

agricultural prices



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**PRICES RECEIVED INDEX DOWN 3 POINTS
PRICES PAID INDEX UP 1 POINT**

The Index of Prices Received by Farmers decreased 3 points (1 1/2 percent) to 184 percent of its January - December 1967 average during the month ended March 15, 1976, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Contributing most to the decrease since mid-February were lower prices for hogs, milk, eggs and cattle. Higher prices for lettuce, tomatoes, lemons and cotton were partially offsetting. The index was 19 points (12 percent) above a year ago.

The Index of Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates for March 15 was 194, up 1 point (1/2 percent) from a month earlier. Major contributors to the index increase were higher prices for farm machinery, tractors, used autos, feed, food, and clothing. The index was 15 points (8 percent) higher than a year ago.

SUMMARY TABLE

INDEX 1967=100	:	FEB 15, 1975	:	MAR 15, 1975	:	FEB 15, 1976	:	MAR 15, 1976
PRICES RECEIVED	:	168	:	165	:	187	:	184
PRICES PAID, INTEREST, TAXES, AND FARM WAGE RATES	:	180	:	179	:	193	:	194
RATIO <u>1/</u>	:	93	:	92	:	97	:	95

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 3 points (1 1/2 percent) during the month ended March 15 to 184 percent of its 1967 average. Compared with a year earlier the index was up 19 points (12 percent). Of the subgroups shown on page 7, the following contributed most to the net change from a month earlier.

MEAT ANIMALS: The index of prices received by farmers for meat animals decreased 4 points (2 percent) to 178 (1967=100) during the month ended March 15. Lower prices for hogs and cattle were only partially offset by higher prices for lambs, calves, and sheep. Hog prices, at \$45.50 per cwt., were \$2.40 below mid-February and beef cattle, at \$33.60, were down 60 cents. Lamb prices at a record high \$49.70, were \$2.90 above last month. Sheep prices at \$13.40 were up 90 cents. Calf prices also advanced 90 cents to average \$35.30. The March index was 32 points (22 percent) above last year.

POULTRY AND EGGS: The index of prices received for poultry and eggs dropped 12 points (6 percent) to 173 during the month. Lower prices for eggs and broilers were partially offset by higher turkey prices. Prices received for all eggs averaged 54.1 cents per dozen, down 5.7 cents from mid-February. Broilers, at 24.4 cents per pound, were off 0.8 cents but turkeys at 32.5 cents per pound were 0.4 cents higher. Compared to a year ago, the index was up 5 points (3 percent).

DAIRY PRODUCTS: The index of prices received for dairy products decreased 5 points (3 percent) during the month to 187. Prices received for all milk sold to plants averaged \$9.71 per cwt - 8 cents below February. Milk eligible for fluid market dropped 20 cents while milk of manufacturing grade increased 19 cents from last month. The March index was 30 points (19 percent) above March 1975.

FOOD GRAINS: The index of prices received for food grains decreased 6 points (3 percent) to 226 during the month as prices for rice and wheat declined. Rice at \$5.86 per cwt was \$1.69 below a month earlier and \$5.24 below March 1975. Wheat at \$3.65 per bushel was down one cent from mid-February, but was unchanged from a year earlier. Rye increased 6 cents per bushel during the month to \$2.32 -- 21 cents above a year earlier. The index was 15 points (6 percent) below March 1975.

FRUIT CROPS: The fruit crop index increased 6 points (4 percent) during the month to 141. Higher lemon, apple, orange, and pear prices contributed most to the increase while lower prices for strawberries, temples and grapefruit were partially offsetting. The index was 1 point (1 percent) above a year ago.

COMMERCIAL VEGETABLES: The index of prices received by farmers for commercial vegetables increased 5 points (3 percent) to 165 during the month. Contributing most to the increase were lettuce and tomatoes. Lower prices for celery, onions, and sweet corn were partially offsetting. This month's index was 3 points (2 percent) above a year earlier.

PRICES PAID BY FARMERS

The index of prices paid by farmers for commodities and services for mid-March was 190 percent of its 1967 average, up 1 point (1/2 percent) from a month earlier and 14 points (8 percent) above a year earlier.

PRODUCTION INDEX HIGHER

At 196, the mid-March index of prices paid by farmers for production goods was 2 points (1 percent) above mid-February. Higher prices for farm machinery, motor vehicles, and feed accounted for most of the index rise. The index was 17 points (9 percent) above March 1975.

FARM MACHINERY: The mid-March index of prices paid for farm machinery advanced 2 percent from mid-December, 1975 when prices were last surveyed. Planting and tillage equipment accounted for most of the increase. The index was up 17 percent from a year earlier.

MOTOR VEHICLES: Mid-March prices paid for motor vehicles averaged 1 percent above a month earlier. Higher prices for used autos and trucks and new tractors accounted for the increase. Tractors were last surveyed in December 1975. Compared with a year ago, the index was up 11 percent.

FEED: The index of prices paid for feed, at 185, was up 1/2 percent from last month. Higher prices for hay, grain, and poultry feeds accounted for most of the increase. The March 1976 index was 1 1/2 percent above March 1975.

FAMILY LIVING INDEX UP

The March 15 index of prices paid by farmers for family living items, at 184, was up 1 point from mid-February. Higher prices for used autos, food, and clothing were responsible for the increase. Compared with a year earlier, the index was up 11 points (6 percent).

AUTOS AND AUTO SUPPLIES: Prices paid for autos and auto supplies increased 1 percent from the previous month. Used car prices continued to advance and accounted for the increase. Auto and auto supply prices averaged 10 percent more than a year ago.

FOOD AND TOBACCO: Mid-March average prices paid for food and tobacco were 1/2 percent more than in mid-February. Higher prices for vegetables and beverages accounted for most of the increase. Prices averaged 3 percent above March 15, 1975

CLOTHING AND TEXTILES: March 15 prices paid by farmers for clothing and textiles averaged 1 percent above a month earlier. Prices averaged higher for all types of apparel. Clothing and textile prices were 8 percent more than a year ago.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR FARM PRODUCTS, UNITED STATES, MARCH 15, 1976
WITH COMPARISONS

COMMODITY AND UNIT	AVERAGE		MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	
	JAN 1910-	JAN 1967-	15,	15,	15,	15,	
	DEC 1914	DEC 1967	1975	1976	1976	1976	
ALL WHEAT, PER BU.	DOL.	.880	1.47	3.65	3.43	3.66	3.65
RYE, PER BU.	"	.725	1.05	2.11	2.33	2.26	2.32
RICE, (ROUGH), PER CWT.	"	1.81	5.05	11.10	7.87	7.55	5.86
CORN, PER BU.	"	.649	1.17	2.67	2.44	2.48	2.50
OATS, PER BU.	"	.399	.668	1.46	1.44	1.46	1.46
BARLEY, PER BU.	"	.617	1.02	2.55	2.31	2.31	2.34
SORGHUM GRAIN, PER CWT.	"		1.88	4.03	4.06	4.09	4.13
ALL HAY, BALED, PER TON	"	11.90	23.50	49.70	52.70	54.30	54.10
COTTON, AMERICAN UPLAND, PER LB.	CT.	<u>1/11.92</u>	22.54	33.5	49.9	49.8	50.4
COTTON, AMERICAN-PIMA, PER LB.	"		49.5	57.4	80.6	81.1	82.4
PEANUTS, PER LB	"	4.83	11.4				
COTTONSEED, PER TON	DOL.	21.80	58.00	106.50	89.90	90.50	88.50
SOYBEANS, PER BU.	"		2.62	5.31	4.46	4.50	4.46
FLAXSEED, PER BU.	"	1.68	2.89	6.47	5.37	5.87	5.74
POTATOES, PER CWT. <u>2/</u>	"	1.13	2.02	2.78	4.52	4.80	4.95
SWEETPOTATOES, PER CWT.	"	1.61	5.65	10.40	9.57	9.98	10.30
DRY EDIBLE BEANS, PER CWT.	"	3.39	7.99	18.80	20.00	18.80	17.90
DRY FIELD PEAS (OPEN MKT.), PER CWT.	"		4.64	7.20	6.07	7.40	7.97
APPLES, FOR FRESH USE, PER LB. <u>2/ 3/</u>	CT.		6.65	11.3	8.50	8.30	9.10
PEACHES, FOR FRESH USE, PER LB. <u>2/</u>	"		9.20				
STRAWBERRIES, FOR FRESH USE, PER LB. <u>2/</u>	"		28.3	*50.4		58.5	49.4
PEARS, FOR FRESH USE, PER TON <u>2/ 3/</u>	DOL.		125.00	145.00	187.00	188.00	239.00
CITRUS (EQUIV. ON-TREE), PER BOX <u>2/</u>	"						
GRAPEFRUIT	"		1.38	1.72	1.38	1.25	1.22
LEMONS	"		2.45	1.39	2.66	1.52	3.71
ORANGES	"		1.58	1.49	1.83	1.93	2.09
TANGELOS	"		2.49		1.19	1.05	
TANGERINES	"		2.66	2.95	2.20	3.27	4.15
TEMPLES	"		1.62	.71	2.02	2.28	1.60
ALL BEEF CATTLE, PER CWT.	DOL.	5.52	22.20	27.80	33.50	34.20	33.60
COWS, PER CWT.	"		16.50	18.70	22.10	25.10	27.00
STEERS AND HEIFERS, PER CWT.	"		24.00	30.50	37.20	36.80	35.30
CALVES, PER CWT.	"	6.84	26.40	24.70	31.40	34.40	35.30
HOGS, PER CWT.	"	7.29	19.00	38.30	47.50	47.90	45.50
LAMBS, PER CWT.	"	5.96	22.20	39.90	47.70	46.80	49.70
SHEEP, PER CWT.	"	4.59	6.38	10.10	12.20	12.50	13.40
ALL MILK, SOLD TO PLANTS, PER CWT. <u>2/</u>	DOL.	1.61	5.03	8.13	10.20	9.79 <u>4/</u>	9.71
MILK ELIGIBLE FOR FLUID MARKET	"		5.44	8.46	10.50	10.20 <u>4/</u>	10.00
MILK OF MANUFACTURING GRADE	"		4.07	7.01	9.07	8.45 <u>4/</u>	8.64
MILKFAT IN CREAM, PER LB.	CT.	26.3	68.1	62.0	72.9	71.9	72.9
CHICKENS, EXCLUDING BROILERS, LIVE, PER LB.	"		7.9	9.7	11.8	12.8	12.8
BROILERS, LIVE, PER LB. <u>2/</u>	"		13.3	23.7	24.3	25.2	24.4
EGGS, PER DOZEN <u>5/</u>	"	21.6	31.2	54.1	62.2	59.8	54.1
TURKEYS, LIVE, PER LB.	"	14.3	20.0	30.3	33.6	32.1	32.5
WOOL, PER LB. <u>2/ 6/</u>	"	17.8	39.7	33.1	48.4	53.1	52.8
MOHAIR (TEX ONLY), PER LB.	"		43.9	130	290	290	340
ADJUSTED FOR SEASONAL VARIATION	"						
ALL MILK, SOLD TO PLANTS, PER CWT. <u>2/</u>	DOL.		5.04	8.21	9.81	9.41 <u>4/</u>	9.61
EGGS, PER DOZEN	CT.		31.2	52.5	55.0	58.6	52.0

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 3.69 ; FLUID MARKET, 3.70 ; MANUFACTURING GRADE, 3.66 . 5/ AVERAGE OF ALL EGGS SOLD BY FARMERS, INCLUDING HATCHING EGGS AND EGGS SOLD AT RETAIL. 6/ AVERAGE LOCAL MARKET PRICE, EXCLUDING INCENTIVE PAYMENTS. *REVISED.

