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PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP 2 POINTS PRICES PAID INDEX UP 1 POINT

The Index of Prices Received by Farmers increased 2 points (1 percent) to 189 percent of its January-December 1967 average during the month ended March 15, 1977, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Contributing most to the increase since mid-February were higher prices for soybeans, oranges, cattle, and cotton. Lower prices for hogs, eggs, and milk were partially offsetting. The index was 3 points (1½ percent) above a year ago.

The Index of Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates for March 15 was 201, up 1 point (½ percent) from a month earlier. Prices averaged higher for all index components surveyed except agricultural chemicals. The index was 10 points (5 percent) above a year earlier.

SUMMARY TABLE

INDEX 1967=100	::	FEB 15, 1976	:	MAR 15, 1976	:	FEB 15, 1977	:	MAR 15, 1977
PRICES RECEIVED	::	187	:	186	:	187	:	189
PRICES PAID, INTEREST, TAXES, AND FARM WAGE RATES	::	191	:	191	:	200	:	201
RATIO 1/	::	98	:	97	:	94	:	94

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 2 points (1 percent) during the month ended March 15 to 189 percent of its 1967 average. Compared with a year earlier the index was up 3 points (1½ percent). Of the subgroups shown on page 7, the following contributed most to the net change from a month earlier.

OIL-BEARING CROPS: The index of prices received by farmers for oil-bearing crops increased 25 points (10 percent) from the previous month to 277. Average prices received for all oil crops were up from a month earlier. Soybeans at \$7.84 per bushel were up 78 cents and flaxseed at \$7.27 per bushel increased 11 cents. Cottonseed averaged \$101.00 per ton, up \$2.00. The March index was 108 points (64 percent) above a year earlier.

POULTRY AND EGGS: The index of prices received by farmers for poultry and eggs decreased 9 points (5 percent) to 183 during the month. Prices for eggs at 58.8 cents per dozen showed a decline of 7.4 cents from February. Broilers brought 24.3 cents per pound, up three-tenths of a cent from February. Turkeys at 34.2 cents per pound were up 1.7 cents from February. The March index was up 8 points (5 percent) from a year earlier.

FRUIT: The index of prices received by farmers for fruit increased 10 points (8 percent) to 132 during the month. Contributing most to the increase were higher prices for oranges and apples. Lower prices for grapefruit and pears were slightly offsetting. The index was 6 points (4 percent) below a year earlier.

COTTON: The index of prices received by farmers for cotton increased 10 points (4 percent) to 294 during the month. Upland cotton brought 66.2 cents per pound, up 2.3 cents from February 1977. The March index was 59 points (25 percent) above March 1976.

DAIRY PRODUCTS: The index of prices received by farmers for dairy products decreased 3 points (1½ percent) to 187 during the month. All milk declined 12 cents to \$9.42 per cwt. Milk eligible for fluid market at \$9.67 per cwt. declined 15 cents while milk of manufacturing grade at \$8.39 per cwt. decreased 2 cents. The March index was 6 points (3 percent) below a year earlier.

VEGETABLES: The index of prices received by farmers for commercial vegetables increased 5 points (2 percent) to 230 during the month. Higher prices for onions, lettuce and celery contributed most to the increase. Lower prices for carrots, asparagus, and cabbage were partially offsetting. The index was 63 points (38 percent) above a year earlier.

PRICES PAID INCLUDING INTEREST, TAXES, AND WAGE RATES (PPITW)

The Index of Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates for March 15 was 201 percent of its 1967 average, 1 point (½ percent) above a month earlier and 10 points (5 percent) above a year earlier.

PRICES PAID BY FARMERS

The index of prices paid by farmers for commodities and services for mid-March was 196, up 2 points (1 percent) from mid-February and up 9 points (5 percent) from a year earlier.

PRODUCTION INDEX HIGHER

At 201, the index of prices paid for farm production goods and services was up 2 points (1 percent) from mid-February. Prices averaged higher for all components surveyed except agricultural chemicals. Major contributors to the index rise were farm machinery and feeder livestock. The index was 8 points (4 percent) above March 1976.

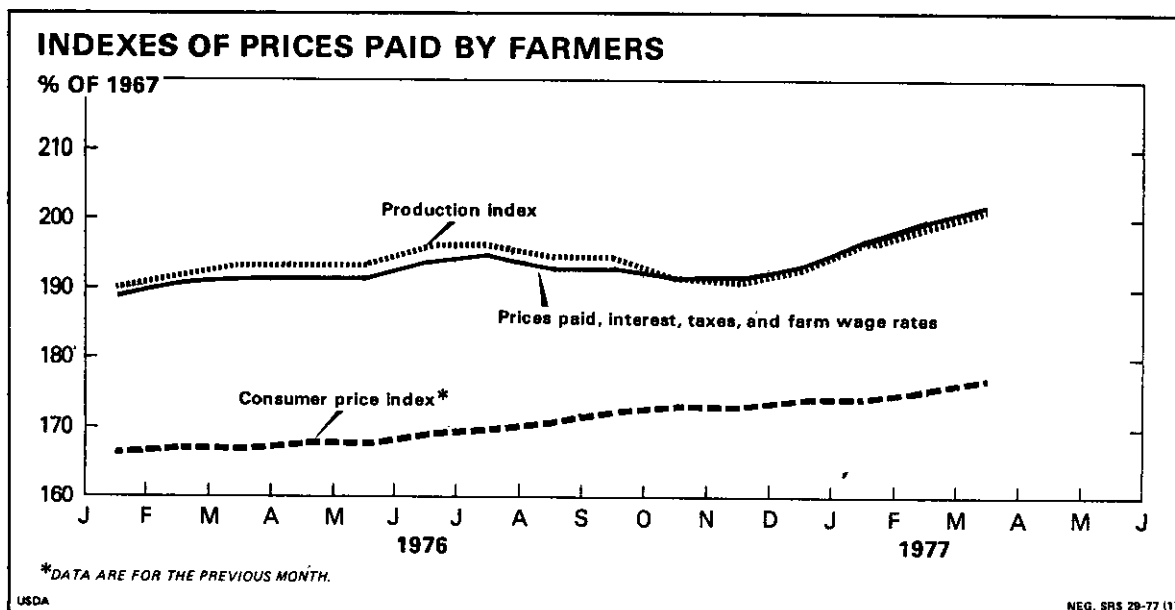
FEEDER LIVESTOCK: The index of prices paid for feeder livestock, at 158, was 3 percent above last month. Prices were higher for both feeder cattle and calves and feeder pigs. The index was the same as a year ago.

TRACTORS AND SELF-PROPELLED MACHINERY: The mid-March index of prices paid for tractors and self-propelled farm machinery advanced 4 percent from mid-September. The index, at 233, was 10 percent above a year earlier.

AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS: At 154, the index of prices paid for agricultural chemicals was 11 percent below the last survey conducted April 1976. Price changes were mixed with Atrazine and 2-4-D accounting for most of the index change.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI)

The February 1977 Consumer Price Index, at 177.1, rose 1.0 percent from January. The food component increased 2.3 percent. The index for food purchased in grocery stores rose 2.8 percent, the largest increase since July 1975. Food away from home increased 0.7 percent. Commodities other than food and the service index were both up 0.6 percent. The index was 6.0 percent higher than in February 1976.



AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR FARM PRODUCTS, UNITED STATES, MARCH 15, 1977
WITH COMPARISONS

COMMODITY AND UNIT	AVERAGE		MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	
	JAN 1970- DEC 1974	JAN 1967- DEC 1967	15, 1976	15, 1977	15, 1977	15, 1977	
ALL WHEAT, PER BU.	DOL.:	.880	1.47	3.65	2.43	<u>1/2.47</u>	<u>2/2.45</u>
WINTER WHEAT, PER BU.	"	:	:	3.48	2.40	<u>1/2.44</u>	<u>2/2.38</u>
OTHER SPRING WHEAT, PER BU.	"	:	:	3.88	2.59	<u>1/2.64</u>	<u>2/2.61</u>
RICE, (ROUGH), PER CWT.	"	1.81	5.05	6.17	6.79	<u>1/6.78</u>	<u>2/6.78</u>
CORN, PER BU.	"	.649	1.17	2.50	2.34	<u>1/2.34</u>	<u>2/2.33</u>
OATS, PER BU.	"	.399	.668	1.46	1.58	<u>1/1.63</u>	<u>2/1.63</u>
BARLEY, PER BU.	"	.617	1.02	2.34	2.19	<u>1/2.19</u>	<u>2/2.15</u>
SORGHUM GRAIN, PER CWT.	"	:	1.88	4.14	3.59	<u>1/3.51</u>	<u>2/3.54</u>
ALL HAY, BALED, PER TON	"	11.90	23.50	54.10	60.90	<u>1/62.70</u>	<u>2/63.90</u>
COTTON, AMERICAN UPLAND, PER LB.	CT.:	<u>3/11.92</u>	22.54	52.7	62.3	<u>1/63.9</u>	<u>2/66.2</u>
PEANUTS, PER LB.	"	4.83	11.4	:	:	:	:
TOBACCO, PER LB. <u>4/</u>	"	:	:	98.9	113.4	114.7	113.4
COTTONSEED, PER TON	DOL.:	21.80	58.00	88.50	100.00	99.00	101.00
SOYBEANS, PER BU.	"	:	2.62	4.46	6.81	<u>1/7.06</u>	<u>2/7.84</u>
FLAXSEED, PER BU.	"	1.68	2.89	5.74	7.04	7.16	7.27
POTATOES, PER CWT. <u>4/</u>	"	1.13	2.02	4.95	3.40	3.56	3.71
SWEETPOTATOES, PER CWT.	"	1.61	5.65	10.31	8.02	8.75	9.79
DRY EDIBLE BEANS, PER CWT.	"	3.39	7.99	17.80	14.10	16.00	14.50
DRY FIELD PEAS (OPEN MKT.), PER CWT.	"	:	4.64	7.97	11.10	12.20	12.30
APPLES, FOR FRESH USE, PER LB. <u>4/ 5/</u>	CT.:	:	6.65	9.3	11.1	11.1	12.0
PEACHES, FOR FRESH USE, PER LB. <u>4/</u>	"	:	9.20	:	:	:	:
STRAWBERRIES, FOR FRESH USE, PER LB. <u>4/</u>	"	:	28.3	51.2	52.7	48.6	51.4
PEARS, FOR FRESH USE, PER TON <u>4/ 5/</u>	DOL.:	:	125.00	226.00	159.00	145.00	123.00
CITRUS (EQUIV. ON-TREE), PER BOX <u>4/</u>	"	:	:	:	:	:	:
GRAPEFRUIT	"	:	1.38	1.22	1.13	1.85	1.10
LEMONS	"	:	2.45	3.71	1.35	.70	.87
ORANGES	"	:	1.58	2.09	.82	.86	1.46
TANGELOS	"	:	2.49	:	.27	:	:
TANGERINES	"	:	2.66	4.15	1.86	5.68	3.81
TEMPLES	"	:	1.62	1.60	1.00	1.43	1.22
ALL BEEF CATTLE, PER CWT.	DOL.:	5.52	22.20	33.60	32.30	33.10	33.80
COWS, PER CWT.	"	:	16.50	27.00	23.10	24.10	26.00
STEERS AND HEIFERS, PER CWT.	"	:	24.00	35.30	35.10	35.70	35.90
CALVES, PER CWT.	"	6.84	26.40	35.30	33.70	35.60	36.60
HOGS, PER CWT.	"	7.29	19.00	45.50	38.00	39.30	37.10
LAMBS, PER CWT.	"	5.96	22.20	49.70	48.50	49.50	49.20
SHEEP, PER CWT.	"	4.59	6.38	13.40	13.30	13.40	15.00
ALL MILK, SOLD TO PLANTS, PER CWT. <u>4/</u>	DOL.:	1.61	5.03	9.72	9.65	9.54	<u>6/9.42</u>
MILK ELIGIBLE FOR FLUID MARKET	"	:	5.44	10.00	9.93	9.82	<u>6/9.67</u>
MILK OF MANUFACTURING GRADE	"	:	4.07	8.53	8.48	8.41	<u>6/8.39</u>
BROILERS, LIVE, PER LB. <u>4/</u>	CT.:	:	13.3	24.4	21.5	24.0	24.3
EGGS, PER DOZEN <u>7/</u>	"	21.6	31.2	54.1	65.1	66.2	58.8
TURKEYS, LIVE, PER LB.	"	14.3	20.0	32.5	32.4	32.5	34.2
WOOL, PER LB. <u>4/ 8/</u>	"	17.8	39.7	52.8	75.1	73.0	75.6

