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THE INDEX OF PRICES PAID BY FARMERS, INCLUDING
INTEREST, TAXES, AND FARM WAGE RATES 1/

One of the important indicators of changing economic conditions affecting American agriculture is the Index of Prices Paid by Farmers, including Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates--commonly known as the Parity Index. This index measures the average change in prices paid for commodities and services commonly bought by farm families.

The Parity Index is made up of five major components. In terms of farm expenditures, the two most important components are the index of prices paid for commodities used in farm production and the index of prices paid for commodities used in family living. These two indexes comprise the Index of Prices Paid by Farmers for Goods and Services. The remaining three components of the Parity Index are: (1) Interest charges per acre on mortgage indebtedness secured by farm real estate; (2) Taxes payable per acre on farm real estate; and (3) Wage rates paid to hired farm labor.

The two major indexes within the Parity Index are stratified further into 15 group indexes. The farm production index is divided into 9 group indexes--feed, feeder livestock, motor supplies, motor vehicles, farm machinery, farm supplies, building and fencing materials, fertilizer, and seed. The family living index is divided into 6 group indexes--food and tobacco, clothing, household operations, household furnishings, building materials, and autos and auto supplies. Each group represents an important class of farm expenditures and provides the basis for comparing price changes for the various groups of commodities and services that farmers buy.

As of June 15, 1975, the farm production component of the Parity Index included 240 different commodity price series; the family living component 242 items--for a total of 482. Prices for 42 items are used in both the family living and production indexes, leaving a net of 440 separate price series, in addition to interest, taxes, and farm wage rates, in the Parity Index.

Source of Data and Method of Computation

Price data used in the computation of the various indexes are collected largely by mail from independent and chain stores in rural areas. Separate commodity price estimates are made for independent and for chain stores as of the 15th of the quarterly month. These separate price estimates are weighted together to obtain averages of prices paid by farmers for most family living and farm production items. In other months, prices are estimated only for chain stores which provide the basis for current index computations for the inter-quarterly months.

1/ Agricultural Prices and Parity, Volume 1, Major Statistical Series of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, October 1970, Agricultural Handbook No. 365 provides a description of the series, its construction, uses and limitations. "The January 1959 Revisions of the Price Indexes", in the April-July 1959 issue of Agricultural Economics Research, presents a detailed description of the January 1959 revision of the price indexes, the commodity weights, and commodity coverage.

The U. S. commodity prices are computed by weighting State estimates of average prices by the estimated quantities of products purchased by farmers in each State. U. S. average prices are then combined into the group indexes, using as weights the estimated quantities of the individual commodities purchased by farmers based on a 1955 survey of farmers' expenditures. Official data of the Agricultural Research Service and the Agricultural Marketing Service also were at hand to supplement the survey indications.

Group indexes are combined into their respective family living and production indexes, using percentage weights representing the estimated proportion of expenditures of farmers for each commodity group. These also were derived primarily from the 1955 Expenditure Survey. The family living and production indexes are in turn combined into the all-commodity index of prices paid, using weights representing the proportionate expenditures for these two segments. In like manner, the commodity, interest, tax, and wage rate components are weighted, on the basis of relative expenditures, for the Parity Index.

Over the years, there have been substantial changes in the quantity consists of goods and services purchased by farmers which necessitate both periodic revision in the weighting pattern and shifts in the commodity coverage. From 1910 to March 1935, estimated purchases by farmers during 1924-29 were the basis for weights. For the period March 1935 to September 1952, the basis for weights was the estimated purchases by farmers during 1937-41. The latest revision in weights was made effective as of September 1952 and was based on the 1955 Farm Expenditure Survey.

Currently, the indexes are computed first on a 1955 base and then converted to the 1910-14 base by linking them to the 1910-14 index as of September 15, 1952. To facilitate comparisons with other major indexes on a 1967=100 base, the indexes are computed as a percent of the 1967 average by dividing each index on the 1910-14 base by its 1967 average. Conversion factors are published on page 9 of the June 1970 Supplement No. 2 to Agricultural Prices.

Use of the Indexes

The Prices Paid Indexes are widely used as measures of changes in prices of commodities and services bought by farmers. The family living component measures the average change in prices paid by farmers for consumer goods on a nationwide basis. Similarly, the production component measures the average change in prices paid by farmers for goods and services used in farm production. The interest, tax, and wage rate components are a measure of average change in the respective rates paid by farmers. The Parity Index--Index of Prices Paid by Farmers, Including Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates--provides a comprehensive measure of changes in prices and cost rates paid by farmers. It is used in computing Parity prices for agricultural products. The legal basis and methods used in computing Parity prices are described in the July 1975 issue of AGRICULTURAL PRICES, Supplement No. 6 pages 3-9. The Parity Index is defined in 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, as follows: "The 'parity index', as of any date, shall be the ratio of (i) the general level of prices for articles and services that farmers buy, wage paid hired farm labor, interest on farm indebtedness secured by farm real estate, and taxes on farm real estate, for the calendar month ending last before such date to (ii) the general level of such prices, wages, rates, and taxes during the period January 1910 to December 1914, inclusive".

