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## Prices Received Index Unchanged

The Preliminary All Farms Products Index of Prices Received in December was 98 based on 1990-92=100, unchanged from the November index. Higher prices for soybeans, cattle, hogs, and eggs were offset by lower prices for broilers, lettuce, turkeys, and cauliflower. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Higher seasonal marketings of tobacco, wheat, milk, and broilers were offset by lower marketings of cattle, soybeans, grapes, and corn.

Compared with December 1999, the All Farm Products Index was 7 points (7.7 percent) higher. Price increases from December 1999 for cotton, cattle, eggs, and hogs were partially offset by lower prices for broilers, apples, oranges, and lemons.

## Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The December Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) was 121 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index was unchanged from November but 4 points (3.4 percent) above December 1999. Lower prices in December for insecticides, diesel fuel, gasoline, and feed concentrates were offset by higher prices for feeder cattle, complete feeds, nitrogen fertilizers, and feeder pigs.

Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92=100	1999		2000	
	Nov	Dec	Nov	Dec
Prices Received	93	91	98	98
Prices Paid	116	117	121	121
Ratio 1/	80	78	81	81

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

## Prices Received by Farmers

The December All Farm Products Index was 98 percent of its 1990-92 base, unchanged from the November index but up 7.7 percent from the December 1999 index.

**All Crops:** The December index was 96, down 1.0 percent from November but 7.9 percent above December 1999. From November, index decreases for fruit and nuts, commercial vegetables, cotton, and food grains more than offset index increases for oil-bearing crops, feed grains and hay, and potatoes and dry beans.

**Food Grains:** The December index, at 91, was down 1.1 percent from the previous month but 7.1 percent above December 1999. The December all wheat price, at \$2.75 per bu, was down 8 cents from November but 23 cents above December 1999.

**Feed Grains & Hay:** The December index was 88, up 3.5 percent from last month and 7.3 percent above December 1999. The corn price, at \$1.91 per bushel, was up 5 cents from November and 9 cents above December 1999. The all hay price, at \$85.10 per ton, was 10 cents above November and \$13.10 above last December. Grain sorghum, at \$3.35 per cwt, was up 8 cents from November and 73 cents above December last year.

**Oil-Bearing Crops:** The December index, at 88, was up 4.8 percent from November and 7.3 percent above December 1999. The soybean price, at \$4.84 per bushel, increased 29 cents from November and was 41 cents above December 1999.

**Cotton:** The December index, at 95, was down 1.0 percent from November but 34 percent above December 1999. The December price, at 57.4 cents per pound, was down 0.6 cents from the previous month but up 14.6 cents from last December.

**Fruit and Nuts:** The December fruit and nut index, at 83, was down 22 percent from the previous month and was 12 percent below December 1999. Since November, prices decreased for grapefruit, oranges, pears, and apples.

**Commercial Vegetables:** The December index, at 125, was down 13 percent from last month but 29 percent above December 1999. Price decreases during December for cauliflower, broccoli, snap beans, lettuce, and tomatoes more than offset price increases for carrots, sweet corn, cucumbers, celery, and onions.

**Livestock and Products:** The December index, at 101, was up 1.0 percent from last month and 6.3 percent from December 1999. Compared with a year ago, prices were higher for eggs, all milk, hogs, cattle, and calves but lower for turkeys and broilers.

**Meat Animals:** The December index, at 95, was up 3.3 percent from last month and 8.0 percent from a year ago. The December hog price was \$40.60 per cwt, up \$4.20 from November and \$5.00 from a year ago. November hog slaughter was down 1 percent from October and 2 percent from a year earlier. The December beef cattle price of \$71.20 was up \$2.10 from last month and \$4.60 from December 1999. November cattle slaughter was down 7 percent from October.

**Dairy Products:** The December index, at 99, was up 3.1 percent from November and 6.5 percent from December 1999. The December all milk price at \$12.90 per cwt, was up 30 cents from November and 70 cents from last year. December prices increased for both fluid and manufacturing grade milk. Cheese prices have increased since the beginning of December.