ADJUSTED FOR SEASONAL VARIATION

ALL MILK, SOLD TO PLANTS, PER CWT. <u>4/</u>	DOL.:	5.04	9.62	9.28	9.17	<u>6/9.33</u>
EGGS, PER DOZEN	CT.:	31.2	52.0	57.6	64.9	<u>56.5</u>

1/ REVISED - ENTIRE MONTH. 2/ PRELIMINARY. 3/ ALL COTTON. 4/ AVERAGE FOR THE MONTH. 5/ EQUIVALENT PACKINGHOUSE-DOOR RETURNS FOR WASHINGTON AND OREGON, EQUIVALENT FIRST DELIVERY POINT RETURNS FOR CALIFORNIA, AND PRICES AS SOLD FOR OTHER STATES. 6/ PRICES ARE PRELIMINARY. FAT TEST PERCENT FOR ALL MILK, 3.72; FLUID MARKET, 3.73; MANUFACTURING GRADE, 3.70. 7/ AVERAGE OF ALL EGGS SOLD BY FARMERS, INCLUDING HATCHING EGGS AND EGGS SOLD AT RETAIL. 8/ 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 2,223 FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS, AND SUPPLEMENTED BY DATA FROM MARKETING AGENCIES AND RELATED SOURCES.

UNITED STATES PARITY PRICES FOR FARM PRODUCTS AND AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED AS
PERCENTAGE OF PARITY PRICES BASED ON DATA FOR MARCH 1977 WITH COMPARISONS 1/

COMMODITY AND UNIT	ADJUSTED BASE PRICES 2/	PARITY PRICES 3/ BASED ON DATA FOR			AVERAGE PRICES AS PERCENTAGE OF PARITY PRICES			
		MAR	FEB	MAR	MAR	FEB	MAR	
		1976	1977	1977	1976	1977	1977	
<u>BASIC COMMODITIES:</u>								
WHEAT, PER BU.	DOL.	.733	4.88	4.98	5.02	75	50	49
RICE, PER CWT.	"	4/2.00	13.70	13.60	13.70	*45	*51	49
CORN, PER BU.	"	.503	3.27	3.42	3.45	76	*68	68
COTTON, PER LB.								
AMERICAN UPLAND	CT.	12.20	79.02	82.84	83.57	*67	77	79
EXTRA LONG STAPLE	"	4/18.9	118.0	128.0	129.0	70		
PEANUTS, PER LB.	"	4/4.17	27.5	28.3	28.6			
TOBACCO, PER LB.								
FLUE-CURED, TYPES 11-14	"	4/23.4	154.0	159.0	160.0			
VA FIRE-CURED, TYPE 21	"	4/18.9	117.0	128.0	129.0		89	
KY-TENN FIRE-CURED, TYPES 22-23	"	14/						
BURLEY, TYPE 31	"	4/24.3	160.0	165.0	166.0		68	66
MARYLAND, TYPE 32	"	5/22.1	145.0	150.0	151.0			
DARK AIR-CURED, TYPES 35-36	"	4/17.1	104.0	116.0	117.0		99	
SUN-CURED, TYPE 37	"	4/18.3	116.0	124.0	125.0			
PA SEEDLEAF, TYPE 41	"	14/						
CIGAR FILLER AND BINDER, TYPES 42-44, 53-55	"	14/						
PUERTO RICAN FILLER, TYPE 46	"	4/14.9	97.6	101.0	102.0			
CIGAR BINDER, TYPES 51-52	"	4/20.0	129.0	136.0	137.0			
<u>DESIGNATED NONBASIC COMMODITIES:</u>								
TUNG NUTS, PER TON	DOL.	10.40	120.00	70.60	71.20			
ALL MILK, SOLD TO PLANTS, PER CWT.	"	1.88	12.10	12.80	12.90	6/80	6/72	6/72
MILKFAT IN CREAM, PER LB.	CT.	14/	131.0			56		
HONEY, WHOLESALE, PER LB.: EXTRACTED	"	7/8.17	50.5	55.5	56.0			
<u>WOOL AND MOHAIR:</u>								
WOOL, PER LB.	CT.	4/19.9	137.0	135.0	136.0	8/39	8/54	8/56
MOHAIR, PER LB.	"	14/	207.0					
<u>OTHER NONBASIC COMMODITIES:</u>								
BARLEY, PER BU.	DOL.	.436	2.81	2.96	2.99	83	74	72
COTTONSEED, PER TON	"	4/20.70	137.00	141.00	142.00	65	70	71
DRY EDIBLE BEANS, PER CWT.	"	3.89	25.60	26.40	26.60	70	61	55
FLAXSEED, PER BU.	"	1.25	8.03	8.49	8.56	71	84	85
OATS, PER BU.	"	.253	1.60	1.72	1.73	91	95	94
POTATOES, PER CWT.	"	4/.839	5.65	5.70	5.75	88	62	65
RYE, PER BU.	"	.403	2.54	2.74	2.76	91		
SORGHUM GRAIN, PER CWT.	"	.842	5.48	5.72	5.77	76	61	61
SOYBEANS, PER BU.	"	1.11	7.24	7.54	7.60	62	94	103
SWEETPOTATOES, PER CWT.	"	2.03	13.40	13.80	13.90	77	63	70
<u>APPLES, FOR FRESH USE, PER LB. 9/</u>								
CITRUS (EQUIV. ON-TREE), PER BOX:								
GRAPEFRUIT	DOL.	4/.458	3.31	3.11	3.14	37	59	35
LEMONS	"	4/.878	6.91	5.96	6.01	54	12	14
LIMES	"	4/1.27	8.63	8.62	8.70			
ORANGES	"	4/.481	3.31	3.27	3.29	63	26	44
TANGERINES	"	4/.817	5.31	5.55	5.60	78	102	68
TEMPLES	"	4/.506	3.33	3.44	3.47	48	42	35
BEEF CATTLE, PER CWT.	"	8.50	57.10	57.70	58.20	59	57	58
CALVES, PER CWT.	"	9.92	67.70	67.40	68.00	52	53	54
HOGS, PER CWT.	"	8.08	52.50	54.90	55.30	87	72	67
LAMBS, PER CWT.	"	9.03	58.30	61.30	61.90	85	81	79
SHEEP, PER CWT.	"	2.51	16.40	17.00	17.20	82	79	87
EGG, PER DOZ.	CT.	11.8	78.4	80.1	80.8	6/66	6/81	6/70
TURKEYS, LIVE, PER LB.	"	7.17	48.2	48.7	49.1	67	67	70

SEE FOOTNOTES PAGE 6.

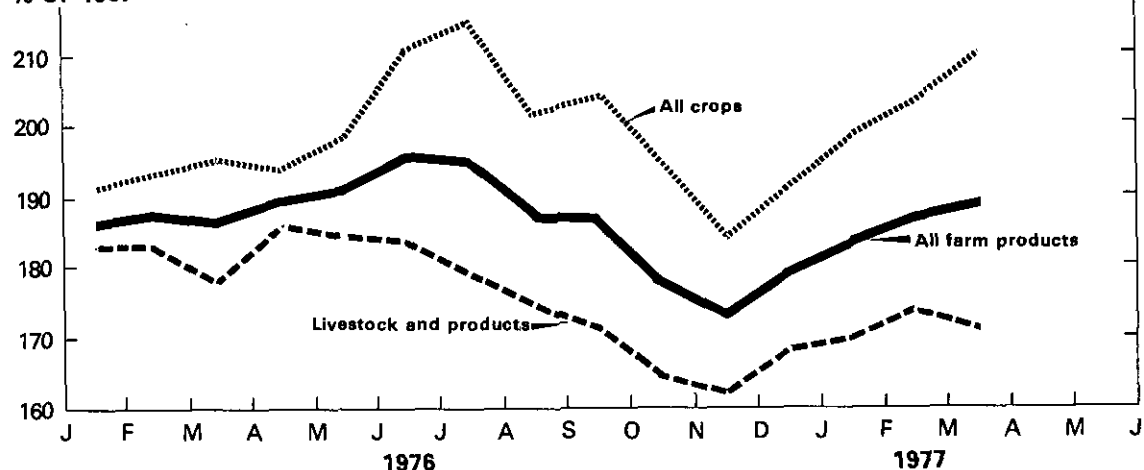
PARITY PRICES BASED ON DATA FOR MARCH 1977, UNITED STATES 1/

OTHER NONBASIC COMMODITIES (CONTINUED)	ADJUSTED BASE PRICES 4/	PARITY PRICES 3/ BASED ON DATA FOR MAR 1977	OTHER NONBASIC COMMODITIES (CONTINUED)	ADJUSTED BASE PRICES 4/	PARITY PRICES 3/ BASED ON DATA FOR MAR 1977
FIELD CROPS AND MISC. COMMODITIES		DOLLARS	NONCITRUS FRUITS:		DOLLARS
			PEACHES		
			FOR FRESH USE, LB. 11/	.0289	.198
CRUDE PINE GUM, BBL.	2/13.90	95.20	DRIED (CALIF.), TON	260.00	1,780.00
HOPS, LB.	.183	1.25	FOR PROCESSING (EXCL. DRIED)		
TOBACCO, LB.:			CLINGSTONE (CALIF.), TON 10/	26.10	179.00
CIGAR WRAPPER, TYPE 61	14/		PEARS		
CIGAR WRAPPER, TYPE 62	.872	5.97	FOR FRESH, TON 12/	41.70	286.00
			DRIED (CALIF.), TON	267.00	1,830.00
			PLUMS (CALIF.), EQUIV.		
NONCITRUS FRUITS:			ON-TREE, TON		
APPLES, FOR PROCESSING, TON	19.30	132.00	FOR FRESH USE	54.20	371.00
APRICOTS, TON			PRUNES, DRIED (CALIF.), TON	101.00	692.00
FOR FRESH USE	78.30	536.00	PRUNES AND PLUMS		
DRIED (CALIF.)	433.00	2,970.00	(EXCL. CALIF.), TON		
AVOCADOS, TON	14/		FOR FRESH USE	57.20	392.00
CHERRIES, TON			FOR PROCESSING (EXCL. DRIED)	22.30	153.00
SWEET	107.00	733.00	TREE NUTS, TON:		
TART	77.20	529.00	ALMONDS	227.00	1,550.00
CRANBERRIES, BBL.	14/		FILBERTS	151.00	1,030.00
DATES (CALIF.), TON	55.60	381.00	WALNUTS	143.00	980.00
GRAPES, TON					
RAISIN VARIETIES			VEGETABLES FOR FRESH MARKET		
DRIED (CALIF.)	130.00	891.00	CWT.		
GRAPES EXCL. RAISIN			CANTALOUPE	2.14	14.70
VARIETIES DRIED	32.50	223.00	CARROTS 13/	1.38	9.45
NECTARINES (CALIF.)			CAULIFLOWER 13/	3.17	21.70
TON			CELERY 13/	1.64	11.20
FOR FRESH USE 10/	53.30	365.00	HONEYDEW MELONS	2.00	13.70
OLIVES (CALIF.)			LETTUCE	1.72	11.80
FOR CANNING, TON 10/	104.00	712.00	ONIONS 13/	1.47	10.10
			TOMATOES	4.00	27.40

