.4	3.4
Turkey-feed: Pounds of turkey grower equal in value to 1 lb turkey, liveweight	4.5	4.1	4.5	4.5
Milk-feed: Pounds concentrate ration equal in value to 1 lb. whole milk 2/	1.51	1.62	1.74	3/1.72

1/ Long-time average comparisons published in Supplement No. 1 to the May 1966 issue of AGRICULTURAL PRICES.

2/ Broiler and milk-feed price ratios are monthly averages.

3/ Preliminary.

Milk-feed price ratios, milk prices, and ration values, by region and United States  
March 1969, with comparisons 1/

Region	Milk-feed price ratio 2/			All milk price per cwt.		Ration value 3/			
	Mar. 1968	Feb. 1969	Mar. 1969	Mar. 1968	Feb. 1969	Mar. 1969	Mar. 1968	Feb. 1969	Mar. 1969
	Pounds			Dollars					
N. Atl.	1.51	1.65	1.61	5.47	6.04	5.85	3.62	3.66	3.63
E. N. Cent.	1.65	1.74	1.73	4.83	5.10	5.03	2.93	2.93	2.90
W. N. Cent.	1.67	1.75	1.76	4.25	4.61	4.58	2.55	2.63	2.60
S. Atl.	1.84	1.95	1.93	6.39	6.74	6.63	3.48	3.45	3.43
S. Cent.	1.73	1.88	1.85	5.75	6.22	6.08	3.32	3.30	3.29
West.	1.53	1.68	1.64	5.09	5.34	5.20	3.32	3.17	3.17
U. S.	1.62	1.74	1.72	5.08	5.45	5.34	3.13	3.13	3.11

1/ Data for current month are preliminary. 2/ Pounds of concentrate ration equal in value to 1 pound wholesale milk. 3/ Value per 100 pounds of concentrate ration fed to milk cows.

Parity price equivalent for manufacturing milk 1/, United States,  
March 1969, with comparisons

	Mar. 1968	Feb. 1969	Mar. 1969
Parity equivalent ..... Dol. per cwt. :	4.79	5.09	5.15
Average price - f.o.b. plants .. Dol. per cwt. :	4.05	4.33	2/ 4.30
Average fat test of milk ..... Percent :	3.65	3.70	2/ 3.66

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 milkfat content sold by farmers. The parity price equivalent during 1969 is 79.3 percent of the parity price of all milk sold wholesale, which compares with 79.0 percent in 1968. For additional details see Supplement No. 1 to the January 1969 issue of AGRICULTURAL PRICES. 2/ Preliminary.

Note: In March 1969, the U. S. average price received by farmers for milk used for American cheese, evaporated milk, and butter and by-products is estimated at \$4.32 per cwt. for milk with an average fat content of 3.68 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.

NOTE: The "3-product" series for manufacturing-grade milk is the U.S. average price received by farmers for milk used for American cheese, evaporated milk, butter and by-products. This is the final estimate of the "3-product" series.

Feed: Average prices paid by farmers,  
United States, March 15, 1969 with comparisons

