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PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP 3 POINTS PRICES PAID INDEX UP 3 POINTS

The Index of Prices Received by Farmers increased 3 points (1 1/2 percent) to 193 percent of its January-December 1967 average during the month ended April 15, 1977, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Contributing most to the increase since mid-March were higher prices for soybeans, cattle, oranges and potatoes. Lower prices for vegetables, hogs, eggs, cotton and corn were partially offsetting. The index was 4 points (2 percent) above a year ago.

The Index of Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates for April 15 was 204, up 3 points (1 1/2 percent) from a month earlier. Prices were generally up. The major contributors to the index increase were higher prices for feeder livestock, seeds, feed, and building and fencing materials. The index was 13 points (7 percent) above a year earlier.

SUMMARY TABLE

INDEX 1967=100	MAR 15, 1976	APR 15, 1976	MAR 15, 1977	APR 15, 1977
PRICES RECEIVED	186	189	190	193
PRICES PAID, INTEREST, TAXES, AND FARM WAGE RATES	191	191	201	204
RATIO 1/	97	99	95	95

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 3 points (1 1/2 percent) during the month ended April 15 to 193 percent of its 1967 average. Compared with a year earlier the index was up 4 points (2 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 49 points (18 percent) from the previous month to 325. Soybeans at \$9.38 per bushel were up \$1.55 and flaxseed at \$7.47 per bushel increased 20 cents. The April index was 154 points (90 percent) above a year earlier.

MEAT ANIMALS: The index of prices received by farmers for meat animals increased 3 points (2 percent) to 165 during the month ended April 15. The All beef cattle price was up \$1.10 per cwt from March to average \$34.90 and calf prices at \$38.10 per cwt were up \$1.50 from last month. However, hog prices declined \$1.10 per cwt to average \$36.00. The April index was 23 points (12 percent) below April a year ago.

FRUIT: The index of prices received by farmers for fruit increased 10 points (8 percent) during the month to 141. For the second consecutive month, an increase in the price for oranges contributed most to the increase. Lower prices for strawberries and pears were slightly offsetting. The index was 1 point (one-half percent) above a year earlier.

VEGETABLES: The index of prices received by farmers for commercial vegetables decreased 29 points (13 percent) to 198 during the month. Lower prices for lettuce, tomatoes, and cabbage contributed most to the decrease. Higher prices for onions, celery, and cucumbers were slightly offsetting. The index was 33 points (20 percent) above a year earlier.

POULTRY & EGGS: The index of prices received by farmers for poultry and eggs declined 6 points (3 percent) to 177 during the month. Prices for eggs at 55.3 cents per dozen showed a decline of 3.5 cents from March. Turkeys at 33.6 cents per pound were down six-tenths of a cent, while broilers at 24.3 cents per pound were unchanged from a month ago. The April index was 5 point (3 percent) above a year ago.

FEED GRAINS AND HAY: The index of prices received by farmers for feed grains and hay decreased 3 points (1 1/2 percent) from the previous month to 207 with all commodities lower. Corn at \$2.32 per bushel was down 3 cents from March and barley averaged \$2.15 per bushel, down 10 cents. Sorghum grain at \$3.49 per cwt was 6 cents lower and hay averaged 70 cents lower at \$63.20 per ton. Oats decreased slightly to \$1.63 per bushel. The April index was 7 points (3 percent) below 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 April 15 was 204 percent of its 1967 average, 3 points (1½ percent) above a month earlier and 13 points (7 percent) above a year earlier.

PRICES PAID BY FARMERS

The index of prices paid by farmers for commodities and services for mid-April was 199, up 3 points (1½ percent) from mid-March and up 12 points (6 percent) from April 1976.

PRODUCTION INDEX UP

At 204, the index of prices paid for farm production goods and services was up 3 points (1½ percent) from mid-March. Major contributors to the index rise were higher prices for feeder livestock, seeds, feed, and building and fencing materials. The index was 11 points (6 percent) higher than a year earlier.

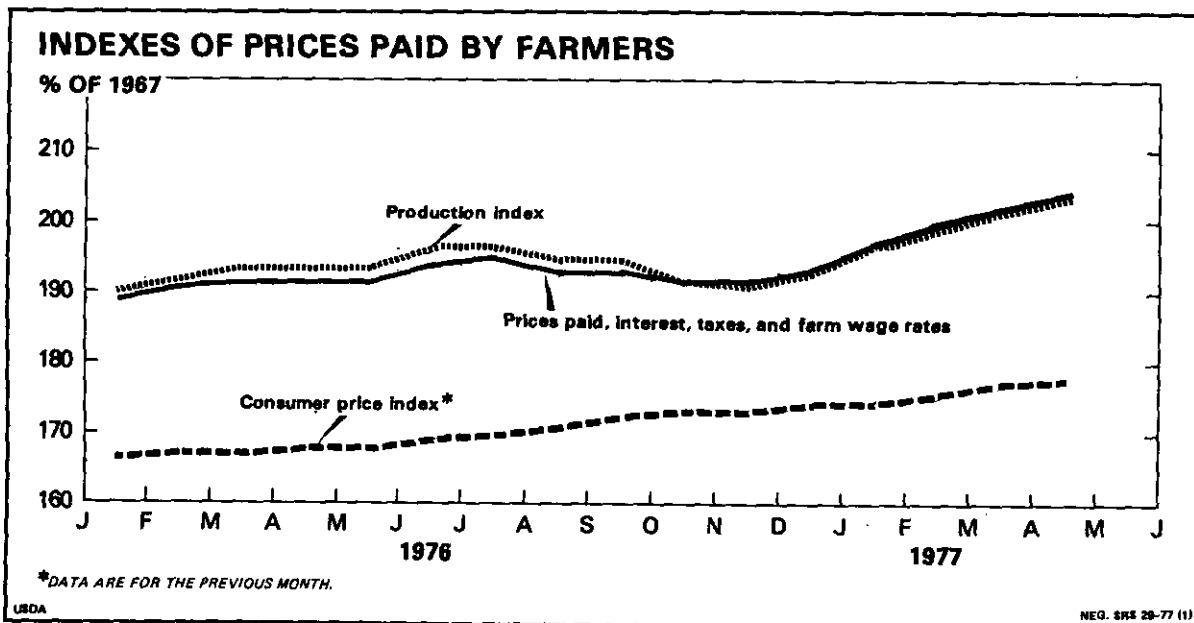
FEEDER LIVESTOCK: At 168, the feeder livestock index was 6 percent above last month. Prices were higher for all items in the index. Compared with a year ago, the index was down 3 percent.

FEED: The April 15 index of prices paid for feed, at 204, was 1 percent above last month. Lower feed grain prices only partially offset the higher prices for mixed livestock feeds. The index was 11 percent above a year earlier.

BUILDING AND FENCING MATERIALS: The mid-April index for building and fencing materials was 226, up 1½ percent from mid-February. Prices averaged higher for all items surveyed. The index was 6 percent above March 1976.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI)

The March 1977 Consumer Price Index, at 178.2, was up 0.6 percent from February. Food purchased in grocery stores rose 0.4 percent in March compared with 2.8 percent in February. Prices for food away from home was up 0.8 percent from a month earlier. The commodities other than food and the services indexes rose 0.6 percent and 0.7 percent, respectively. The March CPI was 6.4 percent higher than a year earlier.



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

COMMODITY AND UNIT	AVERAGE		APR	FEB	MAR	APR	
	JAN 1970-	JAN 1967-	15,	15,	15,	15,	
	DEC 1974	DEC 1967	1976	1977	1977	1977	
ALL WHEAT, PER BU.	DOL.	.880	1.47	3.50	2.47	1/2.43	2/2.41
WINTER WHEAT, PER BU.	"			3.34	2.44	1/2.37	2/2.30
OTHER SPRING WHEAT, PER BU.	"			3.75	2.64	1/2.63	2/2.58
RICE, (ROUGH), PER CWT.	"	1.81	5.05	7.15	6.87	1/6.81	2/6.93
CORN, PER BU.	"	.649	1.17	2.46	2.34	1/2.35	2/2.32
OATS, PER BU.	"	.399	.668	1.44	1.63	1/1.64	2/1.63
BARLEY, PER BU.	"	.617	1.02	2.31	2.19	1/2.25	2/2.15
SORGHUM GRAIN, PER CWT.	"		1.88	4.14	3.51	1/3.55	2/3.49
ALL HAY, BALED, PER TON	"	11.90	23.50	54.10	62.70	63.90	63.20
COTTON, AMERICAN UPLAND, PER LB.	CT.	3/11.92	22.54	53.9	63.9	1/69.8	2/67.3
PEANUTS, PER LB.	"	4.83	11.4				
TOBACCO, PER LB. 4/	"			109.5	114.7	113.4	110.8
COTTONSEED, PER TON	DOL.	21.80	58.00		99.00	101.00	
SOYBEANS, PER BU.	"		2.62	4.52	7.06	1/7.83	2/9.38
FLAXSEED, PER BU.	"	1.68	2.89	5.88	7.16	7.27	7.47
POTATOES, PER CWT. 4/	"	1.13	2.02	5.22	3.56	3.71	4.10
SWEETPOTATOES, PER CWT.	"	1.61	5.65	10.86	8.75	9.79	10.58
DRY EDIBLE BEANS, PER CWT.	"	3.39	7.99	16.00	16.00	14.50	16.60
DRY FIELD PEAS (OPEN MKT.), PER CWT.	"		4.64	7.73	12.20	12.30	12.00
APPLES, FOR FRESH USE, PER LB. 4/ 5/	CT.		6.65	10.0	11.1	12.0	12.1
PEACHES, FOR FRESH USE, PER LB. 4/	"		9.20				
STRAWBERRIES, FOR FRESH USE, PER LB. 4/	"		28.3	37.5	48.6	47.9	39.6
PEARS, FOR FRESH USE, PER TON 4/ 5/	DOL.		125.00	217.00	145.00	123.00	114.00
CITRUS (EQUIV. ON-TREE), PER BOX 4/	"						
GRAPEFRUIT	"		1.38	1.27	1.85	1.10	1.10
LEMONS	"		2.45	3.23	.70	.87	1.22
ORANGES	"		1.58	2.16	.86	1.46	2.09
TANGELOS	"		2.49				
TANGERINES	"		2.66	1.14	5.68	3.81	3.75
TEMPLES	"		1.62		1.43	1.22	1.03
ALL BEEF CATTLE, PER CWT.	DOL.	5.52	22.20	38.00	33.10	33.80	34.90
COWS, PER CWT.	"		16.50	28.90	24.10	26.00	27.00
STEERS AND HEIFERS, PER CWT.	"		24.00	40.50	35.70	35.90	37.30
CALVES, PER CWT.	"	6.84	26.40	38.20	35.60	36.60	38.10
HOGS, PER CWT.	"	7.29	19.00	47.00	39.30	37.10	36.00
LAMBS, PER CWT.	"	5.96	22.20	54.90	49.50	49.20	51.00
SHEEP, PER CWT.	"	4.59	6.38	15.30	13.40	15.00	14.30
ALL MILK, SOLD TO PLANTS, PER CWT. 4/	DOL.	1.61	5.03	9.37	9.54	9.43	6/9.48
MILK ELIGIBLE FOR FLUID MARKET	"		5.44	9.62	9.82	9.67	6/9.68
MILK OR MANUFACTURING GRADE	"		4.07	8.50	8.41	8.46	6/8.61
BROILERS, LIVE, PER LB. 4/	CT.		13.3	23.5	24.0	24.3	24.3
EGGS, PER DOZEN 7/	"	21.6	31.2	52.7	66.2	58.8	55.3
TURKEYS, LIVE, PER LB.	"	14.3	20.0	31.8	32.5	34.2	33.6
WOOL, PER LB. 4/ 8/	"	17.8	39.7	64.4	73.0	75.6	72.9
ADJUSTED FOR SEASONAL VARIATION							
ALL MILK, SOLD TO PLANTS, PER CWT. 4/ DOL.			5.04	9.56	9.17	9.34	6/9.67
EGGS, PER DOZEN CT.			31.2	55.5	64.9	56.5	58.2