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 1967-DECEMBER 1976 AVERAGE (INCLUDING AN ALLOWANCE WHERE APPROPRIATE FOR UNREDEEMED LOANS AND OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS RESULTING FROM PRICE SUPPORT OPERATIONS) BY DIVIDING BY 360 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 1967-76 (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 1967-76. 6/ SEASONALLY ADJUSTED PRICE AS PERCENTAGE OF PARITY PRICE. 7/ ADJUSTED BASE PRICE DERIVED FROM STATE ANNUAL AVERAGE PRICES WEIGHTED BY PRODUCTION. 8/ AVERAGE LOCAL MARKET PRICE, EXCLUDING INCENTIVE PAYMENTS. 9/ EQUIVALENT PACKINGHOUSE-DOOR RETURNS FOR APPLES FOR WASHINGTON AND OREGON, EQUIVALENT FIRST DELIVERY POINT RETURNS FOR CALIFORNIA, AND PRICE AT POINT OF FIRST SALE FOR OTHER STATES. 10/ EQUIVALENT RETURNS FOR BULK FRUIT AT FIRST DELIVERY POINT. 11/ BASED ON PRICES FOR FRESH PEACHES IN NEW YORK, PENNSYLVANIA, MICHIGAN, NORTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA, GEORGIA, WASHINGTON, CALIFORNIA, NEW JERSEY, MARYLAND, WEST VIRGINIA, ILLINOIS, OHIO, OREGON AND ALABAMA AND AVERAGE PRICE FOR ALL METHODS OF SALE FOR OTHER STATES. 12/ BASED ON PACKINGHOUSE-DOOR RETURNS FOR FRESH PEARS FOR WASHINGTON AND OREGON, EQUIVALENT FIRST DELIVERY POINT RETURNS FOR FRESH PEARS FOR CALIFORNIA, AVERAGE PRICES AS SOLD FOR FRESH USE FOR NEW YORK AND MICHIGAN, AND AVERAGE PRICES FOR ALL METHODS OF SALES FOR OTHER STATES. 13/ INCLUDES SOME PROCESSING. 14/ NOT AVAILABLE *REVISED.
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INDEXES OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

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INDEX NUMBERS OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, UNITED STATES, MARCH 15, 1977
WITH COMPARISONS

INDEX	AVERAGE JAN-DEC 1967	1970-14=100				1967=100			
		1976		1977		1976		1977	
		FEB 15	MAR 15	FEB 15	MAR 15	FEB 15	MAR 15	FEB 15	MAR 15
UNADJUSTED									
ALL FARM PRODUCTS	250	468	464	*468	473	187	186	187	189
ALL CROPS	225	434	438	*457	472	193	195	*203	210
FOOD GRAINS	176	410	399	*287	284	233	227	*163	161
FEED GRAINS AND HAY	174	375	378	*362	362	216	217	*208	208
FEED GRAINS	172	368	371	*346	345	214	216	*201	201
COTTON	190	437	446	*540	559	230	235	*284	294
TOBACCO	555	875	875	954	957	158	158	172	172
OIL-BEARING CROPS	269	458	454	*678	744	170	169	*252	277
FRUIT	227	295	313	*276	299	130	138	*122	132
FRESH MARKET 1/	222	286	307	*250	278	129	138	*113	125
COMMERCIAL VEGETABLES	283	444	472	*637	652	157	167	*225	230
FRESH MARKET	334	546	597	*893	924	163	179	*267	277
POTATOES, ETC. 2/	187	435	442	335	341	233	236	179	182
LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS	275	503	489	478	471	183	178	174	171
MEAT ANIMALS	335	595	579	546	544	178	173	163	162
DAIRY PRODUCTS	308	599	594	*584	576	194	193	190	187
POULTRY & EGGS	131	244	229	252	240	186	175	192	183
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
FRESH MARKET FRUIT 1/	223	294	310	*259	279	132	139	*116	125
FRESH MARKET VEGETABLES	340	518	606	*854	929	152	178	*251	273
POTATOES, ETC. 2/	187	447	430	344	332	239	230	184	178
DAIRY PRODUCTS	308	576	589	*561	571	187	191	*182	185
POULTRY & EGGS	131	238	222	247	232	182	169	**189	177

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

INDEX NUMBERS OF PRICES PAID BY FARMERS, INTEREST, TAXES, AND WAGE RATES, AND RELATED DATA,
UNITED STATES, MARCH 15, 1977, WITH COMPARISONS

INDEXES AND RATIOS	1910-14=100					1967=100				
	1976		1977			1976		1977		
	FEB 15	MAR 15	JAN 15	FEB 15	MAR 15	FEB 15	MAR 15	JAN 15	FEB 15	MAR 15
PRICES PAID BY FARMERS FOR COMMODITIES & SERVICES INTEREST, TAXES & WAGE RATES (PARITY INDEX 1910-14=100)	648	651	673	679	685	191	191	198	200	201
PRICES PAID CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) 2/ FAMILY LIVING ITEMS	559	1/562	578	584	590	186	187	192	194	196
FOOD	550	555	583			172	173	182		
CLOTHING		585					182			
HOUSING	718					183				
AUTOS & SUPPLIES	577	584	623			173	176	187		
MEDICAL & HEALTH 3/ EDUCATION, RECREATION, & OTHER 3/			669					193		
PRODUCTION ITEMS	608	616	662			177	179	192		
FEED	487	490	507			150	151	157		
FEEDER LIVESTOCK	558	1/560	569	1/578	583	192	1/193	196	199	201
SEED 4/	391	394	421	1/427	430	183	185	197	200	201
FERTILIZER 5/	616	610	547	592	609	160	158	142	153	158
AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS			572	572	572			240	240	240
FUELS & ENERGY			260	260	266			177	177	181
FARM & MOTOR SUPPLIES			482	482	427			174	174	154
AUTOS & TRUCKS			346	350	353			196	198	200
TRACTORS & SELF- PROPELLED MACHINERY	463		440	438	438	173		164	164	164
OTHER MACHINERY			1,111	1,120	1,125			226	228	229
BUILDING & FENCING								211	224	233
FARM SERVICES & CASH RENT			1,072	1,135	1,183		211	224	224	233
			1,003	1,060	1,094		221	233	233	241
			862	895	900		213	221	223	223
	633	1/633	684	684	684	218	1/218	236	236	236
INTEREST 6/	1,474	1,474	1,599	1,599	1,599	303	303	328	328	328
TAXES 7/	1,496	1,496	1,579	1,579	1,579	176	176	186	186	186
FARM WAGE RATES 8/	1,808	1,808	1,940	1,940	1,940	213	213	229	229	229
PRODUCTION ITEMS, INTEREST, TAXES, AND WAGE RATES	707	710	728	737	743	199	199	204	207	209
PARITY RATIO 9/	72	71	68	69	69					
ADJUSTED PARITY RATIO (PRELIMINARY) 10/	73	72	68	1/70	70					
OTHER RELATED INDEXES PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS						187	187	183	187	189
WHOLESALE PRICES 11/:										
ALL COMMODITIES						179	180	188	190	
INDUSTRIAL COMMODITIES						178	179	188	190	
FARM PRODUCTS & PROCESSED FOODS AND FEEDS						176	176	185	188	

1/ REVISED. 2/ BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS, CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI), DATA ARE FOR THE PREVIOUS MONTH.
3/ BASED ON CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES OF THE BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS. 4/ APRIL INDEX USED APRIL-AUGUST;
SEPTEMBER INDEX USED SEPTEMBER-MARCH. 5/ APRIL INDEX USED APRIL-SEPTEMBER; OCTOBER INDEX USED OCTOBER-
MARCH. 6/ INTEREST PAYABLE PER ACRE ON FARM REAL ESTATE DEBT. 7/ FARM REAL ESTATE TAXES PAYABLE PER
ACRE. 8/ SEASONALLY ADJUSTED. ANNUAL AVERAGE IS SIMPLE AVERAGE OF QUARTERLY INDEXES. 9/ RATIO OF
INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED TO INDEX OF PRICES PAID, INTEREST, TAXES, AND WAGE RATES. 10/ 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 100.8 FOR 1977 AND THE REVISED ADJUSTMENT FACTOR IS 100.8 FOR 1976. SEE
PAGE 29 APRIL 1967 AGRICULTURAL PRICES, FOR A DESCRIPTION OF THE METHOD OF MAKING CURRENT ESTIMATES OF
THE ADJUSTED PARITY RATIO. 11/ BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS INDEXES.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, BY STATES

STATE	ALL WHEAT PER BU.		WINTER WHEAT PER BU.		OTHER SPRING WHEAT PER BU.		CORN PER BU.	
	FEB 1977	MAR 1977	FEB 1977	MAR 1977	FEB 1977	MAR 1977	FEB 1977	MAR 1977
	1/	2/	1/	2/	1/	2/	1/	2/
D O L L A R S								
ARIZ	2.83	2.83	2.84	2.84	--	--	--	--
ARK	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
CALIF	2.77	2.79	2.77	2.79	--	--	--	--
COLO	2.22	2.12	2.22	2.12	--	--	2.20	2.27
GA	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.57	2.57
IDAHO	2.50	2.46	2.54	2.50	2.41	2.40	--	--
ILL	2.40	2.44	2.40	2.44	--	--	2.40	2.37
IND	2.50	2.41	2.50	2.41	--	--	2.33	2.32
IOWA	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.30	2.29
KANS	2.35	2.25	2.35	2.25	--	--	2.24	2.22
KY	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.46	2.42
MICH	2.42	2.27	2.42	2.27	--	--	2.21	2.20
MINN	2.67	2.68	2.67	2.57	2.67	2.68	2.34	2.35
MO	2.36	2.36	2.36	2.36	--	--	2.41	2.45
MONT	2.40	2.42	2.35	2.33	2.53	2.53	--	--
NEBR	2.30	2.20	2.30	2.20	--	--	2.30	2.25
N C	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.56	2.63
N DAK	2.54	2.54	2.26	2.30	2.65	2.58	--	--
OHIO	2.60	2.48	2.60	2.48	--	--	2.36	2.31
OKLA	2.45	2.40	2.45	2.40	--	--	--	--
OREG	2.68	2.66	2.68	2.66	2.68	2.66	--	--
PA	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.53	2.56
S DAK	2.65	2.62	2.54	2.50	2.80	2.73	2.35	2.47
TEX	2.42	2.38	2.42	2.38	--	--	2.13	2.23
WASH	2.67	2.67	2.67	2.67	2.67	2.67	--	--
WIS	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.39	2.40
U S	2.47	2.45	2.44	2.38	2.64	2.61	2.34	2.33

