

# agricultural prices



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**PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP 3 POINTS  
PRICES PAID INDEX UP 2 POINTS**

The Index of Prices Received by Farmers increased 3 points (1 1/2 percent) to 184 percent of the January-December 1967 average during the month ended December 15, 1973, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Contributing most to the increase since mid-November were higher prices for wheat, Upland cotton, corn, milk, eggs, and soybeans. Lower prices for cattle and hogs were partially offsetting. The index was 47 points (34 percent) above a year earlier.

The Index of Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates for December 15 was 153, up 2 points (1 1/2 percent) from a month earlier. Higher prices for production items, especially feed and fuel, were only partially offset by lower prices for feeder livestock. The index was 22 points (17 percent) above a year earlier.

**SUMMARY TABLE**

Index 1967=100	: Nov. 15, : 1972	: Dec. 15, : 1972	: Nov. 15, : 1973	: Dec. 15, : 1973
Prices Received	: 131	: 137	: 181	: 184
Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates	: 130	: 131	: 151	: 153
Ratio 1/	: 101	: 105	: 120	: 120

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 increased 3 points (1 1/2 percent) during the month ended December 15 to 184 percent of its 1967 average. Of the subgroups shown on page 7, the following contributed most to the net change:

MEAT ANIMALS: The index of prices received by farmers for meat animals decreased 9 points (5 percent) to 180 (1967=100) during the month ended December 15. Most of the decrease was attributed to lower prices for beef cattle and hogs. Beef prices averaged \$37.60 per cwt, \$1.90 below November while hogs brought \$38.20, down \$2.20. Calf prices at \$50.10 per cwt were off \$2.50 from a month earlier. Lambs brought \$35.20, an increase of \$1.50 from November. The index was 23 points (15 percent) above a year earlier.

FOOD GRAINS: The index of prices received by farmers for food grains increased 29 points (10 percent) during the month ended December 15. Sharp increases for wheat and rye more than offset a moderate drop in rice prices. Wheat, at a record \$4.78 per bushel, was up 58 cents from mid-November. Rye, \$2.32 per bushel, rose 26 cents during the month but was well below the record \$2.81 of March 1947. Rice at \$16.10 per cwt was down \$1.00 from the last month's record high. Prices of the all three food grains were more than double their levels of mid-December 1972. The index was 322 compared with 160 a year earlier.

COTTON: Record high prices for both Upland and American-Pima cotton increased the index to a record 213. This was 30 points (16 percent) above mid-November and 100 points (89 percent) above mid-December 1972. Upland cotton at 47.9 cents per pound was up 6.7 cents from a month earlier while American-Pima was up 4 cents to \$1.34 per pound.

FEED GRAINS AND HAY: The feed grain and hay index increased 12 points (6 percent) during the month to 202. Prices for the four feed grains were up from 4 to 10 percent from a month earlier while hay was down 2 percent. The index was 75 points (59 percent) above mid-December 1972.

OIL-BEARING CROPS: Higher prices for all four oil-bearing crops increased the index for these crops 14 points (7 percent) during the month ended December 15. Peanuts at 16.5 cents per pound and flaxseed at \$8.63 per cwt were at record levels. Soybean prices advanced 51 cents during the month to \$5.65 per bushel. The index at 205 was 73 points (55 percent) above a year earlier.

DAIRY PRODUCTS: The dairy products index advanced 4 points (2 percent) to 169 during the month. Prices for fluid market milk averaged \$9.03 per cwt, up 15 cents from the November price, while producers received \$7.81 for manufacturing grade milk, also a 15 cent increase. Compared with December 1972, the index was up 41 points (32 percent).

### PRICES PAID BY FARMERS

The index of prices paid by farmers for commodities and services for mid-December was 152 percent of its 1967 average, up 2 points (1 1/2 percent) from a month earlier and 24 points (19 percent) above a year earlier.

### PRODUCTION INDEX UP

At 156, the mid-December index of prices paid by farmers for production goods was up 3 points (2 percent) from a month earlier, but 1 point below the record high of August 1973. Compared with a month ago, feeder cattle were lower but feed and fuel were up sharply and most other production item prices averaged higher. The index was 21 percent above December 15, 1972.

FEED: The index of prices paid by farmers for feed, at 184, was 7 percent above mid-November. Mixed livestock feeds and grain contributed most to the increase. All items surveyed showed price increases from the previous month. The index was up 46 percent from mid-December a year ago.

FEEDER LIVESTOCK: The mid-December feeder livestock index, at 171, was 7 percent below the previous month. Lower prices for feeder cattle accounted for nearly all of the decrease. However, the index was 13 percent above a year earlier.

MOTOR SUPPLIES: Prices paid by farmers for motor supplies averaged 5 percent above mid-November. Higher prices for motor fuels were largely responsible for the increase. Motor supply prices were 19 percent above a year earlier.

### FAMILY LIVING INDEX STEADY

The December 15 index of prices paid by farmers for family living items, at 146, was unchanged from mid-November. Prices averaged higher for clothing, household operations, household furnishings and autos and auto supplies, but lower for food and tobacco and building materials for the house. The family living index was up 19 points (15 percent) from a year earlier.

FOOD AND TOBACCO: Mid-December prices paid by farmers for food and tobacco averaged 1/2 percent less than the previous month. Decreases were indicated for many items surveyed and prices averaged slightly lower for most commodity groups. Prices however averaged 22 percent above December 1972.

CLOTHING AND TEXTILES: Prices paid for clothing and textiles averaged 1 1/2 percent above a month earlier. Most of the items surveyed were higher. Clothing and textile prices were up 12 percent from a year earlier.

HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS: Prices farmers paid for household operations averaged 1 1/2 percent above mid-November. Higher prices for heating fuel accounted for most of the increase. Prices for household operation items averaged 10 percent more than a year earlier.

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

Commodity and unit		Average		Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
		Jan. 1910- Dec. 1914	Jan. 1967- Dec. 1967	15, 1972	15, 1973	15, 1973	15, 1973
All wheat, per bu.	Dol.	.880	1.47	2.38	4.22	4.20	4.78
Rye, per bu.	"	.725	1.05	1.02	2.14	2.06	2.32
Rice (rough), per cwt.	"	1.81	5.05	7.95	13.70	17.10	16.10
Corn, per bu.	"	.649	1.17	1.42	2.17	2.18	2.39
Oats, per bu.	"	.399	.668	.806	1.14	1.13	1.20
Barley, per bu.	"	.617	1.02	1.32	2.23	2.10	2.19
Sorghum grain, per cwt.	"	---	1.88	2.72	3.65	3.66	3.83
All hay, baled, per ton	"	11.90	23.50	33.00	46.20	46.80	46.10
Cotton, American upland, per lb.	Ct.	1/11.92	22.54	25.20	43.62	41.20	47.90
Cotton, American-Pima, per lb.	"	---	49.5	40.5	110.0	130.0	134.0
Peanuts, per lb.	"	4.83	11.4	14.3	16.4	16.1	16.5
Cottonseed, per ton	Dol.	21.80	58.00	49.90	103.00	97.30	98.70
Soybeans, per bu.	"	---	2.62	3.95	5.63	5.14	5.65
Flaxseed, per bu.	"	1.68	2.89	3.13	7.66	8.10	8.63
Potatoes, per cwt. 2/	"	1.13	2.02	2.76	2.77	3.32	3.73
Sweetpotatoes, per cwt.	"	1.61	5.65	6.66	5.92	7.00	8.11
Dry edible beans, per cwt.	"	3.39	7.99	9.98	22.60	27.00	30.20
Dry field peas (open mkt.), per cwt.	"	---	4.64	5.40	24.00	28.20	27.50
Apples, for fresh use, per lb. 2/ 3/	Ct.	---	6.65	8.36	10.9	10.7	10.7
Peaches, for fresh use, per lb. 2/	"	---	9.20	---	---	---	---
Strawberries, for fresh use, per lb. 2/	"	---	28.3	---	33.2	---	---
Pears, for fresh use, per ton 2/ 3/	Dol.	---	125.00	187.00	183.00	179.00	179.00
Citrus (equiv. on-tree), per box 2/	"	---	---	---	---	---	---
Grapefruit	"	---	1.38	2.18	2.57	1.87	1.77
Lemons	"	---	2.45	2.34	5.73	4.30	3.52
Oranges	"	---	1.58	1.26	2.33	1.71	1.44
Tangelos	"	---	2.49	1.54	2.54	1.82	1.14
Tangerines	"	---	2.66	1.92	6.96	4.69	2.36
Temples	"	---	1.62	---	---	---	---
All beef cattle, per cwt.	Dol.	5.52	22.20	34.80	42.60	39.50	37.60
Cows, per cwt.	"	---	16.50	25.10	33.30	7/30.50	29.60
Steers and heifers, per cwt.	"	---	24.00	37.40	44.60	7/41.80	39.90
Calves, per cwt.	"	6.84	26.40	46.60	58.30	52.60	50.10
Hogs, per cwt.	"	7.29	19.00	29.50	40.80	40.40	38.20
Lambs, per cwt.	"	5.96	22.20	28.70	32.00	33.70	35.20
Sheep, per cwt.	"	4.59	6.38	8.35	12.50	12.90	13.20
All milk, sold to plants, per cwt. 2/	Dol.	1.61	5.03	6.54	8.29	8.63	4/8.78
Milk eligible for fluid market	"	---	5.44	6.82	8.54	8.88	4/9.03
Milk of manufacturing grade	"	---	4.07	5.53	7.41	7.66	4/7.81
Milkfat in cream, per lb.	Ct.	26.3	68.1	69.4	77.0	70.3	68.0
Chickens, excluding broilers, live, per lb.	"	---	7.9	10.0	19.7	17.7	15.9
Broilers, live, per lb. 2/	"	---	13.3	14.0	24.3	19.4	19.3
Eggs, per dozen 5/	"	21.6	31.2	43.2	59.6	59.3	63.8
Turkeys, live, per lb.	"	14.3	20.0	24.0	42.3	41.7	40.7
Wool, per lb. 2/ 6/	"	17.8	39.7	49.3	83.5	81.4	75.7
Mohair (Texas only), per lb.	"	---	43.9	119.0	240.0	240.0	240.0
Adjusted for seasonal variation							
All milk, sold to plants, per cwt. 2/	Dol.	---	5.04	6.29	7.82	8.14	4/8.44
Eggs, per dozen	Ct.	---	31.2	36.9	61.4	55.9	55.0

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, 3.82; fluid market, 3.82; manufacturing grade, 3.81. 5/ Average of all eggs sold by farmers, including hatching eggs and eggs sold at retail. 6/ Average local market price, excluding incentive payments. 7/ Correction.

