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PRICES RECEIVED INDEX DOWN 7 POINTS PRICES PAID INDEX UNCHANGED

The Index of Prices Received by Farmers decreased 7 points (4 percent) to 184 percent of the January-December 1967 average during the month ended October 15, 1973, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Contributing most to the decrease since mid-September were lower prices for cattle, hogs, wheat, broilers, and eggs. Higher prices for milk, rice, oranges, dry beans, and grapefruit were only partially offsetting. The index was 54 points (42 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 150, unchanged from a month earlier. Lower prices for feed and feeder livestock were offset by higher wage rates and price increases for other farm production and family living items. The index was 21 points (16 percent) above a year earlier.

SUMMARY TABLE

Index 1967=100	: :	Sept. 15, 1972	: :	Oct. 15, 1972	: :	Sept. 15, 1973	: :	Oct. 15, 1973
Prices Received	:	129	:	130	:	191	:	184
Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates	:	128	:	129	:	150	:	150
Ratio 1/	:	101	:	101	:	127	:	123

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 Index of Prices Received by Farmers decreased 7 points (4 percent) during the month ended October 15 to 184 percent of its 1967 average.

MEAT ANIMALS: The index of prices received by farmers for meat animals decreased 19 points (9 percent) to 199 (1967=100) during the month ended October 15. This compares with the record level of 253 set in August 1973. Prices of all meat animals were less than a month earlier. Beef prices averaged \$42.60 per cwt., \$4.60 below September, while hogs brought \$40.80, down \$3.00. Calf prices averaged \$58.30 per cwt., \$3.70 below the previous month. Lambs averaged \$32.00 per cwt., \$1.10 below a month earlier. The meat animal index was 46 points (30 percent) above a year earlier.

POULTRY AND EGGS: Lower prices for chickens and eggs dropped the index for poultry and eggs to 192, down 22 points (10 percent) from a month earlier. Only turkey prices averaged higher at 42.3 cents per pound, up 0.6 cent from September. Broilers averaged 24.3 cents per pound, down 6.0 cents, while chickens other than broilers brought 19.7 cents, down 3.3 cents. Eggs averaged 59.6 cents per dozen, down 4.6 cents from September. The index was up 89 points (86 percent) from October 1972.

DAIRY PRODUCTS: The dairy products index increased 9 points (6 percent) to 158 for October. Farmers received an average of \$8.39 per cwt. for fluid market milk during October, 29 cents above last month and \$1.67 above October 1972. Milk of manufacturing grade brought \$7.05 per cwt., 22 cents more than the previous month and \$1.77 above a year earlier. Compared with October 1972, the index was up 33 points (26 percent).

FOOD GRAINS: The index of prices received by farmers for food grains decreased 15 points (5 percent) during the month ended October 15. Lower prices for wheat more than offset a sharp increase for rice. Rice advanced \$2.10 during the month to a record \$13.70 per cwt. Wheat at \$4.22 per bushel was down 40 cents from mid-September. At 283, the index was 154 points (119 percent) above a year earlier.

FRUIT CROPS: The index of prices received by farmers for fruit crops increased 11 points (8 percent) to 144 during the month ended October 15. Prices for fruits, except lemons, averaged higher this month but higher prices for new crop supplies of oranges and grapefruit were mostly responsible for the index rise. Compared with a year earlier the index was up 11 points (8 percent).

FEED GRAINS & HAY: The index of feed grains and hay at 190 increased 3 points (2 percent) during the month ended October 15. Lower sorghum prices were more than offset by higher prices for the other feed grains and hay. Barley at \$2.23 per bushel and hay at \$46.20 per ton were at record levels. The index was 82 points (76 percent) above a year earlier.

PRICES PAID BY FARMERS

The index of prices paid by farmers for commodities and services for mid-October was 148 percent of its 1967 average, unchanged from a month earlier but up 23 points (18 percent) from a year earlier.

PRODUCTION INDEX DOWN

At 153, the mid-October index of prices paid by farmers for production goods was 1 point (2/3 percent) below last month. Lower prices for feed and feeder livestock more than offset higher prices for motor supplies, building and fencing materials, and farm supplies. The index was 28 points (22 percent) above October 1972.

FEED: During the month ended October 15, the index of prices paid by farmers for feed, at 176, decreased 2 points (1 percent). Mixed poultry and hog feeds, along with high protein feeds, accounted for most of the index decrease. Hay and grain prices averaged above last month. Compared with a year ago, the feed index was up 60 percent.

FEEDER LIVESTOCK: The mid-October feeder livestock index, at 190, decreased 5 points (3 percent) from mid-September. This decrease was accounted for mostly by lower prices for feeder cattle and calves. The index was 23 percent above a year earlier.

MOTOR SUPPLIES: Prices paid by farmers for motor supplies averaged 1½ percent above mid-September. Higher prices for gasoline accounted for most of the increase. Compared with a year earlier, motor supply prices were up nearly 9 percent.

FAMILY LIVING INDEX HOLDS

The October 15 index of prices paid by farmers for family living items, at 142, was unchanged from a month earlier. Prices averaged higher for clothing, building materials, and household furnishings, but not enough to increase the index. Food and tobacco prices averaged unchanged. Since October 1972, the family living index has increased 17 points (14 percent).

CLOTHING AND TEXTILES: Mid-October prices paid by farmers for clothing and textiles averaged 1½ percent more than a month earlier. Higher prices for cotton goods accounted for most of the price increase. Clothing and textile prices were 12 percent above a year earlier.

BUILDING MATERIALS, HOUSE: The average prices paid by farmers for building materials in mid-October averaged 1½ percent above last month with most items surveyed showing increases. Prices were 18 percent above a year earlier.

HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS: Prices paid for household furnishings for October 15 averaged 1 percent above mid-September. Small price increases were noted for most items. Household furnishing prices were up 7 percent from a year ago.

Average prices received by farmers for farm products, United States, October 15, 1973
with comparisons

Commodity and unit		Average		Oct.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
		Jan. 1910	Jan. 1967	15	15	15	15
		Dec. 1914	Dec. 1967	1972	1973	1973	1973
All wheat, per bu.	Dol.	.880	1.47	1.89	4.45	4.62	4.22
Rye, per bu.	"	.725	1.05	.952	1.78	2.12	2.14
Rice (rough), per cwt.	"	1.81	5.05	6.78	10.70	11.60	13.70
Corn, per bu.	"	.649	1.17	1.19	2.68	2.15	2.17
Oats, per bu.	"	.399	.668	.671	1.13	1.09	1.14
Barley, per bu.	"	.617	1.02	1.17	2.10	2.16	2.23
Sorghum grain, per cwt.	"	---	1.88	2.09	3.64	3.87	3.65
All hay, baled, per ton	"	11.90	23.50	30.30	39.00	43.10	46.20
Cotton, American upland, per lb.	Ct. 1/	11.92	22.54	26.67	36.72	44.59	43.62
Cotton, American-Pima, per lb.	"	---	49.5	45.0	65.0	80.0	110.0
Peanuts, per lb.	"	4.83	11.4	14.3	14.9	16.0	16.4
Cottonseed, per ton	Dol.	21.80	58.00	47.40	86.00	101.00	103.00
Soybeans, per bu.	"	---	2.62	3.13	8.99	5.81	5.63
Flaxseed, per bu.	"	1.68	2.89	2.76	6.75	7.29	7.66
Potatoes, per cwt. 2/	"	1.13	2.02	2.13	6.04	3.24	2.77
Sweetpotatoes, per cwt.	"	1.61	5.65	4.05	8.81	6.18	5.92
Dry edible beans, per cwt.	"	3.39	7.99	9.20	18.10	17.90	22.60
Dry field peas (open mkt.), per cwt.	"	---	4.64	5.06	14.50	17.10	24.00
Apples, for fresh use, per lb. 2/ 3/	Ct.	---	6.65	7.87	9.62	10.3	10.9
Peaches, for fresh use, per lb. 2/	"	---	9.20	---	13.0	14.3	---
Strawberries, for fresh use, per lb. 2/	"	---	28.3	28.7	29.7	26.6	33.2
Pears, for fresh use, per ton 2/ 3/	Dol.	---	125.00	183.00	159.00	152.00	183.00
Citrus (equiv. on-tree), per box 2/	"	---	---	---	---	---	---
Grapefruit	"	---	1.38	3.93	3.14	1.71	2.57
Lemons	"	---	2.45	3.56	5.53	9.77	5.73
Oranges	"	---	1.58	2.23	1.89	1.79	2.33
Tangelos	"	---	2.49	1.98	---	---	2.54
Tangerines	"	---	2.66	7.07	---	---	6.96
Temples	"	---	1.62	---	---	---	---
All beef cattle, per cwt.	Dol.	5.52	22.20	34.40	51.70	47.20	42.60
Cows, per cwt.	"	---	16.50	25.20	37.90	35.50	33.30
Steers and helpers, per cwt.	"	---	24.00	36.50	55.20	49.70	44.60
Calves, per cwt.	"	6.84	26.40	47.10	68.50	62.00	58.30
Hogs, per cwt.	"	7.29	19.00	27.40	56.50	43.80	40.80
Lambs, per cwt.	"	5.96	22.20	28.20	42.60	33.10	32.00
Sheep, per cwt.	"	4.59	6.38	7.31	15.10	13.10	12.50
All milk, sold to plants, per cwt. 2/	Dol.	1.61	5.03	6.38	7.17	7.81	4/ 8.10
Milk eligible for fluid market	"	---	5.44	6.72	7.46	8.10	4/ 8.39
Milk of manufacturing grade	"	---	4.07	5.28	6.23	6.83	4/ 7.05
Milkfat in cream, per lb.	Ct.	26.3	68.1	68.5	70.6	76.3	77.0
Chickens, excluding broilers, live, per lb.	"	---	7.9	9.7	22.6	23.0	19.7
Broilers, live, per lb. 2/	"	---	13.3	14.6	37.8	30.3	24.3
Eggs, per dozen 5/	"	21.6	31.2	30.9	69.4	64.2	59.6
Turkeys, live, per lb.	"	14.3	20.0	21.9	40.0	41.7	42.3
Wool, per lb. 2/ 6/	"	17.8	39.7	50.9	85.8	80.8	83.5
Mohair (Texas only), per lb.	"	---	43.9	100.0	230.0	230.0	240.0
Adjusted for seasonal variation	"	---	---	---	---	---	---
All milk, sold to plants, per cwt. 2/	Dol.	---	5.04	6.02	7.24	7.51	4/ 7.64
Eggs, per dozen	Ct.	---	31.2	31.2	73.1	61.1	61.4

