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PRICES RECEIVED INDEX DOWN 8 POINTS

PRICES PAID INDEX DOWN 1 POINT

The Index of Prices Received by Farmers decreased 8 points (4 percent) to 187 percent of its January-December 1967 average during the month ended August 15, 1976, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Contributing most to the decrease since mid-July were lower prices for meat animals, feed grains, oil-bearing crops and food grains. Higher prices for fruit, milk, eggs and vegetables were partially offsetting. The index was 7 points (4 percent) below a year earlier.

The Index of Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates for August 15 was 195, down 1 point (½ percent) from the revised July index. Lower prices for feed and feeder livestock accounted for the index decrease. The index was 11 points (6 percent) above a year earlier.

SUMMARY TABLE

INDEX 1967=100	JUL 15, 1975	AUG 15, 1975	JUL 15, 1976	AUG 15, 1976
PRICES RECEIVED	191	194	195	187
PRICES PAID, INTEREST, TAXES, AND FARM WAGE RATES	183	184	196	195
RATIO 1/	104	105	99	96

1/ RATIO OF INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS TO INDEX OF PRICES PAID, INTEREST, TAXES, AND FARM WAGE RATES.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

The Index of Prices Received by Farmers decreased 8 points (4 percent) during the month ended August 15 to 187 percent of its 1967 average. Compared with a year earlier the index was down 7 points (4 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 10 points (6 percent) to 166 (1967=100) during the month ended August 15. All beef cattle prices were off \$.70 per cwt from last month to average \$32.80. Steer and heifer prices averaged \$35.30 off \$.50, and cow prices at \$24.60 declined \$1.50 per cwt. Hog prices down \$.10 per cwt to \$42.60, showed the largest decline from last month. Calf prices at \$34.50 were off \$.70 per cwt. The August index was 15 points (8 percent) below a year earlier.

FEED GRAINS AND HAY: The index of prices received by farmers for feed grains and hay decreased 16 points (7 percent) to 226 during the month with all items below a month earlier. Corn at \$2.64 per bushel was 18 cents below July and 31 cents below August 1975, while sorghum grain at \$4.03 per cwt was down 50 cents from a month earlier and 66 cents less than a year earlier. Barley averaged \$2.35 per bushel, down 16 cents from July and 21 cents less than August 1975. Oats declined 16 cents from a month earlier at \$1.48 per bushel, but was 4 cents higher than a year earlier. Hay averaged \$58.70 per ton, down 30 cents from the previous month, but \$7.70 more than August 1975. The August index was 20 points (8 percent) below a year earlier.

OIL-BEARING CROPS: The index of prices received by farmers for oil-bearing crops decreased 21 points (9 percent) to 219 during the month ended August 15. Soybeans at \$6.07 per bushel, were 66 cents lower than the previous month but 27 cents higher than a year earlier. Peanuts averaged 18.6 cents per pound compared with 18.5 cents in August 1975. Cottonseed at \$92.00 per ton was \$1.00 less than a year earlier. Flaxseed was \$7.04 per bushel, 16 cents less than July and 18 cents below August 1975. The August index was 8 points (4 percent) above a year earlier.

FOOD GRAINS: The index of prices received by farmers for food grains decreased 23 points (11 percent) during the month. Wheat averaged \$2.97 per bushel, 36 cents less than a month earlier and 92 cents below a year earlier. Rice at \$6.44 per cwt was \$3.36 less than a year earlier. Compared with August 1975, the index was down 63 points (25 percent).

COTTON: The index of prices received for cotton decreased 46 points (15 percent) during the month. Upland cotton at 61.0 cents per pound was 10.4 cents less than July, but 17.5 cents more than a year earlier. The cotton index was 78 points (40 percent) above a year earlier.

FRUIT CROPS: The fruit crop index increased 18 points (15 percent) during the month to 137. The increase was mainly due to higher apple and grapefruit prices. The only fruit crop showing a decrease in price from last month was pears. The August index was 3 points (2 percent) below August 1975.

PRICES PAID BY FARMERS

The index of prices paid by farmers for commodities and services for August 15 was 191 percent of its 1967 average, 1 point (1/2 percent) below a month earlier but 11 points (6 percent) above a year earlier.

PRODUCTION INDEX LOWER

At 198, the mid-August index of prices paid by farmers for production goods was 1 point (1/2 percent) below mid-July. Lower prices for feed and feeder livestock more than offset higher prices for building and fencing materials. The index was 12 points (6 percent) above August 1975.

FEED: The index of prices paid for feed, at 198, was 4 percent below last month. Nearly all items were lower except liquid molasses. Compared to a year ago, the index was up 3 percent.

FEEDER LIVESTOCK: At 152, the index of prices paid for feeder livestock was down 1 percent from a month earlier. Prices were lower for both feeder cattle and calves and hogs. Baby chick prices were up. The index was 15 percent above last year.

BUILDING AND FENCING MATERIALS: Prices paid for building and fencing materials increased 1 percent from a month ago. Price changes were mixed but most items averaged higher. Prices were 4 percent above last year.

FUELS AND ENERGY: Prices paid for fuels and energy averaged unchanged from the previous month. Prices were 4 percent above August 1975.

FAMILY LIVING INDEX STEADY

The August 15 index of prices paid by farmers for family living items was unchanged from a month earlier. Prices were up slightly for food, clothing, medical and health, education, recreation and other but not enough to trigger an index increase. The family living index was 8 points (5 percent) above a year earlier.

CLOTHING AND TEXTILES: Prices paid by farmers for clothing and textiles averaged 1 1/2 percent more than in mid-July. All types of apparel were higher. Prices averaged 9 percent above August 15, 1975.

FOOD: Prices paid for food in mid-August averaged 1/2 percent above the previous month. Lower prices for meats were more than offset by increases for other commodities. Food prices were 3 percent above a year earlier.

HOUSING: The August 15 index of prices paid by farmers for housing (includes shelter, furnishings and equipment, and household operations), at 178, was unchanged from a month earlier. The index was up 5 percent from a year ago.

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

COMMODITY AND UNIT	AVERAGE		AUG	JUN	JUL	AUG	
	JAN 1910-	JAN 1967-	15,	15,	15,	15,	
	DEC 1914	DEC 1967	1975	1976	1976	1976	
ALL WHEAT, PER BU.	DOL.	.880	1.47	3.89	3.42	3.33	2.97
RICE, (ROUGH), PER CWT.	"	1.81	5.05	9.80	7.32		6.44
CORN, PER BU.	"	.649	1.17	2.95	2.74	2.82	2.64
OATS, PER BU.	"	.399	.668	1.44	1.64	1.64	1.48
BARLEY, PER BU.	"	.617	1.02	2.56	2.60	2.51	2.35
SORGHUM GRAIN, PER CWT.	"		1.88	4.69	4.29	4.53	4.03
ALL HAY, BALED, PER TON	"	11.90	23.50	51.00	59.60	59.00	58.70
COTTON, AMERICAN UPLAND, PER LB.	CT.	1/11.92	22.54	43.5	68.0	71.4	2/61.0
PEANUTS, PER LB.	"	4.83	11.4	18.5			18.6
TOBACCO, PER LB. 3/	"			95.2	105.5	98.7	108.7
COTTONSEED, PER TON	DOL.	21.80	58.00	93.00			92.00
SOYBEANS, PER BU.	"		2.62	5.80	6.16	6.73	6.07
FLAXSEED, PER BU.	"	1.68	2.89	7.22	6.69	7.20	7.04
POTATOES, PER CWT. 3/	"	1.13	2.02	*5.06	5.43	4.85	4.16
SWEETPOTATOES, PER CWT.	"	1.61	5.65	*10.10	9.55	9.12	7.74
DRY EDIBLE BEANS, PER CWT.	"	3.39	7.99	21.20	16.00	16.60	15.70
DRY FIELD PEAS (OPEN MKT.), PER CWT.	"		4.64	7.60	8.11	10.40	11.30
APPLES, FOR FRESH USE, PER LB. 3/ 4/	CT.		6.65	11.8	7.1	9.5	12.3
PEACHES, FOR FRESH USE, PER LB. 3/	"		9.20	14.3	14.3	13.3	14.5
STRAWBERRIES, FOR FRESH USE, PER LB. 3/	"		28.3	33.9	36.4	*39.0	40.6
PEARS, FOR FRESH USE, PER TON 3/ 4/	DOL.		125.00	186.00		140.00	105.00
CITRUS (EQUIV. ON-TREE), PER BOX 3/	"						
GRAPEFRUIT	"		1.38	2.40	1.16	1.10	2.19
LEMONS	"		2.45	4.89	2.31	2.59	3.37
ORANGES	"		1.58	1.37	2.24	1.53	1.53
TANGELOS	"		2.49				
TANGERINES	"		2.66				
TEMPLES	"		1.62				
ALL BEEF CATTLE, PER CWT.	DOL.	5.52	22.20	32.30	36.30	33.50	32.80
COWS, PER CWT.	"		16.50	19.60	26.70	26.10	24.60
STEERS AND HEIFERS, PER CWT.	"		24.00	36.40	39.10	35.80	35.30
CALVES, PER CWT.	"	6.84	26.40	25.40	37.90	35.20	34.50
HOGS, PER CWT.	"	7.29	19.00	56.10	49.10	47.70	42.60
LAMBS, PER CWT.	"	5.96	22.20	39.90	51.00	46.90	41.40
SHEEP, PER CWT.	"	4.59	6.38	10.80	12.60	13.00	12.50
ALL MILK, SOLD TO PLANTS, PER CWT. 3/	DOL.	1.61	5.03	8.64	9.11	9.41	5/9.67
MILK ELIGIBLE FOR FLUID MARKET	"		5.44	8.89	9.35	9.63	5/9.87
MILK OF MANUFACTURING GRADE	"		4.07	7.63	8.32	8.60	5/8.85
BROILERS, LIVE, PER LB. 3/	CT.		13.3	29.1	24.3	25.4	24.3
EGGS, PER DOZEN 6/	"	21.6	31.2	50.8	53.8	55.5	60.6
TURKEYS, LIVE, PER LB.	"	14.3	20.0	35.7	31.4	31.2	30.9
WOOL, PER LB. 3/ 7/	"	17.8	39.7	46.2	69.0	70.2	66.5
ADJUSTED FOR SEASONAL VARIATION							
ALL MILK, SOLD TO PLANTS, PER CWT. 3/	DOL.		5.04	9.00	9.80	10.01	5/10.07
EGGS, PER DOZEN	CT.		31.2	52.4	61.1	59.0	62.5