STATE PRICES ARE WEIGHTED BY CORRESPONDING MONTHLY SALES, ANNUAL SALES, OR ANNUAL PRODUCTION TO COMPUTE REGIONAL AND U.S. AVERAGE PRICES.

BASED ON PRICE REPORTS FROM 4,157 FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS, AND SUPPLEMENTED BY DATA FROM MARKETING AGENCIES AND RELATED SOURCES.

UNITED STATES PARITY PRICES FOR FARM PRODUCTS AND AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED AS PERCENTAGE OF PARITY PRICES BASED ON DATA FOR MARCH 1976 WITH COMPARISONS 1/

COMMODITY AND UNIT	ADJUSTED BASE PRICES 2/	PARITY PRICES 3/ BASED ON DATA FOR			AVERAGE PRICES AS PERCENTAGE OF PARITY PRICES			
		MAR	FEB	MAR	MAR	FEB	MAR	
		1975	1976	1976	1975	1976	1976	
BASIC COMMODITIES:								
WHEAT, PER BU.	DOL.	.735	4.43	4.86	4.88	82	75	75
RICE, PER CWT.	"	4/2.06	12.70	13.60	13.70	87	56	43
CORN, PER BU.	"	.493	2.94	3.26	3.27	91	76	76
COTTON, PER LB.								
AMERICAN UPLAND	CT.	11.90	75.28	78.66	79.02	45	63	64
EXTRA LONG STAPLE	"	4/17.7	111.0	117.0	118.0	52	69	70
PEANUTS, PER LB.	"	4/4.14	25.3	27.4	27.5			
TOBACCO, PER LB.								
FLUE-CURED, TYPES 11-14	"	4/23.2	145.0	153.0	154.0			
VA FIRE-CURED, TYPE 21	"	4/17.6	105.0	116.0	117.0		67	
KY-TENN FIRE-CURED, TYPES 22-23	"	14/	108.0					
BURLEY, TYPE 31	"	4/24.1	150.0	159.0	160.0		67	
MARYLAND, TYPE 32	"	5/21.9	136.0	145.0	145.0			
DARK AIR-CURED, TYPES 35-36	"	4/15.7	92.4	104.0	104.0			
SUN-CURED, TYPE 37	"	4/17.5	104.0	116.0	116.0			
PA SEEDLEAF, TYPE 41	"	14/						
CIGAR FILLER AND BINDER, TYPES 42-44, 53-55	"	14/						
PUERTO RICAN FILLER, TYPE 46	"	4/14.7	90.0	97.2	97.6			
CIGAR BINDER, TYPES 51-52	"	4/19.5	119.0	129.0	129.0			
DESIGNATED NONBASIC COMMODITIES:								
TUNG NUTS, PER TON	DOL.	4/18.00	117.00	119.00	120.00			
ALL MILK, SOLD TO PLANTS, PER CWT.	"	1.82	11.00	12.00	12.10	6/75	6/78	6/79
MILK FAT IN CREAM, PER LB.	CT.	19.8	129.0	131.0	131.0	48	55	56
HONEY, WHOLESALE, PER LB: EXTRACTED	"	7/7.61	43.7	50.3	50.5			
WOOL AND MOHAIR:								
WOOL, PER LB.	CT.	4/20.7	153.0	137.0	137.0	8/25	8/39	8/39
MOHAIR, PER LB.	"	31.2	169.0	206.0	207.0			
OTHER NONBASIC COMMODITIES:								
BARLEY, PER BU.	DOL.	.423	2.45	2.80	2.81	104	83	83
COTTONSEED, PER TON	"	4/20.70	125.00	137.00	137.00	85	66	65
DRY EDIBLE BEANS, PER CWT.	"	3.85	22.80	25.40	25.60	82	74	70
FLAXSEED, PER BU.	"	1.21	7.10	8.00	8.03	91	73	71
OATS, PER BU.	"	.241	1.41	1.59	1.60	104	92	91
POTATOES, PER CWT.	"	4/.851	5.19	5.63	5.65	54	85	88
RYE, PER BU.	"	.382	2.22	2.53	2.54	95	89	91
SORGHUM GRAIN, PER CWT.	"	.825	4.94	5.45	5.48	82	75	75
SOYBEANS, PER BU.	"	1.09	6.61	7.20	7.24	80	63	62
SWEET POTATOES, PER CWT.	"	2.02	12.30	13.40	13.40	85	74	77
APPLES, FOR FRESH USE, PER LB. 9/	CT.	2.40	14.7	15.9	15.9	77	52	57
CITRUS (EQUIV. ON-TREE), PER BOX:								
GRAPEFRUIT	DOL.	4/.499	3.06	3.30	3.31	56	38	37
LEMONS	"	4/1.04	6.18	6.87	6.91	22	22	54
LIMES	"	4/1.30	7.96	8.59	8.63			
ORANGES	"	4/.499	3.23	3.30	3.31	46	58	63
TANGERINES	"	4/.799	5.11	5.28	5.31	58	62	78
TEMPLES	"	4/.501	3.23	3.31	3.33	22	69	48
BEEF CATTLE, PER CWT.	"	8.60	53.60	56.80	57.10	52	60	59
CALVES, PER CWT.	"	10.20	65.50	67.40	67.70	38	51	52
HOGS, PER CWT.	"	7.90	46.40	52.20	52.50	83	92	87
LAMBS, PER CWT.	"	8.78	53.40	58.00	58.30	75	81	85
SHEEP, PER CWT.	"	2.47	15.20	16.30	16.40	66	77	82
EGG, PER DOZ.	CT.	11.8	73.4	78.0	78.4	6/72	6/75	6/66
TURKEYS, LIVE, PER LB.	"	7.26	45.2	48.0	48.2	67	67	67

SEE FOOTNOTES ON PAGE 6.

PARITY PRICES BASED ON DATA FOR MARCH 1976, UNITED STATES 1/

OTHER NONBASIC COMMODITIES (CONTINUED)	ADJUSTED BASE PRICES 4/	PARITY PRICES 3/ BASED ON DATA FOR MAR 1976	OTHER NONBASIC COMMODITIES (CONTINUED)	ADJUSTED BASE PRICES 4/	PARITY PRICES 3/ BASED ON DATA FOR MAR 1976
DOLLARS			DOLLARS		
FIELD CROPS AND MISC. COMMODITIES:			NONCITRUS FRUITS:		
			PEACHES		
			FOR FRESH USE, LB. 11/	*.0297	.197
CRUDE PINE GUM, BBL.	2/13.70	91.00	DRIED (CALIF), TON	247.00	1,640.00
HOPS, LB.	.181	1.20	FOR PROCESSING (EXCL. DRIED)		
TOBACCO, LB.:			CLINGSTONE (CALIF), TON 10/	26.40	175.00
CIGAR WRAPPER, TYPE 61	14/		PEARS		
CIGAR WRAPPER, TYPE 62	.854	5.67	FOR FRESH USE, TON 12/	41.40	275.00
			DRIED (CALIF), TON	266.00	1,770.00
			PLUMS (CALIF) EQUIV.		
NONCITRUS FRUITS:			ON-TREE, TON		
APPLES, FOR PROCESSING, TON	18.70	124.00	FOR FRESH USE	48.40	321.00
APRICOTS, TON			PRUNES, DRIED (CALIF), TON	103.00	684.00
FOR FRESH USE	81.30	540.00	PRUNES AND PLUMS		
DRIED (CALIF)	417.00	2,770.00	(EXCL. CALIF), TON		
AVOCADOS, TON	14/		FOR FRESH USE	56.30	374.00
CHERRIES, TON			FOR PROCESSING (EXCL. DRIED)	22.00	146.00
SWEET	113.00	750.00	TREE NUTS, TON:		
TART	74.10	492.00	ALMONDS	221.00	1,470.00
CRANBERRIES, BBL.	14/		FILBERTS	151.00	1,000.00
DATES (CALIF), TON	50.70	337.00	WALNUTS	144.00	956.00
GRAPES, TON			VEGETABLES FOR FRESH MARKET, CWT.:		
RAISIN VARIETIES			CANTALOUPE	2.11	14.00
DRIED (CALIF)	122.00	810.00	CARROTS 13/	1.39	9.23
GRAPES EXCL. RAISIN			CAULIFLOWER 13/	3.09	20.50
VARIETIES DRIED	31.20	207.00	CELERY 13/	1.62	10.80
NECTARINES (CALIF)			HONEYDEW MELONS	1.99	13.20
TON			LETTUCE	1.70	11.30
FOR FRESH USE 10/	53.60	356.00	ONIONS 13/	1.52	10.10
OLIVES (CALIF)			TOMATOES	3.91	26.00
FOR CANNING, TON 10/	108.00	717.00			

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 1966-DECEMBER 1975 AVERAGE (INCLUDING AN ALLOWANCE WHERE APPROPRIATE FOR UNREDEEMED LOANS AND OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS RESULTING FROM PRICE SUPPORT OPERATIONS) BY DIVIDING BY 343 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 1966-75 (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 1966-75. 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, CALIFORNIA, NEW JERSEY, MARYLAND, WEST VIRGINIA, ILLINOIS, OHIO, OREGON AND ALABAMA 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 SALES FOR OTHER STATES. 13/ INCLUDES SOME PROCESSING. 14/ NOT AVAILABLE. *CORRECTION.

