

Agricultural Prices

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Prices Received Index Increases 2 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in May was 102 based on 1990-92=100, up 2 points (2.0 percent) from the April index. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell affects the overall index. Higher seasonal marketings of cantaloupes, grapes, sweet corn, broilers, and peaches more than offset the relatively lower marketings of cattle, milk, cotton, and asparagus. These marketing changes accounted for all of the May index increase. Higher prices for lettuce, broccoli, hogs, and hay offset price decreases for strawberries, eggs, cattle, and tomatoes.

Compared with May 1999, the All Farm Products Index was 4 points (4.1 percent) higher. Price increases from May 1999 for cattle, lettuce, hogs, and soybeans more than offset price decreases for oranges, milk, cantaloupes, and strawberries.

Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The May Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) was 119 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index was unchanged from April but 4 points (3.5 percent) above May 1999. Lower prices in May for feeder cattle, feeder pigs, feed concentrates, and insecticides were offset by higher prices for hay and forages and feed grains.

Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92=100	1999		2000	
	Apr	May	Apr	May
Prices Received	96	98	100	102
Prices Paid	115	115	119	119
Ratio 1/	83	85	84	86

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 102 percent of its 1990-92 base, up 2.0 percent from the April index and 4.1 percent above the May 1999 index.

All Crops: The May index was 105, up 4.0 percent from April and 1.9 percent above May 1999. Price increases from April for vegetables, feed grains and hay, and oilseeds more than offset price decreases for fruit and nuts.

Food Grains: The May Food Grains Index, at 86, was unchanged from the previous month but 4.4 percent below May 1999. The May all wheat price, at \$2.56 per bushel, was down 1 cent from the April price but 7 cents above May 1999. The rice price, at \$5.91 per cwt, was up 5 cents from last month but \$2.30 below a year earlier.

Feed Grains & Hay: The May index was 95, up 4.4 percent from last month and 2.2 percent above May 1999. The corn price, at \$2.06 per bushel, was up 3 cents from April and 7 cents above the May 1999 price. The all hay price, at \$89.40 per ton, was up \$8.70 from last month but \$3.20 below May 1999.

Oil-Bearing Crops: The May Oil-Bearing Crops Index, at 92, was up 3.4 percent from the April index and 14 percent above May 1999. The soybean price, at \$5.15 per bushel, increased 15 cents from April and was 65 cents above May 1999.

Cotton: The May index, at 76, was unchanged from April but 16 percent below May 1999. The cotton price, at 45.9 cents per pound, was down 0.1 cent from April and 9.1 cents from last May.

Livestock and Products: The May index, at 99, was down 1.0 percent from last month but up 6.5 percent from May 1999. Compared with a year ago, prices were higher for cattle, hogs, calves, and turkeys but lower for all milk, broilers, and eggs.

Meat Animals: The May index, at 98, was down 1.0 percent from last month but up 18 percent from a year ago. The May hog price was \$48.80 per cwt, up \$1.50 from April and \$12.20 above May a year ago. Strong retail demand for hogs continues to hold prices up. The May beef cattle price of \$69.40 was down \$1.90 from last month but up \$7.30 from May 1999.

Dairy Products: The May index, at 92, was up 1.1 percent from April but down 5.2 percent from May 1999. The May all milk price, at \$12.00 per cwt, was up slightly from April but down 70 cents from last year. Manufacturing grade milk and fluid grade prices were unchanged from last month. Cheese prices were down the first week of May but up the second week.

Poultry and Eggs: The May index, at 108, was 2.7 percent below both April and last year. The May broiler price, at 37.0 cents per pound, was up 0.5 cent from April, with demand and supply steady. A sharp seasonal decrease in demand for eggs, along with large supplies caused market egg prices to fall 16.3 cents to 31.4 cents per dozen. Decreased production coupled with a seasonal increase in demand caused turkey prices to rise 0.6 cent to 40.4 cents per pound.

Index Numbers of Prices Received, United States, May 2000,
with Comparisons

Index	1910-14=100				1990-92=100			
	1999		2000		1999		2000	
	May	Apr	May	Apr	May	Apr	May	
All Farm Products	639	623	*638	647	98	*100	102	
All Crops	500	510	*500	519	103	*101	105	
Food Grains	325	286	*272	273	90	*86	86	
Feed Grains & Hay	363	332	*327	340	93	91	95	
Cotton	517	465	*389	388	91	*76	76	
Tobacco	1263	1309	*1365	1365	86	*90	90	
Oil-Bearing Crops	554	441	487	502	81	89	92	
Fruit & Nuts	716	832	*612	636	119	*88	91	
Commercial Vegetables	698	785	*933	945	118	*140	141	
Potatoes & Dry Beans	540	536	*530	543	106	*105	107	
Other Crops	493	532	532	532	108	108	108	
Livestock & Products	768	717	*765	759	93	*100	99	
Meat Animals	1021	849	*1009	996	83	*99	98	
Dairy Products	799	780	731	737	97	91	92	
Poultry & Eggs	282	312	312	305	111	111	108	
Food Commodities					98	*101	103	

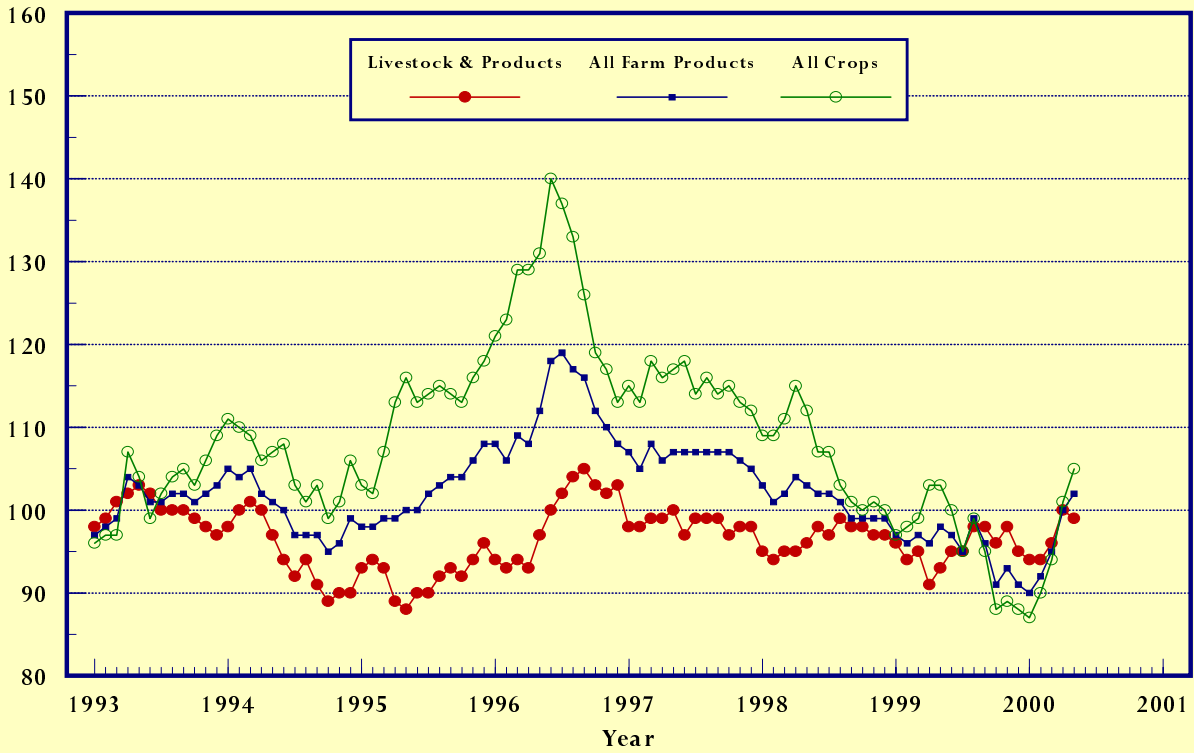
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Selected Index Numbers for Prices Received and Paid,
1990-92=100, by Months, United States, 1999 and 2000

Month	Index of Prices Received				Index of Prices Paid					
	All Farm Products		All Crops		Livestock and Products		All Items		Production Items	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
Jan	97	90	97	87	96	94	115	118	111	114
Feb	96	92	98	90	94	94	115	118	111	115
Mar	97	95	99	94	95	96	115	119	111	115
Apr	96	100	103	101	91	100	115	119	111	116
May	98	102	103	105	93	99	115	119	111	115
Jun	97		100		95		115		111	
Jul	95		95		95		115		111	
Aug	99		99		98		115		111	
Sep	96		95		98		115		112	
Oct	91		88		96		116		112	
Nov	93		89		98		116		113	
Dec	91		88		95		117		113	

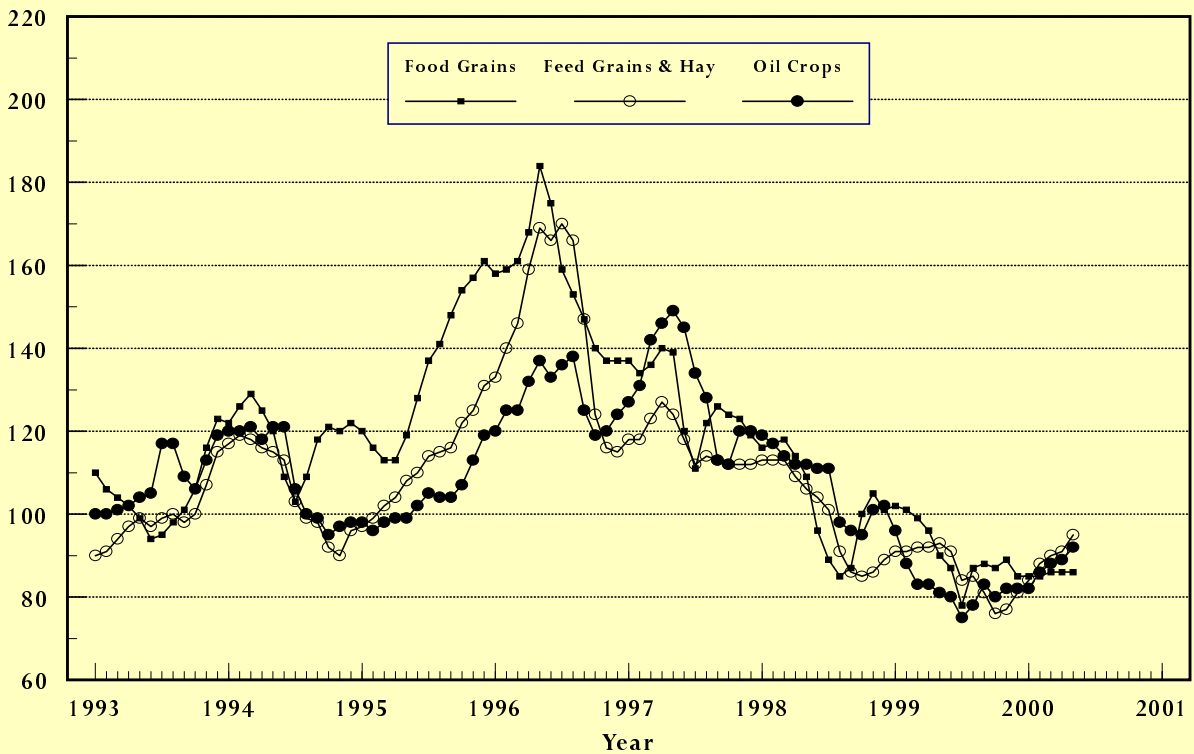
Prices Received, Major Indexes, US

Index Values(1990-92=100)



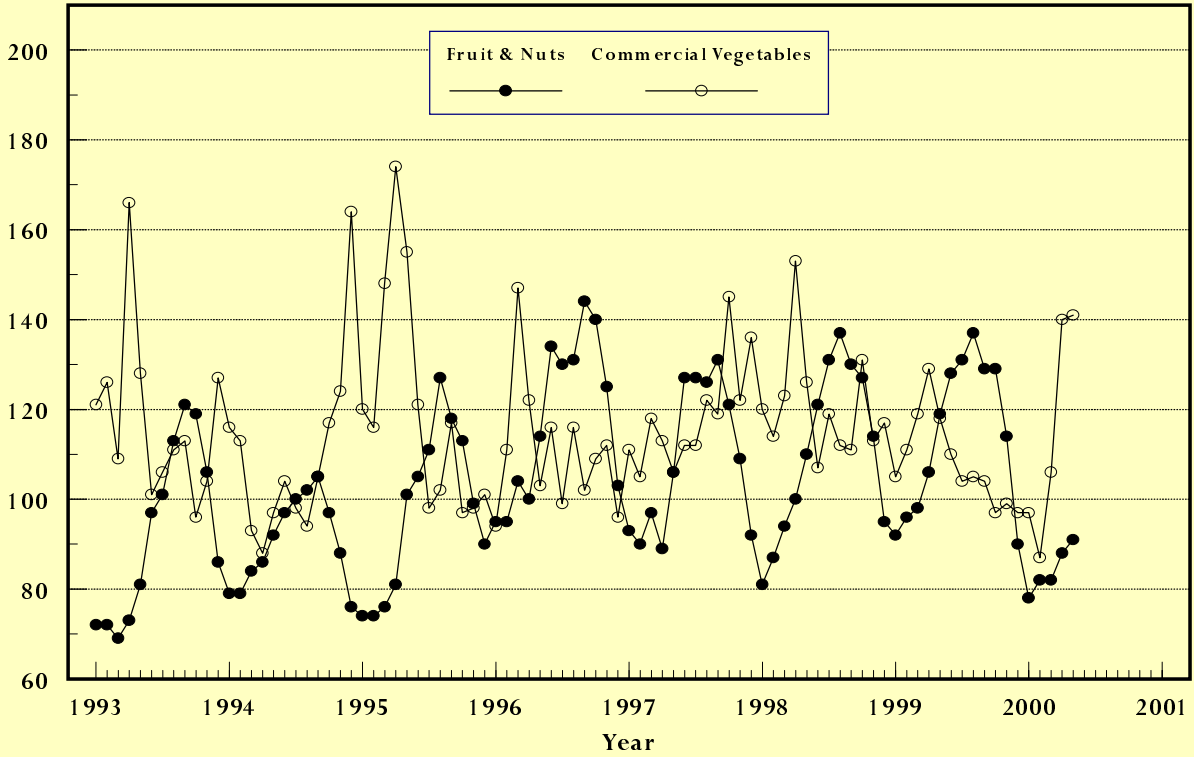
Prices Received, Food, Feed & Oil Indexes, US