Commodity and unit	Average 1963-65	1968			1969		
		Jan. 15	Feb. 15	Mar. 15	Jan. 15	Feb. 15	Mar. 15
Dollars							
Alfalfa hay, baled, per ton	32.8	34.5	34.2	34.1	34.3	35.1	36.0
Other hay, baled, per ton	32.0	32.7	32.6	32.4	31.9	32.2	32.8
Cottonseed meal, 41 pct., 100 lb.	4.53	5.27	5.28	5.27	5.04	5.03	5.01
Soybean meal, 44 pct., 100 lb.	4.91	5.20	5.24	5.22	5.24	5.21	5.21
Tankage, per 100 lb.	5.94	—	—	6.07	—	—	6.33
Bran, per 100 lb.	3.15	3.59	3.58	3.56	3.59	3.64	3.59
Middlings, per 100 lb.	3.23	3.68	3.65	3.63	3.69	3.73	3.67
Corn meal, per 100 lb.	3.25	3.19	3.20	3.20	3.21	3.22	3.24
Laying feed, per ton 1/	84	81	81	81	80	79	79
Broiler grower feed, per ton 1/	91	90	90	90	88	88	89
Turkey grower, per ton 1/	89	87	88	2/87	87	87	87
Chick starter feed, per ton 1/	95	94	94	94	93	93	92
Dairy feed							
14 pct. protein, per ton	68	68	68	69	67	67	67
16 pct. protein, per ton	72	74	74	73	72	72	72
18 pct. protein, per ton	72	77	77	76	75	75	74
20 pct. protein, per ton	78	80	79	78	78	78	77
32 pct. protein, per ton	—	100	100	99	99	99	99
40 pct. and over, per ton	—	110	109	108	108	108	107
Hog feed, 14-18 pct., 100 lb.	4.23	4.37	4.44	4.38	4.31	4.42	4.39
Hog feed, over 29 pct., 100 lb.	5.85	6.20	6.25	6.20	6.31	6.30	6.27
Cattle feed, 30% and over, 100 lb.	4.59	4.81	4.80	4.78	4.64	4.68	4.69
Stock salt, per 100 lb.	1.65	—	—	1.72	—	—	1.75
INDEX NUMBERS (1910-14=100)							
Feed, prices paid by farmers	206	206	207	206	204	204	204

1/ Beginning January 1969 "Complete" ration feed specified which is fed without further mixing or supplementation. No specification as to "completeness" made prior to January 1968 for laying feed and turkey grower and January 1969 for broiler grower and chick starter.

2/ Revised.

Livestock: Average prices paid by farmers,  
United States, March 15, 1969, with comparisons

Commodity and unit	Average 1957-59	1968			1969		
		Jan. 15	Feb. 15	Mar. 15	Jan. 15	Feb. 15	Mar. 15
Feeders and stockers:							
Cattle and calves, 100 lb. .... Dol.	23.1	24.2	25.2	26.0	25.8	27.1	28.9
Lambs, per 100 lb. .... "	20.7	22.3	21.7	24.2	25.5	26.4	27.3
Pigs, per 100 lb. 1/ .... "	18.5	30.5	32.9	33.6	31.1	32.0	35.0
Baby Chicks, per 100 .... "	13.0	10.9	11.4	12.0	11.6	11.5	11.9
Started pullets (egg-type), each .... "	—	1.67	1.67	1.66	1.68	1.69	1.68
Turkey poults, each .... Ct.	59.0	56.3	56.5	56.9	56.0	55.8	56.3
INDEX NUMBERS (1910-14=100)							
All livestock	357	365	379	393	389	405	430

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.

Feed: Average price per 100 pounds paid by farmers,  
by States and geographic divisions, March 15, 1969