**Poultry and Eggs:** The December index, at 114, was down 4.2 percent from November but 3.6 percent above a year ago. The December broiler price, at 35.0 cents per pound, was down 3.0 cents from November. Demand was soft seasonally compared to other meats. Market egg prices increased 11.0 cents to 69.4 cents per dozen, a seasonal increase in prices due to holiday demand. Turkey prices decreased 6.5 cents to 40.5 cents per pound following their normal seasonal decline as the holiday season winds down.

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

Index	1910-14=100				1990-92=100			
	1999		2000		1999		2000	
	Average: 1990-92:	Dec	Nov	Dec	Dec	Nov	Dec	
All Farm Products	639	580	*624	622	91	*98	98	
All Crops	500	437	*479	471	89	*97	96	
Food Grains	325	272	*293	288	85	*92	91	
Feed Grains & Hay	363	292	*303	315	82	*85	88	
Cotton	517	362	*490	485	71	96	95	
Tobacco	1263	1661	*1704	1713	110	*113	113	
Oil-Bearing Crops	554	447	*461	483	82	84	88	
Fruit & Nuts	716	656	747	577	94	107	83	
Commercial Vegetables	698	645	*954	832	97	*143	125	
Potatoes & Dry Beans	540	468	*389	397	92	*77	78	
Other Crops	493	532	532	532	108	108	108	
Livestock & Products	768	726	*764	775	95	*100	101	
Meat Animals	1021	891	*937	967	88	92	95	
Dairy Products	799	750	*774	793	93	*96	99	
Poultry & Eggs	282	311	336	321	110	119	114	
Food Commodities					93	100	98	

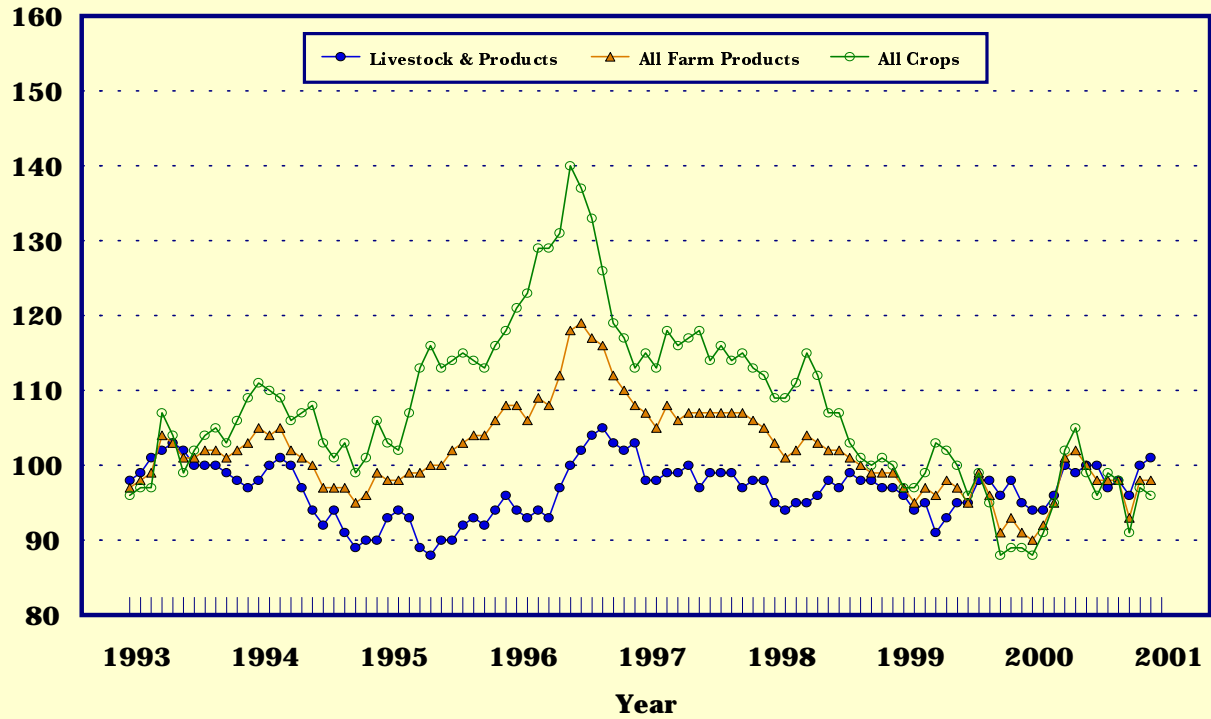
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Selected Index Numbers for Prices Received and Paid,  
1990-92=100, by Months, United States, 1999 and 2000