Index Values(1990-92=100)



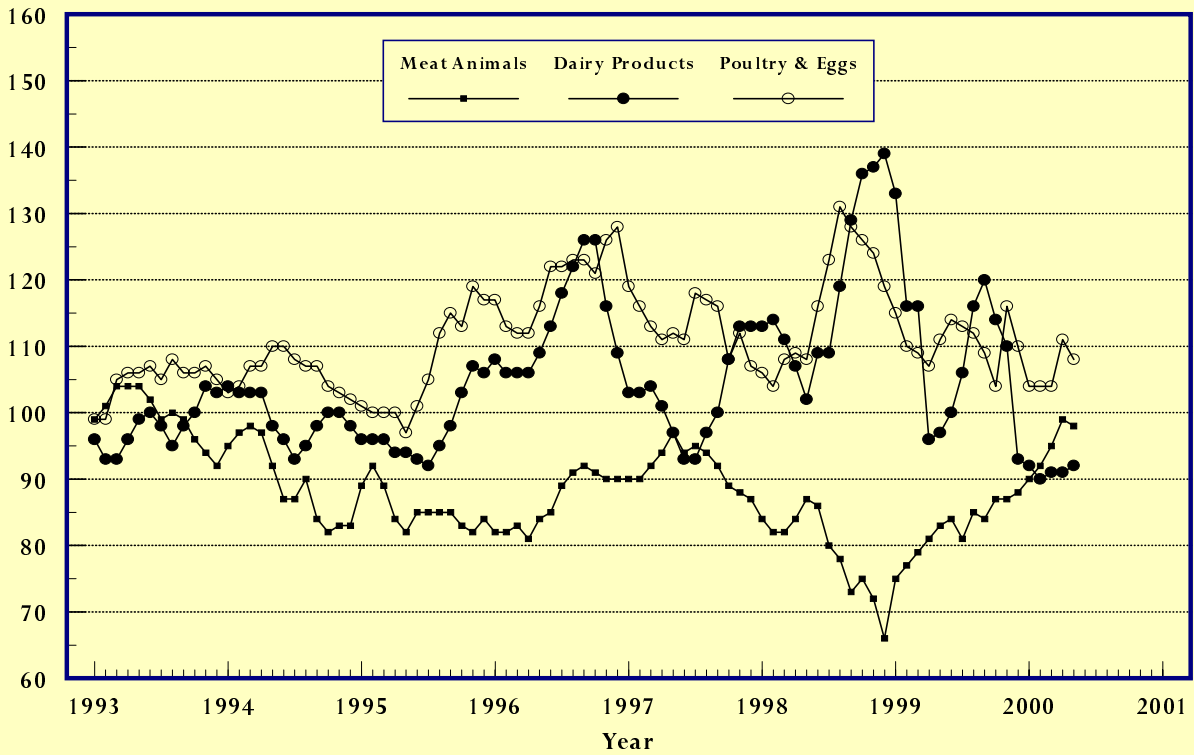
Prices Received, Fruit/Vegetable Indexes, US

Index Values(1990-92=100)



Prices Received, Livestock Product Indexes, US

Index Values(1990-92=100)



Prices Received, United States,
May 2000, with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Average 1990-92	Entire Month		Preliminary
			May 1999	Apr 2000	May 2000
Dollars					
Field Crops					
Barley, All	Bu	2.12	1.82	2.09	2.12
Feed	Bu	1.90	1.62	1.68	1.95
Malting	Bu	2.43	2.17	2.38	2.37
Beans, Dry Edible	Cwt	19.10	19.90	16.60	15.50
Corn	Bu	2.30	1.99	2.03	2.06
Cotton, Upland	Lb	.606	.550	.460	.459
Cottonseed	Ton	96.00			
Flaxseed	Bu	4.27	4.89	3.65	3.70
Hay, All, Baled 1/	Ton	76.30	92.60	80.70	89.40
Alfalfa 1/	Ton	77.20	96.60	84.50	93.90
Other 1/	Ton	60.00	70.10	67.40	71.30
Oats	Bu	1.22	1.31	1.35	1.35
Peanuts, In-Shell	Lb	.304			
Potatoes	Cwt	5.82	6.18	6.29	6.53
Rice, Rough	Cwt	7.07	8.21	5.86	5.91
Sorghum Grain	Cwt	3.75	2.90	3.24	3.23
Soybeans	Bu	5.61	4.50	5.00	5.15
Sunflower 2/	Cwt	9.50	9.80	7.98	8.65
Tobacco	Lb	1.740		1.570	
Wheat, All	Bu	2.96	2.49	2.57	2.56
Winter	Bu	2.93	2.34	2.32	2.39
Durum	Bu	2.86	2.84	2.89	2.82
Other Spring	Bu	3.11	2.92	2.89	2.91
Hard Red Winter	Bu		2.32	2.27	
Soft Red Winter	Bu		2.21	2.13	
Hard Red Spring	Bu		2.96	2.93	
White	Bu	3.24	2.67	2.49	
Fruit					
Citrus-Equiv on-tree					
Grapefruit	Box	5.77	5.07	2.82	2.51
Lemons	Box	10.10	8.59	6.12	3.42
Limes 3/	Box	10.15			
Oranges	Box	5.79	7.40	4.14	4.60
Tangelos	Box	5.82			
Tangerines	Box	15.11	9.72	8.71	9.42
Temples	Box	6.23		1.73	
Non-citrus					
Apples, Fresh 4/	Lb	.212	.133	.197	.182
Grapes, Fresh 4/	Ton	506.00	1300.00		900.00
Peaches, Fresh 4/	Lb	.216	.366		.408
Pears, Fresh 4/	Ton	370.00	340.00	269.00	204.00
Strawberries, Fresh	Lb	.560	.610	.689	.455

1/ Mid-month price.
2/ KS, MN, ND and SD average.
3/ Current prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.
4/ 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 2000, with Comparisons (continued)

Commodity	Unit	Average 1990-92	Entire Month		Preliminary
			May 1999	Apr 2000	May 2000
Dollars					
Vegetables, Fresh 1/					
Asparagus	Cwt	79.80	112.00	137.00	120.00
Broccoli	Cwt	22.50	18.60	23.30	45.00
Cantaloupes	Cwt		25.80		19.00
Carrots	Cwt	13.20	25.20	12.30	12.80
Cauliflower	Cwt	26.80	23.40	34.80	62.30
Celery	Cwt	11.60	12.80	21.20	19.40
Corn, Sweet	Cwt	15.70	18.00	15.60	13.70
Cucumbers 2/	Cwt		15.70	22.70	20.00
Lettuce	Cwt	11.90	14.00	22.90	27.40
Onions	Cwt	12.80	13.00	16.60	17.00
Snap Beans 2/	Cwt		40.00	47.80	43.20
Tomatoes	Cwt	32.30	22.20	40.50	26.80
Livestock					
Calves	Cwt	94.30	87.60	111.00	109.00
Cattle, All Beef	Cwt	72.90	62.10	71.30	69.40
Cows	Cwt	49.60	36.40	39.80	39.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	77.10	65.20	75.20	73.20
Milk Cows 3/	Head	1130.00		1340.00	
Hogs, All	Cwt	47.70	36.60	47.30	48.80
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	48.40	37.00	47.80	49.20
Sows	Cwt	39.50	28.00	37.60	40.80
Lambs	Cwt	56.20	82.80	82.60	
Sheep	Cwt	23.40	31.50	35.00	
Dairy and Poultry					
Milk, All 4/	Cwt	13.06	12.70	11.90	5/12.00
Fluid Grade	Cwt	13.10	12.80	12.00	5/12.00
Mfg Grade	Cwt	11.80	11.60	10.20	5/10.20
Broilers, Live 6/	Lb	.317	.380	.365	.370
Eggs, All 7/	Doz	.643	.554	.655	.520
Market 7/	Doz	.546	.352	.477	.314
Turkeys, Live 6/7/	Lb	.380	.394	.398	.404
Adjusted for Seasonal Variation					
Eggs, All	Doz	.545	.554	.636	.531
Milk, All 4/	Cwt	9.71	13.09	12.27	12.50

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.

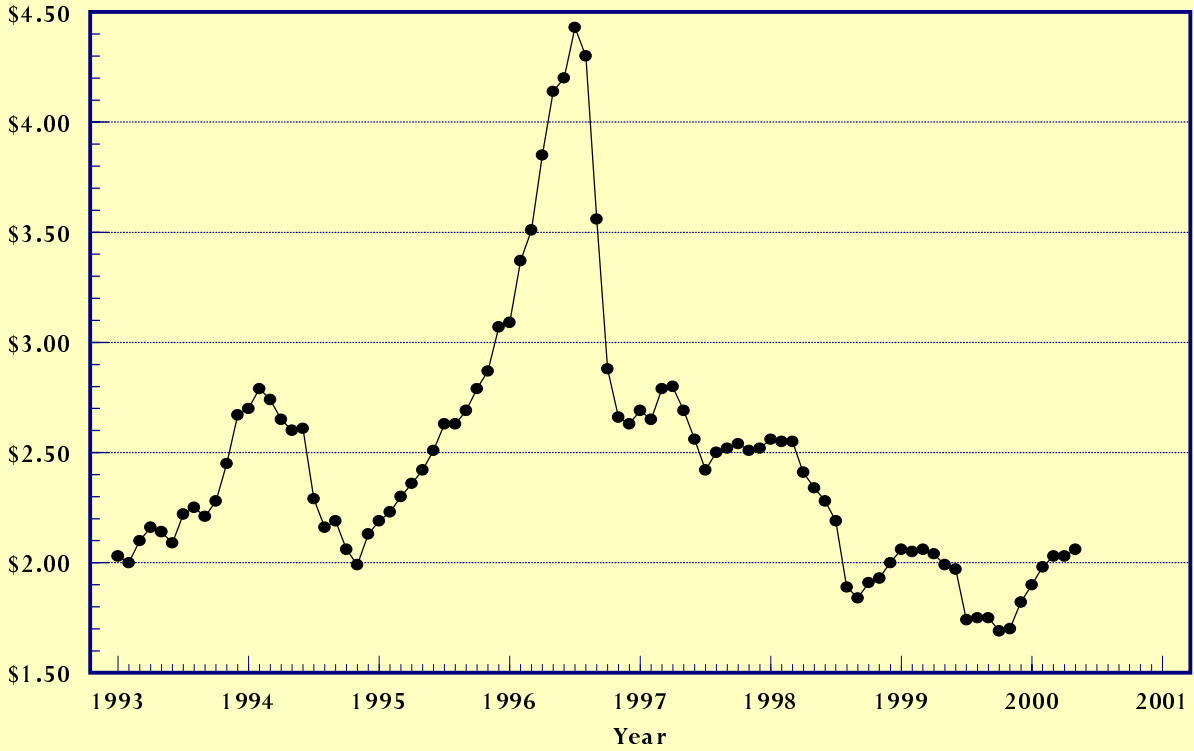
5/ Fat test percent: all milk 3.64, fluid milk 3.64, mfg grade 3.76.

6/ Liveweight equivalent price.

7/ Mid-month price.