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, 3.65; FLUID MARKET, 3.66; MANUFACTURING GRADE, 3.64. 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 2,106 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 APRIL 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			
		APR	MAR	APR	APR	MAR	APR	
		1976	1977	1977	1976	1977	1977	
BASIC COMMODITIES:								
WHEAT, PER BU.	DOL.	.733	4.89	5.02	5.08	72	*48	47
RICE, PER CWT.	"	4/2.00	13.70	13.70	13.90	52	*50	50
CORN, PER BU.	"	.503	3.28	3.45	3.49	75	68	66
COTTON, PER LB.								
AMERICAN UPLAND	CT.	12.20	79.14	83.57	84.55	63	*84	80
EXTRA LONG STAPLE	"	4/18.9	118.0	129.0	13.10	71		
PEANUTS, PER LB.	"	4/4.17	27.5	28.6	28.9			
TOBACCO, PER LB.								
FLUE-CURED, TYPES 11-14	"	4/23.4	154.0	160.0	162.0			
VA FIRE-CURED, TYPE 21	"	4/18.9	117.0	129.0	131.0			
KY-TENN FIRE-CURED, TYPES 22-23	"	14/						
BURLEY, TYPE 31	"	4/24.3	160.0	166.0	168.0		66	63
MARYLAND, TYPE 32	"	5/22.1	146.0	151.0	153.0	75		73
DARK AIR-CURED, TYPES 35-36	"	4/17.1	104.0	117.0	119.0			
SUN-CURED, TYPE 37	"	4/18.3	116.0	125.0	127.0			
PA SEEDLEAF, TYPE 41	"	14/						
CIGAR FILLER AND BINDER, TYPES 42-44, 53-55	"	14/						
PUERTO RICAN FILLER, TYPE 46	"	4/14.9	97.8	102.0	103.0			
CIGAR BINDER, TYPES 51-52	"	4/20.0	130.0	137.0	139.0			
DESIGNATED NONBASIC COMMODITIES:								
TUNG NUTS, PER TON	DOL.	10.40	120.00	71.20	72.10			
ALL MILK, SOLD TO PLANT, PER CWT.	"	1.88	12.20	12.90	13.00	6/79	6/72	6/74
MILKFAT IN CREAM, PER LB.	CT.	14/	132.0			55		
HONEY, WHOLESALE, PER LB.: EXTRACTED	"	7/8.17	50.6	56.0	56.6			
WOOL AND MOHAIR:								
WOOL, PER LB.	CT.	4/19.9	138.0	136.0	138.0	8/49	8/56	8/53
MOHAIR, PER LB.	"	35.6	207.0		247.0			
OTHER NONBASIC COMMODITIES:								
BARLEY, PER BU.	DOL.	.436	2.81	2.99	3.02	82	*75	71
COTTONSEED, PER TON	"	4/20.70	138.00	142.00	143.00		71	71
DRY EDIBLE BEANS, PER CWT.	"	3.89	25.60	26.60	27.20	63	55	61
FLAXSEED, PER BU.	"	1.25	8.05	8.56	8.66	73	85	86
OATS, PER BU.	"	.253	1.60	1.73	1.75	90	*95	93
POTATOES, PER CWT.	"	4/.839	5.66	5.75	5.81	92	65	71
RYE, PER BU.	"	.403	2.54	2.75	2.79	92		
SORGHUM GRAIN, PER CWT.	"	.842	5.49	5.77	5.84	75	*62	60
SOYBEANS, PER BU.	"	1.11	7.25	7.60	7.69	62	103	122
SWEETPOTATOES, PER CWT.	"	2.03	13.40	13.90	14.10	80	70	75
APPLES, FOR FRESH USE, PER LB. 9/	CT.	2.39	16.0	16.4	16.6	63	73	73
CITRUS (EQUIV. ON-TREE), PER BOX:								
GRAPEFRUIT	DOL.	4/.458	3.32	3.14	3.17	38	35	35
LEMONS	"	4/.878	6.92	6.01	6.08	47	*13	20
LIMES	"	4/1.27	8.65	8.70	8.80			
ORANGES	"	4/.481	3.32	3.29	3.33	65	44	63
TANGERINES	"	4/.817	5.31	5.60	5.66	21	68	66
TEMPLES	"	4/.506	3.33	3.47	3.51		35	29
BEEF CATTLE, PER CWT.	"	8.50	57.20	58.20	58.90	66	58	59
CALVES, PER CWT.	"	9.92	67.80	68.00	68.70	56	54	55
HOGS, PER CWT.	"	8.08	52.50	55.30	56.00	90	67	64
LAMBS, PER CWT.	"	9.03	58.40	61.90	62.60	93	79	81
SHEEP, PER CWT.	"	2.53	16.50	17.20	17.50	91	87	82
EGG, PER DOZ	CT.	11.8	78.5	80.8	81.8	6/72	6/70	6/71
TURKEYS, LIVE, PER LB.	"	7.17	48.3	49.1	49.7	65	70	68

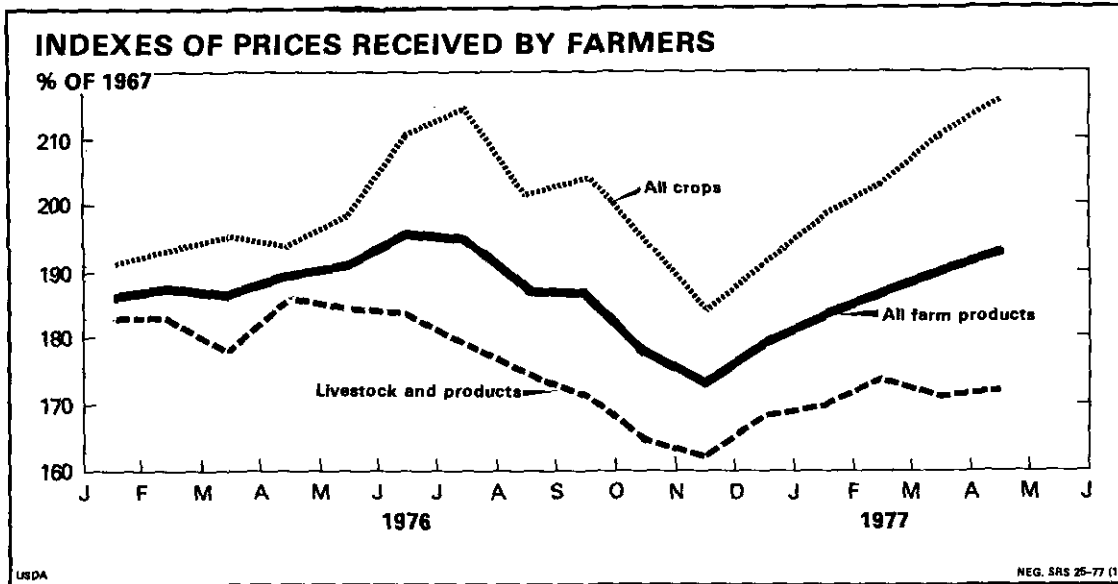
SEE FOOTNOTES ON PAGE 5.

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

OTHER NONBASIC COMMODITIES (CONTINUED)	ADJUSTED BASE PRICES 4/	PARITY PRICES 3/ BASED ON DATA FOR APR 1977	OTHER NONBASIC COMMODITIES (CONTINUED)	ADJUSTED BASE PRICES 4/	PARITY PRICES 3/ BASED ON DATA FOR APR 1977
DOLLARS			DOLLARS		
FIELD CROPS AND MISC. COMMODITIES			NONCITRUS FRUITS:		
			PEACHES		
			FOR FRESH USE, LB. 11/	.0289	.200
CRUDE PINE GUM, BBL.	2/13.90	96.30	DRIED (CALIF.), TON	260.00	1,800.00
HOPS, LB.	.184	1.28	FOR PROCESSING (EXCL. DRIED)		
TOBACCO, LB.:			CLINGSTONE (CALIF.), TON 10/	26.10	181.00
CIGAR WRAPPER, TYPE 61	14/		PEARS		
CIGAR WRAPPER, TYPE 62	.872	6.04	FOR FRESH, TON 12/	47.70	289.00
			DRIED (CALIF.), TON	267.00	1,850.00
			PLUMS (CALIF.), EQUIV.		
NONCITRUS FRUITS:			ON-TREE, TON		
APPLES, FOR PROCESSING, TON	19.30	134.00	FOR FRESH USE	54.20	376.00
APRICOTS, TON			PRUNES, DRIED (CALIF.), TON	101.00	700.00
FOR FRESH USE	78.30	543.00	PRUNES AND PLUMS		
DRIED (CALIF.)	433.00	3,000.00	(EXCL. CALIF.), TON		
AVOCADOS, TON	14/		FOR FRESH USE	57.20	396.00
CHERRIES, TON			FOR PROCESSING (EXCL. DRIED)	22.30	155.00
SWEET	107.00	742.00	TREE NUTS, TON:		
TART	77.20	535.00	ALMONDS	227.00	1,570.00
CRANBERRIES, BBL.	14/		FILBERTS	151.00	1,050.00
DATES (CALIF.), TON	55.60	385.00	WALNUTS	143.00	991.00
GRAPES, TON					
RAISIN VARIETIES			VEGETABLES FOR FRESH MARKET		
DRIED (CALIF.)	130.00	907.00	CWT.		
GRAPES EXCL. RAISIN VARIETIES DRIED	32.50	225.00	CANTALOUPE	2.14	14.80
NECTARINES (CALIF.)			CARROTS 13/	1.38	9.56
TON			CAULIFLOWER 13/	3.17	22.00
FOR FRESH USE 10/	53.30	369.00	CELERY 13/	1.64	11.40
OLIVES (CALIF.)			HONEYDEW MELONS	2.00	13.90
FOR CANNING, TON 10/	104.00	721.00	LETTUCE	1.72	11.90
			ONIONS 13/	1.47	10.20
			TOMATOES	4.00	27.70

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.

SEE PAGE 23 JANUARY 1977 AGRICULTURAL PRICES FOR DETAILS ON PARITY PRICE COMPUTATIONS.



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

INDEX	AVERAGE JAN-DEC 1967	1910-14=100				1967=100			
		1976		1977		1976		1977	
		MAR 15	APR 15	MAR 15	APR 15	MAR 15	APR 15	MAR 15	APR 15
UNADJUSTED									
ALL FARM PRODUCTS	250	464	473	*474	483	186	189	*190	193
ALL CROPS	225	438	435	*475	488	195	193	*211	217
FOOD GRAINS	176	399	391	*282	281	227	222	*160	160
FEED GRAINS AND HAY	174	378	373	*365	360	217	214	*210	207
FEED GRAINS	172	371	366	*348	343	216	213	*202	199
COTTON	190	446	424	*589	568	235	223	*310	299
TOBACCO	555	875	877	957	965	158	158	172	174
OIL-BEARING CROPS	269	454	459	*743	873	169	171	*276	325
FRUIT	227	313	318	*297	320	138	140	*131	141
FRESH MARKET 1/	222	307	313	*275	302	138	141	*124	136
COMMERCIAL VEGETABLES	283	472	468	*641	560	167	165	*227	198
FRESH MARKET	334	597	591	*903	756	179	177	*270	226
POTATOES, ETC	187	442	454	341	379	236	243	182	203
LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS									
MEAT ANIMALS	275	489	512	471	473	178	186	171	172
DAIRY PRODUCTS	335	579	631	544	551	173	188	162	165
POULTRY & EGGS	308	594	580	*577	580	193	188	187	188
POULTRY & EGGS	131	229	225	240	232	175	172	183	177
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
FRESH MARKET FRUIT 1/	223	310	326	*276	313	139	146	*124	140
FRESH MARKET VEGETABLES	340	606	556	*894	709	178	164	*263	209
POTATOES, ETC 2/	187	430	422	332	353	230	226	178	189
DAIRY PRODUCTS	308	589	592	571	592	191	192	185	192
POULTRY & EGGS	131	222	231	232	239	169	176	177	182

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

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

INDEXES AND RATIOS	1910-14=100					1967=100				
	1976		1977			1976		1977		
	MAR	APR	FEB	MAR	APR	MAR	APR	FEB	MAR	APR
PRICES PAID BY FARMERS FOR										
COMMODITIES & SERVICES										
INTEREST, TAXES & WAGE RATES:										
(PARITY INDEX 1910-14=100)	651	651	679	685	693	191	191	200	201	204
PRICES PAID	562	1/563	584	590	598	187	1/187	194	196	199
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) 2/			556	562	565			175	177	178
FAMILY LIVING ITEMS	555	557				173	174			
FOOD	585					182				
CLOTHING										
HOUSING	584	586				176	176			
AUTOS & SUPPLIES		626					181			
MEDICAL & HEALTH 3/	616	621				179	181			
EDUCATION, RECREATION, & OTHER 3/	490	491				151	152			
PRODUCTION ITEMS	560	1/561	578	583	593	193	1/193	199	201	204
FEED	394	391	427	1/431	436	185	183	200	1/202	204
FEEDER LIVESTOCK	610	672	592	609	647	158	174	153	158	168
SEED 4/		553	572	572	641		237	240	240	269
FERTILIZER		267	260	266	266		182	177	181	181
AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS		482	482	427	427		174	174	154	154
FUELS & ENERGY		323	350	353	355		183	198	200	201
FARM & MOTOR SUPPLIES		462	438	438	438		173	164	164	164
AUTOS & TRUCKS			1,120	1,125	1,137			228	229	231
TRACTORS & SELF- PROPELLED MACHINERY	1,072		1,135	1,183	1,183	211		224	233	233
OTHER MACHINERY	1,003		1,060	1,094	1,094	221		233	241	241
BUILDING & FENCING	862		900	900	914	213		223	223	226
FARM SERVICES & CASH RENT	633	1/633	684	684	684	218	1/218	236	236	236
INTEREST 5/	1,474	1/1,474	1,599	1,599	1,599	303	1/303	328	328	328
TAXES 6/	1,496	1/1,496	1,579	1,579	1,579	176	1/176	186	186	186
FARM WAGE RATES 7/	1,808	1,769	1,940	1,940	1,940	213	209	229	229	229
PRODUCTION ITEMS, INTEREST, TAXES, AND WAGE RATES	710	1/709	737	743	753	199	1/199	207	209	212
PARITY RATIO 8/	71	73	69	69	70					
ADJUSTED PARITY RATIO (PRELIMINARY) 9/	72	73	70	70	70					
OTHER RELATED INDEXES										
PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS						186	189	187	1/190	193
WHOLESALE PRICES 10/										
ALL COMMODITIES						180	181	190	192	
INDUSTRIAL COMMODITIES						179	180	190	192	
FARM PRODUCTS & PROCESSED FOODS AND FEEDS						180	184	188	191	