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	88	96	94	114	118	110	114
Feb	95	92	97	91	94	94	114	119	110	115
Mar	97	95	99	95	95	96	114	119	110	115
Apr	96	101	103	102	91	100	115	119	111	116
May	98	102	102	105	93	99	115	119	110	116
Jun	97	100	100	99	95	100	115	120	111	116
Jul	95	98	96	96	95	100	114	119	111	116
Aug	99	98	99	99	98	97	115	119	111	115
Sep	96	98	95	98	98	98	115	120	111	116
Oct	91	93	88	91	96	96	116	121	112	117
Nov	93	98	89	97	98	100	116	121	112	117
Dec	91	98	89	96	95	101	117	121	113	118

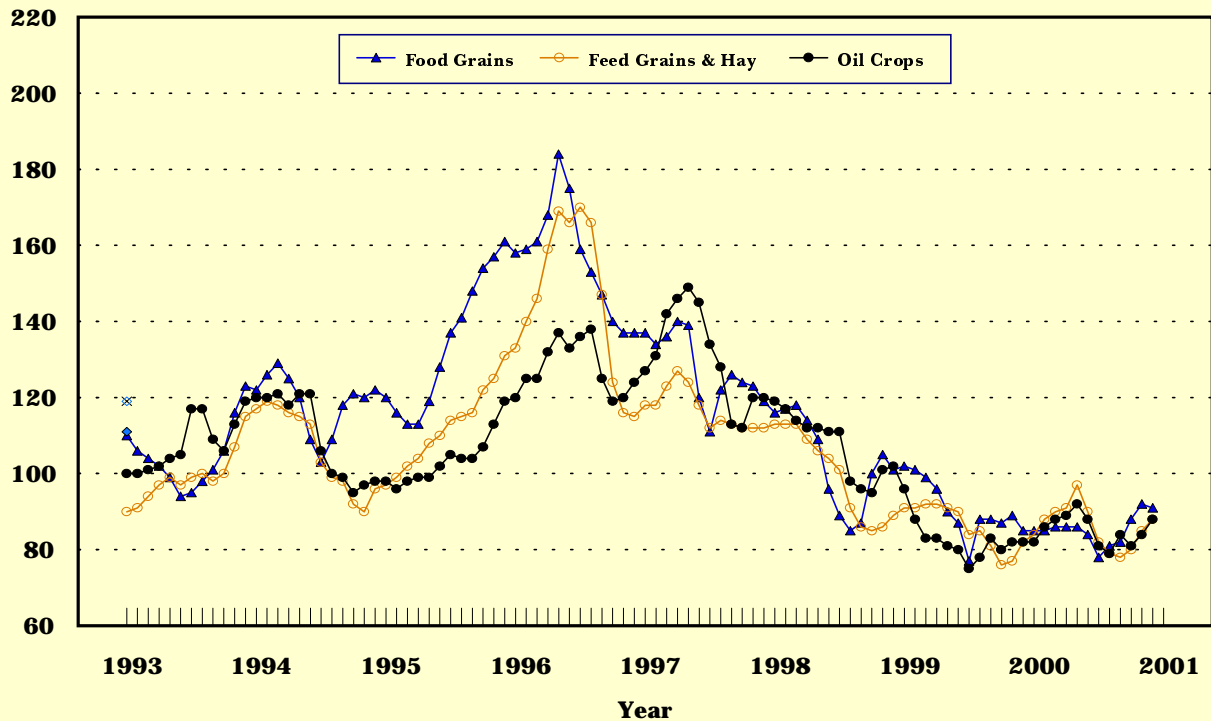
## Prices Received, Major Indexes, US

Index Values(1990-92=100)



