

# AGRICULTURAL PRICES



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## PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP 6 POINTS PRICES PAID INDEX UP 2 POINTS

The Index of Prices Received by Farmers increased 6 points (3 percent) to 179 percent of its January-December 1967 average during the month ended December 15, 1976, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Contributing most to the increase since mid-November were higher prices for hogs, corn, soybeans, cattle and eggs. Lower prices for oranges, milk, wheat and commercial vegetables were partially offsetting. The index was 7 points (4 percent) below a year ago.

The Index of Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates for December 15 was 195, up 2 points (1 percent) from a month earlier. Higher prices for feed, feeder livestock, and family living items were the major contributors to the index rise. The index was 11 points (6 percent) above a year earlier.

### SUMMARY TABLE

INDEX 1967=100	: :	NOV 15, 1975	: :	DEC 15, 1975	: :	NOV 15, 1976	: :	DEC 15, 1976
PRICES RECEIVED	:	184	:	186	:	173	:	179
PRICES PAID, INTEREST, TAXES, AND FARM WAGE RATES	:	184	:	184	:	193	:	195
RATIO <u>1/</u>	:	100	:	101	:	90	:	92

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 increased 6 points (3 percent) during the month ended December 15 to 179 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 increased 10 points (7 percent) to 155 during the month ended December 15. Hog prices at \$36.30 per cwt were up \$5.20 from last month. All beef cattle prices were up \$1.00 per cwt from last month to average \$32.10. Steer and heifer prices, averaging \$35.90 were up \$1.20 and cow prices were up 60 cents to average \$21.30. Calf prices at \$32.90 were up 70 cents from last month. The December index was 19 points (11 percent) below a year earlier.

FEED GRAINS AND HAY: The index of prices received by farmers for feed grains and hay increased 14 points (8 percent) to 199 during the month with only barley down from a month earlier. Corn at \$2.24 per bushel was up 22 cents from November and sorghum grain at \$3.51 per cwt increased 21 cents. Oats brought \$1.51 per bushel, up 6 cents, while barley declined 3 cents to \$2.08 per bushel. Hay averaged \$59.00 per ton, unchanged from a month earlier. The December index was 8 points (4 percent) below a year earlier.

OIL-BEARING CROPS: The index of prices received by farmers for oil-bearing crops increased 14 points (6 percent) to 237 during the month ended December 15. An increase in soybean prices more than offset declines for flaxseed, cottonseed and peanuts. Soybeans at \$6.56 per bushel were up 45 cents from mid-November. Cottonseed was \$2.00 per ton lower at \$103.00 and flaxseed average 26 cents lower at \$7.00 per bushel. Peanuts were 20.1 cents per lb compared with 20.2 cents a month earlier. The December index was 74 points (45 percent) above a year earlier.

POULTRY AND EGGS: The index of prices received by farmers for poultry and eggs increased 8 points (5 percent) to 184 during the month because of higher prices for eggs and turkeys. Prices received for eggs averaged 69.5 cents per dozen, up 4.2 cents from November. Turkeys brought 33.3 cents per pound, up 2.5 cents, while broilers were unchanged at 19.3 cents per pound. Compared to a year ago the index was down 8 points (4 percent).

COMMERCIAL VEGETABLES: The index of prices received by farmers for all commercial vegetables decreased 13 points (8 percent) from a month earlier. Prices of all vegetables except cabbage, carrots and onions were down from November. The index was 14 points (8 percent) below a year earlier.

FRUIT: The fruit index at 126 declined 7 points (5 percent) from November, due mainly to a decline for oranges. The index was 6 points (5 percent) below a year earlier.

### PRICES PAID BY FARMERS

The index of prices paid by farmers for commodities and services for December 15 was 191 percent of its 1967 average, 2 points (1 percent) above a month earlier, and 10 points (6 percent) above December 1975.

### PRODUCTION INDEX UP

The December 15 index of prices paid by farmers for production goods was up 2 points (1 percent) from mid-November. Higher prices for feed, feeder livestock, and building and fencing materials accounted for the increase. Compared with a year ago, the index was up 10 points (5 percent).

FEED: At 193, the prices paid for feed index was up 4 percent from last month. Most prices averaged higher with corn accounting for about one-half of the index increase. The index was 8 percent above last year.

FEEDER LIVESTOCK: The index of prices paid for feeder livestock, at 143, was 1 1/2 percent above last month. The increase results from higher prices for feeder pigs and cattle and calves. Compared with a year ago, the index was down 4 percent.

BUILDING AND FENCING MATERIALS: Prices paid for building and fencing materials increased 1 percent from a month earlier. Nearly all building material prices were up. The index was 6 percent above last year.

FUELS AND ENERGY: Fuel and energy prices averaged unchanged from mid-November. Prices declines for gasoline, tank truck and service station purchases, were offset by an increase for diesel fuel. Prices were 4 percent above December 1975.

### FAMILY LIVING INDEX HIGHER

At 181, the mid-December index of prices paid by farmers for family living items was up 1 point (1/2 percent) from a month earlier. All index components except autos and auto supplies averaged higher. The index was 10 points (6 percent) above a year ago.

FOOD: December 15 prices paid by farmers for food averaged 1 percent more than in mid-November. Prices generally advanced with dairy products, eggs, beverages and meats the most significant. Food prices averaged 1/2 percent below a year earlier.

HOUSING: At 183, the index of prices farmers paid for housing was 1/2 percent above November 15. Higher prices for building materials and fuel oil accounted for the increase. The mid-December index was up 8 percent from a year ago.

CLOTHING AND TEXTILES: Prices paid for clothing and textiles in mid-December averaged 1 percent above a month earlier. Women's and girls' clothing led the price increases for apparel. Prices averaged 10 percent above December 15, 1975.

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

COMMODITY AND UNIT		AVERAGE		DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC
		JAN 1970- DEC 1974	JAN 1967- DEC 1967	15, 1975	15, 1976	15, 1976	15, 1976
ALL WHEAT, PER BU.	DOL.	.880	1.47	3.41	2.59	2.46	2.39
RICE, (ROUGH), PER CWT.	"	1.81	5.05	8.44	6.48	*6.46	1/6.62
CORN, PER BU.	"	.649	1.17	2.37	2.33	2.02	2.24
OATS, PER BU.	"	.399	.668	1.42	1.46	1.45	1.51
BARLEY, PER BU.	"	.617	1.02	2.35	2.22	2.11	2.08
SORGHUM GRAIN, PER CWT.	"		1.88	4.00	3.68	3.30	3.51
ALL HAY, BALED, PER TON	"	11.90	23.50	51.60	60.10	59.00	59.00
COTTON, AMERICAN UPLAND, PER LB.	CT.	2/11.92	22.54	49.6	62.5	*65.2	1/66.0
PEANUTS, PER LB.	"	4.83	11.4	18.7	20.1	20.2	20.1
TOBACCO, PER LB. 3/	"			103.6	112.9	111.2	114.4
COTTONSEED, PER TON	DOL.	27.80	58.00	89.00	104.00	105.00	103.00
SOYBEANS, PER BU.	"		2.62	4.28	5.90	6.11	6.56
FLAXSEED, PER BU.	"	1.68	2.89	5.70	7.08	7.26	7.00
POTATOES, PER CWT. 3/	"	1.13	2.02	3.92	2.98	3.10	3.15
SWEETPOTATOES, PER CWT.	"	1.61	5.65	9.45	6.13	6.59	6.84
DRY EDIBLE BEANS, PER CWT.	"	3.39	7.99	20.60	14.30	15.30	14.50
DRY FIELD PEAS (OPEN MKT.), PER CWT.	"		4.64	6.45	11.40	10.60	10.20
APPLES, FOR FRESH USE, PER LB. 3/ 4/	CT.		6.65	8.7	12.6	11.6	11.3
PEACHES, FOR FRESH USE, PER LB. 3/	"		9.20				
STRAWBERRIES, FOR FRESH USE, PER LB. 3/	"		28.3		45.6	52.6	59.3
PEARS, FOR FRESH USE, PER TON 3/ 4/	DOL.		125.00	174.00	207.00	182.00	173.00
CITRUS (EQUIV. ON-TREE), PER BOX 3/	"						
GRAPEFRUIT	"		1.38	1.60	4.33	1.44	1.47
LEMONS	"		2.45	4.60	1.17	.98	1.03
ORANGES	"		1.58	1.90	2.03	1.61	1.17
TANGELOS	"		2.49	1.54		1.15	.90
TANGERINES	"		2.66	3.35	4.79	3.80	2.72
TEMPLES	"		1.62				
ALL BEEF CATTLE, PER CWT.	DOL.	5.52	22.20	33.50	31.80	31.10	32.10
COWS, PER CWT.	"		16.50	20.10	22.50	20.70	21.30
STEERS AND HEIFERS, PER CWT.	"		24.00	38.50	34.50	34.70	35.90
CALVES, PER CWT.	"	6.84	26.40	30.00	33.10	32.20	32.90
HOGS, PER CWT.	"	7.29	19.00	47.50	32.90	31.10	36.30
LAMBS, PER CWT.	"	5.96	22.20	46.30	42.70	41.60	44.60
SHEEP, PER CWT.	"	4.59	6.38	11.80	11.40	11.00	12.30
ALL MILK, SOLD TO PLANTS, PER CWT. 3/	DOL.	1.61	5.03	10.30	10.00	9.94	5/9.81
MILK ELIGIBLE FOR FLUID MARKET	"		5.44	10.50	10.40	10.30	5/10.10
MILK OF MANUFACTURING GRADE	"		4.07	9.30	8.53	8.57	5/8.55
BROILERS, LIVE, PER LB. 3/	CT.		13.3	24.0	20.9	19.3	19.3
EGGS, PER DOZEN 6/	"	27.6	31.2	64.7	60.8	65.3	69.5
TURKEYS, LIVE, PER LB.	"	14.3	20.0	36.2	30.7	30.8	33.3
WOOL, PER LB. 3/ 7/	"	17.8	39.7	43.3	76.7	73.3	68.8
ADJUSTED FOR SEASONAL VARIATION							
ALL MILK, SOLD TO PLANTS, PER CWT. 3/	DOL.		5.04	9.81	9.71	9.47	5/9.34
EGGS, PER DOZEN	CT.		31.2	55.7	63.3	62.8	60.4

1/ PRELIMINARY. 2/ ALL COTTON. 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, 3.84 ; FLUID MARKET, 3.84 ; MANUFACTURING GRADE, 3.83 . 6/ AVERAGE OF ALL EGGS SOLD BY FARMERS, INCLUDING HATCHING EGGS AND EGGS SOLD AT RETAIL. 7/ AVERAGE LOCAL MARKET PRICE, EXCLUDING INCENTIVE PAYMENTS.