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/ INTEREST PAYABLE PER ACRE ON FARM REAL ESTATE DEBT. 6/ FARM REAL ESTATE TAXES PAYABLE PER ACRE. 7/ SEASONALLY ADJUSTED. ANNUAL AVERAGE IS SIMPLE AVERAGE OF QUARTERLY INDEXES. 8/ RATIO OF INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED TO INDEX OF PRICES PAID, INTEREST, TAXES, AND WAGE RATES. 9/ THE PRELIMINARY ADJUSTMENT FACTOR USED FOR COMPUTING THE ADJUSTED PARITY RATIO IS SUPPLIED BY THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE. IT IS BASED ON ESTIMATED CASH RECEIPTS FROM MARKETINGS AND GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR. THE ADJUSTMENT FACTOR IS 100.8 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. 10/ 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.	
	MAR 1977	APR 1977	MAR 1977	APR 1977	MAR 1977	APR 1977	MAR 1977	APR 1977
	1/	2/	1/	2/	1/	2/	1/	2/
D O L L A R S								
ARIZ	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
CALIF	2.87	2.70	2.87	2.70	--	--	--	--
COLO	2.12	2.06	2.12	2.06	--	2.06	2.22	2.25
GA	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.60	2.52
IDAHO	2.52	2.39	2.56	2.46	2.38	2.30	--	--
ILL	2.42	2.32	2.42	2.34	--	--	2.38	2.38
IND	2.34	2.31	2.34	2.31	--	--	2.37	2.33
IOWA	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.28	2.27
KANS	2.23	2.14	2.23	2.14	--	--	2.20	2.22
KY	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.54	2.44
MICH	2.27	2.21	2.27	2.21	--	--	2.23	2.23
MINN	2.68	2.63	2.43	2.43	2.68	2.64	2.33	2.35
MO	2.33	2.24	2.33	2.24	--	--	2.48	2.40
MONT	2.43	2.41	2.37	2.25	2.56	2.62	--	--
NEBR	2.22	2.14	2.22	2.14	--	--	2.30	2.21
N C	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.55	2.54
N DAK	2.55	2.55	2.23	2.25	2.62	2.57	2.57	--
OHIO	2.47	2.35	2.47	2.35	--	--	2.32	2.33
OKLA	2.33	2.29	2.33	2.28	--	--	--	--
OREG	2.73	2.60	2.73	2.60	2.73	2.60	--	--
PA	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.60	2.52
S DAK	2.62	2.47	2.36	2.20	2.76	2.70	2.46	2.44
TEX	2.34	2.24	2.34	2.24	--	--	2.23	2.20
WASH	2.66	2.65	2.66	2.65	2.66	2.65	--	--
WIS	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.37	2.35
U S	2.43	2.41	2.37	2.30	2.63	2.58	2.35	2.32

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

AVERAGE PRICE PER CWT RECEIVED BY FARMERS, U S

PRELIMINARY APR 1977		RICE :	REVISED MAR 1977
6.93		D O L L A R S	6.81

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, BY STATES

STATE	OATS PER BU.		BARLEY PER BU.		SORGHUM GRAIN PER CWT.		SOYBEANS PER BU.	
	MAR 1977	APR 1977	MAR 1977	APR 1977	MAR 1977	APR 1977	MAR 1977	APR 1977
	1/	2/	1/	2/	1/	2/	1/	2/
D O L L A R S								
ALA	--	--	--	--	--	--	8.48	9.41
ARIZ	--	--	2.16	2.22	4.22	4.25	--	--
ARK	--	--	--	--	--	--	8.44	9.16
CALIF	1.90	1.90	2.20	2.30	4.60	4.60	--	--
COLO	--	--	2.10	2.08	--	--	--	--
GA	--	--	--	--	--	--	8.21	9.71
IDAHO	--	1.48	2.25	2.10	--	--	--	--
ILL	1.63	1.63	--	--	--	--	7.55	9.50
IND	1.76	1.78	--	--	--	--	7.87	9.40
IOWA	1.63	1.57	--	--	--	--	7.71	9.31
KANS	--	--	--	--	3.48	3.37	8.04	9.23
KY	--	--	--	--	--	--	7.78	9.58
LA	--	--	--	--	--	--	8.06	9.75
MICH	1.85	1.73	--	--	--	--	7.71	9.27
MINN	1.63	1.64	2.29	2.31	--	--	7.99	9.48
MISS	--	--	--	--	--	--	8.15	9.27
MO	--	--	--	--	3.69	3.53	8.14	9.44
MONT	1.48	1.45	2.12	1.96	--	--	--	--
NEBR	1.51	1.50	--	--	3.45	3.32	7.82	9.26
N MEX	--	--	--	--	3.47	3.40	--	--
N Y	1.97	1.95	--	--	--	--	--	--
N C	1.86	1.66	--	--	--	--	8.09	9.21
N DAK	1.46	1.46	2.27	2.20	--	--	--	--
OHIO	1.81	1.77	--	--	--	--	8.03	9.28
OKLA	1.70	1.66	2.12	2.09	3.78	3.64	--	--
OREG	1.45	1.42	2.10	2.08	--	--	--	--
PA	1.79	1.71	2.14	2.11	--	--	--	--
S C	--	--	--	--	--	--	8.09	9.35
S DAK	1.60	1.58	2.13	2.09	--	--	--	--
TENN	--	--	--	--	--	--	8.62	9.21
TEX	--	1.60	--	--	3.62	3.69	--	--
UTAH	--	--	2.20	2.22	--	--	--	--
WASH	--	--	2.07	2.01	--	--	--	--
WIS	1.61	1.63	--	--	--	--	--	--
WYO	--	--	1.95	1.95	--	--	--	--
U S	1.64	1.63	2.25	2.15	3.55	3.49	7.83	9.38

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

HOPS: SEASON AVERAGE PRICE PER POUND, 1974-76

STATE	1974	1975	1976
C E N T S			
CALIF	84.0	88.0	88.5
IDAHO	81.0	82.6	88.1
OREG	86.0	86.0	91.4
WASH	78.0	82.0	82.7
U S	79.8	83.0	84.8

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, BY STATES, APRIL 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	--	--	--	--	--	--	11.95
CALIF	--	--	--	11.0	--	26.60	15.40
COLO	--	--	--	--	--	11.60	--
CONN	--	--	--	16.0	--	--	--
GA	--	--	--	--	--	--	11.75
IDAHO	--	--	--	19.9	--	12.00	--
KY	--	105.5	--	--	--	--	--
LA	--	--	--	--	--	--	14.65
MAINE	--	--	--	16.0	--	--	--
MD	--	111.5	--	15.3	--	--	13.05
MASS	--	--	--	16.0	--	--	--
MICH	--	--	--	12.3	--	17.90	--
MINN	--	--	--	--	7.46	13.30	--
MISS	--	--	--	--	--	--	10.95
NEBR	--	--	--	--	--	13.50	--
N H	--	--	--	16.0	--	--	--
N J	--	--	--	17.8	--	--	--
N Y	--	--	--	15.0	--	16.80	--
N C	--	--	--	--	--	--	8.20
N DAK	--	--	--	--	7.47	9.50	--
OHIO	--	--	--	15.1	--	--	--
OREG	--	--	--	5.6	--	--	--
PA	--	--	--	16.6	--	--	--
S DAK	--	--	--	--	7.47	--	--
TENN	--	125.0	--	--	--	--	7.80
TEX	--	--	--	--	--	--	10.55
VT	--	--	--	16.0	--	--	--
VA	--	--	--	--	--	--	9.95
WASH	--	--	--	10.5	--	13.60	--
W VA	--	--	--	17.2	--	--	--
WYO	--	--	--	--	--	11.40	--
U S	--	110.8	--	12.1	7.47	16.60	10.58

1/ INSUFFICIENT SALES. 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.

AVE-RAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, BY STATES

STATE	MAR 1977		APRIL 15, 1977					
	AM UPLAND COTTON		AM UPLAND COTTON		COTTON SEED	HAY, BALED, PER TON		
	PER LB. 1/ 2/	PER LB. 1/ 3/	PER TON 4/	ALL		ALFALFA	OTHER	
	CENTS		DOLLARS					
ALA	71.0	72.5	--	--	--	--		
ARIZ	67.1	--	--	73.50	74.50	55.00		
ARK	72.9	70.9	--	51.50	62.00	50.00		
CALIF	73.7	70.3	--	80.50	81.50	68.00		
COLO	--	--	--	58.50	59.00	57.00		
GA	69.0	72.6	--	59.50	--	59.50		
IDAHO	--	--	--	53.50	54.00	50.00		
ILL	--	--	--	57.00	61.50	49.50		
IND	--	--	--	57.00	60.50	52.50		
IOWA	--	--	--	64.50	66.00	60.00		
KANS	--	--	--	58.50	63.50	50.50		
KY	--	--	--	57.00	70.50	53.50		
LA	73.5	--	--	--	--	--		
MICH	--	--	--	50.00	52.00	41.00		
MJNN	--	--	--	75.50	79.50	61.00		
MISS	68.3	68.8	--	--	--	--		
MO	69.0	67.0	--	68.50	79.00	62.50		
MONT	--	--	--	51.00	52.50	48.00		
NERR	--	--	--	50.50	52.00	46.50		
NEV	--	--	--	71.50	75.00	64.00		
N MEX	--	--	--	72.50	72.50	70.50		
N Y	--	--	--	50.50	56.00	44.50		
N DAK	--	--	--	53.00	57.50	47.50		
OHIO	--	--	--	60.50	65.50	50.50		
OKLA	66.0	66.0	--	62.50	74.00	53.50		
OREG	--	--	--	69.00	75.00	62.00		
PA	--	--	--	62.50	73.50	51.50		
S C	72.1	73.0	--	--	--	--		
S DAK	--	--	--	51.00	53.50	46.50		
TENN	69.5	--	--	--	--	--		
TEX	69.2	66.4	--	51.00	69.00	47.50		
UTAH	--	--	--	60.00	61.00	51.50		
WASH	--	--	--	66.50	69.00	59.50		
WIS	--	--	--	80.00	82.50	71.00		
WYO	--	--	--	58.50	59.00	57.50		
U S	69.8	67.3	--	63.20	67.70	52.60		

1/ PRICE BASED ON 480 POUND NET WEIGHT BALE. 2/ REVISED--ENTIRE MONTH.
3/ PRELIMINARY. 4/ INSUFFICIENT SALES.