State and division	Bran	Middlings	Cottonseed meal, 41% protein	Soybean meal, 44% protein	Corn Meal
Dollars					
Maine	3.80	3.95	5.70	—	3.95
N. H.	3.80	—	5.70	5.60	3.70
Vt.	3.75	3.95	5.70	5.60	3.80
Mass.	3.80	3.85	5.70	5.60	3.85
R. I.	3.80	3.85	—	—	3.90
Conn.	3.80	—	5.70	5.60	3.90
N. Eng.	3.79	3.88	5.70	5.60	3.85
N. Y.	3.50	3.65	5.70	5.20	3.40
N. J.	3.90	—	6.20	5.80	3.70
Pa.	3.60	3.70	5.40	5.30	3.35
M. Atl.	3.59	3.66	5.48	5.33	3.41
Ohio	3.75	3.85	5.60	5.30	2.85
Ind.	3.90	3.95	5.60	5.40	2.55
Ill.	3.85	3.90	5.40	5.20	3.10
Mich.	3.75	3.80	5.60	5.40	2.90
Wis.	3.50	3.65	5.40	5.20	2.65
E. N. Cent.	3.66	3.84	5.54	5.38	2.81
Minn.	3.45	3.45	5.40	4.90	2.55
Iowa	3.75	3.80	5.30	5.00	2.35
Mo.	3.35	3.35	4.75	4.90	2.75
N. Dak.	3.20	3.20	—	5.30	2.50
S. Dak.	3.70	3.80	5.10	5.10	2.40
Nebr.	3.50	3.50	5.10	5.10	2.65
Kans.	3.20	3.40	4.90	4.90	2.60
W. N. Cent.	3.42	3.53	5.03	4.96	2.54
Del.	3.75	—	—	5.50	3.45
Md.	3.70	3.85	5.40	5.40	3.40
Va.	3.75	3.90	4.70	5.50	3.45
W. Va.	3.95	4.20	5.50	5.70	3.60
N. C.	3.65	3.75	5.10	5.20	3.35
S. C.	3.75	3.90	4.90	5.10	3.55
Ga.	4.00	4.05	4.85	5.20	3.40
Fla.	3.85	4.00	4.90	5.00	3.50
S. Atl.	3.76	3.92	5.00	5.34	3.44
Ky.	3.60	3.70	5.00	5.30	2.95
Tenn.	3.55	3.60	4.65	5.00	3.35
Ala.	3.80	4.00	4.55	5.00	3.25
Miss.	3.65	3.85	4.25	4.60	3.45
E. S. Cent.	3.61	3.72	4.61	5.06	3.15
Ark.	3.50	3.60	4.30	5.00	3.25
La.	3.35	3.85	4.75	4.85	3.60
Okla.	3.35	3.25	4.55	4.90	3.30
Texas	3.60	3.70	4.60	5.20	3.60
W. S. Cent.	3.50	3.56	4.55	5.01	3.51
Mont.	3.05	3.10	5.20	5.80	3.20
Idaho	3.00	3.00	5.50	6.50	3.40
Wyo.	3.45	3.55	5.30	5.60	3.50
Colo.	3.65	3.60	4.85	5.30	2.90
N. Mex.	3.75	3.90	4.70	5.00	4.00
Ariz.	4.15	—	3.65	5.90	—
Utah	2.95	3.05	4.90	5.70	3.30
Nev.	3.80	3.90	5.20	—	4.10
Mount.	3.53	3.35	4.93	5.71	3.20
Wash.	3.40	3.80	5.70	6.20	4.00
Oreg.	3.40	3.65	5.30	5.80	3.60
Calif.	3.85	3.85	4.55	5.60	4.05
Pac.	3.67	3.77	5.05	5.87	3.99
Hawaii	—	4.90	5.80	6.60	4.80
U. S.	3.59	3.67	5.01	5.21	3.24

Feed: Average price per 100 pounds paid by farmers,  
by States and geographic divisions, March 15, 1969