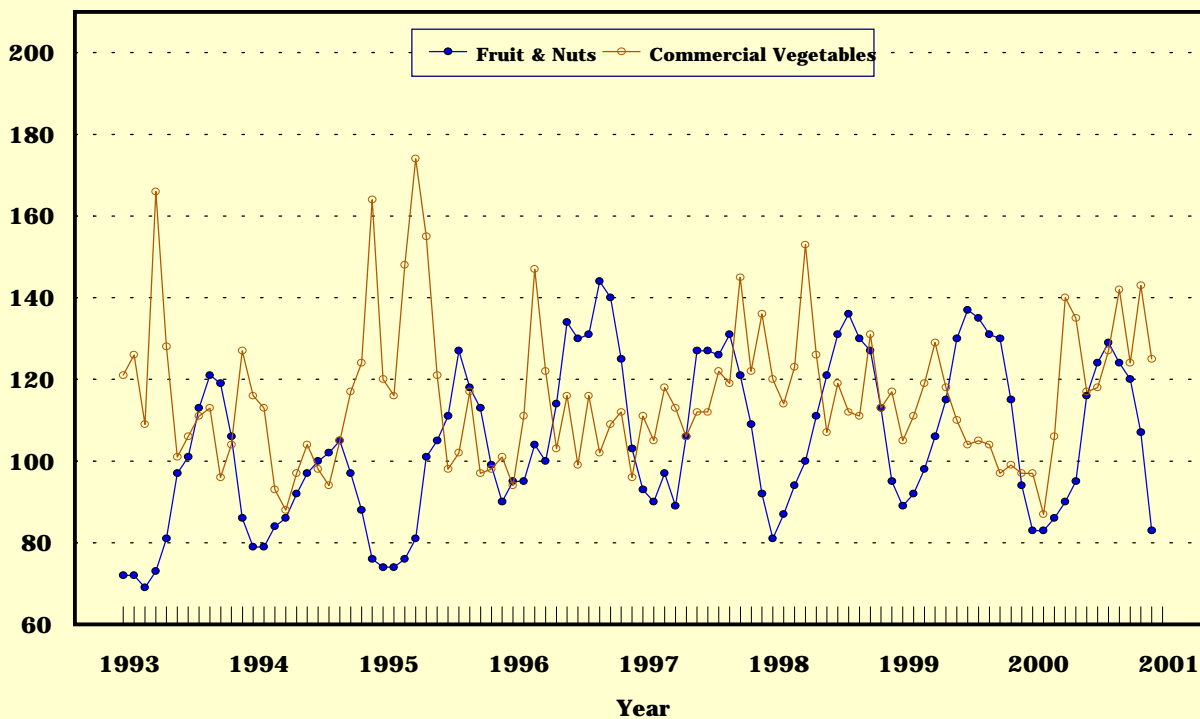
## Prices Received, Food, Feed & Oil Indexes, US

Index Values(1990-92=100)



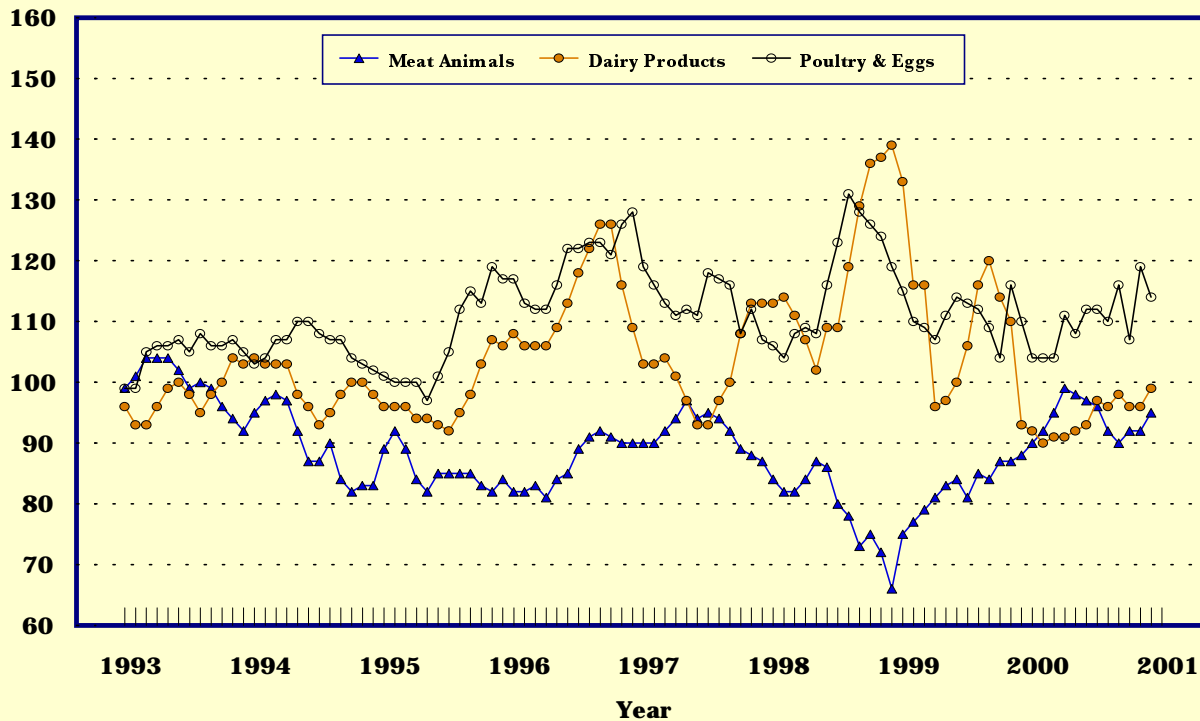
## Prices Received, Fruit/Vegetable Indexes, US