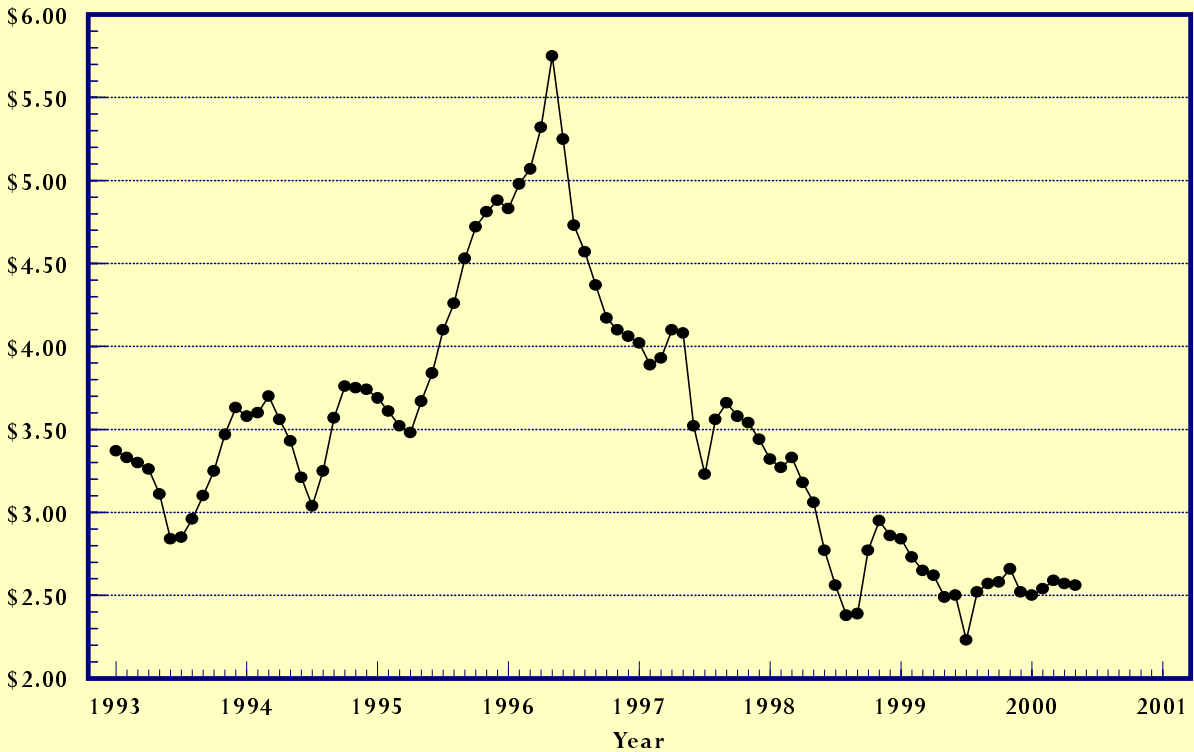
Prices Received, Corn, US

Dollars per Bu



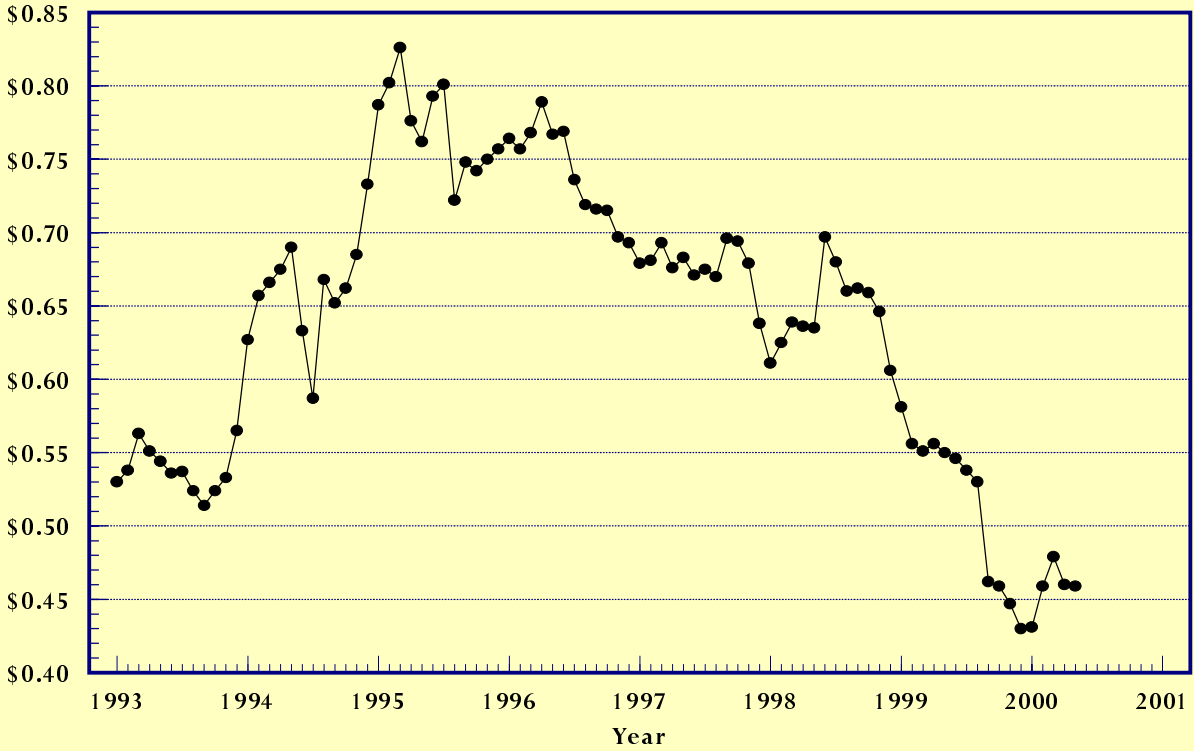
Prices Received, Wheat, US

Dollars per Bu



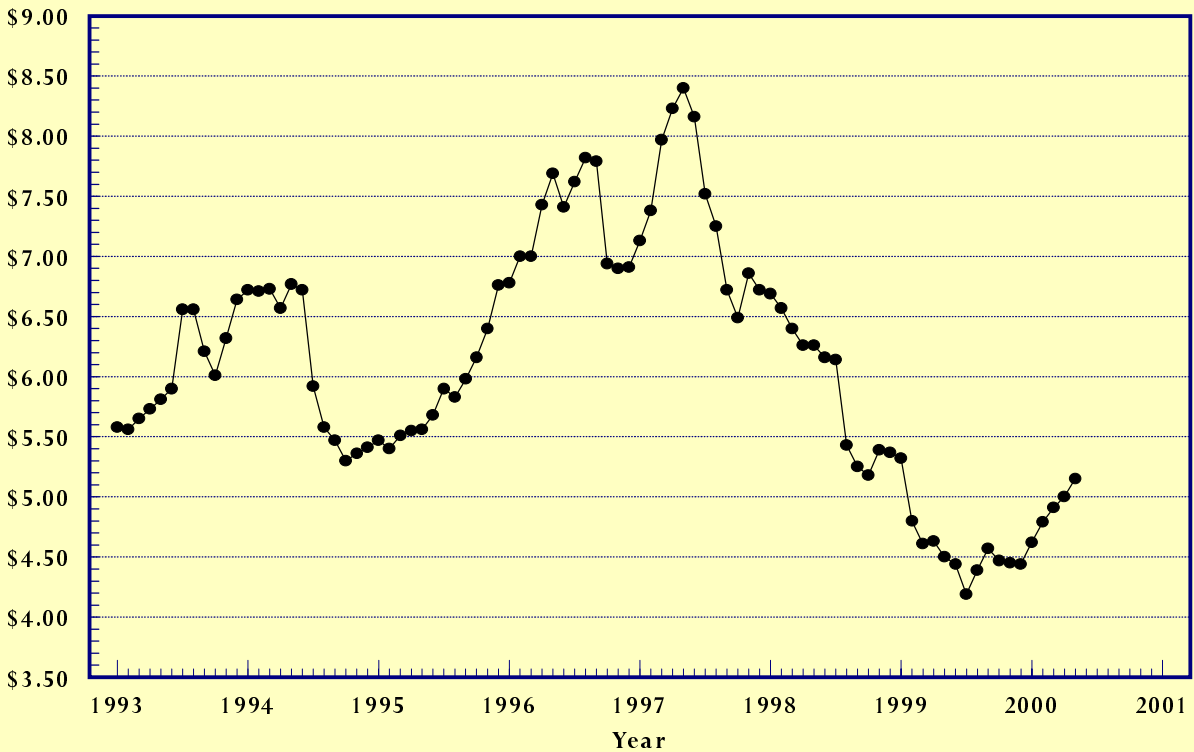
Prices Received, Cotton, US

Dollars per Lb



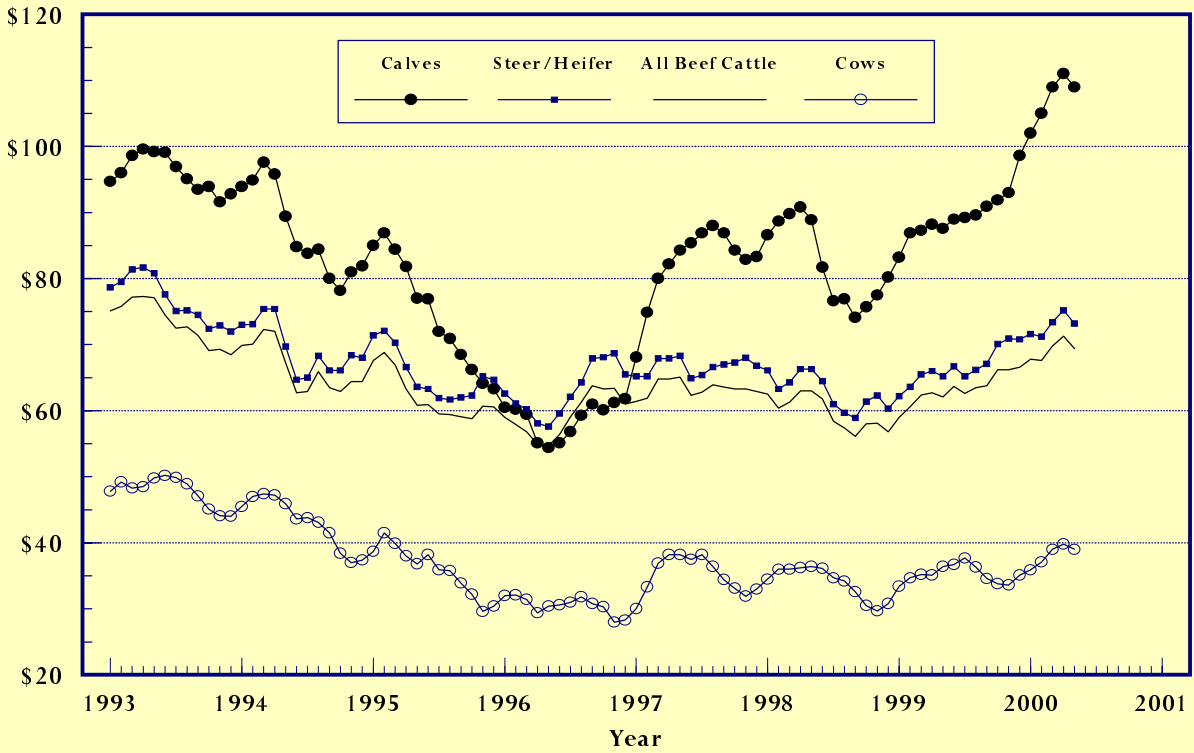
Prices Received, Soybeans, US

Dollars per Bu



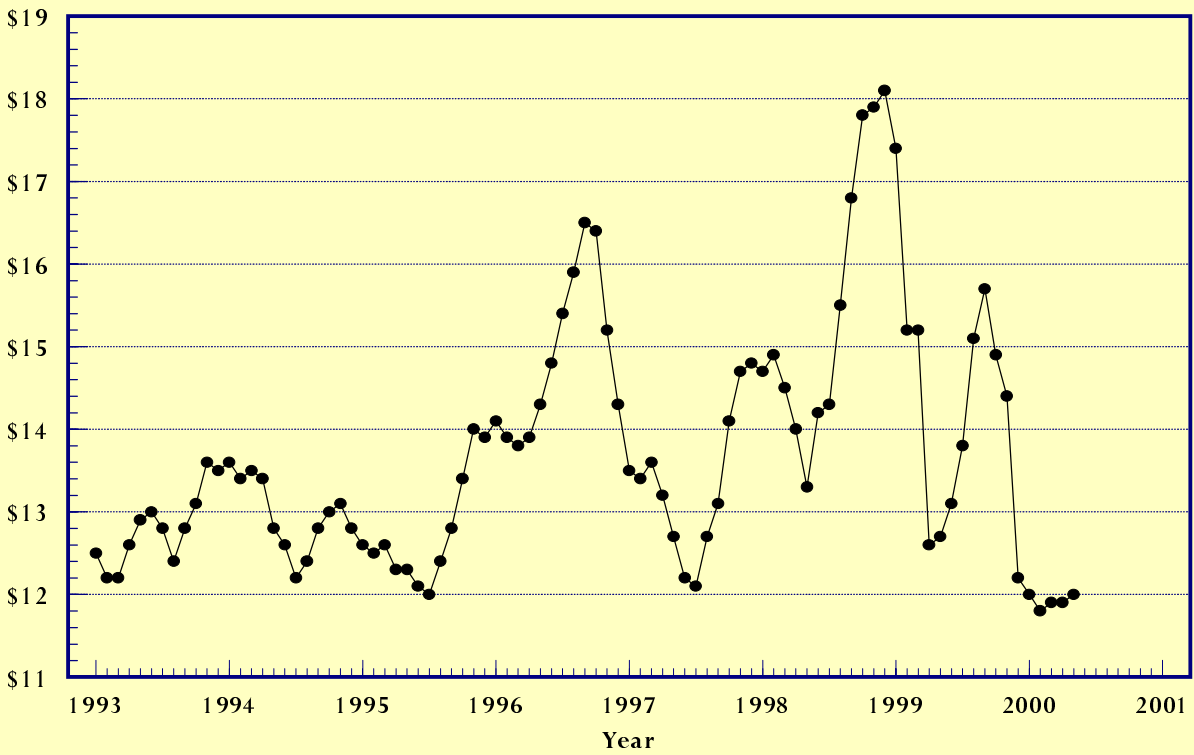
Prices Received, Cattle, US

Dollars per Cwt



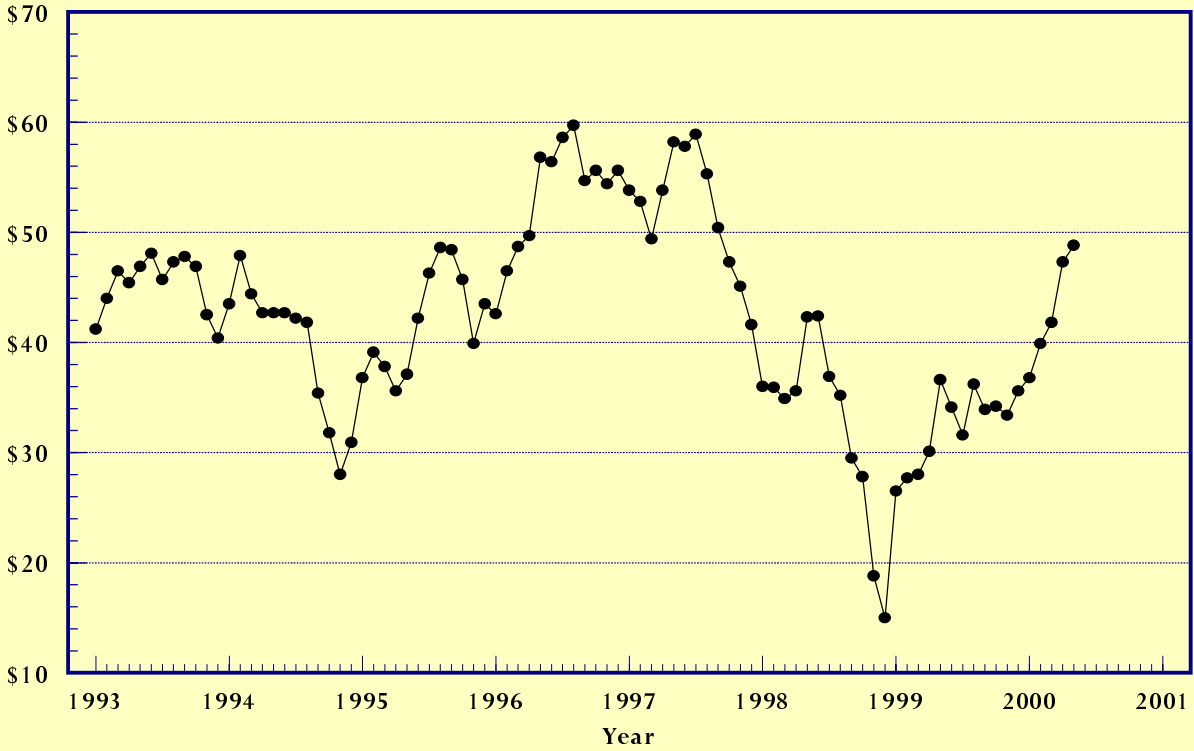
Prices Received, Milk, US

Dollars per Cwt



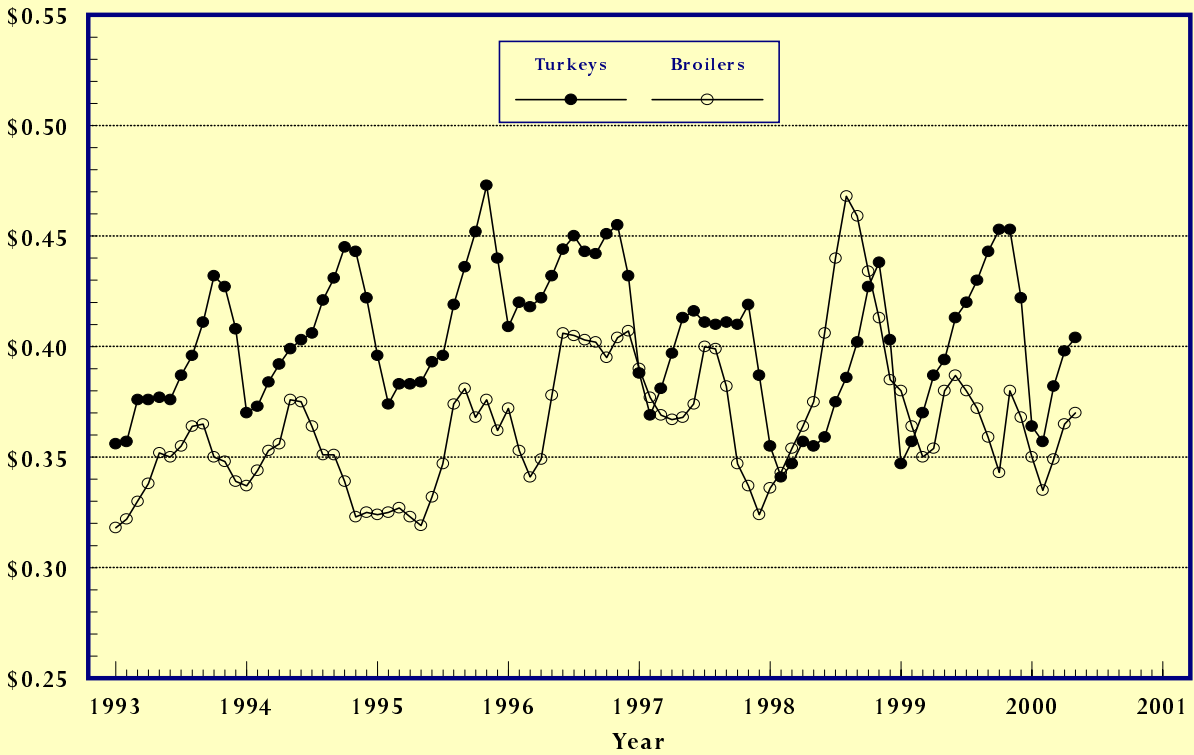
Prices Received, Hogs, US

Dollars per Cwt



Prices Received, Turkeys & Broilers, US

Dollars per Lb



Wheat: Prices Received, by States, April and May 2000

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	2.23	2.54	2.23	2.54				
CA	3/	3/	2.59	2.24	3/	3/		
CO	2.19	2.28	2.20	2.28			1.63	2.33
ID	2.53	2.52	2.35	2.40			2.70	2.70
IL	2.21	2.20	2.21	2.20				
IN	2.21	2.25	2.21	2.25				
KS	2.28	2.42	2.28	2.42				
MI	2.08	2.20	2.08	2.20				
MN	2.87	2.89	2.33	2.33	4/	4/	2.87	2.90
MO	2.11	2.35	2.11	2.35				
MT	2.95	3.00	2.70	2.75	3.69	3.65	2.95	3.00
NE	2.16	2.30	2.16	2.30				
ND	2.86	2.84	2.50	2.40	2.72	2.65	2.91	2.90
OH	2.02	2.10	2.02	2.10				
OK	2.18	2.30	2.18	2.30				
OR	2.56	2.67	2.55	2.65			2.60	2.80
SD	2.64	2.65	2.23	2.22	3/	3/	2.88	2.90
TX	2.28	2.42	2.28	2.42				
WA	2.64	2.68	2.58	2.66			2.92	2.77
US	2.57	2.56	2.32	2.39	2.89	2.82	2.89	2.91

1/ Entire month.

2/ Mid-month.

3/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

4/ Insufficient sales to establish a price.

Prices Received for Selected Agricultural Commodities, by Months, United States, 1999 and 2000

Month	All Wheat		Corn		Soybeans		Beef Cattle 1/		All Hogs	
	1999	2000 2/	1999	2000 2/	1999	2000 2/	1999	2000 2/	1999	2000 2/
	Dollars per Bushel						Dollars per Cwt			
Jan	2.84	2.50	2.06	1.90	5.32	4.62	59.00	67.80	26.50	36.80
Feb	2.73	2.54	2.05	1.98	4.80	4.79	60.60	67.60	27.70	39.90
Mar	2.65	2.59	2.06	2.03	4.61	4.91	62.40	69.80	28.00	41.80
Apr	2.62	2.57	2.04	2.03	4.63	5.00	62.70	71.30	30.10	47.30
May	2.49	2.56	1.99	2.06	4.50	5.15	62.10	69.40	36.60	48.80
Jun	2.50		1.97		4.44		63.70		34.10	
Jul	2.23		1.74		4.19		62.60		31.60	
Aug	2.52		1.75		4.39		63.50		36.20	
Sep	2.57		1.75		4.57		63.80		33.90	
Oct	2.58		1.69		4.47		66.20		34.20	
Nov	2.66		1.70		4.45		66.20		33.40	
Dec	2.52		1.82		4.44		66.60		35.60	

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 2000

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							5.24	5.40	3.37	4.10
CA	2.38	2.34								
CO	1.88	1.92	2.03	2.04						
GA			2.65	2.66			5.35	5.43		
ID	2.48	2.32								
IL			2.02	2.10	1.45	1.50	4.96	5.20	3.77	3.70
IN			2.15	2.13			5.18	5.22		
IA			1.98	2.04	1.49	1.45	4.95	5.17		
KS			2.02	2.06			5.10	5.12	3.11	3.19
KY			2.29	2.30			5.29	5.40		
LA							5.22	5.24		
MI			2.03	2.05	1.42	1.45	5.09	5.15		
MN	1.80	1.84	1.87	1.95	1.22	1.25	4.83	4.95		
MS							5.18	5.18		
MO			2.34	2.25			5.06	5.25	3.26	3.54
MT	2.26	2.25			1.15	1.10				