1/ REVISED--ENTIRE MONTH. 2/ PRELIMINARY MID-MONTH

AVERAGE PRICE PER CWT RECEIVED BY FARMERS, U S

RICE	
PRELIMINARY MAR 1977	REVISED FEB 1977
DOLLARS	
6.78	6.87

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, BY STATES

STATE	OATS PER BU.		BARLEY PER BU.		SORGHUM GRAIN PER CWT.		SOYBEANS PER BU.	
	FEB 1977	MAR 1977	FEB 1977	MAR 1977	FEB 1977	MAR 1977	FEB 1977	MAR 1977
	1/	2/	1/	2/	1/	2/	1/	2/
D O L L A R S								
ALA	--	--	--	--	--	--	7.15	7.86
ARIZ	--	--	2.28	2.28	4.32	4.32	--	--
ARK	--	--	--	--	--	--	7.15	7.91
CALIF	1.96	1.90	2.25	2.30	4.69	4.68	--	--
COLO	--	--	2.30	2.02	--	--	--	--
GA	--	--	--	--	--	--	7.41	7.94
IDAHO	1.56	1.55	2.18	2.06	--	--	--	--
ILL	1.63	1.63	--	--	--	--	7.11	7.95
IND	1.77	1.77	--	--	--	--	7.03	7.89
IOWA	1.67	1.59	--	--	--	--	6.95	7.77
KANS	--	--	--	--	3.49	3.46	7.07	7.84
KY	--	--	--	--	--	--	7.20	7.94
LA	--	--	--	--	--	--	7.26	7.96
MICH	1.80	1.75	--	--	--	--	7.02	7.70
MINN	1.59	1.60	2.22	2.29	--	--	6.96	7.59
MISS	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.90	7.67
MO	--	--	--	--	3.58	3.65	7.06	7.91
MONT	1.58	1.55	2.00	1.93	--	--	--	--
NEBR	1.54	1.50	--	--	3.46	3.42	6.99	7.66
N MEX	--	--	--	--	3.49	3.45	--	--
N Y	1.94	1.90	--	--	--	--	--	--
N C	1.73	1.60	--	--	--	--	7.27	7.87
N DAK	1.46	1.41	2.20	2.19	--	--	--	--
OHIO	1.85	1.79	--	--	--	--	7.21	7.71
OKLA	1.85	1.77	2.03	2.08	3.78	3.79	--	--
OREG	1.56	1.59	2.46	2.25	--	--	--	--
PA	1.85	1.74	2.73	2.00	--	--	--	--
S C	--	--	--	--	--	--	7.26	8.15
S DAK	1.62	1.61	2.09	2.10	--	--	--	--
TENN	--	--	--	--	--	--	7.49	7.82
TEX	1.58	1.57	--	--	3.53	3.62	--	--
UTAH	--	--	2.19	2.20	--	--	--	--
WASH	--	--	2.36	2.23	--	--	--	--
WIS	1.60	1.61	--	--	--	--	--	--
WYO	--	--	1.91	1.95	--	--	--	--
U S	1.63	1.63	2.19	2.15	3.51	3.54	7.06	7.84

1/ REVISED--ENTIRE MONTH. 2/ PRELIMINARY MID-MONTH

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, BY STATES, MARCH 15, 1977

STATE	PEANUTS	TOBACCO		APPLES	FLAX-	DRY	SWEET
	PER LB. 1/	PER LB. 2/	3/	FRESH USE PER LB. 3/ 4/	SEED PER BU.	EDIBLE BEANS PER CWT.	POTATOES PER CWT.
	CENTS				DOLLARS		
ALA	--	--	--	--	--	--	12.35
CALIF	--	--	--	11.0	--	26.60	15.90
COLO	--	--	--	13.0	--	11.80	--
CONN	--	--	--	16.0	--	--	--
GA	--	--	--	--	--	--	10.50
IDAHO	--	--	--	18.5	--	11.90	--
ILL	--	--	--	11.0	--	--	--
IND	--	106.5	--	15.6	--	--	--
KY	--	111.9	--	--	--	--	--
LA	--	--	--	--	--	--	11.85
MAINE	--	--	--	16.0	--	--	--
MD	--	--	--	16.0	--	--	9.80
MASS	--	--	--	16.0	--	--	--
MICH	--	--	--	12.9	--	15.40	--
MINN	--	--	--	--	7.29	12.50	--
MISS	--	--	--	--	--	--	10.50
NERR	--	--	--	--	--	13.30	--
N H	--	--	--	16.0	--	--	--
N J	--	--	--	17.4	--	--	--
N Y	--	--	--	15.1	--	15.90	--
N C	--	--	--	14.6	--	--	7.50
N DAK	--	--	--	--	7.26	10.00	--
OHIO	--	105.0	--	15.7	--	--	--
OREG	--	--	--	7.9	--	--	--
PA	--	--	--	14.6	--	--	--
S DAK	--	--	--	--	7.27	--	--
TENN	--	141.1	--	--	--	--	7.30
TEX	--	--	--	--	--	--	9.25
VT	--	--	--	16.0	--	--	--
VA	--	--	--	16.8	--	--	9.70
WASH	--	--	--	9.9	--	14.10	--
W VA	--	--	--	18.6	--	--	--
WIS	--	--	--	16.0	--	--	--
WYO	--	--	--	--	--	11.60	--
U S	--	113.4	--	12.0	7.27	14.50	9.79

1/ INSUFFICIENT SALES. 2/ PRICES BY TYPES SHOWN ON PAGE 16. 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

STATE	AMERICAN UPLAND COTTON PER LB. 1/		MARCH 15, 1977.			
	FEB 1977 2/	MAR 1977 3/	COTTON SEED PER TON	HAY, BALEd, PER TON		
				ALL	ALFALFA	OTHER
CENTS			DOLLARS			
ALA	67.0	68.0	--	--	--	--
ARIZ	64.4	65.5	--	68.00	69.00	50.00
ARK	66.1	67.1	--	57.00	65.00	56.00
CALIF	69.7	71.6	--	77.00	78.50	65.00
COLO	--	--	--	58.50	59.50	56.50
GA	68.3	67.2	--	59.00	--	59.00
IDAHO	--	--	--	50.00	51.00	45.50
ILL	--	--	--	63.00	67.00	57.00
IND	--	--	--	58.00	61.50	54.00
IOWA	--	--	--	70.00	70.00	69.00
KANS	--	--	--	60.50	66.00	52.50
KY	--	--	--	61.50	72.00	59.00
LA	69.5	72.0	--	--	--	--
MICH	--	--	--	50.00	52.00	40.50
MINN	--	--	--	80.00	84.00	65.00
MISS	66.9	67.5	--	--	--	--
MO	67.0	71.2	--	70.00	80.00	64.50
MONT	--	--	--	50.50	52.00	48.00
NEBR	--	--	--	53.00	54.50	49.50
NEV	--	--	--	71.50	75.00	64.00
N MEX	--	--	--	71.50	72.00	65.00
N Y	--	--	--	51.00	59.00	42.00
N DAK	--	--	--	52.00	56.50	46.50
OHIO	--	--	--	62.00	65.00	55.00
OKLA	64.0	64.0	106.00	63.50	76.00	54.00
OREG	--	--	--	69.50	74.50	63.50
PA	--	--	--	63.50	73.50	53.00
S C	69.1	71.8	--	--	--	--
S DAK	--	--	--	59.00	62.50	52.00
TENN	64.6	68.5	--	--	--	--
TEX	61.3	62.9	101.00	51.70	68.50	48.50
UTAH	--	--	--	58.50	59.50	52.00
WASH	--	--	--	66.50	69.00	60.00
WIS	--	--	--	85.00	87.50	75.00
WYO	--	--	--	56.50	57.00	56.00
U S	63.9	66.2	101.00	63.90	68.00	55.40

1/ PRICE BASED ON 480 POUND NET WEIGHT BALE. 2/ REVISED--ENTIRE MONTH.
3/ PRELIMINARY.

AVERAGE PRICES PER CWT. RECEIVED BY FARMERS, BY STATES, MARCH 15, 1977

STATE	HOGS	COWS 1/	STEERS AND HEIFERS	BEEF CATTLE 2/	CALVES
D O L L A R S					
ALA	35.70	27.30	31.50	30.00	33.60
ARIZ	--	24.20	37.50	37.00	33.50
ARK	--	26.40	33.50	32.00	33.20
CALIF	--	24.00	37.20	35.00	31.60
COLO	--	27.10	36.90	36.80	38.90
FLA	--	26.80	33.70	31.10	32.70
GA	35.60	24.70	31.70	29.10	33.10
IDAHO	--	26.80	35.80	34.70	37.30
ILL	37.60	24.70	34.90	33.70	36.50
IND	36.90	26.10	35.30	33.80	35.10
IOWA	37.30	26.50	35.60	34.20	37.80
KANS	37.50	25.40	36.20	34.80	38.80
KY	37.10	25.30	34.00	31.90	39.50
LA	--	25.50	34.50	29.60	37.60
MICH	37.40	26.80	35.80	32.40	35.60
MINN	36.80	27.30	35.50	31.00	37.10
MISS	37.10	26.70	31.70	29.30	37.40
MO	37.40	24.00	34.80	32.00	36.40
MONT	--	25.70	35.10	33.00	38.90
NEBR	37.30	26.40	36.70	35.10	38.60
NEV	--	23.00	35.00	33.30	34.00
N MEX	--	25.20	37.50	36.80	35.70
N Y	--	26.40	32.40	27.10	37.00
N C	37.20	27.30	31.10	29.10	36.50
N DAK	--	25.80	35.60	33.40	37.60
OHIO	36.70	26.00	35.90	33.30	43.00
OKLA	37.00	25.00	35.70	34.10	37.30
OREG	--	24.60	33.00	30.70	32.40
PA	37.20	28.50	36.60	31.70	49.00
S C	35.20	26.50	32.50	29.50	33.80
S DAK	37.00	28.00	37.20	36.00	37.90
TENN	37.00	24.60	34.80	30.90	39.50
TEX	36.10	25.80	35.90	33.70	35.60
UTAH	--	23.70	34.00	29.00	34.80
VA	37.10	25.20	30.60	28.20	37.80
WASH	--	24.50	34.70	33.10	35.80
WIS	36.90	25.90	33.50	27.80	42.20
WYO	--	26.60	35.10	33.00	38.00
U S	37.10	26.00	35.90	33.80	36.60

