

Agricultural Prices



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Prices Received Index Increases 3 Points

The All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in May was 99 based on 1990-92=100, up 3 points (3.1 percent) from April. The index increase was due to the seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell. The normal increase in marketings of cantaloupes, grapes, peaches, and sweet corn in May more than offset the relatively lower marketings of cattle, milk, cotton, and oranges. The change in marketings was accompanied by a slight increase in overall prices. Price increases from April for hogs, broilers, oranges, and hay more than offset price decreases for lettuce, strawberries, cattle, and eggs.

Compared with May 1998, the All Farm Products Index was 4 points (3.9 percent) lower. Price decreases from May 1998 for soybeans, corn, hogs, and wheat more than offset price increases for peaches, carrots, cucumbers, and turkeys.

Prices Paid Index Up 1 Point

The May Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) was 117 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index was up 1 point from April but unchanged from May 1998. Since April, higher prices for hay and forages, feed supplements, feed concentrates, and nitrogen fertilizers more than offset lower prices for feeder cattle, feed grains, and herbicides.

Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92=100	1998		1999	
	Apr	May	Apr	May
Prices Received	104	103	96	99
Prices Paid	118	117	116	117
Ratio 1/	88	88	83	85

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.

Prices Received by Farmers

The May All Farm Products Index was 99 percent of its 1990-92 base, up 3.1 percent from April but down 3.9 percent from May 1998.

All Crops: The May index was 106, up 2.9 percent from April but 5.4 percent below May 1998. From April, price increases for potatoes and dry beans, and feed grains and hay, more than offset price decreases for vegetables, fruit and nuts, and oil-bearing crops.

Food Grains: The May index, at 93, was down 3.1 percent from the previous month and was 15 percent below May 1998. The May all wheat price, at \$2.58 per bushel, was down 4 cents from April and 48 cents below May 1998.

Feed Grains & Hay: The May index was 93, up 1.1 percent from last month but 14 percent below May 1998. The corn price, at \$2.01 per bushel, was down 4 cents from April and 33 cents below the May 1998 price. The all hay price, at \$91.60 per ton, was up \$9.70 from last month but was \$10.40 below May 1998.

Oil-Bearing Crops: The May index, at 80, was down 3.6 percent from April and 29 percent below May 1998. The soybean price, at \$4.46 per bushel, decreased 17 cents from April and was \$1.80 below May 1998. This was the lowest monthly price since March 1976.

Fruit and Nuts: The May fruit and nuts index, at 123, was up 13 percent from the previous month and up 11 percent from May 1998. The May index increase resulted from large marketings of peaches. Since April, increases in the prices of oranges, grapefruit, and lemons offset declines in strawberry and apple prices.

Commercial Vegetables: The May index, at 125, was down 2.3 percent from last month and 0.8 percent below May 1998. Price increases for cucumbers, tomatoes, snap beans, and celery were more than offset by price declines for lettuce, cauliflower, and asparagus.

Livestock and Products: The May index, at 93, was up 3.3 percent from last month but down 3.1 percent from May 1998. Compared with a year ago, prices were up for broilers and turkeys but down for hogs, calves, cattle, all milk, and eggs.

Meat Animals: The May index, at 83, was up 2.5 percent from last month but 4.6 percent below a year ago. The May hog price was \$37.00 per cwt, up \$6.80 from April but \$5.30 below a year ago. The May beef cattle price of \$61.40 was down \$1.30 from last month and \$1.60 below May 1998 with both placements and cattle on feed numbers above a year ago.

Poultry and Eggs: The May index, at 110, was 5.7 percent above April and 1.9 percent above a year ago. The May broiler price at 37.8 cents per pound was up 3.5 cents from April, resulting from a seasonal increase in demand. A decrease in domestic demand for eggs, along with a continued weak export market, decreased market egg prices 8.2 cents to 35.0 cents per dozen. Turkey prices increased 1.0 cent to 39.7 cents per pound. Cold storage holdings continue to be below last year's levels.

Dairy Products: The May index, at 99, was up 3.1 percent from April but was 2.9 percent below April 1998. The May all milk price, at \$12.90 per cwt, was up \$0.30 from April but down \$0.40 from last year. April milk production was up 3.4 percent from last year. Prices increased for fluid grade but decreased for manufacturing grade milk. Cheese prices declined during April.

Index Numbers of Prices Received, United States, May 1999,
with Comparisons

Index	1910-14=100				1990-92=100			
	1998		1999		1998		1999	
	Average: 1990-92:	May	Apr	May	May	Apr	May	
All Farm Products	639	656	*610	630	103	*96	99	
All Crops	500	554	*509	523	112	*103	106	
Food Grains	325	345	*306	295	109	*96	93	
Feed Grains & Hay	363	385	*328	333	108	*92	93	
Cotton	517	537	*479	486	105	*94	95	
Tobacco 1/	1263	1474	*1309		97	*86		
Oil-Bearing Crops	554	614	*454	437	112	83	80	
Fruit & Nuts	716	773	*763	862	111	*109	123	
Commercial Vegetables	698	841	*856	836	126	*128	125	
Potatoes & Dry Beans	540	555	*520	552	110	*103	109	
Other Crops	493	532	532	532	108	108	108	
Livestock & Products	768	734	*690	716	96	90	93	
Meat Animals	1021	888	*822	844	87	*81	83	
Dairy Products	799	817	*774	793	102	*96	99	
Poultry & Eggs	282	304	292	309	108	104	110	
Food Commodities					102	*95	99	

* Revised.

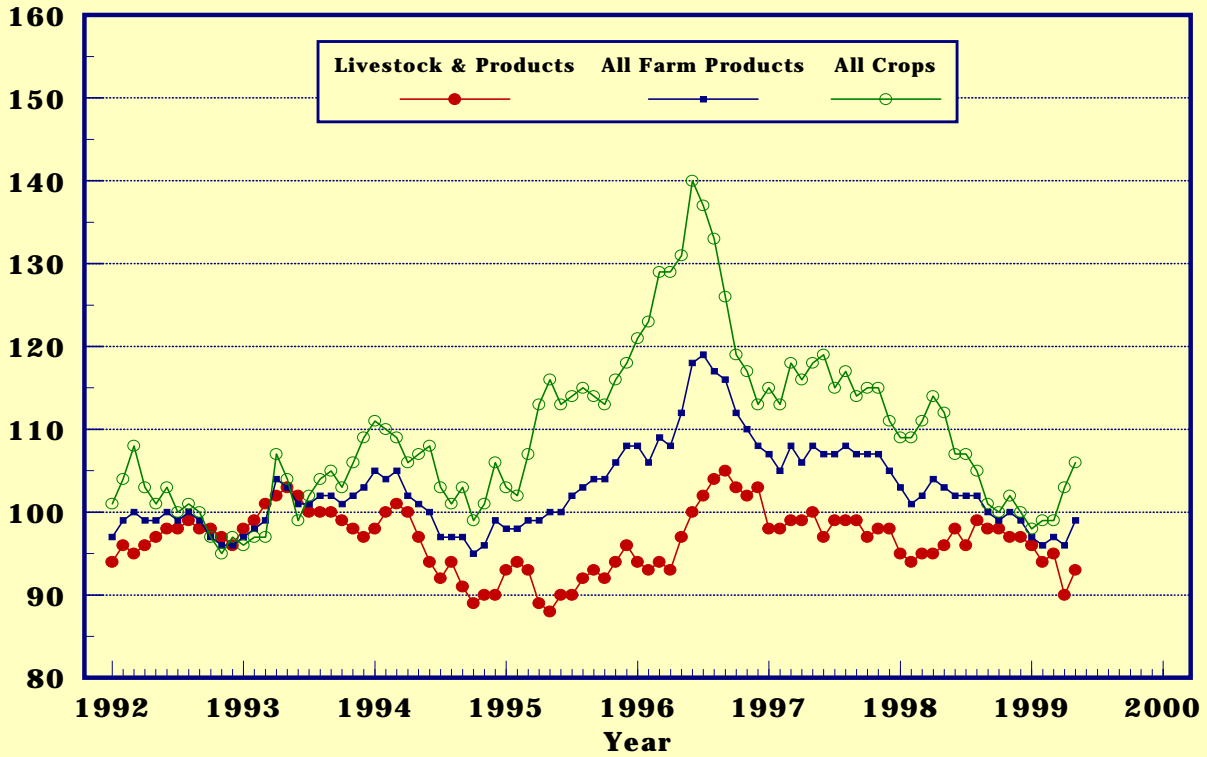
1/ Missing data indicates insufficient sales to establish a price.

Selected Index Numbers for Prices Received and Paid,
1990-92=100, by Months, United States, 1998 and 1999

Month	Index of Prices Received						Index of Prices Paid			
	All Farm Products		All Crops		Livestock and Products		All Items		Production Items	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Jan	103	97	109	98	95	96	119	116	118	113
Feb	101	96	109	99	94	94	119	116	117	113
Mar	102	97	111	99	95	95	118	116	116	113
Apr	104	96	114	103	95	90	118	116	116	113
May	103	99	112	106	96	93	117	117	116	113
Jun	102		107		98		117		115	
Jul	102		107		96		116		115	
Aug	102		105		99		116		114	
Sep	100		101		98		115		112	
Oct	99		100		98		116		113	
Nov	100		102		97		116		113	
Dec	99		100		97		115		112	

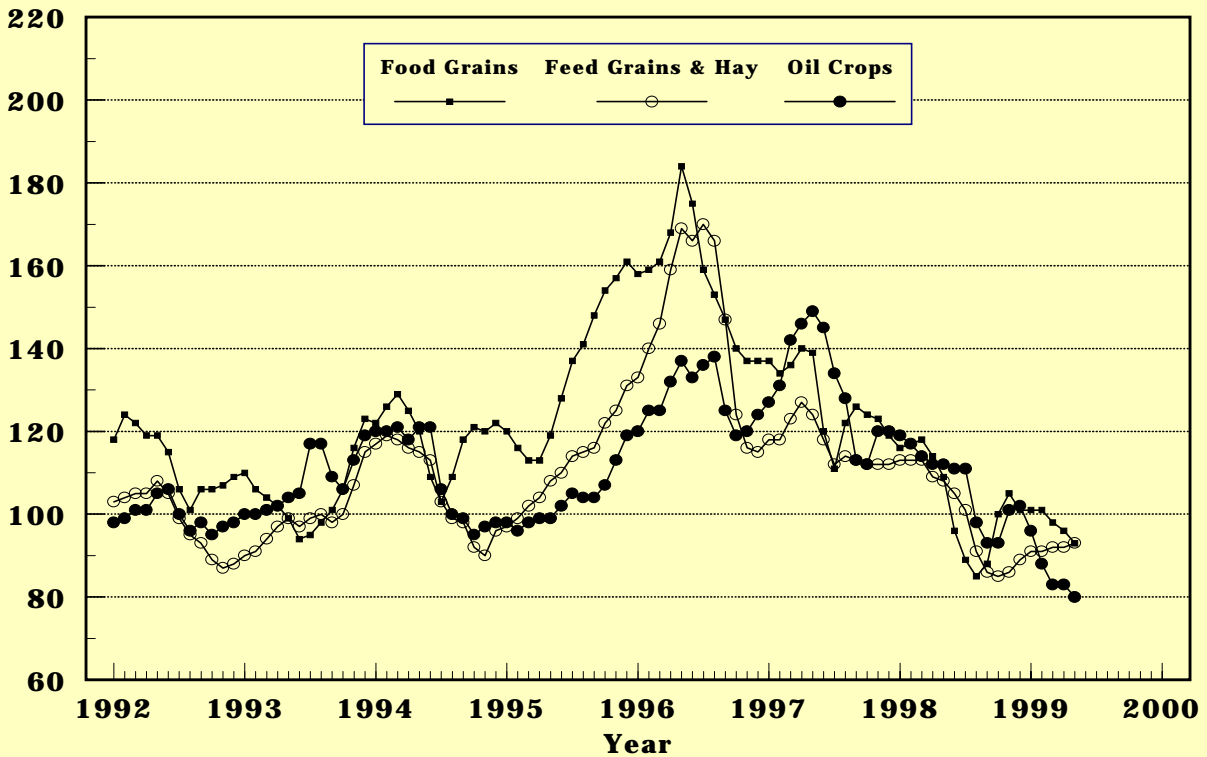
Prices Received, Major Indexes, US

Index Values(1990-92=100)



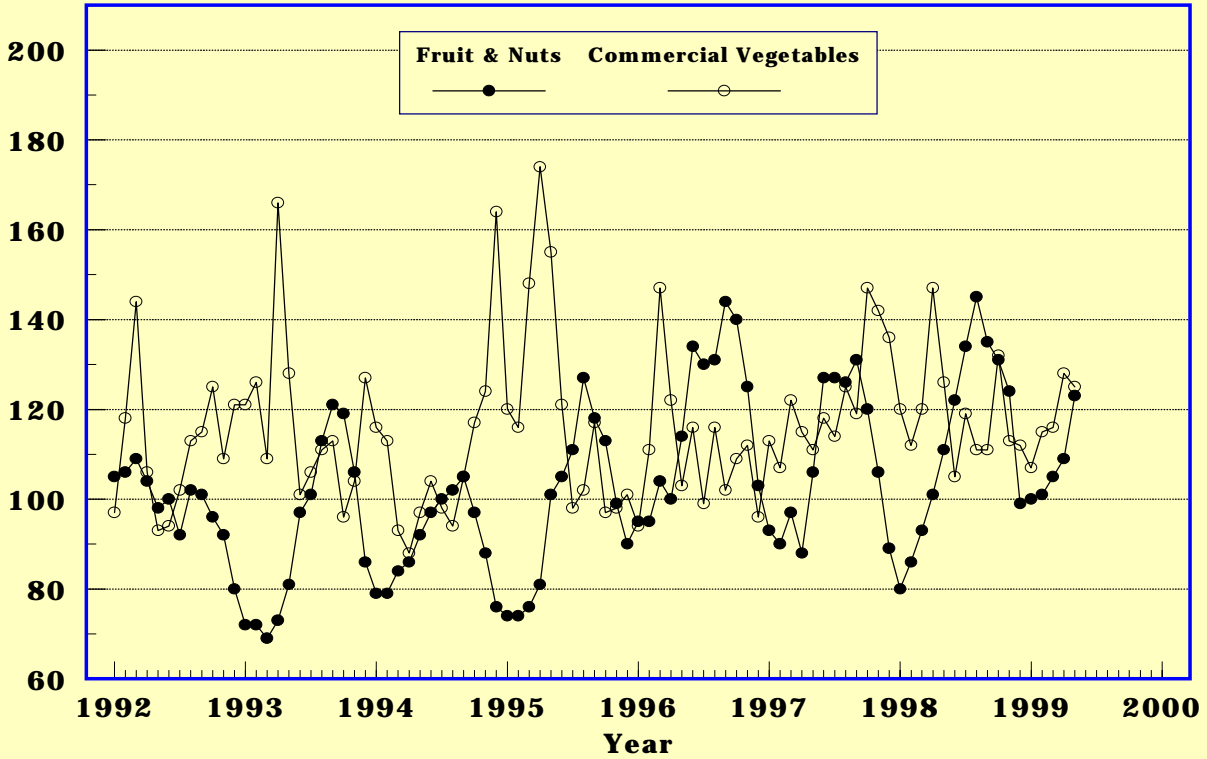
Prices Received, Food, Feed & Oil Indexes, US