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

STATE	HOGS	COWS 1/	STEERS AND HEIFERS 1	BEEF CATTLE 2/	CALVES
D O L L A R S					
ALA	34.50	26.10	33.80	31.10	34.90
ARIZ	--	24.20	38.10	37.50	38.30
ARK	--	26.60	34.10	32.50	33.30
CALIF	--	25.30	37.50	34.60	33.70
COLO	--	28.30	38.90	38.70	41.30
FLA	--	26.70	33.20	31.30	33.40
GA	34.40	25.20	32.30	29.70	35.00
IDAHO	--	28.20	37.00	36.00	39.10
ILL	36.10	25.90	36.80	35.60	38.70
IND	36.80	27.00	35.50	33.80	36.10
IOWA	36.40	28.80	37.50	36.20	38.80
KANS	36.50	26.60	37.80	34.00	39.50
KY	35.40	26.00	35.10	33.00	38.70
LA	--	25.60	35.60	30.20	38.60
MICH	35.80	27.30	35.90	32.60	40.00
MINN	35.50	28.40	36.70	32.20	39.40
MISS	35.90	25.40	34.40	30.00	38.00
MO	36.30	25.40	36.00	33.70	38.20
MONT	--	26.90	36.50	34.40	40.60
NEBR	36.40	27.70	38.30	37.00	40.10
NEV	--	24.00	36.00	34.20	35.00
N MEX	--	26.30	38.70	37.80	36.60
N Y	--	27.20	32.50	27.90	37.90
N C	35.60	26.00	32.10	28.90	38.10
N DAK	--	27.00	37.10	35.10	40.80
OHIO	38.50	27.70	36.50	34.40	44.00
OKLA	36.00	26.60	37.00	35.40	40.00
OREG	--	25.20	35.00	32.40	35.90
PA	36.40	28.90	37.10	32.10	47.80
S C	34.70	27.10	33.20	30.30	35.00
S DAK	36.30	28.70	38.80	37.50	39.40
TENN	35.40	25.60	36.40	32.20	39.90
TEX	33.90	27.30	38.10	35.60	38.40
UTAH	--	25.90	35.60	30.70	37.40
VA	35.80	26.00	32.90	29.80	39.20
WASH	--	25.50	36.00	33.90	35.80
WIS	35.20	27.60	33.90	29.40	41.40
WYO	--	29.80	37.50	36.30	41.00
U S	36.00	27.00	37.30	34.90	38.10

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, APRIL 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/ 23.0	62.0
ARIZ	12.00	51.50	71.0	--	--	--	--
ARK	--	--	--	--	33.0	24.0	60.4
CALIF	11.90	51.70	69.0	--	32.0	26.0	51.3
COLO	15.00	54.00	40.0	--	--	--	--
CONN	--	--	--	--	--	--	68.0
DEL	--	--	--	--	--	4/ 24.5	--
FLA	--	--	--	--	--	4/ 23.5	47.3
GA	--	--	--	--	30.0	4/ 25.0	59.2
IDAHO	16.50	49.40	76.0	--	--	--	--
ILL	11.00	46.60	65.0	--	--	--	57.0
IND	12.10	45.60	64.0	--	34.0	--	54.6
IOWA	10.80	51.50	68.0	--	35.0	--	40.4
KANS	11.50	51.30	58.0	--	--	--	38.6
KY	--	--	--	--	--	--	50.8
LA	--	--	--	--	--	24.5	67.0
MAINE	--	--	--	--	--	4/ 24.0	61.0
MD	--	--	--	--	--	4/ 24.5	--
MASS	--	--	--	--	--	--	61.0
MICH	14.40	53.00	64.0	--	32.0	--	48.2
MINN	13.80	50.20	67.0	--	33.0	--	47.7
MISS	--	--	--	--	--	4/ 24.0	66.7
MO	12.00	54.70	59.0	--	32.0	--	49.7
MONT	11.10	49.20	74.0	--	--	--	--
NEBR	11.60	49.10	65.0	--	--	--	40.0
NEV	14.00	49.00	63.0	--	--	--	--
N J	--	--	--	--	--	--	63.0
N MEX	14.90	54.00	--	--	--	--	--
N Y	--	--	--	--	--	--	52.2
N C	--	--	--	--	35.0	4/ 24.0	68.7
N DAK	10.40	48.90	66.0	--	--	--	--
OHIO	14.60	52.20	60.0	--	37.0	--	49.8
OKLA	--	--	--	--	--	24.0	--
OREG	11.00	46.50	77.0	--	35.0	--	53.2
PA	--	--	--	--	38.0	26.5	55.2
S C	--	--	--	--	33.0	4/ 23.0	57.9
S DAK	12.20	52.00	75.0	--	36.0	--	39.7
TENN	--	--	--	--	--	4/ 22.5	57.8
TEX	19.20	51.30	85.0	--	33.0	25.5	60.2
UTAH	10.00	45.30	71.0	--	36.0	--	--
VA	--	--	--	--	35.0	4/ 23.0	62.3
WASH	--	--	--	--	--	--	53.5
WIS	--	--	--	--	--	--	55.0
WYO	12.00	46.70	77.0	--	--	--	--
U S	14.30	51.00	72.9	--	33.6	24.3	55.3

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

POTATOES: AVERAGE PRICES PER CWT. RECEIVED BY FARMERS, BY STATES, APRIL 1977

STATE	DOLLARS	STATE	DOLLARS
ALABAMA	--	NORTH CAROLINA	--
ARIZONA	--	NORTH DAKOTA	4.40
CALIFORNIA - ALL	5.18	OHIO	6.75
WINTER	6.75	OREGON	2.70
SPRING	--	PENNSYLVANIA	6.65
SUMMER	--	TEXAS	--
FALL	5.10	VIRGINIA	--
COLORADO	2.70	WASHINGTON	2.40
FLORIDA	11.20	WISCONSIN	4.05
IDAHO	3.15		
MAINE	6.40		
MICHIGAN	6.50		
MINNESOTA	4.40		
NEW JERSEY	--		
NEW YORK - ALL	6.30		
LONG ISLAND	5.30		
UPSTATE	6.60		
		UNITED STATES	4.10

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

CLASS	TYPE	TOBACCO	
		APR 1976	APR 1977 1/
FIRE-CURED			
TENN	22		125.0
TOTAL EASTERN BELT	22		125.0
BURLEY BELT	31		105.5
SOUTHERN MD BELT	32	109.5	111.5
U S		109.5	110.8

1/ PRICES BY STATES ARE SHOWN ON PAGE 11.

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

COMMODITY	AVERAGE JAN-DEC 1967	D O L L A R S			
		APR 1-31, 1976	MAR 1-15, 1977	MAR 1-31, 1977	APR 1-15, 1977
ASPARAGUS	23.70	33.60	40.00	51.70	39.00
CABBAGE	2.85	4.19	17.90	15.50	11.20
CANTALOUPE	6.26				
CARROTS	5.74	6.81	12.40	13.40	10.50
CELERY	4.94	8.23	20.60	9.58	9.93
CUCUMBERS	7.74	6.96	15.00	15.10	16.20
GREEN PEPPERS	12.20	25.70	41.50	40.70	41.50
LETTUCE	5.19	8.46	8.26	9.06	5.51
ONIONS	4.37	7.20	16.20	19.40	20.90
SNAP BEANS	11.70	15.80		17.00	14.70
SWEET CORN	5.68	8.90			17.60
TOMATOES	9.63	21.10	31.90	34.50	26.50
WATERMELONS	2.06	7.40			

CITRUS FRUIT: AVERAGE PRICES AND EQUIVALENT RETURNS PER BOX RECEIVED BY GROWERS, BY UTILIZATION, APRIL 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	5.20	1.37	2.20	.95	.07	.90	-.35
NAVELS AND MISC. VALENCIAS	5.20	1.37	2.20	.95	.07	.90	-.35
CALIF	7.51	3.36	4.56	.32	2.10	3.31	-.93
NAVELS	7.70	3.50	4.75	.25	2.25	3.50	-1.00
VALENCIAS	5.30	1.83	2.30	.95	.53	1.00	-.35
FLA	7.50	3.16	5.00	3.10	2.11	3.95	2.05
EARLY AND MIDS. VALENCIAS	7.50	3.16	5.00	3.10	2.11	3.95	2.05
TEX	6.48	2.94	3.13	2.69	2.26	2.38	2.11
EARLY AND MIDS. VALENCIAS	6.48	2.98	3.13	2.76	2.30	2.38	2.18
CALIF - ARIZ							
NAVELS AND MISC. VALENCIAS						.95	
U S	7.36	3.14	4.25	2.99	2.09	3.16	1.94
<u>GRAPEFRUIT:</u>							
ARIZ	5.00	1.12	2.25	.40	.32	1.45	-.40
CALIF	5.26	1.12	2.52	.38	.32	1.72	-.42
DESERT VALLEYS	5.26	1.12	2.52	.38	.32	1.72	-.42
OTHER AREAS							
FLA	6.32	2.10	3.93	1.69	1.16	3.03	.74
WHITE SEEDLESS	5.85	2.09	2.45	1.75	1.15	2.55	.80
PINK SEEDLESS	7.45	2.45	5.10	1.50	1.46	4.20	.48
OTHER THAN SEEDLESS		1.70		1.70	.80		.80
TEX	6.22	1.56	2.05	1.00	.97	1.38	.51
CALIF - ARIZ							
DESERT VALLEYS						1.54	
U S	6.28	1.94	2.93	1.55	1.10	2.15	.69
<u>LEMONS:</u>							
ARIZ	12.10	4.58	8.20	.95	2.68	6.30	-.95
CALIF	9.40	3.10	5.50	.94	1.20	3.60	-.96
U S	9.43	3.12	5.53	.94	1.22	3.63	-.96
<u>TEMPLES:</u>							
FLA	8.00	2.72	5.30	2.50	1.03	3.85	.80
<u>TANGERINES:</u>							
ARIZ	10.40	4.80	7.50	.75	3.45	6.15	-.60
CALIF	11.08	5.16	8.18	.72	3.80	6.82	-.64
FLA							
U S	10.98	5.11	8.08	.72	3.75	6.72	-.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.

MEAT ANIMALS: AVERAGE PRICE PER CWT RECEIVED
BY FARMERS, UNITED STATES, 1975-76 1/

SPECIES AND CLASS	1975	1976
	DOLLARS	
HOGS 2/	46.10	43.30
BEEF CATTLE	32.30	33.70
COWS	19.80	24.50
STEERS & HEIFERS	36.30	36.50
CALVES	27.20	34.10
LAMBS	42.10	46.90
SHEEP	11.20	13.20

1/ REVISED. 2/ HOG PRICES ON A MARKETING YEAR BASIS (DECEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER), AND THE OTHER MEAT ANIMALS ARE ON A CALENDAR YEAR BASIS.

HOGS: AVERAGE PRICE PER CWT RECEIVED BY FARMERS, UNITED STATES,
MONTHLY DECEMBER 1975-NOVEMBER 1976 1/

SPECIES AND CLASS	1976											
	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV
DOLLARS												
HOGS	47.60	47.70	48.00	45.60	47.00	47.60	49.20	47.60	42.60	39.70	32.90	31.20

1/ REVISED. INDIVIDUAL STATE DATA WERE PUBLISHED IN FEBRUARY 1977 ISSUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRICES.

MEAT ANIMALS: AVERAGE PRICE PER CWT RECEIVED BY FARMERS,
UNITED STATES, MONTHLY 1976 1/

SPECIES AND CLASS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
	DOLLARS											
BEEF CATTLE	32.80	33.90	33.40	38.00	37.10	36.40	33.60	33.00	32.30	32.20	31.20	32.40
COWS	22.00	25.00	26.90	28.90	28.90	26.70	26.00	24.50	23.30	22.50	20.70	21.30
STEERS & HEIFERS	36.70	36.60	35.20	40.50	39.40	39.00	35.80	35.40	34.80	34.70	34.60	36.00
CALVES	30.80	33.80	34.80	38.20	38.80	37.70	34.90	34.20	32.90	33.00	32.10	32.80
LAMBS	47.90	47.20	50.20	54.90	60.10	51.10	46.80	41.50	41.80	42.60	41.90	44.70
SHEEP	12.60	12.80	13.90	15.30	14.70	12.80	13.40	12.90	12.90	11.90	11.50	13.00

1/ REVISED. INDIVIDUAL STATE DATA WERE PUBLISHED IN FEBRUARY 1977 ISSUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRICES.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, BY STATES, MARCH AND APRIL 1977