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, MARCH 15, 1977

STATE	SHEEP	LAMBS	WOOL		TURKEYS	BROILERS	EGGS
	PER CWT.	PER CWT.	PER LB.	1/ 2/	PER LB.	PER LB.	PER DOZ.
	D O L L A R S			C E N T S			
ALA	--	--	--	--	--	4/23.5	64.0
ARIZ	13.00	51.80	71.0	--	--	--	--
ARK	--	--	--	--	33.0	24.5	65.3
CALIF	12.20	49.00	69.0	--	33.0	26.0	52.3
COLO	16.00	49.40	83.0	--	--	--	--
CONN	--	--	--	--	--	--	71.0
DEL	--	--	--	--	--	4/23.5	--
FLA	--	--	--	--	--	4/23.5	50.3
GA	--	--	--	--	30.0	4/25.0	65.1
IDAHO	16.00	48.00	76.0	--	--	--	--
ILL	12.20	43.70	58.0	--	--	--	60.0
IND	12.80	45.60	59.0	--	34.0	--	57.2
IOWA	12.30	51.10	69.0	--	32.0	--	45.3
KANS	10.50	48.10	63.0	--	--	--	44.4
KY	--	--	--	--	--	--	57.7
LA	--	--	--	--	--	24.5	74.8
MAINE	--	--	--	--	--	4/24.0	66.0
MD	--	--	--	--	--	4/23.5	--
MASS	--	--	--	--	--	--	69.0
MICH	14.30	51.20	65.0	--	32.0	--	54.9
MINN	15.40	47.10	66.0	--	32.0	--	50.6
MISS	--	--	--	--	--	4/24.0	68.2
MO	13.00	50.70	59.0	--	30.0	--	57.0
MONT	12.10	49.40	75.0	--	--	--	--
NEBR	10.60	49.90	68.0	--	--	--	46.5
NEV	13.00	47.00	63.0	--	--	--	--
N J	--	--	--	--	--	--	66.3
N MEX	14.00	51.80	81.0	--	--	--	--
N Y	--	--	--	--	--	--	57.9
N C	--	--	--	--	38.0	4/23.5	70.6
N DAK	11.40	49.50	66.0	--	--	--	--
OHIO	14.40	50.60	65.0	--	35.0	--	53.2
OKLA	--	--	--	--	--	24.5	--
OREG	11.00	45.70	77.0	--	32.0	--	54.1
PA	--	--	--	--	38.0	26.5	59.6
S C	--	--	--	--	33.0	4/23.5	59.7
S DAK	13.30	50.00	70.0	--	32.0	--	45.4
TENN	--	--	--	--	--	4/23.5	62.0
TEX	22.60	50.90	91.0	--	33.0	26.0	65.5
UTAH	10.50	45.80	73.0	--	37.0	--	--
VA	--	--	--	--	34.0	4/23.0	67.1
WASH	--	--	--	--	--	--	52.1
WIS	--	--	--	--	--	--	57.0
WYO	12.00	48.50	78.0	--	--	--	--
U S	15.00	49.20	75.6	--	34.2	24.3	58.8

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/ LIVELWEIGHT EQUIVALENT PRICE.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, BY STATE, FEBRUARY AND MARCH 1977

STATE	MILK SOLD TO PLANTS, PRICE PER CWT. FEB 1977						MAR 1977		
	ELIGIBLE FOR FLUID MARKET 1/		MANUFACTURING GRADE		ALL MILK		ALL MILK 2/		MILK COWS
	PRICE	FAT TEST	PRICE	FAT TEST	PRICE	FAT TEST	PER CWT.	TEST	PER HEAD 3/
	DOL.	PCT.	DOL.	PCT.	DOL.	PCT.	DOL.	PCT.	DOL.
ALA	10.90	3.79	7.75	3.89	10.80	3.79	10.70	3.75	390
ARIZ	9.85	3.66			9.85	3.66	9.75	3.60	
ARK	10.50	3.68	8.40	3.66	10.00	3.68	9.75	3.56	370
CALIF	9.60	3.69	8.50	3.81	9.55	3.70	9.25	3.63	610
COLO	10.50	3.66			10.40	3.66	10.20	3.61	550
CONN	10.50	3.77			10.50	3.77	10.10	3.76	
FLA	12.00	3.58			12.00	3.58	11.90	3.53	440
GA	10.50	3.82			10.50	3.82	10.40	3.75	430
IDAHO	9.15	3.80	8.80	3.75	8.95	3.77	8.90	3.68	475
ILL	9.40	3.84	8.80	3.81	9.25	3.83	9.30	3.79	390
IND	9.90	3.93	8.20	4.01	9.65	3.94	9.60	3.85	460
IOWA	9.70	3.81	8.40	3.70	9.00	3.75	8.95	3.71	435
KANS	9.60	3.79	8.20	3.81	9.40	3.79	9.35	3.71	445
KY	9.90	3.93	7.90	3.85	9.50	3.91	9.30	3.81	385
LA	10.50	3.72			10.50	3.72	10.40	3.65	495
MAINE	10.70	3.75			10.70	3.75	10.50	3.74	
MD	10.20	3.85			10.20	3.85	10.10	3.80	555
MASS	10.40	3.70			10.40	3.70	10.10	3.69	
MICH	9.75	3.87	8.60	3.86	9.70	3.87	9.55	3.85	530
MINN	8.70	3.69	8.17	3.63	8.41	3.66	8.40	3.63	475
MISS	10.10	3.78	8.35	3.91	10.00	3.79	9.95	3.70	540
MO	9.55	3.82	8.40	3.73	9.20	3.80	9.00	3.68	360
NEBR	9.60	3.80	8.35	3.80	9.05	3.80	9.00	3.71	435
N J	10.20	3.80			10.20	3.80	10.10	3.77	
N Y	9.55	3.67			9.55	3.67	9.25	3.65	465
N C	11.00	3.86	8.50	3.97	11.00	3.86	10.80	3.82	330
N DAK	9.10	3.62	7.90	3.61	8.35	3.61	8.30	3.56	385
OHIO	10.00	3.87	8.45	3.85	9.90	3.87	9.75	3.82	465
OKLA	10.00	3.66	8.40	3.61	9.85	3.66	9.80	3.58	430
OREG	9.80	3.88	9.25	4.30	9.75	3.92	9.60	3.86	550
PA	10.50	3.85	8.45	3.80	10.50	3.85	10.30	3.85	650
S DAK	9.25	3.72	8.25	3.63	8.50	3.65	8.45	3.59	390
TENN	10.20	3.94	8.10	3.89	9.90	3.93	9.85	3.84	425
TEX	10.60	3.65			10.60	3.65	10.50	3.54	350
UTAH	9.30	3.67	8.70	3.70	9.15	3.68	9.10	3.65	490
VT	10.20	3.73			10.20	3.73	9.80	3.72	515
VA	10.50	3.86	8.00	3.83	10.30	3.86	10.40	3.80	425
WASH	9.50	3.85			9.50	3.85	9.55	3.81	460
WIS	9.10	3.81	8.64	3.81	8.93	3.81	8.95	3.79	540
U S	9.82	3.77	4/8.41	4/3.74	9.54	3.77	9.42	3.72	489

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 CNT. RECEIVED BY FARMERS, BY STATES, MARCH 1977

STATE	DOLLARS	STATE	DOLLARS
ALABAMA	--	NORTH CAROLINA	--
ARIZONA	--	NORTH DAKOTA	4.00
CALIFORNIA - ALL	4.91	OHIO	6.75
WINTER	6.35	OREGON	2.65
SPRING	--	PENNSYLVANIA	6.10
SUMMER	--	TEXAS	--
FALL	4.55	VIRGINIA	--
COLORADO	2.70	WASHINGTON	2.35
FLORIDA	10.40	WISCONSIN	4.05
IDAHO	2.95		
MAINE	4.90		
MICHIGAN	6.20		
MINNESOTA	3.90		
NEW JERSEY	--		
NEW YORK - ALL	5.70		
LONG ISLAND	5.25		
UPSTATE	6.05		
		UNITED STATES	3.71

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

TOBACCO - CLASS	TYPE	MAR 1976	MAR 1977 1/
TOTAL EASTERN BELT	22	98.9	140.0
TOTAL WESTERN BELT	23		124.4
TOTAL KY-TENN FIRE-CURED	22-23	98.9	138.0
BURLEY BELT	31		110.2
TOTAL ONE SUCKER	35		111.5
U S		98.9	113.4

1/ PRICES BY STATES ARE SHOWN ON PAGE 11.

COMMERCIAL VEGETABLES FOR FRESH MARKET: AVERAGE F. O. B. SHIPPING POINT PRICES PER CNT., UNITED STATES, MARCH 1-15, 1977, WITH COMPARISONS

COMMODITY	AVERAGE JAN-DEC 1967	MAR 1-31, 1976	FEB 1-15, 1977	FEB 1-28, 1977	MAR 1-15, 1977
D O L L A R S					
ASPARAGUS	23.70	39.20	75.00	56.00	40.00
CABBAGE	2.85	4.22	20.30	18.40	17.90
CANTALOUPE	6.26				
CARROTS	5.74	5.85	15.60	15.50	12.40
CELERY	4.94	6.33	14.80	18.90	20.60
CUCUMBERS	7.74	13.00	13.20	13.20	15.00
GREEN PEPPERS	12.20	34.80	30.50	33.30	41.50
LETTUCE	5.19	8.11	8.60	7.51	8.26
ONIONS	4.37	6.95	13.80	14.00	16.20
SNAP BEANS	11.70	20.30			
SWEET CORN	5.68	10.90	16.10	16.10	
TOMATOES	9.63	21.40	32.50	31.40	31.90
WATERMELONS	2.06				

CITRUS FRUIT: AVERAGE PRICES AND EQUIVALENT RETURNS PER BOX RECEIVED BY GROWERS, BY UTILIZATION, MARCH 1977

COMMODITY AND STATE	F.O.B. PACKED FRESH	EQUIVALENT RETURNS PER BOX 1/					
		PACKINGHOUSE DOOR			ON-TREE		
		ALL	FRESH	PROCESS	ALL	FRESH	PROCESS
DOLLARS							
<u>ORANGES:</u>							
ARIZ	6.29	2.18	3.32	.66	.91	2.06	-.62
NAVELS AND MISC.	6.60	2.59	3.65	.25	1.34	2.40	-1.00
VALENCIAS	5.60	1.64	2.60	.95	.34	1.30	-.35
CALIF	7.30	3.42	4.35	.25	2.17	3.10	-1.00
NAVELS	7.30	3.42	4.35	.25	2.17	3.10	-1.00
VALENCIAS							
FLA	7.50	2.46	5.00	2.37	1.41	3.95	1.32
EARLY AND MIDS.	7.50	2.26	5.00	2.25	1.21	3.95	1.20
VALENCIAS	7.50	2.67	5.00	2.50	1.62	3.95	1.45
TEX 2/	6.59	2.22	2.92	1.91	1.59	2.17	1.33
EARLY AND MIDS.	5.95	1.93	2.38	1.88	1.33	1.63	1.30
VALENCIAS	6.78	2.80	3.08	2.08	2.10	2.33	1.50
CALIF - ARIZ							
NAVELS AND MISC. 2/						3.08	
VALENCIAS							
U S	7.33	2.51	4.34	2.32	1.46	3.23	1.28
<u>GRAPEFRUIT:</u>							
ARIZ	4.80	1.14	2.05	.40	.34	1.25	-.40
CALIF	5.50	1.29	2.76	.38	.49	1.96	-.42
DESERT VALLEYS	5.50	1.29	2.76	.38	.49	1.96	-.42
OTHER AREAS							
FLA	6.31	2.05	3.92	1.58	1.11	3.02	.63
WHITE SEEDLESS	5.90	2.01	3.50	1.60	1.07	2.60	.65
PINK SEEDLESS	7.30	2.67	4.95	1.40	1.70	4.05	.38
OTHER THAN SEEDLESS		1.60		1.60	.70		.70
TEX	6.14	1.74	2.54	1.00	1.16	1.87	.51
CALIF - ARIZ							
DESERT VALLEYS						1.64	
U S	6.27	2.00	3.56	1.52	1.10	2.71	.61
<u>LEMONS:</u>							
ARIZ	9.45	3.06	5.55	.95	1.16	3.65	-.95
CALIF	9.18	2.70	5.28	.94	.80	3.38	-.96
U S	9.24	2.77	5.34	.94	.87	3.44	-.96
<u>TEMPLES:</u>							
FLA	9.25	2.33	6.65	2.00	1.22	5.50	.90
<u>TANGERINES:</u>							
ARIZ	11.20	5.28	8.30	.75	3.93	6.95	-.60
CALIF	11.06	5.14	8.16	.72	3.78	6.80	-.64
FLA							
U S	11.09	5.17	8.19	.73	3.81	6.83	-.63
<u>TANGELOS:</u>							
FLA							