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

BASED ON PRICE REPORTS FROM 3,680 FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS, AND SUPPLEMENTED BY DATA FROM MARKETING AGENCIES AND RELATED SOURCES.

UNITED STATES PARITY PRICES FOR FARM PRODUCTS AND AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED AS  
PERCENTAGE OF PARITY PRICES BASED ON DATA FOR DECEMBER 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			
		DEC	NOV	DEC	DEC	NOV	DEC	
		1975	1976	1976	1975	1976	1976	
<b>BASIC COMMODITIES:</b>								
WHEAT, PER BU.	DOL.	.739	4.68	4.86	4.89	73	51	49
RICE, PER CWT.	"	4/2.05	13.30	13.50	13.60	63	48	49
CORN, PER BU.	"	.496	3.11	3.26	3.28	76	62	68
COTTON, PER LB.								
AMERICAN UPLAND	CT.	12.00	79.46	78.84	79.44	*62	81	83
EXTRA LONG STAPLE	"	4/17.9	115.0	118.0	118.0	*65		
PEANUTS, PER LB.	"	4/4.16	26.7	27.3	27.5	70	74	73
TOBACCO, PER LB.								
FLUE-CURED, TYPES 11-14	"	4/23.4	153.0	154.0	155.0		68	
VA FIRE-CURED, TYPE 21	"	4/17.7	110.0	116.0	117.0	86		104
KY-TENN FIRE-CURED, TYPES 22-23	"	4/18.5	174.0	122.0	122.0			
BURLEY, TYPE 31	"	4/24.2	158.0	159.0	160.0	66	72	72
MARYLAND, TYPE 32	"	5/22.1	144.0	145.0	146.0			
DARK AIR-CURED, TYPES 35-36	"	4/15.8	97.5	104.0	105.0	92		111
SUN-CURED, TYPE 37	"	4/17.5	110.0	115.0	116.0	81		91
PA SEEDLEAF, TYPE 41	"	4/11.6	72.4	76.2	76.8			
CIGAR FILLER AND BINDER, TYPES 42-44, 53-55	"	4/14.6	90.4	95.9	96.7			
PUERTO RICAN FILLER, TYPE 46	"	4/14.8	95.0	97.2	98.0			
CIGAR BINDER, TYPES 51-52	"	4/19.7	125.0	129.0	130.0			
<b>DESIGNATED NONBASIC COMMODITIES:</b>								
TUNG NUTS, PER TON	DOL.	4/18.10	123.00	119.00	120.00			
ALL MILK, SOLD TO PLANTS, PER CWT.	"	1.84	11.60	12.10	12.20	6/*85	6/*78	6/77
MILKFAT IN CREAM, PER LB.	CT.	20.1	136.0	132.0	133.0	*64		
HONEY, WHOLESALE, PER LB. EXTRACTED	"	7/7.65	46.1	50.3	50.6			
<b>WOOL AND MOHAIR:</b>								
WOOL, PER LB.	CT.	4/20.8	140.0	137.0	138.0	8/*31	8/54	8/50
MOHAIR, PER LB.	"	4/31.4	190.0	206.0	208.0			
<b>OTHER NONBASIC COMMODITIES:</b>								
BARLEY, PER BU.	DOL.	.425	2.59	2.79	2.81	91	76	74
COTTONSEED, PER TON	"	4/20.80	132.00	137.00	138.00	67	77	75
DRY EDIBLE BEANS, PER CWT.	"	3.87	24.10	25.40	25.60	85	60	57
FLAXSEED, PER BU.	"	1.21	7.49	7.95	8.01	76	91	87
OATS, PER BU.	"	.242	1.49	1.59	1.60	95	91	94
POTATOES, PER CWT.	"	4/.848	5.39	5.57	5.61	*73	56	56
RYE, PER BU.	"	.384	2.34	2.52	2.54	94		
SORGHUM GRAIN, PER CWT.	"	.830	5.21	5.45	5.49	77	61	64
SOYBEANS, PER BU.	"	1.10	6.98	7.23	7.28	61	85	90
SWEETPOTATOES, PER CWT.	"	2.01	12.90	13.20	13.30	73	50	51
APPLES, FOR FRESH USE, PER LB. 9/	CT.	2.42	15.4	15.9	16.0	56	73	71
CITRUS (EQUIV. ON-TREE), PER BOX:								
GRAPEFRUIT	DOL.	4/.475	3.29	3.12	3.14	49	46	47
LEMONS	"	4/.950	6.22	6.24	6.29	74	16	16
LIMES	"	4/1.26	8.20	8.28	8.34			
ORANGES	"	4/.504	3.41	3.31	3.34	*56	49	35
TANGERINES	"	4/.815	5.39	5.35	5.40	62	71	50
TEMPLES	"	4/.537	3.57	3.53	3.55			
BEEF CATTLE, PER CWT.	"	8.65	56.60	56.80	57.30	*59	55	56
CALVES, PER CWT.	"	10.20	69.10	67.00	67.50	*43	48	49
HOGS, PER CWT.	"	7.95	49.00	52.20	52.60	97	60	69
LAMBS, PER CWT.	"	8.83	56.40	58.00	58.50	82	72	76
SHEEP, PER CWT.	"	2.49	16.10	16.40	16.50	*73	67	75
EGG, PER DOZ.	CT.	11.9	77.5	78.2	78.8	6/72	6/80	6/77
TURKEYS, LIVE, PER LB.	"	7.30	47.7	48.0	48.3	*76	64	69

SEE FOOTNOTES ON PAGE 6.

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

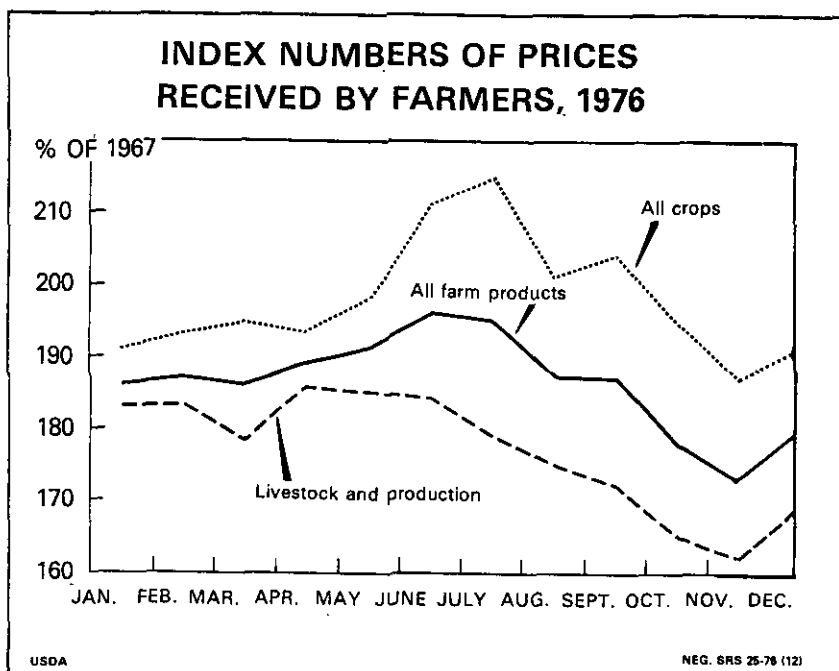
OTHER NONBASIC COMMODITIES (CONTINUED)	ADJUSTED BASE PRICES 4/	PARITY PRICES 3/ BASED ON DATA FOR DEC 1976	OTHER NONBASIC COMMODITIES (CONTINUED)	ADJUSTED BASE PRICES 4/	PARITY PRICES 3/ BASED ON DATA FOR DEC 1976
	DOLLARS			DOLLARS	
FIELD CROPS AND MISC. COMMODITIES			NONCITRUS FRUITS:		
			PEACHES		
			FOR FRESH USE, LB. 11/	.0291	1.193
			DRIED (CALIF.), TON	249.00	1,650.00
CRUDE PINE GUM, BBL.	2/13.80	91.40	FOR PROCESSING (EXCL. DRIED)		
HOPS, LB.	.182	1.20	CLINGSTONE (CALIF.), TON 10/	26.60	176.00
TOBACCO, LB.:			PEARS		
CIGAR WRAPPER, TYPE 61	1.28	8.47	FOR FRESH USE, TON 12/	41.90	277.00
CIGAR WRAPPER, TYPE 62	.856	5.67	DRIED (CALIF.), TON	268.00	1,770.00
			PLUMS (CALIF.) EQUIV.		
NONCITRUS FRUITS:			ON-TREE, TON		
APPLES, FOR PROCESSING, TON	18.80	124.00	FOR FRESH USE	52.80	350.00
			PRUNES, DRIED (CALIF.), TON	104.00	688.00
APRICOTS, TON			PRUNES AND PLUMS		
FOR FRESH USE	81.80	542.00	(EXCL. CALIF.), TON		
DRIED (CALIF.)	419.00	2,770.00	FOR FRESH USE	58.70	389.00
AVOCADOS, TON	144.00	953.00	FOR PROCESSING (EXCL. DRIED)	22.10	146.00
CHERRIES, TON					
SWEET	113.00	748.00	TREE NUTS, TON:		
TART	74.80	495.00	ALMONDS	223.00	1,480.00
CRANBERRIES, BBL.	4.05	26.80	FILBERTS	152.00	1,010.00
DATES (CALIF.), TON	52.80	350.00	WALNUTS	145.00	960.00
GRAPES, TON					
RAISIN VARIETIES			VEGETABLES FOR FRESH MARKET, CWT:		
DRIED (CALIF.)	122.00	808.00	CANTALOUPE	2.13	14.10
GRAPES EXCL. RAISIN			CARROTS 13/	1.40	9.27
VARIETIES DRIED	31.40	208.00	CAULIFLOWER 13/	3.11	20.60
NECTARINES (CALIF.)			CELERY 13/	1.63	10.80
TON			HONEYDEW MELONS	2.00	13.20
FOR FRESH USE 10/	54.00	357.00	LETTUCE	1.72	11.40
OLIVES (CALIF.)			ONIONS 13/	1.52	10.10
FOR CANNING, TON 10/	109.00	722.00	TOMATOES	3.93	26.00