STATE	MILK SOLD TO PLANTS, PRICE PER CWT. MAR 1977						APR 1977		
	ELIGIBLE FOR		MANUFACTURING		ALL		ALL MILK 2/		MILK COWS
	FLUID MARKET 1/		GRADE		MILK		PRICE	FAT	PER HEAD
	PRICE	FAT TEST	PRICE	FAT TEST	PRICE	FAT TEST	PER CWT.	TEST	3/
	DOL.	PCT.	DOL.	PCT.	DOL.	PCT.	DOL.	PCT.	DOL.
ALA	10.60	3.66	7.70	3.75	10.50	3.66	10.40	3.62	390
ARIZ	9.80	3.58			9.80	3.58	9.75	3.52	
ARK	10.30	3.51	8.45	3.56	9.80	3.52	9.65	3.45	370
CALIF	9.30	3.63	8.40	3.72	9.25	3.63	9.35	3.54	620
COLO	10.50	3.65			10.40	3.65	10.40	3.58	560
CONN	10.20	3.77			10.20	3.77	10.10	3.74	
FLA	11.80	3.45			11.80	3.45	11.70	3.43	440
GA	10.20	3.69			10.20	3.69	10.00	3.65	450
IDAHO	9.60	3.73	8.80	3.68	9.10	3.70	9.00	3.60	475
ILL	9.25	3.75	8.70	3.74	9.15	3.75	9.35	3.70	400
IND	10.00	3.81	8.40	3.84	9.75	3.81	9.75	3.76	475
IOWA	9.70	3.75	8.45	3.67	9.05	3.71	9.05	3.68	450
KANS	9.55	3.68	8.10	3.67	9.35	3.68	9.20	3.61	435
KY	9.60	3.76	7.85	3.64	9.25	3.73	9.15	3.66	390
LA	10.20	3.55			10.20	3.55	10.10	3.53	490
MAINE	10.50	3.74			10.50	3.74	10.40	3.67	
MD	10.10	3.75			10.10	3.75	10.10	3.71	555
MASS	10.20	3.69			10.20	3.69	10.10	3.62	
MICH	9.60	3.78	8.45	3.81	9.55	3.78	9.45	3.75	535
MINN	8.72	3.66	8.25	3.58	8.46	3.62	8.75	3.61	490
MISS	9.80	3.65	8.30	3.73	9.70	3.65	9.90	3.60	535
MO	9.25	3.69	8.20	3.62	8.90	3.67	8.75	3.56	370
NEBR	9.55	3.71	8.25	3.72	8.95	3.71	9.10	3.64	430
N J	10.10	3.79			10.10	3.79	10.20	3.75	
N Y	9.30	3.64			9.30	3.64	9.30	3.62	480
N C	10.80	3.75	8.30	3.86	10.80	3.75	10.70	3.70	330
N DAK	9.15	3.59	8.05	3.53	8.50	3.55	8.40	3.52	360
OHIO	9.85	3.76	8.45	3.78	9.75	3.76	9.70	3.72	485
OKLA	9.80	3.52	8.15	3.51	9.65	3.52	9.50	3.46	410
OREG	9.75	3.83	8.95	4.16	9.65	3.87	9.45	3.80	550
PA	10.30	3.77	8.45	3.72	10.30	3.77	10.30	3.75	650
S DAK	9.20	3.68	8.35	3.60	8.55	3.62	8.50	3.58	395
TENN	9.80	3.78	7.95	3.70	9.55	3.77	9.70	3.70	400
TEX	10.40	3.52			10.40	3.52	10.30	3.45	345
UTAH	9.30	3.61	8.90	3.65	9.20	3.62	9.00	3.55	490
VT	9.90	3.72			9.90	3.72	9.70	3.66	525
VA	10.50	3.74	7.80	3.75	10.30	3.74	10.30	3.70	400
WASH	9.50	3.81			9.50	3.81	9.55	3.75	460
WIS	9.15	3.78	8.75	3.76	9.01	3.77	9.25	3.75	560
U S	9.67	3.70	4/8.46	4/3.68	9.43	3.70	9.48	3.65	497

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.

POULTRY AND EGGS: MARKETING YEAR AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS,
BY STATES, 1975 AND 1976 1/

STATE	CHICKENS EXCL. BROILERS PER LB		BROILERS PER LB		EGGS 2/ PER DOZEN		TURKEYS PER LB	
	1975	1976	1975	1976	1975	1976	1975	1976
	CENTS							
ALA	8.9	13.1	3/25.3	3/22.3	53.8	62.1	30.0	30.5
ALAS	19.0	20.0			100.0	114.0		
ARIZ	5.4	8.0			46.4	51.1		
ARK	9.1	12.9	26.2	23.2	60.8	64.5	32.6	32.5
CALIF	5.0	8.7	24.9	26.3	49.8	53.5	34.1	29.3
COLO	9.0	11.0			49.9	56.0	35.0	35.0
CONN	10.0	13.3	3/26.5	3/23.3	70.5	77.0	60.0	60.0
DEL	10.8	15.9	3/25.6	3/23.0	68.7	72.2		
FLA	5.8	10.0	3/25.5	3/22.7	44.1	50.7		
GA	11.1	14.0	3/26.9	3/24.0	59.5	65.6	30.2	30.7
HAW	11.5	15.5	39.6	40.0	64.5	65.0		
IDAHO	5.0	8.5			50.5	55.8		
ILL	6.7	8.9			51.3	55.2	37.9	33.0
IND	6.0	11.5	25.6	24.6	49.4	53.5	31.8	31.3
IOWA	4.7	9.3	40.0	40.0	39.5	46.3	35.2	28.6
KANS	5.0	10.0	25.2		39.4	45.2	36.8	32.0
KY	9.2	11.8	25.2	22.0	49.1	54.2		
LA	8.9	13.3	26.8	23.7	53.6	64.4	33.0	33.0
MAINE	10.2	13.3	3/26.5	3/23.3	63.7	69.2	58.0	58.0
MD	10.9	15.2	3/25.7	3/23.0	68.7	72.2	35.9	33.3
MASS	10.3	13.3			66.2	72.1	58.0	58.0
MICH	14.5	12.0	27.0	26.0	45.3	53.4	31.1	30.5
MINN	3.0	3.9	29.6	26.8	39.7	43.7	34.6	29.5
MISS	12.7	16.3	3/25.7	3/22.6	59.8	68.7		
MO	11.2	14.5	3/26.1	3/23.6	47.5	55.1	34.1	29.0
MONT	5.5	8.0			55.4	59.0		
NEBR	4.2	6.2	24.0	35.0	37.3	42.1	34.6	28.7
NEV	5.1	8.2			45.8	52.2		
N H	10.2	13.3			67.2	70.0	63.0	63.0
N J	6.6	13.2			58.0	64.9	55.0	56.0
N MEX.	7.5	8.5			58.1	65.0		
N Y	4.7	10.2	3/33.0	3/25.9	51.1	59.0	40.0	37.0
N C	20.9	19.8	3/25.6	3/23.6	62.3	67.1	37.2	35.0
N DAK	10.0	10.0			35.8	38.0	36.0	29.2
OHIO	5.8	11.0	3/27.4	3/24.0	45.5	53.7	35.3	32.0
OKLA	9.2	11.5	26.0	23.8	53.7	61.0	32.0	31.0
OREG	5.0	8.5	3/30.0	3/28.0	51.3	56.3	39.0	34.0
PA	20.6	23.5	31.5	26.7	51.2	56.8	37.3	38.0
R I	10.2	13.3			67.3	71.0	58.0	58.0
S C	13.4	12.7	3/24.6	3/22.5	51.7	61.0	33.2	33.0
S DAK	5.0	7.0			34.4	40.3	34.3	29.3
TENN	13.8	15.4	3/25.2	3/22.3	55.2	59.0	33.0	34.5
TEX	8.6	13.3	27.8	25.0	59.6	66.6	34.0	32.8
UTAH	4.0	7.0			42.7	50.0	37.0	33.0
VT	10.2	13.3			74.7	78.1	61.0	61.0
VA	11.8	15.3	3/25.4	3/22.4	63.3	69.9	33.9	32.2
WASH	5.2	8.0	29.9	29.0	46.3	53.7	40.1	36.2
W VA	13.1	14.5	3/31.8	3/27.1	56.7	64.9	33.4	30.9
WIS	12.5	13.7	3/27.6	3/25.2	45.0	51.0	38.3	33.4
WYO	5.9	10.4			55.3	60.4		
U S	9.9	13.0	26.3	23.6	52.5	58.4	34.8	31.7

1/ THE MARKETING YEAR FOR BROILERS, CHICKENS EXCLUDING BROILERS, AND EGGS IS ON A DECEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER BASIS. 2/ AVERAGE OF ALL EGGS SOLD BY FARMERS INCLUDING HATCHING EGGS AND EGGS SOLD RETAIL. 3/ LIVELWEIGHT EQUIVALENT PRICE.

BROILERS: MONTHLY AND MARKETING YEAR AVERAGE PRICE PER POUND RECEIVED BY FARMERS, BY STATES,
DECEMBER 1975 - NOVEMBER 1976 ^{1/}

STATE	1975			1976										MKT YR AV
	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV		
	C E N T S													
ALA ^{2/}	24.0	23.0	23.5	23.0	22.5	23.0	23.0	24.0	22.0	22.0	19.0	18.0	22.3	
ARK	23.0	24.0	25.0	24.5	23.0	24.5	24.0	24.5	24.0	22.0	20.5	19.5	23.2	
CALIF	26.5	27.5	26.0	27.0	26.5	27.0	27.0	27.5	27.0	26.5	25.0	22.0	26.3	
CONN ^{2/}	24.0	24.0	25.0	24.0	23.0	24.0	4/						23.3	
DEL ^{2/}	21.5	23.0	25.5	23.5	22.5	24.0	24.0	25.0	23.5	23.0	21.0	19.5	23.0	
FLA ^{2/}	23.5	23.0	24.0	23.5	22.5	24.0	24.0	24.5	23.0	21.5	19.5	18.5	22.7	
GA ^{2/}	24.5	24.5	25.5	25.0	24.0	25.5	24.0	26.0	24.5	23.0	20.5	20.0	24.0	
HAW	39.5	39.5	38.0	39.0	39.0	40.0	4/						40.0	
IND	26.0	25.5	29.0	27.5	28.5	28.5	4/						24.6	
IOWA													40.0	
KANS														
KY													22.0	
LA	24.5	24.5	25.5	25.0	24.0	24.5	24.0	25.5	24.5	23.0	20.5	19.5	23.7	
MAINE ^{2/}	24.0	24.0	25.0	24.0	23.0	24.0	24.5	25.0	24.0	23.0	20.0	19.0	23.3	
MD ^{2/}	21.5	23.0	25.5	23.5	22.5	24.0	24.0	25.0	23.5	23.0	21.0	19.5	23.0	
MASS														
MICH													26.0	
MINN													26.8	
MISS ^{2/}	24.0	23.5	24.5	23.5	22.5	23.5	23.5	24.0	23.0	22.0	19.5	18.5	22.6	
MO ^{2/}	22.5	24.0	25.5	24.0	24.5	25.5	4/						23.6	
NEBR													35.0	
N J														
N Y ^{2/}													25.9	
N C ^{2/}	24.0	24.0	25.0	25.0	23.0	24.5	25.0	25.0	24.5	23.0	21.0	19.5	23.6	
OHIO ^{2/}	23.5	23.0	24.0	23.0	24.0	25.5	4/						24.0	
OKLA	23.0	24.5	25.5	25.5	24.5	25.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	23.5	21.0	20.0	23.8	
OREG ^{2/}	31.0	31.0	30.0	30.5	28.0	27.0	4/						28.0	
PA	31.5	30.5	29.5	29.0	25.5	26.5	26.5	26.5	26.5	25.0	23.0	21.0	26.7	
S C ^{2/}	22.0	23.5	24.0	23.5	23.0	24.0	23.5	24.5	23.0	21.5	19.5	18.5	22.5	
TENN ^{2/}	26.0	23.0	23.5	23.5	22.0	23.5	23.5	24.0	23.0	22.0	19.0	17.5	22.3	
TEX	24.0	26.0	27.0	24.5	26.0	27.5	27.5	26.0	24.0	24.0	22.5	21.0	25.0	
VA ^{2/}	22.0	23.0	24.0	23.0	22.5	23.5	23.0	24.0	23.0	21.5	20.0	19.0	22.4	
WASH	30.0	29.5	29.0	29.0	29.0	28.0	4/						29.0	
W VA ^{2/}	29.0	27.5	28.0	28.0	27.0	28.5	4/						27.1	
WIS ^{2/}	24.0	25.0	26.5	26.0	25.5	25.5	4/						25.2	
U S ^{3/}	23.9	24.2	25.2	24.4	23.5	24.6	24.3	25.0	23.8	22.8	20.6	19.4	23.6	

^{1/} REVISED.
^{2/} LIVE WEIGHT EQUIVALENT PRICE.
^{3/} INCLUDES DATA FOR SOME STATES NOT SHOWN SEPARATELY.
^{4/} MONTHLY ESTIMATE DISCONTINUED.