Index Values(1990-92=100)



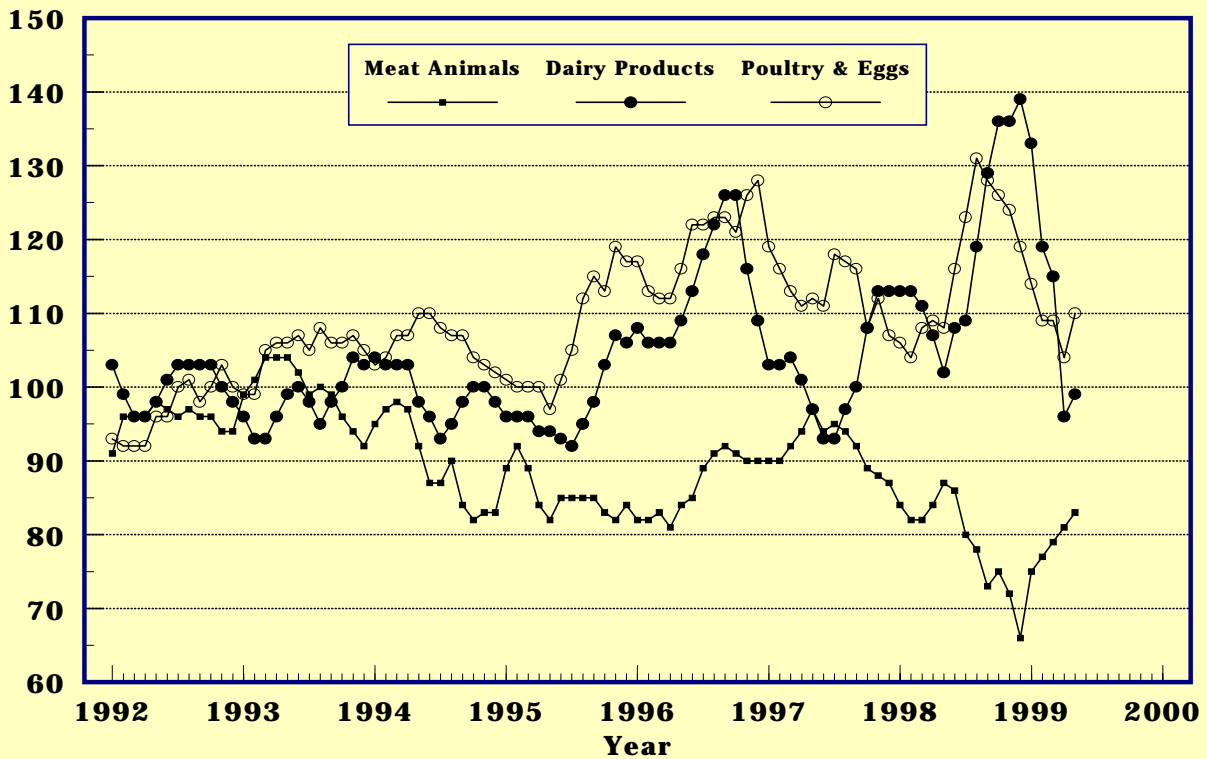
Prices Received, Fruit/Vegetable Indexes, US

Index Values(1990-92=100)



Prices Received, Livestock Product Indexes, US

Index Values(1990-92=100)



Prices Received, United States,
May 1999, with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Average 1990-92	Entire Month		Preliminary
			May 1998	Apr 1999	May 1999
Dollars					
Field Crops					
Barley, All	Bu	2.12	2.13	1.77	1.78
Feed	Bu	1.90	1.91	1.55	1.66
Malting	Bu	2.43	2.52	2.09	2.02
Beans, Dry Edible	Cwt	19.10	20.80	16.80	19.50
Corn	Bu	2.30	2.34	2.05	2.01
Cotton, Upland	Lb	.606	.635	.567	.575
Cottonseed	Ton	96.00			
Flaxseed	Bu	4.27	6.33	4.94	4.74
Hay, All, Baled 1/	Ton	76.30	102.00	81.90	91.60
Alfalfa 1/	Ton	77.20	107.00	85.60	95.70
Other 1/	Ton	60.00	78.60	65.80	69.40
Oats	Bu	1.22	1.53	1.18	1.21
Peanuts, In-Shell	Lb	.304			
Potatoes	Cwt	5.82	6.39	6.14	6.42
Rice, Rough	Cwt	7.07	9.38	8.54	8.44
Sorghum Grain	Cwt	3.75	3.69	3.09	3.02
Soybeans	Bu	5.61	6.26	4.63	4.46
Sunflower 2/	Cwt	9.50	13.80	9.44	9.51
Tobacco	Lb	1.740		1.505	
Wheat, All	Bu	2.96	3.06	2.62	2.58
Winter	Bu	2.93	2.90	2.48	2.42
Durum	Bu	2.86	4.28	2.80	2.77
Other Spring	Bu	3.11	3.31	2.95	2.94
Hard Red Winter	Bu			2.44	
Soft Red Winter	Bu	2.87	2.71	2.22	
Hard Red Spring	Bu			2.99	
White	Bu	3.24	2.82	2.76	
Fruit					
Citrus-Equiv on-tree					
Grapefruit	Box	5.77	.590	2.23	3.66
Lemons	Box	10.10	6.78	4.71	7.50
Limes	Box	10.15	8.50	44.50	14.50
Oranges	Box	5.79	5.86	5.82	6.46
Tangelos	Box	5.82			
Tangerines	Box	15.11	2.24	17.26	7.36
Temples	Box	6.23			
Non-citrus					
Apples, Fresh 3/	Lb	.212	.178	.147	.140
Grapes, Fresh 3/	Ton	506.00			1300.00
Peaches, Fresh 3/	Lb	.216	.325		.661
Pears, Fresh 3/	Ton	370.00	385.00	337.00	340.00
Strawberries, Fresh	Lb	.560	.670	.846	.619

1/ Mid-month price.

2/ KS, MN, ND and SD average.

3/ Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for CA, NY (apples only), OR (pears only) and WA (apples, peaches, and pears). Prices as sold for other states.

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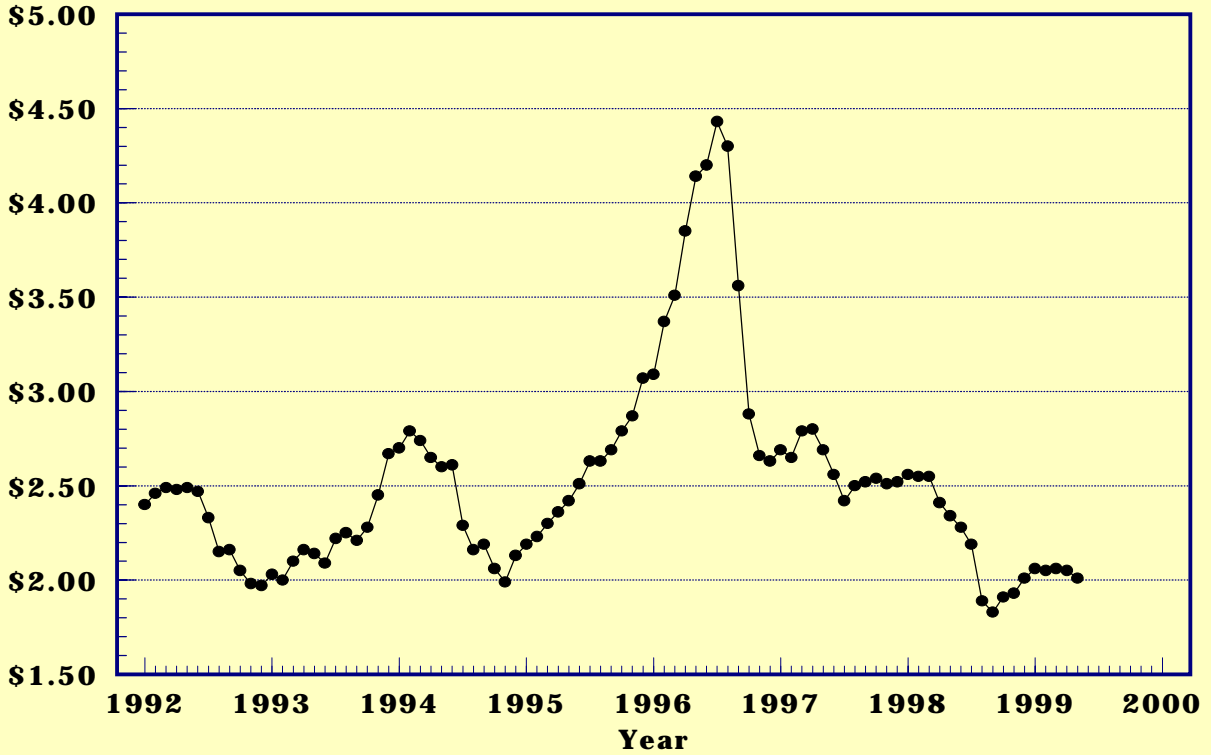
Prices Received, United States,
May 1999, with Comparisons (continued)

Commodity	Unit	Average 1990-92	Entire Month		Preliminary
			May	Apr	May
			1998	1999	1999
Dollars					
Vegetables, Fresh 1/					
Asparagus	Cwt	79.80	106.00	125.00	112.00
Broccoli	Cwt	22.50	27.10	20.30	19.70
Cantaloupes	Cwt		30.20		29.60
Carrots	Cwt	13.20	11.80	26.30	25.20
Cauliflower	Cwt	26.80	35.50	46.00	26.10
Celery	Cwt	11.60	15.40	10.20	13.50
Corn, Sweet	Cwt	15.70	16.90	17.20	18.40
Cucumbers 2/	Cwt		15.90	16.30	26.20
Lettuce	Cwt	11.90	14.10	20.60	12.30
Onions	Cwt	12.80	17.70	16.90	17.30
Snap Beans 2/	Cwt		45.30	41.50	56.90
Tomatoes	Cwt	32.30	36.50	23.40	27.60
Livestock					
Calves	Cwt	94.30	88.90	88.20	87.20
Cattle, All Beef	Cwt	72.90	63.00	62.70	61.40
Cows	Cwt	49.60	36.40	35.10	36.30
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	77.10	66.30	66.00	64.50
Milk Cows 3/	Head	1130.00		1240.00	
Hogs, All	Cwt	47.70	42.30	30.20	37.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	48.40	43.10	30.60	37.50
Sows	Cwt	39.50	28.60	23.10	27.10
Lambs	Cwt	56.20	63.00	67.40	
Sheep	Cwt	23.40	30.30	31.80	
Dairy and Poultry					
Milk, All 4/	Cwt	13.06	13.30	12.60	5/12.90
Fluid Grade	Cwt	13.10	13.30	12.60	5/12.90
Mfg Grade	Cwt	11.80	11.30	11.90	5/11.60
Broilers, Live 6/	Lb	.317	.375	.343	.378
Eggs, All 7/	Doz	.643	.549	.596	.529
Market 7/	Doz	.546	.387	.432	.350
Turkeys, Live 6/7/	Lb	.380	.355	.387	.397
Adjusted for Seasonal Variation					
Eggs, All	Doz	.545	.538	.573	.529
Milk, All 4/	Cwt	9.71	13.57	12.86	13.30

- 1/ F.O.B. shipping point.
- 2/ Monthly estimates began January 1995.
- 3/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices available for Jan, Apr, Jul, and Oct.
- 4/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.
- 5/ Fat test percent: all milk 3.60, fluid milk 3.60, mfg grade 3.71.
- 6/ Liveweight equivalent price.
- 7/ Mid-month price.

