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PRICES RECEIVED INDEX AND PRICES PAID INDEX UP 1 POINT

The Index of Prices Received by Farmers increased 1 point (1 percent) to 129 percent of the January-December 1967 average during the month ended October 15, 1972, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Contributing most to the increase were higher prices for cattle, wheat, milk, cotton, and oranges. Lower prices for eggs, lettuce, hogs, and potatoes were only partially offsetting. The index was 13 percent above a year earlier.

The Index of Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates for October 15 was 129, up 1 percent from mid-September. Increased wage rates and higher average prices for feed and feeder livestock were the major contributors to the index rise. The index was 7 percent above a year earlier.

SUMMARY TABLE

Index 1967=100	: :	Sept. 15, 1971	: :	Oct. 15, 1971	: :	Sept. 15, 1972	: :	Oct. 15, 1972
Prices Received	:	111	:	114	:	128	:	129
Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates	:	121	:	121	:	128	:	129
Ratio 1/	:	92	:	94	:	100	:	100

1/ Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates.

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PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

The Prices Received Index increased 1 point (1 percent) from mid-September to mid-October to 129 percent of its 1967 average. Of the subgroups shown on page 7, the following contributed most to the change.

COMMERCIAL VEGETABLES: The index of prices received for commercial vegetables declined 16 points (13 percent) to 104 during the month ended October 15. Seasonally lower prices received by farmers for lettuce, tomatoes, celery, and onions were primarily responsible for the index decline. Slightly offsetting were higher prices for watermelons, carrots, and snap beans. Compared with a year ago the index was down 4 points (4 percent).

MEAT ANIMALS: The index of prices received by farmers for meat animals increased 2 points (1 percent) to 152 (1967=100) during the month ended October 15, 1972. Prices received for beef cattle were up \$1.00 to average \$34.20 per cwt. Calf prices at \$47.10 were \$1.40 per cwt. above the all-time high reached last month. Hogs declined 50 cents to average \$27.50 per cwt. Lamb prices at \$28.10 per cwt. were down 80 cents. The meat animal index was up 29 points (24 percent) from October 1971.

Receipts of hogs at reporting yards during the 4 weeks ending October 19 were up 10 percent, cattle and calves combined were up 32 percent, and sheep and lambs were up 13 percent from the previous 4 weeks ended September 23, 1972.

FOOD GRAINS: The index of prices received by farmers for food grains advanced 9 percent during the month ended October 15. Wheat prices advanced for the third consecutive month. Wheat prices increased 16 cents during the month to \$1.89 per bushel and were 59 cents above mid-October last year. Rice prices jumped 80 cents per cwt. during the month to \$6.72 per cwt., a record high for October and only 26 cents below the record of \$6.98 set in February 1948. The mid-October index of 128 was 37 points (41 percent) above a year earlier.

POULTRY AND EGGS: Lower egg prices were primarily responsible for the 6-percent decline in the poultry and egg index to 103 during the month ended October 15. Egg prices dropped 2.9 cents (9 percent) to average 31 cents per dozen. The average September to October change is a seasonal decrease of 7 percent. Broiler prices were down almost a cent to 14.6 cents per pound. The index was 8 percent above a year earlier.

DAIRY PRODUCTS: Prices for milk sold by farmers to plants and dealers increased seasonally during October. The index of prices received by farmers for dairy products rose 3 points (2 percent) during the month to 125 percent of the 1967 average. Fluid milk sold by farmers averaged \$6.70 per cwt. in October, 12 cents above the revised September price and 29 cents above October 1971. Manufacturing grade milk prices averaged \$5.19 per cwt., up 11 cents from September and 25 cents above a year earlier. Compared with October 1971 the index was up 5 points (4 percent).

COTTON: The average price received by farmers during mid-October for upland cotton was 25.56 cents per pound--1.21 cents higher than a month earlier. The mid-month price reflects cotton deliveries that were contracted earlier at higher prices. During mid-September most of the cotton being harvested was in Texas; whereas, the mid-October price reflects cotton deliveries throughout the cotton belt. The October 15 price was 7 percent below a year ago.

PRICES PAID BY FARMERS

The index of prices paid by farmers for commodities and services for mid-October was 125 percent of its 1967 average, unchanged from a month earlier, but 6 percent above a year ago.

PRODUCTION INDEX HIGHER

At 125 percent of its 1967 average, the October 15 index of prices paid by farmers for production goods was 1 percent above mid-September. Higher prices for feed, and feeder livestock, were partially offset by lower prices for motor supplies. Prices for the other commodity groups were unchanged. Since mid-October 1971, the production index rose 8 percent.

FEED: At 110, the mid-October index of prices paid for feed was up 2 percent from last month. All prices except corn and sorghum grain were higher. The index was 10 percent above a year ago.

FEEDER LIVESTOCK: The mid-October index of prices paid for feeder livestock moved up 3 percent from last month to 156, setting a record high for the second consecutive month. Feeder cattle and calves accounted for nearly all of the increase. The index was up 21 percent from a year earlier.

MOTOR SUPPLIES: Prices paid by farmers for motor supplies averaged 1 percent below mid-September. Slightly lower prices for diesel fuel, tires, and batteries accounted for most of the decline. Compared with a year earlier, motor supply prices were up 1 percent.

FAMILY LIVING INDEX LOWER

The October 15 index of prices paid by farmers for family living items was 125, down 1 percent from mid-September. Lower food and clothing prices were major contributors to the index decline. The index was 4 percent above a year ago.

FOOD AND TOBACCO: Mid-October prices paid by farmers for food and tobacco averaged 1 percent below mid-September. Prices were generally lower. Leading the decline were lower prices for vegetables, fruits, and cereal and bakery products. Prices averaged 4 percent above October 1971.

CLOTHING AND TEXTILES: Prices paid by farmers for clothing and textiles averaged 1 percent less than a month earlier. Price declines were scattered throughout the items surveyed. Clothing and textile prices averaged 6 percent more than a year earlier.

HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS: Mid-October prices for household furnishings averaged 1 percent more than a month earlier. Price increases for electrical appliances and bedding and furniture accounted for most of the advance. Prices were 5 percent above a year ago.

Average prices received by farmers for farm products, United States, October 15, 1972
with comparisons

Commodity and unit	Average		Oct.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	
	Jan. 1910- Dec. 1914	Jan. 1967- Dec. 1967	15, 1971	15, 1972	15, 1972	15, 1972	
All wheat, per bu.	Dol.:	.880	1.47	1.30	1.51	1.73	1.89
Rye, per bu.	" :	.725	1.05	.853	.809	.956	.952
Rice, (rough), per cwt.	" :	1.81	5.05	5.37	5.54	5.92	6.72
Corn, per bu.	" :	.649	1.17	1.00	1.15	1.22	1.19
Oats, per bu.	" :	.399	.668	.581	.623	.645	6.71
Barley, per bu.	" :	.617	1.02	.938	.956	1.06	1.14
Sorghum grain, per cwt.	" :		1.88	1.76	2.05	2.11	2.09
All hay, baled, per ton	" :	11.90	23.50	24.90	29.30	29.80	30.30
Cotton, American upland, per lb. <u>1/</u>	Ct.:	<u>2/</u> 11.92	22.54	27.62	30.98	24.35	25.56
Cotton, American-Pima, per lb.	" :		49.5		46.9	45.6	45.0
Peanuts, per lb.	" :	4.83	11.4	13.8	13.0	14.8	14.5
Cottonseed, per ton	Dol.:	21.80	58.00	55.80	45.00	44.10	47.40
Soybeans, per bu.	" :		2.62	2.96	3.36	3.26	3.13
Flaxseed, per bu.	" :	1.68	2.89	2.25	2.55	2.69	2.76
Potatoes, per cwt. <u>3/</u>	" :	1.13	2.02	1.76	3.55	2.47	2.09
Sweetpotatoes, per cwt.	" :	1.61	5.65	3.98	5.73	5.45	5.26
Dry edible beans, per cwt.	" :	3.39	7.99	11.10	11.20	9.35	9.20
Dry field peas (open mkt.), per cwt.	" :		4.64	3.20	4.57	4.53	5.06
Apples, for fresh use, per lb. <u>3/ 4/</u>	Ct.:		6.65	6.77	8.69	8.47	7.80
Peaches, for fresh use, per lb. <u>3/</u>	" :		9.20		11.8	14.0	
Strawberries, for fresh use, per lb. <u>3/</u>	" :		28.3	23.2	22.9	24.4	29.2
Pears, for fresh use, per ton <u>3/ 4/</u>	Dol.:		125.00	114.00	182.00	173.00	181.00
Citrus (equiv. on-tree), per box <u>3/</u>	" :						
Grapefruit	" :		1.38	3.08	2.73	3.84	3.93
Lemons	" :		2.45	4.35	4.63	4.69	3.56
Oranges	" :		1.58	1.78	1.90	1.85	2.23
Tangelos	" :		2.49	3.10			1.98
Tangerines	" :		2.66	6.95			7.07
Temples	" :		1.62				
All beef cattle, per cwt.	Dol.:	5.52	22.20	29.30	33.50	33.20	34.20
Cows, per cwt.	" :		16.50	20.80	25.30	25.00	25.10
Steers and heifers, per cwt.	" :		24.00	31.40	35.60	35.30	36.40
Calves, per cwt.	" :	6.84	26.40	36.90	45.00	45.70	47.10
Hogs, per cwt.	" :	7.29	19.00	19.50	28.00	28.00	27.50
Lambs, per cwt.	" :	5.96	22.20	25.40	29.90	28.90	28.10
Sheep, per cwt.	" :	4.59	6.38	6.05	7.47	7.47	7.41
All milk, sold to plants, per cwt. <u>3/</u>	Dol.:	1.61	5.03	6.09	6.01	6.23	<u>5/6</u> 3.6
Milk eligible for fluid market	" :		5.44	6.41	6.34	6.58	<u>5/6</u> 7.0
Milk of manufacturing grade	" :		4.07	4.94	4.97	5.08	<u>5/5</u> 1.9
Milkfat in cream, per lb.	Ct.:	26.3	68.1	69.4	68.8	68.9	69.1
Chickens, excluding broilers, live, per lb.	" :		7.9	7.6	8.9	8.9	9.2
Broilers, live, per lb. <u>3/</u>	" :		13.3	12.9	14.6	15.5	14.6
Eggs, per dozen <u>6/</u>	" :	21.6	31.2	28.8	29.8	33.9	31.0
Turkeys, live, per lb.	" :	14.3	20.0	21.9	21.7	21.7	21.9
Wool, per lb. <u>3/ 7/</u>	" :	17.8	39.7	17.0	43.0	44.0	46.7
Mohair (Texas only), per lb.	" :		43.9	26.0	68.0	80.0	<u>115.00</u>
Adjusted for seasonal variation	" :						
All milk, sold to plants, per cwt. <u>3/</u>	Dol.:		5.04	*6.07	5.99	5.99	<u>8/6</u> 0.00
Eggs, per doz.	Ct.:		31.2	28.8	31.4	32.0	<u>31.3</u>