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 4,232 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 December 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		
		Dec. 1972	Nov. 1973	Dec. 1973	Dec. 1972	Nov. 1973	Dec. 1973
<b>Basic Commodities:</b>							
All wheat, per bu.	Dol. : .680	3.14	3.52	3.56	76	119	134
Rice per cwt.	" : 4/1.87	8.40	9.69	9.80			
Corn, per bu.	" : .457	2.07	2.37	2.39	69	92	100
Cotton, per lb.							
American upland	Ct. : 12.80	57.20	66.30	67.07	*44	62	71
Extra long staple	" : 4/18.2	84.4	94.3	95.4			
Peanuts, per lb.	" : 4/4.39	19.7	22.7	23.0	*73	71	72
<b>Tobacco, per lb.:</b>							
Flue-cured, types 11-14	" : 4/24.7	110.0	128.0	129.0		67	
Va. fire-cured, type 21	" : 4/17.0	74.5	88.1	89.1	85		85
Ky.-Tenn. fire-cured, types 22-23	" : 4/17.3	77.2	89.6	90.7			
Burley, type 31	" : 4/25.2	114.0	131.0	132.0	69	66	73
Maryland, type 32	" : 5/23.1	104.0	120.0	121.0			
Dark air-cured, types 35-36	" : 4/15.0	66.9	77.7	78.6	75		79
Sun-cured, type 37	" : 4/16.9	75.4	87.5	88.6	*76		77
Pa. seedleaf, type 41	" : 4/10.7	46.2	55.4	56.1			
Cigar filler and binder, types 42-44, 53-55	" : 4/13.8	60.6	71.5	72.3			
Puerto Rican filler, type 46	" : 4/15.6	69.1	80.8	81.7			
Cigar binder, types 51-52	" : 4/20.4	90.7	106.0	107.0			
<b>Designated Nonbasic Commodities:</b>							
Tung nuts, per ton	Dol. : 4/22.30	117.00	116.00	117.00			
All milk, sold to plants, per cwt.	" : 1.83	8.17	9.48	9.59	6/*75	6/*86	6/88
Milkfat in cream, per lb.	Ct. : 23.8	109.0	123.0	125.0		57	54
Honey, wholesale, per lb.:							
Extracted	" : 7/5.97	25.2	30.9	31.3			
<b>Wool and Mohair:</b>							
Wool, per lb.	Ct. : 4/24.1	110.0	125.0	126.0	8/*45	8/65	8/60
Mohair, per lb.	" : 4/28.9	133.0	150.0	151.0			
<b>Other Nonbasic Commodities:</b>							
Barley, per bu.	Dol. : .363	1.64	1.88	1.90	80	112	115
Cottonseed, per ton	" : 4/18.70	86.70	96.90	98.00	58	100	101
Dry edible beans, per cwt.	" : 3.06	13.50	15.90	16.00	74	170	189
Flaxseed, per bu.	" : .982	4.62	5.09	5.15	68	159	168
Oats, per bu.	" : .225	1.04	1.17	1.18	78	97	102
Potatoes, per cwt.	" : 4/.838	3.67	4.34	4.39	*75	76	85
Rye, per bu.	" : .353	1.66	1.83	1.85	61	113	125
Sorghum grain, per cwt.	" : .770	3.46	3.99	4.03	79	92	95
Soybeans, per bu.	" : .968	4.32	5.01	5.07	91	103	111
Sweetpotatoes, per cwt.	" : 2.04	9.20	10.60	10.70	*72	66	76
Apples, for fresh use, per lb.	Ct. : 2.37	10.7	12.3	12.4		87	86
<b>Citrus (equiv. on-tree), per box:</b>							
Grapefruit	Dol. : 4/.601	2.65	3.11	3.15	82	60	56
Lemons	" : 4/1.02	4.67	5.28	5.34	50	81	66
Limes	" : 4/1.33	5.88	6.89	6.97	--	--	--
Oranges	" : 4/.723	3.62	3.75	3.79	35	46	38
Tangerines	" : 4/.968	4.49	5.01	5.07	*43	94	47
Temples	" : 4/.795	3.81	4.12	4.17	--	--	27
Beef cattle, per cwt.	" : 8.67	38.20	44.90	45.40	*91	89	83
Calves, per cwt.	" : 10.50	45.80	54.40	55.00	102	97	91
Hogs, per cwt.	" : 7.19	31.70	37.20	37.70	93	109	101
Lambs, per cwt.	" : 8.88	39.20	46.00	46.50	73	73	76
Sheep, per cwt.	" : 2.44	11.10	12.60	12.80	*75	102	103
Eggs, per doz.	Ct. : 12.4	57.9	64.2	65.0	6/64	6/87	6/85
Turkeys, live, per lb.	" : 7.84	36.2	40.6	41.1	*66	103	99

See footnotes on page 6.

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

Other Nonbasic Commodities (Continued)	: Adjusted prices 4/ based on prices 4/ data for Dec. 1973	: Parity prices 3/ based on prices 3/ data for Dec. 1973	Other Nonbasic Commodities (Continued)	: Adjusted prices 4/ based on prices 4/ data for Dec. 1973	: Parity prices 3/ based on prices 3/ data for Dec. 1973
Dollars			Dollars		
Field Crops and Misc. Commodities:			Noncitrus fruits:		
			Peaches		
			For fresh use, 1b. 11/	.0272	.143
Crude pine gum, bbl.	2/12.80	67.10	Dried (Calif.), ton	231.00	1,210.00
Hops, lb.	.189	.990	For processing (excl. dried)		
Tobacco, lb.:			Clingstone (Calif.), ton 10/	27.50	144.00
Cigar wrapper, type 61	1.22	6.39	Pears		
Cigar wrapper, type 62	.885	4.64	For fresh use, ton 12/	44.60	234.00
			Dried (Calif.), ton	299.00	1,570.00
			Plums (Calif.), equiv.		
Noncitrus fruits:			on-tree, ton		
Apples, for processing, ton	17.80	93.30	For fresh use	49.60	260.00
Apricots, ton			Prunes, dried (Calif.), ton	106.00	555.00
For fresh use	74.80	392.00	Prunes and Plums		
Dried (Calif.)	381.00	2,000.00	(Excl. Calif.), ton		
Avocados, ton	137.00	718.00	For fresh use	61.20	321.00
Cherries, ton			For processing (excl. dried)	23.60	124.00
Sweet	130.00	681.00	Tree Nuts, ton:		
Tart	71.20	373.00	Almonds	227.00	1,190.00
Cranberries, bbl.	5.11	26.80	Filberts	173.00	907.00
Dates (Calif.), ton	56.50	296.00	Walnuts	173.00	907.00
Grapes, ton					
Raisin varieties			Vegetables for fresh market, cwt.:		
Dried (Calif.)	101.00	529.00	Cantaloups	2.14	11.20
Grapes excl. raisin varieties dried	28.80	151.00	Carrots 13/	1.45	7.60
Nectarines (Calif.), ton			Cauliflower 13/	3.21	16.80
For fresh use 10/	48.60	255.00	Celery 13/	1.78	9.33
Olives (Calif.)			Honeydew melons	2.17	11.40
For canning, ton 10/	111.00	582.00	Lettuce	1.80	9.43
			Onions 13/	1.41	7.39
			Tomatoes	3.88	20.30

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, December 15, 1973  
with comparisons

Index	1910-14=100					1967=100			
	Average	1972		1973		1972		1973	
	Jan.-Dec.	Nov.	Dec.	Nov.	Dec.	Nov.	Dec.	Nov.	Dec.
	1967	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
UNADJUSTED									
All Farm Products	254	332	349	459	468	131	137	181	184
All Crops	226	272	287	408	437	120	127	181	193
Food grains	177	239	283	518	570	135	160	293	322
Feed grains and hay	174	192	221	330	351	110	127	190	202
Feed grains	174	184	216	325	351	106	124	187	202
Cotton	191	229	216	350	406	120	113	183	213
Tobacco	555	704	704	735	757	127	127	132	136
Oil-bearing crops	276	325	365	526	565	118	132	191	205
Fruit	244	277	265	314	298	114	109	129	122
Fresh market 1/	242	291	276	334	315	120	114	138	130
Commercial vegetables	283	354	336	337	328	125	119	119	116
Fresh market	324	471	441	449	428	145	136	139	132
Potatoes, etc. 2/	193	224	247	383	430	116	128	198	223
Livestock & products	277	383	402	503	494	138	145	182	178
Meat animals	336	497	527	635	605	148	157	189	180
Dairy products	306	391	391	505	517	128	128	165	169
Poultry & eggs	132	151	168	240	250	114	127	182	189
Wool	223	295	277	457	425	132	124	205	191
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
Fresh market fruit 1/	244	306	281	352	325	125	115	144	133
Fresh market vegetables	330	455	434	441	421	138	132	134	128
Potatoes, etc. 2/	193	254	268	426	458	132	139	221	237
Dairy products	306	370	377	479	499	121	123	156	163
Poultry & eggs	132	147	154	235	231	111	117	178	175