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 PRICES 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 PRICES 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,  
DECEMBER 15, 1976 WITH COMPARISONS

INDEX	1910-14=100					1967=100			
	AVERAGE	1975		1976		1975		1976	
	JAN-DEC	NOV	DEC	NOV	DEC	NOV	DEC	NOV	DEC
	1967	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
UNADJUSTED									
ALL FARM PRODUCTS	250	461	464	433	447	184	186	173	179
ALL CROPS	225	425	423	420	430	189	188	187	191
FOOD GRAINS	176	408	390	283	277	232	222	161	157
FEED GRAINS AND HAY	174	357	361	322	347	205	207	185	199
FEED GRAINS	172	352	355	305	332	205	206	177	193
COTTON	190	418	419	*550	557	220	221	*289	293
TOBACCO	555	871	869	945	964	157	157	170	174
OIL-BEARING CROPS	269	456	438	601	637	170	163	223	237
FRUIT	227	297	300	302	286	131	132	133	126
FRESH MARKET 1/	222	276	280	293	273	124	126	132	123
COMMERCIAL VEGETABLES	283	467	493	*490	453	165	174	*173	160
FRESH MARKET	334	581	630	*631	564	174	189	*189	169
POTATCES, ETC 2/	187	391	399	295	296	209	213	158	158
LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS	275	499	505	445	464	181	184	162	169
MEAT ANIMALS	335	576	582	485	520	172	174	145	155
DAIRY PRODUCTS	308	611	630	*608	600	198	205	197	195
POULTRY & EGGS	131	251	251	230	241	192	192	176	184
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
FRESH MARKET FRUIT 1/	223	290	302	303	283	130	135	136	127
FRESH MARKET VEGETABLES	340	566	651	*601	582	166	191	*177	171
POTATCES, ETC 2/	187	461	467	349	347	247	250	187	186
DAIRY PRODUCTS	308	582	600	*579	571	189	195	*188	185
POULTRY & EGGS	131	250	249	234	235	197	190	179	179

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



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

INDEXES AND RATIOS	1910-14=100					1967=100				
	1975		1976			1975		1976		
	NOV 15	DEC 15	SEP 15	NOV 15	DEC 15	NOV 15	DEC 15	SEP 15	NOV 15	DEC 15
PRICES PAID BY FARMERS FOR COMMODITIES & SERVICES INTEREST, TAXES & WAGE RATES (PARITY INDEX 1910-14=100)	624	1/627	662	657	662	184	1/184	195	193	195
PRICES PAID	542	1/545	574	570	575	180	181	191	189	191
FAMILY LIVING ITEMS	547	547	569	575	578	171	171	178	180	181
FOOD		593	594		589		184	184		183
CLOTHING	704			774		180				197
HOUSING	565	566	598	605	608	170	170	180	182	183
AUTOS & SUPPLIES	623			674	670	180			195	193
MEDICAL & HEALTH 2/ EDUCATION, RECREATION, & OTHER 2/	597	596	643	650	658	174	173	187	189	191
& OTHER 2/	481	482	499	502	505	148	149	154	155	156
PRODUCTION ITEMS	535	538	571	562	568	184	186	197	194	196
FEED	380	383	427	396	411	178	179	200	186	193
FEEDER LIVESTOCK	574	576	548	544	552	149	149	142	141	143
SEED 3/			572					240		
FERTILIZER 4/ AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS										
FUELS & ENERGY				338	338				191	191
FARM & MOTOR SUPPLIES	456	452		435	435	170	169		162	162
AUTOS & TRUCKS	994			1,117		202			227	
TRACTORS & SELF- PROPELLED MACHINERY		1,060	1,135				209	224		
OTHER MACHINERY		966	1,060				212	233		
BUILDING & FEVCING		843	886		895		208	219		221
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/	1,656	1/1,656	1,804	1,742	1,742	196	1/196	213	206	206
PRODUCTION ITEMS, INTEREST, TAXES, AND WAGE RATES	673	1/677	720	709	715	189	1/190	202	199	201
PARITY RATIO 8/	74	74	71	66	68					
ADJUSTED PARITY RATIO (PRELIMINARY) 9/	1/75	1/75	71	66	68					
OTHER RELATED INDEXES										
PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS						184	186	187	173	179
WHOLESALE PRICES 10/:										
ALL COMMODITIES						178	179	185	186	
INDUSTRIAL COMMODITIES						175	176	185	187	
CONSUMERS' PRICES (CPI) 10/						166	166	173	174	
AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS, MFG. PRODUCTION WORKERS 11/						174	177	187	189	

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/ 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, DECEMBER 15, 1976

STATE	ALL WHEAT PER BU.	WINTER WHEAT PER BU.	O. SPRING WHEAT PER BU.	CORN PER BU.	OATS PER BU.	BARLEY PER BU.	SORGHUM GRAIN PER CWT.
D O L L A R S							
ARIZ	2.86		--	--	--	2.43	4.19
ARK	2.35		--	--	1.62	--	--
CALIF	2.79		--	--	1.84	2.38	4.51
COLO	2.11	2.11	2.11	2.14	--	2.25	--
GA	--	--	--	2.36	--	--	--
IDAHO	2.25	2.25	2.26	--	1.40	1.95	--
ILL	2.44		--	2.29	1.47	--	--
IND	2.37		--	2.23	1.59	--	--
IOWA	--	--	--	2.22	1.50	--	--
KANS	2.24		--	2.19	--	--	3.36
KY	--	--	--	2.28	--	--	--
LA	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
MICH	2.40		--	2.13	1.61	--	--
MINN	2.62	2.53	2.63	2.27	1.49	2.37	--
MISS	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
MO	2.35		--	2.28	--	--	3.36
MONT	2.26	2.23	2.34	--	1.35	1.87	--
NEBR	2.21		--	2.16	1.41	--	3.35
N MEX	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.75
N Y	--	--	--	--	1.59	--	--
N C	--	--	--	2.28	1.52	--	--
N DAK	2.47	2.28	2.57	--	1.31	2.03	--
OHIO	2.43		--	2.19	1.62	--	--
OKLA	2.34		--	--	1.63	2.12	3.51
OREG	2.55		--	--	1.57	2.13	--
PA	--	--	--	2.24	1.59	2.02	--
S DAK	2.55	2.41	2.69	2.29	1.50	2.08	--
TEX	2.40		--	2.34	1.62	--	3.50
UTAH	--	--	--	--	--	2.10	--
WASH	2.56		--	--	--	2.09	--
WTS	--	--	--	2.30	1.48	--	--
WYO	--	--	--	--	--	2.17	--
U S	2.39			2.24	1.51	2.08	3.51

AVERAGE PRICE PER CWT RECEIVED BY FARMERS, U S

RICE	
PRELIMINARY DEC 1976	REVISED NOV 1976
6.62	6.46
DOLLARS	

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

STATE	PEANUTS	TOBACCO		APPLES	SOYBEANS	FLAX-	DRY	SWEET
	PER LR, 1/	PER LB.	3/	FRESH USE PER LR, 3/ 4/	PER RU.	SEED PER BU.	EDIBLE BEANS PER CWT.	POTATOES PER CWT.
	CENTS				DOLLARS			
ALA	--	--	--	--	6.60	--	--	10.65
ARK	--	--	--	--	6.54	--	--	--
CALIF	--	--	--	11.0	--	--	24.80	15.20
COLO	--	--	--	10.0	--	--	12.00	--
CONN	--	--	--	15.0	--	--	--	--
GA	--	--	--	--	6.46	--	--	9.50
IDAHO	--	--	--	16.9	--	--	10.70	--
ILL	--	--	--	10.5	6.68	--	--	--
IND	--	114.0	--	14.0	6.64	--	--	--
IOWA	--	--	--	--	6.54	--	--	--
KANS	--	--	--	--	6.60	--	--	--
KY	--	115.5	--	--	6.56	--	--	--
LA	--	--	--	--	6.54	--	--	4.90
MAINE	--	--	--	15.0	--	--	--	--
MD	--	--	--	14.1	--	--	--	7.80
MASS	--	--	--	15.0	--	--	--	--
MICH	--	--	--	11.8	6.59	--	14.20	--
MINN	--	--	--	--	6.51	7.06	11.60	--
MISS	--	--	--	--	6.49	--	--	6.25
MO	--	108.0	--	14.3	6.60	--	--	--
NERR	--	--	--	--	6.46	--	12.00	--
N H	--	--	--	15.0	--	--	--	--
N J	--	--	--	13.6	--	--	--	--
N Y	--	--	--	12.9	--	--	15.40	--
N C	20.1	110.0	--	11.7	6.55	--	--	3.80
N DAK	--	--	--	--	--	6.96	9.00	--
OHIO	--	115.5	--	15.5	6.64	--	--	--
OKLA	21.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OREG	--	--	--	7.3	--	--	--	--
PA	--	--	--	12.1	--	--	--	--
S C DAK	--	--	--	--	6.64	7.07	--	--
YFNN	--	112.5	--	--	6.47	--	--	8.45
TEX	20.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	8.85
VT	--	--	--	15.0	--	--	--	--
VA	--	112.1	--	13.8	--	--	--	9.00
WASH	--	--	--	9.2	--	--	12.10	--
W VA	--	109.5	--	17.0	--	--	--	--
WIS	--	--	--	15.0	--	--	--	--
WYO	--	--	--	--	--	--	10.70	--
U S	20.1	114.4	--	11.3	6.56	7.00	14.50	6.84