1/ Beginning August 1971 basis for cotton prices was changed from 500 pound gross weight to a 480 pound net weight bale; to compute comparable prices for previous months multiply price times 1.04167.
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 3.72; fluid market, 3.71; manufacturing grade, 3.76. 6/ Average of all eggs sold by farmers, including hatching eggs and eggs sold at retail. 7/ Average local market price, excluding incentive payments. 8/ Preliminary. *Revised.

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 5,165 firms and individuals, and supplemented by data from marketing agencies and related sources.

United States parity prices for farm products and average prices received^{aa}
percentage of parity prices based on data for October 1972 with comparisons 1/

Commodity and unit	Adjusted base prices 2/	Parity prices 3/ based on data for			Average prices as percentage of parity prices			
		Oct. 1971	Sept. 1972	Oct. 1972	Oct. 1971	Sept. 1972	Oct. 1972	
Basic Commodities:								
All wheat, per bu.	Dol.	.699	2.94	3.05	3.08	44	57	61
Rice, per cwt.	"	4/1.87	7.87	8.17	8.23			
Corn, per bu.	"	.461	1.89	2.01	2.03	53	61	59
Cotton, per lb.								
American upland	Ct.	12.74	52.25	55.67	56.06	53	44	46
Extra long staple	"	4/18.8	80.3	82.2	82.7			
Peanuts, per lb.	"	4/4.39	18.1	19.2	19.3	76	77	75
Tobacco, per lb.:								
Flue-cured, types 11-14	"	4/24.6	102.0	108.0	108.0	76	81	76
Va. fire-cured, type 21	"	4/16.6	67.5	72.5	73.0			
Ky.-Tenn. fire-cured, types 22-23	"	4/17.2	69.6	75.2	75.7			
Burley, type 31	"	4/25.3	105.0	111.0	111.0			
Maryland, type 32	"	5/23.1	95.6	101.0	102.0			
Dark air-cured, types 35-36	"	4/14.9	61.7	65.1	65.6			
Sun-cured, type 37	"	4/16.8	68.7	73.4	73.9			
Pa. seedleaf, type 41	"	4/10.3	42.2	45.0	45.3			
Cigar filler and binder, types 42-44, 53-55	"	4/13.5	53.4	59.0	59.4			
Puerto Rican filler, type 46	"	4/15.4	62.1	67.3	67.8			
Cigar binder, types 51-52	"	4/20.2	81.6	88.3	88.9			
Designated Nonbasic Commodities:								
Tung nuts, per ton	Dol.	4/26.10	113.00	114.00	115.00			
All milk sold to plants, per cwt.	"	1.82	7.45	7.95	8.01	6/77	6/75	6/75
Milkfat in cream, per lb.	Ct.	24.3	102.0	106.0	107.0	68	65	65
Honey, wholesale, per lb.:								
Extracted	"	7/5.61	23.0	24.5	24.7			
Wool and Mohair:								
Wool, per lb.	Ct.	4/24.5	102.0	107.0	108.0	8/17	8/41	8/43
Mohair, per lb.	"	4/29.6	126.0	129.0	130.0			
Other Nonbasic Commodities:								
Barley, per bu.	Dol.	.365	1.53	1.60	1.61	61	66	71
Cottonseed, per ton.	"	4/19.30	80.70	84.30	84.90	69	52	56
Dry edible beans, per cwt.	"	3.00	12.20	13.10	13.20	91	71	70
Flaxseed, per bu.	"	1.03	4.47	4.50	4.53	50	60	61
Oats, per bu.	"	.232	.981	1.01	1.02	59	64	66
Potatoes, per cwt.	"	4/818	3.37	3.57	3.60	*52	69	58
Rye, per bu.	"	.370	1.57	1.62	1.63	54	59	58
Sorghum grain, per cwt.	"	.770	3.13	3.36	3.39	56	63	62
Soybeans, per bu.	"	.963	4.02	4.21	4.24	74	77	74
Sweetpotatoes, per cwt.	"	2.05	8.45	8.96	9.02	*47	61	58
Apples, for fresh use, per lb. 9/	Ct.	2.39	10.1	10.4	10.5	*67	81	74
Citrus (equiv. on-tree), per box:								
Grapefruit	Dol.	4/.591	2.24	2.58	2.60	138	149	151
Lemons	"	4/1.04	4.12	4.54	4.58	106	103	78
Limes	"	4/1.31	5.38	5.72	5.76			
Oranges	"	4/.807	3.42	3.53	3.55	*52	52	63
Tangerines	"	4/1.00	4.06	4.37	4.40	171		161
Templees	"	4/.848	3.65	3.71	3.73			
Beef cattle, per cwt.	"	8.51	34.80	37.20	37.40	84	89	91
Calves, per cwt.	"	10.20	41.10	44.60	44.90	90	102	105
Hogs, per cwt.	"	7.06	29.80	30.90	31.10	65	91	88
Lambs, per cwt.	"	8.74	35.30	38.20	38.50	*72	76	73
Sheep, per cwt.	"	2.47	10.30	10.80	10.90	*59	69	68
Eggs, per doz.	Ct.	12.9	55.5	56.4	56.8	6/52	6/57	6/55
Turkeys, live, per lb.	"	8.07	33.8	35.3	35.5	65	61	62

See footnotes on page 6.

Parity prices based on data for October 1972, United States 1/

Other Nonbasic Commodities (Continued)	Adjusted base prices 2/	Parity prices 3/ based on data for Oct. 1972	Other Nonbasic Commodities (Continued)	Adjusted base prices 2/	Parity prices 3/ based on data for Oct. 1972
	Dollars			Dollars	
Field Crops and Misc. Commodities:			Noncitrus Fruits:		
Castor beans, cwt.	1.91	8.40	Peaches		
Crude pine gum, bbl.	12.30	54.10	For fresh use, lb. 11/	.0254	.112
Hops, lb.	.187	.823	Dried (Calif.), ton	225.00	990.00
Tobacco, lb.:			For processing (excl. dried)		
Cigar wrapper, type 61	1.17	5.15	Clingstone (Calif.), ton 10/	26.30	116.00
Cigar wrapper, type 62	.885	3.89	Pears		
Noncitrus Fruits:			For fresh use, ton 12/	42.40	187.00
Apples, for processing, ton	17.70	77.90	Dried (Calif.), ton	295.00	1,300.00
Apricots, ton			Plums (Calif.), equiv.		
For fresh use	74.70	329.00	on-tree, ton		
Dried (Calif.)	390.00	1,720.00	For fresh use	48.70	214.00
Avocados, ton 10/	132.00	581.00	Prunes, dried (Calif.), ton	101.00	444.00
Cherries, ton			Prunes and Plums		
Sweet	130.00	572.00	(Excl. Calif.), ton		
Tart	71.40	314.00	For fresh use	58.00	255.00
Cranberries, bbl. 10/	5.39	23.70	For processing (excl. dried)	23.40	103.00
Dates (Calif.), ton	54.60	240.00	Tree Nuts, ton:		
Grapes, ton			Almonds	230.00	1,010.00
Raisin varieties			Filberts	176.00	774.00
Dried (Calif.)	94.10	414.00	Walnuts	175.00	770.00
Grapes excl. raisin varieties dried	26.30	116.00	Vegetables for fresh market, cwt.:		
Nectarines (Calif.), ton			Cantaloupes	2.10	9.24
For fresh use 10/	47.60	209.00	Carrots 13/	1.45	6.38
Olives (Calif.)			Cauliflower 13/	3.25	14.30
For canning, ton 10/	108.00	475.00	Celery 13/	1.77	7.79
			Honeydew melons	2.19	9.64
			Lettuce	1.80	7.92
			Onions 13/	1.34	5.90
			Tomatoes	3.75	16.50

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 1962-December 1971 average (including an allowance where appropriate for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments resulting from price support operations) by dividing by 269 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 month 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 1962-71 (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 1962-71. 6/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price. 7/ Adjusted base price derived from State annual average prices weighted by production. 8/ Average local market price, excluding incentive payments. 9/ 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. 10/ Equivalent returns for bulk fruit at first delivery point. 11/ Based on prices for fresh peaches in New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Washington, and California and average price for all methods of sale for other States. 12/ 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. 13/ Includes some processing. * Revised.

See Supplement No. 1, July 1972 AGRICULTURAL PRICES for details on parity prices computations.