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. 2/ PAGE 17, FEBRUARY 1977 AGRICULTURAL PRICES ORANGES, TEXAS, PACKINGHOUSE DOOR RETURNS FOR PROCESSING SHOULD BE \$1.48 INSTEAD OF \$1.80; CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA NAVELS & MISC., FRESH ON-TREE RETURNS WAS OMITTED, SHOULD BE \$3.29.

LOCAL MARKET COMMODITY - FEED PRICE RATIOS, UNITED STATES,
MARCH 15, 1977, WITH COMPARISONS ^{1/}

COMMODITY-FEED PRICE RATIO	MAR	MAR	FEB	MAR
	15	15	15	15
	1975	1976	1977	1977
HOG-CORN: BUSHELS OF CORN EQUAL IN VALUE TO 100-LBS. OF HOG, LIVWEIGHT UNITED STATES	14.5	18.2	17.0	15.9
NORTH CENTRAL STATES	14.5	18.3	17.2	16.0
EGG-FEED: POUNDS OF LAYING FEED EQUAL IN VALUE TO 1 DOZEN EGGS	7.6	7.5	8.2	7.3
BROILER-FEED: POUNDS OF BROILER GROWER EQUAL IN VALUE TO 1 LB. BROILER LIVWEIGHT ^{1/}	2.9	3.0	2.7	2.7
TURKEY-FEED: POUNDS OF TURKEY GROWER EQUAL IN VALUE TO 1 LB. TURKEY, LIVWEIGHT	3.8	3.9	3.5	3.6
MILK-FEED: POUNDS CONCENTRATE RATION EQUAL IN VALUE TO 1 LB. WHOLE MILK ^{1/}	1.33	1.64	1.48	<u>2/1.47</u>

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

^{2/} PRELIMINARY.

MILK-FEED PRICE RATIOS, MILK PRICES, AND RATION VALUES, BY REGIONS AND UNITED STATES,
MARCH 1977, WITH COMPARISONS ^{1/}

REGION	MILK-FEED PRICE RATIO ^{2/}			ALL MILK PRICE PER CWT.			RATION VALUE ^{3/}		
	MAR	FEB	MAR	MAR	FEB	MAR	MAR	FEB	MAR
	1976	1977	1977	1976	1977	1977	1976	1977	1977
	P O U N D S			D O L L A R S					
N ATL	1.64	1.42	1.41	10.20	10.00	9.74	6.23	7.02	6.90
N CENT	1.70	1.51	1.49	9.33	9.03	8.99	5.48	6.00	6.05
A ATL	1.71	1.56	1.53	10.90	10.90	10.80	6.38	7.00	7.08
S CENT	1.63	1.48	1.47	10.30	10.10	10.00	6.30	6.82	6.80
WEST	1.49	1.48	1.52	9.29	9.54	9.34	6.24	6.45	6.15
U S	1.64	1.48	1.47	9.72	9.54	9.42	5.91	6.44	6.40

^{1/} DATA FOR CURRENT MONTH ARE PRELIMINARY. ^{2/} POUNDS OF CONCENTRATE RATION EQUAL IN VALUE TO 1 POUND MILK SOLD TO PLANTS ^{3/} VALUE PER 100 POUNDS OF CONCENTRATE RATION FED TO MILK COWS.

PARITY PRICE EQUIVALENT FOR MANUFACTURING MILK ^{1/}, UNITED STATES,
MARCH 1977, WITH COMPARISONS

ITEM	MAR	FEB	MAR
	1976	1977	1977
PARITY EQUIVALENT			
AVERAGE PRICE F.O.B. PLANTS	DOL. PER CWT. :	10.16	10.84
AVERAGE FAT TEST OF MILK	DOL. PER CWT. :	8.53	8.41
	PERCENT :	3.66	3.74
			<u>2/8.39</u>
			<u>2/3.70</u>

^{1/} BASED ON PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR ALL MANUFACTURING GRADE MILK. PARITY PRICE EQUIVALENT RELATES TO THE NATIONAL AVERAGE PRICE FOR ALL MANUFACTURING GRADE MILK OF AVERAGE MILKFAT CONTENT SOLD BY FARMERS. THE PARITY PRICE EQUIVALENT DURING 1977 IS 84.7 PERCENT OF THE PARITY PRICE OF ALL MILK SOLD TO PLANTS, WHICH COMPARES WITH 84.0 PERCENT IN 1976. FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS SEE THE JANUARY 1977 ISSUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRICES.

^{2/} PRELIMINARY.

FIVE-MONTH AVERAGE CORN AND GRAIN SORGHUM PRICES, UNITED STATES,
OCTOBER 1976 - FEBRUARY 1977

MONTH AND YEAR	CORN		GRAIN SORGHUM	
	AVERAGE PRICE	AVERAGE PERCENT	AVERAGE PRICE	AVERAGE PERCENT
	PER BU 1/	OF SALES 2/	PER CWT 1/	OF SALES 2/
	DOLLARS	PERCENT	DOLLARS	PERCENT
OCT 1976	2.33	13.0	3.68	12.9
NOV 1976	2.02	13.9	3.30	14.0
DEC 1976	2.24	8.9	3.51	11.1
JAN 1977	2.34	11.5	3.59	12.3
FEB 1977	2.31	7.8	3.53	5.0
5 MONTHS: 3/	2.24		4/3.52	

1/ PRICES PUBLISHED IN AGRICULTURAL PRICES, OCTOBER 1976 THROUGH FEBRUARY 1977.

2/ WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF PERCENT SOLD FOR YEARS 1973-75 AS SHOWN IN FIELD CROPS-PRODUCTION, FARM USE, VALUE, SALES, MAY 4, 1976 AND CROP PRODUCTION, DECEMBER 10, 1976. WEIGHTS USED TO COMPUTE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WERE TOTAL SALES FOR 1973, 1974, AND 1975 AS SHOWN IN FIELD CROPS-PRODUCTION, FARM USE, VALUE, SALES, MAY 12, 1975 AND MAY 4, 1976.

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

4/ \$1.97 PER BUSHEL.

WOOL AND MOHAIR: ANNUAL AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS,
UNITED STATES, 1976

	CENTS PER POUND
WOOL	65.7
MOHAIR	297.0

FEED: AVERAGE PRICES PAID BY FARMERS, UNITED STATES,
MARCH 15, 1977, WITH COMPARISONS

COMMODITY	UNIT	1976			1977		
		JAN 15	FEB 15	MAR 15	JAN 15	FEB 15	MAR 15
D O L L A R S							
ALFALFA HAY, BALED	TON	68.40	69.90	72.60	80.90	80.30	80.80
OTHER HAY, BALED	TON	59.50	60.10	61.70	62.60	63.90	64.30
COTTONSEED MEAL, 41 PCT	CWT	9.47	9.42	9.47	11.50	11.60	12.00
SOYBEAN MEAL, 44 PCT	"	8.81	8.84	8.86	12.60	13.00	13.70
BRAN	"	7.36	7.37	7.38	7.86	7.93	7.85
MIDLINGS	"	7.25	7.26	7.26	7.74	7.80	7.73
CORN MEAL	"	6.55	6.52	6.58	6.14	6.13	6.18
LAYING FEED	TON	143	143	145	156	161	161
BROILER GROWER FEED	"	158	160	160	174	178	179
TURKEY GROWER	"	165	165	165	182	186	188
CHICK STARTER FEED	"	161	162	162	176	181	184
DAIRY FEED							
14 PCT PROTEIN	TON	132	133	134	141	144	141
16 PCT PROTEIN	"	136	136	136	147	151	148
32 PCT PROTEIN	"	175	177	174	211	216	217
HOG FEED, 14-18 PCT	CWT	8.01	8.03	8.01	8.82	8.84	9.11
HOG CONCT. 38-42 % PROTEIN	"	10.20	10.30	10.30	13.60	13.80	14.50
BEEF CATTLE CONCT.							
32-36 % PROTEIN	"	8.14	8.12	8.09	9.37	9.47	9.69
STOCK SALT	"			3.03	3.38	3.39	3.44
MOLASSES, LIQUID,	"	5.12	5.04	5.19	5.75	5.76	5.81
INDEX NUMBERS (1967=100)							
FEED, PRICES PAID BY FARMERS	PCT	182	183	185	197	200	201

LIVESTOCK: AVERAGE PRICES PAID BY FARMERS, UNITED STATES,
MARCH 15, 1977, WITH COMPARISONS

COMMODITY	UNIT	1976			1977		
		JAN 15	FEB 15	MAR 15	JAN 15	FEB 15	MAR 15
D O L L A R S							
FEEDERS AND STOCKERS:							
CATTLE AND CALVES	CWT	33.50	36.90	36.20	33.00	35.50	36.50
PIGS 1/	"	92.50	96.00	96.50	56.50	77.00	84.00
BABY CHICKS	PER 100	14.60	14.90	15.30	16.20	16.30	15.90
TURKEY POULTS	EACH	.689	.696	.705	.679	.706	.729
INDEX NUMBERS (1967=100)							
ALL LIVESTOCK	PCT	148	160	158	142	153	158

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.