1/ AVERAGE PRICE BY AREA ON PAGE 15, 2/ PRICES BY TYPES SHOWN ON PAGE 15, 3/ AVERAGE FOR THE MONTH, 4/ EQUIVALENT P.H.D. RETURNS FOR WASHINGTON AND OREGON, EQUIVALENT FIRST DELIVERY POINT RETURNS FOR CALIFORNIA, AND PRICE AT POINT OF SALE FOR OTHER STATES.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, BY STATES, DECEMBER, 1976

STATE	NOV 1976		DECEMBER 15, 1976			
	COTTON		COTTON SEED PER TON	HAY, BALED, PER TON		
	AM UPLAND	M UPLAND		ALL	ALFALFA	OTHER
	PER LB. 1/	PER LB. 1/ 2/	PER TON			
CENTS			DOLLARS			
ALA	69.5	65.0	104.00	--	--	--
ARIZ	64.8	46.0	105.00	69.00	70.00	50.00
ARK	60.4	61.6	112.00	47.50	60.50	46.00
CALIF	71.9	71.1	108.00	72.00	73.50	60.00
COLO	--	--	--	56.00	57.00	54.00
GA	66.5	63.1	100.00	55.00	--	55.00
IDAHO	--	--	--	47.50	47.50	42.00
ILL	--	--	--	53.50	57.00	47.50
IND	--	--	--	54.00	58.00	49.00
IOWA	--	--	--	69.00	70.00	65.50
KANS	--	--	--	54.50	58.50	49.00
KY	--	--	--	45.00	51.00	43.50
LA	62.5	66.0	108.00	--	--	--
MICH	--	--	--	47.00	49.00	38.50
MINN	--	--	--	74.50	78.50	60.00
MISS	61.9	62.3	109.00	--	--	--
MO	59.0	65.0	106.50	56.00	72.00	47.00
MONT	--	--	--	47.00	48.00	46.00
NERR	--	--	--	54.50	55.50	52.00
NFV	--	--	--	68.50	72.00	61.00
N MEX	--	--	--	70.50	71.50	60.00
N Y	--	--	--	53.00	59.50	46.00
N DAK	--	--	--	46.50	52.00	40.50
OHIO	--	--	--	55.50	58.00	49.50
OKLA	70.5	70.9	105.00	59.00	73.50	48.00
OREG	--	--	--	66.50	72.00	60.00
PA	--	--	--	56.50	65.50	47.50
S C	65.4	67.6	--	--	--	--
S DAK	--	--	--	57.50	60.50	52.00
TENN	64.0	65.5	110.00	--	--	--
TEX	66.5	64.6	99.00	49.00	66.50	45.50
UTAH	--	--	--	55.00	56.00	49.00
WASH	--	--	--	67.50	71.00	58.50
WIS	--	--	--	78.00	80.50	69.00
WYO	--	--	--	57.50	57.50	57.50
U S	65.2	66.0	103.00	59.00	62.70	50.90

1/ PRICE BASED ON 480 POUND NET WEIGHT BALE. 2/ PRELIMINARY.

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

STATE	HOGS	COWS 1/	STEERS AND HEIFERS	HEIF CATTLE 2/	CALVES
D O L L A R S					
ALA	35.40	20.10	28.10	25.20	28.30
ARIZ	--	21.00	37.70	37.00	31.60
ARK	--	20.60	30.80	28.70	31.30
CALIF	--	21.20	37.90	33.80	29.70
COLO	--	23.00	38.90	38.10	37.10
FLA	--	22.00	29.80	25.90	27.20
GA	34.00	21.30	28.00	25.40	29.00
IDAHO	--	22.70	35.30	33.80	36.10
ILL	36.30	21.70	37.50	35.40	35.00
IND	36.40	21.30	37.10	34.40	31.40
IOWA	36.70	20.80	37.50	34.80	35.00
KANS	36.80	20.80	35.50	33.10	34.60
KY	35.90	22.10	32.30	29.50	32.80
LA	--	21.20	30.70	25.20	32.10
MICH	37.90	23.30	38.40	32.50	31.60
MINN	38.70	22.00	37.70	29.40	35.10
MISS	38.00	21.00	30.70	25.90	30.50
MO	36.70	19.90	33.40	30.50	31.80
MONT	--	20.60	34.80	28.00	38.20
NEBR	36.40	20.90	37.70	34.90	37.40
NEV	--	19.00	34.00	31.80	33.00
N MEX	--	21.70	34.90	36.50	30.50
N Y	--	21.90	30.40	28.80	30.90
N C	35.20	21.80	29.20	25.40	30.90
N DAK	--	21.40	35.50	31.80	37.90
OHIO	36.30	22.00	37.40	33.10	39.00
OKLA	38.00	21.00	34.20	32.20	33.20
ORFG	--	19.90	32.30	29.40	30.30
PA	38.50	23.80	37.00	28.70	42.50
S C	34.90	22.60	30.40	26.70	28.70
S DAK	37.00	22.10	36.90	34.70	37.20
TENN	35.50	20.50	31.70	27.40	32.20
TEX	37.20	20.70	35.10	30.30	30.40
UTAH	--	19.70	33.00	27.00	33.50
VA	35.60	21.20	30.00	26.00	36.70
WASH	--	20.70	34.30	31.00	32.60
WIS	35.90	21.80	34.60	24.20	36.30
WYO	--	23.50	34.00	28.60	38.50
U S	36.30	21.30	35.90	32.10	32.90

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, DECEMBER 15, 1976

STATE	SHEEP	LAMBS	WOOL		TURKEYS	BROILERS	EGGS
	PER CWT.	PER CWT.	1/	2/	PER LB.	PER LB. 1/	PER DOZ. 3/
	D O L L A R S			C E N T S			
ALA	--	--	--	--	--	4/18.0	74.6
ARIZ	9.00	44.00	71.0	--	--	--	--
ARK	--	--	--	--	35.0	19.0	77.2
CALIF	10.50	43.40	69.0	--	31.0	21.0	62.8
COLO	12.00	46.00	80.0	--	--	--	--
CONN	--	--	--	--	--	--	88.0
DEL	--	--	--	--	--	4/19.5	--
FLA	--	--	--	--	--	4/18.5	61.5
GA	--	--	--	--	30.0	4/19.5	79.3
IDAHO	12.00	42.20	63.0	--	--	--	--
ILL	10.60	39.80	57.0	--	35.0	--	64.0
IND	9.70	38.10	56.0	--	35.0	--	60.1
IOWA	8.90	43.70	63.0	--	31.0	--	59.9
KANS	8.60	40.60	77.0	--	--	--	58.9
KY	--	--	--	--	--	--	65.6
LA	--	--	--	--	--	19.5	81.0
MAINE	--	--	--	--	--	4/19.0	81.0
MD	--	--	--	--	--	4/19.5	--
MASS	--	--	--	--	--	--	85.0
MICH	11.90	41.60	60.0	--	33.0	--	65.6
MINN	11.90	45.00	62.0	--	30.0	--	56.2
MISS	--	--	--	--	--	4/19.0	81.6
MO	10.00	43.40	57.0	--	31.0	--	66.4
MONT	10.30	44.50	70.0	--	--	--	--
NEBR	10.00	44.60	72.0	--	32.0	--	53.8
NEV	12.00	42.00	61.0	--	--	--	--
N J	--	--	--	--	--	--	78.0
N MEX	11.70	45.00	80.0	--	--	--	--
N Y	--	--	--	--	--	--	75.1
N C	--	--	--	--	37.0	4/19.0	77.6
N DAK	10.40	40.20	62.0	--	--	--	--
OHIO	11.80	42.00	60.0	--	32.0	--	67.5
OKLA	--	--	--	--	--	19.5	--
OREG	11.00	43.00	70.0	--	33.0	--	63.4
PA	--	--	--	--	40.0	21.5	68.5
S C	--	--	--	--	36.0	4/18.5	74.5
S DAK	9.50	44.40	61.0	--	31.0	--	53.0
TENN	--	--	--	--	--	4/17.5	68.5
TEX	18.10	49.60	93.0	--	35.0	20.5	78.8
UTAH	9.80	41.70	68.0	--	35.0	--	--
VA	--	--	--	--	34.0	4/20.5	79.3
WASH	--	--	--	--	--	--	62.5
WIS	--	--	--	--	33.0	--	58.0
WYO	12.00	44.90	69.0	--	--	--	--
U S	12.30	44.60	68.8	--	33.3	19.3	69.5