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, December 1-15, 1973, with comparisons

Commodity	Average	December	December	November	November	December
	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	16.70	17.70	15.00	15.10	17.00
Cabbage	2.85	3.87	4.05	4.88	4.79	4.02
Cantaloups	6.26	10.70	--	8.24	8.72	--
Carrots	5.74	7.50	7.23	7.24	6.79	5.92
Cauliflower	10.80	16.20	18.40	15.00	14.40	20.00
Celery	4.94	5.26	6.26	5.72	5.09	4.30
Cucumbers	7.74	6.98	6.33	9.48	7.93	9.49
Green peppers	12.20	11.60	13.80	24.70	27.30	23.90
Lettuce	5.19	7.04	7.05	4.13	3.93	5.36
Onions	4.37	6.76	6.91	6.65	6.97	7.23
Snap beans	11.70	12.80	18.80	14.90	15.30	18.40
Spinach	10.20	12.90	13.30	15.90	15.90	14.50
Sweet corn	5.68	7.10	6.31	6.96	7.20	6.31
Tomatoes	9.63	13.30	15.50	18.20	15.60	14.20
Watermelons	2.06	--	--	--	--	--

1/ Revised.

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

Indexes and ratios	1910-14=100					1967=100				
	1972		Sept.	1973		1972		1973		
	Nov. 15	Dec. 15		Nov. 15	Dec. 15	Nov. 15	Dec. 15	Sept. 15	Nov. 15	Dec. 15
<b>PRICES PAID BY FARMERS FOR</b>										
Commodities & Services,										
Interest, Taxes, & Wage Rates	443	449	512	518	524	130	131	150	151	153
(Parity index 1910-14-100)										
Prices Paid	381	386	447	452	458	126	128	148	150	152
Family living items	408	410	456	470	471	127	127	142	146	146
Food and tobacco	--	394	466	--	--	--	123	146	--	--
Clothing	--	547	588	--	--	--	138	148	--	--
Household operation	--	285	300	--	--	--	122	129	--	--
Household furnishings	--	316	335	--	--	--	120	127	--	--
Building materials, house	--	606	689	--	--	--	140	159	--	--
Autos and auto supplies	441	437	459	473	--	127	126	133	137	--
Production items	361	369	441	439	449	126	129	154	153	156
Feed	240	267	378	365	390	113	126	178	172	184
Feeder livestock	581	566	726	684	636	156	152	195	184	171
Motor supplies	--	207	221	--	--	--	114	122	--	--
Motor vehicles 1/	649	652	679	692	702	130	131	136	139	141
Farm machinery	--	636	688	--	694	--	138	149	--	150
Building & fencing materials	--	570	648	--	--	--	140	159	--	--
Fertilizer 2/	--	159	179	--	--	--	104	117	--	--
Farm supplies	--	317	332	--	--	--	116	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/	1,249	1,249	1,321	1,361	1,361	147	147	156	161	161
PARITY RATIO 6/	75	78	95	89	89	--	--	--	--	--
ADJUSTED PARITY RATIO										
(Prelim.) 7/	80	83	99	93	93	--	--	--	--	--
Production Items, Interest,										
Taxes, and Wage Rates	469	476	553	553	562	132	134	155	155	158
Other Related Indexes										
Prices Received by Farmers	--	--	--	--	--	131	137	191	181	184
Wholesale prices: 8/										
All commodities	--	--	--	--	--	121	123	140	142	--
Industrial commodities	--	--	--	--	--	119	119	128	134	--
Consumers' prices (CPI) 8/	--	--	--	--	--	127	127	136	138	--
Average hourly earnings, mfg.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
production workers 9/	--	--	--	--	--	137	140	146	147	--

1/ Includes 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/ Bureau of Labor Statistics' indexes for month indicated.

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



Average prices received by farmers, by States, December 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.	4.96	1.65	--	2.62	1.52	--	--	--
N. J.	4.30	1.80	--	2.59	--	--	--	5.60
Pa.	4.40	--	--	2.58	1.37	1.94	--	--
Ohio	5.56	1.95	--	2.48	1.41	1.85	--	5.66
Ind.	5.21	1.75	--	2.44	1.28	--	--	5.75
Ill.	5.00	2.13	--	2.49	1.20	--	--	5.71
Mich.	5.60	1.90	--	2.35	1.41	1.90	--	5.73
Wis.	4.66	1.80	--	2.43	1.34	1.97	--	5.58
Minn.	4.58	2.41	--	2.20	1.11	2.01	--	5.65
Iowa	4.64	--	--	2.31	1.13	--	--	5.60
Mo.	4.72	1.90	--	2.41	1.46	--	3.84	5.52
N. Dak.	5.24	2.43	--	2.12	1.08	2.01	--	5.45
S. Dak.	4.61	2.44	--	2.15	1.15	1.89	3.46	5.49
Nebr.	4.46	1.83	--	2.22	1.21	--	3.53	5.42
Kans.	4.66	1.82	--	2.36	1.41	1.78	3.65	5.56
Del.	4.40	2.75	--	2.61	--	2.02	--	5.62
Md.	4.40	2.75	--	2.61	1.38	2.02	--	5.62
Va.	4.02	2.70	--	2.50	1.31	1.88	--	5.69
W. Va.	4.50	--	--	2.40	1.45	1.85	--	--
N. C.	4.00	2.15	--	2.56	1.30	1.70	3.75	5.81
S. C.	4.26	2.50	--	2.55	--	--	--	5.75
Ga.	4.00	2.75	--	2.55	1.46	--	--	5.84
Fla.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Ky.	5.00	2.25	--	2.54	1.45	1.68	--	5.75
Tenn.	4.50	--	--	2.66	--	--	--	5.50
Ala.	4.60	--	--	2.67	1.40	--	3.90	5.60
Miss.	4.70	--	18.50	2.50	1.47	--	3.85	5.70
Ark.	4.50	--	16.00	2.57	1.28	--	3.80	5.64
La.	--	--	16.00	--	--	--	--	5.58
Okla.	4.86	2.28	--	2.61	1.37	1.99	4.00	5.40
Texas	4.52	2.36	15.60	2.61	1.43	1.84	3.89	5.35
Mont.	4.52	--	--	2.58	1.20	2.15	--	--
Idaho	4.55	--	--	--	1.49	2.31	--	--
Wyo.	4.43	2.10	--	2.73	1.45	2.10	--	--
Colo.	4.35	2.05	--	2.45	1.55	2.10	4.04	--
N. Mex.	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.37	--
Ariz.	4.00	--	--	--	--	2.55	4.96	--
Utah	4.28	--	--	--	--	2.30	--	--
Nev.	4.10	--	--	--	--	2.45	--	--
Wash.	5.10	2.60	--	--	1.48	2.46	--	--
Oreg.	4.90	2.85	--	--	1.53	2.40	--	--
Calif.	4.33	--	--	3.02	1.70	2.67	5.02	--
48 States	4.78	2.32	16.10	2.39	1.20	2.19	3.83	5.65
Alaska	--	--	--	--	2.00	3.40	--	--
U. S.	4.78	2.32	16.10	2.39	1.20	2.19	3.83	5.65

  

State	Winter wheat December 15, 1973	Spring wheat, other than Durum December 15, 1973
Dollars per bushel		
Minn.	4.55	4.51
N. Dak.	4.48	4.53
S. Dak.	4.51	4.47
Mont.	4.47	4.39
Idaho	4.57	4.50
Colo.	4.35	4.35

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, BY STATES, December 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.	--	--	--	16.50	--	--	--	--
N. Y.	--	--	--	13.80	--	--	27.60	--
N. J.	--	--	--	12.40	--	--	--	12.70
PA.	--	--	--	11.40	--	--	--	--
OHIO	--	--	96.0	10.90	--	--	--	--
IND.	--	--	96.0	11.60	--	--	--	--
ILL.	--	--	--	9.00	--	--	--	--
MICH.	--	--	--	10.40	--	--	37.40	--
WIS.	--	--	--	12.70	--	--	--	--
MINN.	--	--	--	--	--	8.65	--	--
IOWA	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
MO.	40.0	--	92.5	--	91.00	--	--	--
N. DAK.	--	--	--	--	--	8.65	24.30	--
S. DAK.	--	--	--	--	--	8.65	--	--
NEBR.	--	--	--	--	--	--	21.30	--
KANS.	--	--	--	--	--	--	24.50	--
DEL.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
MD.	--	--	--	12.20	--	--	--	8.85
VA.	--	17.0	88.9	12.30	--	--	--	10.55
W. VA.	--	--	94.0	15.40	--	--	--	--
N. C.	53.0	18.3	95.5	11.50	92.00	--	--	5.00
S. C.	50.0	--	--	--	92.00	--	--	9.45
GA.	56.0	--	--	--	94.00	--	--	10.15
FLA.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
KY.	--	--	95.4	10.30	--	--	--	--
TENN.	40.0	--	94.8	--	95.00	--	--	9.05
ALA.	38.0	16.0	--	--	95.00	--	--	10.50
MISS.	39.5	--	--	--	102.00	--	--	9.50
ARK.	33.5	--	--	--	97.00	--	--	7.40
LA.	43.0	--	--	--	88.00	--	--	7.15
OKLA.	54.5	15.5	--	--	99.00	--	--	--
TEXAS	50.0	15.9	--	--	97.00	--	--	9.80
MONT.	--	--	--	--	--	7.80	22.90	--
IDAHO	--	--	--	13.10	--	--	26.60	--
WYO.	--	--	--	--	--	--	24.40	--
COLO.	--	--	--	9.80	--	--	24.30	--
N. MEX.	54.0	18.0	--	11.00	111.00	--	--	--
ARIZ.	40.0	--	--	--	108.00	--	--	--
UTAH	--	--	--	--	--	--	26.00	--
NEV.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
WASH.	--	--	--	8.70	--	--	29.60	--
OREG.	--	--	--	7.90	--	--	--	--
CALIF.	48.0	--	--	10.00	110.00	--	31.90	13.40
U. S.	47.9	16.5	94.9	10.70	98.70	8.63	30.20	8.11