CHICKENS EXCLUDING BROILERS: MONTHLY AND MARKETING YEAR AVERAGE PRICE PER POUND RECEIVED BY FARMERS,
BY STATES, DECEMBER 1975 - NOVEMBER 1976 1/

STATE	1975						1976						MKT YR AV
	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	
	C E N T S												
ALA	13.5	10.5	13.0	12.5	10.5	13.0							13.1
ALAS													20.0
ARIZ	6.5	6.5	7.5	8.0	8.5	8.5							8.0
ARK	12.5	12.0	12.5	12.0	11.5	12.0							12.9
CALIF	7.2	7.3	8.5	8.4	8.0	7.5							8.7
COLO													11.0
CONN	14.5	12.5	13.5	12.0	12.0	13.0							13.3
DEL	18.0	14.0	16.0	15.0	13.5	14.0							15.9
FLA	9.0	7.5	10.0	10.0	8.0	9.5							10.0
GA	15.0	11.5	12.5	12.5	10.5	12.5							14.0
HAW	12.5	14.0	20.0	16.0	17.0	17.5							15.5
IDAHO													8.5
ILL	8.5	7.5	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.5							8.9
IND	10.0	9.0	10.0	11.0	10.0	11.5							11.5
IOWA	8.0	7.5	8.5	8.5	8.0	8.5							9.3
KANS	9.0	9.5	10.0	11.0	10.0	10.0							10.0
KY	10.5	11.0	13.0	12.0	11.0	11.0							11.8
LA	14.0	12.0	12.5	12.0	11.0	13.0							13.3
MAINE	14.5	12.5	13.5	12.0	12.0	13.0							13.3
MD	18.0	14.0	16.0	15.0	13.5	14.0							15.2
MASS	14.5	12.5	13.5	12.0	12.0	13.0							13.3
MICH	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0							12.0
MINN	3.0	3.5	3.5	4.0	4.0	4.5							3.9
MISS	21.0	15.5	16.5	15.0	14.0	14.0							16.3
MO	17.0	13.5	15.0	13.0	13.0	13.5							14.5
MONT													8.0
NEBR	5.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0							6.2
NEV													8.2
N H	14.5	12.5	13.5	12.0	12.0	13.0							13.3
N J	10.5	10.5	10.5	11.5	12.0	12.0							13.2
N MEX													8.5
N Y	8.5	9.0	9.5	9.5	10.0	9.0							10.2
N C	28.5	18.0	20.0	18.5	18.5	19.5							19.8
N DAK													10.0
OHIO	9.5	9.5	10.5	10.5	10.0	10.5							11.0
OKLA	10.0	9.0	9.5	8.5	9.0	11.5							11.5
OREG	7.5	8.0	8.0	7.5	8.5	8.0							8.5
PA	29.0	29.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	20.0							23.5
R I	14.5	12.5	13.5	12.0	12.0	13.0							13.3
S C		12.7	13.4	12.3	11.2	12.7							12.7
S DAK													7.0
TENN	14.0	15.0	16.5	16.0	15.5	15.0							15.4
TEX	13.0	10.5	12.0	12.0	12.0	13.0							13.3
UTAH													7.0
VT	14.5	12.5	13.5	12.0	12.0	13.0							13.3
VA	16.1	16.0	15.0	15.1	11.0	13.2							15.3
WASH	7.0	7.0	8.0	7.5	7.5	8.5							8.0
W VA	14.0	14.0	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5							14.5
WIS	13.0	12.0	10.5	10.5	10.5	12.0							13.7
WYO	8.0	8.0	9.0	9.5	8.5	11.0							10.4
U S	13.5	12.2	12.9	13.0	12.0	12.2							13.0

1/ REVISED - MONTHLY ESTIMATES DISCONTINUED JUN 1976.

EGGS: MONTHLY AND MARKETING YEAR AVERAGE PRICE PER DOZEN RECEIVED BY FARMERS, BY STATES,
DECEMBER 1975 - NOVEMBER 1976 1/

STATE	1976												MKT YR AV
	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	
	C E N T S												
ALA	64.4	63.3	61.7	59.5	59.6	60.0	55.4	57.4	62.8	65.0	64.5	70.3	62.1
ALAS	110.0			115.0			2/						114.0
ARIZ	51.0	53.2	51.3	49.0	48.9	47.8	2/						51.1
ARK	72.1	66.6	63.7	57.7	58.0	60.7	61.3	62.9	65.3	66.2	67.6	73.9	64.5
CALIF	57.8	55.2	52.1	49.3	51.4	51.4	49.0	51.1	57.0	57.4	52.0	58.6	53.5
COLO	61.0	56.0	54.0	48.0	50.0	54.0	2/						56.0
CONN	80.0	82.0	78.0	67.0	64.0	69.0	73.0	75.0	86.0	86.0	79.0	84.0	77.0
DEL	76.3	75.2	74.2	67.8	67.8	70.4	2/						72.2
FLA	58.0	54.9	49.8	44.1	43.9	45.4	44.7	47.0	52.2	54.0	53.8	59.6	50.7
GA	73.1	68.0	64.4	60.0	57.8	62.4	60.7	62.4	67.3	68.5	67.9	74.3	65.6
HAW	68.0	71.0	70.5	68.5	63.5	62.0	2/						65.0
IDAHO	61.7	59.7	56.7	53.2	55.6	56.4	2/						55.8
ILL	58.0	56.0	55.0	52.0	51.0	53.0	51.0	54.0	57.0	58.0	58.0	60.0	55.2
IND	54.8	58.1	56.3	54.0	51.1	51.2	51.0	51.0	52.9	52.8	53.7	54.9	53.5
IOWA	53.9	47.9	45.2	39.8	40.6	44.3	41.1	42.1	48.9	50.1	47.4	56.0	46.3
KANS	50.5	47.1	45.2	40.2	41.3	44.6	42.1	41.0	46.9	47.3	47.4	50.4	45.2
KY	60.3	57.0	55.9	49.5	46.0	50.3	48.9	54.3	56.5	55.6	56.8	59.7	54.2
LA	69.7	66.1	62.2	53.9	52.7	55.9	54.1	57.3	64.5	79.2	75.5	83.3	64.4
MAINE	73.0	75.0	71.0	60.0	57.0	62.0	66.0	68.0	75.0	73.0	72.0	78.0	69.2
MD	76.3	75.2	74.2	67.8	67.8	70.4	2/						72.2
MASS	75.0	77.0	73.0	62.0	60.0	65.0	68.0	71.0	81.0	80.0	75.0	81.0	72.1
MICH	61.0	59.3	54.2	48.7	46.9	47.0	47.0	49.9	55.9	56.2	57.0	57.9	53.4
MINN	46.3	44.3	43.2	40.9	39.4	41.0	39.7	39.7	41.9	47.9	48.3	52.9	43.7
MISS	75.7	75.7	73.2	66.2	60.2	65.1	63.4	64.5	68.5	69.0	68.4	75.1	68.7
MO	63.6	61.1	64.2	53.3	46.7	47.8	47.8	50.1	53.5	54.7	56.3	61.8	55.1
MONT	64.3	63.0	59.6	56.3	57.3	56.5	2/						59.0
NEBR	43.0	41.6	40.6	40.5	40.5	38.6	38.8	39.1	42.4	44.2	47.5	50.2	42.1
NEV	56.0	54.0	51.0	46.0	49.0	47.0	2/						52.2
N H	76.0	75.0	71.0	60.0	59.0	64.0	2/						70.0
N J	70.0	68.0	64.0	58.0	59.0	62.0	61.0	62.0	65.0	70.0	68.0	73.0	64.9
N MEX	72.0	71.0	66.0	61.0	60.0	62.0	2/						65.0
N Y	66.8	63.8	57.2	51.7	51.4	54.0	53.6	56.3	61.0	61.9	61.7	68.7	59.0
N C	71.7	70.7	69.1	61.6	62.0	60.7	61.3	64.0	68.8	70.9	71.6	72.1	67.1
N DAK	38.6	37.0	34.4	35.5	34.3	34.1	2/						38.0
OHIO	59.0	54.6	53.7	48.7	47.2	50.7	48.1	48.1	54.9	57.4	57.9	63.6	53.7
OKLA	69.0	63.5	61.0	55.9	53.5	59.5	2/						61.0
OREG	60.5	60.0	54.5	51.0	50.5	52.5	52.5	56.5	61.0	60.0	56.0	62.0	56.3
PA	58.9	63.9	60.3	52.6	51.6	51.7	52.6	52.1	56.5	59.3	59.1	61.8	56.8
R I	75.0	77.0	74.0	62.0	60.0	65.0	2/						71.0
S C	65.4	63.6	61.9	54.0	53.4	58.5	53.6	56.9	64.3	64.0	63.2	73.8	61.0
S DAK	43.8	38.9	38.8	37.3	38.4	37.7	37.0	38.2	40.9	43.8	47.0	50.0	40.3
TENN	64.5	62.5	61.5	57.0	53.5	57.0	53.5	55.0	59.5	60.5	59.5	64.0	59.0
TEX	74.5	66.5	64.7	60.4	59.2	64.4	61.6	63.6	69.0	70.5	70.2	75.2	66.6
UTAH	51.0	55.0	53.0	46.0	45.0	46.0	2/						50.0
VT	82.0	83.0	81.0	72.0	67.0	72.0	2/						78.1
VA	74.9	73.1	71.2	65.8	62.4	66.9	63.8	65.4	69.0	71.8	74.5	78.4	69.9
WASH	57.9	55.9	54.8	48.0	50.2	49.9	48.0	52.5	58.4	57.9	51.9	59.2	53.7
W VA	73.0	70.0	62.0	57.0	56.0	59.0	2/						64.9
WIS	56.7	52.5	50.5	49.0	47.0	47.9	44.0	47.5	51.5	56.5	54.5	54.9	51.0
WYO	66.0	65.0	63.0	55.0	56.0	59.0	2/						60.4
U S	63.4	61.2	58.5	53.5	52.7	54.7	53.3	55.1	60.0	61.4	60.3	65.5	58.4

1/ AVERAGE OF ALL EGGS SOLD BY FARMERS INCLUDING HATCHING EGGS AND EGGS SOLD AT RETAIL. REVISED.
2/ MONTHLY (ALASKA QUARTERLY) ESTIMATE DISCONTINUED.

TURKEYS: AVERAGE PRICE PER POUND RECEIVED BY FARMERS, BY STATES,
MONTHLY AND ANNUAL, 1976 ^{1/}

STATE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL AVERAGE
C E N T S													
ALA													30.5
ARIZ													
ARK	35.0	34.0	34.0	32.0	31.0	32.0	32.0	31.0	31.0	34.0	34.0	35.0	32.5
CALIF	35.0	32.0	29.0	29.0	30.0	31.0	30.0	27.0	28.0	28.0	29.0	31.0	29.3
COLO													35.0
CONN													60.0
DEL													
FLA													
GA	31.0	30.0	32.0	32.0	34.0	30.0	29.0	32.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.7
ILL	33.0	30.0							31.0	32.0	32.0	35.0	33.0
IND	29.0	26.0	28.0	28.0	30.0	31.0	29.0	33.0	31.0	31.0	32.0	35.0	31.3
IOWA	27.0	27.0	31.0	28.0	30.0	27.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	27.0	31.0	28.6
KANS													32.0
KY													
LA													33.0
MAINE													58.0
MD													33.3
MASS													58.0
MICH	31.0	31.0	32.0	34.0	34.0	33.0	31.0	30.0	29.0	29.0	28.0	31.0	30.5
MINN	35.0	31.0	32.0	29.0	31.0	30.0	29.0	30.0	29.0	28.0	28.0	30.0	29.5
MO	33.0	28.0	31.0	29.0	30.0	28.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	28.0	28.0	31.0	29.0
MONT													
NEBR	32.0					27.0	29.0	29.0	30.0	27.0	28.0	32.0	28.7
N H													63.0
N J													56.0
N MEX													
N Y													37.0
N C	36.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	33.0	35.0	35.0	37.0	35.0
N DAK													29.2
OHIO	32.0	31.0	31.0	32.0	36.0	34.0	33.0	33.0	30.0	31.0	31.0	32.0	32.0
OKLA													31.0
OREG			32.0	35.0	35.0	33.0	33.0	34.0	34.0	34.0	35.0	36.0	34.0
PA	36.0	36.0	37.0	37.0	38.0	38.0	36.0	40.0	40.0	37.0	38.0	40.0	38.0
R I													58.0
S C	34.0	33.0	34.0	34.0	33.0	33.0	33.0	33.0	32.0	33.0	34.0	36.0	33.0
S DAK	32.0	26.0	31.0	33.0	32.0	27.0	29.0	30.0	31.0	28.0	27.0	31.0	29.3
TENN													34.5
TEX	33.0	34.0	34.0	32.0	32.0	30.0	31.0	32.0	33.0	35.0	34.0	35.0	32.8
UTAH	35.0	34.0			36.0	32.0	33.0	33.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	35.0	33.0
VT													61.0
VA	31.0	32.0	34.0	33.0	34.0	31.0	33.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	33.0	34.0	32.2
WASH		39.0				^{2/} 30.0							36.2
W VA	25.0	26.0	28.0	30.0	32.0	30.0	32.0	30.0	^{2/} 33.0	32.0	31.0	33.0	30.9
WIS	36.0				36.0	35.0	35.0	34.0					33.4
WYO													
U S	33.4	32.1	32.9	31.8	32.1	31.2	31.1	31.1	30.7	30.7	31.1	33.5	31.7

^{1/} REVISED.

^{2/} MONTHLY ESTIMATE DISCONTINUED.