State and division	Beef cattle	Hog feed		Hominy feed	Tackage	Stock salt	Oyster shells
	concentrate, 30% and over protein	14-15% protein	Over 20% protein				
Dollars							
Maine	---	4.55	---	3.75	---	2.35	2.10
N. H.	---	4.50	---	3.55	---	2.35	2.15
Vt.	---	4.55	---	3.80	---	2.10	2.15
Mass.	---	4.50	---	3.75	---	2.20	2.05
R. I.	---	---	---	3.75	---	---	2.10
Conn.	---	4.55	---	3.70	---	2.40	2.10
N. Eng.	---	4.53	---	3.73	---	2.24	2.11
N. Y.	5.00	4.30	6.20	3.50	---	1.95	2.15
N. J.	5.20	4.40	---	3.65	6.00	2.40	2.05
Pa.	5.00	4.25	6.10	3.45	5.80	2.10	1.90
N. Atl.	5.07	4.29	6.13	3.50	5.85	2.03	2.07
Ohio	5.30	4.50	6.40	3.25	6.60	2.15	2.15
Ind.	5.30	4.00	6.50	3.15	6.40	2.20	2.05
Ill.	5.00	5.10	6.50	---	6.60	2.05	2.10
Mich.	5.30	4.15	6.50	---	6.50	2.15	2.30
Wis.	5.50	4.30	6.60	3.00	6.50	1.95	2.00
E. N. Cent.	5.20	4.41	6.50	3.17	6.51	2.06	2.08
Minn.	4.90	4.45	6.30	---	6.00	1.75	2.00
Iowa	5.20	4.90	6.30	3.00	6.30	1.85	1.90
Mo.	4.50	4.30	5.80	---	6.20	1.40	1.90
N. Dak.	4.60	4.30	6.40	---	---	1.70	2.20
S. Dak.	4.75	4.20	6.60	---	---	1.55	1.95
Nebr.	4.60	4.55	6.20	---	6.20	1.40	1.90
Kans.	4.40	4.25	5.90	2.95	6.30	1.20	2.00
W. N. Cent.	4.71	4.46	6.16	2.98	6.23	1.56	1.94
Del.	---	4.50	6.10	---	---	2.45	2.05
Md.	5.10	4.45	6.00	---	6.00	2.25	1.80
Va.	5.10	4.35	6.00	---	---	2.00	2.00
W. Va.	---	4.50	6.10	3.50	6.00	2.25	2.20
N. C.	5.20	4.35	6.10	---	---	2.60	2.00
S. C.	5.30	4.30	6.30	---	---	2.25	2.00
Ga.	4.95	4.20	6.10	---	---	2.10	1.65
Fla.	5.60	4.40	6.00	---	---	2.05	1.55
S. Atl.	5.31	4.33	6.10	---	6.00	2.19	1.68
Ky.	4.85	4.60	6.00	3.35	6.20	2.00	2.25
Tenn.	4.60	4.30	5.90	3.30	6.00	2.00	1.90
Ala.	4.80	4.10	6.00	---	---	2.05	1.80
Miss.	4.85	4.20	5.80	---	---	1.65	2.15
E. S. Cent.	4.77	4.29	5.93	3.33	6.11	1.93	1.98
Ark.	4.40	4.10	5.70	---	---	1.40	2.00
La.	4.50	4.35	5.90	---	---	1.50	1.85
Okla.	4.45	4.10	5.80	---	---	1.30	---
Tex.	4.40	4.05	6.10	---	---	1.50	2.15
W. S. Cent.	4.41	4.13	5.90	---	---	1.45	2.10
Mont.	4.95	4.10	---	---	---	1.75	2.60
Idaho	4.70	4.10	---	---	---	1.90	2.85
Wyo.	4.60	---	---	---	---	1.65	2.55
Colo.	4.40	---	6.30	---	---	1.50	2.25
N. Mex.	4.25	---	---	---	---	1.35	2.70
Ariz.	4.00	---	---	---	---	1.60	2.85
Utah	4.70	3.80	---	---	---	1.45	2.10
Nev.	4.95	---	---	---	---	2.30	2.60
Mount.	4.57	4.00	---	---	---	1.63	2.57
Wash.	4.85	4.45	---	---	---	2.40	3.00
Oreg.	5.00	4.15	---	---	---	2.10	2.65
Calif.	4.70	4.25	6.60	---	---	1.85	1.65
Pac.	4.78	4.27	---	---	---	2.02	2.47
Hawaii	5.20	5.00	---	---	---	3.50	3.50
U. S.	4.69	4.39	6.27	3.45	6.33	1.75	2.08

Feed: Average price per ton paid by farmers, by States  
and geographic divisions, March 15, 1969