1/ ALL COTTON. 2/ PRELIMINARY. 3/ AVERAGE FOR THE MONTH. 4/ EQUIVALENT PACKINGHOUSE-DOOR RETURNS FOR WASHINGTON AND OREGON, EQUIVALENT FIRST DELIVERY POINT RETURNS FOR CALIFORNIA, AND PRICES AS SOLD FOR OTHER STATES. 5/ PRICES ARE PRELIMINARY. FAT TEST PERCENT FOR ALL MILK, 3.53; FLUID MARKET, 3.53; MANUFACTURING GRADE, 3.54. 6/ AVERAGE OF ALL EGGS SOLD BY FARMERS, INCLUDING HATCHING EGGS AND EGGS SOLD AT RETAIL. 7/ 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 3,415 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 AUGUST 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			
		AUG	JUL	AUG	AUG	JUL	AUG	
		1975	1976	1976	1975	1976	1976	
BASIC COMMODITIES:								
WHEAT, PER BU.	DOL. :	.739	4.63	4.91	4.90	84	68	61
RICE, PER CWT.	" :	4/2.05	13.20	13.60	13.60	74		47
CORN, PER BU.	" :	.496	3.07	3.29	3.29	96	86	80
COTTON, PER LB.	:							
AMERICAN UPLAND	CT. :	12.00	78.60	79.68	79.56	55	*90	77
EXTRA LONG STAPLE	" :	4/17.9	114.0	119.0	119.0	*59		
PEANUTS, PER LB.	" :	4/4.16	26.4	27.6	27.6	70		67
TOBACCO, PER LB.	:							
FLUE-CURED, TYPES 11-14	" :	4/23.4	151.0	155.0	155.0	63	64	70
VA FIRE-CURED, TYPE 21	" :	4/17.7	109.0	118.0	117.0			
KY-TENN FIRE-CURED,	:							
TYPES 22-23	" :	4/18.5	113.0	123.0	123.0			
BURLEY, TYPE 31	" :	4/24.2	157.0	161.0	160.0			
MARYLAND, TYPE 32	" :	5/22.1	142.0	147.0	147.0			
DARK AIR-CURED, TYPES 35-36	" :	4/15.8	96.5	105.0	105.0			
SUN-CURED, TYPE 37	" :	4/17.5	109.0	116.0	116.0			
PA SEEDLEAF, TYPE 41	" :	4/11.6	71.6	77.0	76.9			
CIGAR FILLER AND BINDER,	:							
TYPES 42-44, 53-55	" :	4/14.6	89.5	96.9	96.8			
PUERTO RICAN FILLER, TYPE 46	" :	4/14.8	93.9	98.3	98.1			
CIGAR BINDER, TYPES 51-52	" :	4/19.7	124.0	131.0	131.0			
DESIGNATED NONBASIC COMMODITIES:								
TUNG NUTS, PER TON	DOL. :	4/18.10	122.00	120.00	120.00			
ALL MILK, SOLD TO PLANTS, PER	:							
CWT.	" :	1.84	11.50	12.20	12.20	6/78	6/*82	6/83
MILKFAT IN CREAM, PER LB.	CT. :	20.1	134.0	133.0	133.0	*54		
HONEY, WHOLESALE, PER LB.:	:							
EXTRACTED	" :	7/7.65	45.6	50.8	50.7			
WOOL AND MOHAIR:								
WOOL, PER LB.	CT. :	4/20.8	139.0	138.0	138.0	8/33	8/51	8/48
MOHAIR, PER LB.	" :	4/31.4	188.0	208.0	208.0			
OTHER NONBASIC COMMODITIES:								
BARLEY, PER BU.	DOL. :	.425	2.56	2.82	2.82	100	89	83
COTTONSEED, PER TON	" :	4/20.80	130.00	138.00	138.00	72		67
DRY EDIBLE BEANS, PER CWT.	" :	3.87	23.80	25.70	25.70	*89	65	61
FLAXSEED, PER BU.	" :	1.21	7.41	8.03	8.02	97	90	88
OATS, PER BU.	" :	.242	1.47	1.61	1.60	98	102	93
POTATOES, PER CWT.	" :	*4/.848	5.34	5.68	5.62	*95	85	74
RYE, PER BU.	" :	.384	2.32	2.55	2.55	105		
SORGHUM GRAIN, PER CWT.	" :	.830	5.16	5.51	5.50	91	82	73
SOYBEANS, PER BU.	" :	1.10	6.90	7.30	7.29	84	92	83
SWEETPOTATOES, PER CWT.	" :	*2.01	12.80	13.50	13.30	*79	68	58
APPLES, FOR FRESH USE, PER	:							
LB. 9/	CT. :	2.42	15.3	16.1	16.0	*77	59	77
CITRUS (EQUIV. ON-TREE),	:							
PER BOX:	:							
GRAPEFRUIT	DOL. :	4/.481	3.20	3.19	3.19	75	34	69
LEMONS	" :	4/1.04	6.45	6.91	6.90	76	37	49
LIMES	" :	4/1.30	8.31	8.63	8.62			
ORANGES	" :	4/.501	3.37	3.33	3.32	41	46	46
TANGERINES	" :	4/.804	5.34	5.34	5.33			
TEMPLES	" :	4/.504	3.37	3.35	3.34			
BEEF CATTLE, PER CWT.	" :	8.65	56.00	57.40	57.30	*58	58	57
CALVES, PER CWT.	" :	10.20	68.40	67.70	67.60	*37	52	51
HOGS, PER CWT.	" :	7.95	48.40	52.80	52.70	116	90	81
LAMBS, PER CWT.	" :	8.83	55.80	58.60	58.50	*72	80	71
SHEEP, PER CWT.	" :	2.49	15.90	16.50	16.50	*68	79	76
EGG, PER DOZ.	CT. :	11.9	76.7	79.0	78.9	6/68	6/75	6/79
TURKEYS, LIVE, PER LB.	" :	7.30	47.2	48.5	48.4	*76	64	64

SEE FOOTNOTES ON PAGE 6.

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

OTHER NONBASIC COMMODITIES (CONTINUED)	ADJUSTED BASE PRICES 4/	PARITY PRICES 3/ BASED ON DATA FOR AUG 1976	OTHER NONBASIC COMMODITIES (CONTINUED)	ADJUSTED BASE PRICES 4/	PARITY PRICES 3/ BASED ON DATA FOR AUG 1976
	DOLLARS			DOLLARS	
FIELD CROPS AND MISC. COMMODITIES			NONCITRUS FRUITS:		
CRUDE PINE GUM, BBL.	2/13.80	97.50	PEACHES		
HOPS, LB.	.782	7.21	FOR FRESH USE, LB. 11/	.0291	.193
TOBACCO, LB.:			DRIED (CALIF), TON	249.00	1,650.00
CIGAR WRAPPER, TYPE 61	1.28	8.49	FOR PROCESSING (EXCL. DRIED)		
CIGAR WRAPPER, TYPE 62	.856	5.68	CLINGSTONE (CALIF), TON 10/	26.60	176.00
NONCITRUS FRUITS:			PEARS		
APPLES, FOR PROCESSING, TON	18.80	125.00	FOR FRESH USE, TON 12/	41.90	278.00
APRICOTS, TON			DRIED (CALIF), TON	268.00	1,780.00
FOR FRESH USE	81.80	542.00	PLUMS (CALIF) EQUIV.		
DRIED (CALIF)	479.00	2,780.00	ON-TREE, TON		
AVOCADOS, TON	*144.00	955.00	FOR FRESH USE	52.80	350.00
CHERRIES, TON			PRUNES, DRIED (CALIF), TON	104.00	690.00
SWEET	114.00	756.00	PRUNES AND PLUMS		
TART	74.50	494.00	(EXCL. CALIF), TON		
CRANBERRIES, BBL.	4.05	26.90	FOR FRESH USE	58.70	389.00
DATES (CALIF), TON	52.80	350.00	FOR PROCESSING (EXCL. DRIED)	22.10	147.00
GRAPES, TON			TREE NUTS, TON:		
RAISIN VARIETIES			ALMONDS	223.00	1,480.00
DRIED (CALIF)	122.00	809.00	FILBERTS	152.00	1,010.00
GRAPES EXCL. RAISIN			WALNUTS	145.00	961.00
VARIETIES DRIED	31.40	208.00	VEGETABLES FOR FRESH MARKET, CWT:		
NECTARINES (CALIF) TON			CANTALOUPE	2.13	14.10
FOR FRESH USE 10/	54.00	358.00	CARROTS 13/	1.40	9.28
OLIVES (CALIF)			CAULIFLOWER 13/	3.11	20.60
FOR CANNING, TON 10/	109.00	723.00	CELERY 13/	1.63	10.80
			HONEYDEW MELONS	2.00	13.30
			LETTUCE	1.72	11.40
			ONIONS 13/	1.52	10.10
			TOMATOES	3.93	26.10

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

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

INDEX	AVERAGE JAN-DEC 1967	1910-14=100				1967=100			
		1975		1976		1975		1976	
		JUL 15	AUG 15	JUL 15	AUG 15	JUL 15	AUG 15	JUL 15	AUG 15
UNADJUSTED									
ALL FARM PRODUCTS	250	477	486	*488	468	191	194	*195	187
ALL CROPS	225	456	477	*483	453	203	212	*215	201
FOOD GRAINS	176	396	446	375	334	225	253	213	190
FEED GRAINS AND HAY	174	398	428	421	394	229	246	242	226
FEED GRAINS	172	397	430	416	386	231	250	242	224
COTTON	190	343	367	*603	515	181	193	*317	271
TOBACCO	555	831	863	850	923	150	155	153	166
OIL-BEARING CROPS	269	527	567	645	590	196	211	240	219
FRUIT	227	349	318	*271	310	154	140	119	137
FRESH MARKET 1/	222	337	300	*257	302	152	135	*116	136
COMMERCIAL VEGETABLES	283	475	436	*439	449	168	154	*155	159
FRESH MARKET	334	594	526	*567	555	178	157	*170	166
POTATOES, ETC. 2/	187	545	506	426	372	291	271	228	199
LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS	275	498	494	*492	481	181	180	*179	175
MEAT ANIMALS	335	627	605	588	557	187	181	176	166
DAIRY PRODUCTS	308	503	526	*576	591	163	171	*187	192
POULTRY & EGGS	131	237	244	235	241	181	186	179	184
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
FRESH MARKET FRUIT 1/	223	330	292	*253	296	148	131	113	133
FRESH MARKET VEGETABLES	340	607	591	*589	637	179	174	*173	187
POTATOES, ETC. 2/	187	434	472	341	347	232	252	182	186
DAIRY PRODUCTS	308	535	548	*612	616	174	178	*199	200
POULTRY & EGGS	131	234	243	235	241	179	185	179	184

1/ FRESH MARKET FOR NONCITRUS AND FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING FOR CITRUS. 2/ INCLUDES SWEETPOTATOES AND DRY EDIBLE BEANS. * REVISED.

COMMERCIAL VEGETABLES FOR FRESH MARKET: AVERAGE F. O. B. SHIPPING POINT PRICES PER CWT.,
UNITED STATES, AUGUST 1-15, 1976, WITH COMPARISONS

COMMODITY	AVERAGE	AUG	JUL	JUL	AUG
	JAN-DEC 1967	1-31, 1975 1/	1-15, 1976	1-31, 1976	1-15, 1976
	D O L L A R S				
ASPARAGUS	23.70		60.20	36.80	
CABBAGE	2.85	4.82	4.18	4.37	4.79
CANTALOUPE	6.26	7.90	12.60	11.10	9.68
CARROTS	5.74	8.31	8.11	8.08	8.35
CELERY	4.94	6.52	7.63	7.95	6.90
CUCUMBERS	7.74	8.74	10.10	8.44	8.44
GREEN PEPPERS	12.20	14.00	17.00	15.80	14.70
LETTUCE	5.19	6.89	8.42	10.50	10.00
ONIONS	4.37	14.10	5.30	5.67	5.78
SNAP BEANS	11.70	19.50	21.60	20.50	21.10
SWEET CORN	5.68	6.84	9.57	9.37	7.63
TOMATOES	9.63	14.50	19.70	17.50	18.10
WATERMELONS	2.06	3.30	3.13	3.27	4.00