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, December 15, 1973

State	Hogs	Cows 1/	Steers and Heifers	Beef cattle 2/	Calves	Sheep	Lambs
D o l l a r s							
Maine	--	34.00	38.50	34.30	--	--	--
N. H.	--	33.00	38.50	33.40	--	--	--
Vt.	--	33.00	38.00	33.30	47.00	--	--
Mass.	--	33.50	39.00	33.90	--	--	--
R. I.	--	33.00	39.50	33.30	--	--	--
Conn.	--	33.50	39.50	33.70	--	--	--
N. Y.	39.00	31.50	38.00	32.30	48.50	--	31.40
N. J.	39.40	30.80	38.40	31.70	53.10	--	--
Pa.	40.80	31.80	40.10	35.30	57.70	17.20	34.70
Ohio	39.00	29.80	40.40	37.20	61.50	14.00	34.00
Ind.	38.10	29.20	37.60	36.70	48.80	12.50	31.60
Ill.	38.60	29.00	39.10	37.30	50.00	9.50	33.60
Mich.	39.50	30.50	40.00	35.60	58.10	14.40	34.20
Wis.	37.60	29.30	34.40	30.30	50.70	10.00	31.50
Minn.	37.70	29.30	35.90	33.60	47.50	13.00	35.10
Iowa	37.50	28.90	36.70	35.20	51.60	12.40	33.80
Mo.	38.60	27.40	41.00	38.50	48.70	11.60	33.80
N. Dak.	37.70	29.00	45.10	40.60	55.90	11.50	33.20
S. Dak.	38.60	28.00	40.30	38.80	54.90	12.60	34.70
Nebr.	37.40	29.10	40.20	39.00	52.90	11.00	34.70
Kans..	38.00	27.80	40.70	39.20	49.00	10.20	32.60
Del.	39.30	30.50	40.70	34.70	59.20	--	--
Md.	39.30	30.50	40.70	34.70	59.20	--	--
Va.	39.50	29.30	37.10	33.60	59.80	12.00	35.40
W. Va.	39.40	28.20	40.90	34.70	51.40	13.70	34.90
N. C.	39.50	31.50	36.50	33.90	48.30	--	--
S. C.	33.50	31.40	38.30	34.60	44.20	--	--
Ga.	38.10	32.00	40.50	36.80	49.20	--	--
Fla.	38.40	30.40	38.30	33.50	46.60	--	--
Ky.	39.20	29.80	40.50	37.20	50.40	11.90	34.10
Tenn.	38.50	29.30	39.90	35.90	48.80	7.50	31.10
Ala.	38.70	29.80	39.90	36.40	45.40	--	--
Miss.	39.40	29.30	37.20	33.30	44.90	--	--
Ark.	38.50	31.60	43.70	39.70	52.60	--	--
La.	39.60	31.40	43.10	36.30	50.00	--	--
Okla.	38.50	28.60	44.80	40.90	52.60	9.50	30.30
Texas	38.30	28.10	38.70	38.20	47.00	16.30	35.30
Mont.	37.80	32.70	44.90	39.10	55.50	14.00	34.90
Idaho	38.40	29.20	42.30	40.80	49.50	15.00	37.00
Wyo.	36.70	31.00	44.50	37.90	58.70	11.00	37.40
Colo.	37.10	30.00	40.80	39.90	54.10	12.50	37.10
N. Mex.	--	28.00	39.20	37.90	46.80	14.00	35.80
Ariz.	40.20	29.10	40.40	39.70	47.20	11.80	36.50
Utah	37.50	28.00	37.90	35.20	49.00	14.30	33.80
Nev.	--	27.50	39.50	36.30	50.00	12.00	36.00
Wash.	--	29.10	40.60	39.00	50.20	12.20	35.00
Oreg.	--	27.20	36.50	34.50	45.60	12.80	34.00
Calif.	39.00	30.60	41.10	39.80	50.00	15.00	35.40
48 States	38.10	29.60	39.90	37.70	50.10	13.20	35.20
Alaska	50.00	35.00	45.00	41.00	--	--	--
Hawaii	55.00	29.00	34.00	32.50	--	--	--
U. S.	38.20	29.60	39.90	37.60	50.10	13.20	35.20

1/ Includes cull dairy cows sold for slaughter, but not dairy cows for herd replacement. 2/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined with allowance where necessary for slaughter bulls.

Average prices received by farmers, by States,  
November 1973 and December 1973

State	Milk sold to plants, price per cwt. November 1973						December 1973		
	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	9.65	3.85	--	--	9.65	3.85	9.55	3.85	510
N. H.	9.80	3.91	--	--	9.80	3.91	9.70	3.92	525
Vt.	9.55	3.82	--	--	9.55	3.82	9.45	3.81	550
Mass.	9.80	3.77	--	--	9.80	3.77	9.75	3.79	560
R. I.	9.90	3.81	--	--	9.90	3.81	9.80	3.78	560
Conn.	10.00	3.88	--	--	10.00	3.88	9.90	3.88	560
N. Y.	8.90	3.69	--	--	8.90	3.69	8.80	3.68	550
N. J.	9.20	3.75	--	--	9.20	3.75	9.50	3.77	590
Pa.	9.25	3.81	7.20	3.79	9.20	3.81	9.25	3.82	650
Ohio	9.25	3.79	6.82	3.88	9.05	3.80	9.25	3.86	530
Ind.	9.18	3.88	6.80	3.96	8.87	3.89	9.10	3.93	500
Ill.	8.62	3.82	7.98	3.74	8.48	3.80	8.61	3.82	480
Mich.	8.65	3.77	7.15	3.89	8.55	3.78	8.65	3.81	540
Wis.	8.35	3.87	8.07	3.85	8.24	3.86	8.46	3.84	615
Minn.	8.09	3.80	7.68	3.70	7.83	3.74	7.92	3.71	545
Iowa	8.47	3.88	7.80	3.75	8.05	3.80	8.20	3.80	530
Mo.	8.70	3.77	7.25	3.88	8.22	3.81	8.40	3.87	465
N. Dak.	8.20	3.74	7.95	3.72	8.05	3.73	8.25	3.71	465
S. Dak.	8.20	3.76	7.75	3.70	7.85	3.72	8.00	3.74	475
Nebr.	8.82	3.85	7.82	3.81	8.30	3.83	8.60	3.92	480
Kans.	8.50	3.71	7.65	3.79	8.40	3.72	8.50	3.81	460
Del.	9.10	3.80	--	--	9.10	3.80	9.25	3.86	500
Md.	9.05	3.80	--	--	9.05	3.80	9.20	3.86	500
Va.	9.40	3.74	7.05	4.12	9.15	3.78	9.30	3.81	400
W. Va.	9.30	3.78	5.90	4.34	9.15	3.81	9.45	3.85	335
N. C.	10.40	3.82	7.65	4.51	10.35	3.83	10.45	3.88	315
S. C.	9.60	3.96	--	--	9.60	3.96	10.50	4.03	490
Ga.	9.90	3.73	--	--	9.90	3.73	9.90	3.78	455
Fla.	10.70	3.73	--	--	10.70	3.73	10.85	3.75	550
Ky.	9.10	3.84	7.65	4.20	8.75	3.93	9.05	3.95	450
Tenn.	9.35	3.79	7.65	4.18	9.00	3.87	9.20	3.91	420
Ala.	9.80	3.87	7.00	4.20	9.75	3.88	9.75	3.93	385
Miss.	9.43	3.87	7.41	4.25	9.33	3.89	9.70	3.89	410
Ark.	9.05	3.67	7.30	3.82	8.55	3.72	8.95	3.76	430
La.	9.50	3.81	--	--	9.50	3.81	10.20	3.80	475
Okla.	8.85	3.73	7.30	3.73	8.63	3.73	9.20	3.76	470
Texas	9.40	3.68	--	--	9.40	3.68	9.50	3.74	470
Mont.	7.10	3.82	6.45	3.73	7.04	3.81	7.05	3.87	520
Idaho	7.90	3.89	7.40	3.81	7.55	3.84	7.65	3.92	500
Wyo.	9.30	3.80	--	--	8.45	3.80	8.65	3.88	430
Colo.	9.14	3.80	--	--	9.10	3.80	9.55	3.85	600
N. Mex.	9.10	3.63	--	--	9.10	3.63	9.25	3.72	330
Ariz.	8.95	3.69	--	--	8.95	3.69	9.50	3.75	350
Utah	8.75	3.83	7.55	3.75	8.45	3.81	8.60	3.88	510
Nev.	7.95	3.72	--	--	7.95	3.72	8.10	3.83	500
Wash.	8.28	3.97	--	--	8.28	3.97	8.50	4.04	525
Oreg.	8.70	4.07	7.15	4.60	8.44	4.16	8.53	4.15	500
Calif. 4/	7.95	3.75	6.15	3.90	7.80	3.76	8.00	3.84	590
48 States	8.88	3.79	5/ 7.66	5/ 3.82	8.63	3.80	8.77	3.82	531
Alaska	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	575
Hawaii	12.75	3.51	--	--	12.75	3.51	12.85	3.50	--
U. S.	8.88	3.79	5/ 7.66	5/ 3.82	8.63	3.80	8.78	3.82	531