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

COMMODITY-FEED PRICE RATIO	APR 15 1975	APR 15 1976	MAR 15 1977	APR 15 1977
HOG-CORN: BUSHELS OF CORN EQUAL IN VALUE TO 100-LBS. OF HOG, LIVWEIGHT UNITED STATES	14.7	19.1	3/15.8	15.5
NORTH CENTRAL STATES	14.8	19.3	3/15.9	15.7
EGG-FEED: POUNDS OF LAYING FEED EQUAL IN VALUE TO 1 DOZEN EGGS	6.5	3/7.3	7.3	6.8
BROILER-FEED: POUNDS OF BROILER GROWER EQUAL IN VALUE TO 1 LB. BROILER LIVWEIGHT ^{1/}	2.8	3.0	2.7	2.7
TURKEY-FEED: POUNDS OF TURKEY GROWER EQUAL IN VALUE TO 1 LB. TURKEY, LIVWEIGHT	3.6	3.9	3.6	3.4
MILK-FEED: POUNDS CONCENTRATE RATION EQUAL IN VALUE TO 1 LB. WHOLE MILK ^{1/}	1.30	1.60	1.47	2/1.47

^{1/} BROILER AND MILK-FEED PRICE RATIOS ARE COMPUTED USING MONTHLY AVERAGES FOR BROILERS AND MILK.
^{2/} PRELIMINARY. ^{3/} REVISED.

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

REGION	MILK-FEED PRICE RATIO ^{2/}			ALL MILK PRICE PER CWT.			RATION VALUE ^{3/}		
	APR 1976	MAR 1977	APR 1977	APR 1976	MAR 1977	APR 1977	APR 1976	MAR 1977	APR 1977
	P O U N D S			D O L L A R S					
N ATL	1.56	1.42	1.43	9.67	9.78	9.75	6.18	6.90	6.84
N CENT	1.67	1.49	1.48	9.03	9.03	9.16	5.40	6.05	6.17
A ATL	1.62	1.51	1.48	10.50	10.70	10.60	6.48	7.08	7.14
S CENT	1.57	1.45	1.44	9.87	9.88	9.84	6.27	6.80	6.85
WEST	1.47	1.52	1.50	9.14	9.37	9.40	6.22	6.15	6.25
U S	1.60	1.47	1.47	9.37	9.43	9.48	5.87	6.40	6.47

^{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,
APRIL 1977, WITH COMPARISONS

ITEM	APR 1976	MAR 1977	APR 1977
PARITY EQUIVALENT	DOL. PER CWT. : 10.25	10.93	11.01
AVERAGE PRICE F.O.B. PLANTS	DOL. PER CWT. : 8.50	8.46	2/8.61
AVERAGE FAT TEST OF MILK	PERCENT : 3.62	3.68	2/3.64

^{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.

FEEED: AVERAGE PRICES PAID BY FARMERS, UNITED STATES,
APRIL 15, 1977, WITH COMPARISONS

COMMODITY	UNIT	1976			1977		
		FEB 15	MAR 15	APR 15	FEB 15	MAR 15	APR 15
D O L L A R S							
ALFALFA HAY, BALED	TON	69.90	72.60	73.10	80.30	80.80	80.90
OTHER HAY, BALED	TON	60.10	61.70	61.70	63.90	64.30	63.20
COTTONSEED MEAL, 41 PCT	CWT	9.42	9.47	9.48	11.60	12.00	12.20
SOYBEAN MEAL, 44 PCT	"	8.84	8.86	8.84	13.00	13.70	15.10
BRAN	"	7.37	7.38	7.35	7.93	7.85	7.79
MIDDLINGS	"	7.26	7.26	7.19	7.80	7.73	7.63
CORN MEAL	"	6.52	6.58	6.57	6.13	6.18	6.17
LAYING FEED	TON	143	145	144	161	161	163
BROILER GROWER FEED	"	160	160	159	178	179	183
TURKEY GROWER	"	165	165	162	186	188	195
CHICK STARTER FEED	"	162	162	161	181	184	188
DAIRY FEED							
14 PCT PROTEIN	TON	133	134	133	144	141	142
16 PCT PROTEIN	"	136	136	135	151	148	148
32 PCT PROTEIN	"	177	174	173	216	217	225
HOG FEED, 14-18 PCT	CWT	8.03	8.01	7.96	8.84	9.11	9.22
HOG CONCT. 38-42 % PROTEIN	"	10.30	10.30	10.30	13.80	14.50	15.50
BEEF CATTLE CONCT. 32-36 % PROTEIN	"	8.12	8.09	8.09	9.47	9.69	10.00
STOCK SALT	"		3.03		3.39	3.44	3.45
MOLASSES, LIQUID	"	5.04	5.19		5.76	5.81	5.78
INDEX NUMBERS (1967=100)							
FEEED, PRICES PAID BY FARMERS	PCT	183	185	183	200	17202	204

1/ REVISED.

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

COMMODITY	UNIT	1976			1977		
		FEB 15	MAR 15	APR 15	FEB 15	MAR 15	APR 15
D O L L A R S							
FEEDERS AND STOCKERS:							
CATTLE AND CALVES	CWT	36.90	36.20	41.00	35.50	36.50	39.00
PIGS 1/	"	96.00	96.50	101.00	77.00	84.00	92.00
BABY CHICKS	PER 100	14.90	15.30	15.40	16.30	15.90	16.50
TURKEY POULTS	EACH	.696	.705	.705	.706	.729	.731
INDEX NUMBERS (1967=100)							
ALL LIVESTOCK	PCT	160	158	174	153	158	168

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,
APRIL 15, 1977

STATE	BRAN	MIDLINGS	COTTONSEED:	SOYBEAN :	CORN MEAL	HOG FEED		BEEF CATTLE
			MEAL, 41% PROTEIN	MEAL, 44% PROTEIN		14-18% PROTEIN	HOG CONCT 38-42% PROTEIN	CONCENTRATE 32-36% PROTEIN
D O L L A R S								
ALA	8.20	8.50	12.00	15.00	6.90	8.80	15.00	9.80
ARIZ	9.40	9.50	8.90	15.00	8.30	10.00	16.00	
ARK	7.00	7.20	11.50	12.50	6.60	8.10	13.50	8.50
CALIF	7.90	7.50	10.50	16.00	7.90	8.80	17.00	8.50
COLO	7.60	7.20	12.50	15.00	6.20	8.50	15.00	8.20
CONN	9.00	8.40		16.50	7.80			
DEL	7.80	7.60	9.30	16.00	6.80			
FLA	9.30	9.20	13.50	15.00	7.50	9.80	15.50	11.90
GA	8.40	7.80	13.00	15.50	7.10	9.00	15.70	10.50
HAW								
IDAHO	6.90	7.00	13.50	15.00	6.50	8.80	13.50	8.90
ILL	7.90	8.00	14.00	15.00	5.30	10.00	16.00	11.00
IND	8.50	8.50	14.50	16.00	5.10	9.40	16.00	12.00
IOWA	7.70	7.50	14.00	15.40	4.90	9.60	15.90	12.60
KANS	6.80	6.40	13.00	14.50	5.70	8.20	15.00	9.40
KY	7.80	7.60	13.00	15.00	5.90	9.10	15.30	9.70
LA	7.60	8.30	12.50	14.50	7.30	9.30	15.00	9.30
MAINE	9.00	8.40		16.50	7.80			
MD	7.80	7.60	9.30	16.00	6.80	9.20	14.50	10.00
MASS	9.00	8.40		16.50	7.80			
MICH	8.10	7.80	14.00	15.50	6.10	8.00	16.50	12.50
MINN	7.50	7.40	14.50	15.00	5.60	9.60	15.70	11.30
MISS	7.60	8.60	11.00	14.00	7.30	8.80	14.50	9.40
MO	6.80	6.60	12.00	14.00	5.60	8.30	13.50	8.80
MONT	7.20	6.20	13.00	15.00	6.50	8.50	15.50	9.30
NEBR	7.80	7.70	14.00	15.50	5.20	9.30	15.50	10.00
NEV	9.50	9.40	13.00		9.00			8.20
N H	9.00	8.40		16.50	7.80			
N J	8.80	8.20		16.50	7.40	8.70	13.50	
N MEX	7.70	7.90	12.00	15.50	7.70	9.50	15.50	9.10
N Y	7.10	7.10	14.00	15.50	6.80	8.60	14.00	10.00
N C	7.80	7.50	13.50	15.00	6.30	8.60	14.70	11.50
N DAK	8.80	6.50		13.50	5.80	8.10	14.50	9.90
OHIO	7.70	7.50	14.00	16.00	5.90	8.80	16.00	12.50
OKLA	7.00	7.00	11.60	14.50	6.70	8.10	15.10	9.70
OREG	8.60	7.80	12.00	16.00	7.40	8.00	14.00	9.00
PA	7.50	7.50	13.50	15.30	6.50	8.60	14.90	10.30
R I								
S C	8.50	8.10	12.50	15.00	7.10	8.80	15.00	11.00
S DAK	7.90	7.50	13.00	14.50	5.60	9.00	15.50	11.50
TENN	7.70	7.60	12.50	15.00	7.30	8.30	14.50	9.40
TEX	7.90	7.90	11.80	15.00	7.20	8.50	15.00	8.60
UTAH	6.70	5.80	12.50	15.00	6.60			7.90
VT	9.00	8.40		16.50	7.80			
VA	8.30	7.90	14.50	15.00	6.60	8.40	15.00	10.50
WASH	9.20	8.10	13.50	16.00	8.60			8.50
W VA	8.50	8.60	13.50	15.00	7.00			11.50
WIS	7.50	7.60	13.00	14.90	5.50	9.60	15.80	11.50
WYO	8.20	8.40	14.50		7.80			9.50
U S	7.79	7.63	12.20	15.10	6.17	9.22	15.50	10.00

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

STATE	DAIRY FEED, PERCENT PROTEIN		
	14	16	32
	DOLLARS		
ALA	140	151	205
ARIZ	141		
ARK	129	142	171
CALIF	127	129	
COLO	160	155	220
CONN		143	
DEL	152	159	230
FLA	155	178	193
GA	147	154	210
HAW			
IDAHO	124	145	178
ILL	160	163	245
IND	155	165	265
IOWA	150	141	255
KANS	136	141	230
KY	139	148	245
LA	145	147	175
MAINE		149	
MD	152	159	230
MASS		145	
MICH	160	180	265
MINN	140	144	235
MISS	140	143	188
MO	130	144	193
MONT	140	145	
NEBR	137	144	230
NEV	160	190	
N H		146	
N J	147	149	220
N MEX	150	155	165
N Y	142	142	171
N C	143	148	220
N DAK	140	139	205
OHIO	150	165	255
OKLA	131	143	195
OREG	134	140	165
PA	156	146	225
R I		144	
S C	144	152	185
S DAK	144	151	260
TENN	148	147	205
TEX	143	154	179
UTAH	126	127	154
VT		150	
VA	154	156	225
WASH	138	147	197
W VA	175	166	215
WIS	147	151	235
WYO	141	149	
U S	142	148	225

FEED: AVERAGE PRICE PER TON PAID BY FARMERS FOR POULTRY
FEED AND POULTRY FEED RATIOS, BY STATES, APRIL 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	191	165	174		7.5	2.6	
ARIZ		171					
ARK	163	157	177	195	7.7	2.7	3.4
CALIF	178	146	187	195	7.0	2.8	3.3
COLO		180		205			
CONN		156			8.7		
DEL	193	180	189	194		2.6	
FLA	198	177	183		5.3	2.6	
GA	187	151	178	210	7.8	2.8	2.9
HAW		188					
IDAHO		163					
ILL	215	190		225	6.0		
IND	200	163	180	180	6.7		3.8
IOWA	215	176		200	4.5		3.5
KANS		178			4.3		
KY	205	173			5.9		
LA	182	152	172		8.8	2.8	
MAINE	179	157	191		7.8	2.5	
MD	193	180	189			2.6	
MASS		159			7.7		
MICH	210	170		220	5.7		2.9
MINN	210	183	173	172	5.2		3.8
MISS	195	167	192		8.0	2.5	
MO	189	152	175	184	6.5		3.5
MONT		195					
NEBR		177		165	4.5		
NEV							
N H		159					
N J		153			8.2		
N MEX		170					
N Y		161		210	6.5		
N C	190	168	190	192	8.2	2.5	3.6
N DAK		195		200			
OHIO	195	168	180	195	5.9		3.8
OKLA	192	166	185	196		2.6	
OREG	180	156	200	190	6.8		3.7
PA	192	160	186	196	6.9	2.8	3.9
R I		157					
S C	188	161	190	192	7.2	2.4	3.4
S DAK		169		215	4.7		3.3
TENN	196	170	190		6.8	2.4	
TEX	200	163	185	235	7.4	2.8	2.8
UTAH		150		193			3.7
VT		159					
VA	210	166	184	200	7.5	2.5	3.5
WASH	210	173	230	220	6.2		
W VA		175	182	200			
WIS	220	187	194	230	5.9		
WYO							
U S	188	163	183	195	6.8	2.7	3.4

1/ NUMBER OF POUNDS OF LAYING FEED, EQUIVALENT IN VALUE TO ONE DOZEN EGGS, NUMBER OF POUNDS BROILER GROWER EQUAL IN VALUE TO ONE POUND OF BROILER LIVE WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF POUNDS TURKEY GROWER EQUAL IN VALUE TO ONE POUND OF TURKEY LIVE WEIGHT.