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, 3.72; fluid market, 3.71; manufacturing grade, 3.76.
5/ Average of all eggs sold by farmers, including hatching eggs and eggs sold at retail. 6/ Average local market price, excluding incentive payments.

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 4,122 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 October 1973 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. 1972	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1973	Oct. 1972	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1973
Basic Commodities:							
All wheat, per bu.	Dol. : .680	3.08	3.48	3.50	61	133	121
Rice per cwt.	" : 4/ 1.87	8.23	9.57	9.61	--	--	--
Corn, per bu.	" : .457	2.03	2.34	2.35	59	92	92
Cotton, per lb.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
American upland	Ct. : 12.80	56.06	65.54	65.79	*48	68	66
Extra long staple	" : 4/18.2	82.7	93.2	93.5	--	--	--
Peanuts, per lb.	" : 4/ 4.39	19.3	22.5	22.6	*74	71	73
Tobacco, per lb.:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Flue-cured, types 11-14	" : 4/24.7	108.0	126.0	127.0	*77	71	70
Va. fire-cured, type 21	" : 4/17.0	73.0	87.0	87.4	--	--	--
Ky.-Tenn. fire-cured, types 22-23	" : 4/17.3	75.7	88.6	88.9	--	--	--
Burley, type 31	" : 4/25.2	111.0	129.0	130.0	--	--	--
Maryland, type 32	" : 5/23.1	102.0	118.0	119.0	--	--	--
Dark air-cured, types 35-36	" : 4/15.0	65.6	76.8	77.1	--	--	--
Sun-cured, type 37	" : 4/16.9	73.9	86.5	86.9	--	--	--
Pa. seedleaf, type 41	" : 4/10.7	45.3	54.8	55.0	--	--	--
Cigar filler and binder, types 42-44, 53-55	" : 4/13.8	59.4	70.7	70.9	--	--	--
Puerto Rican filler, type 46	" : 4/15.6	67.8	79.9	80.2	--	--	--
Cigar binder, types 51-52	" : 4/20.4	88.9	104.0	105.0	--	--	--
Designated Nonbasic Commodities:							
Tung nuts, per ton	Dol. : 4/22.30	115.00	114.00	115.00	--	--	--
All milk, sold to plants, per cwt.	" : 1.83	8.01	9.37	9.41	6/75	6/80	6/81
Milkfat in cream, per lb.	Ct. : 23.8	107.0	122.0	122.0	*64	63	63
Honey, wholesale, per lb.:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Extracted	" : 7/ 5.97	24.7	30.6	30.7	--	--	--
Wool and Mohair:							
Wool, per lb.	Ct. : 4/24.1	108.0	123.0	124.0	8/*47	8/66	8/67
Mohair, per lb.	" : 4/28.9	130.0	148.0	149.0	--	--	--
Other Nonbasic Commodities:							
Barley, per bu.	Dol. : .363	1.61	1.86	1.87	*73	116	119
Cottonseed, per ton	" : 4/18.70	84.90	95.70	96.10	56	106	107
Dry edible beans, per cwt.	" : 3.06	13.20	15.70	15.70	70	114	144
Flaxseed, per bu.	" : .982	4.53	5.03	5.05	61	145	152
Oats, per bu.	" : .225	1.02	1.15	1.16	66	95	98
Potatoes, per cwt.	" : 4/ .838	3.60	4.29	4.31	*59	76	64
Rye, per bu.	" : .353	1.63	1.81	1.81	58	117	118
Sorghum grain, per cwt.	" : .770	3.39	3.94	3.96	62	98	92
Soybeans, per bu.	" : .968	4.24	4.96	4.98	74	117	113
Sweetpotatoes, per cwt.	" : 2.04	9.02	10.40	10.50	*45	59	56
Apples, for fresh use, per lb.	Ct. : 2.37	10.5	12.1	12.2	*75	85	89
Citrus (equiv. on-tree), per box:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Grapefruit	Dol. : 4/ .601	2.60	3.08	3.09	151	56	83
Lemons	" : 4/ 1.02	4.58	5.22	5.24	78	187	109
Limes	" : 4/ 1.33	5.76	6.81	6.84	--	--	--
Oranges	" : 4/ .723	3.55	3.70	3.72	63	48	63
Tangerines	" : 4/ .968	4.40	4.96	4.98	161	--	140
Temples	" : 4/ .795	3.73	4.07	4.09	--	--	--
Beef cattle, per cwt.	" : 8.67	37.40	44.40	44.60	*92	106	96
Calves, per cwt.	" : 10.50	44.90	53.80	54.00	105	115	108
Hogs, per cwt.	" : 7.19	31.10	36.80	37.00	88	119	110
Lambs, per cwt.	" : 8.88	38.50	45.50	45.60	73	73	70
Sheep, per cwt.	" : 2.44	10.90	12.50	12.50	*67	105	100
Eggs, per doz.	Ct. : 12.4	56.8	63.5	63.7	6/55	6/96	6/96
Turkeys, live, per lb.	" : 7.84	35.5	40.1	40.3	62	104	105

See footnotes on page 6.

Parity prices based on data for October 1973, United States 1/

Other Nonbasic Commodities (Continued)	Adjusted base prices 4/	Parity prices 3/ based on data for Oct. 1973	Other Nonbasic Commodities (Continued)	Adjusted base prices 4/	Parity prices 3/ based on data for Oct. 1973
	Dollars			Dollars	
Field Crops and Misc. Commodities:			Noncitrus fruits:		
			Peaches		
			For fresh use, lb. 11/	.0272	.140
Crude pine gum, bbl.	2/12.80	65.80	Dried (Calif.), ton	231.00	1,190.00
Hops, lb.	.189	.971	For processing (excl. dried)		
Tobacco, lb.:			Clingstone (Calif.), ton 10/	27.50	141.00
Cigar wrapper, type 61	1.22	6.27	Pears		
Cigar wrapper, type 62	.885	4.55	For fresh use, ton 12/	44.60	229.00
			Dried (Calif.), ton	299.00	1,540.00
Noncitrus Fruits:			Plums (Calif.), equiv.		
Apples, for processing, ton	17.80	91.50	on-tree, ton		
Apricots, ton			For fresh use	49.60	255.00
For fresh use	74.80	384.00	Prunes, dried (Calif.), ton	106.00	545.00
Dried (Calif.)	381.00	1,960.00	Prunes and Plums		
Avocados, ton	137.00	704.00	(Excl. Calif.), ton		
Cherries, ton			For fresh use	61.20	315.00
Sweet	130.00	668.00	For processing (excl. dried)	23.60	121.00
Tart	71.20	366.00	Tree Nuts, ton:		
Cranberries, bbl.	5.11	26.30	Almonds	227.00	1,170.00
Dates (Calif.), ton	56.50	290.00	Filberts	173.00	889.00
Grapes, ton			Walnuts	173.00	889.00
Raisin varieties			Vegetables for fresh market, cwt.:		
Dried (Calif.)	101.00	519.00	Cantaloups	2.14	11.00
Grapes excl. raisin varieties dried	28.80	148.00	Carrots 13/	1.45	7.45
Nectarines (Calif.), ton			Cauliflower 13/	3.21	16.50
For fresh use 10/	48.60	250.00	Celery 13/	1.78	9.15
Olives (Calif.)			Honeydew melons	2.17	11.20
For canning, ton 10/	111.00	571.00	Lettuce	1.80	9.25
			Onions 13/	1.41	7.25
			Tomatoes	3.88	19.90

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 1963-December 1972 average (including an allowance where appropriate for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments resulting from price support operations) by dividing by 278 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 1963-72 (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 1963-72. 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 as sold 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 1973 AGRICULTURAL PRICES for details on parity prices computations.