1/ AVERAGE FOR THE MONTH. 2/ INCENTIVE PAYMENT NOT INCLUDED. 3/ AVERAGE OF ALL EGGS SOLD BY FARMERS INCLUDING HATCHING EGGS AND EGGS SOLD AT RETAIL. 4/ LIVWEIGHT EQUIVALENT PRICE.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, BY STATES, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 1976

STATE	MILK SOLD TO PLANTS, PRICE PER CWT. NOV 1976						DEC 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	11.40	3.85	7.95	4.10	11.30	3.86	11.30	3.90	335	
ARIZ	10.10	3.72			10.10	3.72	10.00	3.75		
ARK	10.90	3.79	8.60	3.88	10.30	3.81	10.40	3.85	360	
CALIF	9.85	3.74	8.65	3.92	9.80	3.75	9.70	3.79	580	
COLO	10.90	3.72			10.80	3.72	10.70	3.78	500	
CONN	11.10	3.77			11.10	3.77	10.60	3.80		
FLA	12.20	3.65			12.20	3.65	11.80	3.65	430	
GA	10.90	3.83			10.90	3.83	10.80	3.86	400	
IDAHO	9.55	3.81	8.65	3.74	9.00	3.77	9.00	3.86	475	
ILL	9.90	3.90	8.80	3.82	9.65	3.88	9.45	3.91	405	
IND	10.80	3.95	8.50	4.03	10.50	3.96	10.40	4.00	460	
IOWA	9.80	3.89	8.55	3.78	9.15	3.83	9.15	3.87	410	
KANS	9.85	3.87	8.20	3.81	9.70	3.86	9.70	3.89	425	
KY	10.50	3.91	8.10	4.00	10.10	3.93	10.10	3.95	395	
LA	11.50	4.00			11.50	4.00	11.20	3.97	510	
MAINE	11.10	3.79			11.10	3.79	10.70	3.76		
MD	10.50	3.83			10.50	3.83	10.30	3.85	550	
MASS	11.20	3.78			11.20	3.78	10.60	3.76		
MICH	10.10	3.87	8.35	3.92	10.00	3.87	9.90	3.88	515	
MINN	8.95	3.78	8.34	3.72	8.61	3.75	8.55	3.72	445	
MISS	10.80	3.96	8.65	4.26	10.70	3.97	10.50	3.93	515	
MO	10.20	3.88	8.55	3.85	9.65	3.87	9.65	3.90	340	
NEBR	9.80	3.88	8.35	3.83	9.15	3.86	9.20	3.94	455	
N J	10.60	3.83			10.60	3.83	10.30	3.82		
N Y	10.30	3.73			10.30	3.73	9.75	3.71	485	
N C	10.90	4.16	8.60	4.13	10.90	4.16	11.00	4.15	340	
N DAK	9.35	3.73	8.10	3.76	8.55	3.75	8.60	3.74	370	
OHIO	10.70	3.89	8.80	3.89	10.50	3.89	10.60	3.90	500	
OKLA	10.60	3.76	8.55	3.78	10.40	3.76	10.30	3.78	425	
OREG	10.10	3.93	9.80	4.45	10.00	4.01	9.95	4.06	555	
PA	11.00	3.81	8.60	3.82	11.00	3.81	10.80	3.82	670	
S DAK	9.65	3.81	8.40	3.75	8.65	3.76	8.65	3.78	395	
TENN	10.50	3.90	8.30	4.07	10.20	3.92	10.10	3.94	395	
TEX	10.90	3.80			10.90	3.80	11.00	3.83	355	
UTAH	9.85	3.77	8.85	3.77	9.60	3.77	9.60	3.85	500	
VT	10.90	3.78			10.90	3.78	10.30	3.76	500	
VA	10.70	3.80	7.75	4.02	10.40	3.82	10.50	3.87	415	
WASH	9.70	3.85			9.70	3.85	9.80	3.85	450	
WIS	9.37	3.93	8.82	3.90	9.18	3.92	9.15	3.90	515	
U S	10.30	3.83	4/8.57	4/3.83	9.94	3.83	9.81	3.84	480	

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.

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

STATE	DOLLARS	STATE	DOLLARS
ALABAMA	--	NORTH CAROLINA	--
ARIZONA	--	NORTH DAKOTA	2.65
CALIFORNIA - ALL	4.62	OHIO	4.20
WINTER	5.85	OREGON	2.25
SPRING	--	PENNSYLVANIA	4.85
SUMMER	--	TEXAS	--
FALL	4.60	VIRGINIA	--
COLORADO	2.35	WASHINGTON	2.55
FLORIDA	--	WISCONSIN	4.00
IDAHO	2.70		
MAINE	3.80		
MICHIGAN	4.20		
MINNESOTA	2.60		
NEW JERSEY	4.30		
NEW YORK - ALL	4.40		
LONG ISLAND	3.85		
UPSTATE	4.95		
		UNITED STATES	3.15

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

AREA	PEANUTS		CLASS	TYPE	TOBACCO	
	DEC 15 1975	DEC 15 1976 1/			DEC 1975	DEC 1976 1/
VA - CAROLINA	19.7	20.1	::FIRE-CURED VA BELT	: 21	94.5	122.0
			::TOTAL LIGHT AIR-CURED	: 31	103.9	114.4
SOUTHEAST			::TOTAL ONE SUCKER	: 35	90.4	114.9
			::GREEN RIVER BELT (KY)	: 36	89.5	118.5
SOUTHWEST	18.6	20.2	::TOTAL KY-TENN DARK			
			::AIR-CURED	: 35-36	90.1	116.3
			::VA SUN-CURED BELT	: 37	86.4	106.0
			::TOTAL DARK AIR-CURED	: 35-37	89.8	115.2
U S	18.7	20.1	::UNITED STATES	: 11-37	103.6	114.4

1/ PRICES BY STATES ARE SHOWN ON PAGE 10.

CITRUS FRUIT: AVERAGE PRICES AND EQUIVALENT RETURNS PER BOX RECEIVED BY  
GROWERS, BY UTILIZATION, DECEMBER 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							
<u>ORANGES:</u>							
ARIZ	8.80	4.59	5.85	.25	3.34	4.60	-1.00
NAVELS AND MISC VALENCIAS	8.80	4.59	5.85	.25	3.34	4.60	-1.00
CALIF	8.48	4.70	5.52	.28	3.46	4.28	-.96
NAVELS	8.50	4.73	5.54	.26	3.49	4.30	-.98
VALENCIAS	5.50	1.73	2.50	.95	.43	1.20	-.35
FLA	5.40	1.95	2.90	1.80	.90	1.85	.75
EARLY AND MIDS VALENCIAS	5.40	1.95	2.90	1.80	.90	1.85	.75
TEX	6.83	2.18	2.66	1.49	1.50	1.91	.91
EARLY AND MIDS VALENCIAS	6.83	2.18	2.66	1.49	1.50	1.91	.91
CALIF-ARIZ						4.33	
NAVELS AND MISC VALENCIAS						4.33	
U S	6.65	2.22	3.85	1.76	1.17	7.76	.72
<u>GRAPEFRUIT:</u>							
ARIZ	5.10	1.79	2.35	.40	.99	1.55	-.40
CALIF	6.95	2.69	4.20	.70	1.89	3.40	-.10
DESERT VALLEYS OTHER AREAS	6.95	2.69	4.20	.70	1.89	3.40	-.10
FLA	5.91	2.34	3.54	1.21	1.42	2.64	.27
WHITE SEEDLESS	5.20	2.21	2.80	1.30	1.29	1.90	.35
PINK SEEDLESS	6.55	3.36	4.20	1.10	2.43	3.30	.08
OTHER THAN SEEDLESS		1.20		1.20	.30		.30
TEX	6.94	2.33	2.90	.80	1.71	2.23	.31
CALIF-ARIZ						2.75	
DESERT VALLEYS U S	5.95	2.34	3.39	1.15	1.47	2.55	.27
<u>LEMONS:</u>							
ARIZ	9.70	2.62	5.80	.95	.72	3.90	-.95
CALIF	9.70	3.26	5.80	.95	1.36	3.90	-.95
U S	9.70	2.93	5.80	.95	1.03	3.90	-.95
<u>TEMPLES:</u>							
FLA							
<u>TANGERINES:</u>							
ARIZ	9.90	4.16	7.00	.75	2.81	5.65	-.60
CALIF	11.65	5.84	7.00	.75	4.49	7.40	-.60
FLA	9.10	4.59	6.20	1.20	2.69	4.25	-.60
U S	9.16	4.59	6.26	1.17	2.72	4.34	-.60
<u>TANGELOS:</u>							
FLA	5.70	2.12	3.10	.90	.90	1.90	-.35

1/ APPROXIMATE NET CONTENTS PER BOX ARE AS FOLLOWS: ORANGES - CALIF AND ARIZ, 75 LBS.; FLA AND OTHER STATES, 90 LBS.; TANGERINES - CALIF AND ARIZ, 75 LBS.; FLA, 95 LBS.; GRAPEFRUIT - CALIF DESERT VALLEY AND ARIZ, 64 LBS.; OTHER CALIF AREAS, 67 LBS.; FLA, 85 LBS.; TEX, 80 LBS.; LEMONS - 76 LBS.; AND TEMPLES - 90 LBS.