The Parity Ratio (the Index of Prices Received by Farmers for the products they sell divided by the Parity Index 1910-14=100) provides an indication of the per unit purchasing power of farm commodities generally in terms of the goods and services currently bought by farmers, in relation to purchasing power of farm products in the 1910-14 base period. Thus, a Parity Ratio greater than 100 indicates that the average per unit purchasing power of all farm products is higher than in 1910-14.

The Parity Ratio is a measure of price relationships; not a measure of farm income, of farmers' total purchasing power, or of farmers' welfare. The latter depend upon a number of factors other than price relationships, such as changes in production efficiency and technology, quantities of farm products sold, and supplementary income, including that from off-farm jobs and Federal farm programs.

An adjusted parity ratio is computed and published which incorporates and reflects supplementary income from Federal farm programs. A "Preliminary Adjusted Parity Ratio reflecting Government payments" based on the forecast of direct Government payments for the year is published each month in AGRICULTURAL PRICES.

PARITY INDEXES: RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF COMPONENT INDEXES,
1955 AND JUNE 15, 1975 ^{1/}

COMMODITY GROUP	RELATIVE IMPORTANCE	
	1959 REVISION	
	1955	JUN 15
	2/	1975
	PERCENT	
LIVING	39.50	36.26
FOOD ^{3/}	13.40	12.91
CLOTHING	6.34	6.59
HOUSEHOLD OPERATION	5.77	5.17
HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS	3.99	2.64
BUILDING MATERIALS, HOUSE	4.37	3.99
AUTOS AND AUTO SUPPLIES	5.63	4.96
PRODUCTION	50.90	47.97
FEED	12.80	10.27
FEEDER LIVESTOCK	4.60	3.66
MOTOR SUPPLIES	8.39	6.82
MOTOR VEHICLES ^{4/}	4.38	4.81
FARM MACHINERY	5.21	7.06
FARM SUPPLIES	3.66	2.94
BUILDING & FENCING MATERIALS	5.20	5.47
FERTILIZER AND LIMESTONE	4.11	4.16
SEED	2.55	2.78
TOTAL COMMODITIES	90.40	84.23
INTEREST	.96	3.93
TAXES	2.04	2.92
CASH WAGE RATES	6.60	8.92
COMMODITIES, INTEREST, TAXES, AND CASH WAGE RATES	100.00	100.00

^{1/} Data shown indicate the contribution of each component to the determination of the parity indexes reflecting the relative importance of the product of percentage weights times component price indexes.
^{2/} Same as index weights. ^{3/} Includes tobacco. ^{4/} Includes tractors.

PRICES PAID, INTEREST, TAXES, AND WAGE RATES: ITEM COVERAGE AND RELATIVE IMPORTANCE
OF EACH COMMODITY AND SERVICE IN THE PARITY INDEX, JUNE 15, 1975