Index numbers of Prices Received by Farmers, United States, October 15, 1973
with comparisons

Index	1910-14=100				1967=100				
	Average	1972		1973		1972		1973	
	Jan.-Dec. 1967	Sept. 15	Oct. 15	Sept. 15	Oct. 15	Sept. 15	Oct. 15	Sept. 15	Oct. 15
UNADJUSTED	-								
All Farm Products	254	328	329	486	468	129	130	191	184
All Crops	226	264	264	414	411	117	117	183	182
Food grains	177	209	228	528	501	118	129	298	283
Feed grains and hay	174	187	188	325	331	107	108	187	190
Feed grains	174	181	181	325	327	104	104	187	188
Cotton	191	206	216	377	370	108	113	197	194
Tobacco	555	717	702	729	724	129	126	131	130
Oil-bearing crops	276	312	306	568	561	113	111	206	203
Fruit	244	314	325	325	351	129	133	133	144
Fresh market 1/	242	338	349	350	380	140	144	145	157
Commercial vegetables	283	332	300	325	318	117	106	115	112
Fresh market	324	423	375	408	410	131	116	126	127
Potatoes, etc. 2/	193	229	201	326	320	119	104	169	166
Livestock & products	277	383	385	548	518	138	139	198	187
Meat animals	336	512	513	731	670	152	153	218	199
Dairy products	306	373	383	456	482	122	125	149	158
Poultry & eggs	132	145	136	282	254	110	103	214	192
Wool	223	201	286	454	469	90	128	204	210
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
Fresh market fruit 1/	244	302	338	318	368	124	139	130	151
Fresh market vegetables	330	501	431	479	473	152	131	145	143
Potatoes, etc. 2/	193	253	239	358	371	131	124	185	192
Dairy products	306	360	362	439	456	118	118	143	149
Poultry & eggs	132	142	139	277	264	108	105	210	200

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

Commercial Vegetables for Fresh Market: Average f.o.b. shipping point prices per cwt.,
United States, October 1-15, 1973, with comparisons.

Commodity	Average	October	October	September	September	October
	Jan.-Dec.	1-15,	1-31,	1-15,	1-30,	1-15,
	1967	1972	1972 1/	1973	1973	1973
	D o l l a r s					
Asparagus	23.70	--	--	--	--	--
Broccoli	11.70	13.20	13.20	14.10	15.20	15.00
Cabbage	2.85	4.21	4.10	7.69	7.80	6.31
Cantaloups	6.26	6.11	5.55	6.45	6.35	6.01
Carrots	5.74	7.63	7.17	7.03	7.76	7.59
Cauliflower	10.80	12.80	14.80	13.90	14.80	15.60
Celery	4.94	5.50	5.51	6.02	5.82	4.31
Cucumbers	7.74	6.18	6.42	9.13	9.96	13.10
Green peppers	12.20	11.00	11.70	10.70	12.00	12.90
Lettuce	5.19	4.09	4.48	6.24	5.57	4.37
Onions	4.37	5.86	6.33	5.00	5.41	6.06
Snap beans	11.70	13.40	12.60	15.00	17.20	15.50
Spinach	10.20	14.50	15.20	16.80	17.10	19.00
Sweet corn	5.68	6.15	6.01	6.57	6.85	8.97
Tomatoes	9.63	10.60	12.00	10.20	10.50	12.30
Watermelons	2.06	2.66	2.43	2.44	2.47	2.02

1/ Revised.

Index numbers of Prices Paid by Farmers, Interest, Taxes, and Wage Rates,
and related data, United States, October 15, 1973, with comparisons

Indexes and ratios	1910-14=100					1967=100				
	1972		1973			1972		1973		
	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	437	440	516	512	514	128	129	151	150	150
(Parity index 1910-14=100)										
Prices Paid	376	377	451	447	447	125	125	149	148	148
Family living items	405	404	453	456	458	126	125	141	142	142
Food and tobacco	390	--	--	466	--	122	--	--	146	--
Clothing	535	--	--	588	--	135	--	--	148	--
Household operation	284	--	--	300	--	122	--	--	129	--
Household furnishings	314	--	--	335	--	119	--	--	127	--
Building materials, house	593	--	--	689	--	137	--	--	159	--
Autos and auto supplies	435	--	--	459	--	126	--	--	133	--
Production items	355	358	451	441	440	124	125	157	154	153
Feed	230	233	413	378	374	108	110	195	178	176
Feeder livestock	561	578	834	726	706	151	155	224	195	190
Motor supplies	208	--	--	221	--	115	--	--	122	--
Motor vehicles 1/	639	--	--	679	--	128	--	--	136	--
Farm machinery	633	--	--	688	--	137	--	--	149	--
Building & fencing materials	560	--	--	648	--	138	--	--	159	--
Fertilizer 2/	159	--	--	179	--	104	--	--	117	--
Farm supplies	315	--	--	332	--	115	--	--	121	--
Seed 2/	316	--	--	466	--	134	--	--	197	--
Interest 3/	722	722	790	790	790	151	151	165	165	165
Taxes 4/	1,346	1,346	1,431	1,431	1,431	152	152	161	161	161
Wage Rates 5/	1,203	1,249	1,321	1,321	1,361	142	147	156	156	161
PARITY RATIO 6/	75	75	102	95	91	--	--	--	--	--
ADJUSTED PARITY RATIO (Prelim.) 7/	80	80	107	99	95	--	--	--	--	--
Production Items, Interest, Taxes, and Wage Rates	461	466	562	8/553	554	129	131	158	155	156
Other Related Indexes										
Prices Received by Farmers	--	--	--	--	--	129	130	207	191	184
Wholesale prices: 9/										
All commodities	--	--	--	--	--	120	120	143	140	--
Industrial commodities	--	--	--	--	--	119	119	127	128	--
Consumers' prices (CPI) 9/	--	--	--	--	--	126	127	135	136	--
Average hourly earnings, mfg. production workers 10/	--	--	--	--	--	136	137	144	146	--

- 1/ Included autos, trucks, and tractors.
- 2/ April index used April-Aug.; Sept. index used Sept.-Mar.
- 3/ Interest payable per acre on farm real estate debt.
- 4/ Farm real estate taxes payable per acre.
- 5/ Seasonally adjusted.
- 6/ Ratio of Index of Prices Received to Index of Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes and Wage Rates.
- 7/ 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 104.5 for 1973, compared with the revised adjustment factor of 106.8 for 1972. See page 30, April 1967 AGRICULTURAL PRICES, for a description of the method of making current estimates of the Adjusted Parity Ratio.
- 8/ Revised.
- 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, October 15, 1973

State	All wheat per bu.	Rye per bu.	Rice per cwt.	Corn per bu.	Oats per bu.	Barley per bu.	Sorghum grain per cwt.	Soybeans per bu.
D o l l a r s								
N. Y.	4.45	1.60	--	2.39	1.33	--	--	--
N. J.	4.00	1.90	--	2.28	--	--	--	5.60
Pa.	4.05	--	--	2.36	1.26	1.77	--	--
Ohio	4.53	1.75	--	2.11	1.24	1.75	--	5.58
Ind.	4.43	1.70	--	2.09	1.14	--	--	5.68
Ill.	4.29	2.00	--	2.16	1.08	--	--	5.59
Mich.	4.52	1.83	--	2.02	1.29	--	--	5.66
Wis.	4.06	1.74	--	2.15	1.15	1.84	--	5.70
Minn.	4.01	2.22	--	2.03	1.04	2.03	--	5.55
Iowa	4.20	--	--	2.06	1.01	--	--	5.49
Mo.	4.26	1.95	--	2.30	1.37	--	3.96	5.75
N. Dak.	4.35	2.20	--	2.13	1.02	2.03	--	5.40
S. Dak.	3.95	2.15	--	1.97	1.03	1.84	3.50	5.45
Nebr.	4.00	1.78	--	2.16	1.12	--	3.51	5.28
Kans.	4.10	1.60	--	2.29	1.28	1.69	3.67	5.85
Del.	4.22	2.50	--	2.36	* --	1.88	--	5.80
Md.	4.22	2.50	--	2.36	*1.26	1.88	--	5.80
Va.	4.00	2.50	--	2.26	*1.21	1.74	--	5.85
W. Va.	4.15	--	--	2.25	*1.25	1.85	--	--
N. C.	4.00	2.10	--	2.19	*1.21	1.70	3.40	5.70
S. C.	3.75	2.25	--	2.33	--	--	--	5.95
Ga.	4.00	2.75	--	2.39	1.45	--	--	5.70
Fla.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Ky.	4.30	2.05	--	2.20	1.25	1.63	--	5.50
Tenn.	4.33	--	--	2.54	--	--	--	5.85
Ala.	4.30	--	--	2.41	1.25	--	4.00	5.80
Miss.	4.13	--	14.50	2.45	1.31	--	3.59	5.65
Ark.	4.35	--	13.50	2.40	1.25	--	3.64	5.80
La.	--	--	12.90	--	--	--	--	5.95
Okla.	4.30	1.88	--	2.45	1.30	1.91	4.09	5.65
Texas	4.23	2.00	14.90	2.40	1.45	1.81	3.47	5.40
Mont.	3.90	--	--	2.50	1.17	2.23	--	--
Idaho	4.24	--	--	--	1.46	2.35	--	--
Wyo.	4.16	2.00	--	2.61	1.29	2.12	--	--
Colo.	4.01	1.94	--	2.54	1.45	2.19	3.95	--
N. Mex.	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.36	--
Ariz.	3.75	--	--	--	--	2.50	5.00	--
Utah	3.87	--	--	--	--	2.34	--	--
Nev.	3.75	--	--	--	--	2.45	--	--
Wash.	4.90	2.45	--	--	1.35	2.54	--	--
Oreg.	4.88	2.60	--	--	1.51	2.44	--	--
Calif.	4.07	--	--	2.97	1.65	2.64	4.98	--
U. S.	4.22	2.14	13.70	2.17	1.14	2.23	3.65	5.63