FEEED: AVERAGE PRICE PER 100 POUNDS PAID BY FARMERS, BY STATES,
MARCH 15, 1977

STATE	BRAN	MIDLINGS	COTTONSEED MEAL, 41% PROTEIN	SOYBEAN MEAL, 44% PROTEIN	CORN MEAL
DOLLARS					
ALA	8.60	8.60	12.00	13.50	7.00
ARIZ	9.50	9.50	8.90	13.50	8.50
ARK	7.10	7.30	11.00	13.00	6.60
CALIF	7.80	8.00	10.50	15.00	7.60
COLO	7.60	7.20	12.50	13.50	6.50
CONN	9.00	8.40		15.50	7.90
DEL	7.70	7.60	9.60	14.50	6.90
FLA	9.20	9.20	13.00	14.00	7.50
GA	8.30	8.20	12.50	14.00	6.90
HAW					
IDAHO	7.10	7.50	12.50	15.00	7.20
ILL	8.00	8.10	13.50	13.50	5.10
IND	8.10	8.10	14.00	14.40	5.40
IOWA	7.90	7.80	14.00	13.30	5.00
KANS	6.90	6.30	12.50	13.00	5.70
KY	8.00	7.70	13.00	14.00	6.40
LA	7.80	8.50	12.50	12.50	7.50
MAINE	9.00	8.40		15.50	7.90
MD	7.70	7.60	9.60	14.50	6.90
MASS	9.00	8.40		15.50	7.90
MICH	7.90	7.70	13.50	14.00	6.00
MINN	7.80	7.40	14.00	13.00	5.70
MISS	8.00	8.80	11.50	13.00	6.90
MO	6.90	6.80	12.00	13.50	5.70
MONT	7.00	6.20	13.00	13.50	6.70
NEBR	7.70	7.70	12.50	13.50	5.40
NEV	9.50	9.40	13.50		9.00
N H	9.00	8.40		15.50	7.90
N J	8.70	8.10		15.50	7.50
N MEX	7.70	7.80	12.00	15.00	7.80
N Y	7.30	7.20	13.50	14.00	6.70
N C	8.00	7.40	13.00	14.00	6.40
N DAK	8.30	6.70		13.50	5.80
OHIO	8.00	7.70	14.00	14.00	6.00
OKLA	7.20	7.10	11.60	13.00	6.70
OREG	8.10	7.80	11.50	15.00	7.30
PA	7.60	7.60	13.00	13.90	6.40
R I					
S C	8.40	7.90	12.50	14.50	7.00
S DAK	8.00	7.30	12.00	13.50	5.40
TENN	7.70	7.60	12.50	14.00	6.90
TEX	7.80	7.80	11.70	14.00	7.00
UTAH	6.20	6.10	12.00	14.00	6.50
VT	9.00	8.40		15.50	7.90
VA	8.60	8.20	14.00	14.50	6.80
WASH	9.20	8.10	13.00	15.00	8.30
W VA	8.60	8.80	13.50	14.50	6.80
WIS	7.70	7.80	13.00	13.00	5.50
WYO	8.30	8.40	12.50		7.30
U S	7.85	7.73	12.00	13.70	6.18

FEED: AVERAGE PRICE PER 100 POUNDS PAID BY FARMERS,
BY STATES, MARCH 15, 1977

STATE	BEEF CATTLE CONCENTRATE 32-36% PROTEIN	HOG FEED		STOCK SALT
		14-18% PROTEIN	38-42% PROTEIN	
ALA	10.50	8.90	14.00	4.05
ARIZ		10.00	16.50	3.05
ARK	9.00	7.70	12.50	2.50
CALIF	9.00	8.60	15.00	2.85
COLO	7.40	8.20	14.00	2.70
CONN				4.90
DEL				4.30
FLA	10.50	9.40	14.50	4.15
GA	10.50	8.80	14.80	4.05
HAW				
IDAHO	8.80	8.50	13.00	2.70
ILL	10.50	9.90	15.00	4.10
IND	11.70	9.10	15.40	4.40
IOWA	11.60	9.60	14.80	3.55
KANS	9.70	9.00	14.00	2.05
KY	9.10	8.90	14.50	4.30
LA	9.40	9.00	14.00	3.20
MAINE				4.90
MD	9.80	8.60	14.00	4.30
MASS				4.90
MICH	11.00	8.00	14.50	4.05
MINN	11.00	9.00	14.60	3.60
MISS	9.40	9.20	14.50	3.50
MO	8.70	8.20	12.00	2.40
MONT	9.30	8.30	14.50	2.85
NEBR	9.30	9.50	14.50	2.70
NEV	8.00			4.00
N H				4.90
N J		8.60	13.00	4.55
N MEX	9.00	9.60	15.00	3.05
N Y	9.50	8.60	13.50	3.55
N C	11.00	8.60	14.10	4.35
N DAK	9.30	8.40	14.00	3.55
OHIO	12.00	8.60	15.00	4.00
OKLA	10.50	8.10	13.80	2.40
OREG	9.00	8.20	14.00	3.40
PA	10.30	8.30	13.90	3.75
R I				
S C	10.50	8.10	13.90	4.90
S DAK	10.00	8.40	15.00	2.65
TENN	10.00	8.50	14.00	3.65
TEX	8.60	8.30	14.50	2.95
UTAH	7.30			1.90
VT				4.90
VA	11.00	8.70	14.00	4.05
WASH	8.50			3.40
W VA	11.00			4.30
WIS	11.00	9.30	14.90	3.90
WYO	9.00			2.80
U S	9.69	9.11	14.50	3.44

FEED: AVERAGE PRICE PER TON PAID BY FARMERS, BY STATES,
MARCH 15, 1977

STATE	DAIRY FEED, PERCENT PROTEIN		
	14	16	32
	DOLLARS		
ALA	152	154	194
ARIZ	143		
ARK	132	143	171
CALIF	123	128	
COLO	155	150	220
CONN		143	
DEL	147	154	225
FLA	146	170	184
GA	141	153	200
HAW			
IDAHO	125	141	178
ILL	160	163	235
IND	153	164	250
IOWA	144	154	240
KANS	141	145	215
KY	139	146	225
LA	145	147	175
MAINE		149	
MD	147	154	225
MASS		145	
MICH	160	175	235
MINN	140	143	235
MISS	141	144	188
MO	129	139	186
MONT	140	145	
NEBR	139	145	225
NEV	160	190	
N H		146	
N J	152	154	195
N MEX	155	155	165
N Y	147	147	181
N C	148	155	215
N DAK	145	146	205
OHIO	145	160	245
OKLA	133	146	185
OREG	142	142	170
PA	156	151	220
R I		144	
S C	144	151	183
S DAK	141	160	245
TENN	140	149	200
TEX	142	153	177
UTAH	120	123	143
VT		150	
VA	152	154	225
WASH	138	149	197
W VA	176	161	210
WIS	144	150	220
WYO	142	150	
U S	141	148	217

FEED: AVERAGE PRICE PER TON PAID BY FARMERS FOR POULTRY
FEED AND POULTRY FEED RATIOS, BY STATES, MARCH 15, 1977

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	178	163	176		7.9	2.7	
ARIZ		171					
ARK	168	157	172	189	8.3	2.8	3.5
CALIF	172	150	180	188	7.0	2.9	3.5
COLO		180		200			
CONN		154			9.0		
DEL	191	179	187	193		2.5	
FLA	189	169	177		6.0	2.7	
GA	178	149	167	205	8.7	3.0	2.9
HAW		188					
IDAHO		148					
ILL	205	190		225	6.3		
IND	200	160	181	180	7.2		3.8
IOWA	205	173		197	5.2		3.2
KANS		169			5.3		
KY	200	167			6.9		
LA	178	152	161		9.8	3.0	
MAINE	175	155	192		8.5	2.5	
MD	191	179	187			2.5	
MASS		157			8.8		
MICH	205	165		210	6.7		3.0
MINN	205	176	164	167	5.8		3.8
MISS	192	165	191		8.3	2.5	
MO	189	151	174	181	7.5		3.3
MONT		190					
NEBR		173		165	5.4		
NEV							
N H		157					
N J		152			8.7		
N MEX		170					
N Y		160		205	7.2		
N C	192	165	187	188	8.6	2.5	4.0
N DAK		191		210			
OHIO	185	156	165	180	6.8		3.9
OKLA	190	166	184	198		2.7	
OREG	189	162	200	200	6.7		3.2
PA	188	163	186	195	7.3	2.8	3.9
R I		155					
S C	179	156	178	185	7.7	2.6	3.6
S DAK		164		215	5.5		3.0
TENN	196	169	181		7.3	2.6	
TEX	200	159	180	210	8.2	2.9	3.1
UTAH		150		180			4.1
VT		157					
VA	205	170	186	196	7.9	2.5	3.5
WASH	199	171	215	200	6.1		
W VA		172	184	199			
WIS	215	186	190	225	6.1		
WYO							
U S	184	161	179	188	7.3	2.7	3.6

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.

GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL: AVERAGE PRICE PER GALLON
PAID BY FARMERS, BY STATES, MARCH 15, 1977

STATE	GASOLINE		DIESEL FUEL
	SERVICE STATION	BULK DELIVERY	
D O L L A R S			
ALA	.600	.540	.450
ARIZ	.630	.590	.450
ARK	.590	.550	.420
CALIF	.630	.560	.460
COLO	.610	.560	.420
CONN	.600	.580	.490
DEL	.620	.570	.500
FLA	.610	.560	.480
GA	.600	.540	.500
HAW	.730	.600	.440
IDAHO	.630	.580	.430
ILL	.630	.570	.480
IND	.620	.560	.460
IOWA	.600	.550	.450
KANS	.610	.560	.430
KY	.600	.570	.460
LA	.590	.540	.420
MAINE	.600	.580	.490
MD	.620	.570	.500
MASS	.600	.580	.490
MICH	.610	.560	.460
MINN	.610	.570	.450
MISS	.640	.560	.530
MO	.580	.550	.430
MONT	.620	.560	.420
NEBR	.610	.570	.440
NEV	.670	.560	.440
N H	.600	.580	.490
N J	.580	.560	.470
N MEX	.590	.550	.420
N Y	.600	.600	.480
N C	.580	.560	.520
N DAK	.610	.560	.450
OHIO	.570	.560	.470
OKLA	.580	.530	.440
OREG	.590	.560	.420
PA	.590	.570	.480
R I	.600	.580	.490
S C	.600	.550	.490
S DAK	.610	.570	.460
TENN	.630	.560	.450
TEX	.560	.510	.400
UTAH	.600	.560	.430
VT	.600	.580	.490
VA	.580	.570	.460
WASH	.610	.580	.420
W VA	.620	.560	.560
WIS	.570	.560	.440
WY	.650	.580	.420
U S	.600	.558	.445

FERTILIZERS AND AGRICULTURAL LIMESTONE: PRICES PAID BY FARMERS
PER TON FOR SELECTED COMMERCIAL FERTILIZERS, UNITED STATES, MARCH 15, 1977,
WITH COMPARISONS

ITEM	1975	1976		1977
	APR 15	APR 15	OCT 15	MAR 15
	D O L L A R S			
0-10-20			1/	89.80
0-20-20	140	118	119	117
3-9-9	129	119	118	115
3-9-18	108	96.20	95.20	96.10
4-8-12	133	115	117	116
4-12-24			1/	117
5-10-10	114	98.90	98.20	99.10
5-10-15	115	95.40	95.60	97.20
5-20-20	166	132	124	126
6-6-6	93.00	94.00	85.00	90.00
6-12-12	120	99.80	98.70	100
6-24-24	186	148	141	144
8-24-24	168	146	148	150
8-32-16	211	168	157	159
10-10-10	134	113	111	111
10-15-15	175	150	145	145
10-20-10	170	140	135	138
10-20-20	186	157	152	153
10-34-0	236	187	178	177
12-12-12	160	125	120	127
13-13-13	149	123	126	130
15-15-15	182	156	151	149
16-20-0	195	161	154	152
18-46-0	263	189	177	180
19-9-0	170	145	140	140
NITRATE OF SODA	198	154	149	147
SULPHATE OF AMMONIA	148	98.20	94.80	101
AMMONIUM NITRATE	186	135	137	141
UREA 45-46%	244	166	168	169
ANHYDROUS AMMONIA	265	191	182	188
AQUA AMMONIA	72.60	69.00	63.30	65.10
NITROGEN SOLUTIONS				
28% N	159	109	108	113
30% N	153	113	112	122
32% N	168	131	131	136
SUPERPHOSPHATE				
20% P ₂ O ₅	118	95.20	95.10	99.20
45% P ₂ O ₅	217	163	156	159
46% P ₂ O ₅	214	158	146	146
MURIATE OF POTASH 60% K ₂ O	102	95.90	94.20	95.80
GYPHUM (LAND PLASTER)	33.70	31.10	29.80	37.80
LIMESTONE (SPREAD ON FIELD)	9.03	8.84	9.16	9.97

1/ ITEM NOT SURVEYED PRIOR TO 1977.