Index Values(1990-92=100)



## Prices Received, Livestock Product Indexes, US

Index Values(1990-92=100)



Prices Received, United States,  
December 2000, with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Average 1990-92	Entire Month		Preliminary
			Dec	Nov	Dec
			1999	2000	2000
Dollars					
Field Crops					
Barley, All	Bu	2.12	2.25	2.12	2.08
Feed	Bu	1.90	1.64	1.85	1.72
Malting	Bu	2.43	2.54	2.41	2.37
Beans, Dry Edible	Cwt	19.10	16.10	15.40	15.00
Corn	Bu	2.30	1.82	1.86	1.91
Cotton, Upland	Lb	.606	.428	.580	.574
Cottonseed	Ton	96.00	99.00	108.00	110.00
Flaxseed	Bu	4.27	3.61	3.42	3.50
Hay, All, Baled 1/	Ton	76.30	72.00	85.00	85.10
Alfalfa 1/	Ton	77.20	74.10	90.40	91.00
Other 1/	Ton	60.00	66.30	69.60	70.40
Oats	Bu	1.22	1.18	1.18	1.16
Peanuts, In-Shell	Lb	.304	.218	.231	.197
Potatoes	Cwt	5.82	5.44	4.40	4.56
Rice, Rough	Cwt	7.07	6.19	5.63	5.56
Sorghum Grain	Cwt	3.75	2.62	3.27	3.35
Soybeans	Bu	5.61	4.43	4.55	4.84
Sunflower 2/	Cwt	9.50	7.52	6.09	6.28
Tobacco	Lb	1.740	1.910	1.960	1.970
Wheat, All	Bu	2.96	2.52	2.83	2.75
Winter	Bu	2.93	2.27	2.70	2.67
Durum	Bu	2.86	2.96	2.97	2.24
Other Spring	Bu	3.11	2.87	2.97	2.94
Hard Red Winter	Bu		2.21	2.84	
Soft Red Winter	Bu		2.12	2.18	
Hard Red Spring	Bu		2.90	3.03	
White	Bu	3.24	2.56	2.57	
Fruit					
Citrus-Equiv on-tree					
Grapefruit	Box	5.77	4.98	3.09	2.20
Lemons	Box	10.10	12.71	4.03	4.85
Limes 3/	Box	10.15			
Oranges	Box	5.79	3.56	3.16	2.94
Tangelos	Box	5.82	3.81	2.02	2.19
Tangerines	Box	15.11	7.58	8.05	8.91
Temples	Box	6.23			
Non-citrus					
Apples, Fresh 4/	Lb	.212	.232	.185	.181
Grapes, Fresh 4/	Ton	506.00		750.00	750.00
Peaches, Fresh 4/	Lb	.216			
Pears, Fresh 4/	Ton	370.00	449.00	378.00	301.00
Strawberries, Fresh	Lb	.560			1.38