* Correction: September prices for Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina should have been \$1.21, \$1.12, \$1.15 and \$1.14, respectively, with no price for Delaware.

State	Dollars per bushel	
	Winter wheat October 15, 1973	Spring wheat, other than Durum October 15, 1973
Minn.	4.05	3.97
N. Dak.	3.90	3.91
S. Dak.	3.84	3.91
Mont.	3.87	3.80
Idaho	4.23	4.26
Colo.	4.01	4.01

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, BY STATES, OCTOBER 15, 1973

STATE	AMERICAN	PEANUTS	TOBACCO	APPLES,	COTTON-	FLAX-	DRY	SWEET-
	UPLAND	PER	PER	FRESH	SEED	SEED	EDIBLE	POTATOES
	COTTON	LB.	LB.	USE 4/ 5/	PER	PER	BEANS,	PER
	PER LB. 1/	2/	3/ 4/	PER LB.	TON	BU.	PER CWT.	CWT.
	CENTS				DOLLARS			
MAINE	---	---	---	16.50	---	---	---	---
N. H.	---	---	---	16.50	---	---	---	---
VT.	---	---	---	16.50	---	---	---	---
MASS.	---	---	---	16.00	---	---	---	---
R. I.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
CONN.	---	---	---	16.00	---	---	---	---
N. Y.	---	---	---	11.30	---	---	20.40	---
N. J.	---	---	---	9.70	---	---	---	7.45
PA.	---	---	---	10.30	---	---	---	---
OHIO	---	---	---	12.10	---	---	---	---
IND.	---	---	---	12.70	---	---	---	---
ILL.	---	---	---	9.00	---	---	---	---
MICH.	---	---	---	10.20	---	---	25.50	---
WIS.	---	---	---	13.10	---	---	---	---
MINN.	---	---	---	---	---	7.55	---	---
IOWA	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
MO.	34.0	---	---	13.50	95.00	---	---	---
N. DAK.	---	---	---	---	---	7.69	17.10	---
S. DAK.	---	---	---	---	---	7.71	---	---
NEBR.	---	---	---	---	---	---	17.00	---
KANS.	---	---	---	---	---	---	15.00	---
DEL.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
MD.	---	---	---	11.70	---	---	---	7.25
VA.	---	16.2	90.0	11.20	---	---	---	4.75
W. VA.	---	---	---	11.50	---	---	---	---
N. C.	62.0	16.8	89.0	8.70	94.00	---	---	4.70
S. C.	56.0	17.0	85.5	---	95.00	---	---	10.55
GA.	64.0	16.2	---	---	98.00	---	---	9.75
FLA.	---	16.0	---	---	---	---	---	---
KY.	---	---	---	10.70	---	---	---	---
TENN.	40.0	---	---	---	98.00	---	---	8.70
ALA.	47.5	16.5	---	---	95.00	---	---	8.00
MISS.	41.5	---	---	---	105.00	---	---	8.05
ARK.	33.5	---	---	---	100.00	---	---	9.40
LA.	44.5	---	---	---	103.00	---	---	5.05
OKLA.	57.0	16.0	---	---	100.00	---	---	---
TEXAS	37.5	16.8	---	---	90.00	---	---	9.50
MONT.	---	---	---	---	---	6.90	16.00	---
IDAHO	---	---	---	11.30	---	---	18.20	---
WYO.	---	---	---	---	---	---	16.90	---
COLO.	---	---	---	11.40	---	---	18.20	---
N. MEX.	65.0	17.5	---	15.00	110.00	---	---	---
ARIZ.	46.0	---	---	---	110.00	---	---	---
UTAH	---	---	---	---	---	---	20.00	---
NEV.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
WASH.	---	---	---	8.80	---	---	23.90	---
OREG.	---	---	---	7.60	---	---	---	---
CALIF.	56.0	---	---	8.60	125.00	---	29.10	8.85
U. S.	43.62	16.4	89.1	10.90	103.00	7.66	22.60	5.92

1/ PRICE BASED ON 480 POUND NET WEIGHT BALE. 2/ AVERAGE PRICES BY AREAS SHOWN ON PAGE 15. 3/ PRICES 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, October 15, 1973

State	Hogs	Cows 1/	Steers and heifers	Beef cattle 2/	Calves	Sheep	Lambs
D o l l a r s							
Maine	--	36.00	40.50	36.30	--	--	--
N. H.	--	35.00	40.50	35.50	--	--	--
Vt.	--	35.00	39.00	35.30	50.00	--	--
Mass.	--	35.50	41.00	36.00	--	--	--
R. I.	--	35.00	41.50	35.40	--	--	--
Conn.	--	35.50	42.00	35.80	--	--	--
N. Y.	41.30	34.20	41.60	35.10	58.90	--	30.20
N. J.	44.00	33.30	41.00	34.30	57.80	--	--
Pa.	43.70	35.20	42.60	38.30	63.10	16.20	32.90
Ohio	41.30	33.70	44.10	41.10	64.10	13.50	32.50
Ind.	41.70	33.30	41.60	40.80	58.40	12.50	32.60
Ill.	40.70	32.40	41.40	40.20	53.20	9.90	32.50
Mich.	42.10	34.20	43.00	39.20	64.90	13.90	34.30
Wis.	39.80	34.00	42.00	35.80	67.00	11.50	28.80
Minn.	40.80	33.50	40.20	37.90	56.00	13.60	31.80
Iowa	40.70	33.60	42.50	41.60	56.40	11.90	32.50
Mo.	41.00	31.80	43.40	41.40	54.90	11.00	31.60
N. Dak.	40.10	32.30	50.30	46.00	62.80	11.00	30.20
S. Dak.	40.20	33.80	46.70	45.20	60.60	11.80	31.70
Nebr.	40.60	34.10	46.30	45.50	59.00	10.00	32.50
Kans.	41.10	32.30	45.70	44.10	56.70	10.30	31.30
Del.	42.20	35.20	46.00	39.60	63.40	--	--
Md.	42.20	35.20	46.00	39.60	63.40	--	--
Va.	41.30	33.60	43.80	39.20	59.00	10.00	33.60
W. Va.	41.20	30.80	48.20	39.70	57.20	12.20	32.10
N. C.	40.60	33.10	42.20	37.50	54.90	--	--
S. C.	42.00	32.80	43.30	39.00	53.50	--	--
Ga.	40.30	36.20	46.80	42.10	60.60	--	--
Fla.	40.40	32.20	43.30	36.40	56.20	--	--
Ky.	41.30	33.30	47.60	43.30	58.10	10.00	28.90
Tenn.	39.60	31.50	46.20	40.80	54.90	10.00	35.60
Ala.	40.70	32.20	45.40	40.80	52.80	--	--
Miss.	41.20	31.80	41.10	36.50	54.30	--	--
Ark.	41.60	35.20	50.80	45.70	63.50	--	--
La.	39.90	33.30	49.90	40.60	58.30	--	--
Okla.	40.10	32.10	47.50	43.80	59.00	9.80	30.00
Texas	39.80	32.80	42.70	42.00	58.30	17.00	34.60
Mont.	39.10	34.90	50.90	48.40	61.00	12.20	29.90
Idaho	39.30	33.30	46.00	44.80	61.50	12.00	30.30
Wyo.	38.40	39.00	49.60	48.50	64.70	10.50	31.30
Colo.	38.80	33.20	44.70	44.10	63.00	12.00	30.40
N. Mex.	--	32.60	45.20	44.70	57.40	12.50	34.00
Ariz.	43.20	29.70	40.30	39.60	55.70	11.50	35.00
Utah	38.00	32.00	43.10	39.90	58.50	11.20	31.10
Nev.	--	29.50	45.00	41.30	58.50	10.00	30.00
Wash.	--	31.80	43.50	41.50	51.00	12.20	30.00
Oreg.	--	32.60	43.20	40.60	51.60	12.20	33.70
Calif.	40.70	34.30	42.80	41.90	57.60	13.50	32.20
48 States	40.80	33.30	44.60	42.60	58.30	12.50	32.00
Hawaii	55.00	29.00	35.00	33.60	--	--	--
U. S.	40.80	33.30	44.60	42.60	58.30	12.50	32.00