COTTON LINT, AMERICAN UPLAND: AVERAGE PRICE PER POUND RECEIVED BY FARMERS, BY STATES, CROPS OF 1974 AND 1975 1/

STATE	1974	1975	STATE	1974	1975
CENTS			CENTS		
ALA	43.0	54.9	MO	45.7	50.8
ARIZ	44.1	53.1	NEV	59.0	55.0
ARK	45.3	52.2	N MEX	44.5	54.6
CALIF	47.4	54.5	N C	41.9	54.5
FLA	39.0	55.0	OKLA	29.9	47.2
GA	41.1	55.5	S C	49.2	53.9
ILL	46.0		TENN	41.1	52.3
KY	41.1	50.5	TEX	34.9	45.8
LA	41.8	52.8	VA	39.0	60.0
MISS	46.5	52.5	U S	42.7	51.1

1/ INCLUDES AN ALLOWANCE FOR UNREDEEMED LOANS, BY STATES. PRICE BASED ON 480 LB. NET WEIGHT BALE.

COTTON LINT: AVERAGE PRICE PER POUND RECEIVED BY FARMERS, AMERICAN - PIMA, BY STATES, AND BY KINDS, UNITED STATES, CROPS OF 1974 AND 1975 1/

YEAR	AMERICAN-PIMA					AMERICAN UPLAND	ALL COTTON
	ARIZ	CALIF	N MEX	TEX	U S		
CENTS							
1974	62.6	62.6	65.5	67.8	64.4	42.7	42.9
1975	78.6	78.6	80.5	79.4	78.9	51.1	51.3

1/ INCLUDES AN ALLOWANCE FOR UNREDEEMED LOANS, BY STATES. PRICE BASED ON 480 LB. NET WEIGHT BALE.

COMMERCIAL VEGETABLES FOR FRESH MARKET: AVERAGE F.O.D. SHIPPING POINT PRICES PER CNT., UNITED STATES, DECEMBER 1-15, 1976, WITH COMPARISONS

COMMODITY	AVERAGE	DEC	NOV	NOV	DEC
	JAN-DEC	1-31,	1-15,	1-30,	1-15,
	1967	1975	1976	1976	1976
D O L L A R S					
ASPARAGUS	23.70				
CABBAGE	2.85	5.41	6.76	6.88	7.29
CANTALOUPE	6.26	8.40	10.10	9.90	
CARROTS	5.74	7.32	8.94	9.90	11.10
CELERY	4.94	12.50	9.23	9.00	6.62
CUCUMBERS	7.74	15.50	16.60	17.50	14.80
GREEN PEPPERS	12.20	19.50	26.60	25.20	19.80
LETTUCE	5.19	8.55	9.79	8.56	7.42
ONIONS	4.37	11.40	5.45	5.43	6.39
SNAP BEANS	11.70	19.60	24.70	22.00	17.50
SWEET CORN	5.68	12.50	6.65	7.51	6.30
TOMATOES	3.63	19.60	28.30	26.60	21.10
WATERMELONS	2.06				

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

COMMODITY-FEED PRICE RATIO	DEC 15 1974	DEC 15 1975	NOV 15 1976	DEC 15 1976
HOG-CORN: BUSHELS OF CORN EQUAL IN VALUE TO 100-LBS. OF HOG, LIVWEIGHT UNITED STATES	11.7	20.0	15.4	16.2
NORTH CENTRAL STATES	11.8	20.0	15.5	16.4
EGG-FEED: POUNDS OF LAYING FEED EQUAL IN VALUE TO 1 DOZEN EGGS	7.2	9.0	8.6	9.1
BROILER-FEED: POUNDS OF BROILER GROWER EQUAL IN VALUE TO 1 LB. BROILER LIVWEIGHT 1/	2.4	3.0	2.3	2.2
TURKEY-FEED: POUNDS OF TURKEY GROWER EQUAL IN VALUE TO 1 LB. TURKEY, LIVWEIGHT	3.6	4.4	3.5	3.7
MILK-FEED: POUNDS CONCENTRATE RATION EQUAL IN VALUE TO 1 LB. WHOLE MILK 1/	1.20	1.70	1.65	2/1.58

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

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

REGION	MILK-FEED PRICE RATIO 2/			ALL MILK PRICE PER CWT			RATION VALUE 3/		
	DEC 1975	NOV 1976	DEC 1976	DEC 1975	NOV 1976	DEC 1976	DEC 1975	NOV 1976	DEC 1976
	P O U N D S			D O L L A R S					
N ATL	1.72	1.63	1.52	10.70	10.70	10.20	6.23	6.55	6.70
N CENT	1.72	1.63	1.60	9.93	9.37	9.32	5.78	5.57	5.82
S ATL	1.77	1.66	1.62	11.20	11.00	10.90	6.31	6.64	6.74
S CENT	1.67	1.65	1.60	10.60	10.60	10.60	6.35	6.44	6.64
WEST	1.61	1.60	1.59	10.10	9.79	9.72	6.26	6.12	6.12
U S	1.70	1.65	1.58	10.30	9.94	9.81	6.05	6.03	6.21

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  
DECEMBER 1976, WITH COMPARISONS

ITEM	DEC 1975	NOV 1976	DEC 1976
PARITY EQUIVALENT	9.64	10.16	10.25
AVERAGE PRICE F.O.B. PLANTS	9.30	8.57	2/8.55
AVERAGE FAT TEST OF MILK	3.81	3.83	2/3.83

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,  
DECEMBER 15, 1976, WITH COMPARISONS

COMMODITY	UNIT	1975			1976		
		OCT 15	NOV 15	DEC 15	OCT 15	NOV 15	DEC 15
D O L L A R S							
ALFALFA HAY, BALED	TON	65.60	66.50	66.60	73.70	75.00	76.70
OTHER HAY, BALED	TON	55.60	56.90	57.20	62.90	64.20	63.90
COTTONSEED MEAL, 41 PCT	CWT	9.44	9.31	9.37	11.50	11.30	11.50
SOYBEAN MEAL, 44 PCT	CWT	9.23	8.75	8.74	11.60	11.50	12.20
BRAN	"	7.20	7.17	7.26	7.72	7.69	7.78
MIDLINGS	"	7.12	7.11	7.18	7.61	7.58	7.65
CORN MEAL	"	7.09	6.62	6.56	6.82	6.42	6.40
LAYING FEED	TON	148	143	143	154	151	153
BROILER GROWER FEED	"	164	158	160	170	169	174
TURKEY GROWER	"	170	164	165	177	177	179
CHICK STARTER FEED	"	167	160	161	178	174	178
DAIRY FEED							
14 PCT PROTEIN	TON	134	132	132	135	133	133
16 PCT PROTEIN	"	136	133	134	145	143	145
32 PCT PROTEIN	"	178	171	173	202	203	209
HOG FEED, 14-18 PCT	CWT	8.21	7.99	8.04	8.61	8.41	8.52
HOG CONCT. 38-42% PROTEIN	"	10.50	10.00	10.10	1/12.40	12.50	13.20
BEEF CATTLE CONCT. 32-36 % PROTEIN	"	8.19	8.04	8.15	2/9.04	9.06	9.20
STOCK SALT	"		2.90			3.16	
INDEX NUMBERS (1967=100)							
FEED, PRICES PAID BY FARMERS:	PCT	187	178	179	192	186	193

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

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

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

COMMODITY	UNIT	1975			1976		
		OCT 15	NOV 15	DEC 15	OCT 15	NOV 15	DEC 15
D O L L A R S							
FEEDERS AND STOCKERS:							
CATTLE AND CALVES	CWT	33.00	33.50	34.00	33.50	33.00	33.50
PIGS 1/	CWT	108.00	101.00	94.00	55.00	51.00	55.00
BABY CHICKS	PER						
	100:	14.50	14.50	14.20	16.60	16.50	16.50
TURKEY POULTS	EACH:	.686	.676	.688	.677	.664	.671
INDEX NUMBERS (1967=100)							
ALL LIVESTOCK	PCT	148	149	149	143	141	143

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.

ANNUAL AVERAGES

FEED: AVERAGE PRICES PAID BY FARMERS, UNITED STATES, 1971-76

COMMODITY	UNIT	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976
D O L L A R S							
ALFALFA HAY, BALED	TON	37.60	40.20	51.70	63.60	66.20	72.20
OTHER HAY, BALED	TON	35.00	36.70	44.10	52.10	56.70	61.20
COTTONSEED MEAL, 41 PCT	CWT	5.54	5.97	10.90	9.95	9.09	10.50
SOYBEAN MEAL, 44 PCT	"	5.68	6.62	14.00	10.30	8.87	10.70
BRAN	"	4.01	4.13	5.87	7.37	7.28	7.52
MIDDLINGS	"	4.09	4.17	5.88	7.31	7.14	7.40
CORN MEAL	"	3.72	3.61	5.11	7.17	7.07	6.74
LAYING FEED	TON	87	88	137	154	147	151
BROILER GROWER FEED	"	98	98	152	169	163	168
TURKEY GROWER	"	96	98	158	173	167	174
CHICK STARTER FEED	"	101	104	163	176	166	173
DAIRY FEED							
14 PCT PROTEIN	TON	73	75	103	134	133	135
16 PCT PROTEIN	"	79	80	113	138	135	141
32 PCT PROTEIN	"	109	117	179	181	173	192
HOG FEED, 14-18 PCT	CWT	4.75	4.82	7.09	8.37	8.18	8.40
HOG CONCT. 38-42 PCT PROTEIN	"	6.76	7.50	13.20	11.00	10.10	1/11.80
BEEF CATTLE CONCT. 32-36 PCT PROTEIN	"	4.99	5.16	7.40	8.20	8.06	2/8.68
STOCK SALT	"	2.00	2.09	2.24	2.52	2.85	3.10
INDEX NUMBERS (1967=100)							
FEED, PRICES PAID BY FARMERS	PCT	105	106	160	194	187	191

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

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

LIVESTOCK: AVERAGE PRICES PAID BY FARMERS, UNITED STATES, 1971-76 WITH COMPARISONS

COMMODITY	UNIT	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976
D O L L A R S							
FEEDERS AND STOCKERS:							
CATTLE AND CALVES	CWT	32.00	38.20	49.30	35.70	29.60	35.80
PIGS 1/	"	29.60	50.80	72.70	50.80	89.80	78.30
BABY CHICKS	PER 100	11.40	11.30	13.10	14.40	14.50	15.60
TURKEY POULTS	EACH	.564	.567	.609	.674	.699	.693
INDEX NUMBERS (1967=100)							
ALL LIVESTOCK	PCT	125	149	192	148	134	154

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.