NE			2.01	2.03	1.46	1.45	5.00	5.02	3.33	3.35
NC			2.60	2.65			5.25	5.30		
ND	1.87	1.89			1.08	1.05				
OH			2.14	2.20	1.47	1.50	5.17	5.30		
OK									3.30	3.19
OR	1.96	2.00			1.52	1.40				
PA			2.55	2.63	1.77	1.79				
SD	2.25	2.25	1.86	1.89	1.38	1.37	4.87	5.02		
TN			2.32	2.35			5.28	5.40		
TX			2.49	2.23					3.36	3.23
UT	2.02	2.02								
WA	1.90	1.93								
WI			1.96	2.00	1.12	1.10	5.38	5.50		
WY	2.38									
US	2.09	2.12	2.03	2.06	1.35	1.35	5.00	5.15	3.24	3.23

- 1/ The Three-State (MN, ND and SD) Feed Barley price for May 2000 is \$1.44.
- 2/ Entire month.
- 3/ Mid-month.
- 4/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

Malting and Feed Barley: Prices Received Selected States, April and May 2000

State	Malting Barley		Feed Barley	
	Apr	May	Apr	May
----- Dollars per Bushel -----				
ID	2.69	2.60	1.92	1.90
MN	2.05	2.10	1.34	1.35
MT	2.72	2.70	1.68	1.70
ND	2.12	2.10	1.38	1.40
SD	2.37	2.29	1.74	1.65
WY	1/	1/	1.89	2.00

- 1/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.
- 2/ Insufficient sales to establish a price.

Field Crops: Prices Received, by States, April and May 2000

State	Dry Edible Beans	Sunflower	Flaxseed	Tobacco	Peanuts	4/
	Apr 1/	May 2/	Apr 1/	May 2/	Apr 1/	May 3/
	Apr 1/	May 3/	Apr 1/	May 3/	Apr 1/	May 3/
	Dollars per Cwt		Dollars per Bu		Dollars per Pound	
AL						
CA	27.00	26.40				
CO	13.60	13.60				
FL						
GA						
ID	14.30	14.30				
IN						
KS			5/	5/		
KY					1.895	
MD					1.550	
MI	15.00	12.50				
MN	15.40	15.10	11.00	10.00		
MO						
NE	15.30	15.00				
NC						
ND	11.30	11.40	10.00	9.42	3.65	3.70
OH						
OK						
SC						
SD			6.79	6.53		
TN						
TX						
VA						
WV						
US	16.60	15.50	7.98	8.65	3.65	3.70
	1.570					

- 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 firms.

Field Crops and Apples: Prices Received, by States,
April and May 2000

State	Cotton, Upland		May			Apples Fresh Use 1/4/
	Apr 1/ Dollars per Pound	May 2/ Dollars per Pound	Cotton- seed 5/ Dollars per Pound	Hay, Baled 3/ All Dollars per Ton	Alfalfa Other Dollars per Ton	
AL	.460	.503				
AZ	6/	6/	96.00	97.00	86.00	
AR	.424	.426				
CA	6/	6/	100.00	101.00	85.00	
CO			67.00	67.00	65.00	
GA	.426	.463				
ID			76.00	77.00	61.00	
IL			81.00	86.00	62.00	
IA			77.00	77.00	49.00	
KS			67.00	68.00	52.00	
KY			102.00	114.00	74.00	
LA	.439	.424				
MI			74.00	80.00	50.00	.135
MN			68.00	74.00	46.00	
MS	.424	.424				
MO			77.00	109.00	70.00	
MT			63.00	64.00	56.00	
NE			45.00	45.00	38.00	
NV			82.00	82.00	85.00	
NM			117.00	120.00	94.00	
NY			92.00	100.00	80.00	.165
NC	6/	6/				
ND			34.00	41.00	29.00	
OH			126.00	135.00	80.00	.285
OK			68.00	79.00	52.00	
OR			96.00	97.00	85.00	
PA			129.00	145.00	120.00	
SD			51.00	52.00	37.00	
TN	.424	.424				
TX	.401	.398	81.00	124.00	66.00	
UT			67.00	68.00	40.00	
VA						
WA			103.00	92.00	131.00	.188
WI			43.00	50.00	25.00	
WY			62.00	64.00	58.00	
US	.460	.459	89.40	93.90	71.30	.182

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 firms.