1/ REVISED

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

INDEXES AND RATIOS	1910-14=100					1967=100				
	1975		1976			1975		1976		
	JUL	AUG	JUN	JUL	AUG	JUL	AUG	JUN	JUL	AUG
PRICES PAID BY FARMERS FOR COMMODITIES & SERVICES INTEREST, TAXES & WAGE RATES (PARITY INDEX 1910-14=100)	621	624	663	1/665	663	183	184	195	1/196	195
PRICES PAID	540	543	575	1/577	574	179	180	191	1/192	191
FAMILY LIVING ITEMS	539	540	561	565	567	168	169	175	177	177
FOOD			591					184		
CLOTHING		681			741		174			189
HOUSING	561	562	590	592	593	169	169	177	178	178
AUTOS & SUPPLIES	611			644		176				186
MEDICAL & HEALTH 2/ EDUCATION, RECREATION, & OTHER 2/	579	585	628	632	638	168	170	183	184	186
& OTHER 2/	475	476	495	496	498	147	147	153	153	154
PRODUCTION ITEMS	535	539	576	1/578	573	184	186	199	199	198
FEED	393	409	424	439	423	184	192	199	206	198
FEEDER LIVESTOCK SEED 3/ FERTILIZER 4/ AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS										
FUELS & ENERGY	321			335		181			189	
FARM & MOTOR SUPPLIES	455	453		424	425	170	169		158	159
AUTOS & TRUCKS										
TRACTORS & SELF-PROPELLED MACHINERY			1,114					220		
OTHER MACHINERY			1,038					228		
BUILDING & FENCING			867					214		
FARM SERVICES & CASH RENT	578	578	701	701	701	199	199	241	241	241
INTEREST 5/	1,366	1/1,366	1,470	1,470	1,470	281	1/281	302	302	302
TAXES 6/	1,375	1/1,375	1,436	1,436	1,436	162	1/162	169	169	169
FARM WAGE RATES 7/	1,628	1,628	1,769	1/1,804	1,804	192	192	209	1/213	213
PRODUCTION ITEMS, INTEREST, TAXES, AND WAGE RATES	673	677	725	1/727	722	189	190	204	204	203
PARITY RATIO 8/	77	78	74	1/73	71					
ADJUSTED PARITY RATIO (PRELIMINARY) 9/	77	79	74	74	71					
OTHER RELATED INDEXES										
PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS:						191	194	196	1/195	187
WHOLESALE PRICES: 10/ ALL COMMODITIES						176	177	183	184	
INDUSTRIAL COMMODITIES						171	172	181	183	
CONSUMERS' PRICES (CPI) 10/						162	163	170	171	
AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS, MFG. PRODUCTION WORKERS 11/						170	170	182	183	

1/ REVISED. 2/ BASED ON CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES OF THE BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS. 3/ APRIL INDEX USED APRIL-AUGUST; SEPTEMBER INDEX USED SEPTEMBER-MARCH. 4/ APRIL INDEX USED APRIL-SEPTEMBER; OCTOBER INDEX USED OCTOBER-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 MARKETINGS AND GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR. THE ADJUSTMENT FACTOR IS 100.5 FOR 1976 AND THE REVISED ADJUSTMENT FACTOR IS 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. 11/ BASED ON EARNINGS PER HOUR AS ESTIMATED BY THE BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

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

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								
ALA	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.09
ARIZ	3.49	--	--	--	--	2.63	5.38	--
ARK	2.83	--	--	--	1.68	--	--	6.12
CALIF	3.25	--	--	--	1.96	2.55	5.22	--
COLO	2.67	--	--	2.75	--	2.13	--	--
GA	--	--	--	2.57	--	--	--	6.02
IDAHO	2.80	--	--	--	1.47	2.18	--	--
ILL	2.82	--	--	2.64	1.41	--	--	6.13
IND	2.77	--	--	2.60	1.53	--	--	6.04
IOWA	--	--	--	2.60	1.48	--	--	6.08
KANS	2.85	--	--	2.61	--	--	3.98	5.99
KY	--	--	--	2.79	--	--	--	6.04
LA	--	--	5.90	--	--	--	--	6.02
MICH	2.70	--	--	2.57	1.38	--	--	5.98
MINN	3.29	--	--	2.60	1.48	2.69	--	6.01
MISS	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.08
MO	2.78	--	--	2.73	--	--	3.95	6.07
MONT	2.83	--	--	--	1.39	2.05	--	--
NEBR	2.82	--	--	2.64	1.45	--	3.88	5.91
N MEX	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.40	--
N Y	--	--	--	--	1.51	--	--	--
N C	--	--	--	2.81	1.51	--	--	6.08
N DAK	3.15	--	--	--	1.29	2.50	--	--
OHIO	2.79	--	--	2.66	1.48	--	--	6.01
OKLA	2.93	--	--	--	1.63	2.18	4.24	--
OREG	3.12	--	--	--	1.72	2.39	--	--
PA	--	--	--	2.89	1.48	1.99	--	--
S C	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.09
S DAK	3.21	--	--	2.65	1.50	2.27	--	--
TENN	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5.87
TEX	3.05	--	7.00	2.74	1.63	--	4.02	--
UTAH	--	--	--	--	--	2.33	--	--
WASH	3.18	--	--	--	1.64	2.37	--	--
WIS	--	--	--	2.76	1.41	--	--	--
WYO	--	--	--	--	--	2.32	--	--
U S	2.97	--	6.44	2.64	1.48	2.35	4.03	6.07

/ ESTIMATES DISCONTINUED.

STATE	WINTER WHEAT	SPRING WHEAT, OTHER THAN DURUM
	AUGUST 15, 1976	AUGUST 15, 1976
DOLLARS PER BUSHEL		
COLO	2.67	2.67
IDAHO	2.82	2.77
MINN	3.09	3.30
MONT	2.64	3.22
N DAK	2.84	3.26
S DAK	3.03	3.41

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

STATE	AMERICAN UPLAND COTTON	PEANUTS	TOBACCO	APPLES	COTTON	FLAX-	DRY	SWEET
	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 CWT.	POTATOES PER CWT.
CENTS					DOLLARS			
ALA	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	14.45
CALIF	--	--	--	12.0	--	--	22.20	16.70
COLO	--	--	--	--	--	--	12.00	--
FLA	--	--	117.5	--	--	--	--	--
GA	--	20.1	117.5	--	--	--	--	10.45
IDAHO	--	--	--	--	--	--	12.60	--
ILL	--	--	--	11.0	--	--	--	--
IND	--	--	--	7.9	--	--	--	--
LA	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5.65
MD	--	--	--	9.2	--	--	--	--
MICH	--	--	--	8.4	--	--	15.80	--
MINN	--	--	--	--	--	7.07	--	--
MISS	--	--	--	--	101.00	--	--	6.05
MO	--	--	--	14.0	--	--	--	--
NEBR	--	--	--	--	--	--	13.70	--
N J	--	--	--	10.0	--	--	--	--
N Y	--	--	--	12.0	--	--	15.10	--
N C	--	--	107.0	15.2	--	--	--	--
N DAK	--	--	--	--	--	6.98	--	--
OHIO	--	--	--	15.0	--	--	--	--
OREG	--	--	--	6.9	--	--	--	--
PA	--	--	--	10.1	--	--	--	--
S C	--	--	114.5	--	--	--	--	--
S DAK	--	--	--	--	--	7.13	--	--
TENN	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	10.50
TEX	61.0	17.0	--	--	92.00	--	--	11.05
VA	--	--	96.0	10.9	--	--	--	--
WASH	--	--	--	10.0	--	--	13.60	--
WIS	--	--	--	14.0	--	--	--	--
WYO	--	--	--	--	--	--	11.70	--
U S	61.0	18.6	108.7	12.3	92.00	7.04	15.70	7.74

1/ PRICE BASED ON 480 POUND NET WEIGHT BALE. 2/ AVERAGE PRICE BY AREA ON PAGE 16. 3/ PRICES BY TYPES SHOWN ON PAGE 16. 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 PRICE PER POUND RECEIVED BY FARMERS, BY STATES, JULY 1976 1/

STATE	AMERICAN UPLAND COTTON		
	CENTS	STATE CENTS	
ALA	80.0	MISS	
ARIZ		MO	
ARK		OKLA	
CALIF		S CAR	
GA	80.0	TENN	
LA	77.5	TEX	64.2
		U S	71.4

1/ REVISED.

AVERAGE PRICES PER CWT. RECEIVED BY FARMERS. BY STATES, AUGUST 15, 1976

STATE	HOGS	COWS 1/	STEERS AND HEIFERS	BEEF CATTLE 2/	CALVES	SHEEP	LAMBS
D O L L A R S							
ALA	42.20	23.20	30.40	27.80	28.80	--	--
ARIZ	--	24.70	36.30	35.80	37.00	12.00	40.00
ARK	--	25.10	33.00	31.30	34.00	--	--
CALIF	--	25.10	36.80	33.90	30.40	12.90	44.30
COLO	--	27.00	36.70	36.60	39.00	12.00	43.00
FLA	--	23.60	32.00	27.90	31.70	--	--
GA	41.50	25.70	30.50	28.40	30.50	--	--
IDAHO	--	26.20	35.80	34.70	37.10	13.00	40.70
ILL	42.20	24.80	35.50	34.40	33.70	12.80	38.20
IND	43.00	24.80	33.80	32.30	31.60	10.30	35.60
IOWA	42.60	25.00	35.60	33.90	36.30	11.00	40.50
KANS	42.70	24.70	35.20	33.80	36.00	9.50	38.30
KY	42.90	24.80	33.10	31.20	34.00	--	--
LA	--	23.00	32.90	27.70	35.40	--	--
MICH	43.60	25.60	35.10	31.50	32.50	12.30	40.00
MINN	42.20	26.30	35.00	31.70	34.30	12.50	40.50
MISS	43.00	24.20	30.00	27.20	31.70	--	--
MO	43.30	23.80	34.50	33.00	35.20	10.80	39.20
MONT	--	25.40	34.60	32.30	36.30	9.40	42.70
NEBR	42.30	24.40	36.20	34.60	36.50	9.90	40.60
NEV	--	24.00	35.00	33.50	35.00	12.00	40.00
N MEX	--	25.30	37.30	36.10	34.80	11.50	41.00
N Y	--	24.90	32.90	25.90	33.80	--	--
N C	43.40	24.30	29.30	26.70	31.40	--	--
N DAK	--	25.10	34.70	32.80	39.10	10.90	36.70
OHIO	42.60	25.40	34.70	32.80	36.70	14.00	37.60
OKLA	42.90	23.80	35.00	33.30	35.50	--	--
OREG	--	25.60	36.20	33.60	30.60	13.00	40.40
PA	43.70	25.50	36.00	29.50	42.40	--	--
S C	41.00	24.10	29.60	27.10	27.80	--	--
S DAK	43.10	26.70	36.80	35.70	39.40	10.10	41.20
TENN	42.70	23.50	33.60	29.70	33.70	--	--
TEX	40.90	23.30	35.80	31.80	34.70	16.50	42.90
UTAH	--	25.80	32.50	27.90	33.50	11.30	41.60
VA	42.30	24.40	29.90	27.40	36.00	--	--
WASH	--	25.40	35.90	33.90	32.30	--	--
WIS	42.30	25.40	32.70	27.40	35.80	--	--
WYO	--	26.30	35.90	33.30	39.60	11.50	40.50
U S	42.60	24.60	35.30	32.80	34.50	12.50	41.40