GROUP AND COMMODITY	RELATIVE IMPORTANCE 1959 REVISIONS PCT.	GROUP AND COMMODITY	RELATIVE IMPORTANCE 1959 REVISIONS PCT.
FAMILY LIVING	36.26	FAMILY LIVING (CONT'D)	
FOOD AND TOBACCO	12.91	FOOD AND TOBACCO (CONT'D)	
MEAT, POULTRY AND FISH	(3.09)	SWEETS	(1.15)
ROUND STEAK	.47	GELATIN DESSERTS	.10
HAMBURGER	.31	SUGAR	.56
CHUCK ROAST	.17	SIRUP, CANE (BLENDED)	.16
BOLOGNA	.35	SIRUP, MAPLE (BLENDED)	.14
FRANKFURTERS	.21	CANDY, NON-CHOC. W/O NUTS	.19
BACON, SLICED	.49	BEVERAGES	(.97)
HAM, NOT SLICED	.21	COFFEE, GROUND	.35
PORK CHOPS	.17	COFFEE, INSTANT	.06
PORK SAUSAGE	.17	TEA, ORANGE PEKOE	.08
FRYING CHICKEN	.13	COLA DRINKS, 10-12 OZ. BOTTLES	.33
FROZEN HADDOCK	.21	BEER, 10-12 OZ. SIZE	.15
SALMON, PINK	.20	TOBACCO	(.79)
FATS	(.69)	SMOKING TOBACCO	.21
LARD	.20	CIGARETTES, PKG.	.09
VEGETABLE SHORTENING	.10	CIGARETTES, CARTON	.49
MARGARINE	.12		
PEANUT BUTTER	.09	CLOTHING	6.59
SALAD DRESSING	.18	MEN'S CLOTHING	(2.77)
DAIRY PRODUCTS AND EGGS	(1.47)	OVERALLS	.41
MILK, FLUID, WHOLE	.42	SHIRTS, WORK	.18
MILK, EVAPORATED	.13	SUITS, WORK	.05
BUTTER	.20	SOCKS, WORK	.18
CHEESE, AMERICAN, NATURAL CHEDDAR	.11	GLOVES, FABRIC	.23
CHEESE, AMERICAN, PROCESSED	.16	UNDERSHIRTS, T-STYLE	.09
COTTAGE CHEESE, CREAMED	.07	SHORTS	.09
ICE CREAM	.29	THERMAL SHIRTS, KNIT, LG. SL.	.04
EGGS	.09	THERMAL DRAWERS, KNIT, ANKLE LENGTH	.04
CEREAL AND BAKERY PRODUCTS	(2.49)	SLACKS, CASUAL	.08
FLOUR	.52	SHIRTS, DUR. PRESS, DRESS	.11
BAKING POWDER	.14	JACKETS, CHORE, LINED	.18
CAKE, PLAIN, ALREADY BAKED	.31	SUITS, WINTER WEIGHT, WOOL BLEND OR POLYESTER	.19
CAKE MIX	.13	SLACKS, DRESS, WL. BL. OR POL.	.07
SODA CRACKERS	.24	WINTER TOPCOATS	.06
BREAD, WHITE	.68	HATS, FELT	.09
CORN MEAL	.17	SUITS, LIGHT WEIGHT, WOOL BLDS.	.05
CORN FLAKES	.20	COATS, SPORT, BLENDS OR POL.	.04
ROLLED OATS	.10	SHIRTS, SPORT, LONG SLEEVE	.10
VEGETABLES	(1.47)	SHOES, WORK	.23
CORN, CANNED	.17	BOOTS, RUBBER, KNEE LENGTH	.05
PEAS, CANNED	.11	SHOES, DRESS	.18
BEANS, NAVY (PEA)	.16	OVERSHOES, ART. W/ BUCK.	.02
POTATOES, WHITE	.44	OVERSHOES, RUB. W/O BUCK.	.01
CABBAGE	.19	BOY'S CLOTHING	(.63)
LETTUCE	.18	JEANS, DENIM	.29
TOMATOES, FRESH	.10	SUITS (6-12)	.09
CATSUP	.11	SWEATERS, PULLOVER	.03
FROZEN PEAS	.01	JACKETS, LINED, LIGHTWEIGHT	.04
FRUIT	(.79)	SHOES, SIZES 2 1/2 - 6	.18
APPLES	.09	WOMEN'S CLOTHING	(2.16)
BANANAS	.14	DRESSES, BUDGET PRICED	.25
ORANGES	.24	DRESSES, CASUAL OR DAYTIME	.29
ORANGE JUICE, CANNED	.05	DRESSES, BETTER	.05
ORANGE JUICE, FROZEN	.05	GIRDLES, PANTY STYLE	.08
PEACHES, CANNED (HALVES)	.17		
PINEAPPLE, CANNED (SLICED)	.05		

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OF EACH COMMODITY AND SERVICE IN THE PARITY INDEX, JUNE 15, 1975 CONTINUED