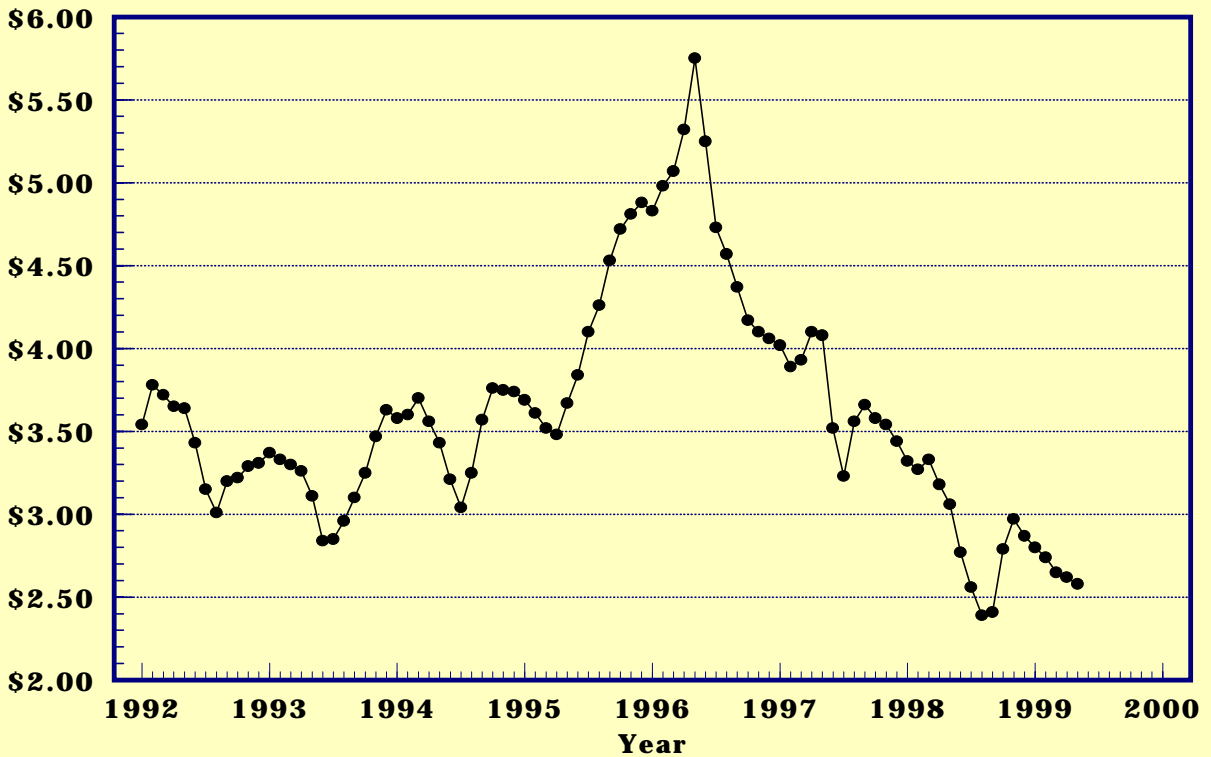
Prices Received, Corn, US

Dollars per Bu



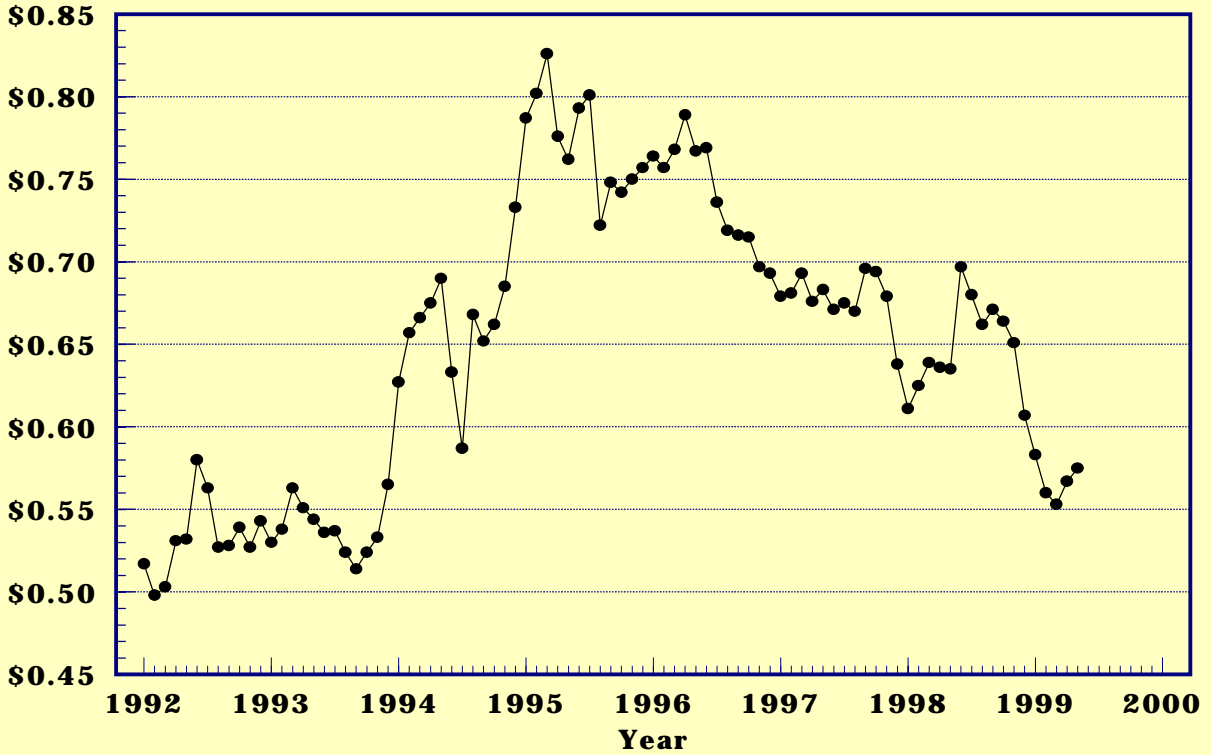
Prices Received, Wheat, US

Dollars per Bu



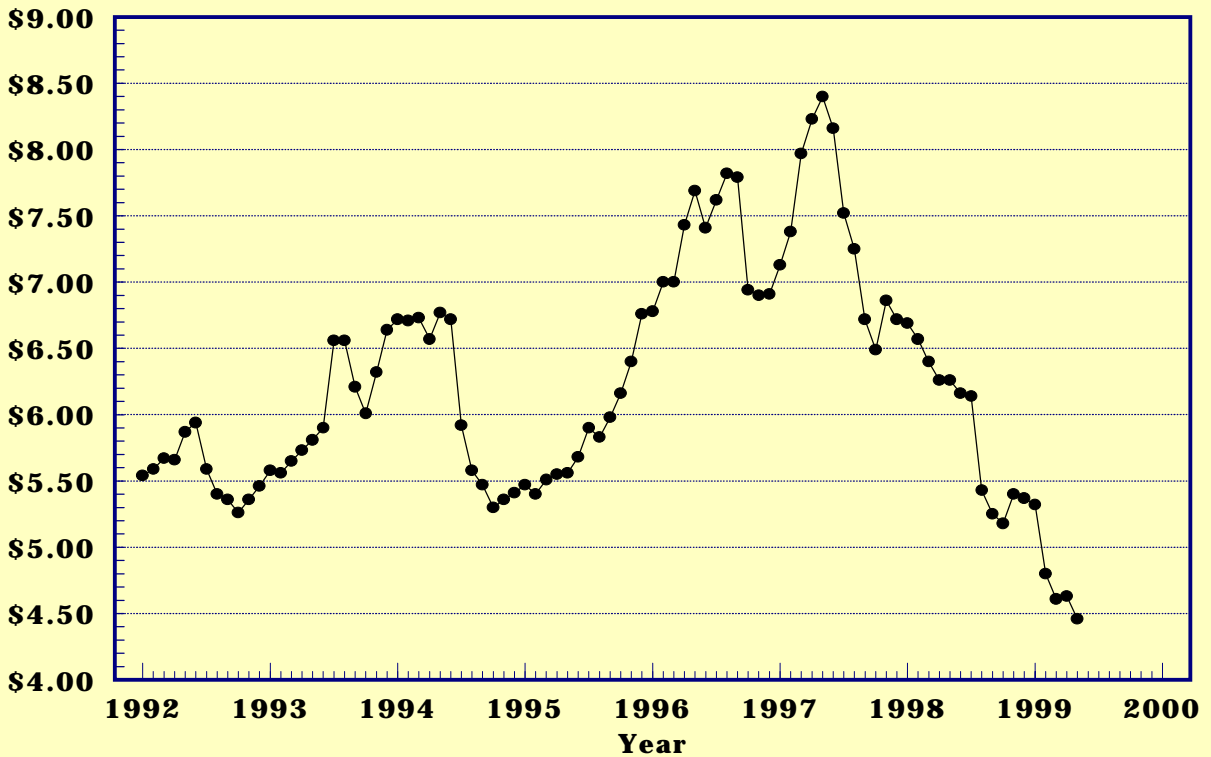
Prices Received, Cotton, US

Dollars per Lb



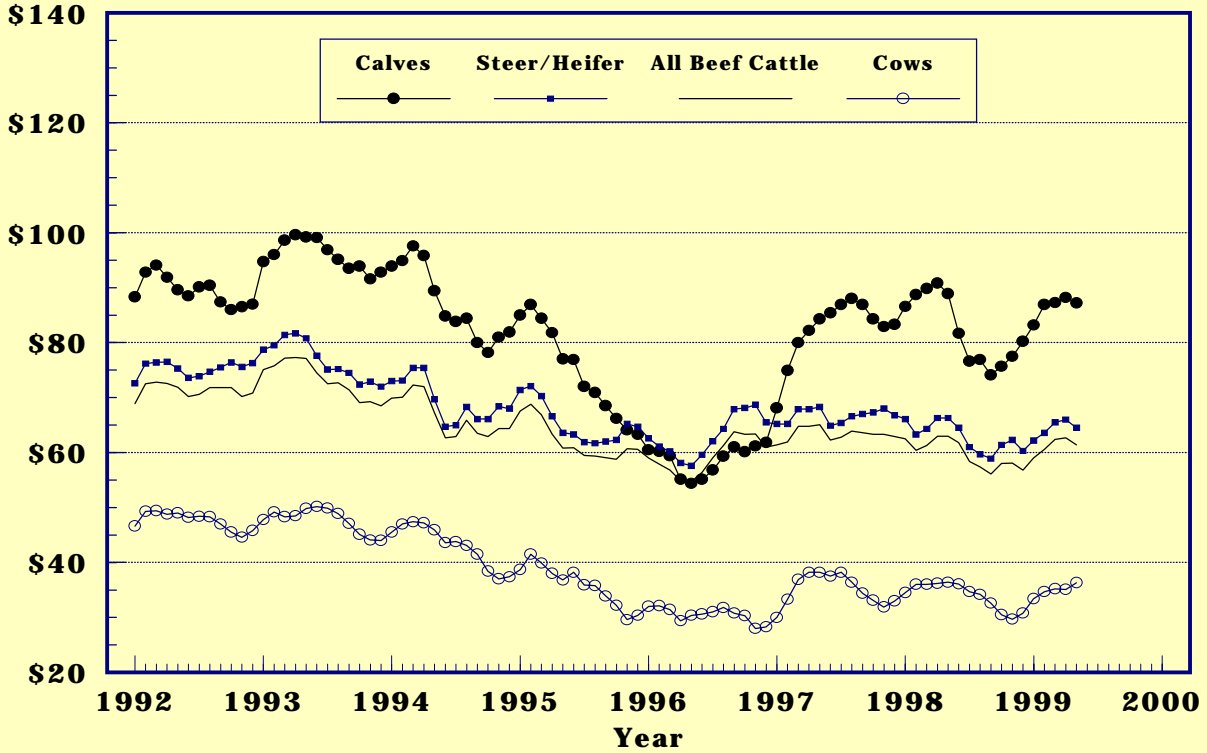
Prices Received, Soybeans, US

Dollars per Bu



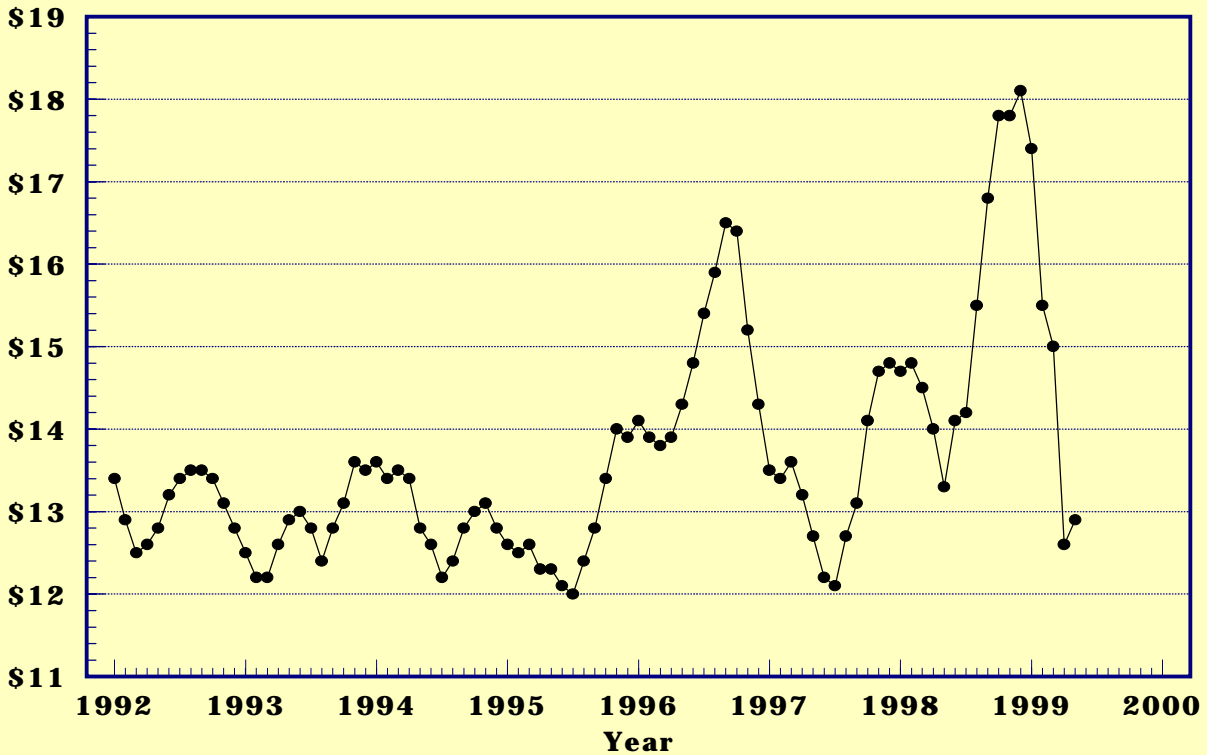
Prices Received, Cattle, US

Dollars per Cwt



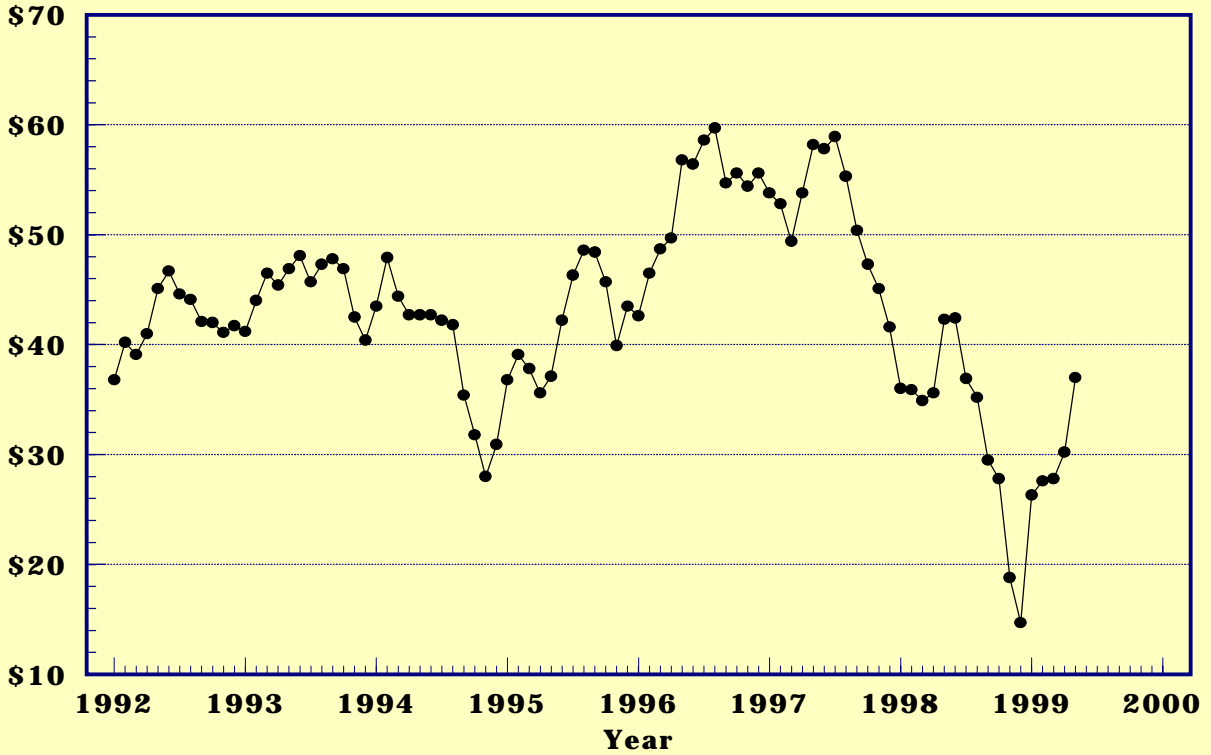
Prices Received, Milk, US

Dollars per Cwt



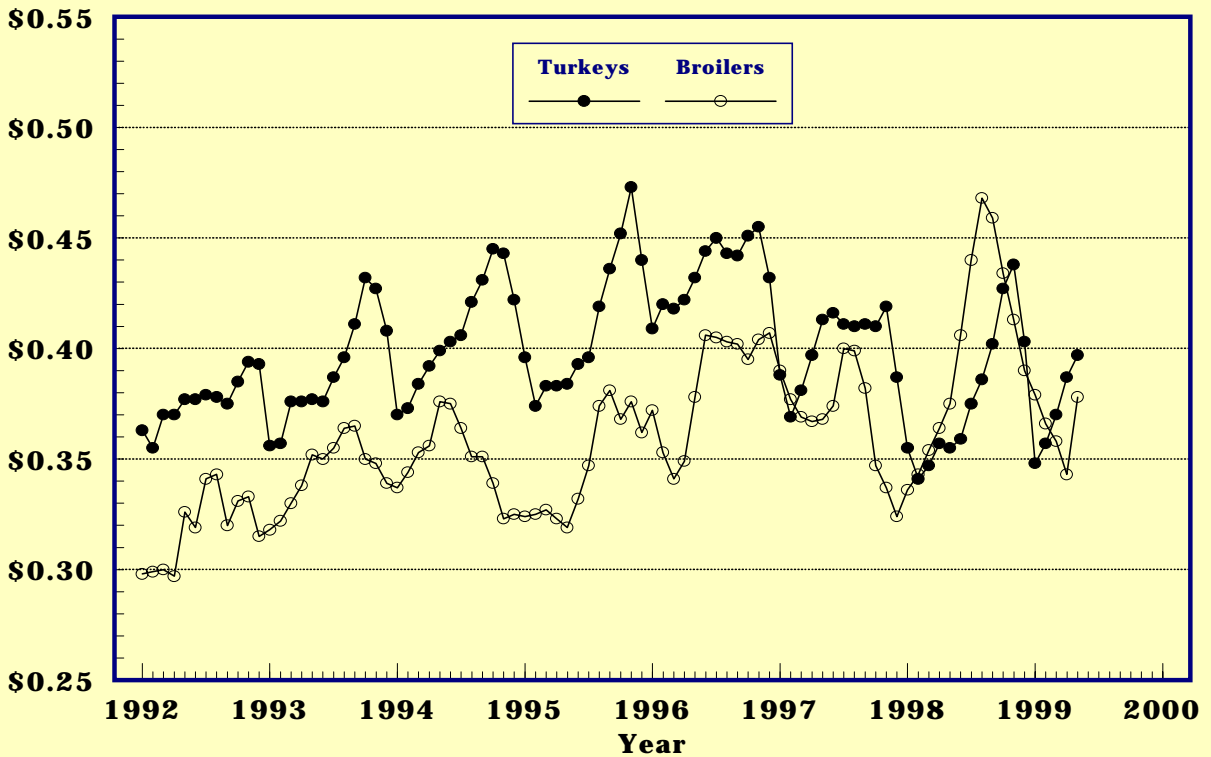
Prices Received, Hogs, US

Dollars per Cwt



Prices Received, Turkeys & Broilers, US

Dollars per Lb



Wheat: Prices Received, by States, April and May 1999

State	All Wheat		Winter Wheat		Durum Wheat		Oth Spring Wheat	
	Apr 1/	May 2/	Apr 1/	May 2/	Apr 1/	May 2/	Apr 1/	May 2/
	Dollars per Bushel							
AR	2.16	2.37	2.16	2.37				
CA	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	4/		
CO	2.42	2.26	2.42	2.26			2.62	4/
ID	2.63	2.66	2.57	2.60			2.70	2.75
IL	2.14	2.20	2.14	2.20				
IN	2.37	2.19	2.37	2.19				
KS	2.41	2.29	2.41	2.29				
MI	2.33	2.30	2.33	2.30				
MN	2.97	2.95	3/	4/	4/	4/	2.97	2.95
MO	2.17	2.25	2.17	2.25				
MT	3.03	2.98	2.92	2.80	2.80	2.90	3.12	3.10
NE	2.58	2.36	2.58	2.36				
ND	2.87	2.86	3/	4/	2.72	2.75	2.92	2.90
OH	2.27	2.20	2.27	2.20				
OK	2.36	2.35	2.36	2.35				
OR	2.92	2.91	2.90	2.90			3.04	3.00
SD	2.54	2.56	2.30	2.32	4/	2.65	2.92	2.93
TX	2.39	2.26	2.39	2.26				
WA	2.90	2.93	2.89	2.94			2.99	2.88
US	2.62	2.58	2.48	2.42	2.80	2.77	2.95	2.94

- 1/ Entire month.
- 2/ Mid-month.
- 3/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual buyers.
- 4/ Insufficient sales to establish a price.

Prices Received for Selected Agricultural Commodities, by Months, United States, 1998 and 1999

Month	All Wheat		Corn		Soybeans		Beef Cattle 1/		All Hogs	
	1998	1999 2/	1998	1999 2/	1998	1999 2/	1998	1999 2/	1998	1999 2/
	Dollars per Bushel						Dollars per Cwt			
Jan	3.32	2.80	2.56	2.06	6.69	5.32	62.50	59.00	36.00	26.30
Feb	3.27	2.74	2.55	2.05	6.57	4.80	60.40	60.60	35.90	27.60
Mar	3.33	2.65	2.55	2.06	6.40	4.61	61.30	62.40	34.90	27.80
Apr	3.18	2.62	2.41	2.05	6.26	4.63	63.00	62.70	35.60	30.20
May	3.06	2.58	2.34	2.01	6.26	4.46	63.00	61.40	42.30	37.00
Jun	2.77		2.28		6.16		61.80		42.40	
Jul	2.56		2.19		6.14		58.40		36.90	
Aug	2.39		1.89		5.43		57.40		35.20	
Sep	2.41		1.83		5.25		56.10		29.50	
Oct	2.79		1.91		5.18		58.00		27.80	
Nov	2.97		1.93		5.40		58.10		18.80	
Dec	2.87		2.01		5.37		56.80		14.70	

- 1/ Cows, steers and heifers.
- 2/ Current month prices are mid-month; prices for previous months are for the entire month.

Grains: Prices Received, by States, April and May 1999

State	Barley 1/		Corn		Oats		Soybeans		Sorghum Grain	
	Apr 2/	May 3/	Apr 2/	May 3/	Apr 2/	May 3/	Apr 2/	May 3/	Apr 2/	May 3/
	----- Dollars per Bushel -----						----- Dollars per Cwt -----			
AL										
AR							4.87	4.55	3.48	3.57
CA	4/	4/								
CO	1.73	1.76	1.96	1.89						
GA			2.74	2.62			4.81	4.53		
ID	2.51	2.44								
IL			2.12	2.10	1.67	1.65	4.72	4.60	3.52	3.55
IN			2.24	2.25			4.77	4.52		
IA			1.97	1.93	1.49	1.40	4.57	4.40		
KS			2.02	1.95			4.54	4.34	2.93	2.91
KY			2.27	2.25			4.73	4.60		
LA							4.71	4.56		
MI			2.01	2.00	1.55	1.55	4.69	4.50		
MN	1.36	1.37	1.87	1.90	1.10	1.10	4.45	4.30		
MS							4.69	4.50		
MO			2.02	2.05			4.63	4.50	3.29	3.30
MT	1.78	1.75			1.11	1.10				
NE			1.96	1.97	1.32	1.25	4.47	4.40	3.18	3.20
NC			2.54	2.40			4.75	4.50		
ND	1.56	1.64			1.06	1.00				
OH			2.12	2.15	1.31	1.35	4.75	4.65		
OK									3.11	3.09
OR	1.80	1.70			1.32	1.35				
PA			2.49	2.40	1.55	1.50				
SD	1.76	1.56	1.72	1.75	1.09	1.05	4.38	4.27		
TN			2.51	2.60			4.72	4.70		
TX			2.16	2.04					3.51	3.30
UT	1.90	1.87								
WA	1.53	1.59								
WI			2.01	2.05	1.15	1.20	4.64	4.50		
WY	4/	4/								
US	1.77	1.78	2.05	2.01	1.18	1.21	4.63	4.46	3.09	3.02

1/ The Three-State (MN, ND and SD) Feed Barley price for May 1999 is \$1.35.
 2/ Entire month. 3/ Mid-month. 4/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Malting and Feed Barley: Prices Received Selected States, April and May 1999

State	Malting Barley		Feed Barley	
	Apr	May	Apr	May
	----- Dollars per Bushel -----			
ID	1/	1/	2.01	1.90
MN	1/	1/	1.35	1.35
MT	2.38	2.35	1.42	1.35
ND	1.71	1.80	1.27	1.35
SD	1/	1.76	1.40	1.21
WY	1/	1/	1/	1/