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,
September and October 1973

State	Milk sold to plants, price per cwt. September 1973					October 1973				
	Eligible for fluid market 1/		Manufacturing grade		All milk	All milk 2/		Milk cows		
	Price	Fat test	Price	Fat test	Price	Fat test	Price	Fat test	per head	
	Dol.	Pct.	Dol.	Pct.	Dol.	Pct.	Dol.	Pct.	3/	
Maine	9.00	3.67	--	--	9.00	3.67	9.15	3.77	500	
N. H.	9.25	3.78	--	--	9.25	3.78	9.45	3.87	510	
Vt.	9.05	3.72	--	--	9.05	3.72	9.25	3.80	515	
Mass.	9.25	3.61	--	--	9.25	3.61	9.45	3.70	540	
R. I.	9.30	3.57	--	--	9.30	3.57	9.50	3.65	545	
Conn.	9.40	3.67	--	--	9.40	3.67	9.50	3.75	545	
N. Y.	8.50	3.57	--	--	8.50	3.57	8.80	3.66	540	
N. J.	8.65	3.58	--	--	8.65	3.58	8.85	3.70	580	
Pa.	8.65	3.61	7.20	3.67	8.60	3.61	8.80	3.70	645	
Ohio	8.50	3.61	6.04	3.71	8.25	3.62	8.80	3.73	580	
Ind.	8.15	3.64	5.75	3.62	7.75	3.64	8.10	3.72	480	
Ill.	7.68	3.62	6.96	3.50	7.52	3.59	7.56	3.69	440	
Mich.	7.85	3.53	6.40	3.57	7.70	3.53	7.85	3.66	535	
Wis.	7.60	3.70	7.24	3.71	7.45	3.70	7.73	3.81	620	
Minn.	7.06	3.69	6.97	3.56	7.00	3.61	7.10	3.71	580	
Iowa	7.59	3.68	6.83	3.57	7.10	3.61	7.25	3.73	530	
Mo.	7.80	3.58	6.45	3.68	7.27	3.62	7.45	3.74	490	
N. Dak.	7.40	3.56	7.00	3.59	7.15	3.58	7.45	3.64	500	
S. Dak.	7.45	3.55	7.05	3.48	7.15	3.50	7.35	3.55	500	
Nebr.	7.70	3.59	7.00	3.59	7.35	3.59	7.55	3.70	490	
Kans.	7.70	3.52	6.60	3.53	7.50	3.52	7.85	3.65	475	
Del.	8.35	3.54	--	--	8.35	3.54	8.60	3.66	535	
Md.	8.35	3.54	--	--	8.35	3.54	8.60	3.66	535	
Va.	8.60	3.55	5.65	3.78	8.20	3.58	8.40	3.63	390	
W. Va.	8.75	3.60	--	--	8.50	3.63	8.75	3.75	320	
N. C.	9.20	3.62	5.65	4.18	9.10	3.64	9.20	3.75	315	
S. C.	9.15	3.74	--	--	9.15	3.74	9.20	3.87	475	
Ga.	8.65	3.56	--	--	8.65	3.56	9.55	3.65	445	
Fla.	10.20	3.70	--	--	10.20	3.70	10.45	3.71	550	
Ky.	8.05	3.58	6.35	3.70	7.50	3.62	8.10	3.76	445	
Tenn.	7.90	3.59	6.16	3.81	7.40	3.65	7.65	3.73	420	
Ala.	9.15	3.64	6.25	3.95	9.10	3.65	9.70	3.76	400	
Miss.	8.75	3.75	6.59	3.96	8.58	3.77	8.90	3.84	400	
Ark.	8.15	3.57	6.50	3.65	7.60	3.60	7.90	3.72	415	
La.	9.40	3.72	--	--	9.40	3.72	9.50	3.81	460	
Okla.	8.00	3.56	6.40	3.58	7.75	3.56	8.00	3.68	460	
Texas	8.70	3.52	--	--	8.70	3.52	9.00	3.64	455	
Mont.	7.09	3.60	6.48	3.64	7.02	3.60	7.20	3.72	535	
Idaho	7.05	3.66	6.80	3.57	6.85	3.60	7.10	3.77	550	
Wyo.	8.20	3.61	--	--	7.43	3.59	7.60	3.68	440	
Colo.	8.13	3.60	--	--	8.10	3.60	8.25	3.70	590	
N. Mex.	8.35	3.50	--	--	8.35	3.50	8.55	3.60	330	
Ariz.	8.25	3.46	--	--	8.25	3.46	8.60	3.58	350	
Utah	7.85	3.69	6.75	3.59	7.55	3.66	7.80	3.76	500	
Nev.	7.50	3.60	--	--	7.50	3.60	7.75	3.65	500	
Wash.	7.77	3.78	--	--	7.77	3.78	8.05	3.84	515	
Oreg.	7.85	3.85	6.59	4.25	7.60	3.93	7.85	4.07	500	
Calif. 4/	6.75	3.50	5.65	3.68	6.65	3.51	7.15	3.62	575	
48 States	8.09	3.61	5/6.83	5/3.64	7.80	3.61	8.09	3.72	533	
Hawaii	12.24	3.46	--	--	12.24	3.46	12.70	3.50	--	
U. S.	8.10	3.61	5/6.83	5/3.64	7.81	3.61	8.10	3.72	533	

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

Average Prices Received by Farmers, by States, October 15, 1973

State	Turkeys per lb.	Chickens : excluding : broilers : per lb.	Broilers : per lb. 1/	Eggs : per doz. 2/	Wool : per lb. 1/	Hay, baled, per ton		
						All	Alfalfa	Other
Cents					Dollars			
Maine	--	20.0	3/25.0	64.0	--	--	--	--
N. H.	--	20.0	--	69.0	--	--	--	--
Vt.	--	20.0	--	66.0	--	--	--	--
Mass.	--	20.0	--	68.0	--	--	--	--
R. I.	--	20.0	--	77.0	--	--	--	--
Conn.	--	20.0	3/25.0	78.0	--	--	--	--
N. Y.	--	18.0	--	61.5	--	33.00	36.00	30.00
N. J.	--	22.0	--	65.8	--	53.50	57.50	45.50
Pa.	37.0	30.0	32.5	57.7	41.0	38.00	44.00	31.50
Ohio	53.0	18.0	3/22.5	53.1	50.0	34.50	37.00	29.50
Ind.	3/39.0	18.0	3/27.5	60.0	55.0	34.00	36.50	29.50
Ill.	44.0	14.0	--	57.0	56.0	28.50	30.50	25.00
Mich.	44.0	13.0	--	51.4	48.0	32.00	33.00	27.00
Wis.	37.0	22.0	26.5	58.0	50.0	28.00	29.00	24.50
Minn.	48.0	12.0	--	53.8	61.0	24.00	25.00	18.50
Iowa	45.0	15.5	--	48.0	58.0	26.00	27.00	23.00
Mo.	30.0	22.0	23.5	59.7	60.0	34.00	37.50	32.00
N. Dak.	--	8.0	--	52.7	76.0	30.00	32.00	28.00
S. Dak.	53.0	13.0	--	49.3	73.0	33.00	35.00	28.50
Nebr.	47.0	11.0	--	46.0	66.0	31.50	32.00	30.50
Kans.	--	11.5	--	49.0	97.0	42.00	46.00	36.00
Del.	--	20.0	3/24.0	73.3	--	39.50	46.50	36.00
Md.	--	20.0	3/24.0	73.3	--	39.50	46.50	36.00
Va.	30.0	17.5	3/27.0	67.3	--	40.00	49.50	38.50
W. Va.	32.0	16.5	19.0	68.0	--	32.50	40.00	30.00
N. C.	48.0	22.0	3/26.0	70.0	--	40.00	44.00	40.00
S. C.	39.0	19.5	3/23.5	61.7	--	--	--	--
Ga.	31.0	21.5	3/23.0	64.4	--	34.00	--	34.00
Fla.	--	18.0	24.0	52.6	--	--	--	--
Ky.	--	17.0	--	57.0	53.0	33.50	38.00	31.00
Tenn.	--	22.0	3/23.5	63.7	--	33.00	41.50	32.00
Ala.	--	18.0	3/24.0	62.1	--	31.50	--	31.50
Miss.	--	20.0	3/23.0	68.0	--	31.00	38.00	31.00
Ark.	35.0	20.0	3/24.0	62.0	--	32.00	41.00	31.00
La.	--	17.5	23.5	66.0	--	34.50	46.00	34.00
Okla.	--	14.5	25.0	59.0	70.0	36.00	42.00	30.00
Texas	49.0	22.0	23.0	57.9	97.0	36.50	46.00	34.00
Mont.	--	--	--	64.6	100.0	58.50	60.00	56.00
Idaho	--	--	--	68.8	72.0	49.50	49.50	48.00
Wyo.	--	17.0	--	55.1	85.0	44.50	44.50	44.50
Colo.	--	--	--	60.0	98.0	44.00	43.50	45.50
N. Mex.	--	--	--	62.8	96.0	46.50	48.00	33.50
Ariz.	--	19.0	--	55.0	62.0	40.50	41.00	37.00
Utah	44.0	--	--	52.0	58.0	39.00	39.50	37.50
Nev.	--	--	--	56.0	69.0	55.50	58.00	50.00
Wash.	3/60.0	18.0	27.0	53.0	72.0	68.50	70.00	60.00
Oreg.	3/52.0	18.0	30.5	62.0	72.0	64.00	69.50	57.00
Calif.	41.0	19.5	26.0	55.3	90.0	60.50	62.00	49.50
48 States	4/42.3	19.7	4/24.3	59.6	83.5	46.20	50.20	37.60
Hawaii	--	20.0	46.0	75.0	--	--	--	--
U. S.	4/42.3	19.7	4/24.3	59.6	83.5	46.20	50.20	37.60