GROUP AND COMMODITY	RELATIVE IMPORTANCE 1959	REVISIONS PCT.	GROUP AND COMMODITY	RELATIVE IMPORTANCE 1959	REVISIONS PCT.
FAMILY LIVING (CONT'D)			FAMILY LIVING (CONT'D)		
CLOTHING (CONT'D)			HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS (CONT'D)		
WOMEN'S CLOTHING (CONT'D)			ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (CONT'D)		
NIGHTGOWNS	.18		RADIOS, PORTABLE, 8-10 TRANS.	.03	
HOSE	.07		TV, PORTABLE, 19" B & W	.13	
CARCOATS	.13		TV, PORTABLE, 19" COLOR	.02	
COATS, HEAVY, W/ FUR TRIM	.02		TV, CONSOLE, 25" COLOR	.14	
COATS, HEAVY, W/O FUR TRIM	.11		REFRIGERATORS	(.06)	
SUITS, 2-PIECE WOOL BLENDS, OR POL.	.04		14 CU. FT.	.03	
BLOUSES, POLY. & COT. BLENDS	.09		16 CU. FT.	.02	
SKIRTS, POLY. OR WOOL BLENDS	.04		18 CU. FT.	.01	
SWEATERS, MAN-MADE FIBERS	.16		HOME FREEZERS, UPRIGHT	(.06)	
PANTIES OR BRIEFS, CHIEFLY MAN- MADE FIBERS	.08		16 CU. FT.	.03	
SLIPS	.08		18 CU. FT.	.02	
SHOES	.19		20 CU. FT.	.01	
SHOES, PUMPS OR STRAPS	.16		HOME FREEZERS, CHEST	(.05)	
SHOES, CASUALS	.08		16 CU. FT.	.02	
HANDBAGS	.06		20 CU. FT. 2/		
GIRL'S CLOTHING	(.56)		22 CU. FT.	.03	
DRESSES, COTTON OR BLENDS, SZ. 7-14	.29		WASHING MACHINES, AUTOMATIC	.11	
COATS, HEAVY	.07		CLOTHES DRYERS, ELECTRIC	.04	
SHOES, SIZES 12 1/2 - 3	.15		SEWING MACHINES, PORTABLE	.05	
ANKLETS	.05		VACUUM CLEANERS, CANISTER	.03	
YARD GOODS	(.47)		IRONS, COMB. SPRAY/STEAM	.04	
GINGHAM, COT. OR BLENDS, 44-45" WIDTH	.47		STOVES, 4 SURFACE UNITS W/OVEN	.10	
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	5.17		TOASTERS, POP-UP	.02	
FUEL	(1.72)		HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT	(.35)	
COAL, SOFT, PREPARED SIZES	.54		STOVES, GAS 4 TOP HEAT UNITS	.11	
COAL, SOFT, RUN OF MINE	.13		KITCHEN CABINETS, WALL,		
COAL, ANTHRACITE	.09		DOUBLE DOOR	.04	
FURNACE OR FUEL OIL	.65		DINNER PLATES EARTHENWARE	.08	
KEROSENE	.14		BROOMS, HOUSE	.05	
GASOLINE, FILLING STATION	.37		FRUIT JARS	.07	
SERVICES	(2.06)		BEDDING AND FURNITURE	(.72)	
ELECTRICITY	.66		MATTRESS & BOX SP. FULL SIZE	.13	
TELEPHONE, LOCAL SERVICE	.38		BEDROOM SETS	.15	
NEWSPAPERS, DAILY AND WEEKLY	.29		LIVING-ROOM SETS	.19	
MAGAZINES, YEARLY SUBSCRIPTIONS	.09		DINING-ROOM SETS	.10	
COLLEGE TUITION	.46		SOFA BEDS, BACK DROPS	.02	
POSTAGE, 1ST CLASS	.15		LOUNGE CHAIRS, UPHOLSTERED	.04	
PARCEL POST	.03		SWIVEL ROCKERS, UPHOLSTERED	.04	
HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES	(1.02)		DINETTE SETS, TABLE & 4 CHAIRS	.05	
CLEANSING TISSUES	.08		CARPETS	(.08)	
TOILET SOAP	.64		NYLONS	.03	
TOILET PAPER	.16		WOOL	.03	
INSECT SPRAY	.04		ACRYLIC	.02	
FLOOR WAX	.05		VINYL FLOOR COV., ASB. BACKING	.08	
SCOURING POWDER	.05		HOUSEHOLD TEXTILES	(.37)	
LAUNDRY ITEMS	(.37)		SHEETS, 72"X108", PERCALE DUR.		
STARCH, LAUNDRY, AEROSOL SPRAY	.09		PRESS	.04	
DETERGENTS, LAUNDRY	.19		SHEETS, 81"X108", PERCALE DUR.		
LAWN MOWERS	.09		PRESS	.04	
HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS	2.64		BLANKETS, 80"X90" SYNTH. FIBER	.05	
ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	(1.04)		BLANKETS, COTTON, SINGLE	.05	
FLOOR LAMPS, MEDIUM QUALITY	.13		BATH TOWELS, 22X44	.07	
RADIOS, TABLE MODEL, A.M.-F.M. W/CLOCK	.03		TABLE CLOTHS, COT. OR COT. BLND.	.02	
			CURTAINS, KITCHEN, READY-MADE	.10	