FERTILIZERS AND AGRICULTURAL LIMESTONE: PRICES PAID BY FARMERS PER TON
FOR SELECTED COMMERCIAL FERTILIZERS BY REGIONS, MARCH 15, 1977

ITEM	REGIONS 1/							
	NORTH EAST	SOUTH EAST	E. SO CENTRAL	SOUTH CENTRAL	NORTH CENTRAL	NORTH PLAINS	MOUNT	PACIFIC
	D O L L A R S							
0-10-20		89.80						
0-20-20			116	120				
3-9-9		115						
3-9-18		96.10						
4-8-12		116						
4-12-24		121				110		
5-10-10	103	97.10						
5-10-15		91.20	116					
5-20-20			127		126			
6-6-6		90.00						
6-12-12			100					
6-24-24			145		144			
8-24-24			149	157				
8-32-16					158	162		
10-10-10	118	110	106		111			
10-15-15	145							
10-20-10	150			131				
10-20-20	154	151						
10-34-0					167	175	208	208
12-12-12			120	121	122			165
13-13-13			130	130				
15-15-15	152			140	142			
16-20-0				144		147	154	155
18-46-0				178	179	179	187	208
19-9-0								140
NITRATE OF SODA		145	162					
SULPHATE OF AMMONIA				96.00			106	101
AMMONIUM NITRATE	168	150	139	137	136	132	149	163
UREA 45-46%	181		156	161	168			184
ANHYDROUS AMMONIA		207	171	169	190	175	205	238
AQUA AMMONIA					56.80			66.10
NITROGEN SOLUTIONS								
28% N				115	114	110		
30% N	121	122						
32% N		130	123	129	129	123	150	158
SUPERHOSPHATE								
20% P ₂ O ₅	125	74.30		100		110		100
45% P ₂ O ₅						150	153	176
46% P ₂ O ₅		148	151	148	145	150		
MURIATE OF POTASH 60% K ₂ O			107	96.10	95.40	98.10		
GYPSUM (LAND PLASTER)		39.00						37.60
LIMESTONE (SPREAD ON FIELD)	14.70	15.00	9.55	11.10	7.64			

1/ NORTHEAST: CONN, DEL, MAINE, MD, MASS, N H, N J, N Y, PA, R I, VT & W VA; SOUTHEAST: FLA, GA, N C, S C & VA; EAST SOUTH CENTRAL: ALA, KY, LA, MISS & TENN; SOUTH CENTRAL: ARK, OKLA & TEX; NORTH CENTRAL: ILL, IND, IOWA, MICH, MINN, MO, OHIO, & WIS.; NORTHERN PLAINS: KANS, NEBR, N DAK & S DAK; MOUNTAIN: ARIZ, COLO, IDAHO, MONT, NEV, N MEX, UTAH & WYO; PACIFIC: CALIF, OREG & WASH.

PESTICIDE MATERIALS: PRICES PAID BY FARMERS FOR SPECIFIED MATERIALS,
UNITED STATES, MARCH 15, 1977, WITH COMPARISONS

ITEM	UNIT	1975	1976	1977
		APRIL 15	APRIL 15	MARCH 15
<u>HERBICIDES</u>				
ATRAZINE, 80% WETTABLE POWDER	LB	2.95	2.72	2.16
ALACHLOR, 4#/GAL	GAL		1/	14.40
TRIFLURALIN, 4#/GAL	GAL		1/	25.80
2,4-D, 4#/GAL	GAL	9.72	10.10	8.95
2,4,5-T, 4#/GAL	GAL	17.20	17.50	18.50
<u>INSECTICIDES</u>				
CARBARYL, 80% WETTABLE POWDER	LB	1.42	1.73	1.85
MALATHION, 5#/GAL	GAL	13.50	14.30	14.00
METHYL PARATHION, 4#/GAL	GAL	10.10	9.36	8.04
PARATHION, 4#/GAL	GAL	10.40	10.60	10.00
TOXAPHENE, 6#/GAL	GAL	5.80	5.87	5.30
<u>FUNGICIDES</u>				
CAPTAN, 50% WETTABLE POWDER	LB		1/	1.09
ZINEB, 75% WETTABLE POWDER	LB	1.13	1.26	1.26

1/ ITEM NOT SURVEYED PRIOR TO 1977

BUILDING MATERIALS: AVERAGE PRICES PAID BY FARMERS, UNITED STATES,
FEBRUARY 1977, WITH COMPARISONS

COMMODITY AND UNIT	1976		1977
	MAR 15	DEC 15	FEB 15
	D O L L A R S		
LUMBER, PER 1,000 BOARD FEET			
2"x4" PINE, STANDARD & BETTER	255	274	282
2"x4" FIR, STANDARD & BETTER	296	317	324
ROUGH BOARDS, STANDARD & BETTER OR NO. 2 & BETTER	327	352	347
DRESSED BOARDS, STANDARD & BETTER OR NO. 2 & BETTER	393	417	413
DROP SIDING, PINE, 1"x6" C & BETTER	453	479	491
FLOORING, YELLOW PINE, 1"x4"FG. B & BETTER	524	564	527
FLOORING, OAK, SELECT	570	619	618
ASPHALT SHINGLES, MINERAL SURFACE, APPROX. 240 LB. PER SQ.	20.50	20.90	20.80
GALVANIZED STEEL ROOFING, 28-29 GA., PER 100 SQ. FT.	30.60	31.70	31.20
ASBESTOS SIDING SHINGLES, PER SQ.	38.30	41.70	41.80
INTERIOR DOORS FLUSH H.-CORE 2'8"x6'8"x1 3/8", EACH	13.80	15.70	15.90
WINDOWS, HOUSE, D.H. UNIT, PER UNIT	41.80	46.30	46.80
KITCHEN WALL CABINETS, 30"x30"x12"-14", EACH	55.60	58.20	59.20
PRIMED PRESS BDS., 10"x16'x7/16", PER 1,000 SQ. FT.	316	335	339
INSULATING SHEATHING, STD. DEN., 1/2", PER 1,000 SQ. FT.	96.80	104	103
GYPSUM BOARDS, 3/8", PER 1,000 SQ. FT.	78.60	81.80	83.20
PLYWOOD, C-D-X 1/2" (EXT. GLUE) PER 1,000 SQ. FT.	254	289	294
CONCRETE BLOCKS, 8"x8"x16", PER 100	49.10	50.80	53.50
PORTLAND CEMENT, 94 LB. NET, EACH	3.32	3.47	3.55
BRICK, COMMON, PER 1,000	120	1/	125
POST, WOOD, LINE FENCE, EACH	1.99	2.03	1.96
WALL PAINT, INTERIOR, RUBBER BASE, PER GAL.	9.09	9.55	9.78
HOUSE PAINT, EXTERIOR, PER GAL.	11.40	11.90	12.10
1/ NOT SURVEYED.			

FARM SUPPLIES AND MARKETING CONTAINERS: AVERAGE PRICES PAID BY FARMERS,
UNITED STATES, FEBRUARY 1977, WITH COMPARISONS

COMMODITY AND UNIT	1976		1977
	FEB	NOV	FEB
	DOLLARS		
<u>FARM SUPPLIES</u>			
IRON PIPE GALV., 1/2" I.D., PER FOOT	.562		.584
IRON PIPE GALV., 1 1/4" I.D., PER FOOT	1.21		1.26
BARBED WIRE, GALVANIZED, 12 1/2 GAUGE:			
2 POINT, PER 80 ROD SPOOL	27.30	27.10	27.00
4 POINT, PER 80 ROD SPOOL	30.50	30.10	29.80
FIELD AND STOCK FENCE, 6" STAY WIRE SP., 12 1/2 GAUGE:			
32 INCHES HIGH, PER 20 ROD ROLL	53.70	53.70	55.00
39 INCHES HIGH, PER 20 ROD ROLL	61.60	62.10	63.30
POST, LINE FENCE, STEEL, EACH	2.29	2.31	2.30
MILK PAILS, HEAVY TIN-PLATED, 12 QUART, EACH	4.80		4.78
HOES, 7-INCH BLADE, EACH			6.21
WATER PUMP, DEEP WELL, JET, 30 GAL. GALV. TANK, 1/2 HP			243
ELECTRIC MOTOR, EACH			6.94
ADJUSTABLE END, WRENCH, 10-INCH, EACH	6.80		245
CHAIN SAW, GASOLINE 20-INCH, EACH		239	15.30
ELECTRIC DRILL, 1/4 INCH, EACH	14.40		44.60
ELECTRIC MOTORS, 1/3 HP, EACH	40.80		32.50
ELECTRIC HAND SAW, 7-INCH, WITH MOTOR, EACH	31.70		15.20
SOLDERING IRON, HEAVY-DUTY, ELECTRIC, WITH REPLACEABLE			18.10
COPPER TIP, EACH	13.80		.482
ROPE, MANILA, 1/2 INCH, PER 100 FEET			23.00
NAILS 8D, COMMON, PER POUND	.480	.482	114
MIXING FAUCET, DUAL OR SINGLE CONTROL, SINK, CHROME-			113
PLATED, WITHOUT RINSER, EACH 1/		22.60	15.20
WATER HEATER, 30 GAL. ELECTRIC, EACH		114	21.20
WATER HEATER, 30 GAL. GAS, EACH		113	11.30
BALER TWINE, PER 40 LB. BALE			10.90
HAND SPRAYER, PRESSURE, 3-4 GAL., EACH	20.00		21.20
<u>MARKETING CONTAINERS:</u>			
BASKETS, STAVE, 1-BU., WITH COVER, NEW, PER DOZEN	11.00	11.20	11.30
HAMPERS, 1-BU., WITH COVER, NEW, PER 100	76.10	80.70	81.10
FRUIT BOX CARTONS & BOXES, PER BOX	.513	.502	.518
LUG BOXES, PER BOX	.612	.675	.598
VEGETABLE CRATES AND CARTONS, EACH	.647	.716	.622
BAGS, BURLAP, 100-LB., PER 100	31.30	31.00	31.00
BAGS, PAPER, 50-LB., PER 100	17.90	21.20	21.20
BAGS, PAPER, 20-LB., PER 100	10.70	11.20	10.90
BAGS, OPEN MESH, 50-LB., PER 100	29.10	29.40	28.90

1/ MIXING FAUCET, SINK, CHROMIUM PLATED, PRIOR TO 1977.

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