1/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Field Crops: Prices Received, by States, April and May 1999

State	Dry Edible Beans	Sunflower	Flaxseed	Tobacco	Peanuts 4/
	Apr 1/:May 2/	Apr 1/:May 2/	Apr 1/:May 2/	Apr 1/:May 3/	Apr 1/: May 3/
	Dollars per Cwt		Dollars per Bu		Dollars per Pound
AL					
CA	38.90	36.30			
CO	13.90	13.90			
FL					
GA					
ID	16.70	16.30			
IN					
KS		5/	5/		
KY					
MD				1.505	
MI	18.00	20.00			
MN	17.80	19.00	10.80	10.10	
MO					
NE	16.00	15.80			
NC					
ND	12.10	12.50	9.97	10.20	4.94 4.75
OH					
OK					
SC					
SD		8.41	8.44	5/	4.67
TN					
TX					
VA					
WV					
US	16.80	19.50	9.44	9.51	4.94 4.74 1.505

- 1/ Entire month.
- 2/ Mid-month.
- 3/ Based on sales through first half of month.
- 4/ Marketing year Aug - Jan.
- 5/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual buyers.

Field Crops and Apples: Prices Received, by States,
April and May 1999

State	Cotton, Upland		May			Apples Fresh Use 1/4/
	Apr 1/	May 2/	Cotton- seed 5/	Hay, Baled 3/ All	Alfalfa Other	
	Dollars per Pound		Dollars per Ton			Dol/Lb
AL	6/	6/				
AZ	.554	6/	103.00	103.00	88.00	
AR	.563	.578				
CA	.599	6/	103.00	106.00	55.00	
CO			78.00	78.00	80.00	
GA	.559	.580				
ID			60.00	62.00	40.00	
IL			78.00	83.00	59.00	
IA			73.00	74.00	52.00	
KS			72.00	73.00	60.00	
KY			110.00	122.00	79.00	
LA	.518	.552				
MI			76.00	80.00	60.00	.145
MN			67.00	72.00	48.00	
MS	.579	.580				
MO			67.00	100.00	60.00	
MT			58.00	60.00	48.00	
NE			42.00	42.00	37.00	
NV			72.00	72.00	70.00	
NM			120.00	123.00	97.00	
NY			102.00	110.00	91.00	.174
NC	.547	6/				
ND			42.00	51.00	35.00	
OH			98.00	105.00	65.00	.260
OK			80.00	90.00	64.00	
OR			103.00	105.00	80.00	
PA			109.00	128.00	99.00	.180
SD			44.00	45.00	35.00	
TN	.581	.581				
TX	.572	.576	87.00	132.00	71.00	
UT			62.00	63.00	35.00	
VA						
WA			94.00	84.00	123.00	.132
WI			66.00	70.00	45.00	
WY			69.00	69.00	65.00	
US	.567	.575	91.60	95.70	69.40	.140

1/ Entire month. 2/ Based on sales during the first half of the month.
3/ Mid-month. 4/ Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for CA,MI,NY and WA.
Price at point of first sale for other states. 5/ Marketing year
August-February. 6/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of
individual operations.

Upland Cotton and Rice: Prices Received and Marketings,
United States, May 1999, with Comparisons

Item	Unit	Mar 1999 1/	Apr 1999 1/	May 1999 2/
Cotton, Upland				
Average Price	Dollars/Pound	.553	.567	.575
Marketings 3/	1,000 Bales	639	388	NA
Rice				
Average Price	Dollars/Cwt	8.86	8.54	8.44
Marketings 4/	1,000 Cwt	12792	9428	NA

1/ Entire month. 2/ Based on purchases for the first half of the month.
3/ Expanded data from sample of about 60 percent of buyers. 4/ Purchases
by private firms and rice (rough equivalent) shipped by cooperatives.

Citrus Fruit: Prices and Equivalent Returns, by Utilization,
by State and United States, May 1999

Commodity And State	Equivalent Returns						
	F.O.B.	Packinghouse-door			On-tree		
	Packed Fresh	Process	Fresh	Process	All	Fresh	Process
Dollars per Box 1/							
Grapefruit							
AZ	14.70	8.11	9.26	-0.26	6.17	7.32	-2.20
CA	17.00	10.89	11.56	-0.26	8.95	9.62	-2.20
FL	16.50	5.30	8.70	4.08	2.94	6.84	1.53
White Seedless	15.20	4.02	6.60	3.80	1.60	4.65	1.35
Colored Seedless	16.70	6.27	9.00	4.40	3.95	7.15	1.75
TX	15.90	4.23	7.20	1.50	3.10	6.05	0.40
CA-AZ	16.10	9.80	10.69	-0.26	7.86	8.75	-2.20
US	16.20	5.60	8.79	3.31	3.66	7.15	1.16
Lemons							
CA	27.40	11.14	18.96	0.74	7.50	15.32	-2.90
US	27.40	11.14	18.96	0.74	7.50	15.32	-2.90
Limes							
FL	30.00	19.50	19.50		14.50	14.50	
Oranges							
AZ	27.50	19.48	21.58	3.10	17.40	19.50	1.02
Navel and Misc	7.00	0.98	0.98		-1.00	-1.00	
Valencia	27.80	19.73	21.90	3.10	17.65	19.82	1.02
CA	31.40	14.36	25.44	2.89	12.29	23.37	0.82
Navel and Misc	34.20	11.88	28.18	0.24	9.90	26.20	-1.74
Valencia	31.20	14.52	25.30	3.10	12.44	23.22	1.02
FL							
Valencia	16.60	7.90	9.50	7.80	6.05	7.60	5.95
TX							
Valencia	21.20	11.08	12.40	3.80	9.78	11.10	2.55
CA-AZ							
Navel and Misc	31.70	11.45	25.71	0.24	9.47	23.73	-1.74
Valencia	30.30	15.38	24.44	3.10	13.30	22.36	1.02
US	21.80	8.32	15.11	7.66	6.46	13.15	5.81
Tangerines							
AZ	17.90	12.00	12.00		9.92	9.92	
CA	6.80	0.90	0.90		-1.18	-1.18	
US	15.30	9.44	9.44		7.36	7.36	

1/ Net lbs. per box: Grapefruit-AZ & CA-67, FL-85, TX-80; Lemons-76; Limes-88;
Oranges-AZ & CA-75, FL-90, TX-85; Tangerines-AZ & CA-75, FL-95.