Index numbers of Prices Received by Farmers, United States, October 15, 1972
with comparisons

Index	1910-14=100					1967=100			
	Average	1971			1972		1971		1972
	Jan.-Dec.	Sept.	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.
	1967	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
UNADJUSTED									
All Farm Products	254	282	289	326	328	111	114	128	129
All Crops	226	234	240	264	263	104	106	117	116
Food grains	177	156	161	207	227	88	91	117	128
Feed grains and hay	174	167	157	187	187	96	90	108	108
Feed grains	174	164	151	181	180	94	87	104	103
Cotton	191	228	233	206	216	119	122	108	113
Tobacco	555	639	641	718	701	115	115	129	126
Oil-bearing crops	276	299	298	312	307	108	108	113	111
Fruit	244	263	291	309	321	108	119	127	132
Fresh market 1/	242	277	310	338	350	114	128	140	145
Commercial vegetables	283	273	306	341	295	96	108	120	104
Fresh market	324	326	382	440	365	101	118	136	113
Potatoes, etc. 2/	193	188	189	229	202	97	98	119	105
Livestock & products	277	324	328	380	383	117	118	137	138
Meat animals	336	404	414	504	512	120	123	150	152
Dairy products	306	361	366	373	381	118	120	122	125
Poultry & eggs	132	132	125	145	136	100	95	110	103
Wool	223	106	96	247	262	48	43	111	117
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
Fresh market fruit 1/	244	244	294	301	339	100	120	123	139
Fresh market vegetables	330	384	431	520	420	116	131	158	127
Potatoes, etc. 2/	193	208	223	254	242	108	116	132	125
Dairy products	306	348	347	360	361	114	113	118	118
Poultry & eggs	132	128	127	141	139	97	96	107	105

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, October 1-15, 1972, with comparisons

Commodity	Average	Oct.	Oct.	Sept.	Sept.	Oct.
	Jan.-Dec.	1-15,	1-31,	1-15,	1-30,	1-15,
	1967	1971	1971 1/	1972	1972	1972
D o l l a r s						
Asparagus	23.70					
Broccoli	11.70	14.60	15.00	13.30	13.60	13.20
Cabbage	2.85	3.18	3.16	4.73	4.50	4.20
Cantaloups	6.26	4.23	4.65	6.95	7.82	6.11
Carrots	5.74	6.99	6.71	7.15	7.63	7.63
Cauliflower	10.80	13.40	13.10	13.30	12.90	12.80
Celery	4.94	5.20	5.55	8.31	7.72	5.50
Cucumbers	7.74	6.99	6.95	7.34	6.81	6.18
Green peppers	12.20	10.50	11.10	11.90	11.30	11.00
Lettuce	5.19	7.51	8.35	6.78	6.38	4.09
Onions	4.37	4.73	4.66	7.41	7.39	5.86
Snap beans	11.70	14.50	14.80	13.00	12.90	13.40
Spinach	10.20	15.10	13.80	17.80	16.70	14.50
Sweet corn	5.68	6.89	6.25	6.12	5.93	6.15
Tomatoes	9.63	12.40	9.53	14.10	13.10	10.60
Watermelons	2.06	1.33	1.30	2.28	2.27	2.66

1/ Revised.

Index numbers of Prices Paid by Farmers, Interest, Taxes, and Wage Rates,
and related data, United States, Oct. 15, 1972, with comparisons

Indexes and ratios	1910-14-100					1967-100				
	1971		1972			1971		1972		
	Sept. : 15	Oct. : 15	Aug. : 15	Sept. : 15	Oct. : 15	Sept. : 15	Oct. : 15	Aug. : 15	Sept. : 15	Oct. : 15
PRICES PAID BY FARMERS FOR										
Commodities & Services,										
Interest, Taxes, & Wage Rates	413	413	433	1/438	440	121	121	127	128	129
(Parity index 1910-14-100)										
Prices Paid	1/356	355	372	376	377	118	118	123	125	125
Family living items	387	386	403	1/406	404	120	120	125	126	125
Food and tobacco	372			390		116			122	
Clothing	507			535		128			135	
Household operation	1/276			285		118			122	
Household furnishings	302			313		115			119	
Building materials, house	549			593		126			137	
Autos and auto supplies	422			435		122			126	
Production items	333	332	349	356	358	116	116	122	124	125
Feed	218	212	225	230	233	103	100	106	108	110
Feeder livestock	465	480	547	561	579	125	129	147	151	156
Motor supplies	205			208		113			115	
Motor vehicles 2/	615			639		123			128	
Farm machinery	590			633		128			137	
Building & fencing materials	519			560		128			138	
Fertilizer	3/155			3/159		3/101			3/104	
Farm supplies	305			316		111			115	
Seed	3/291			3/316		3/123			3/134	
Interest 4/	658	658	713	713	713	138	138	149	149	149
Taxes 5/	1,281	1,281	1,377	1,377	1,377	144	144	155	155	155
Wage Rates 6/	1,128	1,170	1,203	1,203	1,249	133	138	142	142	147
PARITY RATIO 7/	68	70	75	1/74	75					
ADJUSTED PARITY RATIO (Prelim.) 8/	72	74	81	80	80					
Production Items, Interest, Taxes, and Wage Rates	432	433	456	461	466	121	122	128	129	131
Other Related Indexes										
Prices Received by Farmers						111	114	128	128	129
Wholesale prices: 9/										
All commodities						115	114	120	120	
Industrial commodities						115	115	119	119	
Consumers' prices (CPI) 9/						122	122	126	126	
Average hourly earnings, mfg. production workers 10/						127	127	134	136	

-1/ Revised.

2/ Included autos, trucks, and tractors.

3/ April index used April-Aug.; Sept. index used Sept.-Mar.

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/ The preliminary adjustment factor used for computing the Adjusted Parity Ratio is supplied by the Economic Research Service. It is based on estimated cash receipts from marketings and estimates of Government payments for the current calendar year and is 107.8 for 1972. See page 30, April 1967 AGRICULTURAL PRICES, for a description of the method of making current estimates of the Adjusted Parity Ratio.

9/ Bureau of Labor Statistics' indexes for month indicated.

10/ Based on earnings per hour as estimated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Average prices received by farmers, by States and geographic divisions, October 15, 1972

State and division	All wheat per bu.	Rye per bu.	Rice per cwt.	Corn per bu.	Oats per bu.	Barley per bu.	Sorghum grain per cwt.	Soy-beans per bu.
D o l l a r s								
N. Y.	1.56	1.10		1.40	.89			
N. J.	1.55	1.15		1.40				3.15
Pa.	1.61			1.43	.86	1.06		
M. Atl.	1.58	1.12		1.42	.879	1.06		3.15
Ohio	1.94	1.06		1.20	.80	1.00		3.13
Ind.	1.80	1.10		1.15	.77			3.12
Ill.	1.85	1.07		1.17	.70			3.14
Mich.	1.88	.92		1.14	.74			3.10
Wis.	1.73	1.03		1.17	.75	1.08		3.05
E. N. Cent.	1.88	.986		1.17	.747	1.06		3.13
Minn.	1.87	.83		1.08	.64	.99		3.02
Iowa	1.92			1.10	.69			3.06
Mo.	1.87	1.04		1.18	.80		2.00	3.15
N. Dak.	1.79	.74		1.08	.55	.95		2.95
S. Dak.	1.74	.77		1.08	.62	.86	1.70	3.04
Nebr.	1.82	.96		1.18	.71		1.93	3.06
Kans.	1.92	.85		1.24	.76	.97	1.96	3.06
W. N. Cent.	1.84	.780		1.13	.609	.951	1.94	3.08
Del.	1.50	1.28		1.30		.98		3.13
Md.	1.53	1.28		1.36	.87	1.05		3.20
Va.	1.56	1.40		1.29	.83	1.04		3.16
W. Va.	1.80			1.38	.95	1.25		
N. C.	1.42	1.55		1.21	.82	1.05	2.00	3.20
S. C.	1.55	1.43		1.29				3.18
Ga.	1.57	2.00		1.32	.86			3.20
Fla.								
S. Atl.	1.51	1.78		1.27	.860	1.04	2.00	3.18
Ky.	1.85	1.25		1.27	.85	.91		3.15
Tenn.	1.70			1.36				3.12
Ala.	1.60			1.35	.85		1.80	3.15
Miss.	1.70		6.50	1.42	.86		2.00	3.20
E. S. Cent.	1.72	1.25	6.50	1.30	.856	.910	1.97	3.16
Ark.	1.78		6.60	1.38	.83		2.00	3.20
La.			6.80	1.42	.79			3.23
Okla.	2.06	1.15		1.33	.84	1.09	2.13	3.07
Texas	1.96	1.20	7.00	1.42	.95	1.09	2.16	3.07
W. S. Cent.	2.04	1.17	6.72	1.41	.901	1.09	2.15	3.20
Mont.	1.73	.66		1.33	.64	1.11		
Idaho	1.84	1.25			.82	1.28		
Wyo.	1.56	.94		1.38	.77	1.14		
Colo.	1.75	1.00		1.32	.83	1.11	2.15	
N. Mex.							2.15	
Ariz.	1.70					1.40	2.70	
Utah	1.61					1.22		
Nev.	1.60					1.35		
Mount.	1.76	.976		1.32	.777	1.18	2.38	
Wash.	2.24	1.21			.84	1.35		
Oreg.	2.15	1.20			.83	1.33		
Calif.	1.79			1.66	.95	1.47	2.86	
Pac.	2.20	1.21		1.66	.877	1.41	2.86	
U. S.	1.89	.952	6.72	1.19	.671	1.14	2.09	3.13

State	Winter wheat October 15, 1972	Spring wheat, other than Durum October 15, 1972
Dollars per bushel		
Minn.	1.72	1.87
N. Dak.	1.60	1.79
S. Dak.	1.68	1.78
Mont.	1.73	1.74
Idaho	1.84	1.86
Colo.	1.75	1.75

Average prices received by farmers, by States and geographic divisions, October 15, 1972