SEE PAGE 25 JANUARY 1976 AGRICULTURAL PRICES FOR DETAILS ON PARITY PRICE COMPUTATIONS.

INDEX NUMBERS OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, UNITED STATES,
MARCH 15, 1976 WITH COMPARISONS

INDEX	AVERAGE JAN-DEC 1967	1910-14=100				1967=100			
		1975		1976		1975		1976	
		FEB 15	MAR 15	FEB 15	MAR 15	FEB 15	MAR 15	FEB 15	MAR 15
UNADJUSTED									
ALL FARM PRODUCTS	254	427	420	475	468	168	165	187	184
ALL CROPS	226	435	419	430	433	192	185	190	192
FOOD GRAINS	177	458	427	410	400	259	241	232	226
FEED GRAINS AND HAY	174	419	393	379	381	241	226	218	219
FEED GRAINS	174	427	396	373	376	245	228	214	216
COTTON	191	275	286	420	426	144	150	220	223
TOBACCO	555	922	922	874	874	166	166	157	157
OIL-BEARING CROPS	276	590	538	468	463	214	195	170	168
FRUIT	244	321	341	329	345	132	140	135	141
FRESH MARKET 1/ COMMERCIAL VEGETABLES	242	299	324	318	341	124	134	131	141
FRESH MARKET	283	484	458	454	467	171	162	160	165
POTATOES, ETC. 2/	324	609	557	553	579	188	172	171	179
	193	336	324	445	451	174	168	231	234
LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS	277	419	420	513	497	151	152	185	179
MEAT ANIMALS	336	483	491	612	597	144	146	182	178
DAIRY PRODUCTS	306	487	479	588	572	159	157	192	187
POULTRY & EGGS	132	225	222	244	228	170	168	185	173
WOOL	223	198	186	298	297	89	83	134	133
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
FRESH MARKET FRUIT 1/ FRESH MARKET VEGETABLES	244	321	334	327	344	132	137	134	141
POTATOES, ETC. 2/ DAIRY PRODUCTS	330	582	516	516	578	176	156	156	175
POULTRY & EGGS	193	348	315	457	440	180	163	237	228
	306	483	484	582	577	158	158	190	189
	132	218	215	238	221	165	163	180	167

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, MARCH 1-15, 1976 WITH COMPARISONS

COMMODITY	AVERAGE	MAR	FEB	FEB	MAR
	JAN-DEC 1967	1-31, 1975 1/	1-15, 1976	1-29, 1976	1-15, 1976
			D O L L A R S		
ASPARAGUS	23.70	40.80	63.10	52.00	48.20
BROCCOLI	11.70	15.20	21.20	20.60	17.60
CABBAGE	2.85	5.89	4.82	4.51	4.04
CANTALOUPE	6.26				
CARROTS	5.74	10.80	6.08	6.11	5.79
CAULIFLOWER	10.80	23.90	20.20	22.80	20.40
CELERY	4.94	5.78	10.30	10.00	6.97
CUCUMBERS	7.74	17.70			
GREEN PEPPERS	12.20	21.80	23.00	24.30	33.50
LETTUCE	5.19	6.00	5.46	5.28	9.62
ONIONS	4.37	7.59	9.97	8.72	7.30
SNAP BEANS	11.70	18.00	27.00	25.10	22.10
SPINACH	10.20	14.40	17.50	17.10	16.60
SWEET CORN	5.68	9.40	13.40	11.60	10.00
TOMATOES	9.63	19.50	14.80	16.40	21.80
WATERMELONS	2.06				

1/ REVISED.

INDEX NUMBERS OF PRICES PAID BY FARMERS, INTEREST, TAXES AND WAGE RATES,
AND RELATED DATA, UNITED STATES, MARCH 15, 1976, WITH COMPARISONS

INDEXES AND RATIOS	1910-14=100					1967=100				
	1975		1976			1975		1976		
	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR
	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
PRICES PAID BY FARMERS FOR COMMODITIES & SERVICES										
INTEREST, TAXES & WAGE RATES (PARITY INDEX 1910-14=100)	616	613	659	661	664	180	179	193	193	194
PRICES PAID	536	<u>1/533</u>	569	571	574	177	176	188	189	190
FAMILY LIVING ITEMS	563	<u>1/558</u>	589	589	592	175	173	183	183	184
FOOD AND TOBACCO		564			578		176			181
CLOTHING	722			767		182			193	
HOUSEHOLD OPERATION			437					188		
HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS			423					161		
BUILDING MATERIALS, HOUSE AUTOS AND AUTO SUPPLIES		795			834		183			192
PRODUCTION ITEMS	516	515	554	558	562	180	179	193	194	196
FEED	406	386	388	390	393	192	182	183	184	185
FEEDER LIVESTOCK	382	406	527	570	566	103	109	142	153	152
MOTOR SUPPLIES			332					183		
MOTOR VEHICLES <u>2/</u>		869			966		174			194
FARM MACHINERY		891			1,046		193			226
BUILDING & FENCING MATERIALS		851			887		209			218
FERTILIZER <u>3/</u>										
FARM SUPPLIES	459			507		168			185	
SEED <u>4/</u>										
INTEREST <u>5/</u>	1,292	<u>1/1,292</u>	1,470	1,470	1,470	265	<u>1/265</u>	302	302	302
TAXES <u>6/</u>	1,375	<u>1/1,375</u>	1,436	1,436	1,436	162	<u>1/162</u>	169	169	169
WAGE RATES <u>7/</u>	1,588	1,588	1,783	1,783	1,783	187	187	211	211	211
PARITY RATIO <u>8/</u>	69	69	72	72	70					
ADJUSTED PARITY RATIO (PRELIM.) <u>9/</u>	70	69	72	72	71					
PRODUCTION ITEMS, INTEREST, TAXES, AND WAGE RATES	654	653	709	712	716	184	183	199	200	201
OTHER RELATED INDEXES										
PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS						168	165	186	187	184
WHOLESALE PRICES: <u>10/</u>										
ALL COMMODITIES										
INDUSTRIAL COMMODITIES						171	170	179	179	
CONSUMERS' PRICES (CPI) <u>10/</u>						168	169	177	178	
AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS, MFG.						157	158	167	167	
PRODUCTION WORKERS <u>11/</u>						165	167	177	177	

1/ REVISED. 2/ INCLUDED AUTOS, TRUCKS, AND TRACTORS. 3/ APRIL INDEX USED APRIL-SEPTEMBER; OCTOBER INDEX USED OCTOBER-MARCH. 4/ APRIL INDEX USED APRIL-AUGUST; SEPTEMBER INDEX USED SEPTEMBER-MARCH. 5/ INTEREST PAYABLE PER ACRE ON FARM REAL ESTATE DEBT. 6/ FARM REAL ESTATE TAXES PAYABLE PER ACRE. 7/ SEASONALLY ADJUSTED. ANNUAL AVERAGE IS SIMPLE AVERAGE OF QUARTERLY INDEXES. 8/ RATIO OF INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED TO INDEX OF PRICES PAID, INTEREST, TAXES AND WAGE RATES. 9/ 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 MARKETING AND ESTIMATES, OF GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR AND IS 100.5 FOR 1976 COMPARED WITH REVISED ADJUSTMENT FACTOR OF 100.8 FOR 1975. SEE PAGE 29 APRIL 1967 AGRICULTURAL PRICES, FOR A DESCRIPTION OF THE METHOD OF MAKING CURRENT ESTIMATES OF THE ADJUSTED PARITY RATIO. 10/ BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS INDEXES FOR MONTH INDICATED. 11/ BASED ON EARNINGS PER HOUR AS ESTIMATED BY THE BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, BY STATES, MARCH 15, 1976

STATE	ALL WHEAT PER BU.	RYE PER BU.	RICE PER CMT.	CORN PER BU.	OATS PER BU.	BARLEY PER BU.	SORGHUM GRAIN PER CMT.	SOYBEANS PER BU.
D O L L A R S								
ALA	3.60	—	—	2.70	1.80	—	4.30	4.60
ARIZ	3.52	—	—	—	—	2.80	5.07	—
ARK	3.40	—	6.30	2.55	1.50	—	4.15	4.43
CALIF	3.70	—	—	3.09	1.98	2.73	4.96	—
COLO	3.25	1.90	—	2.55	1.87	2.30	4.11	—
DEL	3.21	2.39	—	2.60	—	1.85	—	4.63
GA	3.20	2.55	—	2.69	1.62	—	—	4.57
IDAHO	3.31	—	—	—	1.54	2.29	—	—
ILL	3.38	2.57	—	2.56	1.43	—	—	4.55
IND	3.33	2.70	—	2.49	1.52	—	—	4.50
IOWA	3.42	—	—	2.44	1.45	—	—	4.37
KANS	3.49	2.21	—	2.44	1.61	2.11	4.04	4.33
KY	3.42	2.30	—	2.59	1.76	1.88	—	4.61
LA	—	—	5.80	—	—	—	—	4.49
MD	3.21	2.39	—	2.60	1.57	1.85	—	4.63
MICH	3.31	1.79	—	2.31	1.46	—	—	4.34
MINN	3.81	2.38	—	2.42	1.45	2.48	—	4.37
MISS	3.38	—	6.30	2.77	1.70	—	4.05	4.56
MO	3.35	2.25	—	2.53	1.66	—	4.04	4.43
MONT	3.42	—	—	2.73	1.42	2.06	—	—
NEBR	3.39	2.00	—	2.39	1.46	—	4.00	4.24
NEV	3.30	—	—	—	—	2.45	—	—
N J	2.80	2.30	—	2.55	—	—	—	4.45
N Y	3.17	1.80	—	2.50	1.50	—	—	—
N C	3.20	—	—	2.64	1.56	1.98	4.26	4.62
N DAK	4.00	2.28	—	2.42	1.28	2.28	—	—
OHIO	3.42	2.43	—	2.47	1.52	2.20	—	4.46
OKLA	3.58	—	—	2.63	1.67	2.21	4.18	4.17
OREG	3.71	3.02	—	—	1.71	2.42	—	—
PA	3.26	—	—	2.56	1.57	1.88	—	—
S C	3.24	2.60	—	2.65	—	—	—	4.59
S DAK	3.97	2.42	—	2.39	1.42	2.08	4.00	4.28
TENN	3.29	—	—	2.65	—	—	—	4.48
TEX	3.68	—	5.15	2.57	1.74	2.11	4.23	4.20
UTAH	3.44	—	—	—	—	2.48	—	—
VA	3.28	—	—	2.62	1.52	1.86	—	4.59
WASH	3.72	2.53	—	—	1.68	2.37	—	—
W VA	3.60	—	—	2.60	1.65	2.00	—	—
WIS	3.25	2.35	—	2.52	1.40	2.00	—	4.34
WYO	3.71	—	—	3.14	1.74	2.44	—	—
U S	3.65	2.32	5.86	2.50	1.46	2.34	4.13	4.46