Potatoes: Prices Received, by States,
April and May 1999

State	Apr	May	State	Apr	May
: Dollars per Cwt			: Dollars per Cwt		
AL			NC		
AZ	10.30	8.60	ND - All 1/	5.10	5.40
CA - All	10.50	11.30	- Fresh 2/	4.50	NA
- Winter	26.80		- Processing	4.50	NA
- Spring		13.40	OH		
- Summer			OR	6.30	6.45
- Fall	6.45	6.90	PA	6.75	8.20
CO - All 1/	4.70	5.30	TX		8.90
- Fresh 2/	4.50	NA	VA		
FL	12.50	8.10	WA - All	5.45	5.20
ID - All 1/	4.85	4.90	- Processing	4.95	NA
- Fresh 2/	4.20	NA	WI - All 1/	5.00	5.55
- Processing	4.70	NA	- Fresh 2/	5.65	NA
ME	7.60	7.30	- Processing	4.40	NA
MI	7.95	8.15	US - All 1/	6.14	6.42
MN	5.35	5.70	- Fresh 2/	7.04	NA
NY			- Processing	5.24	NA

- 1/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed.
2/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices.

Cattle: Prices Received, by States, April and May 1999

State	Cows 1/		Steers & Heifers:		Beef Cattle 4/		Calves	
	Apr 2/	May 3/	Apr 2/	May 3/	Apr 2/	May 3/	Apr 2/	May 3/
	Dollars per Cwt							
AZ	36.00	35.00	64.70	64.30	64.40	64.00	86.30	83.00
AR	32.00	34.00	67.50	65.90	55.40	53.80	83.20	77.20
CA	35.70	36.20	63.00	62.00	48.50	48.60	76.00	74.00
CO	35.90	36.10	66.80	65.40	64.90	63.30	90.80	88.90
FL	34.10	36.30	66.80	65.30	40.60	42.10	85.90	84.60
GA	33.90	36.70	65.90	65.00	46.70	46.60	81.40	79.70
ID	33.60	34.50	65.90	65.30	58.10	57.90	80.00	79.00
IL	34.70	35.60	64.00	63.00	63.40	62.50	108.00	107.00
IA	37.60	39.10	65.40	63.70	62.90	61.50	81.10	82.30
KS	35.50	35.00	66.50	64.00	65.30	62.80	91.00	86.00
KY	35.00	36.00	67.00	67.00	59.30	59.60	79.00	77.00
LA	33.70	35.00	68.80	68.00	43.90	45.20	80.60	81.00
MI	35.00	36.50	57.30	57.00	48.40	48.80	66.00	62.00
MN	34.90	37.50	62.50	62.00	58.00	58.10	78.80	79.00
MO	34.30	36.20	72.90	71.80	63.30	62.90	84.50	83.30
MT	37.10	37.20	72.40	72.80	65.30	55.00	84.70	81.90
NE	35.90	36.70	66.80	65.00	65.80	64.20	88.90	87.80
NM	38.50	39.30	71.40	68.00	60.20	58.20	89.70	84.20
ND	35.40	36.00	68.50	66.50	61.90	54.30	85.40	82.50
OH	33.80	37.00	68.00	68.00	64.60	64.90	77.30	76.00
OK	35.30	36.30	69.50	66.50	66.60	63.80	86.40	81.60
OR	35.90	37.00	72.80	71.20	61.70	60.90	80.60	78.50
PA	34.60	36.80	61.00	61.70	54.10	55.20	98.00	98.00
SD	34.80	35.60	72.50	70.10	67.60	63.90	87.20	89.20
TN	34.00	36.00	70.60	68.50	56.00	55.50	81.20	78.00
TX	33.70	34.60	66.20	65.70	63.30	62.90	89.50	87.70
VA	30.00	32.30	64.80	65.80	51.90	53.10	76.40	75.00
WI	35.60	36.80	61.50	61.30	46.50	47.10	109.00	110.00
WY	38.70	38.00	70.70	69.50	67.20	63.20	86.00	83.50
US	35.10	36.30	66.00	64.50	62.70	61.40	88.20	87.20

- 1/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.
- 2/ Entire month.
- 3/ Mid-month.
- 4/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

Hogs: Prices Received, by States, April and May 1999

State	Sows		Barrows and Gilts		All Hogs	
	Apr 1/	May 2/	Apr 1/	May 2/	Apr 1/	May 2/
	Dollars per Cwt					
GA	22.20	25.00	31.30	37.50	30.40	36.30
IL	23.00	27.20	28.50	35.60	28.00	34.90
IN	21.50	25.40	31.50	36.90	30.50	35.80
IA	26.80	31.20	31.60	38.90	31.60	38.80
KS	25.30	29.00	28.80	35.30	28.30	34.40
KY	24.00	29.00	28.00	37.00	27.80	36.70
MI	19.50	22.00	33.00	35.00	31.90	34.00
MN	24.20	29.50	29.50	37.00	29.30	36.70
MO	22.50	24.30	25.40	32.20	25.20	31.70
NE	26.60	34.10	32.00	40.10	32.00	40.00
NC	23.80	27.00	33.50	40.10	33.40	40.00
OH	22.10	28.00	30.10	35.00	29.30	34.40
PA	20.30	25.10	26.70	35.60	25.80	34.00
SC	21.30	26.10	28.50	36.50	28.00	35.90
SD	21.50	29.90	31.80	36.40	30.80	35.70
TN	24.00	30.00	29.00	37.50	28.50	36.80
TX	19.20	21.80	26.40	33.40	25.40	31.80
VA	18.80	24.10	28.10	36.10	27.90	35.90
WI	20.80	25.40	27.10	34.80	26.30	33.60
US	23.10	27.10	30.60	37.50	30.20	37.00

1/ Entire month

2/ Mid-month.

Sheep and Poultry: Prices Received, by States,
April and May 1999

State	April		May		
	Sheep 1/	Lambs 1/	Turkeys 2/3/	Broilers 1/4/	Eggs 2/5/
	---- Dollars per Cwt ----		Dollars per Pound		Dol/Doz
AL				.390	.330
AZ					
AR			.42	.370	.360
CA	31.50	68.00	.41		.340
CO	30.10	66.10			
CT					.420
DE				.365	
FL					.280
GA				.395	.347
ID	33.00	69.00			
IN			.39		.420
IA	35.60	61.10	.37		.253
KS	25.00	66.00			
ME					.490
MD				.365	
MI					.310
MN	25.70	65.80	.36		.310
MS				.380	.410
MO			.43		.246
MT	27.80	69.20			
NE	36.30	69.40			
NM					
NY					.444
NC			.40	.380	.285
OH	29.50	78.30			.394
OR	29.20	65.00			
PA			.40	.370	.380
SC					.346
SD	33.30	73.40			
TX	41.70	67.50		.350	.320
UT	25.00	73.00			
VA			.40	.370	
WA					.449
WY	30.30	65.90			
US	31.80	67.40	.397	.378	.350

- 1/ Entire month.
- 2/ Mid-month.
- 3/ IN, IA, MN and PA are actual liveweight prices. All other State prices are equivalent liveweight returns to producers (see footnote 4 for formula).
- 4/ Liveweight equivalent price. Derived from ready-to-cook (RTC) prices using the following formula: (RTC price minus processing cost) * (dressing percentage) = liveweight equivalent price.
- 5/ Market (table) eggs.

Milk and Milk Cows: Prices Received, by States, April and May 1999

State	April				May			
	Fluid Grade Milk 1/ Price	Manufacturing Grade Milk Fat Test	All Milk 2/ Price	All Milk 2/ Fat Test	All Milk 2/3/ Price	All Milk 2/3/ Fat Test	Milk Cows 4/ Price	Milk Cows 4/ Fat Test
AL	13.30	3.56			13.30	3.56	14.30	3.54
AZ	12.10	3.58			12.10	3.58	12.70	3.53
AR	12.40	3.60			12.40	3.60	13.00	3.60
CA	12.50	3.62	12.20	3.90	12.50	3.62	12.20	3.55
CO	12.20	3.64			12.20	3.64	12.50	3.62
FL	14.50	3.48			14.50	3.48	16.00	3.50
GA	13.10	3.50			13.10	3.50	14.50	3.50
ID	12.20	3.60	12.00	3.69	12.20	3.60	12.20	3.53
IL	11.90	3.71	12.70	3.60	11.90	3.70	13.30	3.63
IN	11.80	3.70	11.40	3.78	11.80	3.70	13.10	3.62
IA	12.00	3.71	11.80	3.73	12.00	3.71	12.90	3.71
KS	11.80	3.63	11.20	3.59	11.80	3.63	13.00	3.53
KY	12.20	3.56	10.90	3.57	12.20	3.56	13.40	3.50
LA	13.00	3.37			13.00	3.37	14.10	3.39
MD	13.60	3.73			13.60	3.73	14.90	3.70
MI	12.80	3.71	11.70	3.72	12.80	3.71	13.10	3.63
MN	13.30	3.73	11.80	3.76	13.20	3.73	12.60	3.66
MS	13.10	3.48			13.10	3.48	14.40	3.50
MO	12.40	3.56	11.30	3.69	12.40	3.57	13.40	3.51
NE	11.70	3.71	11.30	3.74	11.70	3.71	12.40	3.61
NM	11.60	3.52			11.60	3.52	12.00	3.43
NY	12.20	3.68			12.20	3.68	12.80	3.63
NC	14.60	3.69	11.60	3.92	14.60	3.69	16.10	3.64
ND	12.60	3.68	11.40	3.69	12.20	3.68	11.70	3.58
OH	12.60	3.76	11.80	3.80	12.60	3.76	13.40	3.71
OK	12.80	3.55			12.80	3.55	13.80	3.48
OR	12.70	3.64	12.00	3.90	12.70	3.64	12.90	3.60
PA	12.60	3.71	11.70	3.81	12.60	3.71	14.00	3.66
TN	12.40	3.62	10.70	3.55	12.40	3.62	13.20	3.57
TX	12.40	3.50			12.40	3.50	12.50	3.45
UT	11.80	3.64	11.80	3.63	11.80	3.64	12.00	3.53
VT	13.90	3.73			13.90	3.73	14.50	3.67
VA	13.00	3.56	11.50	3.70	13.00	3.56	14.00	3.49
WA	12.70	3.64			12.70	3.64	12.70	3.58
WI	12.67	3.76	12.10	3.85	12.64	3.77	12.60	3.71
US	12.60	3.65	11.90	3.78	12.60	3.66	12.90	3.60

- 1/ Including milk diverted to manufacturing.
- 2/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.
- 3/ Preliminary.
- 4/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published Jan, Apr, Jul and Oct.

Parity Price Equivalent for Manufacturing Milk 1/: United States, April and May 1999, with Comparisons

Item	May 1998	Apr 1999	May 1999
Parity Equivalent.....Dol per Cwt	26.54	27.79	27.88
Average Price F.O.B.....Dol per Cwt	11.30	11.90	2/11.60
Average Fat Test of Milk..Percent	3.67	3.78	2/3.71

- 1/ The parity price equivalent during 1999 is 91.1 percent of the parity price of all milk sold to plants, compared with 90.9 percent in 1998. For additional details, see January 1999 issue of "Agricultural Prices".
- 2/ Preliminary.

United States Parity Prices for Farm Products and Average Prices Received as
Percent of Parity Prices Based on Data for May 1999, with Comparisons 1/

Commodity and Unit	: Adjusted: : Base : Prices	Parity Prices Based on Data for			: Prices as Percent : of Parity			
		: May : 1998	: Apr : 1999	: May : 1999	: May : 1998	: Apr : 1999	: May : 1999	
		Dollars			Percents			
Basic Commodities	:							
All Wheat, Bu	:	.626	9.61	9.70	9.71	32	27	27
Rice, Cwt	:	1.78	26.80	27.60	27.60	35	31	31
Corn, Bu	:	.428	6.52	6.63	6.64	36	31	30
Cotton, Lb	:							
American Upland	:	.113	1.70	1.75	1.75	37	32	33
Extra Long Staple	:	.145	2.23	2.25	2.25			
Peanuts, Lb	:	.0425	.641	.658	.659			
Tobacco, By Type, Lb	:							
Flue-Cured 11-14	:	.252	3.78	3.90	3.91			
VA Fire-Cured, 21	:	.249	3.69	3.86	3.86			
KY-TN Fire-Cured, 22-23	:	.313	4.73	4.85	4.85			
Burley, 31	:	.266	3.98	4.12	4.13			
Maryland, 32	:	.231	3.30	3.58	3.58		42	
Dark Air-Cured, 35-36	:	.266	3.97	4.12	4.13			
Sun-Cured, 37	:	.226	3.31	3.50	3.51			
PA Seedleaf, 41	:	.193	2.83	2.99	2.99			
Cigar Filler & Binder, 42-44, 54-55	:	.217	3.24	3.36	3.37			
Puerto Rican Filler, 46	:	.173	2.63	2.68	2.68			
Cigar Binder, 51-52	:	.552	7.43	8.55	8.56			
Designated Nonbasic	:							
All Milk, Sold to	:							
Plants, Per Cwt	:	1.97	29.20	30.50	30.60	2/46	2/42	2/43
Honey, Extracted, Lb	:	3/.0878	1.31	1.36	1.36			
Wool and Mohair	:							
Wool, Lb	:	.125	4.10	1.94	1.94			
Mohair, Lb	:	.231	11.00	3.58	3.58			
Other Nonbasic	:							
Barley, Bu	:	.383	5.87	5.93	5.94	36	30	30
Cottonseed, Ton	:	15.90	239.00	246.00	247.00			
Dry Edible Beans, Cwt	:	3.26	50.00	50.50	50.60	42	33	39
Flaxseed, Bu	:	.780	11.90	12.10	12.10	53	41	39
Oats, Bu	:	.224	3.60	3.47	3.47	43	34	35
Potatoes, Cwt	:	.860	12.80	13.30	13.30	50	46	48
Rye, Bu	:	.326	4.94	5.05	5.06			
Sorghum Grain, Cwt	:	.674	10.30	10.40	10.50	36	30	29
Soybeans, Bu	:	.905	14.00	14.00	14.00	45	33	32
Sweetpotatoes, Cwt	:	2.04	24.50	31.60	31.60			
Apples, Fresh, Lb 5/ Citrus (equiv on-tree), box:	:	.0290	.433	.449	.450	41	33	31
Grapefruit	:	.524	10.70	8.12	8.13	6	27	45
Lemons	:	1.20	17.50	18.60	18.60	39	25	40
Limes (FL)	:	1.17	18.40	18.10	18.10	46	246	80
Oranges	:	.747	13.70	11.60	11.60	43	50	56
Tangerines	:	1.79	28.90	27.70	27.80	8	62	26
Temples (FL)	:	.635	11.50	9.84	9.85			
Beef Cattle, Cwt	:	9.80	150.00	152.00	152.00	42	41	40
Calves, Cwt	:	12.50	192.00	194.00	194.00	46	45	45
Hogs, Cwt	:	6.58	102.00	102.00	102.00	41	30	36
Lambs, Cwt	:	10.10	154.00	156.00	157.00	41	43	
Sheep, Cwt	:	4.21	62.60	65.20	65.30	48	49	
Eggs, Doz	:	.0964	1.44	1.49	1.50	2/37	2/38	2/35
Turkeys, Live, Lb	:	.0576	.874	.892	.893	41	43	44