State and division	American	Peanuts	Tobacco	Apples	Cotton-	Flax-	Dry	Sweet-
	upland cotton	per lb.	per lb.	fresh use 4/ 5/ per lb.	seed per ton	seed per bu.	edible beans, per cwt.	potatoes per cwt.
	per lb. 1/	2/	3/ 4/					
	C e n t s				D o l l a r s			
Maine				10.00				
N. H.				10.00				
Vt.				9.50				
Mass.				9.50				
R. I.								
Conn.				10.00				
N. Eng.				9.77				
N. Y.				7.50			10.50	
N. J.				7.50				9.20
Pa.				7.10				
M. Atl.				7.38			10.50	9.20
Ohio				8.00				
Ind.				7.10				
Ill.				7.50				
Mich.				6.80			8.20	
Wis.				8.20				
E. N. Cent.				7.30			8.20	
Minn.						2.85		
Iowa								
Mo.	29.0			11.50	48.00			
N. Dak.						2.74	7.30	
S. Dak.						2.79		
Nebr.							9.50	
Kans.							8.00	
W. N. Cent.	29.00			11.50	48.00	2.76	8.43	
Del.								
Md.				9.00				4.75
Va.		15.0	80.0	7.00				3.80
W. Va.				8.00				
N. C.	27.0	14.5	83.1	6.00	44.00			6.00
S. C.	27.0	15.0			44.00			7.80
Ga.	25.0	15.0			48.00			7.30
Fla.		15.1						
S. Atl.	25.39	14.8		6.86	47.20			5.53
Ky.				7.20				
Tenn.	27.0				48.00			5.30
Ala.	26.5	14.5			45.00			6.20
Miss.	27.7				50.00			4.60
E. S. Cent.	27.49	14.5		7.20	49.20			5.03
Ark.	23.0				48.00			6.50
La.	25.5				47.00			3.85
Okla.	20.0	14.0			45.00			
Texas	21.6	13.8			44.00			7.60
W. S. Cent.	23.83	13.9			45.50			4.63
Mont.						2.50	8.10	
Idaho				10.00			8.90	
Wyo.							8.30	
Colo.				12.80			8.40	
N. Mex.	28.5				51.00			
Ariz.	29.5				51.00			
Utah							9.00	
Nev.								
Mount.	29.49			10.30	51.00	2.50	8.57	
Wash.				7.30			10.10	
Oreg.				5.90				
Calif.	28.5			9.00	57.00		16.80	3.40
Pac.	28.50			7.58	57.00		14.70	8.40
U. S.	25.56	14.5	82.6	7.80	47.40	2.76	9.20	5.26

1/ Price based on 480 pound net weight bale. 2/ Average price by area shown on page 15. 3/ Price by types shown on page 15. 4/ Average for the month. 5/ 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.

AVERAGE PRICES PER CWT. RECEIVED BY FARMERS, BY STATES AND GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS,
OCTOBER 15, 1972

STATE AND DIVISION	HOGS	COWS 1/	STEERS AND HEIFERS 2/	BEEF CATTLE	CALVES	SHEEP	LAMBS
D O L L A R S							
MAINE		24.00	30.00	24.40			
N.H.		23.50	30.00	24.10			
VT.		22.50	29.50	23.10	37.50		
MASS.		24.00	29.50	24.50			
R.I.		24.00	30.00	24.40			
CONN.		24.00	30.50	24.30			
N. ENG.		23.40	29.70	23.90			
N.Y.	26.80	24.50	30.40	25.10	43.50		25.20
N.J.	26.80	23.90	34.50	25.30	47.50		
PA.	29.00	25.20	35.10	29.40	53.00	8.20	26.90
M. ATL.	28.40	24.80	34.40	27.50	47.60	8.20	26.20
OHIO	27.90	25.30	35.80	32.80	50.00	8.30	28.20
IND.	28.70	25.10	34.20	33.10	45.80	8.80	27.90
ILL.	27.00	24.50	35.00	33.30	44.00	7.00	27.50
MICH.	28.40	25.50	34.40	30.20	53.50	9.40	28.80
WIS.	27.40	26.00	32.70	27.50	49.50	6.00	26.50
E.N.CENT.	27.70	25.50	34.80	31.80	49.60	8.03	27.90
MINN.	27.30	26.50	34.10	31.00	51.80	8.30	27.80
IOWA	27.30	25.00	34.40	33.40	46.30	6.50	26.10
MO.	27.70	25.00	35.00	33.30	45.00	6.00	27.80
N.DAK.	26.80	24.50	40.00	36.30	52.00	5.00	26.80
S.DAK.	26.80	24.80	35.00	33.80	50.10	6.10	27.90
NEBR.	27.40	24.90	36.50	35.80	49.00	6.00	28.50
KANS.	27.00	24.50	37.40	35.50	47.00	6.00	28.00
W.N.CENT.	27.30	25.30	35.90	34.20	48.40	6.39	27.40
DEL.	27.80	24.50	34.20	27.40	50.80		
MD.	28.20	25.00	34.70	29.30	51.50		
VA.	27.10	22.70	34.00	28.90	46.90	7.30	27.70
W.VA.	28.00	22.90	35.00	32.00	47.90	7.00	28.00
N.C.	27.50	25.40	34.50	30.40	46.00		
S.C.	27.40	24.20	38.00	32.30	46.10		
GA.	27.40	23.70	36.00	30.70	43.00		
FLA.	27.80	26.20	34.90	30.80	49.20		
S. ATL.	27.50	23.80	34.90	30.10	47.00	7.19	27.80
KY.	27.80	25.00	36.00	32.70	46.50	7.00	27.70
TENN.	27.10	22.60	36.50	31.40	42.50	6.40	28.50
ALA.	27.60	24.50	37.70	33.20	46.00		
MISS.	28.00	23.80	35.80	29.90	46.20		
E.S.CENT.	27.60	24.20	36.30	32.10	45.40	6.68	27.80
ARK.	27.30	24.90	36.70	32.90	50.00		
LA.	27.80	25.20	38.20	30.90	45.70		
OKLA.	27.40	25.00	39.30	35.90	46.50	6.00	27.00
TEX.	26.80	25.20	35.80	33.40	47.70	10.20	27.90
W.S.CENT.	27.00	25.10	37.00	34.10	47.30	10.00	27.80
MONT.	26.90	27.80	39.80	37.90	50.00	6.00	27.80
IDAHO	27.40	24.50	36.60	34.20	47.00	8.50	28.00
WYO.	26.30	29.60	42.90	41.00	51.30	6.50	28.40
COLO.	26.90	27.80	37.10	36.00	51.00	6.00	29.30
N.MEX.		25.50	38.00	37.40	45.00	8.50	28.50
ARIZ.	28.80	24.60	33.90	33.30	46.20	6.00	29.00
UTAH	26.50	25.00	36.00	32.80	48.40	6.40	27.80
NEV.		23.50	36.00	33.00	46.00	7.00	28.00
MOUNT.	27.10	26.80	38.00	36.70	48.70	6.71	28.50
WASH.		23.90	34.50	32.40	45.90	7.00	26.50
OREG.		23.80	34.30	31.70	41.40	6.50	27.50
CALIF.	27.90	25.00	35.30	34.10	42.80	7.00	29.40
PAC.	27.90	24.60	35.10	33.60	42.70	6.94	28.80
48 STATES	27.50	25.10	36.50	34.20	47.10	7.41	28.10
ALASKA							
HAWAII	41.50	19.50	29.70	27.30			
U. S.	27.50	25.10	36.40	34.20	47.10	7.41	28.10

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,
September and October 1972