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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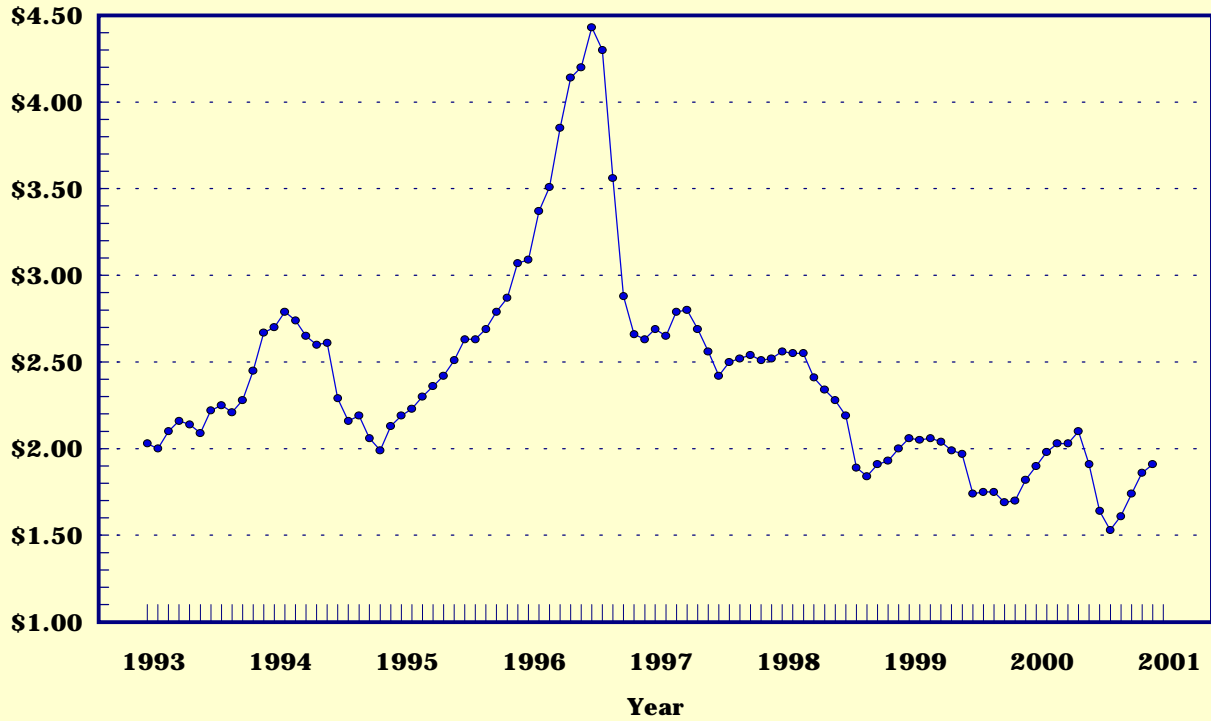
Prices Received, United States,  
December 2000, with Comparisons (continued)

Commodity	Unit	Average 1990-92	Entire Month		Preliminary
			Dec 1999	Nov 2000	Dec 2000
Dollars					
Vegetables, Fresh 1/					
Asparagus	Cwt	79.80	268.00		
Broccoli	Cwt	22.50	20.90	56.40	41.40
Cantaloupes 2/	Cwt	13.90	28.70	27.00	
Carrots	Cwt	13.20	11.30	14.70	15.30
Cauliflower	Cwt	26.80	29.80	65.50	34.10
Celery	Cwt	11.60	14.00	19.40	24.20
Corn, Sweet	Cwt	15.70	29.50	18.60	31.60
Cucumbers 2/	Cwt		16.10	16.80	23.90
Lettuce	Cwt	11.90	12.00	20.20	14.40
Onions	Cwt	12.80	6.35	10.60	11.40
Snap Beans 2/	Cwt		71.90	54.20	42.60
Tomatoes	Cwt	32.30	29.50	46.10	41.30
Livestock					
Calves	Cwt	94.30	98.60	106.00	106.00
Cattle, All Beef	Cwt	72.90	66.60	69.10	71.20
Cows	Cwt	49.60	35.10	36.60	36.10
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	77.10	70.80	73.80	76.20
Milk Cows 3/	Head	1130.00			
Hogs, All	Cwt	47.70	35.60	36.40	40.60
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	48.40	36.00	36.80	41.10
Sows	Cwt	39.50	26.70	28.20	29.90
Lambs	Cwt	56.20	77.60	71.50	
Sheep	Cwt	23.40	33.40	33.60	
Dairy and Poultry					
Milk, All 4/	Cwt	13.06	12.20	12.60	5/12.90
Fluid Grade	Cwt	13.10	12.30	12.60	5/13.00
Mfg Grade	Cwt	11.80	10.80	10.40	5/10.80
Broilers, Live 6/	Lb	.317	.368	.380	.350
Eggs, All 7/	Doz	.643	.613	.740	.833
Market 7/	Doz	.546	.433	.584	.694
Turkeys, Live 6/7/	Lb	.380	.422	.470	.405
Adjusted for Seasonal Variation					
Eggs, All	Doz	.545	.562	.763	.757
Milk, All 4/	Cwt	9.71	11.84	11.67	12.29