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

Seeds: Average prices per cwt. received by farmers, by States, October 15, 1973

State	Alfalfa	Red Clover	Timothy	Lespedeza
Dollars				
N. Y.	--	--	--	--
N. J.	--	--	--	--
Pa.	--	--	--	--
Ohio	--	51.50	22.00	--
Ind.	--	54.50	--	--
Ill.	--	51.50	--	25.00
Mich.	--	55.00	--	--
Wis.	--	63.00	--	--
Minn.	--	51.50	28.00	--
Iowa	--	51.00	30.00	--
Mo.	--	52.00	25.00	25.00
N. Dak.	--	--	--	--
S. Dak.	79.50	--	--	--
Nebr.	76.50	--	--	--
Kans.	61.00	45.00	--	30.00
Del.	--	--	--	--
Md.	--	--	--	--
Va.	--	--	--	--
W. Va.	--	--	--	--
N. C.	--	--	--	--
S. C.	--	--	--	--
Ga.	--	--	--	--
Fla.	--	--	--	--
Ky.	--	63.00	--	30.30
Tenn.	--	--	--	39.00
Ala.	--	--	--	--
Miss.	--	--	--	--
Ark.	--	--	--	--
La.	--	--	--	--
Okla.	60.00	--	--	--
Tex.	--	--	--	--
Mont.	92.00	--	--	--
Idaho	101.00	83.00	--	--
Wyo.	--	--	--	--
Colo.	--	--	--	--
N. Mex.	--	--	--	--
Ariz.	91.00	--	--	--
Utah	95.00	--	--	--
Nev.	100.00	--	--	--
Wash.	101.00	97.00	--	--
Oreg.	108.00	92.00	--	--
Calif.	85.50	--	--	--
U. S.	89.10	56.70	27.80	29.90

Potatoes: Average prices per cwt. received by farmers, by States,
October 1973

State	Dollars	State	Dollars
Maine	3.70	North Carolina	7.15
New York-All	4.75	Florida	--
Long Island	4.90	Alabama	--
Upstate	4.65	Texas	4.85
New Jersey	6.20	Montana	6.80
Pennsylvania	4.80	Idaho	2.00
Ohio	5.25	Colorado	3.21
Indiana	4.65	New Mexico	4.50
Michigan	3.52	Arizona	--
Wisconsin	5.35	Utah	2.70
Minnesota	2.55	Washington	2.10
North Dakota	2.20	Oregon	2.71
Nebraska	2.25	California-All	5.03
Delaware	5.35	Winter 1973	--
Virginia	5.20	Spring	--
		Summer	6.50
		Fall 1973	4.75
		United States	2.77

Average prices per lb. received by growers for peanuts and tobacco, by areas
and types, October 1972 and 1973

Area	Peanuts		Class	Tobacco	
	October 1972	October 1973 1/		Type	October 1972
	Cents			Cents	
Virginia-Carolina	14.3	16.5	Total Old and Middle:		
Southeast	14.9	16.3	Belt	11	81.0
Southwest	13.9	16.5	Eastern N. C. Belt	12	85.1
			Total N. C. Border		
			and S. C. Belt	13	--
			Total Flue-cured	11-14	82.7
United States	14.3	16.4	United States	--	82.7

1/ Prices by States are shown on page 10.

Milkfat in cream: Average price per lb. received by farmers, by States,
October 15, 1973

State	Cents	State	Cents
Minnesota	87.0	Nebraska	65.0
Iowa	83.0	Kansas	72.0
Missouri	69.0	Montana	70.0
North Dakota	80.0		
South Dakota	79.0	United States	77.0

CITRUS FRUIT: Average prices and equivalent returns per box received by growers, by utilization, October 1973

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							
ORANGES:							
Florida	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Early and Mids. Valencias	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Texas	5.30	2.24	2.24	--	1.79	1.79	--
Arizona	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Navels and Misc. Valencias	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
California	8.20	3.52	6.15	1.10	2.42	5.05	.00
Navels	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Valencias	8.20	3.52	6.15	1.10	2.42	5.05	.00
California-Arizona	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Navels and Misc. Valencias	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
U. S.	8.10	3.33	5.10	1.10	2.33	4.18	.00
GRAPEFRUIT:							
Florida	6.05	3.30	4.20	.77	2.52	3.45	-.08
White Seedless	6.00	3.50	4.15	.80	2.73	3.40	-.05
Pink Seedless	6.50	3.31	4.65	.50	2.51	3.90	-.40
Other than Seedless	5.50	1.91	3.70	.90	1.13	2.95	.10
Texas	--	3.80	3.80	--	3.45	3.45	--
Arizona	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
California	5.75	2.81	3.40	.90	1.76	2.35	-.15
Desert Valleys	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other Areas	5.75	2.81	3.40	.90	1.76	2.35	-.15
California-Arizona	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Desert Valleys	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
U. S.	6.03	3.32	4.12	.78	2.57	3.40	-.08
LEMONS:							
Arizona	14.70	7.34	11.50	2.15	5.94	10.10	.75
California	13.90	7.07	10.70	2.13	5.67	9.30	.73
U. S.	14.10	7.13	10.90	2.13	5.73	9.47	.73
TEMPLES:							
Florida	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
TANGERINES:							
Florida	12.50	8.72	10.00	.50	6.96	8.30	-1.65
Arizona	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
California	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
U. S.	12.50	8.72	10.00	.50	6.96	8.30	-1.65

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

MAPLE SIRUP: Season average price per gallon received by farmers, by States, 1972-73 1/

State	1972	1973
D o l l a r s		
Maine	10.50	11.70
New Hampshire	10.50	10.80
Vermont	10.00	9.30
Massachusetts	8.70	9.40
New York	8.10	8.70
Pennsylvania	5.90	7.80
Ohio	7.80	8.50
Michigan	7.90	8.85
Wisconsin	10.20	11.90

1/ Includes sirup later made into sugar.
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Local market commodity-feed price ratios, United States, October 15, 1973
with comparisons

Commodity-feed Price Ratio	October 15 1971	October 15 1972	September 15 1973	October 15 1973
Hog-corn: Bushels of corn equal in value to 100-lbs. of hog, liveweight				
United States	19.5	23.0	20.4	18.8
North Central States	20.5	23.8	21.0	19.2
Egg-feed: Pounds of laying feed equal in value to 1 dozen eggs	6.9	6.9	8.7	8.3
Broiler-feed: Pounds of broiler grower equal in value to 1 lb. broiler liveweight 1/	2.7	2.9	3.6	3.0
Turkey-feed: Pounds of turkey grower equal in value to 1 lb. turkey, liveweight	4.7	4.3	4.7	5.0
Milk-feed: Pounds concentrate ration equal in value to 1 lb. whole milk 1/	1.84	1.76	1.47	2/1.46

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 regions and
United States, October 1973 with comparisons 1/

Region	Milk-feed price ratios 2/			All milk price per cwt.			Ration value 3/		
	October 1972	September 1973	October 1973	October 1972	September 1973	October 1973	October 1972	September 1973	October 1973
	P o u n d s			D o l l a r s					
N. Atl.	1.74	1.55	1.52	7.28	8.66	8.90	4.18	5.58	5.87
E. N. Cent.	1.76	1.46	1.39	6.08	7.62	7.91	3.46	5.22	5.70
W. N. Cent.	1.81	1.58	1.57	5.57	7.14	7.31	3.08	4.51	4.65
S. Atl.	1.86	1.56	1.60	7.42	8.91	9.22	3.99	5.70	5.78
S. Cent.	1.84	1.42	1.49	6.89	8.16	8.52	3.75	5.74	5.70
West.	1.66	1.27	1.31	5.94	7.06	7.45	3.58	5.58	5.68
U. S.	1.77	1.47	1.46	6.38	7.81	8.10	3.61	5.30	5.53

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 1973
with comparisons

	October 1972	September 1973	October 1973	
Parity equivalent	Dol. per cwt.	6.46	7.60	7.63
Average price-f.o.b. plants	Dol. per cwt.	5.28	6.83	2/ 7.05
Average fat test of milk	Percent	3.77	3.64	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 1973 is 81.1 percent of the parity price of all milk sold to plants, which compares with 80.6 percent in 1972. For additional details see Supplement No. 1 to the January 1973 issue of AGRICULTURAL PRICES.
2/ Preliminary.