Upland Cotton and Rice: Prices Received and Marketings,
United States, May 2000, with Comparisons

Item	Unit	Mar 2000 1/	Apr 2000 1/	May 2000 2/
Cotton, Upland				
Average Price	Dollars/Pound	.479	.460	.459
Marketings 3/	1,000 Bales	532	346	NA
Rice				
Average Price	Dollars/Cwt	5.82	5.86	5.91
Marketings 4/	1,000 Cwt	11714	8860	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 2000

Commodity And State	:	F.O.B. Packed Fresh	Equivalent Returns					
			Packinghouse-door			On-tree		
			All	Fresh	Process	All	Fresh	Process
Dollars per Box 1/								
Grapefruit	:							
AZ	:	14.10	6.20	8.66	-0.04	4.26	6.72	-1.98
CA	:	13.30	7.05	7.86	-0.04	5.11	5.92	-1.98
FL	:	13.00	4.89	5.26	4.81	2.48	3.26	2.33
White Seedless	:	12.20	4.91	3.60	4.95	2.52	1.60	2.55
Colored Seedless	:	13.10	4.86	5.40	4.65	2.43	3.40	2.05
Other	:		4.95		4.95	3.05		3.05
TX	:	15.80	3.19	7.10	1.12	2.07	5.95	0.02
US	:	13.40	4.82	5.81	4.59	2.51	3.92	2.18
Lemons	:							
CA	:	22.40	7.06	13.96	0.74	3.42	10.32	-2.90
US	:	22.40	7.06	13.96	0.74	3.42	10.32	-2.90
Oranges	:							
AZ	:							
Valencia	:	11.70	5.00	5.80	3.16	2.92	3.72	1.08
CA	:	14.50	5.86	8.48	0.84	3.86	6.48	-1.17
Navel and Misc	:	14.70	5.84	8.68	0.06	3.86	6.70	-1.92
Valencia	:	13.60	5.91	7.70	3.16	3.83	5.62	1.08
FL	:							
Valencia	:	12.80	6.63	5.70	6.65	4.68	3.70	4.70
TX	:							
Valencia	:	12.40	3.18	3.60	1.65	1.89	2.30	0.40
US	:	13.90	6.55	7.56	6.47	4.60	5.57	4.51
Tangerines	:							
AZ	:	7.84	1.94	1.94		-0.14	-0.14	
CA	:	23.50	13.73	17.60	1.40	11.65	15.52	-0.68
FL	:	24.00	12.74	15.40	4.75	9.19	11.95	0.90
US	:	22.40	12.36	14.99	3.56	9.42	12.12	0.34

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

Potatoes: Prices Received, by States,
April and May 2000

State	Apr	May	State	Apr	May
: Dollars per Cwt			: Dollars per Cwt		
AL		11.50	NC		
AZ		8.45	ND - All 1/	6.50	6.45
CA - All	16.20	11.60	- Fresh 2/	5.50	NA
- Winter	19.30		- Processing	5.30	NA
- Spring		12.80	OH	8.00	
- Summer			OR	6.00	5.90
- Fall	6.20	5.85	PA	9.90	9.20
CO - All 1/	4.45	3.75	TX		8.60
- Fresh 2/	3.90	NA	VA		
FL	10.20	8.80	WA - All	5.45	5.30
ID - All 1/	5.45	5.60	- Processing	5.30	NA
- Fresh 2/	4.30	NA	WI - All 1/	5.25	4.85
- Processing	5.00	NA	- Fresh 2/	4.10	NA
ME	7.00	6.70	- Processing	4.25	NA
MI	7.80	7.95			
MN	6.90	6.30	US - All 1/	6.29	6.53
NY	8.25		- Fresh 2/	6.72	NA
			- Processing	5.44	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 2000

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	38.60	37.00	72.40	71.40	72.10	71.10	106.00	100.00
AR	36.40	35.60	83.30	80.30	67.80	65.10	102.00	97.00
CA	36.50	36.50	72.00	71.00	52.50	50.60	94.50	94.50
CO	40.70	39.80	75.20	72.80	73.10	70.50	111.00	107.00
FL	40.40	39.80	85.90	84.20	46.80	46.00	114.00	109.00
GA	40.00	39.40	82.40	79.80	54.80	53.10	104.00	99.80
ID	36.00	37.20	75.00	75.00	65.90	65.90	92.00	91.00
IL	39.50	40.90	72.30	72.20	71.60	71.60	120.00	118.00
IA	43.00	43.40	72.50	72.10	72.20	71.80	111.00	112.00
KS	39.50	38.50	76.50	72.60	75.00	71.20	111.00	108.00
KY	40.00	40.00	85.00	85.00	74.20	74.20	102.00	99.00
LA	38.90	37.00	86.70	83.00	52.80	51.30	105.00	100.00
MI	40.50	39.00	66.00	67.00	58.40	58.60	108.00	115.00
MN	42.10	41.50	70.10	71.00	65.30	66.00	104.00	101.00
MO	39.40	39.10	88.70	87.50	76.40	75.40	107.00	104.00
MT	42.20	41.40	87.50	84.50	77.10	69.40	103.00	100.00
NE	41.10	39.40	74.00	71.90	72.70	70.90	105.00	100.00
NM	42.10	42.00	84.40	81.10	70.00	67.80	110.00	104.00
ND	43.50	44.00	82.50	82.00	73.60	66.80	102.00	101.00
OH	39.70	40.00	74.50	75.00	71.00	71.50	97.00	98.00
OK	39.90	38.50	82.10	81.20	79.40	78.60	107.00	102.00
OR	39.10	39.90	86.40	88.40	72.20	73.90	96.80	97.30
PA	40.10	40.90	69.00	70.60	61.50	62.90	108.00	110.00
SD	40.00	41.40	82.90	79.60	77.40	72.70	108.00	102.00
TN	40.00	40.00	87.00	87.00	68.20	68.20	105.00	102.00
TX	38.80	36.20	77.20	76.50	73.70	72.90	114.00	109.00
VA	37.30	37.70	83.00	85.10	72.50	74.20	108.00	105.00
WI	40.50	39.50	70.40	71.50	53.10	52.90	133.00	143.00
WY	43.30	42.60	86.10	86.30	81.40	77.60	107.00	104.00
US	39.80	39.00	75.20	73.20	71.30	69.40	111.00	109.00

- 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 2000

State	Sows		Barrows and Gilts		All Hogs	
	Apr 1/	May 2/	Apr 1/	May 2/	Apr 1/	May 2/
	Dollars per Cwt					
AR	38.50	43.80	45.20	46.10	44.50	45.90
IL	39.10	42.50	47.90	48.40	47.20	47.90
IN	38.70	42.10	46.50	48.00	45.70	47.40
IA	41.60	44.80	49.30	50.60	49.20	50.50
KS	38.70	39.10	47.00	47.00	45.80	45.80
MI	33.00	35.00	47.00	51.00	45.90	49.70
MN	39.60	44.00	48.80	51.00	48.40	50.70
MO	35.80	41.30	45.00	47.30	44.40	46.90
NE	42.70	42.90	48.90	48.90	48.80	48.80
NC	36.00	41.10	48.00	49.10	47.90	49.00
OH	37.20	41.00	48.00	51.00	47.30	50.40
OK	37.50	40.30	42.90	44.80	42.20	44.20
PA	35.00	38.30	44.40	45.90	43.00	44.80
SD	37.10	38.30	49.60	49.80	48.40	48.50
TX	31.30	34.70	42.00	44.10	40.50	42.80
WI	34.70	39.30	43.90	45.40	42.70	44.60
US	37.60	40.80	47.80	49.20	47.30	48.80

1/ Entire month.
2/ Mid-month.

Sheep and Poultry: Prices Received, by States,
April and May 2000

State	April		May	
	Sheep 1/	Lambs 1/	Turkeys 2/3/	Eggs 2/4/
	---- Dollars per Cwt ----		Dollars per Pound	Dol/Doz
AL				.310
AR			.43	.240
CA	36.00	81.00	.48	.314
CO	33.70	78.90		
CT				.390
DE				
FL				.300
GA				.300
ID	39.00	78.00		
IN			.39	.350
IA	33.50	78.00		.201
KS	29.00	79.00		
ME				.450
MD				
MI				.290
MN	26.30	78.70	.35	.310
MS				.360
MO			.43	.190
MT	39.40	90.80		
NE	37.00	95.00		
NY				.440
NC			.41	.242
ND	27.40	79.00		
OH	27.80	88.10		.340
OR	31.00	78.00		
PA				.380
SC				.370
SD	37.70	97.90		
TX	44.50	84.70		.290
UT	32.00	90.00		
VA			.41	
WA				.391
WY	33.20	77.80		
US	35.00	82.60	.404	.314

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 derived from ready-to-cook (RTC) prices using the following formula: (RTC price minus processing cost) * (dressing percentage) = liveweight equivalent price.

4/ Market (table) eggs.

Milk and Milk Cows: Prices Received, by States, April and May 2000

State	April				May				
	Fluid Grade Milk 1/	Manufacturing Grade Milk	All Milk 2/	Price:Fat Test	All Milk 2/3/	Price:Fat Test	Milk Cows 4/	Price:Fat Test	
	Dol/Cwt	Pct	Dol/Cwt	Pct	Dol/Cwt	Pct	Dol/Cwt	Pct	Dol/Head
AZ	11.40	3.55			11.40	3.55	11.60	3.53	
CA	11.20	3.62	10.60	3.93	11.19	3.62	11.40	3.60	
FL	14.90	3.53			14.90	3.53	15.40	3.52	
ID	10.30	3.60	9.70	3.67	10.30	3.60	10.40	3.54	
IL	11.00	3.73	10.70	3.70	11.00	3.73	11.10	3.75	
IN	13.00	3.75	10.20	3.77	12.80	3.75	13.00	3.68	
IA	11.10	3.70	9.80	3.77	11.10	3.70	11.10	3.65	
KY	13.10	3.62	8.80	3.55	13.10	3.62	13.30	3.53	
MI	12.70	3.70	11.10	3.67	12.70	3.70	12.60	3.62	
MN	11.70	3.74	9.70	3.77	11.58	3.74	11.50	3.68	
MO	11.20	3.75	9.80	3.85	11.10	3.75	11.10	3.76	
NM	12.10	3.55			12.10	3.55	12.00	3.47	
NY	12.90	3.72			12.90	3.72	13.10	3.65	
OH	12.50	3.73	11.00	3.87	12.40	3.74	12.00	3.67	
PA	13.20	3.75	9.70	3.85	13.20	3.75	13.30	3.70	
TX	12.90	3.59			12.90	3.59	13.00	3.55	
VT	13.30	3.71			13.30	3.71	13.60	3.66	
VA	14.30	3.67			14.30	3.67	14.70	3.55	
WA	12.50	3.64			12.50	3.64	12.50	3.57	
WI	11.37	3.79	10.18	3.86	11.30	3.79	11.20	3.74	
US	12.00	3.68	10.20	3.83	11.90	3.68	12.00	3.64	

- 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 2000, with Comparisons

Item	May 1999	Apr 2000	May 2000
Parity Equivalent.....Dol per Cwt	27.88	28.57	28.48
Average Price F.O.B.....Dol per Cwt	11.60	10.20	2/10.20
Average Fat Test of Milk..Percent	3.70	3.83	2/3.76

- 1/ The parity price equivalent during 2000 is 90.4 percent of the parity price of all milk sold to plants, compared with 91.1 percent in 1999. For additional details, see January 2000 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 2000, with Comparisons 1/

Commodity and Unit	: Adjusted: : Base : Prices	Parity Prices Based on Data for			: Prices as Percent : of Parity			
		: May : 1999	: Apr : 2000	: May : 2000	: May : 1999	: Apr : 2000	: May : 2000	
		----- Dollars -----			----- Percents -----			
Basic Commodities	:							
All Wheat, Bu	:	.609	9.71	9.66	9.65	26	27	27
Rice, Cwt	:	1.80	27.60	28.60	28.50	30	20	21
Corn, Bu	:	.420	6.64	6.67	6.65	30	30	31
Cotton, Lb	:							
American Upland	:	.112	1.75	1.78	1.77	31	26	26
Extra Long Staple	:	.143	2.25	2.27	2.27			
Peanuts, Lb	:	.0426	.659	.676	.675			
Tobacco, By Type, Lb	:							
Flue-Cured 11-14	:	.253	3.91	4.02	4.01			
VA Fire-Cured, 21	:	.254	3.86	4.03	4.02			
KY-TN Fire-Cured, 22-23	:	.318	4.85	5.05	5.04		34	
Burley, 31	:	.270	4.13	4.28	4.28			
Maryland, 32	:	.229	3.58	3.63	3.63		43	
Dark Air-Cured, 35-36	:	.272	4.13	4.32	4.31			
Sun-Cured, 37	:	.231	3.51	3.67	3.66			
PA Seedleaf, 41	:	.192	2.99	3.05	3.04			
Cigar Filler & Binder, 42-44, 54-55	:	.212	3.37	3.36	3.36			
Puerto Rican Filler, 46	:	.173	2.68	2.75	2.74			
Cigar Binder, 51-52	:	.612	8.56	9.71	9.69			
Designated Nonbasic	:							
All Milk, Sold to Plants, Per Cwt	:	1.99	30.60	31.60	31.50	2/43	2/39	2/40
Honey, Extracted, Lb	:	3/.0901	1.36	1.43	1.43			
Wool and Mohair	:							
Wool, Lb	:	.114	1.94	1.81	1.81			
Mohair, Lb	:	.240	3.58	3.81	3.80			
Other Nonbasic	:							
Barley, Bu	:	.375	5.94	5.95	5.94	31	35	36
Cottonseed, Ton	:	15.60	247.00	248.00	247.00			
Dry Edible Beans, Cwt	:	3.11	50.60	49.40	49.30	39	34	31
Flaxseed, Bu	:	.739	12.10	11.70	11.70	40	31	32
Oats, Bu	:	.213	3.47	3.38	3.37	38	40	40
Potatoes, Cwt	:	.852	13.30	13.50	13.50	46	47	48
Rye, Bu	:	.328	5.06	5.21	5.20			
Sorghum Grain, Cwt	:	.661	10.50	10.50	10.50	28	31	31
Soybeans, Bu	:	.877	14.00	13.90	13.90	32	36	37
Sweetpotatoes, Cwt	:	2.07	31.60	32.90	32.80			
Apples, Fresh, Lb 5/ Citrus (equiv on-tree), box:	:	.0930	.450	1.48	1.47	30	13	12
Grapefruit	:	.517	8.13	8.20	8.19	62	34	31
Lemons	:	1.22	18.60	19.40	19.30	46	32	18
Limes (FL)	:	1.30	18.10	20.60	20.60			
Oranges	:	.731	11.60	11.60	11.60	64	36	40
Tangerines	:	1.80	27.80	28.60	28.50	35	30	33
Temples (FL)	:	.635	9.85	10.10	10.10		17	
Beef Cattle, Cwt	:	9.74	152.00	155.00	154.00	41	46	45
Calves, Cwt	:	12.50	194.00	198.00	198.00	45	56	55
Hogs, Cwt	:	6.44	102.00	102.00	102.00	36	46	48
Lambs, Cwt	:	10.30	157.00	163.00	163.00	53	51	
Sheep, Cwt	:	4.26	65.30	67.60	67.50	48	52	
Eggs, Doz	:	.0952	1.50	1.51	1.51	2/37	2/42	2/35
Turkeys, Live, Lb	:	.0580	.893	.920	.919	44	43	44