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, JULY 1976 AND AUGUST 1976

STATE	MILK SOLD TO PLANTS, PRICE PER CWT. JUL 1976						AUG 1976		
	ELIGIBLE FOR FLUID MARKET 1/		MANUFACTURING GRADE		ALL MILK		ALL MILK 2/		MILK COWS PER HEAD 3/
	PRICE	FAT TEST	PRICE	FAT TEST	PRICE	FAT TEST	PRICE	FAT TEST	
	DOL	PCT	DOL	PCT	DOL	PCT	DOL	PCT	DOL
ALA	10.70	3.53	7.65	3.70	10.60	3.53	10.70	3.53	335
ARIZ	9.90	3.40			9.90	3.40	9.90	3.38	
ARK	10.40	3.44	8.40	3.56	9.75	3.48	9.85	3.49	345
CALIF	9.05	3.44	8.10	3.60	9.00	3.45	9.40	3.49	565
COLO	10.20	3.40			10.10	3.40	10.20	3.45	495
CONN	10.30	3.52			10.30	3.52	10.80	3.54	
FLA	11.70	3.42			11.70	3.42	11.70	3.48	440
GA	10.50	3.53			10.50	3.53	10.60	3.55	400
IDAHO	9.20	3.47	8.80	3.41	8.95	3.43	9.20	3.46	470
ILL	9.15	3.51	8.75	3.49	9.05	3.51	9.35	3.52	395
IND	9.55	3.54	7.80	3.53	9.30	3.54	9.50	3.55	480
IOWA	9.50	3.54	8.65	3.45	9.05	3.49	9.20	3.51	410
KANS	9.60	3.40	8.15	3.45	9.40	3.41	9.55	3.42	440
KY	9.20	3.52	7.90	3.52	8.85	3.52	9.00	3.55	395
LA	10.90	3.64			10.90	3.64	11.10	3.67	575
MAINE	10.50	3.54			10.50	3.54	10.80	3.55	
MD	10.00	3.51			10.00	3.51	10.00	3.48	550
MASS	10.40	3.53			10.40	3.53	10.80	3.53	
MICH	9.60	3.49	8.20	3.48	9.50	3.49	9.60	3.49	535
MINN	8.92	3.52	8.50	3.46	8.68	3.49	9.00	3.51	460
MISS	10.10	3.60	8.40	3.70	10.00	3.61	10.25	3.63	455
MO	9.25	3.45	8.30	3.47	8.85	3.46	9.05	3.48	350
NEBR	9.45	3.40	8.45	3.39	8.95	3.39	9.15	3.44	430
N J	10.00	3.56			10.00	3.56	10.10	3.54	
N Y	9.70	3.57			9.70	3.57	10.30	3.57	490
N C	10.40	3.53	7.75	3.81	10.40	3.54	10.50	3.53	320
N DAK	8.80	3.45	8.25	3.45	8.45	3.45	8.60	3.49	390
OHIO	9.45	3.55	8.30	3.67	9.35	3.56	9.60	3.58	470
OKLA	9.55	3.38	8.40	3.44	9.40	3.39	9.55	3.42	370
OREG	9.75	3.68	9.40	4.10	9.70	3.76	9.85	3.80	550
PA	10.20	3.57	8.65	3.56	10.20	3.57	10.20	3.56	635
S DAK	9.10	3.35	8.50	3.37	8.60	3.37	8.90	3.39	375
TENN	9.75	3.58	8.00	3.68	9.35	3.60	9.50	3.61	385
TEX	10.20	3.47			10.20	3.47	10.40	3.44	330
UTAH	9.25	3.39	9.05	3.35	9.20	3.38	9.35	3.45	510
VT	10.10	3.59			10.10	3.59	10.60	3.61	520
VA	10.10	3.51	7.45	3.53	9.75	3.51	9.95	3.54	365
WASH	9.50	3.55			9.50	3.55	9.60	3.62	450
WIS	9.16	3.54	8.96	3.58	9.08	3.56	9.25	3.57	510
U S	9.63	3.51	4/8.60	4/3.51	9.41	3.51	9.67	3.53	474

- 1/ INCLUDING SURPLUS DIVERTED TO MANUFACTURING.
- 2/ PRELIMINARY.
- 3/ ANIMALS SOLD FOR DAIRY HERD REPLACEMENT ONLY. MID-MONTH PRICE.
- 4/ INCLUDES DATA FOR SOME STATES NOT SHOWN SEPARATELY.

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

STATE	TURKEYS PER LB.	CHICKENS EXCLUDING BROILERS PER LB.	BROILERS PER LB. 1/	EGGS PER DOZ.		WOOL PER LB. 1/ 3/	HAY, BALED, PER TON		
				2/			ALL	ALPALFA	OTHER
CENTS						DOLLARS			
ALA	--	--	4/ 23.0	62.8	--	--	--	--	
ARIZ	--	--	--	--	69.0	64.50	65.50	50.00	
ARK	31.0	--	4/ 24.0	65.3	--	39.00	47.50	38.00	
CALIF	27.0	--	27.0	62.5	69.0	72.50	74.00	63.00	
COLO	--	--	--	--	78.0	54.50	55.00	54.00	
CONN	--	--	--	86.0	--	--	--	--	
DEL	--	--	4/ 23.5	--	--	--	--	--	
FLA	--	--	4/ 24.0	50.6	--	--	--	--	
GA	32.0	--	4/ 25.5	67.2	--	50.00	--	50.00	
IDAHO	--	--	--	--	68.0	47.00	47.00	44.00	
ILL	--	--	--	57.0	54.0	48.50	51.00	45.00	
IND	33.0	--	--	52.9	52.0	52.50	57.50	46.50	
IOWA	29.0	--	--	48.9	57.0	53.00	53.00	53.50	
KANS	--	--	--	46.9	73.0	48.00	52.00	40.00	
KY	--	--	--	56.5	--	42.00	48.00	40.50	
LA	--	--	24.0	64.5	--	--	--	--	
MAINE	--	--	4/ 24.5	75.0	--	--	--	--	
MD	--	--	4/ 23.5	--	--	--	--	--	
MASS	--	--	--	81.0	--	--	--	--	
MICH	30.0	--	--	55.9	55.0	38.50	40.50	29.50	
MINN	30.0	--	--	42.1	58.0	61.00	64.00	49.00	
MISS	--	--	24.5	68.5	--	--	--	--	
MO	29.0	--	--	53.5	57.0	42.00	46.00	39.50	
MONT	--	--	--	--	61.0	46.00	47.50	44.00	
NEBR	29.0	--	--	42.4	62.0	51.50	52.00	51.00	
NEV	--	--	--	--	57.0	68.50	72.00	61.00	
N J	--	--	--	67.0	--	--	--	--	
N MEX	--	--	--	--	--	56.00	56.50	49.00	
N Y	--	--	--	60.8	--	48.50	54.50	42.50	
N C	35.0	--	4/ 24.5	68.8	--	--	--	--	
N DAK	--	--	--	--	61.0	43.50	49.00	36.00	
OHIO	33.0	--	--	54.9	54.0	51.00	54.00	44.50	
OKLA	--	--	24.0	--	--	51.00	60.50	44.00	
OREG	36.0	--	--	60.2	66.0	63.00	68.00	53.50	
PA	40.0	--	26.5	56.5	--	51.50	60.50	42.50	
S C	30.0	--	4/ 23.5	65.2	--	--	--	--	
S DAK	30.0	--	--	40.9	60.0	60.50	62.50	56.00	
TENN	--	--	4/ 23.0	59.3	--	--	--	--	
TEX	32.0	--	24.0	69.0	88.0	48.00	67.50	44.00	
UTAH	33.0	--	--	--	63.0	52.00	53.00	44.50	
VA	31.0	--	4/ 25.5	67.9	--	--	--	--	
WASH	--	--	--	58.4	--	64.50	67.50	56.50	
W VA	30.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
WIS	34.0	--	--	51.5	--	62.00	64.50	52.50	
WYO	--	--	--	--	59.0	55.00	54.00	56.00	
U S	30.9	5/	24.3	60.6	66.5	58.70	63.40	47.80	

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/ ESTIMATES DISCONTINUED.

POTATOES: MONTHLY AND SEASON AVERAGE PRICE PER CWT. RECEIVED BY FARMERS,
 BY STATES AND UNITED STATES, 1975; REVISED SEASON AVERAGE PRICES
 BY STATES AND UNITED STATES, 1974

STATE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	SEASON AVERAGE T/	
													1974	1975
ALA					4.00	11.60	8.00	9.00					8.38	8.34
ALAS													12.40	12.00
ARIZ					5.50	6.20	4.20						5.25	6.00
CALIF-ALL	4.56	4.43	3.86	3.80	5.19	6.39	6.95	5.82	5.08	5.35	6.27	5.90	5.99	6.02
WINTER	5.95	5.45	4.55	4.70							6.45	6.20	7.30	5.55
SPRING					5.45	6.35	6.95						6.55	6.35
SUMMER							6.90	5.80	4.85	5.30			5.25	5.50
FALL	4.15	4.05	3.60	3.60	4.20	7.25	6.00	6.00	5.40	6.25	5.85		4.85	5.80
COLO	2.45	1.90	1.30	2.20	2.00	2.00	3.30	3.30	3.51	3.94	3.67	3.35	2.51	3.81
CONN													3.50	6.00
DEL							7.90	5.10	5.90	5.80			5.00	5.80
FLA	9.50	7.00	5.00	4.55	4.21	7.02							7.72	4.64
IDAHO	3.10	2.75	1.75	3.95	3.55	3.50	3.90		3.40	3.35	3.40	3.35	3.80	3.75
ILL													4.25	4.10
IND	4.65	4.30	4.85				8.00	5.67	5.80	6.70	6.85	6.35	4.91	6.29
IOWA													3.85	4.90
LA													7.00	4.50
MAINE	2.65	2.50	2.35	2.60	3.10	5.80			3.45	4.55	4.65	4.60	2.90	6.05
MD													5.10	5.90
MASS													3.50	5.00
MICH	3.90	4.00	4.00	4.40	4.70		7.65	4.80	5.07	4.98	5.44	5.25	4.15	5.56
MINN	2.85	3.20	3.15	2.20	2.15	2.10	7.00	5.15	3.53	4.05	3.78	3.55	3.23	4.32
MISS													9.30	8.50
MONT	5.25	5.75	4.80	4.60	4.90					5.80	7.60	7.65	4.95	6.60
NEBR	4.35	4.30	5.00	4.95	3.90		6.10	4.15	3.15	3.35	3.80	4.50	3.83	4.47
NEV													2.55	3.15
N H													3.50	7.00
N J							9.75	5.05	6.30	6.40	6.10	5.75	4.20	5.95
N MEX							2.60	2.65	2.65	3.05	3.05	2.50	2.95	2.70
N Y-ALL	3.60	3.45	3.61	3.94	5.13	5.44	5.49	5.96	6.08	5.89	5.59	5.49	3.76	6.26
L I FALL	2.60	2.50	2.35	2.50	2.75	4.00	4.50	4.95	5.70	5.55	4.85	4.90	2.95	5.60
UPSTATE-FALL	4.55	4.30	4.35	4.25	5.65	7.00	6.00	7.45	6.50	6.20	6.55	6.15	4.65	6.95
N C						7.00	6.60	6.25	6.75	7.00	6.00		5.83	6.73
N DAK	3.35	3.35	3.80	2.45	1.80	2.00			2.75	3.25	3.85	3.95	3.15	4.20
OHIO	4.15	4.10	4.10	4.20	4.70		7.60	5.05	4.88	5.60	5.30	5.00	4.40	4.62
OREG	3.64	3.16	2.94	2.42	2.42	3.77	5.45	4.65	3.44	2.71	2.47	3.07	3.89	3.19
PA	3.90	3.65	3.30	3.65	4.00		4.90	4.85	5.35	5.75	5.40	5.50	3.90	5.75
R I													4.00	4.50
S DAK													3.40	3.40
TENN													7.80	7.50
TEX				5.00	5.00	6.75	8.50	8.50	5.10	5.50	5.50		9.13	7.33
UTAH	4.15	4.05	3.45	3.00	3.15			3.40	3.40	3.65	3.65	3.65	3.80	3.70
VT													3.50	6.50
VA							10.00	7.30	4.10	4.50			5.20	6.20
WASH	3.80	3.45	3.15	2.60	3.15	2.95	2.75	4.00	3.20	2.90	2.90	3.35	3.65	3.15
W VA													5.80	7.05
WIS	3.85	3.45	3.02	3.25	3.75	3.75	4.00	4.15	5.35	5.55	5.35	5.25	3.65	5.40
WYO													3.00	3.70
U S	3.36	3.15	2.79	3.23	3.56	5.33	6.58	5.06	4.04	3.63	3.84	3.92	4.01	4.48

T/ STATE SEASON AVERAGE PRICES ARE COMPUTED BY WEIGHTING STATE MONTHLY PRICES BY ESTIMATED SALES FOR THE MONTH.
 U. S. SEASON AVERAGE PRICE IS COMPUTED BY WEIGHTING STATE SEASON AVERAGES BY ESTIMATED SALES FOR THE CROP YEAR. THE
 MONTHLY PRICES REFER TO ALL POTATOES BEING SOLD IN A GIVEN MONTH REGARDLESS OF THE YEAR HARVESTED. THUS, THE U. S.
 ALL POTATO PRICE FOR APRIL 1975 INCLUDES SALES FROM THE 1974 FALL CROP AND THE 1975 WINTER AND 1975 SPRING CROPS.