STATE	WINTER WHEAT		SPRING WHEAT, OTHER THAN DURUM	
	DOLLARS PER BUSHEL			
COLO		3.25		3.19
IDAHO		3.36		3.19
MINN		3.46		3.81
MONT		3.19		3.83
N DAK		3.32		3.94
S DAK		3.56		4.21

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, BY STATES, MARCH 15, 1976

STATE	AMERICAN	PEANUTS	TOBACCO	APPLES	COTTON	FLAX-	DRY	SWEET
	UPLAND COTTON PER LB. 1/	PER LB. 2/	PER LB. 3/ 4/	FRESH USE PER LB. 4/ 5/	SEED PER TON	SEED PER BU.	EDIBLE BEANS, PER CNT.	POTATOES PER CNT.
	CENTS				DOLLARS			
ALA	56.0	--	--	--	81.00	--	--	10.70
ARIZ	47.8	--	--	--	97.00	--	--	--
ARK	54.7	--	--	--	85.00	--	--	6.35
CALIF	56.5	--	--	13.0	--	--	22.60	16.20
COLO	--	--	--	--	--	--	14.80	--
CONN	--	--	--	13.0	--	--	--	--
GA	56.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	10.95
IDAHO	--	--	--	15.2	--	--	15.40	--
ILL	--	--	--	10.0	--	--	--	--
IND	--	--	--	10.2	--	--	--	--
KANS	--	--	--	--	--	--	17.40	--
KY	--	--	98.5	--	--	--	--	--
LA	51.5	--	--	--	82.00	--	--	9.80
MAINE	--	--	--	13.0	--	--	--	--
MD	--	--	--	10.4	--	--	--	9.15
MASS	--	--	--	13.0	--	--	--	--
MICH	--	--	--	8.7	--	--	21.40	--
MINN	--	--	--	--	--	5.67	--	--
MISS	51.1	--	--	--	99.00	--	--	5.70
MO	55.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
MONT	--	--	--	--	--	5.20	13.70	--
NEBR	--	--	--	--	--	--	18.30	--
N H	--	--	--	13.0	--	--	--	--
N J	--	--	--	10.8	--	--	--	12.00
N MEX	53.2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
N Y	--	--	--	11.1	--	--	17.10	--
N C	53.3	--	--	8.7	--	--	--	9.20
N DAK	--	--	--	--	--	5.72	13.00	--
OHIO	--	--	--	13.3	--	--	--	--
OKLA	44.9	--	--	--	89.00	--	--	--
OREG	--	--	--	4.7	--	--	--	--
PA	--	--	--	9.3	--	--	--	--
S C	56.9	--	--	--	--	--	--	11.05
S DAK	--	--	--	--	--	5.82	--	--
TENN	54.5	--	99.5	--	--	--	--	9.40
TEX	47.8	--	--	--	88.00	--	--	12.10
UTAH	--	--	--	--	--	--	15.70	--
VT	--	--	--	13.0	--	--	--	--
VA	--	--	--	11.2	--	--	--	9.45
WASH	--	--	--	7.2	--	--	14.80	--
W VA	--	--	--	12.6	--	--	--	--
WIS	--	--	--	12.0	--	--	--	--
WYO	--	--	--	--	--	--	15.50	--
U S	50.4	--	99.2	9.1	88.50	5.74	17.90	10.30

1/ PRICE BASED ON 400 POUND NET WEIGHT BALE. 2/ INSUFFICIENT SALES. 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 CNT. RECEIVED BY FARMERS. BY STATES, MARCH 15, 1976

STATE	HOGS	COWS 1/	STEERS AND HEIFERS	BEEF CATTLE 2/	CALVES	SHEEP	LAMBS
D O L L A R S							
ALA	44.70	27.20	32.50	30.60	32.10	—	—
ALAS	60.00	30.00	42.00	35.00	—	—	—
ARIZ	46.60	26.00	34.70	34.40	34.20	10.00	49.00
ARK	44.60	24.00	33.90	30.50	30.30	—	—
CALIF	47.00	26.50	36.70	35.10	32.40	14.40	48.70
COLO	44.60	27.80	37.90	37.30	37.90	10.00	52.20
CONN	—	26.00	30.50	26.30	—	—	—
DEL	45.40	27.10	36.00	30.80	42.20	—	—
FLA	43.60	26.10	31.30	29.40	30.00	—	—
GA	42.50	22.30	28.70	26.30	30.30	—	—
HAW	64.60	32.40	35.40	32.40	—	—	—
IDAHO	47.00	28.40	36.00	35.10	37.00	11.90	49.10
ILL	45.10	25.10	35.60	34.60	35.70	11.00	42.80
IND	46.00	27.30	34.70	33.90	30.50	13.80	44.60
IOWA	45.60	28.20	34.70	33.70	36.30	12.70	49.80
KANS	46.30	27.40	36.00	34.90	36.00	9.20	46.30
KY	45.60	26.80	33.60	32.00	35.10	11.80	47.50
LA	45.10	25.00	33.60	29.90	34.50	—	—
MAINE	—	26.00	30.00	26.30	—	—	—
MD	45.40	27.10	36.00	30.80	42.20	—	—
MASS	—	26.00	30.50	26.50	—	—	—
MICH	46.60	28.00	36.90	33.50	34.50	14.20	48.30
MINN	45.40	29.10	34.40	32.00	33.80	15.50	51.70
MISS	45.80	24.50	31.00	28.00	30.60	—	—
MO	45.80	25.70	35.10	33.80	35.40	12.00	49.80
MONT	44.90	26.30	36.30	34.00	38.80	12.00	44.70
NEBR	45.70	27.20	35.30	33.70	38.10	11.70	50.00
NEV	—	24.80	34.50	33.10	34.00	12.00	46.00
N H	—	26.00	29.50	26.30	—	—	—
N J	46.70	25.90	31.80	26.60	34.30	—	—
N MEX	—	25.90	36.40	35.40	33.00	13.60	51.00
N Y	44.80	26.10	32.80	26.90	30.10	—	44.90
N C	46.10	25.90	31.50	28.60	38.90	—	—
N DAK	44.60	27.00	34.90	33.20	37.00	10.50	47.20
OHIO	45.40	26.50	35.40	33.10	48.50	15.50	48.00
OKLA	45.50	27.10	35.40	34.20	34.30	6.50	45.90
OREG	—	26.50	37.10	34.10	35.00	10.00	45.00
PA	46.50	28.30	36.40	31.40	44.40	15.70	49.00
R I	—	26.00	30.50	26.50	—	—	—
S C	43.90	27.10	33.20	30.20	31.90	—	—
S DAK	45.90	28.50	36.00	35.00	38.30	11.60	50.80
TENN	46.00	25.40	33.50	30.40	37.10	11.20	42.50
TEX	43.30	26.20	33.70	31.70	33.20	19.40	54.20
UTAH	45.40	27.20	34.40	31.90	36.00	10.50	46.10
VT	—	25.50	29.00	25.80	27.60	—	—
VA	45.00	24.90	31.30	28.40	38.40	11.60	49.00
WASH	—	26.90	36.10	34.30	34.60	11.40	48.50
W VA	45.40	26.30	30.10	28.60	39.70	12.60	46.00
WIS	45.70	27.90	32.80	29.10	37.00	11.20	44.50
WYO	44.50	25.00	35.00	31.80	39.10	10.50	52.90
U S	45.50	27.00	35.30	33.60	35.30	13.40	49.70

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, FEBRUARY 1976 AND MARCH 1976