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Parity Prices Based on Data for May 1999, United States 1/ (continued)

Other Nonbasic Commodities	Adj Base Prices	Parity Prices	Other Nonbasic Commodities	Adj Base Prices	Parity Prices
	Dollars			Dollars	
Field Crops and Misc Commodities			Noncitrus Fruit		
Hops, Lb	.239	3.71	Peaches, cont.		
Spearmint Oil, Lb	1.85	28.70	Processing 6/		
Tobacco, Lb			Excl Dried		
Type 61	2.78	43.10	Clingstone,		
			CA, Ton	31.60	490.00
Noncitrus Fruit			Pears, Ton		
Apples, Ton 7/			Fresh 5/	51.70	802.00
Processing	19.80	307.00	Dried, CA 7/	148.00	2300.00
Apricots, Ton			Plums, CA, Ton		
Fresh 8/	122.00	1890.00	Fresh, Equiv		
Dried, CA	293.00	4540.00	on-Tree	53.70	833.00
Avocados, Ton 8/	192.00	2980.00	Prunes, Dried,		
Cherries			CA, Ton 7/	135.00	2090.00
Sweet, Ton	157.00	2440.00	Prunes and Plums,		
Tart, Lb	.0265	.411	Excl CA, Ton		
Cranberry, Bbl 6/	7.55	117.00	Fresh 10/	55.30	858.00
Dates, CA, Ton 8/	139.00	2160.00	Processing 7/		
Grapes, Ton			Excl Dried	22.40	347.00
Raisin Variety	142.00	2200.00			
Other Dried	58.40	906.00	Tree Nuts 11/		
Kiwifruit, Ton	72.60	1130.00	Almonds, Lb	.227	3.52
Nectarines			Hazelnuts, Ton	117.00	1810.00
Fresh, Calif,			Pistachio, Lb	.164	2.54
Ton 8/	63.00	977.00	Walnuts, Ton	179.00	2780.00
Olives, CA					
Canning, Ton 6/	93.20	1450.00	Vegetables, Cwt 12/		
Papayas (HA) Lb	.0479	.743	Fresh		
Peaches			Carrots 9/	1.78	27.60
Fresh, Lb 5/	.0384	.596	Cauliflower 9/	4.31	66.80
Dried, CA,			Celery 9/	1.85	28.70
Ton	119.00	1850.00	Honeydew Melons	2.52	39.10
			Lettuce	2.15	33.30
			Onions 9/	1.70	26.40
			Tomatoes	4.47	69.30

- 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, and 1956. See January "Agricultural Prices" for details on adjusted base price and parity price computations.
- 2/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price.
- 3/ Wholesale extracted. Adjusted base price derived from state annual averages prices weighted by production. For 1982 through 1985 the national averages are the support prices.
- 4/ Average local market price, excluding incentive payments.
- 5/ Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for CA, NY (apples only), OR (except peaches), and WA. Price at point of first sale for other states.
- 6/ Equivalent returns for bulk fruit at first delivery point.
- 7/ Equivalent returns at processing plant door.
- 8/ Equivalent returns at packinghouse door.
- 9/ Includes some processing.
- 10/ Based on "as sold" prices for fresh fruit in all states.
- 11/ Prices in-shell basis except almonds which are shelled basis.
- 12/ F.O.B. shipping point prices.

Tobacco: Marketing Year Average Price, by Class, Type,
State, and United States, 1997-98 1/

Class and State	Type	1997	1998
Dollars per Pound			
Flue-cured:			
Old Belts			
NC	11	1.710	1.780
VA	11	1.727	1.792
US	11	1.716	1.784
Eastern NC Belt			
NC	12	1.720	1.773
NC Border & SC Belt			
NC	13	1.720	1.716
SC	13	1.735	1.711
US	13	1.728	1.713
GA-FL Belt			
FL	14	1.721	1.697
GA	14	1.712	1.707
US	14	1.714	1.705
Total Flue-cured	11-14	1.720	1.756
Fire-cured:			
VA Belt			
VA	21	2.125	1.936
Eastern District			
KY	22	2.268	2.259
TN	22	2.260	2.251
US	22	2.263	2.254
Western District			
KY	23	2.242	2.159
TN	23	2.226	2.159
US	23	2.240	2.159
KY-TN Fire-cured	22-23	2.256	2.225
Total Fire-cured	21-23	2.250	2.208
Air-cured:			
Light Air-cured:			
Burley			
IN	31	1.870	1.897
KY	31	1.886	1.903
MO	31	1.895	1.905
NC	31	1.860	1.899
OH	31	1.869	1.904
TN	31	1.886	1.907
VA	31	1.903	1.892
WV	31	1.878	1.915
US	31	1.885	1.903
Southern MD Belt			
MD	32	1.720	1.630
PA	32	1.300	.800
US	32	1.576	1.291
Total Light Air-cured	31-32	1.877	1.887
Dark Air-cured:			
One-Sucker Belt			
KY	35	2.011	1.952
TN	35	2.003	1.913
US	35	2.010	1.946
Green River Belt			
KY	36	2.034	1.974
KY-TN Dark Air-cured	35-36	2.017	1.955

See footnotes at end of table.

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Tobacco: Marketing Year Average Price, by Class, Type,
State, and United States, 1997-98 1/ (continued)

Class and State	Type	1997	1998
Dollars per Pound			
VA Sun-cured Belt			
VA	37	1.908	1.709
Total Dark Air-cured	35-37	2.016	1.951
All Cures Other Than Cigar	11-37	1.793	1.823
Cigar Filler:			
PA Seedleaf			
PA	41	1.600	1.300
Cigar Binder:			
CT Valley Broadleaf			
CT	51	6.000	5.400
MA	51	9.500	5.670
US	51	7.273	5.499
WI Binder, Southern			
WI	54	1.500	1.500
WI Binder, Northern			
WI	55	1.520	1.490
Total WI Binder	54-55	1.505	1.497
Total Binder	51-55	3.754	3.524
Cigar Wrapper:			
CT Valley Shade-grown			
CT 2/	61		
MA 2/	61		
US 2/	61		
Total Cigar Types 2/	41-55	2.599	2.260
US All Tobacco 2/	11-55	1.802	1.828

1/ 1998 revised.

2/ CT and MA Type 61 price not published to avoid disclosure; not included in Total Cigar Types or US All Tobacco.

Tobacco: Marketing Year Average Price,
by State, 1997-98 1/

State	1997	1998	State	1997	1998
Dollars per Pound				Dollars per Pound	
CT 2/	6.000	5.400	NC	1.720	1.771
FL	1.721	1.697	OH	1.869	1.904
GA	1.712	1.707	PA	1.490	1.101
IN	1.870	1.897	SC	1.735	1.711
KY	1.903	1.917	TN	1.952	1.963
MD	1.720	1.630	VA	1.765	1.816
MA 2/	9.500	5.670	WV	1.878	1.915
MO	1.895	1.905	WI	1.505	1.497

1/ 1998 revised.

2/ CT and MA Type 61 not published to avoid disclosure.

Tobacco: Prices Received Monthly, by State and United States,
July 1997 - April 1998

State	1997						1998			
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
	Dollars per Pound									
FL	1.555	1.655	1.820	1.790						
GA	1.590	1.640	1.800	1.760						
IN					1.900	1.915	1.875	1.805	1.770	1.670
KY					1.905	1.925	1.915	1.880	1.775	1.715
MD									1.770	1.645
MO					1.890	1.895	1.895			
NC	1.530	1.565	1.750	1.780	1.760	1.880	1.815			
OH					1.875	1.885	1.875	1.810	1.600	
SC	1.630	1.670	1.800	1.795						
TN					1.910	1.910	2.000	2.085	2.180	
VA		1.600	1.690	1.795	1.810	1.935	1.880			
WV					1.870	1.900	1.850	1.695		
US	1.580	1.595	1.755	1.785	1.845	1.920	1.920	1.915	1.810	1.695

Tobacco: Prices Received Monthly, by State and United States,
July 1998 - April 1999 1/

State	1998						1999			
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
	Dollars per Pound									
FL	1.420	1.630	1.800	1.770						
GA	1.460	1.580	1.795	1.780						
IN					1.910	1.910	1.900	1.830		
KY					1.910	1.915	1.930	1.905	1.815	
MD									1.710	1.505
MO					1.905	1.915	1.900	1.895		
NC	1.690	1.635	1.805	1.885	1.835	1.905	1.860			
OH					1.900	1.910	1.915	1.855		
SC	1.745	1.580	1.770	1.795						
TN					1.925	1.910	1.990	2.255	2.135	
VA		1.690	1.780	1.890	1.885	1.905	1.850			
WV										
US	1.630	1.625	1.795	1.865	1.905	1.915	1.930	1.965	1.810	1.505

1/ Revised.

Tobacco: Prices Received Monthly by Class, Type, State,
and United States, July 1997 - April 1998

Class and State	Type	1997					
		Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
		Dollars per Pound					
Flue-cured:							
Old Belts							
NC	11		1.510	1.680	1.790	1.760	
VA	11		1.600	1.690	1.795	1.780	
US	11		1.545	1.685	1.790	1.765	
Eastern NC Belt							
NC	12	1.540	1.565	1.765	1.780	1.750	
NC Border & SC Belt							
NC	13	1.520	1.620	1.790	1.780	1.720	
SC	13	1.630	1.670	1.805	1.795		
US	13	1.595	1.650	1.795	1.785	1.720	
GA-FL Belt							
FL	14	1.555	1.655	1.820	1.790		
GA	14	1.590	1.640	1.800	1.760		
US	14	1.585	1.645	1.805	1.765		
Total Flue-cured	11-14	1.580	1.595	1.755	1.785	1.760	
Fire-cured:							
VA Belt							
VA	21						2.120
Eastern District							
KY	22						
TN	22						
US	22						
Western District							
KY	23						
TN	23						
US	23						
KY-TN Fire-cured	22-23						
Total Fire-cured	21-23						2.120
Air-cured:							
Light Air-cured:							
Burley							
IN	31				1.900	1.915	
KY	31				1.905	1.920	
MO	31				1.890	1.895	
NC	31				1.870	1.880	
OH	31				1.875	1.885	
TN	31				1.910	1.910	
VA	31				1.910	1.915	
WV	31				1.870	1.900	
US	31				1.905	1.915	
Southern MD Belt							
MD	32						
Total Light Air-cured	31-32				1.905	1.915	
Dark Air-cured:							
One Sucker Belt							
KY	35						2.050
TN	35						2.065
US	35						2.055
Green River Belt							
KY	36						2.090
KY-TN Dark Air-cured	35-36						2.065
VA Sun-cured Belt							
VA	37						1.900
Total Dark Air-cured	35-37						2.060
Total All Classes	11-37	1.580	1.595	1.755	1.785	1.845	1.920

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Tobacco: Prices Received Monthly by Class, Type, State
and United States, July 1997 - April 1998 1/ (continued)

Class and State	Type	1998			
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
		Dollars per Pound			
Flue-cured:					
Old Belts					
NC	11				
VA	11				
US	11				
Eastern NC Belt					
NC	12				
NC Border & SC Belt					
NC	13				
SC	13				
US	13				
GA-FL Belt					
FL	14				
GA	14				
US	14				
Total Flue-cured	11-14				
Fire-cured:					
VA Belt					
VA	21	2.140			
Eastern District					
KY	22	2.435	2.210	2.025	3.065
TN	22	2.400	2.305	2.260	
US	22	2.410	2.270	2.185	3.065
Western District					
KY	23	2.340	2.180	1.950	
TN	23	2.340	2.180	1.950	
US	23	2.340	2.180	1.950	
KY-TN Fire-cured	22-23	2.385	2.245	2.150	3.065
Total Fire-cured	21-23	2.380	2.245	2.150	3.065
Air-cured:					
Light Air-cured:					
Burley					
IN	31	1.875	1.805	1.770	1.670
KY	31	1.885	1.810	1.755	1.700
MO	31	1.895			
NC	31	1.815	1.570		
OH	31	1.875	1.810	1.600	
TN	31	1.855	1.675	1.700	
VA	31	1.845			
WV	31	1.850	1.695		
US	31	1.880	1.800	1.755	1.700
Southern MD Belt					
MD	32			1.770	1.645
Total Light Air-cured	31-32	1.880	1.800	1.760	1.685
Dark Air-cured:					
One Sucker Belt					
KY	35	1.970	1.630		
TN	35	1.910	1.715		
US	35	1.960	1.660		
Green River Belt					
KY	36	2.010	1.850		
KY-TN Dark Air-cured	35-36	1.980	1.770		
VA Sun-cured Belt					
VA	37	1.960			
Total Dark Air-cured	35-37	1.980	1.770		
Total All Classes	11-37	1.920	1.915	1.810	1.695

1/ Revised.

Tobacco: Prices Received Monthly by Type, State
and United States, July 1998 - April 1999 1/

Cure, Area and State	Type	1998					
		Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
		Dollars per Pound					
Flue-cured:							
Old and Middle Belts							
NC	11		1.645	1.765	1.890	1.800	
VA	11		1.690	1.780	1.890	1.825	
US	11		1.660	1.770	1.890	1.805	
Eastern NC Belt							
NC	12	1.695	1.640	1.825	1.895		
NC Border & SC Belt							
NC	13	1.665	1.575	1.780	1.810		
SC	13	1.745	1.580	1.770	1.795		
US	13	1.710	1.580	1.775	1.800		
GA-FL Belt							
FL	14	1.420	1.630	1.800	1.770		
GA	14	1.460	1.580	1.795	1.780		
US	14	1.450	1.585	1.795	1.780		
Total Flue-cured	11-14	1.630	1.625	1.795	1.865	1.805	
Fire-cured:							
VA Belt							
VA	21						1.960
Eastern District							
KY	22						
TN	22						
US	22						
Western District							
KY	23						
TN	23						
US	23						
KY-TN Fire-cured	22-23						
Total Fire-cured	21-23						1.960
Air-cured:							
Light Air-cured:							
Burley							
IN	31				1.910	1.910	
KY	31				1.910	1.910	
MO	31				1.905	1.915	
NC	31				1.920	1.905	
OH	31				1.900	1.910	
TN	31				1.925	1.910	
VA	31				1.910	1.895	
WV	31						
US	31				1.910	1.910	
Southern MD Belt							
MD	32						
Total Light Air-cured	31-32				1.910	1.910	
Dark Air-cured:							
One Sucker Belt							
KY	35						2.010
TN	35						2.025
US	35						2.010
Green River Belt							
KY	36						2.005
KY-TN Dark Air-cured	35-36						2.010
VA Sun-cured Belt							
VA	37						1.725
Total Dark Air-cured	35-37						2.005
Total All Cures	11-37	1.630	1.625	1.795	1.865	1.905	1.915

1/ Revised.