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, December 15, 1973

State	Turkeys per lb.	Chickens : excluding : broilers : per lb.	Broilers : per lb. : 1/	Eggs : per doz. : 2/	Wool : per lb. : 1/ 3/	Hay, baled, per ton		
						All	Alfalfa	Other
Cents						Dollars		
Maine	--	16.0	4/20.0	67.0	--	--	--	--
N. H.	--	16.0	--	71.0	--	--	--	--
Vt.	--	16.0	--	67.0	--	--	--	--
Mass.	--	16.0	--	73.0	--	--	--	--
R. I.	--	16.0	--	82.0	--	--	--	--
Conn.	--	16.0	4/20.0	84.0	--	--	--	--
N. Y.	--	12.5	--	68.1	--	33.50	36.50	30.50
N. J.	--	20.0	--	72.0	--	54.50	58.00	48.00
Pa.	40.0	23.0	28.5	63.7	41.0	42.00	48.00	36.00
Ohio	43.0	15.0	4/19.0	62.1	50.0	42.00	43.00	35.00
Ind.	4/38.0	13.0	4/25.0	58.2	52.0	34.00	36.50	30.50
Ill.	41.0	12.5	--	60.9	44.0	32.00	34.50	28.50
Mich.	39.0	13.0	--	58.8	50.0	31.00	32.00	26.50
Wis.	37.0	19.5	20.5	61.0	58.0	29.50	30.50	25.00
Minn.	40.0	7.5	--	55.2	60.0	27.00	28.00	21.50
Iowa	40.0	9.5	--	53.2	56.0	31.00	32.00	27.50
Mo.	42.0	18.5	19.0	68.0	64.0	37.50	42.50	35.00
N. Dak.	--	8.0	--	41.9	56.0	32.00	36.00	28.00
S. Dak.	53.0	10.0	--	41.4	68.0	33.00	35.50	28.50
Nebr.	40.0	9.0	--	43.0	58.0	34.50	35.50	33.00
Kans.	--	10.5	--	49.0	87.0	46.00	50.00	39.50
Del.	--	16.0	4/18.0	76.7	--	44.00	50.00	41.00
Md.	--	16.0	4/18.0	76.7	--	44.00	50.00	41.00
Va.	33.0	15.5	4/20.5	71.8	--	41.50	49.50	40.50
W. Va.	31.0	14.0	17.5	70.0	--	37.50	44.50	35.50
N. C.	41.0	20.5	4/19.0	70.8	--	45.00	49.00	45.00
S. C.	37.0	14.5	4/18.5	65.0	--	--	--	--
Ga.	37.0	17.5	4/18.0	69.5	--	39.50	--	39.50
Fla.	--	13.0	18.0	57.6	--	44.00	--	--
Ky.	--	15.0	--	64.0	59.0	35.50	41.00	33.00
Tenn.	--	17.5	4/18.0	65.7	--	34.50	43.50	33.50
Ala.	--	14.0	4/18.5	67.6	--	35.00	--	35.00
Miss.	--	18.0	4/18.5	71.4	--	39.50	48.00	37.00
Ark.	40.0	15.0	4/19.5	73.9	--	37.00	44.00	36.00
La.	--	17.0	20.0	67.5	--	38.50	49.00	38.00
Okla.	--	12.0	23.0	65.0	55.0	42.50	49.00	35.50
Texas	42.0	21.0	19.0	63.8	97.0	39.00	54.00	37.00
Mont.	--	--	--	67.6	85.0	59.50	60.00	57.00
Idaho	--	--	--	61.6	65.0	51.00	51.00	49.00
Wyo.	--	13.0	--	63.8	80.0	46.00	46.50	45.00
Colo.	--	--	--	71.0	97.0	45.50	45.50	45.50
N. Mex.	--	--	--	70.6	65.0	55.50	57.00	40.00
Ariz.	--	12.5	--	60.0	60.0	46.50	47.00	39.00
Utah	46.0	--	--	59.0	79.0	42.50	43.50	37.50
Nev.	--	--	--	61.0	62.0	61.00	64.00	55.00
Wash.	4/47.0	12.0	25.0	57.7	65.0	70.50	72.00	62.00
Oreg.	4/49.0	15.0	27.0	59.3	60.0	66.00	71.50	55.50
Calif.	40.0	12.0	23.0	59.4	93.0	68.00	69.00	60.00
48 States	5/40.7	15.9	5/19.3	63.8	75.7	46.10	49.40	39.50
Alaska	--	--	--	95.0	--	--	--	--
Hawaii	--	21.5	45.0	76.0	--	--	--	--
U. S.	5/40.7	15.9	5/19.3	63.8	75.7	46.10	49.40	39.50

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/ Liveweight equivalent price. 5/ Includes data for some States not shown separately.

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

State	Alfalfa	Red Clover	Timothy	Lespedeza
Dollars				
N. Y.	--	--	--	--
N. J.	--	--	--	--
Pa.	--	--	--	--
Ohio	--	57.70	20.50	--
Ind.	--	56.00	--	40.00
Ill.	--	53.00	--	30.00
Mich.	--	55.50	--	--
Wis.	--	61.00	--	--
Minn.	--	50.00	31.00	--
Iowa	--	54.00	32.00	--
Mo.	--	52.50	24.50	29.00
N. Dak.	--	--	--	--
S. Dak.	83.00	--	--	--
Nebr.	81.50	--	--	--
Kans.	68.00	45.00	--	30.00
Del.	--	--	--	--
Md.	--	--	--	--
Va.	--	--	--	--
W. Va.	--	--	--	--
N. C.	--	--	--	--
S. C.	--	--	--	43.00
Ga.	--	--	--	35.00
Fla.	--	--	--	--
Ky.	--	71.00	--	38.00
Tenn.	--	--	--	41.50
Ala.	--	--	--	--
Miss.	--	--	--	--
Ark.	--	--	--	35.00
La.	--	--	--	--
Okla.	56.50	--	--	--
Tex.	--	--	--	--
Mont.	92.00	--	--	--
Idaho	112.50	91.50	--	--
Wyo.	--	--	--	--
Colo.	--	--	--	--
N. Mex.	--	--	--	--
Ariz.	101.00	--	--	--
Utah	98.00	--	--	--
Nev.	100.00	--	--	--
Wash.	114.00	97.00	--	--
Oreg.	108.50	82.00	--	--
Calif.	86.50	--	--	--
U. S.	97.30	68.90	30.60	35.80

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

State	Dollars	State	Dollars
Maine	4.50	North Carolina	--
New York-All	5.65	Florida	--
Long Island	5.65	Alabama	--
Upstate	5.65	Texas	5.50
New Jersey	6.60	Montana	7.25
Pennsylvania	5.40	Idaho	2.65
Ohio	5.75	Colorado	3.64
Indiana	6.40	New Mexico	2.35
Michigan	6.30	Arizona	--
Wisconsin	5.50	Utah	2.90
Minnesota	3.05	Washington	2.25
North Dakota	4.00	Oregon	2.45
Nebraska	3.60	California-All	4.87
Delaware	--	Winter 1974	5.70
Virginia	--	Late Spring	--
		Early Summer	--
		Late Summer	--
		Fall 1973	4.70
		United States	3.73

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

Tobacco - Class	Type	December 1972	December 1973 1/	Tobacco - Class	Type	Dec. 1972	Dec. 1973 1/
		Cents				Cents	
Fire-cured				Total Ky. - Tenn. dark			
Virginia Belt	21	63.0	75.5	air-cured	35-36	50.1	62.2
Total light				Virginia Sun-cured Belt	37	57.6	68.0
air-cured	31	78.8	95.8				
Total One Sucker	35	51.6	62.0				
Green River Belt (Ky)	36	47.2	63.0	Total dark air-cured	35-37	50.5	63.4
				United States	11-37	77.4	94.9

1/ Prices by States are shown on page 10.

Peanut - area	Dec. 15, 1972	Dec. 15, 1973 1/	Peanut - area	Dec. 15, 1972	Dec. 15, 1973 1/
Virginia-Carolina	14.1	17.8	Southwest	14.4	15.7
Southeast	--	16.0	United States	14.3	16.5

1/ Prices by States are shown on page 10.