STATE	MILK SOLD TO PLANTS, PRICE PER CWT. FEB 1976						MAR 1976		
	ELIGIBLE FOR		MANUFACTURING		ALL		ALL MILK 2/		MILK COWS
	FLUID MARKET 1/		GRADE		MILK		PRICE	FAT	PER HEAD
	PRICE	FAT TEST	PRICE	FAT TEST	PRICE	FAT TEST	PER CWT.	TEST	3/
	DOL.	PCT.	DOL.	PCT.	DOL.	PCT.	DOL.	PCT.	DOL.
ALA	10.90	3.75	7.80	3.90	10.80	3.75	10.60	3.69	315
ALAS									600
ARIZ	10.40	3.62			10.40	3.62	10.20	3.55	480
ARK	10.70	3.61	8.40	3.67	10.20	3.62	10.10	3.53	370
CALIF 4/	9.60	3.71	7.90	3.80	9.50	3.72	8.90	3.62	545
COLO	10.90	3.73			10.80	3.73	10.60	3.65	410
CONN	11.00	3.80			11.00	3.80	10.60	3.78	470
DEL	10.80	3.80			10.80	3.80	10.60	3.77	500
FLA	12.00	3.49			12.00	3.49	11.80	3.45	440
GA	11.00	3.73			11.00	3.73	10.70	3.65	400
HAW	14.62	3.53			14.62	3.53	14.70	3.47	
IDAHO	9.80	3.80	8.60	3.76	9.05	3.78	9.10	3.69	430
ILL	9.80	3.79	8.85	3.81	9.55	3.80	9.50	3.75	365
IND	10.20	3.86	7.90	3.93	9.90	3.87	9.80	3.82	440
IOWA	9.85	3.85	8.50	3.73	9.10	3.78	8.95	3.73	435
KANS	9.85	3.71	8.35	3.71	9.65	3.71	9.50	3.63	425
KY	10.30	3.85	8.05	3.76	9.80	3.83	9.70	3.74	390
LA	10.90	3.63			10.90	3.63	10.70	3.60	475
MAINE	11.00	3.73			11.00	3.73	10.80	3.71	425
MD	10.80	3.80			10.80	3.80	10.60	3.77	500
MASS	10.80	3.69			10.80	3.69	10.40	3.67	465
MICH	10.40	3.79	8.20	3.79	10.30	3.79	10.30	3.75	500
MINN	9.13	3.68	8.30	3.61	8.63	3.64	8.75	3.59	490
MISS	10.50	3.70	8.15	3.80	10.40	3.70	10.30	3.63	495
MO	10.10	3.76	8.50	3.69	9.55	3.74	9.30	3.64	385
MONT	9.50	3.68	7.45	3.80	9.40	3.69	9.10	3.64	375
NEBR	10.20	3.83	8.55	3.81	9.45	3.82	9.35	3.74	380
NEV	9.75	3.69			9.75	3.69	9.70	3.60	400
N H	10.70	3.80			10.70	3.80	10.30	3.78	440
N J	10.70	3.77			10.70	3.77	10.50	3.74	630
N MEX	10.90	3.59			10.90	3.59	10.90	3.55	425
N Y	10.00	3.66			10.00	3.66	9.70	3.65	490
N C	10.80	3.79	7.95	4.15	10.80	3.79	10.70	3.74	325
N DAK	9.20	3.61	8.00	3.60	8.41	3.60	8.35	3.54	395
OHIO	10.30	3.82	8.55	3.83	10.20	3.82	10.10	3.79	470
OKLA	10.30	3.62	8.25	3.60	10.10	3.62	10.00	3.55	375
OREG	10.30	3.93	9.55	4.25	10.20	3.97	9.90	3.90	550
PA	10.70	3.80	8.60	3.80	10.70	3.80	10.50	3.80	635
R I	10.80	3.69			10.80	3.69	10.40	3.66	470
S C	11.20	3.97			11.20	3.97	11.10	3.93	460
S DAK	9.50	3.65	8.45	3.65	8.65	3.65	8.65	3.60	400
TENN	10.20	3.83	8.05	3.88	9.90	3.84	9.85	3.78	360
TEX	11.00	3.61			11.00	3.61	10.90	3.50	320
UTAH	9.85	3.75	8.80	3.73	9.55	3.74	9.40	3.69	485
VT	10.50	3.75			10.50	3.75	10.10	3.72	450
VA	10.50	3.73	7.80	3.88	10.30	3.74	10.20	3.71	365
WASH	9.80	3.79			9.80	3.79	9.80	3.78	445
W VA	10.60	3.82			10.60	3.82	10.30	3.78	310
WIS	9.40	3.79	8.64	3.75	9.10	3.77	9.45	3.75	525
WYO	10.50	3.71			9.90	3.70	9.75	3.65	365
U S	10.20	3.74	5/8.45	5/3.71	9.79	3.74	9.71	3.69	471

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, MARCH 15, 1976

STATE	TURKEYS PER LB.	CHICKENS EXCLUDING BROILERS PER LB.	BROILERS PER LB. 1/ 2/	EGGS PER DOZ. 2/ 3/	WOOL PER LB. 1/ 3/	HAY, BALED, PER TON		
						ALL	ALFALFA	OTHER
			CENTS			DOLLARS		
ALA	--	12.5	4/23.0	59.5	--	43.00	--	43.00
ALAS	--	--	--	115.0	--	--	--	--
ARIZ	--	8.0	--	49.0	65.0	75.00	77.00	45.00
ARK	34.0	12.0	4/23.0	57.7	--	41.50	54.50	39.50
CALIF	31.0	8.5	27.0	53.7	68.0	82.00	84.00	68.50
COLOR	--	--	--	48.0	65.0	54.00	54.00	54.50
CONN	--	12.0	4/24.0	67.0	--	--	--	--
DEL	--	15.0	4/23.5	67.8	--	59.50	68.00	55.00
FLA	--	10.0	24.0	45.3	--	--	--	--
GA	32.0	13.0	4/25.5	59.7	--	40.50	--	40.50
HAW	--	18.0	40.0	70.5	--	--	--	--
IDAHO	--	--	--	53.2	46.0	50.00	50.00	47.00
ILL	--	8.0	--	52.0	39.0	47.50	51.00	42.00
IND	4/ 28.0	11.0	4/27.5	54.0	35.0	51.00	55.00	44.00
IOWA	31.0	8.5	--	39.8	39.0	52.00	52.50	49.50
KANS	--	11.0	--	40.2	68.0	50.50	54.00	43.00
KY	--	12.0	--	49.5	--	42.00	51.00	40.00
LA	--	12.0	25.0	55.0	--	45.50	52.50	45.50
MAINE	--	12.0	4/24.0	60.0	--	--	--	--
MD	--	15.0	4/23.5	67.8	--	59.50	68.00	55.00
MASS	--	12.0	--	62.0	--	--	--	--
MICH	32.0	9.0	--	48.7	35.0	41.50	43.50	32.00
MINN	32.0	4.0	--	40.7	39.0	48.50	51.50	38.00
MISS	--	15.0	4/23.5	66.2	--	44.00	70.00	43.50
MO	31.0	13.0	24.0	53.3	40.0	46.00	50.00	44.00
MONT	--	--	--	56.3	53.0	42.50	43.50	41.00
NEBR	31.0	6.0	--	40.5	55.0	48.50	49.00	47.00
NEV	--	--	--	46.0	45.0	68.50	72.00	61.00
N H	--	12.0	--	60.0	--	--	--	--
N J	--	11.5	--	60.0	--	65.00	69.50	59.50
N MEX	--	--	--	61.0	76.0	68.50	70.00	57.00
N Y	--	9.5	--	50.9	--	54.50	60.50	48.00
N C	35.0	18.5	4/25.0	61.6	--	51.00	55.00	51.00
N DAK	--	8.0	--	35.5	40.0	35.00	37.50	31.50
OHIO	31.0	10.5	4/23.0	48.7	42.0	53.50	56.50	47.00
OKLA	--	8.5	25.5	55.9	--	52.00	64.50	43.00
OREG	4/ 35.0	7.5	30.5	48.7	55.0	67.00	70.00	55.00
PA	37.0	23.0	29.0	52.6	--	57.00	67.00	46.50
R I	--	12.0	--	62.0	--	--	--	--
S C	29.0	12.5	4/24.0	55.8	--	--	--	--
S DAK	31.0	--	--	37.8	48.0	45.50	48.00	40.50
TENN	--	16.0	4/23.5	57.0	--	43.00	47.50	42.50
TEX	34.0	12.5	24.5	60.4	75.0	49.50	63.00	47.00
UTAH	35.0	--	--	46.0	51.0	54.00	54.50	49.00
VT	--	12.0	--	72.0	--	--	--	--
VA	34.0	14.5	4/25.0	64.5	--	49.50	57.00	48.50
WASH	--	7.5	29.0	48.0	--	67.50	70.00	60.00
W VA	28.0	14.5	29.0	58.5	--	53.00	60.50	50.50
WIS	32.0	10.5	26.0	49.0	--	50.00	52.50	40.50
WYO	--	9.5	--	54.8	62.0	54.50	52.50	57.00
U S	32.5	12.8	5/24.4	54.1	52.8	54.10	58.20	46.10

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/ LIVELINE EQUIVALENT PRICE. 5/ INCLUDES DATA FOR SOME STATES NOT SHOWN SEPARATELY.

SEEDS: AVERAGE PRICES PER CWT. RECEIVED BY FARMERS, BY STATES, MARCH 15, 1976

STATE	ALFALFA	RED CLOVER	TIMOTHY	LESPEDEZA
	D O L L A R S			
ARK	---	---	---	35.00
CALIF	68.00	---	---	---
IDAHO	66.00	56.00	---	---
ILL	---	51.00	---	21.40
IND	---	48.50	---	30.80
IOWA	---	46.50	9.60	---
KANS	48.50	45.00	---	27.50
KY	---	57.00	---	43.70
MICH	---	36.00	---	---
MINN	---	42.00	12.10	---
MO	---	46.50	9.10	19.80
MONT	56.00	---	---	---
NEBR	50.50	---	---	---
NEV	60.00	---	---	---
N C	---	---	---	46.00
OHIO	---	42.50	8.60	---
OKLA	54.00	---	---	---
OREG	71.00	58.00	---	---
S C	---	---	---	44.00
S DAK	48.00	---	---	---
TENN	---	---	---	52.20
UTAH	58.50	---	---	---
WASH	66.50	55.00	---	---
WV	---	41.00	---	---
U S	65.50	47.90	10.80	38.90

POTATOES: AVERAGE PRICES PER CNT. RECEIVED BY FARMERS, BY STATES, MARCH 1976

STATE	DOLLARS	STATE	DOLLARS
ALABAMA	—	NEW JERSEY	—
ARIZONA	—	NEW MEXICO	—
CALIFORNIA - ALL	6.04	NEW YORK - ALL	6.50
WINTER 1976	6.20	LONG ISLAND	6.20
SPRING	—	UPSTATE	6.75
SUMMER	—	NORTH CAROLINA	—
FALL 1975	6.00	NORTH DAKOTA	5.15
COLORADO	4.15	OHIO	6.10
DELAWARE	—	OREGON	3.90
FLORIDA	10.40	PENNSYLVANIA	6.45
IDAHO	3.70	TEXAS	—
INDIANA	7.45	UTAH	3.85
MAINE	6.70	VIRGINIA	—
MICHIGAN	6.65	WASHINGTON	3.60
MINNESOTA	4.95	WISCONSIN	5.85
MONTANA	6.80		
NEBRASKA	5.55	UNITED STATES	4.95

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY GROWERS FOR PEANUTS AND TOBACCO,
BY AREAS AND TYPES,
(CENTS PER POUND)

AREA	PEANUTS		CLASS	TOBACCO	
	1975 1/	1976 1/		TYPE	1975 1/
VIRGINIA-CAROLINA					
SOUTHEAST					
SOUTHWEST			TOTAL EASTERN DISTRICT:	22	99.2
UNITED STATES			UNITED STATES		99.2

1/ INSUFFICIENT SALES.

2/ PRICES BY STATES ARE SHOWN ON PAGE 10.