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	: PCT. :		: PCT. :
FAMILY LIVING (CONT'D)	:	FAMILY LIVING (CONT'D)	:
BUILDING MATERIALS, HOUSE	: 3.99	AUTOS AND AUTO SUPPLIES	: 4.96
LUMBER	: (1.40)	AUTOS AND TRUCKS	: (2.62)
FRAMING, 2" x 4"	: (.56)	NEW-INTERMEDIATE SIZE	: .28
PINE, STANDARD AND BETTER	: .13	NEW-LOW PRICE STANDARD SIZE	: .70
PINE, UTILITY	: .04	NEW-MEDIUM PRICE, STANDARD SIZE	: .40
FIR, STANDARD AND BETTER	: .32	USED	: .88
FIR, UTILITY	: .07	TRUCKS, NEW 3/4 TON PICKUP	: .23
BOARDS, 1" RANDOM WIDTH	: (.35)	TRUCKS, USED 3/4 TON PICKUP	: .13
ROUGH, NO. 2 AND BETTER:	: .11	SUPPLIES	: (1.78)
ROUGH, UNDER NO. 2	: .06	GASOLINE, FILLING STATION	: 1.38
DRESSED, NO. 2 AND BETTER	: .15	MOTOR OIL	: (.11)
DRESSED, UNDER NO. 2	: .03	REGULAR, NON-DETERGENT	: .04
T&G ROOFERS, NO. 2 AND BETTER	: .04	HEAVY-DUTY, DETERGENT	: .04
SHIPLAP, PINE	: (.17)	ALL-WEATHER, HIGH DETERGENT	: .03
NO. 2 AND BETTER	: .11	AUTO TIRES, TUBELESS, EA.	: (.21)
UNDER NO. 2	: .06	RADIAL, STEEL BELTED, G-78-15	: .11
DROP SIDING, FIR, C "SELECT" AND BETTER	: .03	BIAS BELTED, G-78-15	: .10
BEVEL SIDING, CEDAR, CLEAR	: .06	STORAGE BATTERIES, 54	:
FLOORING, 1" x 4"	: (.19)	PLATE, 12 VOLT	: .05
YELLOW PINE, FG, B & BETTER	: .03	ANTIFREEZE, PERMANENT	: .03
OAK, SELECT	: .08	SERVICES	: (.56)
OAK, NO. 1	: .08	LUBRICATION	: .09
ROOFING AND SIDING	: (.43)	MOTOR TUNE-UP	: .47
COMPOSITION ROOFING, MS, ROLL	: .06	FARM PRODUCTION	: 47.97
GALVANIZED STEEL, PER 100 SQ. FT.:	: .06	FEED	: 10.27
SHINGLES, WOOD, 16" CEDAR	: .06	HAY, ALFALFA	: .73
SHINGLES, ASPHALT, MS	: .21	HAY, OTHER	: .46
SHINGLES, ASBESTOS SIDING, PER SQ:	: .04	CORN, SHELLED	: 1.44
INSULATING BOARD	: (.21)	OATS	: .53
GYPSUM BOARD, 3/8"	: .07	BARLEY	: .13
INSULATING SHEATHING, STD. 1/2"	: .09	GRAIN SORGHUM	: .13
PLYWOOD, INTERIOR, 1/4"	: .05	COTTONSEED MEAL, 41% PROTEIN	: .37
MILLWORK	: (.48)	SOYBEAN MEAL, 44% PROTEIN	: .12
DOORS, FLUSH, HOLLOW-CORE	: .10	BRAN	: .10
WINDOWS, HOUSE, D.N. UNIT	: .22	MIDLINGS	: .10
KITCHEN CABINETS, WALL	: .16	CORNMEAL	: .10
MASONRY	: (.41)	TURKEY GROWER, COMPLETE	: .20
BRICK, COMMON	: .10	LAYING FEED, COMPLETE	: 1.62
BRICK, FACE	: .03	CHICK STARTER, COMPLETE	: .29
BLOCKS, CONCRETE, 8" x 16"	: .10	BROILER GROWER, COMPLETE	: 1.05
PORTLAND, CEMENT, 94 LB. NET	: .18	MIXED DAIRY FEED	: (1.38)
PAINT	: (.32)	14% PROTEIN	: .17
HOUSE PAINT, EXTERIOR	: .17	16% PROTEIN	: .58
WALLPAINT, INTERIOR, RUB. BASE	: .15	18% PROTEIN	: .18
PLUMBING	: (.42)	20% PROTEIN	: .21
IRON PIPE, GALVANIZED 1 1/4"	: .11	32% PROTEIN	: .12
IRON PIPE, GALVANIZED 1/2"	: .06	OVER 40% PROTEIN	: .12
KITCHEN SINK, SGL. W/O FIXTURES	: .09	MIXED HOG FEED	:
BATH TUB, 5' ENAMEL, CAST IRON	: .06	14-18% PROTEIN	: .57
TOILET, WATER, CHINA	: .04	OVER 29% PROTEIN	: .46
MIXING FAUCET, SINK, CHROME PLATED	: .06	BEEF CATTLE CONCENTRATE, 30% PROTEIN AND OVER	: .40
NAILS, 8D, COMMON	: .14	STOCK SALT	: .09
SCREEN WIRE, 16 MESH 30"	: .02	FEEDER LIVESTOCK	: 3.66
CABLE, ELECTRIC, INDOOR, 2-WIRE, NON-METAL SHEATHED	: .16	FEEDERS AND STOCKERS	: (3.16)
	:	CATTLE AND CALVES	: 2.84