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

STATE	BRAN	MIDDLINGS	COTTONSEED	SOYBEAN	CORN	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	8.30	8.40	11.00	11.50	6.50	8.70	12.70	9.20
ARIZ	9.70		8.00	14.00	8.80			
ARK	7.30	7.40	10.00	11.00	6.30	8.40	11.50	8.50
CALIF	8.00	8.30	9.80	14.00	8.20			
COLO	7.50	7.40	11.50	12.00	6.30			
CONN	8.80				7.80			
DEL	7.50	7.40	9.50	13.00	6.70	8.20	13.00	9.50
FLA	9.30	9.00	12.50	13.00	7.60	9.20	13.00	
GA	8.20	8.30	11.00	12.50	6.90	8.50	13.00	
HAW								
IDAHO	7.10	7.60	12.50	14.00	6.30			
ILL	8.00	8.10	12.00	12.50	4.85	9.60		10.10
IND	8.20	8.10	13.00	12.50	5.20	8.50		11.20
IOWA	7.90	7.80	12.50	11.80	4.95	9.00		11.00
KANS	6.90	6.50	11.00	11.50	5.60	7.70	12.60	8.70
KY	8.00	7.80	12.00	12.50	5.50	8.60	13.10	9.50
LA	7.20	8.50	12.00	12.00	7.20	8.80	12.50	
MAINE	8.80	8.40			7.80			
MD	7.50	7.40	9.50	13.00	6.70	8.20	13.00	9.50
MASS	8.80	8.40		13.50	7.80			
MICH	7.90	7.90	13.00	12.50	6.10	8.80	13.50	10.50
MINN	7.60	7.50	12.00	11.50	5.40	8.80	13.40	10.00
MISS	8.30	8.70	10.50	12.00	6.50	8.90	13.00	
MO	7.00	6.90	11.50	12.00	5.40	7.90	12.00	8.40
MONT	7.00	6.10	12.00	13.00	7.50			
NEBR	7.60	7.60	11.50	12.00	5.60	8.50	13.00	9.10
N V	9.00		12.00	15.00	9.00			
N H	8.80			13.50	7.80			
N J	8.60		12.50	13.50	7.10	8.50		10.50
N MEX	7.80	7.60	11.00	14.00	7.50			
N Y	7.40	7.60	13.00	12.50	6.60	8.40	12.50	9.30
N C	7.80	7.40	12.00	12.50	6.50	8.10	12.60	
N DAK	8.70	6.90		11.50	5.60			
OHIO	7.80	7.70	12.50	12.50	5.70	8.40	13.50	11.00
OKLA	7.10	7.30	11.00	11.50	6.60			
OREG	7.80	7.30	11.00	13.00	7.70			
PA	7.50	7.40	12.00	12.00	6.30	8.10	12.50	9.90
R I	8.80	8.40			7.80			
S C	8.50	7.60	12.00	11.50	6.80	8.50	12.50	
S DAK	8.10	8.00		12.00	5.60			
TENN	7.50	7.70	11.50	12.50	6.60	8.40	13.00	9.50
TEX	7.90	7.90	10.90	12.50	7.00			8.30
UTAH	6.10	6.10	10.50	12.50	6.60			
VT	8.80	8.40		13.50	7.80			
VA	8.20	8.10	12.50	12.50	6.40	7.90	12.70	
WASH	8.30	7.20	12.50	13.50	7.60			
W VA	8.40	8.60	12.00	13.00	6.60	8.40	13.50	
WIS	7.70	7.70	12.00	11.60	5.40	9.30	13.80	10.60
WYO	8.20	8.40	11.50	13.00	7.80			
U S	7.78	7.65	11.50	12.20	6.40	8.52	13.20	9.20

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

STATES	DAIRY FEED, PERCENT PROTEIN		
	14	16	32
	DOLLARS		
ALA		144	189
ARIZ	142	154	
ARK	132	137	
CALIF	125	125	
COLO	150	145	200
CONN		144	
DEL	136	141	210
FLA	140	167	178
GA	137	146	182
HAW			
IDAHO	120	144	179
ILL	158	163	225
IND	143	154	235
IOWA	150	153	225
KANS	139	142	193
KY	134	145	215
LA		147	
MAINE	152	150	
MD	136	141	210
MASS		146	
MICH	155	165	220
MINN	137	140	210
MISS	139	142	
MO	130	139	184
MONT	140	145	
NEBR	136	142	210
NEV	160	190	
N H		147	
N J		152	191
N MEX	155	160	
N Y	146	146	173
N C	141	145	192
N DAK	150	150	180
OHIO	140	155	230
OKLA	129	142	
OREG	135	140	
PA	153	149	205
R I		145	
S C		148	179
S DAK	141	154	220
TENN	135	149	205
TEX	137	149	172
UTAH	120	121	139
VT	152	151	
VA	146	149	210
WASH	130	136	
W VA		157	
WIS	143	147	215
WYO	148	150	215
U S	133	145	209

FEED: AVERAGE PRICE PER TON PAID BY FARMERS FOR POULTRY  
FEED AND POULTRY FEED RATIOS, BY STATES, DECEMBER 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	172	155	163	200	9.6	2.2	
ARIZ	194	164					
ARK	160	155	170	177	10.0	2.2	4.0
CALIF	165	135	180	170	9.3	2.3	3.6
COLO	190	165		190			
CONN	165	147	184		12.0		
DEL	181	169	179	185		2.2	
FLA	183	164	173	191	7.5	2.1	
GA	167	138	175	195	11.5	2.2	3.1
HAW	200	178	225				
IDAHO	170	144		192			
ILL	200	182	186	215	7.0		3.3
IND	186	152	163	164	7.9		4.3
IOWA	194	165	179	190	7.3		3.3
KANS	168	155			7.6		
KY	194	164			8.0		
LA	167	146	153		11.1	2.5	
MAINE	165	148	184		10.9	2.1	
MD	181	169	179	185		2.2	
MASS	165	150			11.3		
MICH	199	160	190	195	8.2		3.4
MINN	199	171	159	161	6.6		3.7
MISS	185	158	188		10.3	2.0	
MO	182	147	165	171	9.0		3.6
MONT	210	180		210			
NEBR	182	164		160	6.6		4.0
NEV		200		220			
N H	165	150					
N J	174	138	185	194	11.3		
N MEX	185	170					
N Y	169	150	177	188	10.0		
N C	171	154	175	178	10.1	2.2	4.2
N DAK	200	183		210			
OHIO	180	160	175	185	8.4		3.5
OKLA	180	160	176	185		2.2	
OREG	172	150	182	190	8.5		3.5
PA	176	154	175	179	8.9	2.5	4.5
R I	165	148					
S C	171	152	176	174	9.8	2.1	4.1
S DAK	199	155		200	6.8		3.1
TENN	189	163	169		8.4	2.1	
TEX	190	158	170	210	10.0	2.4	3.3
UTAH	164	140		158			4.4
VT	165	150					
VA	187	153	172	181	10.4	2.4	3.8
WASH	173	153	200	200	8.2		
W VA	200	173	180	200			
WIS	200	177	188	220	6.6		3.0
WYO	200	190					
U S	178	153	174	179	9.1	2.2	3.7

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,  
NOVEMBER 1975, AND AUGUST AND NOVEMBER 1976 <sup>1/</sup>