Tobacco: Prices Received Monthly by Type, State
and United States, July 1998 - April 1999 (continued)

Cure, Area and State	Type	1999			
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
		Dollars per Pound			
Flue-cured:					
Old and Middle Belts					
NC	11				
VA	11				
US	11				
Eastern NC Belt					
NC	12				
NC Border & SC Belt					
NC	13				
SC	13				
US	13				
GA-FL Belt					
FL	14				
GA	14				
US	14				
Total Flue-cured	11-14				
Fire-cured:					
VA Belt					
VA	21	1.840			
Eastern District					
KY	22	2.285	2.235	2.160	
TN	22	2.235	2.290	2.135	
US	22	2.255	2.275	2.140	
Western District					
KY	23	2.180	2.115	2.030	
TN	23	2.180	2.115	2.020	
US	23	2.180	2.115	2.030	
KY-TN Fire-cured	22-23	2.230	2.240	2.130	
Total Fire-cured	21-23	2.220	2.240	2.130	
Air-cured:					
Light Air-cured:					
Burley					
IN	31	1.900	1.830		
KY	31	1.900	1.850	1.625	
MO	31	1.900	1.895		
NC	31	1.860			
OH	31	1.915	1.855		
TN	31	1.880	1.685		
VA	31	1.850			
WV	31				
US	31	1.895	1.850	1.625	
Southern MD Belt					
MD	32			1.710	1.505
Total Light Air-cured	31-32	1.895	1.850	1.695	1.505
Dark Air-cured:					
One Sucker Belt					
KY	35	1.870	1.780		
TN	35	1.825	1.600		
US	35	1.860	1.730		
Green River Belt					
KY	36	1.940	1.925		
KY-TN Dark Air-cured	35-36	1.885	1.810		
VA Sun-cured Belt					
VA	37	1.675			
Total Dark Air-cured	35-37	1.885	1.810		
Total All Cures	11-37	1.930	1.965	1.810	1.505

1/ Revised.

Reliability of Prices Received Estimates

Definition: Prices received represent sales from producers to first buyers. They include all grades and qualities. The average commodity price from the survey multiplied by the total quantity marketed theoretically should give the total cash receipts for the commodity.

Survey Procedures: Primary sales data used to determine grain prices were obtained from probability samples of 2600 mills and elevators. These procedures ensure that virtually all grain moving into commercial channels has a chance of being included in the survey. Generally, States surveyed account for 90 percent or more of total U.S. production. Livestock prices are obtained from packers, stockyards, auctions, dealers, and market check data from AMS-USDA, private marketing organizations, and state commodity groups and agencies. Inter-farm sales of grain and livestock are not included since they represent very small percentages of the total marketings. Grain marketed for seed is also excluded. Fruit and vegetable prices are obtained from sample surveys and market check data from AMS-USDA, private marketing organizations, state agencies, and universities.

Summary and Estimation Procedures: Survey quantities sold are expanded by strata to state levels and used to weight average strata prices to a state average. State prices are then weighted to a U.S. price based on expanded marketings. Recommendations are prepared by the State Statistical Offices and reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board in Washington, D.C. State recommendations are reviewed for reasonableness with survey data, other States, and recent historic estimates.

Revisions: For most items, the current month's price represents a 3-5 day period around the mid-month. Previous month's prices represent actual dollars received for quantities sold during the entire month. Revisions are published in monthly issues of "**Agricultural Prices**".

Reliability: U.S. price estimates based on probability surveys generally have a sampling error of less than one percent for the major commodities such as corn, wheat, soybeans, cotton, and rice. Current methods of summarization for non-probability commodities are not designed directly to calculate sampling errors. However, analytical measures approximate the U.S. relative sampling errors at around five percent. Any nonsampling errors are attributed to such things as the inability to obtain correct information, differences in interpreting questions or definitions, mistakes in coding or processing the data, etc. Efforts are made at each step in the survey process to minimize these nonsampling errors.

Prices Paid by Farmers

The May Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) was 117 (1990-92=100), 0.9 percent more than April 1999 but unchanged from May 1998.

Production Index: The farm production, goods, and services index for May, at 113, was unchanged from last month but 2.6 percent below last year. Since April, lower prices for feeder cattle, feed grains, and herbicides offset higher prices for hays and forages, feed supplements, feed concentrates, and nitrogen fertilizers.

Feed: The feed index, at 104, was 2.0 percent more than April but 7.1 percent less than last May. Since April, higher prices for hay and forages, feed supplements, feed concentrates, and complete feeds more than offset lower prices for feed grains.

Livestock and Poultry: The index for livestock and poultry purchases, at 89, was 3.3 percent lower than both last month and last year. Since April, lower prices for feeder cattle more than offset higher prices for feeder pigs.

Fertilizer: The fertilizer index, at 108, was up 0.9 percent from April but 6.1 percent less than May a year ago. Since April, higher prices for nitrogen fertilizers, and potash and phosphate materials more than offset lower prices for mixed fertilizers.

Agricultural Chemicals: The chemical index, at 120, was down 0.8 percent from last month and 1.6 percent less than last May. Prices were lower in May for herbicides, other chemicals, and insecticides.

Fuels: The fuels index, at 88, was unchanged from a month earlier but 5.4 percent below May 1998. Compared to last month, prices were slightly lower for diesel fuel but slightly higher for gasoline.

Farm Machinery: The May farm machinery index was 135, unchanged from April but 2.3 percent above last May. Since April, self-propelled machinery and other machinery were marginally higher but not enough to change the index.

Consumer Price Index: The April 1999 Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.7 percent before seasonal adjustment to a level of 166.2 (1982-84=100). This compares to the March index of 165. For the 12-month period ending in April, the overall index has increased 2.3 percent.

Index Numbers of Prices Paid by Farmers and Related Parity Ratios
United States, May 1999 With Comparisons

Indexes and Ratios	: 1910-14 = 100			: 1990-92 = 100		
	: 1998			: 1999		
	: May	: Apr	: May	: May	: Apr	: May

Prices Paid by Farmers for	:					
Commodities & Services,	:					
Interest, Taxes, & Wage	:					
Rates (PPITW)	: 1563	*1551	1551	117	116	117
Production	: 1123	*1097	1097	116	113	113
Feed	: 547	*496	506	112	*102	104
Livestock and Poultry	: 1172	*1181	1143	92	92	89
Seeds	: 1216	1196	1196	123	121	121
Fertilizer	: 420	394	396	115	107	108
Agricultural Chemicals	: 756	749	744	122	121	120
Fuels	: 717	682	682	93	88	88
Supplies & Repairs	: 844	*856	856	119	*121	121
Autos & Trucks	: 3147	*3171	3174	118	119	119
Farm Machinery	: 3309	3377	3383	132	135	135
Building Material	: 1606	*1617	1619	118	119	119
Farm Services & Rent	: 1472	1445	1445			
Farm Services	:			116	116	116
Rent	:			134	130	130
Interest 1/	: 2739	2757	2757	109	110	110
Taxes 2/	: 3185	3214	3214	119	120	120
Wage Rates	: 4840	*5066	5066	129	*135	135
Production, Interest, Taxes,	:					
& Wage Rates (PITW)	: 1567	1545	1545	117	115	115
Family Living-CPI 3/	: 1546	*1579	1579	121	*123	123

Ratio (Received\Paid)	:			88	*83	85
Parity Ratio 4/	: 42	*39	41			
Parity Ratio Adjusted 5/	: 45	42	43			
PPITW Adjusted for	:					
Productivity 6/	: 1048	*1058	1057			

Crop Sector (PPITW)	:			120	120	120
Livestock Sector (PPITW)	:			114	*113	113

Farm Sector (Production)	:			106	101	101
Non-Farm Sector (Production)	:			120	119	119

* Revised.

- 1/ Interest per acre on farm real estate debt and interest rate on farm non-real estate debt.
- 2/ Farm real estate taxes payable per acre.
- 3/ Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U), for the previous month converted by the USDA.
- 4/ Ratio of index of prices received to PPITW (1910-14=100).
- 5/ Based on estimated cash receipts, from marketings and government payments, the preliminary adjustment factor is 1.057 for 1999 and the revised factor is 1.065 for 1998.
- 6/ PPITW is adjusted based on productivity trend for the prior 15 years.

Prices Paid Indexes and Annual Weights for Input Components and
Sub-Components United States, May 1999 With Comparisons

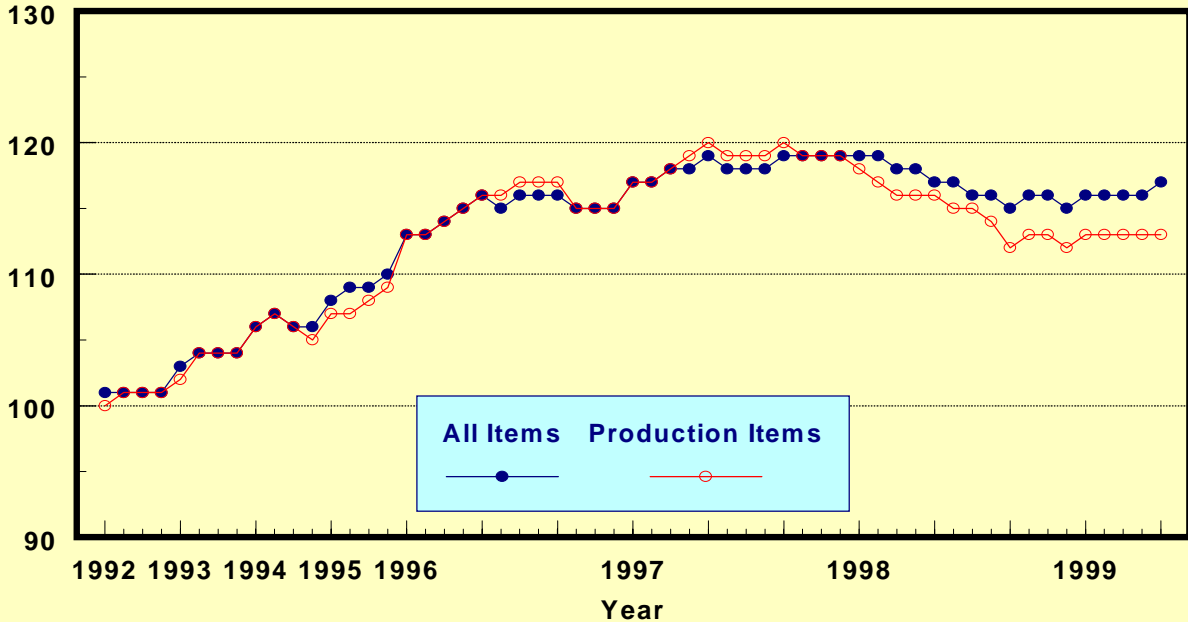
Index	Relative Weights		Input Indexes		
	5-Year Moving Average 1/		1998	1999	
	1998	1999	May	Apr	May
	----	Percent	----	(1990-92=100)	
Production Items	67.0	67.4	116	113	113
Feed	11.6	11.6	112	*102	104
Feed Grains	2.1	2.1	99	*86	85
Complete Feeds	5.1	5.1	113	106	106
Hay/Forages	1.3	1.3	128	104	114
Concentrates	1.9	1.9	109	95	97
Supplements	1.3	1.3	117	118	124
Livestock & Poultry	7.5	7.2	92	92	89
Feeder Cattle	5.9	5.6	92	88	84
Feeder Pigs	0.6	0.6	72	*106	109
Milk Cow Replacements	0.6	0.6	98	110	110
Poultry	0.5	0.4	110	110	110
Seeds	2.8	2.8	123	121	121
Field Crops	2.5	2.6	123	121	121
Grasses/Legumes	0.3	0.3	123	121	121
Fertilizer	4.8	4.9	115	107	108
Mixed Fertilizer	2.1	2.1	116	115	115
Nitrogen	2.0	2.0	113	97	98
Potash & Phosphate	0.7	0.7	115	116	117
Agricultural Chemicals	3.7	3.8	122	121	120
Herbicides	2.4	2.4	117	116	114
Insecticides	0.9	0.9	136	139	139
Fungicides/Other	0.5	0.5	121	117	117
Fuels	2.7	2.7	93	88	88
Diesel	1.4	1.4	85	83	83
Gasoline	1.0	1.0	101	96	96
LP Gas	0.3	0.3	102	91	91
Farm Supplies & Repairs	5.4	5.6	119	*121	121
Supplies	1.8	1.9	115	117	117
Repairs	3.6	3.7	121	*123	123
Autos & Trucks	1.4	1.4	118	119	119
Autos	0.2	0.2	113	112	112
Trucks	1.2	1.3	119	120	120
Farm Machinery	4.1	4.0	132	135	135
Tractors	0.9	0.9	130	132	132
Self-Propelled	1.7	1.6	131	134	134
Other Machinery	1.6	1.5	134	137	137
Building Materials	2.7	2.8	118	119	119
Farm Services	12.2	12.4	116	116	116
Custom Rates	1.3	1.3	117	117	117
Other Services	10.9	11.1	116	116	116
Rent	8.1	8.2	134	130	130
Cash	3.7	3.7	141	141	141
Share	4.5	4.5	129	121	121
Interest	5.0	4.5	109	110	110
Taxes	3.2	3.1	119	120	120
Wage Rates	6.9	6.9	129	*135	135
Family Living-CPI	18.0	17.7	121	*123	123

* Revised.