State and division	Dairy feed, percent protein					
	14	16	18	20	32	40 and over
Dollars						
Maine	73	74	77	74	---	---
N. H.	72	73	---	74	---	---
Vt.	71	71	74	71	---	---
Mass.	71	71	74	72	---	---
R. I.	70	71	---	71	---	---
Conn.	71	71	74	72	---	---
N. Eng.	71	72	75	72	---	---
N. Y.	73	73	75	76	87	89
N. J.	82	78	78	83	96	104
Pa.	78	76	79	82	99	103
M. Atl.	76	74	76	79	94	98
Ohio	77	79	83	---	108	115
Ind.	69	74	---	---	106	107
Ill.	75	75	80	---	108	112
Mich.	72	74	---	81	109	113
Wis.	65	67	71	80	103	113
E. N. Cent.	72	73	78	80	106	112
Minn.	63	65	68	75	97	109
Iowa	66	73	80	---	100	109
Mo.	62	66	70	---	89	99
N. Dak.	68	71	---	---	96	113
S. Dak.	71	74	---	---	97	112
Nebr.	72	74	78	81	97	107
Kans.	68	71	---	---	88	104
W. N. Cent.	65	68	71	76	94	104
Del.	---	78	---	---	---	---
Md.	75	78	81	---	100	109
Va.	73	75	79	80	99	110
W. Va.	77	80	85	90	---	106
N. C.	72	73	75	80	98	107
S. C.	70	72	75	80	85	---
Ga.	67	73	76	79	89	102
Fla.	64	68	70	77	---	---
S. Atl.	70	74	75	78	98	107
Ky.	70	72	---	84	101	104
Tenn.	69	70	73	74	94	97
Ala.	---	71	72	---	---	92
Miss.	69	70	72	73	88	---
E. S. Cent.	70	71	72	80	96	101
Ark.	65	67	69	---	---	---
La.	66	70	73	76	---	---
Okla.	64	65	68	73	84	98
Texas	68	71	72	75	84	94
W. S. Cent.	66	69	72	76	84	96
Mont.	68	70	78	---	---	---
Idaho	65	70	---	---	90	---
Wyo.	---	78	---	---	---	---
Colo.	67	70	---	---	94	98
N. Mex.	66	69	---	---	---	---
Ariz.	65	68	---	---	---	95
Utah	64	68	---	---	97	---
Nev.	75	85	---	---	---	---
Mount.	66	71	---	---	94	96
Wash.	67	69	---	---	---	---
Oreg.	71	72	---	---	---	---
Calif.	65	69	70	---	---	---
Pac.	66	69	---	---	---	---
Hawaii	---	98	---	100	---	---
U. S.	67	72	74	77	99	107

Feed: Average price per ton paid by farmers for poultry feed, and poultry feed price ratios, by States and geographic divisions, March 15, 1969

State and division	Poultry feeds, per ton				Poultry price ratios 1/		
	Chick starter	Laying feed	Broiler grower	Turkey grower	Egg feed	Broiler grower	Turkey grower
	Dollars				Pounds		
Maine	82	69	87	89	14.8	3.9	---
N. H.	83	70	87	89	15.1	3.9	---
Vt.	85	72	90	88	13.3	3.8	---
Mass.	83	70	87	86	15.4	3.9	---
R. I.	82	70	87	86	16.6	3.9	---
Conn.	82	69	87	85	17.1	3.9	---
N. Eng.	82	69	87	87	15.8	3.9	---
N. Y.	91	81	94	97	10.7	4.3	---
N. J.	89	75	95	98	12.0	5.3	---
Pa.	95	83	93	95	10.4	3.9	5.1
M. Atl.	93	81	93	96	10.7	4.0	---
Ohio	98	84	90	93	8.7	3.7	4.7
Ind.	95	81	87	87	9.4	3.6	4.8
Ill.	105	90	100	98	7.1	3.1	4.1
Mich.	97	77	89	88	9.2	4.0	4.8
Wis.	106	86	94	89	8.6	3.3	4.0
E. N. Cent.	100	83	90	91	8.7	3.5	4.2
Minn.	98	79	81	79	7.7	---	4.5
Iowa	100	76	91	92	7.6	---	4.1
Mo.	92	69	84	81	9.3	3.6	4.9
N. Dak.	104	91	93	94	6.2	---	---
S. Dak.	104	78	---	88	6.9	---	---
Nebr.	98	84	90	89	6.2	3.4	---
Kans.	94	80	88	90	7.2	3.4	---
W. N. Cent.	97	77	83	84	7.6	---	4.3
Del.	95	84	92	98	12.3	3.9	4.1
Md.	95	84	94	100	11.2	3.8	4.0
Va.	89	80	90	84	10.6	3.4	4.8
W. Va.	98	85	92	97	10.6	3.4	4.3
N. C.	90	80	90	88	11.5	3.3	4.5
S. C.	90	81	88	91	9.9	3.2	4.4
Ga.	90	80	90	93	11.9	3.2	4.3
Fla.	80	81	82	86	8.1	3.4	---
S. Atl.	91	80	91	89	10.9	3.4	4.5
Ky.	101	88	95	97	8.6	3.1	4.1
Tenn.	99	82	93	104	10.4	3.4	---
Ala.	92	83	86	95	11.0	3.3	---
Miss.	96	86	87	100	10.7	3.2	---
E. S. Cent.	95	84	87	98	10.6	3.3	---
Ark.	84	76	83	86	10.8	3.4	4.7
La.	86	77	81	---	10.8	3.5	---
Oklas.	87	80	90	93	9.7	3.1	---
Texas	98	84	98	96	10.1	3.2	4.0
W. S. Cent.	91	79	87	93	10.5	3.3	4.2
Mont.	108	92	---	101	9.3	---	---
Idaho	101	83	98	99	9.9	3.7	---
Wyo.	107	94	---	---	9.6	---	---
Colo.	103	88	95	95	8.2	3.8	---
N. Mex.	98	83	90	94	10.1	---	---
Ariz.	89	81	93	88	8.4	---	---
Utah	91	77	88	86	9.9	3.9	4.7
Nev.	115	104	115	112	7.1	---	---
Mount.	100	84	96	89	9.2	3.7	---
Wash.	94	80	94	80	9.0	3.8	4.4
Oreg.	98	83	94	82	10.4	3.8	4.9
Calif.	83	72	85	79	9.9	4.1	5.3
Pac.	86	73	88	80	9.9	4.0	5.2
Hawaii	121	104	126	---	9.1	5.2	---
U. S.	92	79	89	87	10.0	3.4	4.5