POTATOES: AVERAGE PRICES PER CWT. RECEIVED BY FARMERS, BY STATES, AUGUST 1976

STATE	DOLLARS	STATE	DOLLARS
ALABAMA	6.25	NEW JERSEY	5.25
ARIZONA	--		
CALIFORNIA - ALL	4.57	NEW YORK - ALL	5.95
WINTER	--	LONG ISLAND	5.50
SPRING	5.30	UPSTATE	6.65
SUMMER	4.55	NORTH CAROLINA	6.00
FALL	--	NORTH DAKOTA	--
COLORADO	3.50	OHIO	3.95
FLORIDA	--	OREGON	4.10
IDAHO	3.50	PENNSYLVANIA	5.00
		TEXAS	4.10
MAINE	--	VIRGINIA	4.50
MICHIGAN	3.79	WASHINGTON	3.50
MINNESOTA	3.95	WISCONSIN	3.45
		UNITED STATES	4.16

SWEETPOTATOES: MONTHLY AND SEASON AVERAGE PRICES PER CWT. RECEIVED BY FARMERS, BY STATES AND UNITED STATES, 1974 AND 1975

STATE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	SEASON AVERAGE 1/
D O L L A R S													
1974													
ALA	9.50	9.40	9.00	10.00	7.00		13.00	11.00	9.10	8.10	8.00	8.25	9.20
ARK	7.00	7.40	7.00	7.00					7.05	5.65	7.60	6.75	7.20
CALIF	13.80	14.00	14.40	13.90	14.90	14.30	14.80	12.70	6.10	6.40	10.20	13.70	10.70
GA	10.10	10.70	11.30	11.90	11.60		13.50	12.30	11.90	9.90	8.85	9.20	10.40
LA	7.50	7.95	8.35	8.00	8.30		6.20	4.80	4.25	3.85	4.35	4.85	4.60
MD	9.10	9.50	9.45	9.55	9.20				8.05	7.15	6.40	6.75	7.55
MISS	9.00	9.00	8.45	8.00	8.25		9.35	8.30	8.50	7.70	8.00	8.70	8.60
N J	12.90	12.70	12.80	12.70	12.20	12.00	13.20		15.70	10.50	10.20	10.80	11.50
N C	8.00	8.50	9.00	8.50	8.50			5.00	3.00	5.40	6.90	8.20	6.60
S C	10.15	10.50	11.15	10.60	9.50			11.00	10.80	8.30	10.25	8.85	9.85
TENN	9.00	9.30	9.40	9.40	9.40			10.00	9.50	8.10	8.10	8.20	8.45
TEX	10.30	11.00	9.80	10.70	9.00		9.15	8.70	10.70	10.00	10.50	11.10	10.90
VA	11.30	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00			8.70	6.60	5.40	7.10	8.70	6.75
U S	9.25	9.65	10.00	9.85	10.00	14.00	8.60	6.51	5.45	5.51	7.31	8.73	7.27
1975													
ALA	8.30	8.30	9.00	11.00	13.00		12.60	13.60	11.00	11.35	10.90	10.50	11.20
ARK	7.30	8.40	8.00	8.50	9.00				10.90	9.35	10.30	8.20	8.90
CALIF	14.90	14.30	15.80	16.50	19.00	19.00		19.60	8.20	7.40	12.30	14.00	12.00
GA	9.25	9.70	9.70	10.80	11.60		16.60	18.60	15.05	12.45	10.00	9.45	12.40
LA	6.90	8.15	10.00	9.40			8.95	6.45	4.10	4.00	4.40	6.25	5.25
MD	7.60	7.75	8.35	11.00	11.00				9.15	8.35	8.95	9.20	9.15
MISS	10.10	8.65	8.55	9.60	9.70		9.10	9.00	7.10	5.00	5.50	5.90	5.90
N J	10.40	11.00	11.50	12.00	16.30	14.00	14.00		15.10	12.40	12.20	12.80	12.50
N C	8.50	8.70	9.10	8.80	8.50			5.90	4.65	4.15	6.70	8.30	7.25
S C	10.80	11.00	10.40	11.40				14.95	11.80	10.60	10.10	9.80	10.70
TENN	8.50	8.80	9.00	10.00	10.00			11.00	10.00	8.40	7.85	7.70	8.55
TEX	10.80	11.90	11.50	11.80	11.60			16.45	14.35	12.75	11.80	12.95	12.70
VA	9.90	10.90	10.30	10.60	11.00			9.10	7.70	6.20	8.65	11.00	7.85
U S	9.48	9.59	10.20	11.20	13.30	18.20	10.40	10.10	6.48	6.38	8.10	9.45	8.32

1/ REFERS TO CROP OF DESIGNATED YEAR.

CITRUS FRUIT: AVERAGE PRICES AND EQUIVALENT RETURNS PER BOX RECEIVED BY
GROWERS, BY UTILIZATION, AUGUST 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	6.00	1.77	3.10	1.10	.57	1.90	-.10
NAVELS AND MISC.							
VALENCIAS	6.00	1.77	3.10	1.10	.57	1.90	-.10
CALIF	7.00	2.74	4.10	1.10	1.54	2.90	-.10
NAVELS	6.10	3.30	3.30		2.15	2.15	
VALENCIAS	7.00	2.74	4.10	1.10	1.54	2.90	-.10
CALIF-ARIZ							
NAVELS AND MISC.							
VALENCIAS						2.89	
U S	6.99	2.73	4.09	1.10	1.53	2.89	-.10
GRAPEFRUIT:							
ARIZ	5.15	1.44	2.35	1.60	.69	.70	-.05
CALIF	7.23	3.21	4.88	.70	2.25	3.92	-.31
DESERT VALLEYS	6.25	3.45	3.45		2.69	2.69	
OTHER AREAS	7.25	3.21	4.90	.65	2.25	3.94	-.31
CALIF-ARIZ							
DESERT VALLEYS						1.99	
U S	7.17	3.15	4.81	.65	2.19	3.86	-.30
LEMONS:							
ARIZ	5.23	5.27	6.70	.90	3.37	4.80	-1.00
CALIF							
U S	5.23	5.27	6.70	.90	3.37	4.80	-1.00

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.

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

AREA	PEANUTS		CLASS	TOBACCO	TYPE	AUG 1975	AUG 1976 1/
	AUG 15 1975	AUG 15 1976 1/					
VIRGINIA - CAROLINA			:TOTAL OLD AND MIDDLE BELT	: 11	:	87.1	99.1
SOUTHEAST	18.9	20.1	:EASTERN N C BELT	: 12	:	94.9	110.5
SOUTHWEST	18.0	17.0	:TOTAL N C BORDER & S C BELT:	: 13	:	98.1	113.9
			:TOTAL GA - FLA BELT	: 14	:	105.4	117.5
			:TOTAL FLUE-CURED	: 11-14:	:	95.2	108.7
U S	18.5	18.6	:U S	:	:	95.2	108.7

1/ PRICES BY STATES ARE SHOWN ON PAGE 10.

LOCAL MARKET COMMODITY - FEED PRICE RATIOS, UNITED STATES,
AUGUST 15, 1976, WITH COMPARISONS 1/

COMMODITY-FEED PRICE RATIO	AUG 15, 1974	AUG 15, 1975	JUL 15, 1976	AUG 15, 1976
HOG-CORN: BUSHELS OF CORN EQUAL IN VALUE TO 100-LBS. OF HOG, LIVWEIGHT UNITED STATES	10.7	19.0	16.9	16.1
NORTH CENTRAL STATES	10.7	19.2	17.0	16.3
EGG-FEED: POUNDS OF LAYING FEED EQUAL IN VALUE TO 1 DOZEN EGGS	5.7	3/6.8	6.9	7.7
BROILER-FEED: POUNDS OF BROILER GROWER EQUAL IN VALUE TO 1 LB. BROILER LIVWEIGHT 1/	2.3	3/3.6	2.8	2.7
TURKEY-FEED: POUNDS OF TURKEY GROWER EQUAL IN VALUE TO 1 lb. TURKEY, LIVWEIGHT	2.9	4.2	3.3	3.4
MILK-FEED: POUNDS CONCENTRATE RATION EQUAL IN VALUE TO 1 LB. WHOLE MILK 1/	1.16	1.36	1.42	1.51

1/ BROILER AND MILK-FEED PRICE RATIOS ARE COMPUTED USING MONTHLY AVERAGES FOR BROILERS AND MILK.

2/ PRELIMINARY. 3/ REVISED.

MILK-FEED PRICE RATIOS, MILK PRICES, AND RATION VALUES, BY REGIONS AND UNITED STATES,
AUGUST 1976, WITH COMPARISONS 1/

REGION	MILK-FEED PRICE RATIO 2/			ALL MILK PRICE PER CWT.			RATION VALUE 3/		
	AUG 1975	JUL 1976	AUG 1976	AUG 1975	JUL 1976	AUG 1976	AUG 1975	JUL 1976	AUG 1976
	P O U N D S			D O L L A R S					
N ATL	1.45	1.46	1.52	9.27	9.97	10.30	6.39	6.85	6.76
N CENT	1.30	1.41	1.52	8.10	9.04	9.26	6.25	6.40	6.10
S ATL	1.55	1.49	1.55	9.85	10.50	10.60	6.36	7.05	6.84
S CENT	1.36	1.41	1.47	8.92	9.77	9.94	6.56	6.92	6.78
WEST	1.36	1.40	1.47	8.64	9.19	9.48	6.37	6.56	6.44
U S	1.36	1.42	1.51	8.64	9.41	9.67	6.34	6.63	6.42

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,
AUGUST 1976, WITH COMPARISONS

ITEM	AUG 1975	JUL 1976	AUG 1976	
PARITY EQUIVALENT	DOL. PER CWT.	9.56	10.25	10.25
AVERAGE PRICE F.O.B. PLANTS	DOL. PER CWT.	7.63	8.60	2/8.85
AVERAGE FAT TEST OF MILK	PERCENT	3.54	3.51	2/3.54

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,
AUGUST 15, 1976, WITH COMPARISONS

COMMODITY	UNIT	1975			1976		
		JUN 15	JUL 15	AUG 15	JUN 15	JUL 15	AUG 15
D O L L A R S							
ALFALFA HAY, BALED	TON	67.20	65.00	63.90	71.00	71.20	71.10
OTHER HAY, BALED	TON	55.90	54.20	54.70	59.60	59.80	59.80
COTTONSEED MEAL, 41 PCT.	CWT	8.72	8.79	9.03	10.40	11.40	11.40
SOYBEAN MEAL, 44 PCT.	"	8.48	8.57	8.88	11.50	12.50	11.70
BRAN	"	7.12	7.06	7.21	7.44	7.60	7.51
MIDDINGS	"	6.93	6.88	7.03	7.31	7.46	7.38
CORN MEAL	"	6.92	6.97	7.27	6.97	7.20	7.09
LAYING FEED	TON	144	145	150	156	162	158
BROILER GROWER FEED	"	162	161	163	172	181	177
TURKEY GROWER	"	165	163	168	178	187	181
CHICK STARTER FEED	"	163	164	168	179	187	183
DAIRY FEED							
14 PCT PROTEIN	TON	130	129	133	137	140	138
16 PCT PROTEIN	"	130	130	135	143	145	144
32 PCT PROTEIN	"	168	168	172	193	206	201
HOG FEED, 14-18 PCT	CWT	8.01	8.01	8.25	8.63	8.98	8.72
HOG CONCT. 38-42% PROTEIN	"	9.82	9.97	10.30	1/12.50	13.50	12.50
BEEF CATTLE CONCT. 32-36% PROTEIN	"	7.87	7.91	8.11	2/8.80	9.20	8.96
STOCK SALT	"		2.87			3.12	
INDEX NUMBERS (1967=100)							
FEED, PRICES PAID BY FARMERS	PCT	184	184	192	199	206	198

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,
AUGUST 15, 1976, WITH COMPARISONS

COMMODITY	UNIT	1975			1976		
		JUN 15	JUL 15	AUG 15	JUN 15	JUL 15	AUG 15
D O L L A R S							
FEEDERS AND STOCKERS:							
CATTLE AND CALVES	CWT	33.50	29.50	28.50	38.50	36.00	35.50
PIGS 1/	"	92.00	91.50	99.00	80.00	2/77.00	75.00
BABY CHICKS	PER 100	14.70	14.60	14.40	15.10	15.30	15.70
TURKEY POULTS	EACH	.710	.739	.706	.702	.713	.698
INDEX NUMBERS (1967=100)							
ALL LIVESTOCK	PCT	146	134	132	162	2/154	152

1/ BASED ON DATA DERIVED FROM REPORTS FROM FARMERS IN 27 STATES IN JAN, APR, JUL, OCT, ON PRICES PAID FOR FEEDER PIGS WEIGHING 40-60 LBS. 2/ REVISED.