State and division	Milk, sold to plants, price per cwt., September 1972						October 1972		
	Eligible for fluid market. 1/		Manufacturing grade		All milk		All milk 2/		Milk cows per head
	Price	Fat test	Price	Fat test	Price	Fat test	Price	Fat test	3/
	Dol.	Pct.	Dol.	Pct.	Dol.	Pct.	Dol.	Pct.	Dol.
Maine	7.55	3.73			7.55	3.73	7.65	3.80	400
N. H.	7.65	3.74			7.65	3.74	7.65	3.82	430
Vt.	7.50	3.71			7.50	3.71	7.50	3.80	435
Mass.	7.75	3.61			7.75	3.61	7.80	3.71	445
R. I.	7.70	3.55			7.70	3.55	7.70	3.64	440
Conn.	8.00	3.64			8.00	3.64	8.00	3.70	440
N. Eng.	7.63	3.69			7.63	3.69	7.65	3.77	432
N. Y.	6.95	3.58			6.95	3.58	7.10	3.65	415
N. J.	7.15	3.59			7.15	3.59	7.20	3.65	500
Pa.	6.90	3.60	5.20	3.65	6.85	3.60	6.95	3.68	520
M. Atl.	6.94	3.59	5.20	3.65	6.92	3.59	7.04	3.66	460
Ohio	6.75	3.64	4.93	3.72	6.55	3.65	6.70	3.75	380
Ind.	6.75	3.67	4.75	3.60	6.45	3.66	6.50	3.76	375
Ill.	6.30	3.64	5.15	3.56	6.00	3.62	6.00	3.72	350
Mich.	6.30	3.61	4.90	3.64	6.15	3.61	6.20	3.71	440
Wis.	5.81	3.75	5.40	3.73	5.63	3.74	5.82	3.84	450
E. N. Cent.	6.21	3.69	5.31	3.71	5.93	3.69	6.07	3.79	425
Minn.	5.69	3.63	5.00	3.58	5.24	3.60	5.33	3.69	440
Iowa	6.06	3.63	5.11	3.58	5.44	3.60	5.56	3.70	365
Mo.	6.35	3.58	4.70	3.68	5.65	3.62	5.90	3.74	320
N. Dak.	5.75	3.47	5.00	3.57	5.27	3.53	5.34	3.63	380
S. Dak.	5.95	3.48	5.05	3.47	5.27	3.47	5.38	3.57	400
Nebr.	6.10	3.56	5.10	3.57	5.55	3.57	5.70	3.67	380
Kans.	6.25	3.56	4.95	3.56	6.00	3.56	6.10	3.69	385
W. N. Cent.	6.02	3.59	5.00	3.58	5.43	3.59	5.56	3.69	394
Del.	6.95	3.57			6.95	3.57	7.00	3.66	345
Md.	6.95	3.57			6.95	3.57	7.00	3.66	350
Va.	7.05	3.53	4.65	3.86	6.70	3.58	6.80	3.65	275
W. Va.	6.95	3.62			6.80	3.65	6.95	3.75	230
N. C.	7.45	3.55	4.50	4.27	7.35	3.58	7.45	3.67	275
S. C.	7.50	3.74			7.50	3.74	7.60	3.85	240
Ga.	7.25	3.59			7.25	3.59	7.40	3.65	300
Fla.	8.10	3.71			8.10	3.71	8.15	3.70	320
S. Atl.	7.36	3.60	4/4.64	4/3.92	7.26	3.62	7.36	3.68	295
Ky.	6.75	3.61	4.50	3.78	5.95	3.67	6.05	3.81	325
Tenn.	6.60	3.62	4.55	3.88	5.95	3.70	6.15	3.77	275
Ala.	7.35	3.70	4.75	4.00	7.25	3.71	7.35	3.79	280
Miss.	7.20	3.76	4.75	3.93	7.05	3.77	7.15	3.88	330
E. S. Cent.	6.88	3.65	4.54	3.83	6.26	3.70	6.41	3.80	304
Ark.	6.95	3.55	4.87	3.63	6.20	3.58	6.50	3.72	310
La.	7.40	3.74			7.40	3.74	7.50	3.84	380
Okla.	6.70	3.49	4.85	3.57	6.45	3.50	6.60	3.65	350
Tex.	7.40	3.51			7.40	3.51	7.45	3.56	365
W. S. Cent.	7.25	3.55	4.86	3.61	7.09	3.56	7.20	3.64	358
Mont.	6.15	3.60	4.40	3.76	5.95	3.62	6.10	3.72	415
Idaho	5.35	3.56	5.00	3.57	5.09	3.57	5.15	3.75	440
Wyo.	6.70	3.57			6.15	3.57	6.30	3.70	335
Colo.	6.90	3.55			6.85	3.55	6.94	3.70	380
N. Mex.	7.05	3.47			7.05	3.47	7.15	3.60	290
Ariz.	6.95	3.41			6.95	3.41	7.25	3.59	315
Utah	6.15	3.65	5.10	3.52	5.86	3.61	6.00	3.72	340
Nev.	6.15	3.56			6.15	3.56	6.30	3.67	350
Mount.	6.48	3.54	4/5.00	4/3.57	6.01	3.55	6.15	3.70	380
Wash.	6.18	3.76			6.18	3.76	6.35	3.85	390
Oreg.	6.55	3.85	5.70	4.32	6.40	3.94	6.50	4.10	400
Calif. 5/	5.60	3.49	4.85	3.68	5.55	3.51	5.69	3.60	500
Pac.	5.77	3.56	4.98	3.78	5.72	3.58	5.86	3.68	471
48 States	6.58	3.62	4/5.08	4/3.66	6.23	3.63	6.36	3.72	402
Alaska									
Hawaii	10.77	3.37			10.77	3.37	10.75	3.33	
U. S.	6.58	3.62	4/5.08	4/3.66	6.23	3.63	6.36	3.72	402

1/ Including surplus diverted to manufacturing. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Mid-month price. 4/ Includes data for some States not shown separately. 5/ Milk price f.o.b. ranch.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, BY STATES AND GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS, OCTOBER 15, 1972

STATE AND DIVISION	TURKEYS PER LB.	CHICKENS EXCLUDING BROILERS PER LB.	BROILERS PER LB. 1/	EGGS PER DOZ. 2/	WOOL PER LB. 1/ 3/	HAY, SALED, PER TON		
						ALL	ALFALFA	OTHER
CENTS						DOLLARS		
MAINE		10.0	4/16.5	37.0				
N.H.		10.0		43.0				
VT.		10.0		41.0				
MASS.		10.0		42.0				
R.I.		10.0		49.0				
CONN.		10.0	4/16.5	49.0				
N. ENG.		10.0	16.5	41.9				
N.Y.		8.0		30.0	30.0	33.00	36.50	29.00
N.J.		10.0		34.0		45.90	49.00	40.00
PA.	24.0	14.0	17.0	30.0	31.0	39.00	47.50	34.00
M. ATL.	24.0	11.6	17.0	30.4	30.7	37.00	42.70	32.20
OHIO	22.0	10.0	4/14.0	25.0	40.0	27.00	30.00	25.50
IND.	4/25.0	8.5	4/15.0	30.0	25.0	26.60	28.00	24.50
ILL.	25.0	7.0		26.0	30.0	25.90	27.00	24.00
MICH.	22.0	8.5		25.0	35.0	26.50	27.00	23.00
WIS.	22.0	10.0	16.0	29.0	43.0	29.00	30.00	25.00
E. N. CENT.	23.1	8.9	15.1	27.3	35.7	27.60	28.90	24.90
MINN.	21.0	5.0		20.0	38.0	20.50	21.00	17.50
IOWA	22.0	7.0		23.0	38.0	22.00	22.50	19.50
MO.	21.0	10.0	14.5	25.0	30.0	24.50	27.00	23.50
N.DAK	21.0	4.0		24.0	40.0	17.50	19.00	15.50
S.DAK	22.0	4.0		18.5	41.0	16.50	17.50	15.00
NEBR.	20.0	3.0		20.0	35.0	22.20	22.50	21.50
KANS.		5.0		21.0	38.0	23.50	25.00	21.50
W. N. CENT.	21.2	6.5	5/15.2	21.7	38.5	20.90	21.60	19.70
DEL.		13.5	4/16.5	51.6		37.50	41.00	36.00
MD.		11.5	4/16.5	45.0		34.80	40.00	31.00
VA.	22.0	11.0	4/15.5	42.2		36.00	43.00	35.00
W.VA.	21.0	11.5	12.5	35.0	42.0	31.50	36.50	30.00
N.C.	22.0	11.0	4/14.5	35.0	43.0	35.00	36.00	35.00
S.C.	22.0	9.0	4/14.0	30.0				
GA.	25.0	11.0	4/13.5	34.0		32.00	35.00	32.00
FLA.		7.5	13.5	26.5				
S. ATL.	22.1	10.0	14.7	33.4	42.1	34.40	37.40	33.40
KY.		9.5		29.0	35.0	31.00	35.50	27.50
TENN.		10.0	4/13.0	37.0		29.40	35.00	29.00
ALA.	22.0	10.0	4/13.5	32.5		29.50	38.00	29.50
MISS.	22.0	9.0	4/13.5	37.0		29.10	35.00	29.00
E. S. CENT.	22.0	9.5	13.5	34.4	35.0	29.90	35.40	28.60
ARK.	23.0	10.0	4/14.0	37.5		26.50	34.00	25.50
LA.		9.5	14.5	31.0		26.30	31.00	26.00
OKLA.		8.0	14.5	30.0	35.0	28.50	32.50	25.00
TEX.	22.0	12.0	15.0	36.0	67.0	26.50	35.50	25.50
W. S. CENT.	22.6	10.4	14.3	35.8	66.1	27.10	33.80	25.40
MONT.				39.0	49.0	31.70	32.00	31.00
IDAHO				35.0	37.0	31.40	31.50	29.00
WYO.		7.5		36.0	47.0	29.20	29.00	29.50
COLO.				34.0	48.0	40.00	39.00	41.50
N.MEX				37.0		32.50	33.00	28.00
ARIZ.		7.5		27.0	40.0	34.80	35.00	32.00
UTAH	20.0			28.0	37.0	33.70	34.50	28.50
NEV.				32.0	42.0	31.00	32.50	27.50
MOUNT.	5/21.9	7.5		33.5	44.1	34.10	34.00	34.00
WASH.	4/21.0	6.0	19.0	29.0	37.0	30.00	31.00	25.00
OREG.	4/22.0	6.0	17.5	35.0	39.0	31.50	33.00	27.00
CALIF	21.0	7.5	17.0	29.5	45.0	34.00	34.50	31.00
PAC.	21.1	7.3	17.3	29.8	42.8	33.30	34.00	29.20
48 STATES	5/21.9	9.2	5/14.5	30.9	46.7	30.30	31.70	27.50
HAWAII		11.0	34.5	46.0				
U. S.	5/21.9	9.2	5/14.6	31.0	46.7	30.30	31.70	27.50

1/ AVERAGE FOR THE MONTH. 2/ AVERAGE OF ALL EGGS SOLD BY FARMERS INCLUDING HATCHING EGGS AND EGGS SOLD AT RETAIL. 3/ INCENTIVE PAYMENT NOT INCLUDED. 4/ LIVELWEIGHT EQUIVALENT PRICE. 5/ INCLUDES DATA FOR SOME STATES NOT SHOWN SEPARATELY.