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Parity Prices Based on Data for May 2000, 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	.245	3.88	Peaches, cont.		
Spearmint Oil, Lb	1.80	28.50	Processing 6/		
Tobacco, Lb			Excl Dried		
Type 61	2.74	43.40	Clingstone, CA, Ton	31.80	504.00
			Pears, Ton		
Noncitrus Fruit			Fresh 5/	52.70	835.00
Apples, Ton 7/			Dried, CA 7/	152.00	2410.00
Processing	19.40	307.00	Plums, CA, Ton		
Apricots, Ton			Fresh, Equiv		
Fresh 8/	117.00	1850.00	on-Tree	53.60	849.00
Dried, CA	291.00	4610.00	Prunes, Dried, CA, Ton 7/	136.00	2150.00
Avocados, Ton 8/	207.00	3280.00	Prunes and Plums, Excl CA, Ton		
Cherries			Fresh 10/	53.30	844.00
Sweet, Ton	163.00	2580.00	Processing 7/		
Tart, Lb	.0258	.409	Excl Dried	23.60	374.00
Cranberry, Bbl 6/	7.45	118.00			
Dates, CA, Ton 8/	143.00	2270.00	Tree Nuts 11/		
Grapes, Ton			Almonds, Lb	.220	3.48
Raisin Variety	151.00	2390.00	Hazelnuts, Ton	118.00	1870.00
Other Dried	60.90	965.00	Pistachio, Lb	.161	2.55
Kiwifruit, Ton	72.50	1150.00	Walnuts, Ton	182.00	2880.00
Nectarines					
Fresh, Calif, Ton 8/	63.60	1010.00	Vegetables, Cwt 12/		
Olives, CA			Fresh		
Canning, Ton 6/	92.10	1460.00	Carrots 9/	1.87	29.60
Papayas (HI) Lb	.0507	.803	Cauliflower 9/	4.32	68.40
Peaches			Celery 9/	1.84	29.10
Fresh, Lb 5/	.0388	.615	Honeydew Melons	2.67	42.30
Dried, CA, Ton	115.00	1820.00	Lettuce	2.19	34.70
			Onions 9/	1.72	27.20
			Tomatoes	4.38	69.40

- 1/ Parity prices are computed under the provisions of Title III, Subtitle a, Section 301 (a) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 as amended by the Agricultural Acts of 1948, 1949, 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 average 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, 1998-99 1/

Class and State	Type	1998	1999
Dollars per Pound			
Flue-cured:			
Old Belts			
NC	11	1.780	1.760
VA	11	1.792	1.766
US	11	1.784	1.762
Eastern NC Belt			
NC	12	1.773	1.750
NC Border & SC Belt			
NC	13	1.716	1.720
SC	13	1.711	1.691
US	13	1.713	1.703
GA-FL Belt			
FL	14	1.697	1.730
GA	14	1.707	1.685
US	14	1.705	1.694
Total Flue-cured	11-14	1.756	1.737
Fire-cured:			
VA Belt			
VA	21	1.936	1.819
Eastern District			
KY	22	2.259	2.312
TN	22	2.251	2.314
US	22	2.254	2.313
Western District			
KY	23	2.159	2.260
TN	23	2.159	2.271
US	23	2.159	2.261
KY-TN Fire-cured	22-23	2.225	2.298
Total Fire-cured	21-23	2.208	2.264
Air-cured:			
Light Air-cured:			
Burley			
IN	31	1.897	1.890
KY	31	1.903	1.900
MO	31	1.905	1.879
NC	31	1.899	1.909
OH	31	1.904	1.912
TN	31	1.907	1.894
VA	31	1.892	1.896
WV	31	1.915	1.900
US	31	1.903	1.899
Southern MD Belt			
MD	32	1.630	1.660
PA	32	.800	.800
US	32	1.291	1.345
Total Light Air-cured	31-32	1.877	1.885
Dark Air-cured:			
One-Sucker Belt			
KY	35	1.952	2.066
TN	35	1.913	2.056
US	35	1.946	2.064
Green River Belt			
KY	36	1.974	1.982
KY-TN Dark Air-cured	35-36	2.017	2.039

See footnotes at end of table.

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Tobacco: Marketing Year Average Price, by Class, Type,
State, and United States, 1998-99 1/ (continued)

Class and State	Type	1998	1999
Dollars per Pound			
VA Sun-cured Belt			
VA	37	1.709	1.590
Total Dark Air-cured	35-37	1.951	2.033
All Cures Other Than Cigar	11-37	1.823	1.822
Cigar Filler:			
PA Seedleaf			
PA	41	1.300	1.300
Cigar Binder:			
CT Valley Broadleaf			
CT	51	5.400	4.500
MA	51	5.670	5.100
US	51	5.499	4.737
WI Binder, Southern			
WI	54	1.500	1.490
WI Binder, Northern			
WI	55	1.490	1.490
Total WI Binder	54-55	1.498	1.490
Total Binder	51-55	3.347	3.427
Cigar Wrapper:			
CT Valley Shade-grown			
CT 2/	61		
MA 2/	61		
US 2/	61		
Total Cigar Types 2/	41-55	2.229	2.451
US All Tobacco 2/	11-55	1.828	1.828

1/ 1999 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, 1998-99 1/

State	1998	1999	State	1998	1999
Dollars per Pound			Dollars per Pound		
CT 2/	5.400	4.500	NC	1.771	1.754
FL	1.697	1.730	OH	1.904	1.912
GA	1.707	1.685	PA	1.101	1.065
IN	1.897	1.890	SC	1.711	1.691
KY	1.917	1.920	TN	1.963	1.955
MD	1.630	1.660	VA	1.816	1.801
MA 2/	5.670	5.100	WV	1.915	1.900
MO	1.905	1.879	WI	1.498	1.490

1/ 1999 revised.

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

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

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

Tobacco: Prices Received Monthly, by State and United States,
July 1999 - April 2000 1/

State	1999						2000			
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
	Dollars per Pound									
FL	1.490	1.660	1.830	1.840	1.775					
GA	1.495	1.595	1.770	1.745	1.665					
IN					1.895	1.905	1.895	1.845	1.715	
KY					1.895	1.915	1.935	1.920	1.940	1.895
MD									1.730	1.550
MO					1.890	1.890	1.875	1.820		
NC		1.645	1.760	1.835	1.805	1.915	1.895			
OH					1.905	1.925	1.915	1.855		
SC		1.585	1.725	1.760	1.730					
TN					1.895	1.900	1.960	2.265	2.040	
VA		1.715	1.710	1.855	1.845	1.895	1.855			
WV										
US	1.495	1.640	1.755	1.820	1.830	1.910	1.935	1.970	1.900	1.570

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.

Tobacco: Prices Received Monthly by Type, State
and United States, July 1999 - April 2000 1/

Cure, Area and State	Type	1999					
		Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
		Dollars per Pound					
Flue-cured:							
Old and Middle Belts							
NC	11	1.690	1.700	1.845	1.835		
VA	11	1.715	1.710	1.855	1.830		
US	11	1.700	1.705	1.845	1.835		
Eastern NC Belt							
NC	12	1.635	1.780	1.840	1.790		
NC Border & SC Belt							
NC	13	1.585	1.780	1.800	1.750		
SC	13	1.585	1.725	1.760	1.730		
US	13	1.585	1.750	1.775	1.735		
GA-FL Belt							
FL	14	1.490	1.660	1.830	1.840	1.775	
GA	14	1.495	1.595	1.770	1.745	1.665	
US	14	1.495	1.610	1.780	1.755	1.680	
Total Flue-cured	11-14	1.495	1.640	1.755	1.820	1.795	
Fire-cured:							
VA Belt							
VA	21				1.905	1.840	
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				1.905	1.840	
Air-cured:							
Light Air-cured:							
Burley							
IN	31				1.895	1.905	
KY	31				1.895	1.910	
MO	31				1.890	1.890	
NC	31				1.910	1.915	
OH	31				1.905	1.925	
TN	31				1.895	1.900	
VA	31				1.900	1.905	
WV	31						
US	31				1.895	1.905	
Southern MD Belt							
MD	32						
Total Light Air-cured	31-32				1.895	1.905	
Dark Air-cured:							
One Sucker Belt							
KY	35					2.260	
TN	35					2.180	
US	35					2.250	
Green River Belt							
KY	36					2.030	
KY-TN Dark Air-cured	35-36					2.185	
VA Sun-cured Belt							
VA	37					1.585	
Total Dark Air-cured	35-37					2.175	
Total All Cures	11-37	1.495	1.640	1.755	1.820	1.830	1.910

1/ Revised.

Tobacco: Prices Received Monthly by Type, State
and United States, July 1999 - April 2000 (continued)

Cure, Area and State	Type	2000			
		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	1.685			
Eastern District					
KY	22	2.455	2.295	2.185	1.895
TN	22	2.470	2.420	2.040	
US	22	2.465	2.380	2.085	1.895
Western District					
KY	23	2.360	2.165	2.080	
TN	23	2.385	2.185	2.095	
US	23	2.360	2.165	2.080	
KY-TN Fire-cured	22-23	2.425	2.325	2.085	1.895
Total Fire-cured	21-23	2.395	2.325	2.085	1.895
Air-cured:					
Light Air-cured:					
Burley					
IN	31	1.895	1.845	1.715	
KY	31	1.905	1.875	1.770	
MO	31	1.875	1.820		
NC	31	1.895			
OH	31	1.915	1.885		
TN	31	1.885	1.860		
VA	31	1.870			
WV	31				
US	31	1.900	1.875	1.770	
Southern MD Belt					
MD	32			1.730	1.550
Total Light Air-cured	31-32	1.900	1.875	1.745	1.550
Dark Air-cured:					
One Sucker Belt					
KY	35	1.880	1.850		
TN	35	1.960	1.660		
US	35	1.890	1.820		
Green River Belt					
KY	36	1.985	1.740		
KY-TN Dark Air-cured	35-36	1.925	1.800		
VA Sun-cured Belt					
VA	37	1.605			
Total Dark Air-cured	35-37	1.920	1.800		
Total All Cures	11-37	1.935	1.970	1.900	1.570

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 119 (1990-92=100), unchanged from April 2000 but 3.5 percent above May 1999.

Production Index: The May farm production, goods, and services index, at 115, was down 0.9 percent from last month but 3.6 percent above last year. Lower prices in May for feeder cattle, feeder pigs, feed concentrates, and insecticides more than offset higher prices for hay and forages and feed grains.

Feed: The Feed Index, at 103, was 1.0 percent more than April and 2.0 percent above last May. Since April, higher prices for hay and forages and feed grains more than offset lower prices for feed concentrates and feed supplements.

Livestock and Poultry: The index for livestock and poultry purchases, at 106, was 5.4 percent lower than last month but 19 percent above last year. Since April, prices were lower for feeder cattle and feeder pigs. The May feeder cattle price at, \$85.50 per cwt, was down \$4.70 per cwt from the April price.

Fertilizer: The Fertilizer Index, at 106, was unchanged from last month and May of last year. Since April, slightly lower prices for potash and phosphate materials and mixed fertilizers offset slightly higher prices for nitrogen fertilizers.

Agricultural Chemicals: The chemical index, at 118, was down 0.8 percent from last month and 1.7 percent below last May. Prices were lower in May for insecticides and other chemicals.

Fuels: The Fuels Index, at 123, was down 1.6 percent from a month earlier but 35 percent above May 1999. Compared to last month, prices were lower for LP gas and diesel fuel but higher for gasoline.

Farm Machinery: The May Farm Machinery Index was 139, up 0.7 percent from April and 3.0 percent above last May. Since April, prices were higher for self-propelled machinery, other machinery, and tractors.