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

State	Cents	State	Cents
Minnesota	76.0	Nebraska	57.0
Iowa	73.0	Kansas	62.0
Missouri	64.0	Montana	71.0
North Dakota	69.0		
South Dakota	72.0	United States	68.0

CITRUS FRUIT: Average prices and equivalent returns per box received by growers, by utilization, December 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							
<b>ORANGES:</b>							
Florida	5.30	2.38	3.40	2.25	1.34	2.40	1.20
Early and Mids. Valencias	5.30	2.38	3.40	2.25	1.34	2.40	1.20
Texas	4.40	1.46	1.56	1.35	1.01	1.11	-.90
Early Mids.	4.40	1.46	1.56	1.35	1.01	1.11	-.90
Arizona	6.70	3.78	4.35	.30	2.63	3.20	-.85
Navels and Misc. Valencias	6.70	3.78	4.35	.30	2.63	3.20	-.85
California	7.45	4.21	5.10	.28	3.06	3.95	-.87
Navels Valencias	7.45	4.21	5.10	.28	3.06	3.95	-.87
California-Arizona							
Navels and Misc. Valencias						3.91	
U. S.	6.09	2.44	3.49	2.16	1.44	2.57	1.15
<b>GRAPEFRUIT:</b>							
Florida	5.49	2.57	3.64	1.97	1.77	2.89	1.14
White Seedless	5.05	2.67	3.20	2.10	1.87	2.45	1.25
Pink Seedless	6.25	3.39	4.40	1.45	2.59	3.65	.55
Other than Seedless	5.00	2.02	3.20	2.00	1.22	2.45	1.20
Texas	5.70	2.10	2.41	1.10	1.75	2.06	.75
Arizona	5.10	2.62	2.80	.85	1.92	2.10	.15
California							
Desert Valleys							
Other Areas							
California-Arizona							
Desert Valleys							
U. S.	5.50	2.45	3.10	1.86	1.77	2.52	1.09
<b>LEMONS:</b>							
Arizona	11.70	4.69	8.40	2.10	3.29	7.00	-.70
California	11.50	5.25	8.20	2.10	3.85	6.80	-.70
U. S.	11.60	4.92	8.31	2.10	3.52	6.91	-.70
<b>TEMPLES:</b>							
Florida							
<b>TANGERINES:</b>							
Florida	7.50	4.02	5.00	1.20	2.20	3.30	-.95
Arizona	8.00	4.93	5.50	.40	3.63	4.20	-.90
California	10.10	4.99	7.60	.40	3.69	6.30	-.90
U. S.	7.71	4.12	5.21	1.10	2.36	3.55	-.94

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.



Cotton Lint, American Upland: Average price per pound received by farmers, by States, crops of 1971 and 1972 1/

State	1971	1972	State	1971	1972
Cents			Cents		
Illinois	26.00	28.0	Mississippi	27.64	29.2
Missouri	26.05	28.3	Arkansas	27.73	28.6
Virginia	28.80	23.0	Louisiana	28.16	28.4
N. Carolina	29.26	31.6	Oklahoma	28.37	25.9
S. Carolina	29.11	29.4	Texas	26.57	23.0
Georgia	29.28	28.9	N. Mexico	29.97	30.2
Florida	30.80	28.7	Arizona	29.95	29.3
Kentucky	27.50	27.5	Nevada	30.50	33.4
Tennessee	27.70	27.6	California	31.55	31.2
Alabama	28.05	27.9	U. S.	28.07	27.2

1/ Includes an allowance for unredeemed loans, by States. Price based on 480 lb. net weight bale.

Cotton Lint: Average price per pound received by farmers, American-Pima, by States, and by kinds, United States, crops of 1971 and 1972 1/

Year	American-Pima					American upland	All cotton
	Texas	New Mexico	Arizona	California	United States		
Cents							
1971	45.7	45.3	43.9	43.5	44.8	28.07	28.23
1972	49.7	46.8	41.3	41.0	44.9	27.2	27.3

1/ Includes an allowance for unredeemed loans, by States. Price based on 480 lb. net weight bale.

Local market commodity-feed price ratios, United States, December 15, 1973  
with comparisons 1/

Commodity-feed Price Ratio	December	December	November	December
	15 1971	15 1972	15 1973	15 1973
Hog-corn: Bushels of corn equal in value to 100 - lbs. of hog, liveweight United States	18.2	20.8	18.5	16.0
North Central States	18.5	21.1	18.8	16.1
Egg-feed: Pounds of laying feed equal in value to 1 dozen eggs	8.2	8.5	8.6	8.5
Broiler-feed: Pounds of broiler grower equal in value to 1 lb. broiler liveweight 1/	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.3
Turkey-feed: Pounds of turkey grower equal in value to 1 lb. turkey, liveweight	5.1	4.4	5.3	4.9
Milk-feed: Pounds concentrate ration equal in value to 1 lb. whole milk 1/	1.85	1.64	1.61	2/1.52

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, December 1973 with comparisons 1/

Region	Milk-feed price ratios 2/			All milk price per cwt.			Ration value 3/		
	December 1972	November 1973	December 1973	December 1972	November 1973	December 1973	December 1972	November 1973	December 1973
	P o u n d s			D o l l a r s					
N. Atl.	1.51	1.54	1.42	7.08	9.16	9.12	4.69	5.93	6.41
E. N. Cent.	1.70	1.67	1.55	6.30	8.46	8.65	3.71	5.06	5.58
W. N. Cent.	1.74	1.75	1.66	5.86	8.02	8.14	3.36	4.58	4.91
S. Atl.	1.69	1.70	1.59	7.56	9.79	9.96	4.48	5.75	6.25
S. Cent.	1.66	1.61	1.56	7.13	9.12	9.42	4.29	5.68	6.03
West.	1.61	1.38	1.39	6.20	8.01	8.22	3.85	5.80	5.92
U. S.	1.64	1.61	1.52	6.53	8.63	8.78	3.97	5.36	5.76

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,  
with comparisons

	December 1972	November 1973	December 1973
Parity equivalent	6.58	7.69	7.78
Average price-f.o.b. plants	5.53	7.66	2/7.81
Average fat test of milk	3.83	3.82	2/3.81

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,  
December 15, 1973, with comparisons

Commodity and unit	1972			1973		
	Oct. 15	Nov. 15	Dec. 15	Oct. 15	Nov. 15	Dec. 15
	D o l l a r s					
Alfalfa hay, baled, per ton	39.6	40.7	43.5	59.1	62.6	62.9
Other hay, baled, per ton	36.4	37.5	40.8	46.7	49.0	49.7
Cottonseed meal, 41 pct., 100 lb.	6.07	6.46	7.71	11.5	10.8	11.3
Soybean meal, 44 pct., 100 lb.	6.91	7.39	8.95	13.3	11.2	11.9
Bran, per 100 lb.	4.17	4.46	4.95	6.30	6.57	7.14
Middlings, per 100 lb.	4.23	4.48	5.02	6.37	6.57	7.16
Corn meal, per 100 lb.	3.67	3.73	4.06	5.86	5.76	6.11
Laying feed, per ton	90	92	102	144	138	150
Broiler grower feed, per ton	100	102	112	163	155	165
Turkey grower, per ton	101	102	110	170	158	167
Chick starter feed, per ton	105	108	118	169	158	173
Dairy feed						
14 pct. protein, per ton	76	78	83	116	118	122
16 pct. protein, per ton	82	85	93	123	124	132
18 pct. protein, per ton	85	89	98	128	129	137
20 pct. protein, per ton	89	92	103	134	134	143
32 pct. protein, per ton	120	126	135	183	174	186
40 pct. and over, per ton	132	136	148	201	191	207
Hog feed, 14-18 pct., 100 lb.	4.86	5.04	5.43	7.59	7.41	7.89
Hog feed, over 29 pct., 100 lb.	7.75	8.15	9.08	12.6	11.3	12.50
Cattle feed, 30% and over, 100 lb.	5.25	5.40	5.90	7.70	7.66	8.23
	INDEX NUMBERS (1967=100)					
Feed, prices paid by farmers	110	113	126	176	172	184

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

Commodity and unit	1972			1973		
	Oct. 15	Nov. 15	Dec. 15	Oct. 15	Nov. 15	Dec. 15
Feeders and stockers:						
Cattle and calves, 100 lb.	Dol. 40.9	41.1	39.8	49.5	47.7	43.9
Lambs, per 100 lb.	" 28.7	29.9	30.6	34.2	36.7	37.8
Pigs, per 100 lb. 1/	" 54.3	51.5	49.7	73.9	76.2	67.9
Baby chicks, per 100	" 11.1	11.1	11.1	14.1	13.9	13.6
Turkey poults, each	Ct. .550	.539	.551	.678	.650	.640
	INDEX NUMBERS (1967=100)					
All livestock	155	156	152	190	184	171