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

STATE	GASOLINE		DIESEL FUEL
	SERVICE STATION	BULK DELIVERY	
D O L L A R S			
ALA	.600	.550	.460
ARIZ	.640	.570	.460
ARK	.600	.560	.430
CALIF	.610	.570	.450
COLO	.610	.560	.420
CONN			
DEL			
FLA	.620	.560	.500
GA	.610	.550	.500
HAW	.730	.590	.430
IDAHO	.630	.580	.430
ILL	.630	.570	.480
IND	.620	.580	.500
IOWA	.610	.560	.460
KANS	.610	.570	.450
KY	.610	.580	.470
LA	.600	.550	.420
MAINE			
MD	.610	.580	.490
MASS	.610	.590	.490
MICH	.620	.570	.470
MINN	.610	.580	.460
MISS	.640	.570	.500
MO	.580	.560	.430
MONT	.630	.570	.430
NEBR	.620	.570	.440
NEV	.670	.560	.440
N H			
N J	.600	.560	.480
N MEX	.600	.550	.420
N Y	.610	.600	.480
N C	.590	.570	.520
N DAK	.620	.560	.450
OHIO	.580	.570	.470
OKLA	.590	.540	.450
OREG	.590	.560	.430
PA	.600	.580	.480
R I			
S C	.610	.550	.500
S DAK	.620	.580	.460
TENN	.600	.540	.460
TEX	.580	.520	.410
UTAH	.600	.570	.430
VT			
VA	.590	.570	.460
WASH	.610	.580	.430
W VA	.620	.570	.560
WIS	.580	.560	.450
WYO	.660	.590	.430
U S	.605	.564	.448

PRICES PAID BY FARMERS FOR SEED HIGHER

Prices paid by farmers for spring planted seeds were mostly higher than a year ago, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Exceptions to the upward trend were spring wheat prices down 20 percent, barley down 10 percent, and seed potatoes down 24 percent from a year earlier.

Seed corn prices were up 10 percent from last year, soybeans up 76 percent, and cottonseed up 6 percent. Certified alfalfa seed prices increased 53 percent, and prices paid for uncertified alfalfa seed varieties averaged 55 percent above a year earlier.

The April 15 index of prices paid for seeds was 269 percent of its 1967 base. This compares with 237 percent for April 1976 and 255 for April 1975.

FIELD SEEDS: RETAIL PRICES, UNITED STATES, APRIL 15, 1977 WITH COMPARISONS

ITEM AND UNIT	APR 15, 1974	APR 15, 1975	APR 15, 1976	APR 15, 1977
	D O L L A R S			
ALFALFA, UNCERTIFIED VARIETIES, PER 100 LB.	153.00	114.00	99.00	153.00
ALFALFA, CERTIFIED VARIETIES, PER 100 LB.	167.00	140.00	116.00	177.00
CLOVER, RED, per 100 LB.	114.00	106.00	90.00	108.00
CLOVER, ALSIKE PER 100 LB.	59.50	67.50	63.00	89.50
CLOVER, SWEET, PER 100 LB.	28.00	35.00	36.00	38.50
CLOVER, LADINO PER LB.	2.20	2.50	2.10	2.20
LESPEDEZA, KOREAN, PER 100 LB.	68.00	59.50	48.00	62.50
LESPEDEZA, STRIATE, KOBE, PER 100 LB.	70.00	69.00	73.00	93.50
LESPEDEZA, SERICEA, PER 100 LB.	127.00	76.00	91.00	226.00
TIMOTHY, PER 100 LB.	65.00	51.00	37.00	60.00
ORCHARDGRASS, PER 100 LB.	65.50	63.00	53.00	62.00
RYEGRASS, ANNUAL, PER 100 LB.	49.00	34.90	28.00	35.00
BLUEGRASS, KENTUCKY, PER LB.	1.62	1.07	.92	1.47
FESCUE, TALL, PER 100 LB.	43.50	35.00	32.50	47.50
SUDANGRASS, PER 100 LB.	24.50	27.30	28.00	34.50
SEED POTATOES, PER 100 LB. 1/	8.05	5.30	7.40	5.63
SEED CORN, HYBRID, PER BU.	25.00	36.50	36.50	40.00
SEED WHEAT (SPRING), PER BU.	8.40	7.70	6.50	5.20
SEED OATS, PER BU.	3.05	3.65	2/3.40	3.70
SEED BARLEY, PER BU.	4.10	5.50	5.10	4.60
SEED FLAX, PER BU.	16.50	13.00	10.50	11.00
SEED PEANUTS, PER 100 LB.	46.00	45.50	43.50	52.00
SOYBEANS FOR SEED, PER BU.	9.50	10.50	7.40	13.00
COTTONSEED FOR PLANTING, PER 100 LB.	25.30	33.60	28.50	30.30
GRAIN SORGHUMS, HYBRID, PER 100 LB.	28.50	36.50	37.50	41.00
FORAGE SORGHUMS, PER 100 LB.	21.00	23.50	21.50	27.50

1/ SEASON AVERAGE PRICE.

2/ REVISED

FIELD SEEDS: RETAIL PRICES BY STATES, SEPTEMBER 15, 1976 AND APRIL 15, 1977

STATE	ALFALFA SEED (PER 100 POUNDS)				SEED WHEAT (PER BUSHEL)		SEED	GRAIN
	UNCERTIFIED		CERTIFIED		WINTER	SPRING	CORN	SORGHUMS
	SEP 15, 1976	APR 15, 1977	SEP 15, 1976	APR 15, 1977	SEP 15, 1976	APR 15, 1977	HYBRID (PER BU)	HYBRID (PER 100 LBS)
	DOLLARS							
ALA					6.70		42.00	
ARIZ	120	130	143	145	7.00			46.00
ARK					5.00			40.00
CALIF	140	143	163	155	7.50		53.00	48.00
COLO	114	156	143	187	5.00		40.00	40.00
DEL								
GA					6.80		39.00	
IDAHO	121	165	151	189	5.60	4.80		
ILL	125	156	152	185	6.70		42.00	
IND	115	161	150	180	6.50		38.50	
IOWA	123	155	135	178			43.00	
KANS	122	124	141	167	5.60		42.00	38.00
KY	123	146	146	173	5.60		39.00	
LA								
MD					7.00		40.00	
MICH	128	160	141	182	6.20		40.00	
MINN	115	153	134	176		5.50	39.00	
MISS					5.40			
MO	125	141	145	175	5.80		40.00	40.00
MONT	120	160	149	175	5.80	6.00		
NEBR	119	144	140	183	6.20		42.00	37.00
NEV	122	165	152	175				
N MEX	120	135	142	155	5.70			43.00
N Y	140	164	151	183	6.60		34.00	
N C					6.70		42.00	40.00
N DAK	122	150	142	181		5.00		
OHIO	114	154	140	172	6.00		36.00	
OKLA	130	110	140	145	5.40			44.00
OREG	135	174	164	192	5.80			
PA	132	162	145	181	7.00		36.00	
S C								
S DAK	110	150	142	174	6.20	5.00	35.00	37.00
TENN					5.40			
TEX	109	139	140	155	7.50		23.50	43.00
UTAH	118	143	144	187	5.50			
VA					6.90		39.50	
WASH	140	172	168	187	6.00	6.00		
WIS	124	161	145	180			35.00	
WYO	124	165	145	188				
U S	122	153	145	177	6.00	5.20	40.00	41.00

FIELD SEEDS: RETAIL PRICES BY STATES, SEPTEMBER 15, 1976 AND APRIL 15, 1977

STATE	FORAGE	SEED BARLEY (PER BU.)		SEED OATS (PER BU.)		SOYBEANS	COTTONSEED	SEED POTATOES (PER
	(PER 100 LBS.) APRIL 15, 1977	WINTER SEP 15, 1976	SPRING APR 15, 1977	WINTER SEP 15, 1976	SPRING APR 15, 1977	(PER BU.) APR 15, 1977	FOR SEED FOR PLANT-ING (PER 100 LBS.) APR 15, 1977	100 LBS.) APR 15, 1977
	D O L L A R S							
ALA	27.00			3.40		13.50	32.00	7.20
ARIZ		5.20					36.50	7.40
ARK				3.30		13.00	27.00	
CALIF	46.50	4.90	5.30	5.20	5.40		32.00	6.00
COLO	27.50	4.70	4.10	3.10				6.60
CONN								8.00
DEL								8.10
FLA								8.00
GA	28.00	5.30		3.80		14.00	45.50	
IDAHO		4.30	4.10	3.80				3.75
ILL		5.50		4.30	3.70	12.50		6.30
IND		5.50		4.70	3.70	12.50		6.40
IOWA					3.80	12.50		6.10
KANS	27.50	5.80		3.40	3.60	13.00		
KY		4.60				13.50		
LA				3.40		13.50	29.00	8.00
MAINE								6.20
MD		5.20		4.60				8.10
MASS								8.00
MICH					4.00	12.00		6.90
MINN			5.30		3.70	13.00		4.70
MISS				3.40		13.50	30.50	10.00
MO	33.00	6.30		3.50	3.30	13.50	29.00	
MONT		5.00	4.20		3.30			6.00
NEBR	26.50				3.70	13.50		6.10
NEV								4.75
N H								6.50
N J								7.60
N MEX	26.50						35.00	8.00
N Y					3.80			7.80
N C	33.00	4.70		3.70		14.00	45.00	8.20
N DAK			4.30		3.10			4.25
OHIO		5.10		3.70	3.70	12.00		7.70
OKLA	28.00	5.70		3.20	3.50		28.00	
OREG		4.20	4.50	2.90	3.10			5.50
PA		4.40	6.20	4.70	3.90			8.00
R I								8.00
S C		4.80		3.70		13.00	45.50	
S DAK	27.00		5.00		3.50			6.20
TENN		4.50		3.90		13.50	29.50	10.00
TEX	25.50	5.70		3.30	3.30	13.00	29.00	7.90
UTAH		4.70	4.20					7.10
VT								7.30
VA		4.80		4.60				7.60
WASH		4.20	4.80					6.50
W VA		5.70						10.00
WIS			6.20		4.10			5.60
WYO		4.80	4.50					4.80
U S	27.50	4.95	4.60	3.75	3.70	13.00	30.30	5.63

1/ SEASON AVERAGE PRICE.

FARM MACHINERY AND TRACTORS: AVERAGE PRICES PAID BY FARMERS, UNITED STATES,
MARCH 1977, WITH COMPARISONS

COMMODITY	1976		1977
	MAR 15	SEP 15	MAR 15
D O L L A R S			
<u>FARM MACHINERY</u>			
PLOWS, MOLDBOARD, DRAWN OR MOUNTED, ONE-WAY:			
3-BOTTOMS, EACH	1,420	1,480	1,660
5-BOTTOMS, EACH	3,320	3,490	3,790
7-BOTTOMS, EACH	4,810	5,140	5,550
CHISEL PLOWS, DEEP TILLAGE, CHISEL OR SWEEP TYPE, 18 FT., EACH	2,520	2,510	2,700
DISK HARROWS, TANDEM, DRAWN, 13 FT., EACH	2,750	2,900	3,030
DISK HARROWS, TANDEM, DRAWN, 16 FT., EACH	4,030	4,300	4,520
DISK HARROWS, TANDEM, DRAWN, 19 FT., EACH	5,120	5,350	5,680
FIELD CULTIVATORS, MOUNTED OR DRAWN, 11 FT., EACH	1,360		1,480
FIELD CULTIVATORS, MOUNTED OR DRAWN, 18 FT., EACH	2,340		2,520
GRAIN DRILLS, PLAIN, 16 TUBES, EACH	2,720	2,860	3,040
GRAIN DRILLS, WITH FERT. ATTACH., 13 TUBES, EACH	2,500	2,590	2,740
GRAIN DRILLS, PRESS, 24 TUBES, EACH	4,640	5,140	5,210
CORN PLANTERS, PLAIN, 4-ROW, EACH	3,390		3,690
CORN PLANTERS, WITH FERT. ATTACH., 4-ROW, EACH	4,180		4,450
CORN PLANTERS, WITH FERT. ATTACH., 8-ROW, EACH	8,310		9,240
FEED GRINDER-MIXERS, TRAILER MOUNTED, EACH	3,820		4,160
FARM BULK MILK COOLER, DIRECT EXPANSION TYPE, 500-700 GAL. CAP., EACH	5,240		5,470
<u>TRACTORS</u>			
WHEEL:			
30-39 P.T.O. OR BELT HP., EACH	6,490	6,640	6,980
50-59 P.T.O. OR BELT HP., EACH	9,160	9,350	9,860
90-99 P.T.O. OR BELT HP., EACH	17,100		18,800
110-129 P.T.O. OR BELT HP., EACH	20,900	21,700	23,300

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