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GROUP AND COMMODITY	RELATIVE IMPORTANCE 1959 REVISIONS PCT.	GROUP AND COMMODITY	RELATIVE IMPORTANCE 1959 REVISIONS PCT.
FARM PRODUCTION (CONT'D)		FARM PRODUCTION (CONT'D)	
FEEDER LIVESTOCK (CONT'D)		FARM MACHINERY (CONT'D)	
FEEDERS AND STOCKERS (CONT'D)		CULTIVATORS, 2 ROW, TRACTOR	.12
LAMBS	.18	CULTIVATORS, 4 ROW, TRACTOR	.06
PIGS	.14	MANURE SPREADERS	(.18)
DAIRY CATTLE	.05	90-140 BU., P.T.O.	.13
BABY CHICKS	.38	140-190 BU., P.T.O.	.05
TURKEY POULTS	.07	TRACTOR MANURE LOADERS, HYDRAUL.	.17
		PLANTERS, CORN, 2 ROW, FERT.	
MOTOR SUPPLIES	6.82	ATTACH.	.20
GASOLINE, REG., FILLING STATION	1.33	PLANTERS, CORN, 4 ROW, PLAIN	.11
GASOLINE, REG., BULK DELIVERY	3.16	GRAIN DRILLS, FERT., 13 TUBE	.13
DIESEL FUEL	.49	GRAIN DRILLS, PLAIN, 16 TUBE	.13
MOTOR OIL	(.34)	FERTILIZER SPREADER, 10 FT.	
REGULAR, NON-DETERGENT	.13	PLAIN	.07
HEAVY-DUTY, DETERGENT	.12	MOWERS, TR. DRAWN OR MTD., 6 FT.	.12
ALL-WEATHER, HIGH DETERGENT	.09	MOWERS, TR. DRAWN OR MTD., 7 FT.	.17
GREASE, 35 LB. PAIL	.11	HAY RAKES, PTO OPERATED	.10
TIRES	(.39)	HAY RAKES, TRACTION OPERATED	.08
AUTO, TUBELESS, G-78-15		PICK-UP BALERS, PTO OPERATED,	
RADIAL, STEEL-BELTED	.07	AUTO. TIE	.52
BIAS-BELTED	.07	COMBINES, SELF PROPELLED	(1.85)
TRUCK, 6 PLY, 7.00-15	.05	SMALL CAPACITY	.29
TRUCK, 10 PLY, 7.50 x 20	.07	MEDIUM CAPACITY	1.14
TRACTOR, REAR, 13.6 x 28	.13	LARGE CAPACITY	.42
BATTERIES, 45 PLATE, 6 VOLT	.04	FORAGE HARVESTERS, PTO	(.32)
BATTERIES, 54 PLATE, 12 VOLT	.07	SHEAR BAR TYPE, PICK-UP ATTACH	.17
SPARK PLUGS	.04	FLAIL TYPE	.15
ANTIFREEZE, PERMANENT SERVICES	(.77)	CORN PICKER-HUSKERS, 1 ROW	.17
MOTOR TUNE-UP	.66	CORN PICKER-HUSKERS, 2 ROW	.25
LUBRICATION	.11	COTTON PICKER, SELF-PROP, 2 ROW	.07
MOTOR VEHICLES 1/	4.81	SINGLE MILKER UNITS, WITH PAIL	.13
NEW AUTOMOBILES	(.78)	MILK COOLERS	(.14)
INTERMEDIATE SIZE	.16	BULK, EXP. TYPE 300-400 CAP.	.14
LOW PRICE, STANDARD SIZE	.39	HAMMER MILLS, STATIONARY	.06
MEDIUM PRICE, STANDARD SIZE	.23	POWER SPRAYERS, TR. MTD.	.24
USED AUTOMOBILES	.50	FARM WAGONS, W/O BOX	.21
NEW TRUCKS, 3/4 TON, PICKUP	.56	WAGON BOXES, 100-125 BU.	.06
NEW TRUCKS, 2 TON, CAB & CHASSIS	.19	FARM ELEVATORS, W/O POWER UNIT	(.19)
USED TRUCKS, 3/4 TON, PICKUP	.30	PORTABLE, 34 FT.	.11
USED TRUCKS, 1 1/2-2 TON	.13	PORTABLE, 40 FT.	.08
TRACTORS	(2.35)	ELECTRIC MOTORS, 1/3 H.P.	.03
WHEEL, 30-39 BELT H.P.	.36	GAS ENGINE, 3 H.P.	.03
WHEEL, 50-59 BELT H.P.	.37	FARM SUPPLIES	2.94
WHEEL, 90-99 BELT H.P.	1.18	GASOLINE, FILLING STATION	.04
WHEEL, 110-129 BELT H.P.	.33	KEROSENE	.28
CRAWLER, 50-64.9 DRAWBAR H.P.	.04	RANGE OR FURNACE OIL	.06
CRAWLER, 65-89.9 DRAWBAR H.P.	.07	SOFT COAL	.04
		LEAD ARSENATE	.01
FARM MACHINERY	7.06	METHYL PARATHION	.02
PLOWS, MOLDBOARD, 2 BOTTOM, ONE-WAY:	.22	2, 4-D, 4 LBS./GAL.	.02
PLOWS, MOLDBOARD, 3 BOTTOM, ONE-WAY:	.14	ALDRIN, 4 LBS./GAL.	.12
DISK PLOWS, 3 DISK	.05	ATRAZINE, 80% WET. POWDER	.06
ONE-WAY DISK TILLERS, 12 FT.	.04	PARATHION, 4 LBS./GAL.	.03
DISK HARROWS	(.45)	CARBARYL, 80% WET. POWDER	.12
TANDEM, 10 FT., TRANS., WHEELS	.26	TOXAPHENE, 6 LBS./GAL.	.09
TANDEM, 13 FT., TRANS., WHEELS	.10	ZINEB, 75% WET. POWDER 2/	
TANDEM, 16 FT., TRANS., WHEELS	.09	MALATHION 5 LBS./GAL. 2/	
SPIKETooth HARROWS, PER SECTION	.17	2, 4, 5-T, 4 LBS./GAL. 2/	
SPRINGTOOTH HARROWS, 2 SECTION	.08		