FEEED: AVERAGE PRICE PER 100 POUNDS PAID BY FARMERS, BY STATES,
AUGUST 15, 1976

STATE	BRAN	MIDDLINGS	COTTONSEED	SOYBEAN	CORN MEAL	HOG FEED		BEEF CATTLE
			MEAL, 41% PROTEIN	MEAL, 44% PROTEIN		14-18% PROTEIN	HOG CONCT.: 38-42% PROTEIN	CONCENTRATE 32-36% PROTEIN
D O L L A R S								
ALA	8.10	8.30	11.00	11.50	7.10	8.90	12.50	
ARIZ	8.70		7.90	12.00	8.90			
ARK	6.90	7.00	9.80	11.00	7.20	8.20	12.00	8.80
CALIF	8.30	8.10	10.50	14.00	8.60			
COLO	7.30	7.10	11.00	12.00	7.00			
CONN	8.20				8.40			
DEL	7.40	7.30	9.30	12.00	6.90	8.00	12.00	9.40
FLA	9.00	8.80	12.00	12.50	8.00	9.30	13.00	
GA	8.30	7.80	11.00	12.00	7.10	8.80	12.50	
HAW								
IDAHO	7.00	8.00	12.00	14.00	8.00			
ILL	7.60	7.70	12.50	11.50	6.00	9.50	12.90	9.60
IND	7.80	7.70	13.00	12.00	5.80	9.00	12.90	10.40
IOWA	7.40	7.40	12.50	11.30	5.60	9.00	12.50	10.10
KANS	6.60	6.30	11.00	11.50	6.50	8.50	12.00	8.50
KY	7.80	7.70	12.00	12.10	6.60	9.10	12.60	9.20
LA	6.90	8.20	10.50	11.00	8.30	9.00	12.00	
MAINE	8.20	8.20			8.40			
MD	7.40	7.30	9.30	12.00	6.90	8.00	12.00	9.40
MASS	8.20	8.20		13.00	8.40			
MICH	7.80	7.80	12.50	12.00	6.20	8.20	12.50	10.00
MINN	7.30	7.10	12.00	11.00	6.20	9.00	12.50	9.80
MISS	8.10	8.40	9.90	11.00	7.40	9.00	12.00	
MO	6.50	6.50	11.00	11.00	6.30	8.00	11.50	8.40
MONT	7.20	6.50	13.50	12.00	7.70			
NEBR	7.40	7.20	12.00	11.50	6.10	8.80	12.50	8.80
NEV	9.00		12.00	15.00	9.80			
N H	8.20			13.00	8.40			
N J	8.50		13.00	13.00	7.90	8.70		9.50
N MEX	7.90	7.60	10.50	13.00	8.10			
N Y	6.90	7.10	12.00	11.50	7.40	8.50	11.50	9.10
N C	7.80	7.10	11.50	12.00	7.30	8.40	12.30	9.70
N DAK	8.00	6.90		13.00	6.30			
OHIO	7.60	7.40	13.50	12.00	6.50	8.60	13.00	10.50
OKLA	6.90	6.80	10.40	11.00	7.20			
OREG	8.00	7.70	11.50	13.50	7.80			
PA	7.20	7.20	12.00	11.50	7.10	8.60	12.50	
R I	8.20	8.20			8.40			
S C	8.00	7.50	11.50	12.00	7.60	9.20	12.00	
S DAK	7.60	7.80		11.50	6.20			
TENN	7.50	7.30	12.00	12.50	7.50	8.80	12.00	8.90
TEX	7.60	7.50	10.50	12.00	7.60			8.00
UTAH	6.00	6.10	12.00	13.00	7.40			
VT	8.20	8.20		13.00	8.40			
VA	8.00	8.00	12.00	12.00	7.40	8.40	12.00	
WASH	8.60	7.50	12.00	13.50	8.70			
W VA	8.20	8.30	10.50	12.50	7.60	8.50	13.00	
WIS	7.20	7.30	11.00	11.40	6.20	9.50	13.20	10.00
WYO	8.10	8.90	10.50	13.00	8.20			
U S	7.51	7.38	11.40	11.70	7.09	8.72	12.50	8.96

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

STATE	DAIRY FEED, PERCENT PROTEIN		
	14	16	32
	DOLLARS		
ALA		147	188
ARIZ	142	155	
ARK	130	134	
CALIF	132	133	
COLO	160	155	195
CONN		138	
DEL	136	141	200
FLA	139	173	183
GA	145	147	185
HAW			
IDAHO	130	158	193
ILL	151	156	215
IND	150	155	225
IOWA	148	154	220
KANS	141	144	180
KY	136	145	210
LA		145	
MAINE	144	144	
MD	136	141	200
MASS		140	
MICH	150	160	220
MINN	137	142	205
MISS	136	139	
MO	132	140	177
MONT	130	145	
NEBR	136	142	200
NEV	165	190	
N H		144	
N J		144	195
N MEX	160	160	
N Y	143	143	165
N C	141	145	179
N DAK	146	151	196
OHIO	149	164	220
OKLA	131	140	
OREG	144	148	
PA	150	148	200
R I		139	
S C		120	151
S DAK	142	147	210
TENN	131	146	195
TEX	145	150	165
UTAH	131	134	148
VT	144	145	
VA	145	148	196
WASH	140	146	
W VA		153	
WIS	145	147	205
WYO	152	156	200
U S	138	144	201

FEED: AVERAGE PRICE PER TON PAID BY FARMERS FOR POULTRY
FEED AND POULTRY FEED RATIOS, BY STATES, AUGUST 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	174	155	172	200	8.1	2.7	
ARIZ	195	172					
ARK	170	146	174	180	8.9	2.8	3.4
CALIF	173	147	182	175	8.5	3.0	3.1
COLO	200	180		195			
CONN	171	154	190		11.2		
DEL	184	167	182	186		2.6	
FLA	189	169	178	195	6.0	2.7	
GA	174	146	174	174	9.2	2.9	3.7
HAW	210	187	240				
IDAHO	186	164		195			
ILL	205	177	185	210	6.4		
IND	188	153	172	169	6.9		3.9
IOWA	196	164	178	200	6.0		2.9
KANS	186	170			5.5		
KY	197	171			6.6		
LA	175	150	164		8.6	2.9	
MAINE	170	155	190		9.7	2.6	
MD	184	167	182	186		2.6	
MASS	171	157			10.3		
MICH	200	157	191	195	7.1		3.1
MINN	194	173	160	165	4.9		3.6
MISS	176	153	173		9.0	2.8	
MO	184	148	168	169	7.2		3.4
MONT	205	185		195			
NEBR	185	165		160	5.1		3.6
NEV		200		220			
N H	170	157					
N J	178	149	190	200	9.0		
N MEX	185	170					
N Y	178	160	170	196	7.6		
N C	178	157	177	178	8.8	2.8	3.9
N DAK	205	188		225			
OHIO	198	172	187	210	6.4		3.1
OKLA	170	151	172	172		2.8	
OREG	185	164	195	191	7.3		3.8
PA	183	164	180	186	6.9	2.9	4.3
R I	171	155					
S C	162	155	163	162	8.4	2.9	3.7
S DAK	199	158		205	5.2		2.9
TENN	193	164	174		7.2	2.6	
TEX	200	155	185	195	8.9	2.6	3.3
UTAH	173	153		181			3.6
VT	171	157					
VA	190	151	178	180	9.0	2.9	3.4
WASH	196	172	215	210	6.8		
W VA	194	168	189	198			3.0
WIS	200	175	185	205	5.9		3.3
WYO	200	192					
U S	183	158	177	181	7.7	2.7	3.4

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.

HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS: AVERAGE PRICES PAID BY FARMERS, UNITED STATES,
JULY 1975, APRIL AND JULY 1976 ^{1/}

COMMODITY AND UNIT	1975		1976	
	JUL	APR	JUL	JUL
	75	15	15	15
	D O L L A R S			
APPLIANCES				
FLOOR LAMPS, MEDIUM QUALITY, EACH	49.80	53.70	54.20	
RADIOS, TABLE MODEL, A.M.-F.M. W/CLOCK, EACH	35.40	38.90	39.00	
PORTABLE RADIO SETS, 8-10 TRANS., W/BAT., EACH	25.70	27.80	28.10	
TELEVISION SETS:				
19 INCH PORTABLE, BLACK AND WHITE, EACH	171	181	182	
19 INCH PORTABLE, COLOR, EACH	441	459	461	
25 INCH CONSOLE, COLOR, EACH	660	687	689	
REFRIGERATORS:				
14 CU. FT. CAPACITY, EACH	366	389	393	
16 CU. FT. CAPACITY, EACH	424	450	454	
18 CU. FT. CAPACITY, EACH	474	502	509	
HOME FREEZERS, UPRIGHT:				
16 CU. FT. CAPACITY, EACH	358	368	371	
18 CU. FT. CAPACITY, EACH	407	414	420	
20 CU. FT. CAPACITY, EACH	439	449	456	
HOME FREEZERS, CHEST:				
16 CU. FT. CAPACITY, EACH	336	348	351	
20 CU. FT. CAPACITY, EACH	396	402	402	
22 CU. FT. CAPACITY, EACH	438	446	443	
AIR CONDITIONER, WINDOW TYPE, 7,000-10,000 BTU, EACH	285	310	304	
WASHING MACHINES, TOP LOADING AUTO., EACH	310	328	336	
CLOTHES DRYERS, EACH	223	239	245	
SEWING MACHINES, PORT., INCL. CAR. CASE, EACH	140	150	154	
VACUUM CLEANERS, CANISTER TYPE, EACH	66.70	69.70	71.30	
ELECTRIC IRONS, COMBINATION SPRAY-STEAM, EACH	18.00	18.60	18.90	
TOASTERS, POP-UP, EACH	18.60	19.20	19.20	
FANS, WINDOW TYPE, 20 INCH, EACH	26.30	26.90	27.50	
ELEC. RANGES, 4 TOP HEATING UNITS, EACH	296	311	314	
GAS RANGES, 4 BURNER W. OVEN, EACH	272	292	297	
BEDDING AND FURNITURE				
INNERSP. MAT. & BOX SPRING SETS, FULL SIZE, PER SET	162	170	172	
BEDRM. SETS, WOOD, INCL. BED, DRESSER, CHEST OF DRAWERS, PER SET	446	473	484	
LIVING RM. SETS, 2 PC., UPHOL., PER SET	430	450	456	
LOUNGE CHAIRS, UPHOL., EACH	171	182	183	
SWIVEL ROCKERS, UPHOL., EACH	134	141	142	
SOFA BED, BACK DROPS TO MAKE BED, EACH	196	181	181	
DINING RM. SETS, CHINA, 6' EXT. TABLE, 6 CHAIRS, PER SET	670	713	728	
DINETTE SETS, TABLE & 4 CHAIRS, PER SET	148	158	160	
FLOOR COVERINGS				
CARPET, NYLON W/W OR RM. SZ., PER SQ. YD.	9.28	9.64	9.81	
CARPET, WOOL, W/W OR RM. SZ., PER SQ. YD.	17.20	18.00	18.90	
CARPET, ACRYL. FIB., W/W OR RM. SZ., PER SQ. YD.	11.10	11.00	11.20	
VINYL, ASBESTOS BACKING, PER SQ. YD.	5.17	5.26	5.35	