MILKPAT IN CREAM: AVERAGE PRICE PER LB. RECEIVED BY
FARMERS, BY STATES, MARCH 15, 1976

STATE	CENTS	STATE	CENTS
IOWA	85.0	MONTANA	72.0
KANSAS	60.0	NEBRASKA	58.0
MINNESOTA	69.0	NORTH DAKOTA	76.0
MISSOURI	75.0	SOUTH DAKOTA	77.0
		UNITED STATES	72.9

CITRUS FRUIT: AVERAGE PRICES AND EQUIVALENT RETURNS PER BOX RECEIVED BY GROWERS, BY UTILIZATION, MARCH 1976

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:							
ARIZ	5.44	1.49	2.58	1.03	.30	1.40	-.16
NAVELS AND MISC.	5.50	1.90	2.70	.30	.75	1.55	-.85
VALENCIAS	5.40	1.40	2.50	1.10	.20	1.30	-.10
CALIF	6.30	2.75	3.50	.29	1.60	2.35	-.86
NAVELS	6.30	2.75	3.50	.28	1.60	2.35	-.87
VALENCIAS	5.15	1.68	2.25	1.10	.48	1.10	-.10
FLA	6.04	3.27	3.84	3.20	2.22	2.84	2.15
EARLY AND MIDS.	5.80	3.20	3.60	3.20	2.15	2.60	2.15
VALENCIAS	6.05	3.42	3.85	3.20	2.39	2.85	2.15
TEX	5.10	2.01	2.13	1.93	1.49	1.58	1.42
EARLY AND MIDS.				1.86			1.35
VALENCIAS	5.10	2.01	2.13	1.93	1.49	1.58	1.42
CALIF-ARIZ							
NAVELS AND MISC.						2.34	
VALENCIAS						1.25	
U S	6.16	3.13	3.48	3.03	2.09	2.46	2.00
GRAPEFRUIT:							
ARIZ	4.55	1.28	1.75	.70	.53	1.00	-.05
CALIF	4.80	1.19	2.00	.70	.43	1.24	-.06
DESERT VALLEYS	4.80	1.19	2.00	.70	.43	1.24	-.06
OTHER AREAS							
FLA	5.60	2.06	3.42	1.51	1.25	2.67	.67
WHITE SEEDLESS	5.25	1.96	3.05	1.55	1.14	2.30	.70
PINK SEEDLESS	6.35	2.90	4.20	1.25	2.09	3.45	.35
OTHER THAN SEEDLESS	3.90	1.50	1.90	1.50	.70	1.15	.70
TEX	5.10	1.49	1.88	1.01	1.11	1.48	.65
CALIF-ARIZ							
DESERT VALLEYS						1.16	
U S	5.57	1.98	3.08	1.46	1.22	2.40	.66
LEMONS:							
ARIZ	10.75	4.87	6.85	.90	2.97	4.95	-1.00
CALIF	11.90	5.67	8.00	.90	3.77	6.10	-1.00
U S	11.82	5.61	7.92	.90	3.71	6.02	-1.00
TEMPLES:							
FLA	6.70	2.76	4.40	2.40	1.60	3.40	1.20
TANGERINES:							
ARIZ	9.55	5.20	6.65	.85	3.85	5.30	-.50
CALIF	10.10	4.92	7.20	.84	3.57	5.85	-.51
FLA	9.70	5.69	7.10	2.45	4.23	5.75	.75
U S	9.72	5.59	7.08	2.20	4.15	5.73	.55
TANGELOS:							
FLA							

^{1/} APPROXIMATE NET CONTENTS PER BOX ARE AS FOLLOWS: ORANGES - CALIFORNIA AND ARIZONA, 75 LBS.; TEXAS, 85 LBS.; FLORIDA, 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, 85LBS.; TEXAS, 80 LBS.; LEMONS - 76 LBS.; AND TEMPLES - 90 LBS.

LOCAL MARKET COMMODITY - FEED PRICE RATIOS, UNITED STATES,
MARCH 15, 1976 WITH COMPARISONS ^{1/}

COMMODITY-FEED PRICE RATIO	MAR 15, 1974	MAR 15, 1975	FEB 15, 1976	MAR 15, 1976
HOG-CORN: BUSHELS OF CORN EQUAL IN VALUE TO 100-LBS. OF HOG, LIVWEIGHT UNITED STATES	13.1	14.3	19.3	18.2
NORTH CENTRAL STATES	13.1	14.4	19.4	18.3
EGG-FEED: POUNDS OF LAYING FEED EQUAL IN VALUE TO 1 DOZEN EGGS	7.5	7.6	8.4	7.5
BROILER-FEED: POUNDS OF BROILER GROWER EQUAL IN VALUE TO 1 LB. BROILER LIVWEIGHT ^{1/}	2.7	2.9	3.2	3.0
TURKEY-FEED: POUNDS OF TURKEY GROWER EQUAL IN VALUE TO 1 LB. TURKEY, LIVWEIGHT	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.9
MILK-FEED: POUNDS CONCENTRATE RATION EQUAL IN VALUE TO 1 LB. WHOLE MILK ^{1/}	1.49	1.38	1.66	<u>2/1.64</u>

^{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,
MARCH 1976, WITH COMPARISONS ^{1/}

REGION	MILK-FEED PRICE RATIO ^{2/}			ALL MILK PRICE PER CWT. :			RATION VALUE ^{3/}		
	MAR 1975	FEB 1976	MAR 1976	MAR 1975	FEB 1976	MAR 1976	MAR 1975	FEB 1976	MAR 1976
	P O U N D S			D O L L A R S					
N ATL	1.38	1.67	1.62	8.30	10.40	10.10	6.01	6.21	6.23
N CENT	1.36	1.70	1.71	7.58	9.27	9.36	5.58	5.44	5.48
S ATL	1.58	1.69	1.71	9.77	11.00	10.90	6.19	6.50	6.38
S CENT	1.43	1.65	1.63	8.68	10.40	10.30	6.08	6.29	6.30
WEST	1.32	1.57	1.49	8.42	9.66	9.28	6.39	6.17	6.24
U S	1.38	1.66	1.64	8.13	9.79	9.71	5.90	5.89	5.91

^{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,
MARCH 1976, WITH COMPARISONS

ITEM	MAR 1975	FEB 1976	MAR 1976
PARITY EQUIVALENT	9.14	10.08	10.16
AVERAGE PRICE F.O.B. PLANTS	7.01	8.45	<u>2/8.64</u>
AVERAGE FAT TEST OF MILK	3.68	3.71	<u>2/3.69</u>

^{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 1976 IS 84.0 PERCENT OF THE PARITY PRICE OF ALL MILK SOLD TO PLANTS, WHICH COMPARES WITH 83.1 PERCENT IN 1975. FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS SEE THE JANUARY 1976 ISSUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRICES.

^{2/} PRELIMINARY.

**FEED: AVERAGE PRICES PAID BY FARMERS, UNITED STATES,
MARCH 15, 1976, WITH COMPARISONS**

COMMODITY	UNIT	1975			1976		
		JAN 15	FEB 15	MAR 15	JAN 15	FEB 15	MAR 15
D O L L A R S							
ALBALFA HAY, BALED	TON	66.60	65.50	66.70	68.40	69.90	72.60
OTHER HAY, BALED	TON	55.90	56.70	56.90	59.50	60.10	61.70
COTTONSEED MEAL, 41 PCT.	CWT	9.83	9.21	8.69	9.47	9.42	9.47
SOYBEAN MEAL, 44 PCT.	"	9.86	9.10	8.37	8.81	8.84	8.86
BRAN	"	8.00	7.60	7.11	7.36	7.37	7.38
MIDLINGS	"	7.88	7.39	6.98	7.25	7.26	7.26
CORN MEAL	"	7.80	7.44	6.96	6.55	6.52	6.58
LAYING FEED	TON	160	151	143	143	143	145
BROILER GROWER FEED	"	176	167	161	158	160	160
TURKEY GROWER	"	178	168	161	165	165	165
CHICK STARTER FEED	"	181	171	162	161	162	162
DAIRY FEED							
14 PCT PROTEIN	TON	146	137	131	132	133	134
16 PCT PROTEIN	"	148	137	130	136	136	136
32 PCT PROTEIN	"	186	176	165	175	177	174
HOG FEED, 14-18 PCT	CWT	8.84	8.46	7.92	8.01	8.03	8.01
HOG FEED, OVER 29 PCT	"	10.70	10.20	9.63	1/10.20	10.30	10.30
CATTLE FEED, 30% AND OVER	"	8.60	8.17	7.78	2/8.14	8.12	8.09
STOCK SALT	"			2.78			3.03
INDEX NUMBERS (1967=100)							
FEED, PRICES PAID BY FARMERS	PCT	202	192	182	183	184	185

1/ SPECIFICATION CHANGED TO "HOG CONCENTRATE, 38-42% PROTEIN", FOR 1976.

2/ SPECIFICATION CHANGED TO "BEEF CATTLE CONCENTRATE, 32-36% PROTEIN", FOR 1976.

**LIVESTOCK: AVERAGE PRICES PAID BY FARMERS, UNITED STATES,
MARCH 15, 1976, WITH COMPARISONS**

COMMODITY	UNIT	1975			1976		
		JAN 15	FEB 15	MAR 15	JAN 15	FEB 15	MAR 15
D O L L A R S							
FEEDERS AND STOCKERS:							
CATTLE AND CALVES	CWT	24.00	23.00	24.50	33.50	36.90	36.20
LAMBS	"	35.00	35.00	37.00	50.50	50.00	54.00
PIGS, 1/	"	52.00	63.00	76.00	92.50	96.00	96.50
BABY CHICKS	PER 100	14.00	14.30	14.60	14.60	14.90	15.30
TURKEY POULTS	EACH	.687	.695	.701	.689	.696	.705
INDEX NUMBERS (1967=100)							
ALL LIVESTOCK	PCT	105	103	109	142	153	152

1/ BASED ON DATA DERIVED FROM REPORTS FROM FARMERS IN 27 STATES IN JAN, APR, JUL, OCT, ON PRICES PAID FOR FEEDER PIGS WEIGHTING 40-60 LBS.