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FARM PRODUCTION (CONT'D)		FARM PRODUCTION (CONT'D)	
FARM SUPPLIES (CONT'D)		BUILDING AND FENCING MATERIALS (C)	
NEW POTATO SACKS, BURLAP, 100 LBS.	.07	DRAINAGE TILE, CALV	.16
NEW BAGS, OPEN MESH, 50 LBS.	.01	DRAINAGE TILE, CONCRETE	.06
NEW BASKETS, WITH COVER, STAVE, BU.	.15	NAILS, 8D	.35
NEW HAMPERS, 1 BU., W/ COVER	.11	IRON PIPE, 1 1/4 IN.	.16
FRUIT CARTONS & BOXES	.02	WATER PUMP, DEEP WELL JET	.16
LUG BOXES	.02	BARBED WIRE, 2 PT.	.17
VEGETABLE CRATE AND CARTONS	.03	BARBED WIRE, 4 PT.	.26
HOES, 7 IN. BLADE	.03	FIELD AND STOCK FENCE, 32"	.45
PITCHFORKS, 3-TINE	.03	POST, FENCE, STEEL	.15
PITCHFORKS, 4-TINE	.03	POST, FENCE, WOOD	.28
HAND SPRAYER, PRES., 3-4 GAL.	.02	BOARDS, ROUGH, NO. 2 AND BETTER	.09
NAIL HAMMERS	.05	BOARDS, ROUGH, UNDER NO. 2	.05
AXES, WITH HANDLES	.03	FERTILIZER	4.16
BARBED WIRE, 4 PT., GALVANIZED		0-20-20	.07
12 1/2 GAGE	.13	3-9-9	.11
BINDER TWINE, PER LB.	.05	3-9-18	.05
BALER TWINE, PER LB.	.23	4-8-12	.06
ROPE, MANILA, PER LB.	.03	4-12-12	.06
CHEESECLOTH, 36" WIDTH	.06	5-10-10	.11
ELECTRIC MOTORS, 1/3 H.P.	.03	5-10-15	.13
BROODERS, GAS BURNING, 450-550		5-20-20	.07
CHICK CAPACITY	.02	6-12-12	.11
ELECTRIC WATER HEATER	.01	6-24-24	.28
CHAIN SAWS, GASOLINE, 20"	.05	7-21-7	.11
ELECTRIC DRILL, 1/4 IN.	.01	8-8-8	.05
MOVABLE HOG FEEDER	.05	8-24-24	.05
MOVABLE POULTRY FEEDER	.05	8-32-16	.09
MILK PAILS, HEAVY TIN, 12 QT.	.11	10-10-10	.18
TELEPHONE, LOCAL SERVICE	.20	10-20-10	.15
ELECTRICITY	.29	10-20-20	.10
FARM MAGAZINE, ANNUAL	.07	10-34-0	.07
1ST CLASS LETTER MAIL	.06	12-12-12	.27
		13-13-13	.03
BUILDING AND FENCING MATERIALS	5.47	15-15-15	.05
FRAMING LUMBER, 2 X 4'S	(.30)	18-46-0	.50
PINE, STANDARD AND BETTER	.10	SODIUM NITRATE	.17
FIR, STANDARD AND BETTER	.16	SULFATE OF AMMONIA	.10
FIR, UTILITY	.04	AMMONIUM NITRATE, 33.5%	.29
ROUGH BOARDS, NO. 2 AND BETTER	.28	AMMONIUM NITRATE-LIMESTONE	
ROUGH BOARDS, UNDER NO. 2	.16	MIXTURE	.07
DRESSED BOARDS, NO. 2 AND BETTER	.23	ANHYDROUS AMMONIA	.16
DRESSED BOARDS, UNDER NO. 2	.17	AMMONIUM PHOSPHATE, 16-20%	.09
DROP SIDING, PINE, C AND BETTER	.04	SUPERPHOSPHATE	(.17)
DROP SIDING, FIR, "C SELECT"		ORDINARY, 20 PERCENT P ₂ O ₅	.11
AND BETTER	.05	CONCENTRATED, 46 % P ₂ O ₅	.06
FLOORING, YELLOW PINE FG, B AND		PHOSPHATE ROCK	.06
BETTER	.08	MURIATE OF POTASH, 60%	.05
SHINGLES, WOOD, 16"	.09	GYPSUM (LAND PLASTER)	.03
SHINGLES, ASPHALT, MIN. SURFACE	.17	LIMESTONE, AGRICULTURAL,	
ROOFING, COMPOSITION, MS.	.13	SPREAD ON FIELD	.27
ROOFING, GALVANIZED, STEEL	.64	SEED	2.78
INSULATING SHEATHING, 1/2"	.04	POTATOES	.13
PAINT, EXTERIOR, HOUSE	.21	SOYBEANS	.21
PAINT, INTERIOR, WALL, RUBBER BASE	.05	CORN, HYBRID	.74
CEMENT, PORTLAND 94 LB.	.33	GRAIN SORGHUM, HYBRID	.05
CONCRETE BLOCKS, 8"X16"	.16	RICE	.03
		OATS	.27
		BARLEY	.09
		WHEAT	.27