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

MOTOR SUPPLIES: AVERAGE PRICES PAID BY FARMERS, UNITED STATES,
JULY 1975, APRIL AND JULY 1976 ^{1/}

COMMODITY AND UNIT	1975		1976	
	JUL 15	APR 15	JUL 15	JUL 15
D O L L A R S				
MOTOR SUPPLIES				
GASOLINE, FILLING STATION, PER GAL.	.579	.559	.590	
GASOLINE, BULK DELIVERY, PER GAL.	.524	.513	.542	
KEROSENE, PER GAL.	.422	.434	.439	
FUEL, DIESEL, PER GAL.	.396	.407	.417	
FURNACE OR FUEL OIL, PER GALLON	.382	.396	.401	
MOTOR OIL, PER GAL.				
REGULAR (NON-DETERGENT)	2.13	2.11	2.15	
HEAVY-DUTY (DETERGENT)	2.55	2.50	2.53	
ALL WEATHER (HIGH DETERGENT)	2.94	2.91	2.91	
GREASE, PER 14 1/2 OZ. CARTRIDGE	.580	.589	.607	
GREASE, PER 35 LB. PAIL	13.80	13.80	14.00	
AUTO TIRES, TUBELESS, EACH				
BIAS-BELTED, SIZE G78-15	39.60	39.40	39.90	
RADIAL, STEEL BELTED, GR78-15	62.40	62.30	62.60	
TIRES, TRUCK, 7.00-15, 6-PLY, EACH	42.30	42.30	43.30	
TIRES, TRUCK, 7.50-20, 10-PLY, EACH	78.70	80.60	81.70	
TIRES, TRACTOR, REAR, 13.6x28, 4-PLY, EACH	128	130	131	
TIRES, TRACTOR, REAR, 18.4x34, 6-PLY, EACH	257	259	263	
STORAGE BATTERIES, 45 PLT, 6 VOLT, EACH				
	27.00	27.50	28.00	
STORAGE BATTERIES, 54 PLT, 12 VOLT, EACH				
	34.50	34.50	35.10	
STORAGE BATTERIES, 66 PLT, 12 VOLT, EACH				
	41.90	42.20	43.00	
SPARK PLUGS, EACH				
		1.29		
ANTI-FREEZE, PERMANENT, PER GAL.				
		4.61		
OIL FILTER, CARTRIDGE REFILL, EACH				
		2.97		
OIL FILTER, SPIN-ON, EACH				
		3.93		
LUBRICATION, AUTOMOBILES, EACH ^{2/}				
	2.48		2.61	
MOTOR TUNE-UP, LABOR ONLY, EACH ^{2/}				
	13.80		14.40	
BRAKE RELINING, INCL. MATERIALS, EACH ^{2/}				
	52.00		54.40	

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

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

FEEDER PIGS: PRICES PAID BY FARMERS PER 100 POUNDS FOR SPECIFIED STATES FOR JULY 1976

STATE	DOLLARS	STATE	DOLLARS
ALA	63.50	NEBR	82.00
ARK	73.00	N J	85.00
DEL	80.00	N C	75.50
GA	77.50	N DAK	88.00
ILL	79.50	OHIO	83.00
IND	86.50	OKLA	74.50
IOWA	74.00	S C	70.50
KANS	78.00	S DAK	78.00
KY	69.50	TENN	82.00
LA	61.00	TEX	66.00
MD	80.00	VA	79.00
MINN	85.50	W VA	72.00
MISS	58.00	WIS	82.50
MO	66.00		

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

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 5 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.

Two major indexes within the Parity Index are stratified further into 18 group indexes. The farm Production Index is divided into 12 group indexes -- feed, feeder livestock, seed, fertilizer, agricultural chemicals, fuels and energy, farm and motor supplies, autos and trucks, tractors and self-propelled machinery, other machinery, building and fencing materials, and farm services and cash rent. The Family Living Index is divided into 6 group indexes -- food, clothing, housing, autos and auto supplies, medical and health, and education, recreation, and other. Each group represents an important class of farm expenditure and provides the basis for comparing price changes for the various groups of commodities and services that farmers buy.

As of June 15, 1976, the farm production component of the Parity Index included 169 different commodity price series; the family living component 152 items -- for a total of 321. Prices for 25 items are used in both family living and production indexes leaving a net of 296 separate price series. In the family living index the medical and health and education, recreation, and other indexes are based on Consumer Price Indexes from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and are excluded from the commodity price series count.

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 serving 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.

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 1971-73 surveys 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 1971-73 Expenditure Surveys. 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, all commodities, 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 commodity consists of goods and services purchased by farmers which necessitated both periodic revision in the weighting pattern and shifts in 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. For the period September 1952-January 1965 the basis for the weights was the 1955 Farm Production Expenditure Surveys. For the latest revision in March of 1976, weights were based on the 1971-73 Expenditure Surveys and are used starting with January 1965.

The indexes are first computed on a 1971-73 base and then converted to the 1910-14 base by linking them to the 1910-14 index as of January 1965. 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 respective 1967 average.

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, wage 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 depends 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,
1971-73 AND JUNE 15, 1976 ^{1/}

COMMODITY GROUP	RELATIVE IMPORTANCE	
	1976 REVISION	
	1971-73 ^{2/}	JUNE 15, 1976
	PERCENT	
<u>LIVING</u>	30.4	28.29
FOOD	6.4	6.12
CLOTHING	2.2	2.03
HOUSING	7.8	7.67
AUTO & SUPPLIES	5.2	5.06
MEDICAL & HEALTH	2.1	1.92
ED., REC., & OTHER	6.7	5.49
<u>PRODUCTION</u>	57.6	59.71
FEED	11.8	12.57
FEEDER LIVESTOCK	11.7	8.08
SEED	1.8	1.92
FERTILIZER	4.2	5.20
AGR. CHEMICALS	1.7	1.92
FUELS & ENERGY	3.5	3.91
FARM & MOTOR SUP.	2.2	2.00
AUTOS & TRUCKS	2.5	2.55
TRACTORS AND S-P MACH.	4.5	5.05
OTHER MACHINERY	2.7	3.12
BLDG & FENCING	3.6	3.85
FARM SERV. & CASH RENT	7.4	9.54
<u>TOTAL COMMODITIES</u>	88.0	88.00
INTEREST	4.0	4.79
TAXES	2.8	2.22
FARM WAGE RATES	5.2	4.99
<u>COMMODITIES, INTEREST, TAXES, AND WAGE RATES</u>	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.

RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF ITEMS FOR INDEXES OF PRICES PAID BY FARMERS
INCLUDING INTEREST, TAXES AND WAGE RATES, JUNE 15, 1976

GROUP AND COMMODITY	RELATIVE IMPORTANCE	GROUP AND COMMODITY	RELATIVE IMPORTANCE
	PERCENT		PERCENT
<u>FAMILY LIVING</u>	<u>28.29</u>	<u>FAMILY LIVING (CONTINUED)</u>	
<u>FOOD</u>	<u>6.12</u>	<u>CLOTHING (CONTINUED)</u>	
FLOUR, 10 LBS.	.09	GIRLS' ANKLETS	.01
BREAD, WHITE	.23	GIRLS' SHOES	.05
SODA CRACKERS	.15	MEN'S WINTER COATS OR	
CORN FLAKES	.19	TOPCOATS	.05
CAKE MIX	.08	MEN'S CHORE JACKETS	.04
		MEN'S SUITS	.07
ROUND STEAK	.44		
HAMBURGER	.30	MEN'S SPORT COATS	.03
BOLOGNA	.18	MEN'S SLACKS, DRESS	.05
BACON, SLICED	.26	MEN'S SLACKS	.03
PORK CHOPS	.38	MEN'S OVERALLS	.11
		MEN'S SHIRTS, DRESS	.05
FRYING CHICKEN	.18		
FROZEN HADDOCK	.14	MEN'S SHIRTS, SPORT	.05
MILK, FLUID, WHOLE	.45	MEN'S SHIRTS, WORK	.03
CHEESE, AMER. NATURAL, CHEDDAR	.22	MEN'S UNDERWEAR, SHORTS	.02
ICE CREAM	.11	MEN'S UNDERSHIRTS, T-	
		STYLE	.02
EGGS	.16	MEN'S UNDERWEAR, THERMAL	
POTATOES	.17	KNIT	.02
BEANS, NAVY	.15		
LETTUCE	.17	MEN'S SOCKS, WORK	.03
TOMATOES	.08	MEN'S SHOES, DRESS	.10
		MEN'S OVERSHOES	.02
APPLES	.15	MEN'S HATS, FELT	.02
BANANAS	.05	MEN'S GLOVES, WORK	.04
ORANGES	.07	MEN'S SHOES, WORK	.04
CORN, CANNED, 303 CAN	.08	BOYS' JACKETS, LINED	.01
PEAS, CANNED, 303 CAN	.06	BOYS' SWEATERS, PULLOVER	.17
		BOYS' DRESS OUTFITS	.01
ORANGE JUICE, CANNED	.02	BOYS' JEANS, DENIM	.08
PINEAPPLE, SLICED, CANNED	.04	BOYS' SHOES	.06
PEACHES, HALVES, CANNED	.06		
PEAS, FROZEN	.05	FABRIC, GINGHAM	.16
ORANGE JUICE, CON. FROZEN	.05		
		<u>HOUSING</u>	<u>7.67</u>
SUGAR, 5 LBS.	.11	BRICK, COMMON	.36
SYRUP, CANE, BLENDED	.10	BLOCKS, CONCRETE	.18
GELATIN DESSERT, FLAVORED	.10	PORTLAND CEMENT	.20
VEGETABLE SHORTENING	.10	LUMBER, PINE 2x4's	.08
MARGARINE	.08	LUMBER, FIR 2x4's	.12
BUTTER	.06	ASBESTOS SIDING	.01
COFFEE, GROUND	.29	DRESSED BOARDS	.12
COLA DRINKS	.18	DROP SIDING, PINE	.21
PEANUT BUTTER	.20	FLOORING, YELLOW PINE	.04
CATSUP	.14	FLOORING, OAK	.09
<u>CLOTHING</u>	<u>2.03</u>	PLYWOOD, INTERIOR	.10
WOMEN'S COATS, HEAVY	.06	DOORS, INTERIOR	.06
WOMEN'S SWEATERS	.03	HOUSE WINDOWS	.16
WOMEN'S SUITS, 2 PIECE	.16	SHINGLES, ASPHALT	.18
WOMEN'S DRESSES, CASUAL	.14	INSULATING SHEATHING	.03
WOMEN'S BLOUSES	.08		
		GYPSUM BOARD	.24
WOMEN'S SLIPS	.01	ELECTRIC CABLE	.19
WOMEN'S GIRDLES	.01	WATER PUMP, DEEP WELL	.16
WOMEN'S PANTIES	.05	IRON PIPE, GALVANIZED	.17
WOMEN'S NIGHTGOWNS	.03	PLASTIC TUBING	.07
WOMEN'S HOSE	.05		
		COPPER TUBING	.09
WOMEN'S SHOES	.13	KITCHEN SINK	.07
WOMEN'S HANDBAG	.03	BATHTUB	.10
GIRLS' COATS, HEAVY	.02	TOILET	.06
GIRLS' DRESSES	.03	WALL PAINT, INTERIOR	.10