FEED: AVERAGE PRICE PER 100 POUNDS PAID BY FARMERS, BY STATES,
MARCH 15, 1976

STATE	BRAN	MIDLINGS	COTTONSEED MEAL, 41% PROTEIN	SOYBEAN MEAL, 44% PROTEIN	CORN MEAL
D O L L A R S					
ALA	7.90	7.90	8.80	8.60	6.80
ARIZ	8.80		6.40	11.50	8.60
ARK	6.70	7.30	8.20	8.50	6.60
CALIF	8.20	8.20	9.00	10.50	7.90
COLO	7.10	6.70	9.60	9.30	6.50
CONN	8.20				7.70
DEL	7.20	7.20	8.90	9.60	6.50
FLA	8.70	8.30	9.70	9.80	8.20
GA	7.90	7.70	9.30	9.20	6.90
HAW					
IDAHO	6.80	6.70	10.50	11.00	7.50
ILL	7.50	7.60	9.80	9.10	5.40
IND	7.70	7.70	10.50	9.20	5.50
IOWA	7.40	7.40	10.00	8.30	5.10
KANS	6.40	6.10	9.40	8.30	6.20
KY	7.50	7.30	9.20	8.90	6.10
LA	7.10	8.20	9.30	8.70	7.60
MAINE	8.20	8.00			7.70
MD	7.20	7.20	8.90	9.60	6.50
MASS	8.20	8.00		10.00	7.70
MICH	7.90	7.90	11.00	9.20	6.20
MINN	7.00	6.80	9.80	8.10	5.50
MISS	7.90	8.20	8.30	8.30	6.90
MO	6.60	6.60	8.80	8.40	5.80
MONT	6.90	6.60	9.60	9.70	6.80
NEBR	7.10	7.00	9.10	8.50	6.00
NEV	9.10		11.00	13.50	9.50
N H	8.20			10.00	7.70
N J	8.40		10.00	9.90	7.30
N MEX	7.70	7.70	9.40	9.60	8.00
N Y	6.90	7.00	9.90	9.10	6.60
N C	7.40	7.20	9.70	9.30	6.90
N DAK	7.30	6.40		8.90	5.60
OHIO	7.40	7.40	10.50	9.10	6.20
OKLA	6.70	6.50	8.80	8.80	6.80
OREG	7.40	7.50	9.40	10.50	7.50
PA	7.10	7.00	9.80	9.00	6.40
R I	8.20	8.00			7.70
S C	7.90	7.50	10.00	9.30	7.40
S DAK	7.50	6.90		8.30	5.60
TENN	7.30	7.30	9.00	9.20	7.00
TEX	7.60	7.50	9.20	9.60	7.40
UTAH	5.90	6.10	9.10	9.70	6.80
VT	8.20	8.00		10.00	7.70
VA	7.80	7.80	9.80	9.40	6.70
WASH	8.70	7.60	10.50	10.50	8.20
W VA	8.00	7.90	9.60	9.90	7.10
WIS	6.90	7.00	10.00	8.20	5.50
WYO	8.00	8.00	9.40	10.50	7.50
U S	7.38	7.26	9.47	8.86	6.58

**FEED: AVERAGE PRICE PER 100 POUNDS PAID BY FARMERS,
BY STATES, MARCH 15, 1976**

STATE	BEEF CATTLE	HOG FEED		STOCK SALT	OYSTER SHELLS
	CONCENTRATES 52-36% PROTEIN	14-18% PROTEIN	HOG CONCT. 38-42% PROTEIN		
D O L L A R S					
ALA	8.50	8.00	10.50	3.75	3.05
ARIZ	8.70	9.80	11.00	2.60	5.00
ARK	8.00	7.30	10.00	2.45	4.60
CALIF	7.50	7.80	10.00	2.80	3.80
COLO	7.40	7.70	10.00	2.40	3.95
CONN		8.10		4.50	3.70
DEL	8.70	7.50	9.70	3.70	3.00
FLA	8.70	8.90	10.50	3.85	4.15
GA	9.30	8.30	10.50	3.70	3.50
HAW				4.25	5.30
IDAHO	8.50	8.80		2.55	4.85
ILL	8.70	8.80	10.70	3.65	3.75
IND	9.00	8.10	10.60	4.05	3.90
IOWA	8.80	8.30	10.30	3.40	3.50
KANS	7.50	7.50	9.70	1.80	3.60
KY	8.60	8.20	10.40	3.75	4.30
LA	8.00	8.40	10.50	3.00	3.80
MAINE		8.00		4.50	3.70
MD	8.70	7.50	9.70	3.70	3.00
MASS		8.10		4.50	3.70
MICH	9.40	8.30	10.60	3.75	4.25
MINN	8.40	8.10	10.40	3.15	3.50
MISS	8.20	8.20	10.50	3.15	3.60
MO	7.60	7.50	9.80	2.30	3.35
MONT	9.00	7.90		2.55	4.65
NEBR	7.90	8.20	10.00	2.60	3.40
NEV	8.30			3.50	5.00
N H		8.00		4.50	3.70
N J	9.20	8.60		4.40	3.30
N MEX	8.20			2.55	4.60
N Y	8.60	7.90	10.00	3.35	3.55
N C	9.00	8.00	10.20	4.05	3.95
N DAK	8.10	7.40	10.00	3.10	3.80
OHIO	9.50	7.80	10.70	3.70	4.00
OKLA	8.00	7.60	9.90	2.15	3.70
OREG	7.50	7.90		2.90	5.00
PA	8.60	7.80	10.30	3.50	3.05
R I				4.50	3.70
S C	9.30	8.60	11.00	4.55	4.35
S DAK	8.30	7.50	10.00	2.55	3.20
TEXN	8.10	7.60	9.90	3.40	3.50
TEX	7.50	8.00	10.90	2.70	3.75
UTAH	7.30	7.50	9.60	1.80	4.00
VT		8.00		4.50	3.70
VA	8.60	7.90	10.00	3.75	3.55
WASH	8.70	8.10	10.00	3.25	5.10
W VA		7.90	10.50	4.10	3.80
WIS	8.90	7.80	10.90	3.65	3.70
WYO	8.10			2.60	5.00
U S	8.09	8.01	10.30	3.03	3.73

FEED: AVERAGE PRICE PER TON PAID BY FARMERS, BY STATES,
MARCH 15, 1976

STATES	DAIRY FEED, PERCENT PROTEIN		
	14	16	32
D O L L A R S			
ALA		136	150
ARIZ	149	160	
ARK	125	127	
CALIF	129	129	
COLO	150	145	180
CONN		133	
DEL	121	124	176
FLA	130	155	167
GA	127	141	162
HAW			
IDAHO	133	146	178
ILL	145	148	188
IND	132	140	187
IOWA	132	136	188
KANS	130	133	162
KY	126	134	176
LA		137	
MAINE	136	137	
MD	121	124	176
MASS		135	
MICH	140	142	194
MINN	127	131	179
MISS	124	130	
MO	124	131	158
MONT	130	135	
NEBR	130	132	175
NEV	155	185	
N H		137	
N J		143	170
N MEX	153	158	
N Y	134	134	147
N C	133	134	164
N DAK	137	138	174
OHIO	145	153	190
OKLA	128	132	
OREG	137	140	
PA	144	138	174
R I		135	
S C		132	162
S DAK	134	137	172
TENN	121	137	166
TEX	137	144	150
UTAH	140	140	146
VT	136	137	
VA	139	141	171
WASH	137	141	
W VA		144	
WIS	133	137	176
WYO	150	157	187
U S	134	136	174

FEED: AVERAGE PRICE PER TON PAID BY FARMERS FOR POULTRY
FEED AND POULTRY FEED RATIOS, BY STATES, MARCH 15, 1976

STATE	POULTRY FEED, PER TON				POULTRY PRICE RATIOS 1/		
	CHICK STARTER	LAYING FEED	BROILER GROWER	TURKEY GROWER	EGG FEED	BROILER FEED	TURKEY FEED
	DOLLARS				POUNDS		
ALA	150	142	145	159	8.4	3.2	
ARIZ	178	151			6.5		
ARK	147	131	160	171	8.8	2.9	4.0
CALIF	157	134	164	161	8.0	3.3	3.9
COLO	175	155		170	6.2		
CONN	151	136	166		9.9	2.9	
DEL	163	152	161	162	8.9	2.9	
FLA	173	156	168	177	5.8	2.9	
GA	160	141	164	192	8.5	3.1	3.3
HAW	190	172	205		8.2	3.9	
IDAHO	169	147		191	7.2		
ILL	183	164	172	182	6.3		
IND	166	138	157	155	7.8	3.5	3.6
IOWA	175	150	163	160	5.3		3.9
KANS	164	150			5.4		
KY	179	150			6.6		
LA	158	144	152		7.6	3.3	
MAINE	150	137	166		8.8	2.9	
MD	163	152	161	162	8.9	2.9	
MASS	151	139			8.9		
MICH	170	146	164	167	6.7		3.8
MINN	175	154	150	154	5.3		4.2
MISS	163	150	160		8.8	2.9	
MO	165	142	152	154	7.5	3.2	4.0
MONT	195	165		215	6.8		
NEBR	169	152		160	5.3		3.9
NEV		190		210	4.8		
N H	150	139			8.6		
N J	153	143	156	167	8.4		
N MEX	175	160			7.6		
N Y	155	140	170	171	7.3		
N C	159	148	174	165	8.3	2.9	4.2
N DAK	182	162		180	4.4		
OHIO	178	158	160	178	6.2	2.9	3.5
OKLA	164	147	160	170	7.6	3.2	
OREG	161	155	180	164	6.3	3.4	4.3
PA	164	150	163	166	7.0	3.6	4.5
R I	151	137			9.1		
S C	149	143	150	149	7.8	3.2	3.9
S DAK	180	138		165	5.5		3.8
TENN	168	149	152		7.7	3.1	
TEX	158	144	160	180	8.4	3.1	3.8
UTAH	170	150		180	6.1		3.9
VT	151	139			10.4		
VA	171	144	156	163	9.0	3.2	4.2
WASH	171	156	181	170	6.2	3.2	
W VA	177	154	166	174	7.6	3.5	3.2
WIS	176	148	158	180	6.6	3.3	3.6
WYO	195	175			6.3		
U S	162	145	160	165	7.5	3.0	3.9

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.