Feed: Average prices paid by farmers, United States, October 15, 1973,
with comparisons

Commodity and unit	1972			1973		
	Aug. 15	Sept. 15	Oct. 15	Aug. 15	Sept. 15	Oct. 15
	D o l l a r s					
Alfalfa hay, baled, per ton	38.1	39.4	39.6	51.7	55.5	59.1
Other hay, baled, per ton	35.8	36.2	36.4	43.5	44.9	46.7
Cottonseed meal, 41 pct., 100 lb.	5.83	5.99	6.07	12.4	12.1	11.5
Soybean meal, 44 pct., 100 lb.	6.65	6.80	6.91	18.6	14.9	13.3
Bran, per 100 lb.	3.99	4.06	4.17	6.45	6.07	6.30
Middlings, per 100 lb.	4.01	4.08	4.23	6.48	6.12	6.37
Corn meal, per 100 lb.	3.58	3.62	3.67	6.20	5.87	5.86
Laying feed, per ton	87	88	90	165	148	144
Broiler grower feed, per ton	98	98	100	182	169	163
Turkey grower feed, per ton	98	100	101	193	176	170
Chick starter feed, per ton	103	104	105	198	175	169
Dairy feed						
14 pct. protein, per ton	73	74	76	112	113	116
16 pct. protein, per ton	79	81	82	126	120	123
18 pct. protein, per ton	82	84	85	132	127	128
20 pct. protein, per ton	86	88	89	142	133	134
32 pct. protein, per ton	116	118	120	205	188	183
40 pct. and over, per ton	126	128	132	227	208	201
Hog feed, 14-18 pct., 100 lb.	4.80	4.80	4.86	8.40	7.72	7.59
Hog feed, over 29 pct., 100 lb.	7.51	7.59	7.75	16.6	13.8	12.6
Cattle feed, 30% and over, 100 lb.	5.11	5.15	5.25	8.06	7.69	7.70
	INDEX NUMBERS (1967=100)					
Feed, prices paid by farmers	106	108	110	195	178	176

Livestock: Average prices paid by farmers, United States,
October 15, 1973, with comparisons

Commodity and unit	1972			1973		
	Aug. 15	Sept. 15	Oct. 15	Aug. 15	Sept. 15	Oct. 15
	D o l l a r s					
Feeders and stockers:						
Cattle and calves, 100 lb.	38.2	39.4	40.9	59.8	51.2	49.5
Lambs, per 100 lb.	29.5	29.2	28.7	39.5	33.2	34.2
Pigs, per 100 lb. 1/	53.4	57.1	54.3	90.0	78.8	80.0
Baby chicks, per 100	11.1	11.0	11.1	13.8	14.2	14.1
Turkey poults, each	.571	.553	.550	.641	.647	.678
	INDEX NUMBERS (1967=100)					
All livestock	147	151	155	224	195	190

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,
October 15, 1973

State	Bran	Middlings	Cottonseed	Soybean	Corn meal	Hog feed		Beef cattle
			meal, 41% protein	meal, 44% protein		14-18 % protein	Over 29% protein	concentrate 30% and over protein
Dollars per cwt.								
Maine	7.00	7.10	--	--	6.70	--	--	--
N. H.	7.00	--	--	13.00	6.60	--	--	--
Vt.	6.90	7.10	--	13.00	6.70	--	--	--
Mass.	6.90	7.10	--	13.00	6.70	--	--	--
R. I.	7.00	7.10	--	--	6.70	--	--	--
Conn.	6.90	--	--	--	6.60	--	--	--
N. Y.	6.10	6.50	10.00	13.00	6.20	7.40	12.50	7.20
N. J.	6.80	--	13.50	15.00	7.00	7.80	--	8.30
Pa.	6.20	6.40	12.00	12.00	6.00	7.50	12.00	8.10
Ohio	6.90	6.90	12.00	12.50	5.60	7.80	12.00	9.60
Ind.	6.90	6.80	13.50	12.50	4.70	8.30	12.50	9.60
Ill.	6.40	6.40	12.50	13.00	5.00	8.50	12.50	8.40
Mich.	6.90	7.00	12.00	13.00	5.20	6.80	12.50	8.20
Wis.	6.30	6.40	13.00	14.00	4.90	7.70	--	8.40
Minn.	6.10	6.00	11.50	12.40	4.65	8.00	12.40	8.50
Iowa	6.50	6.50	12.50	13.00	4.50	7.90	12.30	8.80
Mo.	6.00	6.10	11.50	12.50	5.40	7.20	11.50	7.10
N. Dak.	6.10	6.00	--	16.00	4.90	--	--	--
S. Dak.	6.70	6.40	--	13.00	5.00	--	--	--
Nebr.	6.10	6.00	12.00	13.50	5.10	8.10	12.50	7.60
Kans.	5.50	5.70	11.50	14.50	5.60	7.70	13.00	7.80
Md. - Del.	6.30	6.60	13.00	12.50	5.60	7.40	12.50	8.50
Va.	6.60	7.00	12.50	15.00	6.30	7.50	12.00	--
W. Va.	6.60	7.20	12.00	15.00	6.80	7.30	13.50	--
N. C.	6.40	6.30	12.50	13.50	6.10	7.40	12.00	--
S. C.	6.10	6.40	11.50	15.00	6.10	7.40	12.50	--
Ga.	6.90	7.10	11.00	16.50	6.00	7.60	12.50	--
Fla.	7.40	7.30	9.70	13.00	6.80	--	--	--
Ky.	6.30	6.60	11.00	13.00	5.20	7.80	12.40	8.10
Tenn.	6.30	6.50	10.50	12.50	5.90	7.50	12.00	7.50
Ala.	6.50	6.70	11.00	13.50	6.10	7.80	11.50	--
Miss.	6.20	7.00	9.70	15.00	6.30	7.90	12.00	--
Ark.	5.90	6.10	11.00	14.50	6.10	7.40	11.50	6.30
La.	5.70	7.10	11.50	15.00	6.60	8.00	12.50	7.60
Okla.	5.80	5.90	10.70	15.50	6.20	--	--	--
Tex.	6.50	6.50	10.20	13.00	6.40	--	--	--
Mont.	5.10	4.75	12.00	16.00	6.30	--	--	--
Idaho	6.10	5.40	12.50	18.50	6.30	--	--	--
Wyo.	5.90	6.20	13.00	16.50	6.20	--	--	--
Colo.	6.40	6.00	11.50	15.50	6.40	--	--	--
N. Mex.	6.50	6.70	11.00	16.50	7.60	--	--	--
Ariz.	7.60	--	8.00	18.00	--	--	--	--
Utah	5.00	5.30	12.00	15.50	6.20	--	--	--
Nev.	7.00	--	13.50	25.00	8.50	--	--	--
Wash.	6.00	5.80	14.00	15.00	7.20	--	--	--
Oreg.	5.80	6.40	11.50	17.50	6.70	--	--	--
Calif.	6.10	5.90	10.50	15.50	6.90	--	--	--
U. S.	6.30	6.37	11.50	13.30	5.86	7.59	12.60	7.70