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FARM PRODUCTION (CONT'D)			FARM PRODUCTION (CONT'D)		
SEED (CONT'D)			SEED (CONT'D)		
RYE	.03		LESPEDEZA, KOREAN	.11	
COTTONSEED	.18		TIMOTHY	.03	
FLAX	.03		BLUEGRASS, KENTUCKY	.01	
ALFALFA, COMMON	.04		RYEGRASS, COMMON	.03	
ALFALFA, CERTIFIED	.27		SUDANGRASS	.02	
CLOVER, RED	.09		FESCUE, TALL	.02	
CLOVER, SWEET	.02		VETCH, HAIRY	.02	
CLOVER, ALSIKE	.02		TAXES	2.92	
CLOVER, LADINO	.02		INTEREST	3.93	
PEANUTS	.05		WAGE RATES	8.92	
			TOTAL	100.00	

1/ INCLUDES TRACTORS. 2/ LESS THAN .005.

INDEX NUMBERS OF PRICES PAID BY FARMERS FOR PRODUCTION ITEMS,
INCLUDING INTEREST, TAXES AND WAGE RATES, U. S. BY MONTHS, 1960-75

YEAR	JAN 15	FEB 15	MAR 15	APR 15	MAY 15	JUN 15	JUL 15	AUG 15	SEP 15	OCT 15	NOV 15	DEC 15
	(1910-14=100)											
1960	307	307	310	311	310	309	303	304	306	303	304	306
1961	311	311	313	312	311	310	309	310	310	310	309	310
1962	315	315	315	317	317	315	315	315	318	318	318	319
1963	323	322	322	323	323	322	323	322	322	321	321	320
1964	324	323	323	324	323	322	322	321	323	322	321	322
1965	329	328	329	332	334	335	334	332	333	334	334	336
1966	340	342	344	346	347	346	347	349	351	351	350	351
1967	353	353	353	356	356	357	358	356	357	358	357	358
1968	362	364	365	369	369	369	370	369	369	372	374	375
1969	380	382	385	391	393	394	390	390	390	392	393	394
1970	401	403	403	407	406	408	406	405	410	413	413	415
1971	419	422	424	429	430	432	430	430	431	432	435	435
1972	440	443	443	449	450	454	455	455	460	465	468	475
1973	489	496	505	513	523	541	538	561	553	554	553	562
1974	586	588	591	602	600	605	615	636	645	655	657	658
1975 1/	659	652	651	666	672	680	681					
	(1967=100)											
1960	86	86	87	87	87	87	85	85	86	85	85	86
1961	87	87	88	88	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87
1962	88	88	88	89	89	88	88	88	89	89	89	90
1963	91	90	90	91	91	90	91	90	90	90	90	90
1964	91	91	91	91	91	90	90	90	91	90	90	90
1965	92	92	92	93	94	94	94	93	94	94	94	94
1966	96	96	97	97	97	97	97	98	99	99	98	99
1967	99	99	99	100	100	100	101	100	100	101	100	100
1968	102	102	103	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	105	105
1969	107	107	108	110	110	111	110	110	110	110	110	111
1970	113	113	113	114	114	115	114	114	115	116	116	117
1971	117	119	119	121	121	121	121	121	121	121	122	122
1972	124	124	124	126	126	128	128	128	129	131	131	133
1973	137	139	142	144	147	152	151	158	155	156	155	158
1974	165	165	166	169	169	170	173	179	181	184	185	185
1975 1/	185	183	183	187	189	191	191					

1/ PRELIMINARY