COMMODITY AND UNIT	1975		1976	
	NOV	AUG	NOV	NOV
	15	15	15	15
D O L L A R S				
<u>MEN'S AND BOYS' APPAREL, OUTERWEAR</u>				
MEN'S OVERALLS, EACH	11.70	12.60		13.10
MEN'S WORK SHIRTS, EACH	6.61	6.87		7.17
MEN'S WORK SOCKS, PER PAIR	.825	.851		.889
MEN'S WORK GLOVES, FABRIC, PER PAIR	1.06			1.11
MEN'S CHORE JACKETS, LINED, EACH	15.20	15.80		16.40
BOYS' JEANS, DENIM, EACH	7.55	8.35		8.57
<u>CASUAL AND DRESS CLOTHES</u>				
MEN'S HATS, FELT, EACH	14.20			15.10
MEN'S DRESS SHIRTS, DURABLE PRESS, EACH	8.50	8.74		9.41
MEN'S SPORT SHIRTS, LONG SLEEVES, COTTON OR BLENDS, EACH	8.38			9.37
<u>MEN'S SLACKS:</u>				
DRESS, WOOL BLENDS OR POLYESTER BLENDS, EACH	16.10	16.40		16.70
CASUAL, EACH	13.00	13.80		14.20
<u>MEN'S SUITS, WITH 1 PAIR OF PANTS, EACH</u>				
WINTER WEIGHT, WOOL BLENDS OR POLYESTER	97.70	101.00		104.00
LIGHT WEIGHT, WOOL BLENDS OR POLYESTER BLENDS, EACH	91.20	93.60		96.30
MEN'S WINTER COATS OR TOPCOATS, EACH	57.00			62.20
BOYS' CAPS, EACH	2.21			2.32
BOYS' DRESS OUTFITS, 2-PIECE (SLACKS AND SPORTCOAT), 6-12 YEARS, PER SET	24.40			26.60
<u>UNDERWEAR, MEN'S</u>				
HEAVY WEIGHT THERMAL KNIT SHIRTS, LONG SLEEVES, EACH	4.29			4.48
DRAWERS, ANKLE LENGTH, EACH	4.21			4.43
<u>OUTERWEAR WOMEN'S</u>				
<u>WOMEN'S DRESSES:</u>				
BUDGET PRICED, EACH	12.70	13.60		14.00
CASUAL OR DAYTIME, EACH	17.60	19.70		20.50
BETTER DRESSES, EACH	30.30	31.70		32.70
BLOUSES, POLYESTER AND COTTON BLENDS, EACH	9.88			11.00
SWEATERS, MAN-MADE FIBERS, EACH	12.10			13.70
SKIRTS, WOOL BLENDS OR POLYESTER, EACH	13.60	14.30		15.30
SUITS, 2-PIECE WOOL BLENDS OR POLYESTER, EACH	40.70	42.10		46.20
CAR COATS, EACH	37.30	38.30		41.30
HEAVY COATS WITH FUR TRIM, EACH	76.30			83.70
COATS WITHOUT FUR TRIM, EACH	56.60			63.60
<u>GIRLS'</u>				
DRESSES, COTTON OR BLENDS, SIZES 7-14, EACH	9.44	10.20		10.50
COATS HEAVY, EACH	23.60			26.10
<u>UNDERWEAR, WOMEN'S</u>				
SLIPS, EACH	4.92	5.39		5.46
GIRDLES, PANTY STYLE, EACH	7.83	8.26		8.37
PANTIES OR BRIEFS, CHIEFLY MAN-MADE FIBERS, EACH	1.15			1.25
NIGHTGOWNS, EACH	6.29	6.69		6.86
PANTY HOSE, PER PAIR	1.23	1.26		1.29
HOSE, PER PAIR	1.08	1.13		1.14
GIRLS' ANKLETS, PER PAIR	.685	.724		.727
<u>MEN'S</u>				
WORK SHOES, PER PAIR	19.90	21.70		22.70
DRESS SHOES, PER PAIR	23.00	24.90		25.30
OVERSHOES, ARTIC WITH BUCKLES OR ZIPPERS, PER PAIR	10.10			10.80
RUBBERS, WITHOUT BUCKLES OR ZIPPERS, PER PAIR	6.10			6.37
BOYS' SHOES, SIZES 2 1/2-6, PER PAIR	12.40	13.50		13.70
WOMEN'S SHOES, (EXCLUDING PUMPS OR STRAPS AND CASUALS), PER PAIR	14.90	15.80		16.20
WOMEN'S PUMPS OR STRAPS, PER PAIR	16.10	17.40		18.00
WOMEN'S HANDBAGS, EACH	8.70			9.74

<sup>1/</sup> AVERAGE PRICES AT INDEPENDENT AND CHAIN STORES.



CLOTHING: AVERAGE PRICES PAID BY FARMERS, UNITED STATES  
NOVEMBER 1975 AND AUGUST AND NOVEMBER 1976 1/

COMMODITY AND UNIT	1975		1976	
	NOV 15		AUG 15	NOV 15
CLOTHING CON'T				
GIRLS' SHOES, SIZES 12 1/2-3, PER PAIR	10.70		11.50	11.80
TEXTILES				
PIECE GOODS				
BROADCLOTH, 44-45 INCH WIDTH, 65-80 PERCENT POLYSESTER, DURABLE PRESS, PER YD	1.46			1.55
CHEESE CLOTH 36" WIDTH, PER YARD	.265			
WHITE SHEETS, PERCALE, (178-186 THREAD COUNT) DURABLE PRESS				.274
TWIN SIZE, 72"x108", EACH	4.47		4.58	4.65
FULL SIZE, 81"x108", EACH	5.36		5.48	5.53
BLANKETS, SIZE 80"x90", COTTON, EACH	6.42			6.68
SYNTHETIC, EACH	9.55			9.55
TABLECLOTHS, COTTON OR COTTON BLENDS, 52"x70", EACH	6.16		6.49	6.70

1/ AVERAGE PRICES AT INDEPENDENT AND CHAIN STORES.

FARM SUPPLIES AND MARKETING CONTAINERS: AVERAGE PRICES PAID  
BY FARMERS, UNITED STATES, NOVEMBER 1975, AUGUST AND NOVEMBER 1976 1/

COMMODITY AND UNIT	1975		1976	
	NOV 15		AUG 15	NOV 15
FARM SUPPLIES				
D O L L A R S				
IRON PIPE, GALVANIZED, 1/2", PER FOOT			.572	
IRON PIPE, GALVANIZED, 1 1/4", PER FOOT			1.23	
BARBED WIRE, GALVANIZED 12 1/2 GAUGE, PER 80 ROD SPOOL:				
2 POINT	27.40		26.50	27.10
4 POINT	30.80		29.40	30.10
FIELD AND STOCK FENCE, 6" STAY WIRE SP., 12 1/2 GAUGE:				
32 INCHES HIGH, PER 20 ROD ROLL	53.60		53.00	53.70
39 INCHES HIGH, PER 20 ROD ROLL	61.50		61.20	62.10
POST, LINE FENCE, STEEL, EACH	2.30		2.29	2.31
SHOVEL, ALUMINUM SCOOP, EACH			13.60	
SHOVEL, STEEL SCOOP, EACH			11.50	
MILK PAILS, HEAVY, TIN-PLATE 12-QUART, EACH			4.85	
HAND SPRAYERS, PRESSURE, 3-4 GALLON, EACH			20.80	
STOCK WATER TANK, GALV., 300 GAL. CAP., EACH			77.60	
ELECTRIC MOTORS, 1/3-HP., EACH			42.00	
WATER PUMP DEEP WELL, JET, 30 GAL TANK, EACH			242.00	
NAILS, 8D, COMMON, PER POUND	.482		.483	.482
DINNER PLATES, EARTHENWARE, PLAIN, EACH			.634	
COPPER TUBING, 1/2 INCH, PER FOOT				.527
PLASTIC TUBING, 1 INCH, PER FOOT				.190
PITCH FORKS:				
3-TINE	9.30			9.83
4-TINE	10.30			11.10
NAIL HAMMERS, WITH HANDLE, 16 OZ. HEAD, EACH	7.11			7.74
MANILA ROPE, PER POUND	1.69			1.83
MANILA ROPE, 1/2 INCH, PER 100 FT.			18.60	
MARKETING CONTAINERS 2/				
BASKETS, STAVE, 1-BU., WITH COVER, NEW, PER DOZEN	10.40		11.00	11.20
HAMPERS, 1-BU., WITH COVER, NEW PER 100	73.50		77.10	80.70
FRUIT BOX CARTONS & BOXES, PER BOX	.524		.492	.502
LUG BOXES, PER BOX	.687		.598	.675
VEGETABLE CRATES AND CARTONS, EACH	.704		.679	.716
BAGS, BURLAP, 100-LB., PER 100	33.00		31.40	31.00
BAGS, PAPER, 50-LB., PER 100	19.00		19.00	21.20
BAGS, PAPER, 20-LB., PER 100	10.30		11.20	11.20
BAGS OPEN MESH, 50-LB., PER 100	28.30		28.70	29.40

1/ AVERAGE OF PRICES AT INDEPENDENT AND CHAIN STORES.

2/ AVERAGE OF PRICES AT INDEPENDENT STORES.

INDEXES OF MARKET PRICES, 1976 WITH COMPARISONS  
(1967=100)

INDEXES	ANNUAL AVERAGE		1976			
	1975	1976	LOW	HIGH		
			INDEX	MONTH FIRST RECORDED	INDEX	MONTH FIRST RECORDED
PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS						
ALL FARM PRODUCTS	186	186	173	NOV	196	JUN
ALL CROPS	201	198	187	NOV	215	JUL
FOOD GRAINS	242	201	157	DEC	233	FEB
FEED GRAINS AND HAY	230	218	185	NOV	242	JUL
FEED GRAINS	232	214	177	NOV	242	JUL
COTTON	183	267	223	APR	317	JUL
TOBACCO	162	163	153	JUL	177	SEP
OIL-BEARING CROPS	195	205	169	JAN	240	JUL
FRUIT	140	134	119	JUL	159	OCT
FRESH MARKET <sup>1/</sup>	135	133	116	JUL	164	OCT
COM. VEGETABLES	164	162	142	MAY	177	NOV
FRESH MARKET	173	172	140	MAY	197	NOV
POTATOES, ETC <sup>2/</sup>	214	207	150	OCT	248	JUN
LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS	172	177	162	NOV	186	APR
MEAT ANIMALS	169	170	145	NOV	188	APR
DAIRY PRODUCTS	174	193	181	JUN	203	JAN
POULTRY AND EGGS	179	179	172	APR	188	JAN
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FARM PRODUCTION	182	196	191	JAN	199	JUN
FEED	187	191	182	JAN	206	JUL
LIVESTOCK	134	154	141	NOV	174	APR
FERTILIZER	217	185	177	OCT	182	APR
SEED	245	222	237	APR	240	SEP
INTEREST <sup>3/</sup>	281	302				
TAXES <sup>3/</sup>	162	169				
WAGE RATES	192	210	206	OCT	213	JAN
FARM PRODUCTION, INTEREST, TAXES, AND WAGE RATES	187	201	197	JAN	204	JUN

<sup>1/</sup> FRESH MARKET FOR NON-CITRUS AND FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING FOR CITRUS.

<sup>2/</sup> INCLUDES SWEETPOTATOES AND DRY EDIBLE BEANS.

<sup>3/</sup> ANNUAL INDEX.

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