Feed: Average price per ton paid by farmers, by States, October 15, 1973

State	Dairy feed, percent protein					
	14	16	18	20	32	40 and over
	D o l l a r s					
Maine	124	126	134	138	--	--
N. H.	--	126	134	138	--	--
Vt.	124	126	134	138	--	--
Mass.	--	123	131	135	--	--
R. I.	--	123	131	135	--	--
Conn.	--	123	131	135	--	--
N. Y.	125	121	126	127	144	153
N. J.	--	138	143	140	155	170
Pa.	131	131	130	134	184	200
Ohio	135	140	150	165	200	210
Ind.	118	134	139	--	200	220
Ill.	120	125	135	150	200	205
Mich.	119	121	124	144	190	205
Wis.	107	114	120	150	185	205
Minn.	105	108	123	135	184	210
Iowa	125	131	--	156	205	215
Mo.	112	120	131	131	160	165
N. Dak.	--	114	--	--	155	240
S. Dak.	116	132	--	--	225	210
Nebr.	122	124	--	--	187	210
Kans.	120	125	--	145	--	215
Md.-Del.	117	121	125	135	185	196
Va.	128	131	132	134	174	205
W. Va.	--	133	135	140	--	--
N. C.	115	122	130	136	174	194
S. C.	--	127	132	140	165	--
Ga.	121	123	128	135	158	181
Fla.	100	118	130	140	--	161
Ky.	111	122	130	149	181	186
Tenn.	112	124	129	134	175	177
Ala.	--	124	126	127	140	148
Miss.	115	120	125	132	--	--
Ark.	119	121	--	--	--	--
La.	--	122	130	135	--	--
Okla.	114	122	126	131	--	190
Tex.	124	129	137	--	143	185
Mont.	110	110	--	--	--	--
Idaho	117	125	--	--	160	186
Wyo.	130	130	--	--	185	210
Colo.	140	140	--	--	175	220
N. Mex.	135	140	--	--	--	175
Ariz.	120	115	--	--	--	160
Utah	120	125	--	--	--	--
Nev.	112	146	--	--	--	--
Wash.	117	123	--	--	--	--
Oreg.	120	124	--	--	--	--
Calif.	110	118	122	--	--	--
Hawaii	--	164	--	169	--	--
U. S.	116	123	128	134	183	201

Feed: Average price per ton paid by farmers for poultry feed and poultry feed price ratios, by States, October 15, 1973

State	Poultry feed, per ton				Poultry price ratios 1/		
	Chick starter	Laying feed	Broiler grower	Turkey grower	Egg-feed	Broiler-feed	Turkey-feed
	D o l l a r s				P o u n d s		
Maine	155	133	175	--	9.6	2.9	--
N. H.	160	133	--	--	10.4	--	--
Vt.	160	135	--	--	9.8	--	--
Mass.	155	133	--	--	10.2	--	--
R. I.	155	133	--	--	11.6	--	--
Conn.	155	133	175	--	11.7	2.9	--
N. Y.	162	141	181	186	8.7	--	--
N. J.	161	149	163	175	8.8	--	--
Pa.	167	148	159	169	7.8	4.1	4.4
Ohio	180	165	165	185	6.4	2.7	5.7
Ind.	170	136	149	161	8.8	3.7	4.8
Ill.	180	160	155	180	7.1	--	4.9
Mich.	184	145	173	179	7.1	--	4.9
Wis.	180	150	170	195	7.7	3.1	3.8
Minn.	177	151	132	145	7.1	--	6.6
Iowa	185	158	157	136	6.1	--	6.6
Mo.	170	144	151	164	8.3	3.1	3.7
N. Dak.	192	170	--	180	6.2	--	--
S. Dak.	177	138	--	154	7.1	--	6.9
Nebr.	181	158	--	200	5.8	--	4.7
Kans.	175	160	--	--	6.1	--	--
Md. - Del.	185	145	180	185	10.1	2.7	--
Va.	166	137	168	189	9.8	3.2	3.2
W. Va.	169	145	160	163	9.4	2.4	3.9
N. C.	167	142	149	161	9.9	3.5	6.0
S. C.	166	142	177	175	8.7	2.7	4.5
Ga.	159	133	151	168	9.7	3.0	3.7
Fla.	170	149	162	190	7.1	3.0	--
Ky.	185	155	--	--	7.4	--	--
Tenn.	180	150	165	--	8.5	2.8	--
Ala.	157	153	170	168	8.1	2.8	--
Miss.	168	151	152	--	9.0	3.0	--
Ark.	150	131	163	182	9.5	2.9	3.8
La.	166	146	151	--	9.0	3.1	--
Okla.	164	144	165	153	8.2	3.0	--
Texas	180	150	175	180	7.7	2.6	5.4
Mont.	190	175	--	205	7.4	--	--
Idaho	184	155	--	210	8.9	--	--
Wyo.	198	184	--	--	6.0	--	--
Colo.	195	170	--	200	7.1	--	--
N. Mex.	170	155	--	--	8.1	--	--
Ariz.	180	140	--	--	7.9	--	--
Utah	190	160	--	220	6.5	--	4.0
Nev.	--	196	--	250	5.7	--	--
Wash.	177	152	194	182	7.0	2.8	6.6
Oreg.	190	157	194	166	7.9	3.1	6.3
Calif.	165	129	169	177	8.6	3.1	4.6
Hawaii	187	163	235	--	9.2	3.9	--
U. S.	169	144	163	170	8.3	3.0	5.0

1/ Number of pounds of laying feed, equivalent in value to one dozen eggs, number of pounds 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 3 PERCENT

The cost of local telephone service to farmers in the U.S averaged \$6.45 per month during the summer of 1973 according to the annual survey conducted by the Crop Reporting Board. This was 3 percent more than the average local bill paid during the same period a year earlier.

Local service costs increased in all regions, with the South Atlantic States registering the largest increase - 5 percent, while States in the Mountain region were up less than 1 percent.

Dial and pushbutton phones account for 99 percent of all farm telephones. About 1 percent of the farm phones are the crank type.

The percentage of farms with telephone service increased to 87 percent in 1973 compared with 86 percent a year earlier. The total number of farms with telephones is estimated at 2,459,000 in 1973, down slightly from last year's total of 2,468,000. During this period the total number of farms declined 1 percent.

TELEPHONES: Average monthly local bill paid by farmers and type of service supplied farms, by regions and United States, 1972-73 1/

Region	Average monthly local bill		Type of Service 1973	Type of Service 1973	
	1972 2/	1973		Dial	Push-
	Dollars			Lift and magneto crank	button
				Percent	
New England	7.11	7.26	99	1	-
Middle Atlantic	6.05	6.16	98	1	1
East North Central	6.28	6.47	99	-	1
West North Central	6.00	6.12	98	1	1
South Atlantic	6.60	6.96	97	2	1
East South Central	6.22	6.46	98	1	1
West South Central	6.31	6.52	98	1	1
Mountain	6.50	6.53	98	1	1
Pacific	6.42	6.48	98	-	2
United States	6.27	6.45	98	1	1

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

2/ Revised.

Farms with telephones: Estimated number and percent of all farms,
by States, United States, 1972-1973

State	Number		Percent	
	1972 1/	1973	1972	1973
Maine	7	7	92	93
New Hampshire	3	2	94	95
Vermont	6	6	95	95
Massachusetts	6	6	98	98
Rhode Island	1	1	98	98
Connecticut	4	4	98	99
New York	54	53	96	96
New Jersey	8	8	97	98
Pennsylvania	68	67	94	95
Ohio	107	106	91	91
Indiana	100	100	93	93
Illinois	122	121	95	95
Michigan	75	74	92	93
Wisconsin	98	99	92	93
Minnesota	109	109	92	93
Iowa	137	135	97	97
Missouri	122	123	88	89
North Dakota	37	37	86	87
South Dakota	40	40	90	91
Nebraska	65	65	92	93
Kansas	78	77	92	92
Delaware	3	3	93	94
Maryland	16	16	90	91
Virginia	62	61	82	83
West Virginia	22	21	82	82
North Carolina	104	101	74	75
South Carolina	37	37	74	75
Georgia	62	62	82	83
Florida	29	28	82	83
Kentucky	98	99	78	79
Tennessee	101	100	80	81
Alabama	56	56	72	74
Mississippi	57	58	66	69
Arkansas	53	54	76	78
Louisiana	40	39	82	82
Oklahoma	76	77	86	88
Texas	169	171	81	82
Montana	22	22	87	88
Idaho	25	25	88	89
Wyoming	7	7	89	89
Colorado	27	27	92	92
New Mexico	9	9	72	73
Arizona	5	5	81	82
Utah	11	11	88	88
Nevada	2	2	76	76
Washington	38	37	93	93
Oregon	31	31	92	93
California	59	60	94	95
United States	2,468	2,459	86	87

1/ Revised.

Support Price Announcements for Agricultural Products
September 27-October 29, 1973

Extra Long Staple Cotton--1974 Crop: The national average loan rate for 1974-crop extra long staple cotton is 49.72 cents per pound and the payment rate is 10.86 cents per pound. The total of loan and payment rate for 1974 is 60.58 cents per pound, compared with 54.21 cents for 1973-crop ELS.

USDA 3162-73, issued 10/12/73

Rice--1974 Crop: The minimum national average loan and purchase level for 1974-crop rice is \$6.23 per hundredweight (rough rice). The support level will be increased to reflect 65 percent of the August 1974 parity price for rice should it become necessary at that time.

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