Consumer Price Index: The April 2000 Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.1 percent before seasonal adjustment to a level of 171.2 (1982-84=100). This compares to the March index of 171.1. For the 12-month period ending in April, the overall index has increased 3.0 percent.

Index Numbers of Prices Paid by Farmers and Related Parity Ratios
United States, May 2000 With Comparisons

Indexes and Ratios	1910-14 = 100			1990-92 = 100		
	1999		2000		2000	
	May	Apr	May	May	Apr	May
Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities & Services, Interest, Taxes, & Wage Rates (PPITW)	: 1530	*1589	1585	115	119	119
Production	: 1077	*1122	1117	111	*116	115
Feed	: 495	*498	502	101	102	103
Livestock and Poultry	: 1142	*1430	1357	89	*112	106
Seeds	: 1196	1223	1223	121	124	124
Fertilizer	: 389	390	389	106	106	106
Agricultural Chemicals	: 741	737	730	120	119	118
Fuels	: 702	963	952	91	125	123
Supplies & Repairs	: 859	*876	876	121	123	123
Autos & Trucks	: 3164	*3182	3192	119	*120	120
Farm Machinery	: 3390	3474	3485	135	138	139
Building Material	: 1623	*1657	1660	119	122	122
Farm Services & Rent	: 1379	1385	1385			
Farm Services	:			115	116	116
Rent	:			117	117	117
Interest 1/	: 2663	2764	2764	106	110	110
Taxes 2/	: 3214	3281	3281	120	123	123
Wage Rates	: 5059	5247	5247	135	140	140
Production, Interest, Taxes, & Wage Rates (PITW)	: 1520	*1581	1576	113	118	117
Family Living-CPI 3/	: 1579	*1626	1626	123	127	127
Ratio (Received\Paid)	:			85	*84	86
Parity Ratio 4/	: 41	40	41			
Parity Ratio Adjusted 5/	: 46	*44	45			
PPITW Adjusted for Productivity 6/	: 1048	*1085	1084			
Crop Sector (PPITW)	:			118	122	121
Livestock Sector (PPITW)	:			112	117	116
Farm Sector (Production)	:			100	108	107
Non-Farm Sector (Production)	:			116	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 1.091 for 2000 and the revised factor is 1.118 for 1999.
- 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 2000 With Comparisons

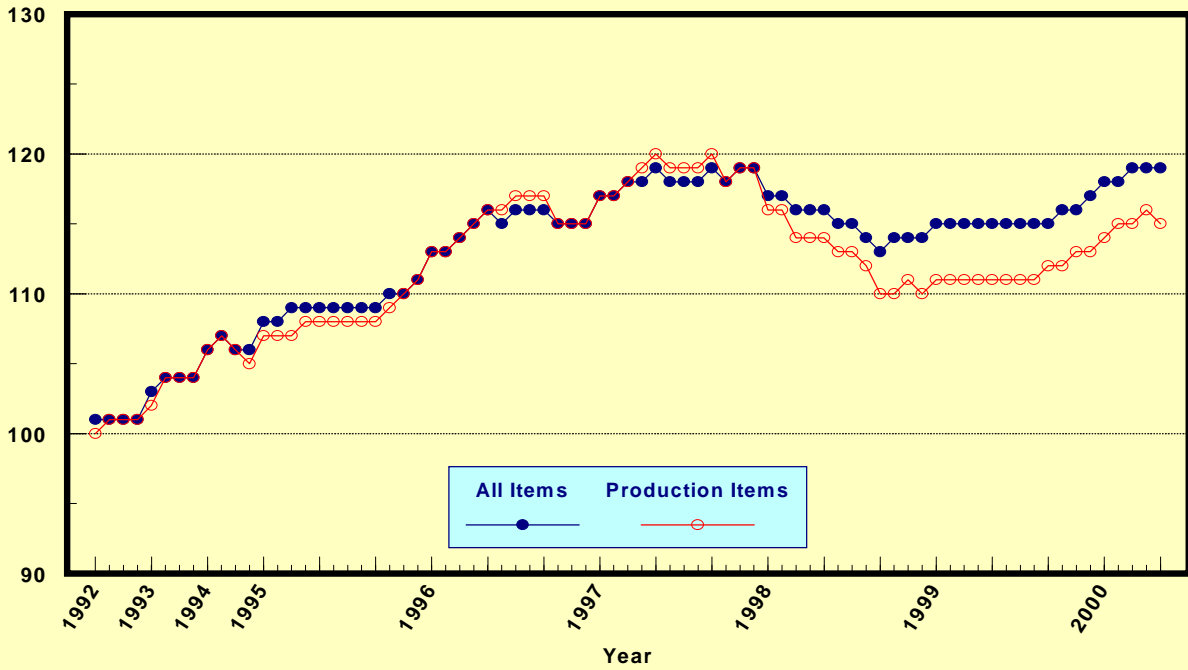
Index	Relative Weights		Input Indexes		
	5-Year Moving Average 1/		1999	2000	
	1999	2000	May	Apr	May
	----	Percent	----	(1990-92=100)	
Production Items	67.4	67.3	111	*116	115
Feed	11.6	11.7	101	102	103
Feed Grains	1.7	1.7	84	*87	88
Complete Feeds	5.7	5.7	104	104	104
Hay/Forages	1.5	1.5	115	104	113
Concentrates	1.8	1.8	*92	100	98
Supplements	1.0	1.0	115	117	116
Livestock & Poultry	7.2	6.8	89	*112	106
Feeder Cattle	5.6	5.3	84	107	101
Feeder Pigs	0.6	0.5	109	*159	141
Milk Cow Replacements	0.6	0.6	110	*119	119
Poultry	0.4	0.4	109	109	109
Seeds	2.8	2.9	121	124	124
Field Crops	2.6	2.7	121	124	124
Grasses/Legumes	0.3	0.3	121	115	115
Fertilizer	4.9	4.9	106	106	106
Mixed Fertilizer	2.1	2.2	115	108	108
Nitrogen	2.0	2.1	94	104	104
Potash & Phosphate	0.7	0.7	116	111	107
Agricultural Chemicals	3.8	3.9	120	119	118
Herbicides	2.4	2.5	113	111	111
Insecticides	0.9	0.9	140	142	137
Fungicides/Other	0.5	0.6	120	119	119
Fuels	2.7	2.6	91	125	123
Diesel	1.5	1.5	82	123	123
Gasoline	0.8	0.8	97	128	128
LP Gas	0.4	0.4	110	126	116
Farm Supplies & Repairs	5.6	5.6	121	123	123
Supplies	1.9	1.9	116	*119	119
Repairs	3.7	3.7	123	*126	126
Autos & Trucks	1.4	1.6	119	*120	120
Autos	0.2	0.2	112	112	112
Trucks	1.3	1.4	120	*121	121
Farm Machinery	4.0	4.0	135	138	139
Tractors	0.9	0.9	132	136	136
Self-Propelled	1.6	1.6	134	137	137
Other Machinery	1.5	1.5	138	142	142
Building Materials	2.8	2.8	119	122	122
Farm Services	12.4	12.4	115	116	116
Custom Rates	1.3	1.3	115	115	115
Other Services	11.1	11.2	115	116	116
Rent	8.2	8.1	117	117	117
Cash	3.7	4.0	135	135	135
Share	4.5	4.2	103	103	103
Interest	4.9	4.2	106	110	110
Taxes	3.1	3.1	120	123	123
Wage Rates	6.9	7.0	135	140	140
Family Living-CPI	17.7	17.7	123	127	127

* Revised.

1/ Weights may not add due to rounding.