CLOTHING: AVERAGE PRICES PAID BY FARMERS, UNITED STATES,
FEBRUARY, NOVEMBER 1975, FEBRUARY 1976 ^{1/}

COMMODITY AND UNIT	1975		1976
	FEB	NOV	FEB
D O L L A R S			
<u>MEN'S AND BOYS' APPAREL, OUTERWEAR</u>			
MEN'S OVERALLS, EACH	11.40	11.70	12.00
MEN'S WORK SUITS, MATCH. SHIRT & PANTS, PER SUIT	14.70		15.40
MEN'S WORK SHIRTS, EACH	6.39	6.61	6.65
MEN'S WORK SOCKS, PER PAIR	.802	.825	.836
MEN'S WORK GLOVES, FABRIC, PER PAIR	1.03	1.06	1.08
MEN'S CHORE JACKETS, LINED, EACH	14.80	15.20	15.60
BOYS' JEANS, DENIM, EACH	7.24	7.55	7.95
MEN'S HATS, FELT, EACH	13.20	14.20	14.40
MEN'S DRESS SHIRTS, DURABLE PRESS, EACH	8.10	8.50	8.54
MEN'S SLACKS, EACH			
DRESS, WOOL BLENDS OR POLYESTER BLENDS	15.90	16.10	16.20
CASUAL	12.20	13.00	12.90
MEN'S SPORT COATS, BLENDS OR POLYESTER, EACH	52.80		52.70
MEN'S SUITS, WITH 1 PAIR OF PANTS, EACH			
WINTER WEIGHT, WOOL BLENDS OR POLYESTER	93.10	97.70	97.40
LIGHT WEIGHT, WOOL BLENDS OR POLYESTER	86.00	91.20	90.40
BOYS' DRESS OUTFITS, 2-PIECE, (SLACKS & SPORTCOAT) 6-12 YEARS, PER SET	25.00	24.40	25.60
<u>MEN'S UNDERWEAR</u>			
UNDERSHIRTS, T-STYLE, EACH	1.51		1.53
SHORTS, EACH	1.56		1.61
HEAVY WEIGHT, THERMAL KNIT:			
SHIRTS, LONG SLEEVES, EACH	4.10	4.29	4.29
DRAWERS, ANKLE LENGTH, EACH	4.09	4.21	4.26
<u>WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' APPAREL</u>			
WOMEN'S DRESSES:			
BUDGET PRICED, EACH	12.30	12.70	13.00
CASUAL OR DAYTIME, EACH	17.00	17.60	18.40
BETTER DRESSES, EACH	29.00	30.30	31.50
BLOUSES, POLYESTER AND COTTON BLENDS, EACH	9.22	9.88	10.30
SWEATERS, MAN-MADE FIBERS, EACH	11.40	12.10	12.20
SUITS, 2-PIECE, WOOL BLENDS OR POLYESTER, EACH	40.70	40.70	41.10
WOMEN'S CARCOATS, EACH	34.90	37.30	37.50
GIRLS' DRESSES, COTTON OR BLENDS, SIZES 7-14, EACH	8.71	9.44	9.67
<u>WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR</u>			
SLIPS, EACH	4.95	4.92	5.18
GIRDLES, PANTY STYLE, EACH	7.71	7.83	8.13
PANTIES OR BRIEFS, CHIEFLY MAN-MADE FIBERS, EACH	1.16	1.15	1.20
NIGHTGOWNS, EACH	6.06	6.29	6.33
PANTY HOSE, PER PAIR	1.28	1.23	1.25
HOSE, PER PAIR	1.07	1.08	1.10
GIRLS' ANKLETS, PER PAIR	.672	.685	.707
<u>SHOES, BOOTS AND ACCESSORIES</u>			
MEN'S:			
WORK SHOES, PER PAIR	18.60	19.90	20.30
DRESS SHOES, PER PAIR	21.40	23.00	23.60
RUBBER BOOTS, KNEE-LENGTH, PER PAIR	11.20		11.80
BOYS' SHOES, SIZES 2 1/2-6, PER PAIR	11.70	12.40	12.50
WOMEN'S:			
SHOES, (EXCLUDING PUMPS, OR STRAPS & CASUALS), PER PAIR	13.50	14.90	15.30
PUMPS OR STRAPS, PER PAIR	15.10	16.10	16.40
CASUALS, PER PAIR	12.10		13.50
GIRLS' SHOES, SIZES 12 1/2-3, PER PAIR	9.73	10.70	10.90

^{1/} AVERAGE PRICES AT INDEPENDENT AND CHAIN STORES.

CLOTHING CONTINUED: AVERAGE PRICES PAID BY FARMERS, UNITED STATES,
FEBRUARY, NOVEMBER 1975, FEBRUARY 1976 ^{1/}

COMMODITY AND UNIT	1975		1976
	FEB	NOV	FEB
D O L L A R S			
CLOTHING CONTINUED:			
<u>YARD GOODS</u>			
GINGHAMS, COTTON OR BLENDS, 44-45 IN. WIDTH, PER YARD	.1.46		1.42
CHEESE CLOTH, 36" WIDTH, PER YARD	.244	.265	.263
<u>HOUSEHOLD TEXTILES</u>			
WHITE SHEETS, PERCALE, DURABLE PRESS:			
TWIN SIZE, 72"x108", EACH	4.31	4.47	4.44
FULL SIZE, 81"x108", EACH	5.19	5.36	5.38
BLANKETS, SYNTHETIC, 80"x90", EACH	9.20	9.55	9.35
BATH TOWELS, 22"x44", EACH	2.47		2.68
CURTAINS, KITCHEN READY-MADE, PER PAIR	4.42		4.46
TABLECLOTHS, COTTON OR COTTON BLENDS, 52"x70", EACH	5.78	6.16	6.17

FARM SUPPLIES AND MARKETING CONTAINERS: AVERAGE PRICES PAID
BY FARMERS, UNITED STATES, FEBRUARY, NOVEMBER 1975,
FEBRUARY 1976 ^{1/}

COMMODITY AND UNIT	1975		1976
	FEB	NOV	FEB
D O L L A R S			
<u>FARM SUPPLIES</u>			
IRON PIPE, GALVANIZED, 1/2", PER FOOT	.548		.562
IRON PIPE, GALVANIZED, 1-1/4", PER FOOT			1.21
BARBED WIRE, GALVANIZED, 12-1/2 GAUGE,			
2 POINT, PER 80 ROD SPOOL	30.00	27.40	27.30
4 POINT, PER 80 ROD SPOOL	33.60	30.80	30.50
FIELD AND STOCK FENCE, 6" STAY WIRE SP., 12-1/2 GAUGE,			
32 INCHES HIGH, PER 20 ROD ROLL	54.50	53.60	53.70
39 INCHES HIGH, PER 20 ROD ROLL	63.20	61.50	61.60
POSTS, LINE FENCE, STEEL, EACH	2.47	2.30	2.29
MILK PAILS, HEAVY, TIN-PLATE, 12-QUART, EACH	4.39		4.80
HAND SPRAYER, PRESSURE, 3-4 GALLON, EACH	18.10		20.00
AXES, SINGLE BIT, WITH HANDLE, EACH		11.90	11.80
ADJUSTABLE END WRENCH, 10-INCH, EACH	6.24		6.80
GREASE GUN, HAND PRESSURE, 1 POUND CAPACITY, EACH	6.45		6.58
ELECTRIC DRILL, 1/4 INCH, EACH	13.70		14.40
ELECTRIC MOTORS, 1/3-HP., EACH	37.20		40.80
HAND SAW, ELECTRIC, 7-INCH, WITH MOTOR, EACH	30.50		31.70
SOLDERING IRON, HEAVY-DUTY, ELECTRIC, WITH			
REPLACEABLE COPPER TIP, EACH	12.80		13.80
NAILS, 8D, COMMON, PER POUND	.481	.482	.480
DINNER PLATES, EARTHENWARE, PLAIN, EACH			.626
<u>MARKETING CONTAINERS ^{2/}</u>			
BASKETS, STAVE, 1-BU., WITH COVER, NEW, PER DOZEN	10.40	10.60	11.00
HAMPERS, 1-BU., WITH COVER, NEW, PER 100	73.50	77.00	76.10
FRUIT BOX CARTONS & BOXES, PER BOX	.524	.477	.513
LUG BOXES, PER BOX	.687	.742	.612
VEGETABLE CRATES AND CARTONS, EACH	.704	.696	.647
BAGS, BURLAP, 100-LB., PER 100	33.00	29.90	31.30
BAGS, PAPER, 50-LB., PER 100	19.00	22.50	17.90
BAGS, PAPER, 20-LB., PER 100	10.30	10.50	10.70
BAGS, OPEN MESH, 50-LB., PER 100	28.30	28.80	29.10

^{1/} AVERAGE OF PRICES AT INDEPENDENT AND CHAIN STORES.

^{2/} AVERAGE OF PRICES AT INDEPENDENT STORES.

AVERAGE CORN AND GRAIN SORGHUM PRICES FOR UNITED STATES
OCTOBER 1975 - FEBRUARY 1976

MONTH AND YEAR	CORN		GRAIN SORGHUM	
	AVERAGE PRICE	AVERAGE PERCENT	AVERAGE PRICE	AVERAGE PERCENT
	PER BU. 1/	OF SALES 2/	PER CWT. 1/	OF SALES 2/
	DOL	PERCENT	DOL	PERCENT
OCT '75	2.62	11.2	4.43	12.6
NOV '75	2.33	13.9	4.05	14.5
DEC '75	2.37	10.3	4.00	12.5
JAN '76	2.44	12.3	4.06	13.0
FEB '76	2.48	7.6	4.09	4.9
5 MONTH	<u>3/2.44</u>		<u>4/4.13</u>	

1/ PRICES PUBLISHED IN AGRICULTURAL PRICES, OCTOBER 1975 THROUGH FEBRUARY 1976.

2/ WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF PERCENT SOLD FOR YEARS 1972-74 AS SHOWN IN FIELD CROPS-PRODUCTION, FARM USE, VALUE, SALES, MAY 12, 1975 AND CROP PRODUCTION, DECEMBER 10, 1975. WEIGHTS USED TO COMPUTE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WERE TOTAL SALES FOR 1972, 1973 AND 1974 AS SHOWN IN FIELD CROPS-PRODUCTION, FARM USE, VALUE, SALES, MAY 1974 AND MAY 12, 1975

3/ FIVE MONTH WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE USING AVERAGE PERCENT OF SALES AS WEIGHTS.

4/ \$2.31 PER BUSHEL.

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	CENTS PER POUND
WOOL	44.7
MOHAIR	185.0

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