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GROUP AND COMMODITY	RELATIVE IMPORTANCE	GROUP AND COMMODITY	RELATIVE IMPORTANCE
	PERCENT		PERCENT
<u>FAMILY LIVING (CONTINUED)</u>		<u>PRODUCTION</u>	59.71
<u>HOUSING (CONTINUED)</u>		<u>FEED</u>	12.57
HOUSE PAINT, EXTERIOR	.11	CORN	3.07
MIXING FAUCET, SINK	.03	OATS	.24
NAILS	.04	BARLEY	.13
SCREEN WIRE	.04	SORGHUM	.13
KITCHEN CABINETS	.20	ALFALFA HAY, BALED	.72
SHEETS	.06	OTHER HAY, BALED	.55
BATH TOWELS	.03	LAYING MASH	1.09
KITCHEN CURTAINS	.08	CHICK STARTER	.20
LIVING ROOM SET	.11	BROILER GROWER	1.29
LOUNGE OR RECLINER CHAIR	.05	TURKEY GROWER	.08
FLOOR LAMPS	.03	DAIRY FEED, 14%	.47
DINING ROOM SET	.05	DAIRY FEED, 16%	1.27
DINETTE SET	.02	DAIRY FEED, 32%	.29
BEDROOM SETS	.09	HOG FEED, 14-18%	.80
INNERSPRING MATTRESS AND BOX SPRING	.03	HOG FEED, OVER 29%	.85
NYLON CARPET	.20	BEEF FEED, OVER 30%	1.01
VINYL FLOOR COV.	.02	SOYBEAN MEAL, 44%	.19
DINNER PLATES	.05	COTTONSEED MEAL, 41%	.06
ELECTRIC RANGES	.10	MIDLINGS	.01
REFRIGERATORS	.10	CORN MEAL	1/
HOME FREEZERS	.05	STOCK SALT	.06
WASHING MACHINES	.09	LIQUID MOLASSES	.06
CLOTHES DRYERS	.03	<u>FEEDER LIVESTOCK</u>	8.08
VACUUM CLEANERS	.03	DAIRY COWS	.82
SEWING MACHINES	.04	CATTLE AND CALVES	5.85
AIR CONDITIONERS	.14	HOGS	.79
LAWN MOWERS, POWER	.11	BABY CHICKS	.62
ELECTRIC TOASTERS	.02	<u>SEED</u>	1.92
ELECTRIC IRONS	.01	CORN, HYBRID	.91
HANDSAW, ELECTRIC	.02	WHEAT	.16
L.P. GAS	.51	OATS	.07
FURNACE OR FUEL OIL	.50	BARLEY	.06
ELECTRICITY	.94	GRAIN SORGHUM, (HYBRID)	.07
TELEPHONE SERVICE	.38	SOYBEANS	.18
LAUNDRY DETERGENT	.17	POTATOES, IRISH	.10
<u>AUTOS AND AUTO SUPPLIES</u>	5.06	COTTONSEED	.07
NEW AUTOS, INTERMEDIATE SIZE	.35	PEANUTS	.04
NEW AUTOS, LOW PRICED STANDARD SIZE	.70	RICE	.02
NEW AUTOS, MEDIUM PRICED STANDARD SIZE	.22	ALFALFA CERTIFIED	.10
USED AUTOS	1.07	RED CLOVER	.04
NEW PICKUP TRUCKS, 3/4 TON	.27	RYEGRASS, ANNUAL	.06
USED PICKUP TRUCKS, 3/4 TON	.10	TALL FESCUE	.02
GASOLINE, REGULAR	1.57	SUDAN GRASS	.02
LUBRICATION	.15	<u>FERTILIZER</u>	5.20
AUTO TIRES	.25	0-20-20	.74
STORAGE BATTERIES	.05	5-10-10	.19
MOTOR TUNE-UP	.33	5-10-15	.23
<u>MEDICAL AND HEALTH CARE 2/</u>	1.92	6-24-24	.48
<u>EDUCATION, RECREATION, AND OTHER 2/</u>	5.49	8-32-16	.16
		10-10-10	.62
		10-20-10	.18
		16-20-0	.65
		18-46-0	.10
		AMMONIUM NITRATE	.63
		ANNHYDROUS AMMONIA	.64
		NITROGEN SOLUTION, 32%	.54
		ORDINARY SUPERPHOSPHATE (0-20-0)	.04

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GROUP AND COMMODITY	RELATIVE IMPORTANCE	GROUP AND COMMODITY	RELATIVE IMPORTANCE
	PERCENT		PERCENT
<u>PRODUCTION (CONTINUED)</u>		<u>PRODUCTION (CONTINUED)</u>	
<u>FERTILIZER (CONTINUED)</u>		<u>BUILDING AND FENCING</u>	<u>3.85</u>
CONCENTRATE SUPERPHOSPHATE (0-46-0)	.17	WOOD POSTS	.13
MURIATE OF POTASH, 60% LIMESTONE	.25	ROUGH BOARDS	.12
	.18	BARBED WIRE, 2 POINT	.06
		BARBED WIRE, 4 POINT	.08
<u>AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS</u>	<u>1.92</u>	FIELD AND STOCK FENCE	.10
ATRAZINE	.53	STEEL FENCE POSTS	.15
2-4D	.72	STAPLES, FENCE	.06
TOXAPHENE	.14	ELECTRIC FENCE CHARGER	.02
CARBARYL	.09	PORTLAND CEMENT	.35
PARATHION	.23	CONCRETE BLOCKS	.37
ALDRIN	.06	PINE, 2X4, STANDARD & BETTER	.20
ZINEB	.15	FIR, 2X4, STANDARD & BETTER	.25
		DRESSED BOARDS NO. 2 & BETTER	.06
<u>FUELS AND ENERGY</u>	<u>3.91</u>	PLYWOOD, INTERIOR	.17
GASOLINE, TANK TRUCK	1.62	ROOFING, GALVANIZED STEEL	1.14
GASOLINE, FILLING STATION	.65	NAILS, 8D	.13
DIESEL FUEL	.70		
L.P. GAS	.16	EXTERIOR HOUSE PAINT	.08
ELECTRICITY	.78	SHINGLES, ASPHALT	.10
		IRON PIPE, GALV. 1 1/4 IN.	.13
<u>FARM AND MOTOR SUPPLIES</u>	<u>2.00</u>	INSULATING SHEATHING, 1/2 IN.	.03
NAIL HAMMERS	.02	DEEP WELL JET, 1/2 HP. W/TANK	.12
HOES	.01		
PITCHFORKS	.01	<u>AUTOS AND TRUCKS</u>	<u>2.55</u>
SHOVELS	.01	AUTOS, NEW INTERMEDIATE	.13
HAND SPRAYER	.01	AUTOS, NEW, LOW PRICED STANDARD	.25
		AUTOS, NEW, MED. PRICED STANDARD	.08
END WRENCH, ADJ.	.06	AUTOS, USED	.22
CHAIN SAW, GAS	.06	PICKUPS, NEW, 3/4 TON	1.18
ELECTRIC DRILL	.03		
ACETYLENE WELDER	.02	PICKUPS, USED, 3/4 TON	.47
MOTOR OIL, NON-DETERGENT	.05	TRUCKS, NEW, 1 1/2-2 TONS	.11
		TRUCKS, USED, 1 1/2-2 TONS	.11
MOTOR OIL, HEAVY DUTY	.08		
MOTOR OIL, ALL WEATHER	.07	<u>TRACTORS & SELF-PROPEL. MACHINERY</u>	<u>5.05</u>
GREASE, 35 LB. PAIL	.08	WHEEL TRACTORS, 30-39 PTO HP.	.63
ANTI-FREEZE	.06	WHEEL TRACTORS, 50-59 PTO HP.	.57
AUTO TIRES, BIAS-BELTED	.04	WHEEL TRACTORS, 90-99 PTO HP.	1.63
		WHEEL TRACTORS, 110-129 PTO HP.	.31
AUTO TIRES, RADIAL	.04		
TRUCK TIRES, 6 PLY	.10	COMBINES, SMALL	.32
TRUCK TIRES, 10 PLY	.07	COMBINES, MEDIUM	.65
TRACTOR TIRES	.25	COMBINES, LARGE	.30
STORAGE BATTERIES, 6 VOLT	.02	COMBINE-CORN HEAD	.26
		WINDROWER	.15
STORAGE BATTERIES, 12 VOLT	.09	COTTON PICKER	.23
SPARK PLUGS	.04		
OIL FILTER	.08	<u>OTHER FARM MACHINERY</u>	<u>3.12</u>
WATER HEATER	.02	MOLDBOARD, 1-WAY 3 BTM	.20
MILK PAILS	.03	MOLDBOARD, 1-WAY 5 BTM	.09
		DISK, TANDEM 9-11 FT.	.16
BALER TWINE, 40 LB. BALE	.16	DISK, TANDEM 12-14 FT.	.13
ROPE, MANILA	.02	HOE, ROTARY, 4-SECTION	.04
BARBED WIRE, 4 PT.	.05		
LUBRICATION	.03	FIELD CULTIVATORS, 10-12 FT.	.04
RELINING BRAKES	.08	FIELD CULTIVATORS, 17-19 FT.	.04
		ROW-CROP CULTIVATOR, 4-ROW	.08
MAGAZINES	.04	ROW-CROP CULTIVATOR, 6-ROW	.03
FRUIT BOX, SHOOK	.11	CORN PLANTER, 4-ROW, W/FERT.	.30
LUG BOX	.06		
VEGETABLE CRATE, SHOOK	.05	GRAIN DRILLS, PLAIN	.04
OPEN MESH BAGS	.05	GRAIN DRILLS, W/FERT. ATTACHMENT	.02
		GRAIN DRILLS, PRESS	.04
		MOWERS	.18
		MOWER CONDITIONER	.10

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	PERCENT
<u>PRODUCTION (CONTINUED)</u>	
<u>OTHER MACHINERY (CONTINUED)</u>	
PICK-UP BALERS	.19
FORAGE HARVESTERS, P.T.O. WITH PICK-UP ATTACHMENT	.18
CORN PICKER	.14
WAGONS OR TRAILERS	.25
FARM WAGONS, GRAVITY	.09
FEED GRINDER MIXER	.14
MANURE SPREADERS	.07
POWER SPRAYERS	.10
GRAIN ELEVATORS	.17
MANURE LOADERS, TRACTOR	.07
MILK COOLERS	.23
<u>FARM SERVICES AND CASH RENT</u>	<u>9.54</u>
CASH RENT-PER ACRE	3.34
CUSTOM TILLAGE PER ACRE	.10
CUSTOM PLANTING	.10
CUSTOM HARVESTING CORN PER ACRE	.52
CUSTOM HARVESTING SMALL GRAIN PER ACRE	.71
CUSTOM HAYING PER ACRE	.62
TRANSPORTATION	1.13
PIECE RATE LABOR	.95
TELEPHONE MONTHLY BILL	.39
INSURANCE	1.68
<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>4.79</u>
<u>TAXES</u>	<u>2.22</u>
<u>WAGE RATES</u>	<u>4.99</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>100.00</u>

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