Prices Paid by Farmers, Major Indexes US, by Quarter and Month 1/

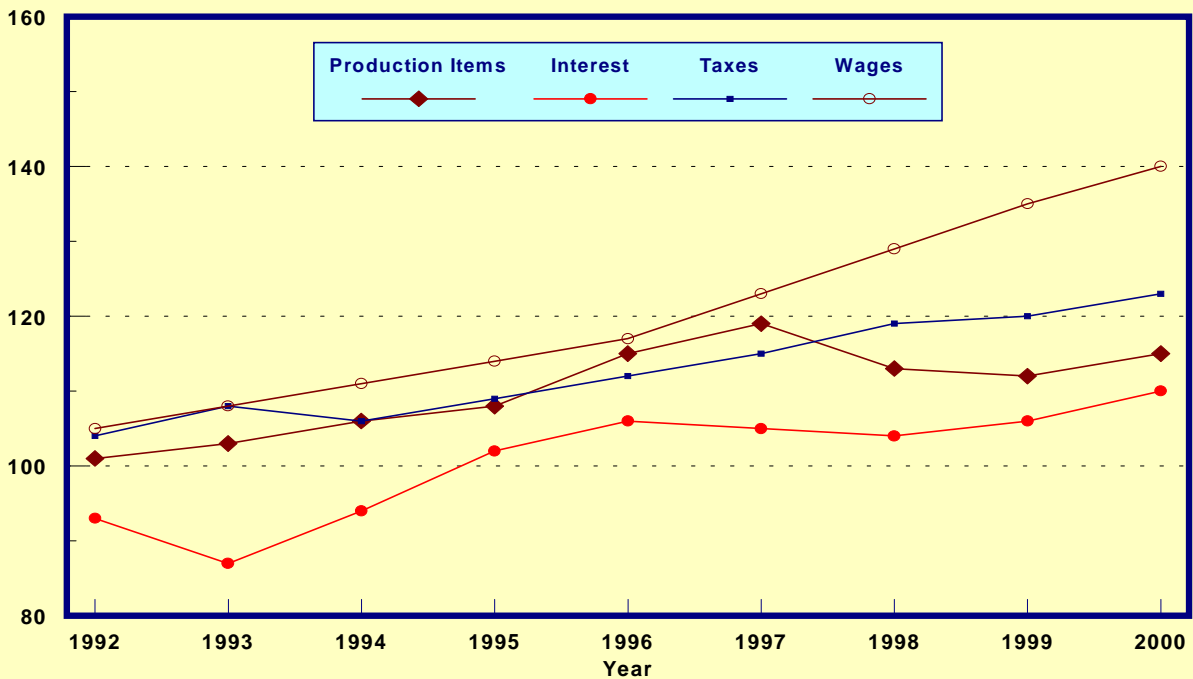
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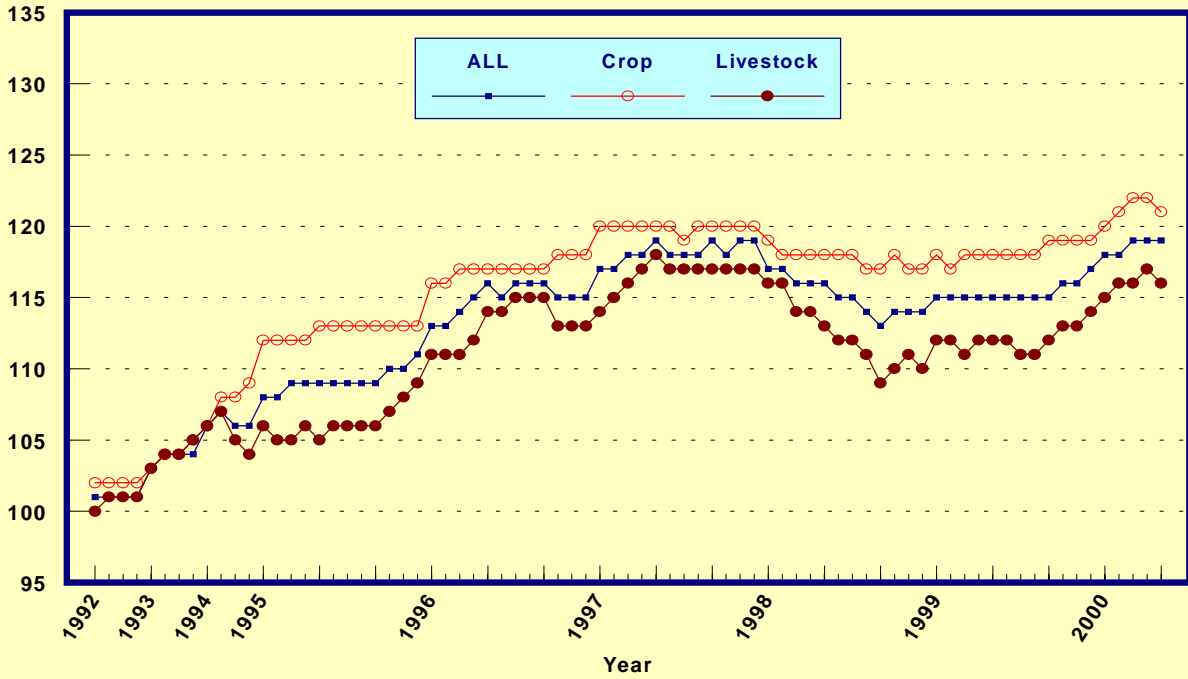
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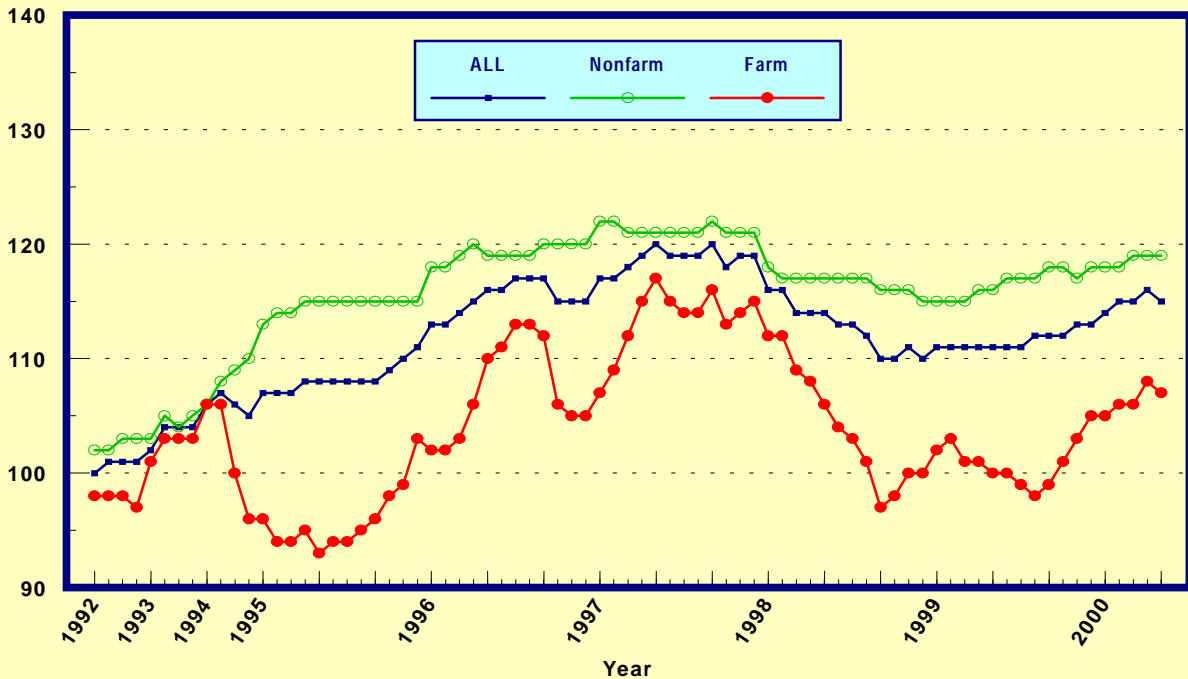
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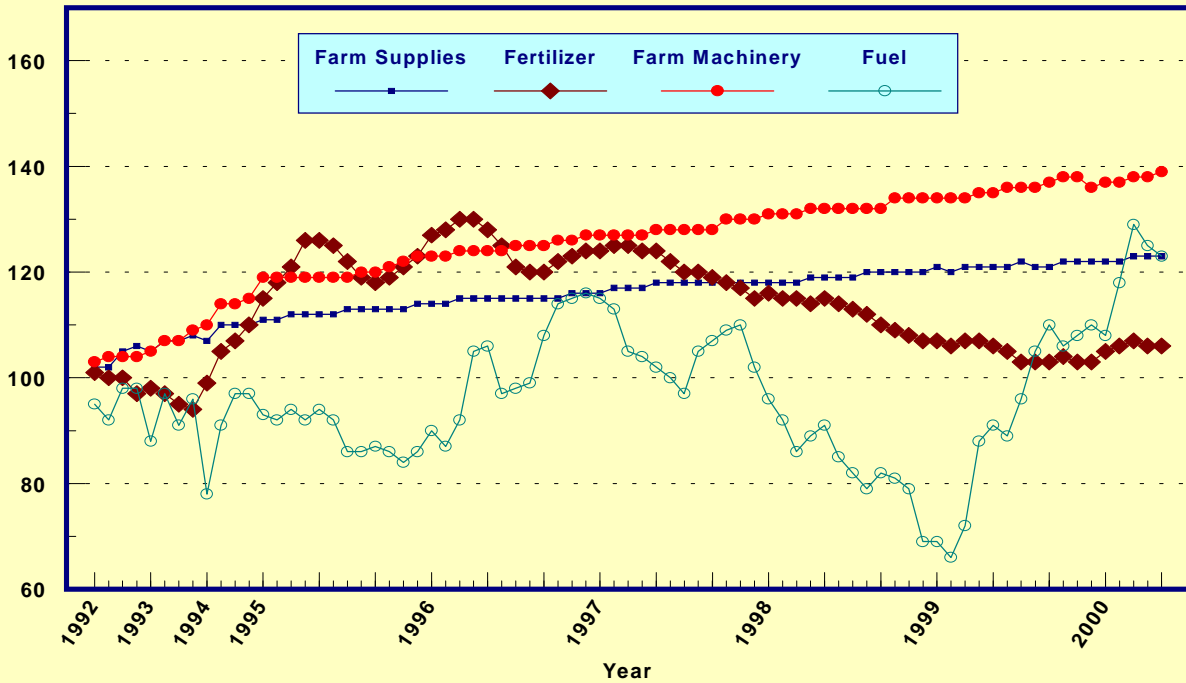
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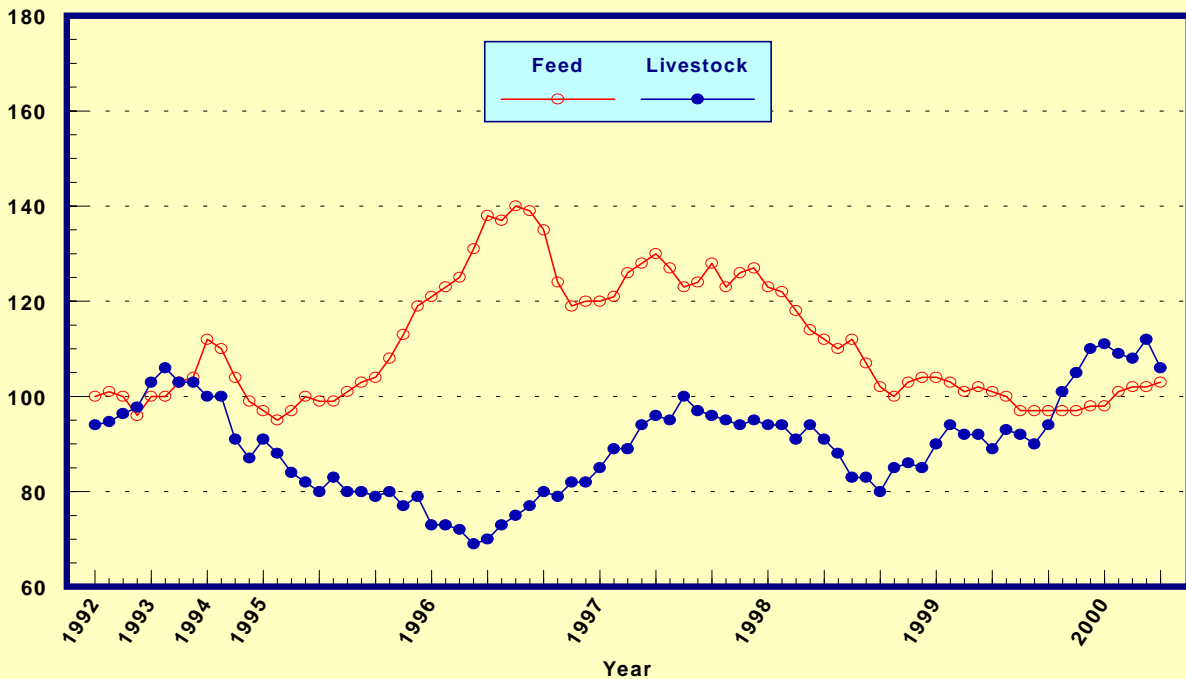
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Prices Paid by Farmers, Selected Production Indexes US, By Farm Sector 1/

Percent (1990-92=100)



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Feed Price Ratios: United States, May 2000 with Comparisons

Feed Price Ratio 1/	1999		2000	
	May	Apr	May	May
Broiler-Feed: Pounds of Broiler Grower Feed equal in value to 1 pound of broiler, live weight	7.3	6.5		6.4
Market Egg Feed: Pounds of Laying Feed equal in Value to 1 dozen eggs	*7.8	*9.9		6.4
Hog-Corn: Bushels of Corn equal in value to 100 pounds of hog, live weight	*18.4	23.3		23.7
Milk-Feed: Pounds of 16% Mixed Dairy Feed equal in value to 1 pound of Whole Milk	*2.89	*2.80		2.67
Steer & Heifer-Corn: Bushels of Corn equal in value to 100 pounds of Steer & Heifers, live weight	*32.8	*37.0		35.5
Turkey-Feed: Pounds of Turkey Grower equal in value to 1 pound of Turkey, live weight	*8.2	*7.8		7.8

1/ Effective August 1996, 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 2000 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	1999		2000	
		May	Apr	May	May
Broilers, Live	Lb	*0.380	0.365		0.370
Eggs, Market	Doz	*0.352	0.477		0.314
Hogs, All	Cwt	*36.60	*47.30		48.80
Milk, All	Cwt	*12.70	11.90		12.00
Steers and Heifers	Cwt	65.20	*75.20		73.20
Turkeys, Live	Lb	*0.394	0.398		0.404
Corn	Bu	*1.99	*2.03		2.06
Hay, Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	*96.60	84.50		93.90
Soybeans	Bu	*4.50	*5.00		5.15
Wheat, All	Bu	*2.49	*2.57		2.56

* Revised.

Feeder Livestock: Prices Paid, United States
May 2000 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	1999		2000	
		May	Apr	May	May
					Dollars
Feeders and Stockers Cattle and Calves	Cwt	70.90	90.20		85.50

Feed Price Ratios, Monthly, United States,
January 1997 - May 2000 1/

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg

	Broiler-Feed Ratio 3/												
1997	5.0	4.8	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.5	5.1	5.2	5.2	4.8	4.6	4.4	4.7
1998	4.6	4.7	5.0	5.3	5.5	6.1	6.7	8.1	8.2	7.7	7.2	6.6	6.3
1999	6.5	6.6	6.5	6.6	7.3	7.5	8.0	7.6	7.2	7.0	7.8	7.4	7.2
2000	6.7	6.2	6.3	6.5	6.4								

	Market Egg-Feed Ratios 4/												
1997	10.1	9.9	8.6	7.4	7.1	6.6	8.2	7.8	9.3	8.7	11.4	11.0	8.8
1998	10.1	8.3	9.4	8.5	6.7	8.0	7.9	10.8	10.7	11.3	12.6	12.8	9.8
1999	11.7	10.6	11.6	9.2	7.8	8.2	9.9	10.1	9.3	8.0	11.9	10.1	9.9
2000	8.9	11.3	8.0	9.9	6.4								

	Turkey-Feed Ratio 5/												
1997	5.4	5.1	5.0	5.1	5.3	5.6	6.0	5.9	6.1	6.2	6.2	5.8	5.7
1998	5.4	5.2	5.4	5.7	5.8	6.1	6.5	7.6	8.1	8.3	8.3	7.6	6.7
1999	6.5	7.1	7.5	7.8	8.2	8.7	9.7	9.5	9.6	10.0	9.9	9.2	8.6
2000	7.6	7.2	7.6	7.8	7.8								

	Milk-Feed Ratio 6/												
1997	2.44	2.35	2.27	2.14	2.07	2.12	2.24	2.35	2.44	2.63	2.73	2.80	2.38
1998	2.77	2.78	2.75	2.70	2.63	2.93	3.04	3.61	4.04	4.23	4.26	4.34	3.34
1999	4.09	3.60	3.62	2.97	2.89	3.17	3.61	3.92	4.15	4.03	3.86	3.25	3.60
2000	3.10	2.93	2.90	2.80	2.67								

	Hog-Corn Ratio 7/												
1997	20.0	19.9	17.7	19.2	21.6	22.6	24.3	22.1	20.0	18.6	18.0	16.5	20.0
1998	14.1	14.1	13.7	14.8	18.1	18.6	16.8	18.6	16.0	14.6	9.7	7.5	14.7
1999	12.9	13.5	13.6	14.8	18.4	17.3	18.2	20.7	19.4	20.2	19.6	19.6	17.4
2000	19.4	20.2	20.6	23.3	23.7								

	Steer & Heifer-Corn Feed Ratio 8/												
1997	24.2	24.6	24.3	24.3	25.4	25.4	27.0	26.6	26.6	26.5	27.1	26.5	25.7
1998	25.8	24.8	25.2	27.5	28.3	28.3	27.9	31.6	32.0	32.1	32.3	30.2	28.8
1999	30.2	31.0	31.8	32.4	32.8	33.9	37.5	37.8	38.3	41.5	41.7	38.9	35.7
2000	37.7	36.0	36.2	37.0	35.5								

- 1/ Quarterly commercial feed surveys discontinued in January 1995. Comparable complete feeds are based on US prices for Corn, Alfalfa Hay, Soybeans, and All Wheat.
- 2/ Simple average of monthly ratios, January through December.
- 3/ Number of pounds of Broiler Grower Feed (corn-58 pounds, soybeans-42 pounds) equal in value to one pound of Broilers, live weight.
- 4/ Number of pounds of Laying Feed (corn-75 pounds, soybeans-25 pounds) equal in value to one dozen Market Eggs.
- 5/ Number of pounds of Turkey Grower Feed (corn-51 pounds, soybeans-28 pounds, all wheat-21 pounds) equal in value to one pound of Turkeys, live weight.
- 6/ Number of pounds of 16% protein Mixed Dairy Feed (corn-51 pounds, soybeans-8 pounds, alfalfa hay-41 pounds) equal in value to one pound of All Milk.
- 7/ Number of bushels of corn equal in value to 100 pounds of All Hogs, live weight.
- 8/ Number of bushels of corn equal in value to 100 pounds of Steers & Heifers, live weight.

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 Prices 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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