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,  
December 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
Maine	8.00	8.10	--	--	7.10	--	--	--
N. H.	8.00	--	--	12.00	7.20	--	--	--
Vt.	8.00	8.10	--	12.00	7.20	--	--	--
Mass.	8.00	8.10	--	--	7.20	--	--	--
R. I.	8.00	8.10	--	--	7.20	--	--	--
Conn.	8.00	--	--	--	7.20	--	--	--
N. Y.	7.20	7.40	11.00	12.00	6.40	7.80	12.50	8.10
N. J.	7.70	--	13.50	13.50	6.80	8.00	--	8.40
Pa.	7.20	7.30	11.50	11.30	6.30	7.60	12.50	8.40
Ohio	7.70	7.70	12.50	12.00	5.80	8.30	12.50	10.00
Ind.	7.80	7.50	12.00	12.50	5.80	8.60	13.50	10.00
Ill.	7.40	7.50	11.00	12.00	5.20	8.50	12.80	8.70
Mich.	7.90	8.10	12.00	12.00	5.60	7.80	12.50	10.00
Wis.	7.10	7.20	13.00	11.50	5.20	7.60	--	9.00
Minn.	6.90	6.80	12.00	11.00	4.80	8.00	12.80	8.80
Iowa	7.50	7.40	12.50	11.70	4.85	8.40	12.70	9.40
Mo.	6.70	6.90	11.00	12.00	5.40	7.40	12.00	8.00
N. Dak.	6.70	6.50	--	12.00	4.90	--	--	--
S. Dak.	6.80	6.50	--	11.50	4.55	--	--	--
Nebr.	6.70	6.70	12.50	12.00	4.80	8.20	12.50	8.20
Kans.	6.20	6.30	11.50	12.50	5.70	7.80	12.00	7.80
Md. - Del.	7.40	7.20	12.00	11.50	6.10	8.10	12.00	9.30
Va.	7.50	7.60	11.50	12.00	6.40	8.00	12.00	--
W. Va.	7.50	8.10	11.50	12.00	6.70	7.70	12.00	--
N. C.	6.70	6.70	11.50	12.50	6.10	7.60	12.00	--
S. C.	6.40	7.00	12.00	11.50	6.80	7.90	12.00	--
Ga.	7.40	7.70	11.00	12.50	6.50	7.80	12.00	--
Fla.	8.30	8.50	11.50	11.50	7.00	--	--	--
Ky.	7.10	7.60	11.00	12.00	5.30	8.20	12.20	8.60
Tenn.	6.70	7.30	10.50	12.00	6.10	7.80	12.50	8.50
Ala.	7.00	7.50	10.50	11.00	6.00	7.80	11.50	--
Miss.	6.70	7.70	9.50	11.00	6.30	8.00	11.50	--
Ark.	6.50	6.70	9.80	14.00	6.20	7.30	12.00	7.00
La.	6.50	8.00	11.00	12.50	7.00	8.00	12.50	8.20
Okla.	6.70	6.80	10.50	12.00	6.30	--	--	--
Tex.	7.10	7.20	10.40	13.00	6.60	--	--	--
Mont.	5.80	5.20	11.00	13.00	5.80	--	---	--
Idaho	6.10	6.00	11.00	15.50	6.70	--	--	--
Wyo.	6.80	7.00	12.00	16.00	6.60	--	--	--
Colo.	6.70	6.60	11.00	13.00	6.30	--	--	--
N. Mex.	7.30	7.50	11.00	16.50	7.70	--	--	--
Ariz.	8.20	--	8.30	16.00	--	--	--	--
Utah	5.50	5.40	11.00	11.50	6.30	--	--	--
Nev.	8.00	--	14.00	19.00	8.50	--	--	--
Wash.	7.00	6.60	14.50	15.00	7.00	--	--	--
Oreg.	7.30	6.50	11.50	14.00	7.20	--	--	--
Calif.	7.10	7.10	10.50	14.00	7.10	--	--	--
U. S.	7.14	7.16	11.30	11.90	6.11	7.89	12.50	8.23

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

State	Dairy feed, percent protein					
	14	16	18	20	32	40 and over
	D o l l a r s					
Maine	135	135	138	140	--	--
N. H.	--	135	138	140	--	--
Vt.	135	135	138	140	--	--
Mass.	--	135	138	140	--	--
R. I.	--	135	138	140	--	--
Conn.	--	135	138	140	--	--
N. Y.	138	134	137	139	156	167
N. J.	--	136	139	140	161	176
Pa.	142	142	140	148	185	205
Ohio	136	152	155	166	200	210
Ind.	132	141	145	--	200	220
Ill.	130	140	145	155	195	210
Mich.	124	128	137	155	198	220
Wis.	115	120	125	155	190	210
Minn.	109	119	127	140	186	210
Iowa	135	140	--	146	205	220
Mo.	122	126	133	133	171	184
N. Dak.	--	122	--	--	134	210
S. Dak.	128	132	--	--	215	210
Nebr.	127	130	--	--	194	205
Kans.	120	135	--	145	--	215
Md.-Del.	133	131	136	142	189	198
Va.	140	143	144	146	182	205
W. Va.	--	145	147	151	--	--
N. C.	119	133	139	147	169	196
S. C.	--	132	145	151	180	--
Ga.	124	135	136	149	169	190
Fla.	111	125	136	145	--	170
Ky.	117	129	138	153	193	198
Tenn.	106	133	143	152	194	197
Ala.	--	134	136	137	150	158
Miss.	122	127	134	138	--	--
Ark.	122	127	--	--	--	--
La.	--	127	135	140	--	--
Okla.	119	127	134	140	--	205
Tex.	127	132	137	--	155	185
Mont.	120	133	--	--	--	--
Idaho	123	128	--	--	147	186
Wyo.	126	126	--	--	173	220
Colo.	145	145	--	--	185	190
N. Mex.	140	140	--	--	--	180
Ariz.	125	130	--	--	--	160
Utah	125	125	--	--	--	--
Nev.	113	145	--	--	--	--
Wash.	122	127	--	--	--	--
Oreg.	128	130	--	--	--	--
Calif.	115	122	130	--	--	--
Hawaii	--	164	--	169	--	--
U. S.	122	132	137	143	186	207

Feed: Average price per ton paid by farmers for poultry feed and poultry feed price ratios, by States, December 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	135	175	--	9.9	2.3	--
N. H.	160	140	--	--	10.1	--	--
Vt.	160	135	--	--	9.9	--	--
Mass.	155	135	--	--	10.8	--	--
R. I.	155	135	--	--	12.1	--	--
Conn.	155	135	175	--	12.4	2.3	--
N. Y.	165	148	175	178	9.2	--	--
N. J.	164	142	171	180	10.1	--	--
Pa.	169	159	170	173	8.0	3.4	4.6
Ohio	185	165	169	187	7.5	2.2	4.6
Ind.	175	152	160	161	7.7	3.1	4.7
Ill.	185	170	165	195	7.2	--	4.2
Mich.	200	149	181	184	7.9	--	4.2
Wis.	180	150	170	180	8.1	2.4	4.1
Minn.	180	157	134	148	7.0	--	5.4
Iowa	185	174	167	145	6.1	--	5.5
Mo.	177	148	162	164	9.2	2.3	5.1
N. Dak.	195	171	--	175	4.9	--	--
S. Dak.	192	151	--	148	5.5	--	7.2
Nebr.	184	156	--	198	5.5	--	4.0
Kans.	175	155	--	--	6.1	--	--
Md. - Del.	182	143	177	189	10.7	2.0	--
Va.	181	149	181	172	9.6	2.3	3.8
W. Va.	185	158	165	172	8.9	2.1	3.6
N. C.	166	160	157	162	8.8	2.4	5.1
S. C.	174	148	170	170	8.8	2.2	4.4
Ga.	165	142	147	179	9.8	2.4	4.1
Fla.	175	151	160	182	7.6	2.2	--
Ky.	189	159	--	--	8.1	--	--
Tenn.	192	156	176	--	8.4	2.0	--
Ala.	163	148	165	163	9.1	2.2	--
Miss.	178	163	165	--	8.8	2.2	--
Ark.	166	130	170	156	11.4	2.3	5.1
La.	169	145	153	--	9.3	2.6	--
Okla.	166	149	163	165	8.7	2.8	--
Texas	175	145	175	180	8.8	2.2	4.7
Mont.	195	173	--	205	7.8	--	--
Idaho	170	145	--	195	8.5	--	--
Wyo.	195	188	--	--	6.8	--	--
Colo.	190	170	--	180	8.4	--	--
N. Mex.	185	160	--	--	8.8	--	--
Ariz.	180	155	--	--	7.7	--	--
Utah	180	160	--	210	7.4	--	4.4
Nev.	--	182	--	215	6.7	--	--
Wash.	170	146	177	180	7.9	2.8	5.2
Oreg.	200	159	180	156	7.5	3.0	6.3
Calif.	165	135	175	170	8.8	2.6	4.7
Hawaii	187	162	220	--	9.4	4.1	--
U. S.	173	150	165	167	8.5	2.3	4.9

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.

Feed: Annual average prices paid by farmers, United States,  
1968-73

Commodity and unit	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
D o l l a r s						
Alfalfa hay, baled, per ton	32.9	34.1	34.7	37.6	40.2	51.7
Other hay, baled, per ton	31.2	31.7	33.0	35.0	36.7	44.1
Cottonseed meal, 41 pct., 100 lb.	5.24	4.98	5.40	5.54	5.97	10.9
Soybean meal, 44 pct., 100 lb.	5.34	5.27	5.62	5.68	6.62	14.0
Bran, per 100 lb.	3.46	3.51	3.73	4.01	4.13	5.87
Middlings, per 100 lb.	3.55	3.61	3.81	4.09	4.17	5.88
Corn meal, per 100 lb.	3.16	3.28	3.50	3.72	3.61	5.11
Laying feed, per ton	80	80	84	87	88	137
Broiler grower feed, per ton	89	90	95	98	98	152
Turkey grower, per ton	87	89	94	96	98	158
Chick starter feed, per ton	93	94	99	101	104	163
Dairy feed						
14 pct. protein, per ton	67	67	70	73	75	103
16 pct. protein, per ton	72	71	75	79	80	113
18 pct. protein, per ton	75	74	78	81	84	120
20 pct. protein, per ton	78	78	82	85	87	126
32 pct. protein, per ton	98	99	104	109	117	179
40 pct. and over, per ton	109	108	115	119	127	198
Hog feed, 14-18 pct., 100 lb.	4.38	4.43	4.60	4.75	4.82	7.09
Hog feed, over 29 pct., 100 lb.	6.31	6.36	6.74	6.76	7.50	13.2
Cattle feed, 30% and over, 100 lb.	4.73	4.67	4.86	4.99	5.16	7.40
Stock salt, per 100 lb.	1.74	1.78	1.88	2.00	2.09	2.24
	INDEX NUMBERS (1967=100)					
Feed, prices paid by farmers	95	97	102	106	108	164

1/ Revised.