1/ 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 live weight, and number of pounds turkey grower equal in value to one pound of turkey live weight.

Support Price Announcements for Agricultural Products  
February 28-March 28, 1969

Soybeans and Cottonseed-1969 Crops: Price support for 1969-crop soybeans will be \$2.25 per bushel, No. 1 grade, and \$37 per ton, 100 grade, for cottonseed. The support of \$2.50 per bushel for 1968-crop soybeans applied to No. 2 grade. The support level for 1968-cottonseed was \$48 per ton, 100 grade.

USDA 736-69, issued 3/6/69

Extra Long Staple Cotton-1969 Crop: The national average price-support loan rate for 1969-crop extra long staple cotton will be 40 cents per pound, and the price-support payment 8.88 cents per pound. The total support of 48.88 cents per pound is 65 percent of the March 1969 parity price.

USDA 843-69, issued 3/17/69

Tobacco-1969 Crop: Support prices for 1969-crop tobacco will be about 3.6 percent higher than the 1968 level. Average support levels for major types are:

	<u>1968 Crop</u> <u>Average</u> <u>Loan Level</u> (Cents per lb.)	<u>1969 Crop</u> <u>Average</u> <u>Loan Level</u> (Cents per lb.)
Flue-cured, types 11-14	61.6	63.8
Burley, type 31	63.5	65.8
Virginia fire-cured, type 21	43.1	44.6
Kentucky-Tennessee fire-cured, types 22-23	43.1	44.6
Dark air-cured, types 35-36	38.3	39.7
Virginia sun-cured, type 37	38.3	39.7
Cigar binder, types 51-52	44.0	45.5
Cigar filler and binder, types 42-44, 53-55	31.7	32.9
Puerto Rican, type 46	33.0	34.2

USDA 844-69, issued 3/17/69

Flaxseed-1969 Crop: Support price on flaxseed from the 1969 crop will be \$2.75 per bushel, No. 1 grade, compared to \$2.90 per bushel for the 1968 crop.

USDA 851-69, issued 3/17/69

Honey-1969 Crop: 1969-crop honey will be supported at an average level of 13 cents per pound, up one-half cent from the 1968 crop.

USDA 936-69, issued 3/25/69

Castor Beans-1969 Crop: Price support for 1969-crop castor beans will be 4 cents per pound, down from the 5.5 cents per pound support rate for 1968 castor beans.

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WOOL AND MOHAIR: Annual average prices received by farmers,  
United States, 1968

	<u>Cents per pound</u>
Wool	40.5
Mohair	45.2

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