Seeds: Average prices per cwt. received by farmers, by States and geographic divisions,
October 15, 1972

State and division	Alfalfa	Red Clover	Timothy	Lespedeza
D o l l a r s				
N. Y.				
N. J.				
Pa.				
M. Atl.				
Ohio		36.00	13.50	
Ind.		37.00		15.00
Ill.		33.00		12.00
Mich.		30.00		
Wis.		41.00		
E. N. Cent.		35.90	13.50	13.60
Minn.		38.50	18.00	
Iowa		35.00	16.00	
Mo.		33.00	16.00	15.00
N. Dak.				
S. Dak.	35.00			
Nebr.	35.00			
Kans.	28.00	30.00		11.00
W. N. Cent.	33.90	35.40	17.20	12.10
Del.				
Md.				
Va.				
W. Va.				
N. C.				
S. C.				
Ga.				
Fla.				
S. Atl.				
Ky.		41.00		15.10
Tenn.				17.20
Ala.				
Miss.				
E. S. Cent.		41.00		15.70
Ark.				
La.				
Okla.	30.00			
Tex.				
W. S. Cent.	30.00			
Mont.	35.00			
Idaho	47.50	43.00		
Wyo.				
Colo.	34.50			
N. Mex.				
Ariz.	37.00			
Utah	44.00			
Nev.	46.00			
Mount.	40.10	43.00		
Wash.	50.50	44.00		
Oreg.	46.50	46.50		
Calif.	40.50			
Pac.	46.20	44.70		
U. S.	38.90	37.70	16.40	13.40

Potatoes: Average prices per cwt. received by farmers, by States,
October 1972

State	Dollars	State	Dollars
Maine	1.75	North Carolina	3.30
Massachusetts		Florida	
Rhode Island		Alabama	
Connecticut		Texas	
New York-All	3.29		
Long Island	3.00	Montana	4.00
Upstate	3.60	Idaho	1.88
New Jersey	3.70		
Pennsylvania	3.40	Colorado	1.93
		New Mexico	3.20
Ohio	2.90	Arizona	
Indiana	3.35	Utah	2.70
Michigan	2.29		
Wisconsin	3.00	Washington	1.75
		Oregon	2.05
Minnesota	1.80	California-All	2.83
North Dakota	1.70	Winter 1972	
		Late Spring	
Nebraska	1.85	Early Summer	
		Late Summer	4.70
Delaware	3.50	Fall 1972	2.80
Virginia		United States	2.09

Average prices per lb. received by growers for tobacco and peanuts, by types and areas,
October 1971 and 1972

Area	Peanuts		Class	Tobacco		
	October 1971	October 1972 1/		Type	October 1971	October 1972 1/
	Cents			Cents		
Virginia-Carolina	14.3	14.7	Total Old and Middle Belt	11	77.4	81.1
Southeast	14.0	14.9	Eastern N. C. Belt	12	77.9	85.0
Southwest	13.1	13.9	Total N. C. Border and S. C. Belt	13	76.0	
			Total Flue-cured	11-14	77.6	82.6
United States	13.8	14.5	United States		77.6	82.6

1/ Prices by States are shown on page 10.

Milkfat in cream: Average price per lb. received by farmers, by
States and geographic divisions, October 15, 1972

State	Cents	State	Cents
Minnesota	75.0	Nebraska	61.0
Iowa	77.0	Kansas	72.0
Missouri	68.0	W. N. Cent.	69.2
North Dakota	67.0	Montana	68.0
South Dakota	69.0	United States	69.1

Citrus fruit: Average prices and equivalent returns per box received by growers,
by utilization, October 1972

Commodity and State	F.O.B. packed fresh	Equivalent returns per box 1/					
		Packinghouse-door			On-tree		
		All	Fresh	Process.	All	Fresh	Process.
D o l l a r s							
<u>ORANGES:</u>							
Florida	6.50	4.04	4.65	2.00	3.21	3.82	1.15
Other Early and Mids.	6.50	4.04	4.65	2.00	3.21	3.82	1.15
Valencias							
Texas	5.10	2.25	2.25		1.80	1.80	
Arizona							
Navels and Misc.							
Valencias							
California	6.20	2.60	3.96	1.38	1.74	3.10	.52
Navels							
Valencias	6.20	2.60	3.96	1.38	1.74	3.10	.52
California-Arizona							
Navels and Misc.							
U. S.	6.32	3.04	3.96	1.50	2.23	3.18	.65
<u>GRAPEFRUIT:</u>							
Florida	7.56	4.75	5.76	1.90	4.08	5.11	1.15
White Seedless	7.20	4.46	5.40	1.90	3.79	4.75	1.18
Pink Seedless	8.25	5.31	6.45	1.90	4.63	5.80	1.10
Other than Seedless							
Texas	8.68	3.43	3.43		3.08	3.08	
Arizona							
California	5.50	2.76	3.60	1.08	2.06	2.90	.38
Desert Valleys							
Other Areas	5.50	2.76	3.60	1.08	2.06	2.90	.38
California-Arizona							
Desert Valleys							
U. S.	7.57	4.56	5.35	1.89	3.93	4.75	1.14
<u>LEMONS:</u>							
Arizona	9.80	4.14	7.15	1.95	2.79	5.80	.60
California	10.70	5.34	8.04	1.92	3.98	6.68	.56
U. S.	10.40	4.92	7.78	1.93	3.56	6.42	.58
<u>TANGELOS:</u>							
Florida	5.80	2.99	3.60	1.00	1.98	2.65	-.20
<u>TEMPLES:</u>							
Florida							
<u>TANGERINES:</u>							
Florida	12.00	8.62	9.55	.75	7.07	8.05	-1.20
Arizona							
California							
U. S.	12.00	8.62	9.55	.75	7.07	8.05	-1.20

1/ 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.; Tangelos - 90 lbs.

CALIFORNIA OLIVES: Season average equivalent returns per ton
to growers, by utilization, 1970 and 1971

Utilization	1970	1971 1/
D o l l a r s		
Equivalent first delivery point		
Canned	278.00	161.00
Shipped fresh	382.00	355.00
Crushed for oil	27.80	23.80
All processing except crushed for oil	254.00	147.00
Equivalent processing plant door		
Crushed for oil	30.80	26.80
Canned	290.00	173.00
Other processing	142.00	93.80
All processing except crushed for oil	265.00	157.00
All olives	248.00	148.00

1/ Revised.

PEACHES: Season average price per pound received by growers,
by States and United States, 1971-72

State	1971	Preliminary 1972
C e n t s		
New Hampshire	11.0	18.5
Massachusetts	10.5	17.0
Rhode Island	10.5	18.0
Connecticut	11.0	18.0
New York	8.05	12.2
New Jersey	8.50	17.2
Pennsylvania	6.52	12.7
Ohio	9.50	9.60
Indiana	9.80	1/
Illinois	7.10	9.29
Michigan	5.80	10.6
Missouri	10.0	12.5
Kansas	8.80	9.00
Delaware	8.60	12.5
Maryland	8.20	14.5
Virginia	5.90	9.83
West Virginia	5.50	12.6
North Carolina	8.88	12.0
South Carolina	8.08	10.2
Georgia	8.70	8.74
Kentucky	7.10	11.5
Tennessee	6.77	7.25
Alabama	12.7	11.2
Mississippi	10.5	11.0
Arkansas	7.30	7.77
Louisiana	14.0	12.5
Oklahoma	7.65	7.85
Texas	14.0	11.0
Idaho	7.70	10.5
Colorado	9.26	14.8
Utah	6.50	14.2
Washington	7.39	13.6
Oregon	8.90	14.2
California, All	4.96	5.10
Clingstone	4.77	4.61
Freestone	5.50	6.65
United States	6.29	7.27

1/ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

PEACHES for Fresh Consumption: Season average price as sold and equivalent returns per pound to growers, selected States and United States, 1971-72

State	AS SOLD		EQUIV. ON-TREE RETURNS	
	1971	Preliminary 1972	1971	Preliminary 1972
	C e n t s			
New York	8.50	13.7		
Pennsylvania	6.90	13.8		
Michigan	6.50	15.0		
Virginia	6.60	11.3		
North Carolina	9.17	12.1	3.14	6.07
South Carolina	8.80	10.8	4.70	6.60
Georgia	10.5	11.4	6.26	6.36
Colorado			3.43	8.79
Washington	10.1	17.3		
California, All	8.00	8.85		
Clingstone	7.50	7.30		
Freestone	8.00	8.85	4.83	5.65
Out of State			5.00	5.75
Within State			4.60	5.50
United States ^{1/}	8.49	11.3		

1/ Prices for fresh use in N.Y., Pa., Mich., Va., N.C., S.C., Ga., Wash., Calif., and average price for all sales in all other States.

PEACHES for processing: Season average equivalent returns per ton received by growers, Freestone for selected States and United States, Clingstone for California, 1971-72

State	All Processing Except Dried ^{1/}		State	Dried	
	1971	Preliminary 1972		1971	Preliminary 1972
	D o l l a r s			D o l l a r s	
FREESTONE:					
Pennsylvania	89.40	113.00			
Virginia	80.00	82.00	California		
South Carolina	79.40	96.00	Fresh basis		
Georgia	55.20	44.00	Freestone	87.50	105.00
Washington	65.00	74.60			
California	91.50	93.00	Dried basis ^{3/}		
			Freestone	700.00	840.00
United States	72.30	87.60			
CLINGSTONE, California	95.20	92.10			
CLINGSTONE, California ^{2/}	78.40	74.10			
All peaches, California	91.50	93.00			

1/ Equivalent returns for bulk fruit delivered at processing plant door.

2/ Equivalent returns for bulk fruit at first delivery point.

3/ Drying Ratio: 8.0 tons fresh to 1 ton dried.

Local market commodity-feed price ratios, United States
October 15, 1972 with comparisons 1/

Commodity-feed Price Ratio	October 15, 1970	October 15, 1971	September 15, 1972	October 15, 1972
Hog-corn: Bushels of corn equal in value to 100-lbs. of hog, liveweight				
United States	13.4	19.5	23.0	23.1
North Central States	13.9	20.5	23.6	23.9
Egg-feed: Pounds of laying feed equal in value to 1 dozen eggs	7.4	6.9	7.7	6.9
Broiler-feed: Pounds of broiler grower equal in value to 1 lb. broiler liveweight 2/	2.5	2.7	3.2	2.9
Turkey-feed: Pounds of turkey grower equal in value to 1 lb. turkey, liveweight	4.6	4.7	4.3	4.3
Milk-feed: Pounds concentrate ration equal in value to 1 lb. whole milk 2/	1.79	1.84	1.78	1.81

1/ Broiler and milk-feed price ratios are computed using monthly averages for broilers and milk.
2/ Preliminary.