Livestock: Annual average prices paid by farmers, United States,  
1968-73

Commodity	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
D o l l a r s						
Feeders and stockers:						
Cattle and calves, 100 lb.	25.8	29.4	30.5	32.0	38.2	49.3
Lambs, per 100 lb.	24.2	26.9	26.3	24.3	29.5	36.8
Pigs, per 100 lb. 1/	33.0	39.2	42.9	29.6	50.8	72.7
Baby chicks, per 100	11.7	11.8	11.7	11.4	11.3	13.1
Turkey poults, each	.545	.547	.552	.564	.567	.609
	INDEX NUMBERS (1967=100)					
All livestock	104	117	121	125	147	188

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

Gasoline, regular: Average price per gallon paid by farmers,  
by States, quarterly, December 1972 - September 1973

State	At filling stations				From tank trucks			
	Dec.	1973			Dec.	1973		
	15	Mar.	June	Sept.	15	Mar.	June	Sept.
	1972	15	15	15	1972	15	15	15
	C e n t s							
Mass.	37.7	37.8	40.0	40.0	33.9	33.8	35.0	35.0
N. Y.	37.7	37.7	39.2	40.0	34.0	34.0	35.7	36.0
N. J.	36.6	36.6	37.8	37.8	31.1	31.1	33.0	34.0
Pa.	36.6	36.8	37.8	37.8	32.0	31.1	33.1	33.0
Ohio	35.9	35.9	38.7	37.0	33.0	33.0	35.0	35.0
Ind.	36.8	37.8	40.7	40.8	33.0	33.9	34.0	34.9
Ill.	37.2	38.2	39.9	39.3	31.8	31.0	31.0	33.0
Mich.	36.0	38.9	42.0	41.0	31.1	32.4	35.2	35.0
Wis.	34.0	35.8	37.7	37.1	32.0	32.0	34.0	34.0
Minn.	34.7	35.7	37.7	37.8	30.0	30.8	33.0	33.0
Iowa	36.1	37.1	39.1	38.1	31.0	32.0	33.0	33.0
Mo.	31.4	33.4	34.3	34.3	30.1	31.2	33.0	33.8
N. Dak.	37.5	37.6	38.7	38.6	32.1	31.8	33.0	33.8
S. Dak.	36.8	36.8	38.5	39.0	31.1	32.1	33.1	34.0
Nebr.	37.6	38.6	40.0	40.6	32.0	32.3	34.6	35.6
Kans.	35.6	35.7	37.5	37.7	30.8	30.8	33.7	33.0
Md.-Del.	35.0	36.0	37.0	38.0	32.0	33.0	33.0	34.0
Va.	36.0	36.0	37.0	37.0	33.0	33.0	34.0	34.0
W. Va.	37.8	38.7	39.5	38.7	30.1	31.8	32.8	32.0
N. C.	36.9	36.9	38.8	37.0	32.0	32.0	33.0	34.0
S. C.	36.0	36.0	38.0	38.0	31.0	31.0	32.0	32.0
Ga.	35.8	36.8	37.8	37.9	30.0	30.0	32.0	32.0
Fla.	35.3	35.2	37.1	38.1	31.8	32.0	32.8	32.8
Ky.	37.0	37.0	38.0	38.2	33.0	33.0	34.0	34.1
Tenn.	35.0	36.0	37.0	37.0	31.0	32.0	32.0	31.0
Ala.	34.8	35.8	36.8	37.0	30.0	31.0	31.0	31.9
Miss.	36.8	37.8	39.7	39.7	31.0	31.0	32.9	33.8
Ark.	33.9	33.9	35.8	35.9	29.9	29.9	31.9	32.8
La.	34.7	34.8	36.6	37.0	30.0	30.0	31.0	31.0
Okla.	33.3	34.0	36.0	36.3	28.6	29.3	30.5	30.5
Tex.	31.9	32.0	32.1	33.2	26.8	26.8	27.8	28.0
Mont.	37.7	37.7	38.7	39.0	32.0	32.1	34.0	33.2
Idaho	37.7	37.9	40.0	38.8	33.0	33.0	34.0	34.0
Wyo.	38.0	39.0	42.0	41.0	32.0	33.0	34.0	34.0
Colo.	35.5	37.8	39.5	37.8	31.1	32.0	33.1	33.0
N. Mex.	35.0	35.0	35.0	37.0	31.0	31.0	32.0	32.0
Ariz.	35.5	37.5	37.5	38.0	31.0	31.0	33.0	33.5
Utah	35.6	36.4	38.0	39.0	30.8	31.6	31.6	34.6
Nev.	44.0	42.0	43.0	44.0	36.0	35.0	36.0	36.0
Wash.	36.2	37.2	38.8	40.2	32.8	32.8	33.8	36.2
Oreg.	35.7	36.7	37.7	37.0	31.9	31.9	32.9	33.0
Calif.	37.2	38.3	40.8	40.5	31.0	33.1	33.1	33.0
U. S.	35.7	36.4	38.0	37.9	31.1	31.5	32.8	33.1



LP GAS PRICES INCREASE

The cost to farmers for gallon purchases of liquid petroleum gas averaged 8 percent higher during the summer of 1973 than for the same period a year earlier, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The annual survey of U. S. farms (excluding Alaska and Hawaii) indicated that 96 percent of all farm LP gas purchases were by the gallon. Purchases by the gallon averaged 16.9 cents per gallon. Volume per purchase increased 5 percent from a year earlier. Per pound prices, at 8.4 cents, were 2 percent above a year earlier.

Both the percent and number of farms using LP gas increased this year. In 1973, nearly 53 percent of all U. S. farms were using LP gas compared to 51 percent a year earlier. - Although the total number of farms continues to decline, 2 percent more farms were using LP gas than in 1972.

LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS: Number of farms using and prices paid by farmers for gallon and pound purchases by States, geographic divisions and United States, 1973 1/

State and division	Farms using LP Gas	Average price		State and division	Farms using LP Gas	Average price	
		Per Gallon	Per Pound			Per Gallon	Per Pound
	Number (000)	Cents			Number (000)	Cents	
Maine	---	---	---	N. C.	43	19.5	7.8
N. H.	---	---	---	S. C.	18	22.0	8.3
Vt.	---	---	---	Ga.	50	21.0	---
Mass.	---	---	---	Fla.	20	20.5	8.3
R. I.	---	---	---				
Conn.	---	---	---	Ky.	51	21.0	9.3
N. Eng.	10	21.2	10.4	Tenn.	34	20.0	---
N. Y.	23	21.0	8.8	Ala.	47	20.0	---
N. J.	4	19.5	9.0	Miss.	65	19.5	---
Pa.	17	19.5	10.2				
				Ark.	50	17.0	---
Ohio	39	17.0	10.8	La.	30	16.0	---
Ind.	57	17.5	8.8	Okla.	65	14.0	---
Ill.	84	17.5	9.2	Texas	159	15.0	---
Mich.	26	19.0	9.8				
Wis.	54	18.2	9.0	Mont.	11	19.0	---
				Idaho	7	19.5	---
Minn.	63	16.5	7.0	Wyo.	5	17.5	---
Iowa	96	16.0	8.5	Colo.	21	16.0	---
Mo.	99	16.0	9.0	N. Mex.	8	15.0	---
N. Dak.	19	17.0	6.0	Ariz.	3	17.0	---
S. Dak.	26	16.0	7.0	Utah	3	---	---
Nebr.	49	14.5	8.0	Nev.	2	---	---
Kans.	61	13.0	8.5				
				Wash.	4	---	---
Del.	2	---	6.5	Oreg.	4	---	---
Md.	8	---	7.3	Calif.	30	21.0	---
Va.	16	---	10.8				
W. Va.	6	20.0	9.0	U. S.	1,489	16.9	8.4

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

Indexes of local market prices, 1973 with comparisons  
(1967=100)

Indexes	1972 Average	1973				Average
		Low		High		
		Index	Month First: recorded	Index	Month first: recorded	
<b>Prices received by farmers</b>						
All farm products	126	144	Jan.	207	Aug.	172
All crops	115	131	Jan.	195	Aug.	164
Food grains	109	137	Feb.	322	Dec.	212
Feed grains and hay	105	125	Feb.	209	Aug.	162
Feed Grains	101	120	Feb.	215	Aug.	161
Cotton	127	104	Feb.	213	Dec.	149
Tobacco	123	127	Jan.	136	Dec.	129
Oil-bearing crops	116	138	Jan.	286	June	209
Fruit	115	118	Jan.	144	Oct.	131
Fresh market 1/	122	116	July	158	June	138
Com. Vegetables	116	112	Oct.	164	Apr.	137
Fresh market	131	126	Sept.	202	Apr.	162
Potatoes, etc. 2/	121	147	Jan.	330	July	208
<b>Livestock and products</b>						
Meat animals	147	167	Jan.	253	Aug.	198
Dairy products	120	124	May	169	Dec.	138
Poultry and eggs	103	136	Feb.	235	Aug.	175
Wool	90	137	Jan.	245	Mar.	204
<b>Prices paid, interest, taxes, and wage rates</b>						
	127	134	Jan.	153	Dec.	145
<b>Prices paid by farmers</b>						
Family maintenance	124	129	Jan.	146	Nov.	138
Farm production	122	132	Jan.	157	Aug.	146
Feed	108	135	Jan.	195	Aug.	164
Livestock	147	166	Jan.	224	Aug.	188
Fertilizer	104	112	Apr.	117	Sept.	114
Seed	130	156	Apr.	197	Sept.	176
Interest 3/	151					165
Taxes 3/	152					161
Wages rates	142	146	Jan.	161	Oct.	155
<b>Farm production, interest, taxes, and wage rates</b>						
	128	137	Jan.	158	Aug.	149

1/ Fresh market for non-citrus and fresh market and processing for citrus.

2/ Includes sweetpotatoes and dry edible beans.

3/ Annual index.

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