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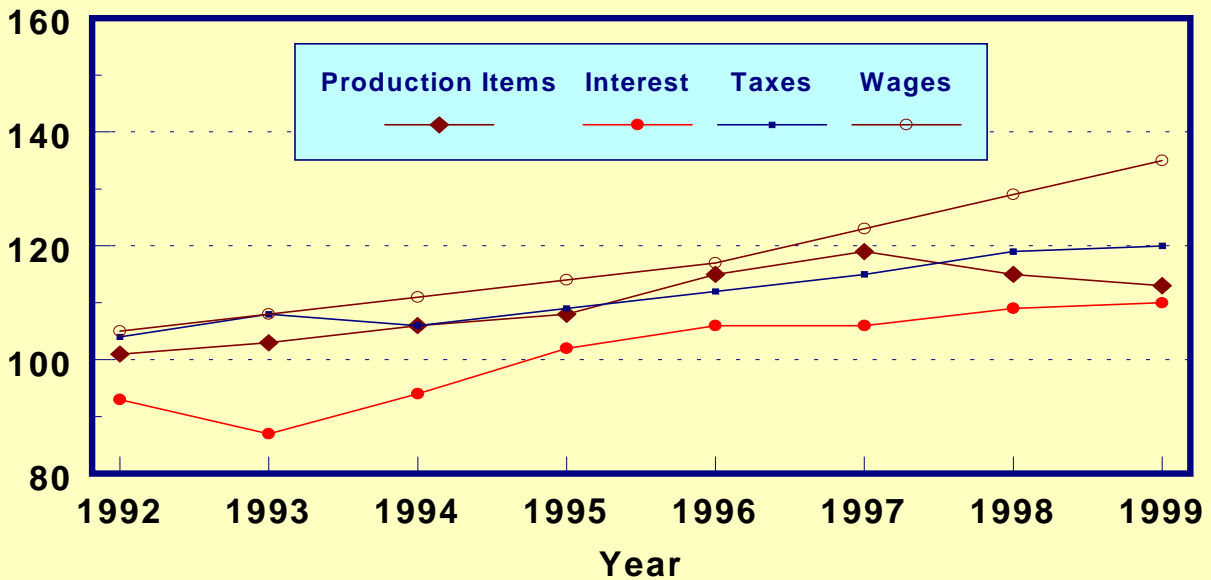
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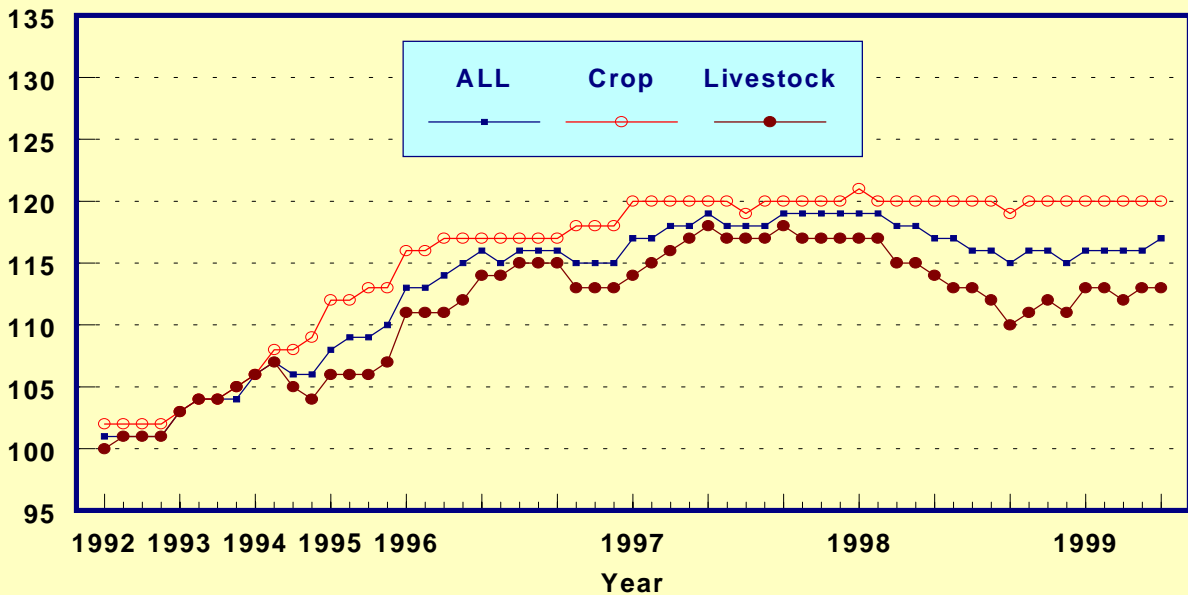
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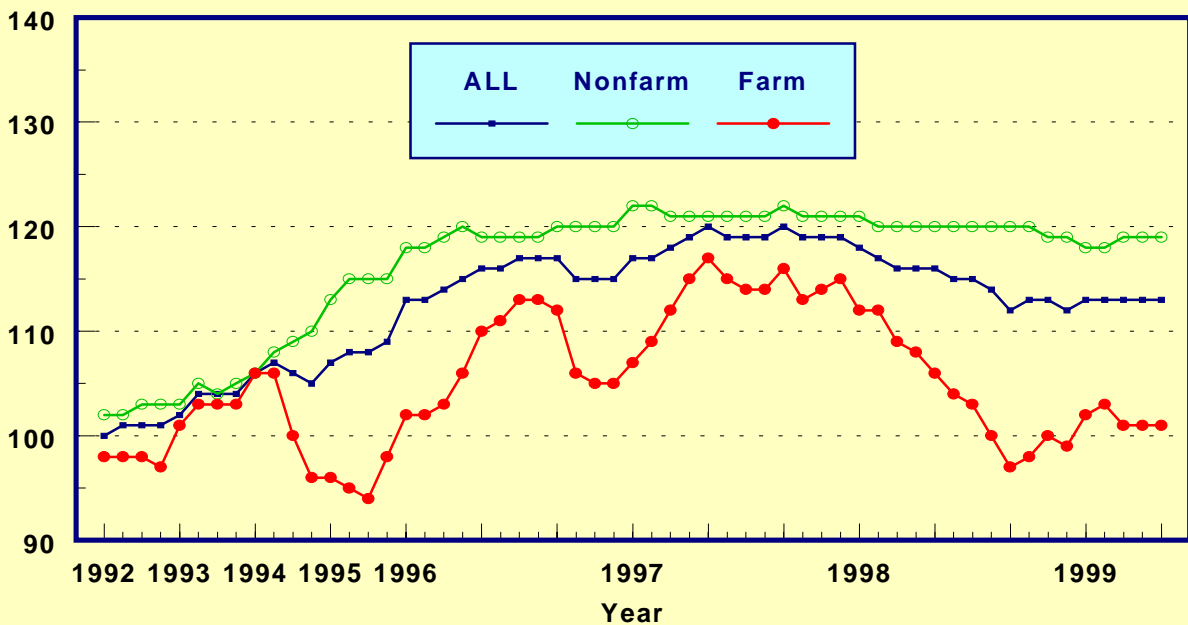
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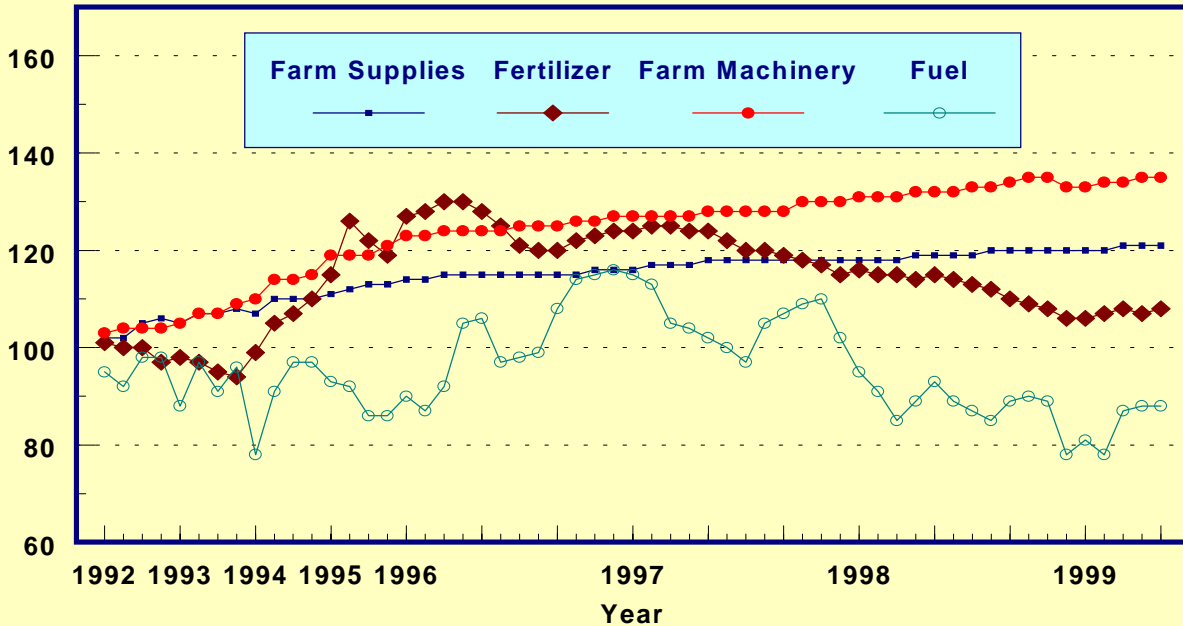
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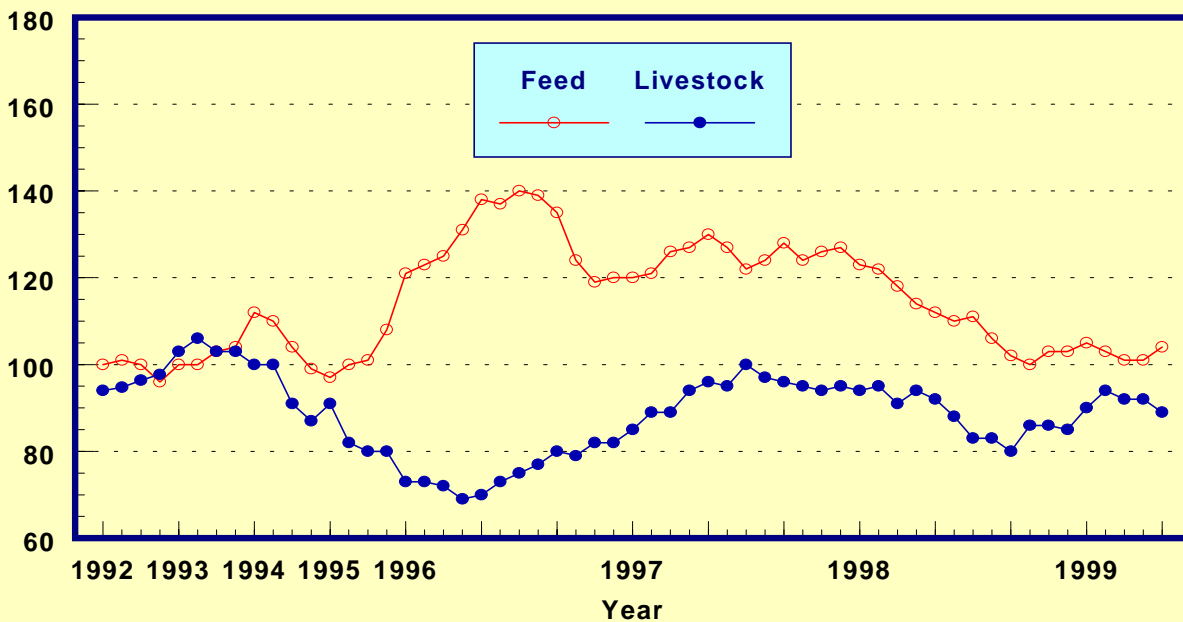
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Prices Paid by Farmers, Selected Production Indexes US, By Farm Sector 1/

Percent (1990-92=100)



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Feed Price Ratios: United States, May 1999 With Comparisons

Feed Price Ratio 1/	1998		1999	
	May	Apr	May	May
Broiler-Feed: Pounds of Broiler Grower Feed equal in value to 1 pound of Broiler live weight	*5.5	*6.4	7.3	
Market Egg-Feed: Pounds of Laying Feed equal in value to 1 dozen Market Eggs	*6.7	*9.2	7.7	
Hog-Corn: Bushels of Corn equal in value to 100 pounds of All Hogs, live weight	*18.1	*14.7	18.4	
Milk-Feed: Pounds of 16% Mixed Dairy Feed equal in value to 1 pound of All Milk	*2.71	*2.97	2.94	
Steer & Heifer-Corn: Bushels of Corn equal in value to 100 pounds of Steer & Heifers, live weight	28.3	*32.2	32.1	
Turkey-Feed: Pounds of Turkey Grower Feed equal in value to 1 pound of Turkey, live weight	5.8	7.8	8.2	

1/ Effective January 1995, prices of commercial prepared feeds are based on current U.S. prices received for corn, soybeans, alfalfa hay, and all wheat.

* Revised.

Prices Used to Calculate Feed Price Ratios
United States, May 1999 With Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	1998		1999	
		May	Apr	May	May
Broilers, Live	Lb	*.375	.343	.378	
Eggs, Market	Doz	*.387	.432	.350	
Hogs, All	Cwt	*42.30	*30.20	37.00	
Milk, All	Cwt	*14.00	*12.60	12.90	
Steers and Heifers	Cwt	66.30	*66.00	64.50	
Turkeys, Live	Lb	*.355	.387	.397	
Corn	Bu	2.34	*2.05	2.01	
Hay, Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	*107.00	85.60	95.70	
Soybeans	Bu	6.26	*4.63	4.46	
Wheat, All	Bu	3.06	*2.62	2.58	

* Revised.

Feeder Livestock: Prices Paid, United States, May 1999 With Comparisons

ITEM	Unit	1998		1999	
		May	Apr	May	May
					Dollars
Feeders and Stockers					
Cattle and Calves	Cwt	77.50	74.40	70.90	

Prices Paid by Farmers

Definition: Prices paid by farmers represent the average costs of inputs purchased by farmers and ranchers to produce agricultural commodities. Conceptually, the average price when multiplied by quantity purchased should equal total producer expenditures for the item.

Survey Procedures: The prices paid data are obtained from establishments that sell goods and services to farmers and ranchers. Annually, about 8,500 firms are randomly selected from lists by type of item sold with an average response rate in the range of 75-80 percent. Firms are asked to report the price for the specified item "most commonly bought by farmers" or that was the "volume seller". Approximately 135 items are surveyed each April to represent all production input items purchased. The survey reference period for most items is the 5 business days centered around the 15th of the month. Separate prices paid surveys are conducted for, agricultural chemicals, fuels, feed, fertilizer, machinery, and seed.

Summary and Estimation Procedures: The annual April Paid Survey is summarized as a nonprobability survey. Average prices reported are aggregated to the region and U.S. level using weights available from expenditure data and other administrative sources. Price recommendations are prepared by the State Statistical Offices and Headquarters for review by the Agricultural Statistics Board in Washington, D.C. Also, the change in price level for individual items surveyed are combined to the regional and U.S. levels, and are published as prices paid indexes referenced to a specific base period. Prices paid indexes for new autos and trucks, building materials, farm supplies, motor supplies, and marketing containers are updated based on price changes measured in selected Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indexes.

Revisions: Any revisions are published in the monthly and in annual issues of "Agricultural Prices". The basis for revision must be supported by additional data that directly affect the level of the estimate. More revisions are likely in April when separate prices paid surveys are conducted, in lieu of BLS indexes, by the USDA to measure price change.

Reliability: Current methods of summarization in April are not designed directly to calculate sampling errors. However, analytical measures approximate the U.S. relative sampling errors for major items around 10 percent. Any nonsampling errors are attributed to such things as the inability to obtain correct information, differences in interpreting questions or definitions, mistakes in coding or processing the data, etc. Efforts are made at each step in the survey process to minimize these nonsampling errors.

Program Change: Effective January 1, 1995, the National Agricultural Statistics Service updated the weights and changed the construction of its prices paid and received by farmers indexes. A Federal Register Notice dated October 28, 1994 discussed these program modifications.

A 1990-92 reference and base period replaced the 1977 reference and 1971-73 base weight period. Five-year moving average weights replaced the current fixed 1971-73 base period weights. The 1910-14=100 price indexes, required by statute for computing parity prices, were linked forward based on the changes in the new 1990-92=100 indexes. The new indexes were constructed by multiplying the ratios of the current prices to the base period prices by the moving average weights (adjusted for seasonal marketing patterns for the prices received indexes).

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