Milk-feed price ratios, milk prices, and ration values, by region and
United States, October 1972 with comparisons 1/

Region	Milk-feed price ratio 2/			All milk price per cwt.			Ration value 3/		
	October 1971	Sept. 1972	October 1972	October 1971	Sept. 1972	October 1972	October 1971	Sept. 1972	October 1972
	P o u n d s			D o l l a r s					
N. Atl.	1.73	1.71	1.72	6.73	7.06	7.16	3.90	4.13	4.17
E. N. Cent.	1.84	1.75	1.81	5.74	5.93	6.07	3.12	3.38	3.35
W. N. Cent.	1.98	1.89	1.94	5.30	5.43	5.56	2.68	2.88	2.87
S. Atl.	1.92	1.98	2.01	7.16	7.26	7.36	3.73	3.66	3.67
S. Cent.	1.91	1.87	1.87	6.62	6.66	6.80	3.47	3.57	3.63
West.	1.74	1.61	1.61	5.83	5.79	5.93	3.35	3.60	3.68
U. S.	1.84	1.78	1.81	6.09	6.23	6.36	3.31	3.50	3.51

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

Parity price equivalent for manufacturing milk 1/, United States
October 1972 with comparisons

		October 1971	September 1972	October 1972
Parity equivalent	Dol. per cwt.	5.98	6.41	6.46
Average price-f.o.b. plants	Dol. per cwt.	4.94	5.08	2/5.19
Average fat test of milk	Percent	3.75	3.66	2/3.76

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 1972 is 80.6 percent of the parity price of all milk sold to plants, which compares with 80.3 percent in 1971. For additional details see Supplement No. 1 to the January 1972 issue of AGRICULTURAL PRICES.

2/ Preliminary.

Feed: Average prices paid by farmers, United States,
October 15, 1972, with comparisons

Commodity and unit	1971			1972		
	Aug. 15	Sept. 15	Oct. 15	Aug. 15	Sept. 15	Oct. 15
	D o l l a r s					
Alfalfa hay, baled, per ton	36.7	37.1	37.7	38.1	39.4	39.6
Other hay, baled, per ton	34.0	34.3	34.5	35.8	1/36.2	36.4
Cottonseed meal, 41 pct., 100 lb.	5.60	5.57	5.52	5.83	5.99	6.07
Soybean meal, 44 pct., 100 lb.	5.79	5.69	5.64	6.65	6.80	6.91
Bran, per 100 lb.	3.93	3.88	3.84	3.99	4.06	4.17
Middlings, per 100 lb.	4.03	3.98	3.91	4.01	4.08	4.23
Corn meal, per 100 lb.	3.77	3.65	3.49	3.58	3.62	3.67
Laying feed, per ton	88	86	83	87	88	90
Broiler grower feed, per ton	98	96	94	98	98	100
Turkey grower, per ton	96	95	93	98	100	101
Chick starter feed, per ton	103	101	98	103	104	105
Dairy feed						
14 pct. protein, per ton	73	73	72	73	74	76
16 pct. protein, per ton	79	77	75	79	81	82
18 pct. protein, per ton	81	80	78	82	84	85
20 pct. protein, per ton	84	83	81	86	88	89
32 pct. protein, per ton	110	109	107	116	118	120
40 pct. and over, per ton	121	118	118	126	128	132
Hog feed, 14-18 pct., 100 lb.	4.82	4.72	4.64	4.80	4.80	4.86
Hog feed, over 29 pct., 100 lb.	6.86	6.77	6.69	7.51	7.59	7.75
Cattle feed, 30% and over, 100 lb.	5.05	4.95	4.94	5.11	5.15	5.25
	INDEX NUMBERS (1967=100)					
Feed, prices paid by farmers	105	103	100	106	108	110

1/ Revised.

Livestock: Average prices paid by farmers, United States,
October 15, 1972, with comparisons

Commodity and unit	1971			1972		
	Aug. 15	Sept. 15	Oct. 15	Aug. 15	Sept. 15	Oct. 15
Feeders and stockers:						
Cattle and calves, 100 lb.	Dol.: 32.6	32.2	33.4	38.2	39.4	40.9
Lambs, per 100 lb.	" : 24.9	24.6	24.0	29.5	29.2	28.7
Pigs, per 100 lb. 1/	" : 29.3	29.0	32.5	53.4	57.1	55.7
Baby chicks, per 100	" : 11.0	11.0	11.0	11.1	11.0	11.1
Turkey poults, each	Ct.: 56.9	56.3	56.2	57.1	55.3	55.0
	INDEX NUMBERS (1967=100)					
All livestock	126	125	129	147	151	156

1/ Based on data derived from reports from farmers in 27 States on prices paid for feeder pigs weighing 40-60 lbs.

Feed: Average price per 100 pounds paid by farmers, by States and geographic divisions, October 15, 1972

State and division	Bran	Middlings	Cottonseed:	Soybean:	Corn meal	Hog feed		Beef cattle concentrate, 30% and over protein
			meal, 41% protein	meal, 44% protein		14-18% protein	Over 29% protein	
Dollars per cwt.								
Maine	5.10	5.00			4.70			
N. H.	5.10				7.30	4.70		
Vt.	4.80	5.00			7.30	4.60		
Mass.	4.80	5.00			7.30	4.60		
R. I.	5.10	5.00				4.80		
Conn.	5.10					4.70		
N. Eng.	4.97	5.00			7.30	4.66		
N. Y.	4.20	4.40	6.80	7.00	4.00	5.10	7.70	5.40
N. J.	4.60		6.90	7.20	4.45	5.10		5.80
Pa.	4.25	4.45	6.40	7.00	3.90	4.90	7.80	5.90
M. Atl.	4.27	4.41	6.44	7.02	4.00			
Ohio	4.45	4.55	6.90	7.20	3.30	4.95	8.10	6.60
Ind.	4.60	4.65	7.00	7.10	2.65	5.30	8.20	6.40
Ill.	4.30	4.30	6.40	7.00	3.00	5.60	8.00	6.00
Mich.	4.60	4.60	7.00	7.20	3.30	4.45	8.30	6.20
Wis.	3.90	4.05	6.30	7.00	3.00	5.00	8.10	6.10
E. N. Cent.	4.19	4.41	6.79	7.08	3.03			
Minn.	3.90	3.85	6.30	6.70	2.65	4.75	7.80	5.70
Iowa	4.25	4.25	6.40	6.90	2.55	5.50	8.00	6.20
Mo.	3.70	3.75	5.90	6.70	3.00	4.40	7.20	4.95
N. Dak.	3.85	3.85		6.60	4.50			
S. Dak.	4.15	4.30		6.70	3.10			
Nebr.	4.00	3.95	6.40	6.90	3.05	5.20	7.90	5.30
Kans.	3.50	3.50	5.90	6.60	3.25	4.50	7.50	4.95
W. N. Cent.	3.83	3.98	6.10	6.74	2.92			
Del.	4.35			6.70	3.70	4.20	7.70	
Md.	4.30	4.25	5.80	6.60	3.40	4.75	7.40	6.20
Va.	4.40	4.65	5.80	6.90	3.95	4.90	7.50	
W. Va.	4.70	4.80	6.50	7.00	4.20	5.00	7.90	
N. C.	4.25	4.30	5.90	7.20	3.60	4.85	7.40	
S. C.	4.50	4.40	5.90	7.00	4.20	4.80	7.40	
Ga.	4.45	4.55	6.00	7.00	3.65	4.75	7.40	
Fla.	4.50	4.80	6.30	7.20	3.80			
S. Atl.	4.38	4.56	6.00	6.98	3.73			
Ky.	4.25	4.30	6.00	7.00	3.25	4.95	7.40	5.60
Tenn.	4.00	4.00	5.80	6.50	4.10	5.00	7.10	5.20
Ala.	4.30	4.45	5.50	6.80	3.55	4.70	6.70	
Miss.	4.30	4.50	5.30	6.00	3.80	4.75	6.80	
E. S. Cent.	4.16	4.27	5.66	6.66	3.65			
Ark.	3.60	3.75	5.20	6.00	3.60	4.45	6.50	
La.	3.80	4.65	5.60	6.20	4.15	4.95	6.90	
Okla.	3.65	3.70	5.50	6.90	3.65			5.00
Texas	4.20	4.25	5.30	6.40	4.00			4.75
W. S. Cent.	3.95	4.02	5.36	6.39	3.90			
Mont.	3.70	3.60	6.60	6.70	3.60			
Idaho	3.65	3.80	7.20	7.80	4.10			
Wyo.	4.00	3.90	6.50	7.00	3.90			
Colo.	3.80	3.85	6.00	7.10	3.70			
N. Mex.	4.20	4.30	5.40	7.00	4.40			
Ariz.	5.10		3.65	7.30				
Utah	3.60	3.50	6.40	7.40	3.95			
Nev.	4.75	4.80	6.80	7.10	4.80			
Mount.	4.05	3.80	6.21	7.12	3.85			
Wash.	4.60	4.30	7.40	7.80	4.75			4.80
Oreg.	4.35	4.30	6.70	7.90	4.25			5.40
Calif.	4.30	4.80	5.80	7.00	4.45			
Pac.	4.38	4.45	6.46	7.62	4.48			
U. S.	4.17	4.23	6.07	6.91	3.67	4.86	7.75	5.25

Feed: Average price per ton paid by farmers, by States and geographic divisions,
October 15, 1972

State and division	Dairy feed, percent protein					
	14	16	18	20	32	40 and over
	Dollars					
Maine	84	86	86	87		
N. H.		85	86	86		
Vt.	83	86	85	86		
Mass.		82	83	85		
R. I.		83	83	84		
Conn.		83	83	84		
N. Eng.	83	85	84	85		
N. Y.	87	85	87	89	102	112
N. J.	96	90	92	93	118	130
Pa.	92	87	91	94	122	131
M. Atl.	88	86	88	90	117	126
Ohio	85	91	97	104	130	139
Ind.	78	85	86		115	117
Ill.	89	90	108	114	129	135
Mich.	85	86	105	100	135	140
Wis.	80	79	87	90	127	138
E. N. Cent.	82	85	95	94	127	136
Minn.	72	71	85	93	114	133
Iowa	83	83		110	135	144
Mo.	70	75	74	78	100	123
N. Dak.	65	70			106	139
S. Dak.	76	80			123	129
Nebr.	72	78			123	134
Kans.	77	80		95		129
W. N. Cent.	75	74	80	95	120	133
Del.		80	84		119	
Md.	79	80	84	88	120	126
Va.	87	90	91	93	114	134
W. Va.		88	89	91		
N. C.	79	83	85	91	114	133
S. C.		83	87	92	103	
Ga.	81	82	84	91	115	120
Fla.	70	73	80	87		105
S. Atl.	75	82	85	89	116	129
Ky.	75	80	84	97	116	123
Tenn.	71	82	84	88	114	115
Ala.		81	82	84	95	102
Miss.	72	74	76	84		
E. S. Cent.	74	80	81	85	103	115
Ark.	73	74				
La.		79	84	85		
Okla.	70	74	74	81		120
Texas	75	80	82		94	106
W. S. Cent.	73	78	81	85		108
Mont.	69	75				
Idaho	72	75			100	110
Wyo.	84	78			116	127
Colo.	85	88			115	120
N. Mex.	78	80				100
Ariz.	77	79				114
Utah	78					
Nev.	72	77				
Mount.	77	79			108	109
Wash.	77	79				
Oreg.	79	80				
Calif.	73	77	78			
Pac.	74	78				
Hawaii		109		113		
U. S.	76	82	85	89	120	132

Feed: Average price per ton paid by farmers for poultry feed and poultry feed price ratios, by States and geographic divisions, October 15, 1972

State and division	Poultry feed, per ton				Poultry price ratios 1/		
	Chick starter	Laying feed	Turkey grower	Broiler grower	Egg-feed	Broiler-feed	Turkey-feed
	Dollars				Pounds		
Maine	99	83		103	8.9	3.2	
N. H.	99	85			10.1		
Vt.	99	88			9.3		
Mass.	99	87			9.7		
R. I.	99	86			11.4		
Conn.	99	84		105	11.7	3.1	
N. Eng.	99	84		103	10.0	3.2	
N. Y.	101	95	117	109	6.3		
N. J.	105	90	105	100	7.6		
Pa.	111	96	111	107	6.2	3.2	4.3
M. Atl.	107	95	111	107	6.4		
Ohio	107	89	108	101	5.6	2.8	4.1
Ind.	109	87	95	98	6.9	3.1	5.3
Ill.	122	109	116	110	4.8		4.3
Mich.	100	90	130	99	5.6		3.4
Wis.	113	93	118	110	6.2	2.9	3.7
E. N. Cent.	111	93	108	104	5.9	2.9	4.3
Minn.	114	90	89	91	4.4		4.7
Iowa	120	93	98	100	4.9		4.5
Mo.	102	84	91	97	6.0	3.0	4.6
N. Dak.	113	99	100		4.8		4.2
S. Dak.	118	84	110		4.4		4.0
Nebr.	111	98	104		4.1		3.8
Kans.	106	93			4.5		
W. N. Cent.	111	91	92	95	4.8		4.6
Del.	109	90	107	108	11.5	3.1	
Md.	110	93	108	109	9.7	3.0	
Va.	102	90	102	103	9.4	3.0	4.3
W. Va.	110	100	109	105	7.0	2.4	3.9
N. C.	104	89	101	95	7.9	3.1	4.4
S. C.	95	89	93	93	6.7	3.0	4.7
Ga.	100	85	110	97	8.0	2.8	4.5
Fla.	106	95	107	102	5.6	2.6	
S. Atl.	104	89	102	100	7.5	2.9	4.3
Ky.	117	100			5.8		
Tenn.	114	97		100	7.6	2.6	
Ala.	97	91	108	100	7.1	2.7	4.1
Miss.	100	95		99	7.8	2.7	
E. S. Cent.	103	94		100	7.3	2.7	
Ark.	102	84	98	100	8.9	2.8	4.7
La.	95	84		91	7.4	3.2	
Okla.	101	90	105	103	6.7	2.8	
Tex.	103	94	99	97	7.7	3.1	4.4
W. S. Cent.	102	88	99	99	8.1	2.9	4.6
Mont.	120	105	135		7.4		
Idaho	105	88	110		8.0		
Wyo.	124	107			6.7		
Colo.	120	105	120		6.5		4.3
N. Mex.	108	98			7.6		
Ariz.	108	90			6.0		
Utah	112	95	118		5.9		3.4
Nev.		115	120		5.6		
Mount.	115	98	119		6.8		3.7
Wash.	105	88	98	100	6.6	3.8	4.3
Oreg.	108	91	103	108	7.7	3.2	4.3
Calif.	99	81	102	96	7.3	3.5	4.1
Pac.	101	82	102	98	7.3	3.5	4.1
Hawaii	133	113		144	8.1	4.8	
U. S.	105	90	101	100	6.9	2.9	4.3

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.

FARM TELEPHONE SERVICE COSTS RISE 5 PERCENT

An average of \$6.26 per month was paid for local telephone service on U. S. farms during the summer of 1972. This was an increase of 5 percent over last year, according to the annual survey conducted by the Crop Reporting Board.

Cost of local service increased in all regions, with the East South Central States registering the largest increase--7 percent. The smallest increase, 3 percent, was shared by the New England, Middle Atlantic, and West South Central States.

The bill for local service has risen steadily since the survey was first conducted in 1947. Part of the increased cost since the first survey has been the steady trend toward dial telephones, which now comprise 98 percent of all farm telephones. Pushbutton telephones make up 1 percent of the total, as do the lift or magneto crank types. In 1960, 20 percent of all farm telephones were lift or crank types and 80 percent were dial phones.

The percentage of farms with telephones increased from 85 percent in 1971 to 86 percent in 1972. The estimated number of farms with telephones in 1972 was 2,431,000 compared to 2,455,000 in 1971--a 1 percent decline. During the same period the total number of farms decreased by 2 percent.

TELEPHONES: Average monthly local bill paid by farmers and type of service supplied farms, by regions and United States, 1971-72 1/

Region	Average monthly local bill		Type of Service 1972		
	1971	1972	Dial	Lift and magneto crank	Push-button
	Dollars		Percent		
New England	6.91	7.13	99		1
Middle Atlantic	5.88	6.05	97	1	2
East North Central	5.98	6.27	99		1
West North Central	5.63	5.99	98		2
South Atlantic	6.33	6.61	97	2	1
East South Central	5.81	6.23	97	2	1
West South Central	6.12	6.28	98	1	1
Mountain	6.22	6.50	98	1	1
Pacific	6.05	6.38	98		2
United States	5.96	6.26	98	1	1

1/ Based on an annual survey made in July and August reporting data from most recent bill, usually June or July.

Farms with telephones: Estimated number and percent of all farms, by States, regions and United States, 1971-72

State and division	Number		Percent	
	1971 1/	1972	1971 1/	1972
	Thousands			
Maine	9	9	91	92
New Hampshire	3	3	94	94
Vermont	7	6	95	95
Massachusetts	6	6	98	98
Rhode Island	1	1	98	98
Connecticut	4	4	98	98
New England	30	29	95	95
New York	55	54	96	96
New Jersey	8	8	97	97
Pennsylvania	69	67	94	94
Middle Atlantic	132	129	95	95
Ohio	101	100	91	91
Indiana	91	91	93	93
Illinois	118	117	95	95
Michigan	77	76	92	92
Wisconsin	101	99	92	92
East North Central	488	483	93	93
Minnesota	112	109	92	92
Iowa	135	133	97	97
Missouri	124	122	88	88
North Dakota	35	35	85	86
South Dakota	40	40	89	90
Nebraska	66	65	92	92
Kansas	79	78	92	92
West North Central	591	582	91	91
Delaware	3	3	93	93
Maryland	16	16	90	90
Virginia	57	57	81	82
West Virginia	23	22	81	82
North Carolina	111	112	72	74
South Carolina	37	36	72	74
Georgia	62	62	81	82
Florida	28	28	81	82
South Atlantic	337	336	78	79
Kentucky	94	94	77	78
Tennessee	99	98	79	80
Alabama	59	58	71	72
Mississippi	59	60	63	66
East South Central	311	310	74	75
Arkansas	55	56	74	76
Louisiana	42	42	80	82
Oklahoma	77	77	86	86
Texas	150	149	81	81
West South Central	324	324	81	81
Montana	22	22	87	87
Idaho	25	25	88	88
Wyoming	7	7	87	89
Colorado	28	27	92	92
New Mexico	10	9	72	72
Arizona	5	5	81	81
Utah	12	12	87	88
Nevada	2	2	76	76
Mountain	111	109	87	87
Washington	42	41	93	93
Oregon	35	35	92	92
California	54	53	94	94
Pacific	131	129	93	94
United States	2,455	2,431	85	86

1/ Revised.

Support Price Announcements for Agricultural Products
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Cotton-1973 Crop: The national average price support loan rate for 1973-crop Middling 1-inch cotton at average location is 19.5 cents per pound, the same as for 1971 and 1972.

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