- 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 3.80, fluid milk 3.80, mfg grade 3.96.
- 6/ Liveweight equivalent price.
- 7/ Mid-month price.

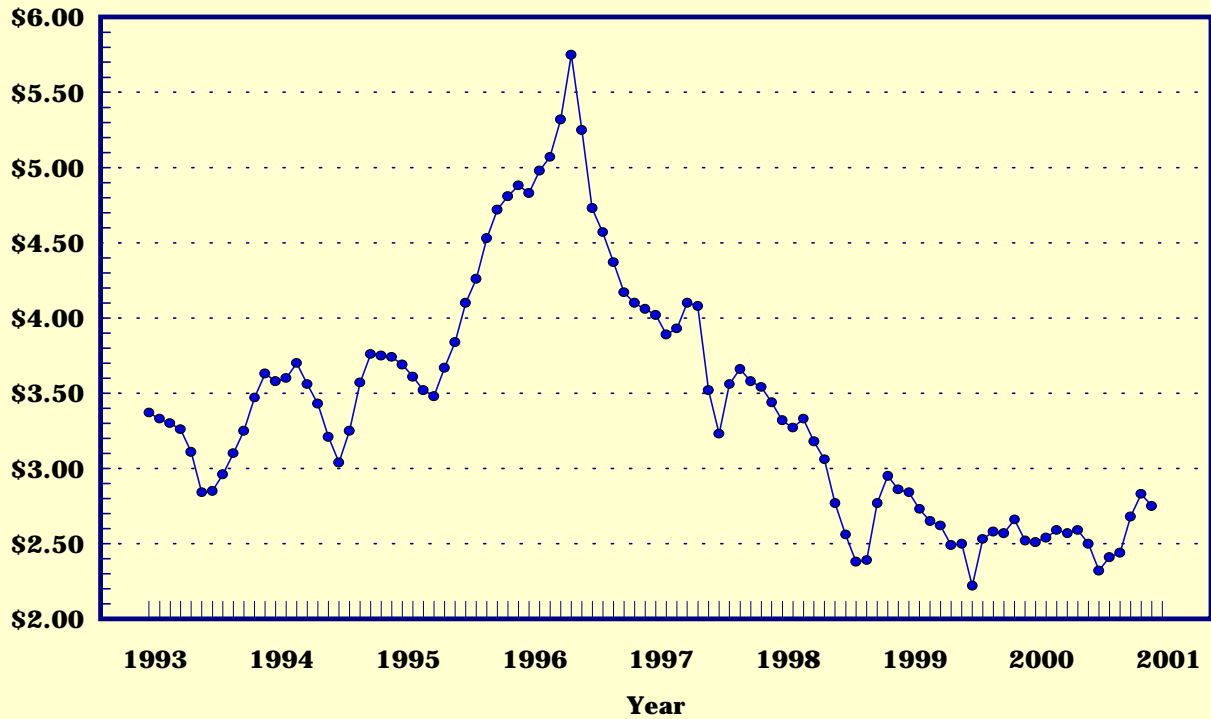
## Prices Received, Corn, US

Dollars per Bu



## Prices Received, Wheat, US

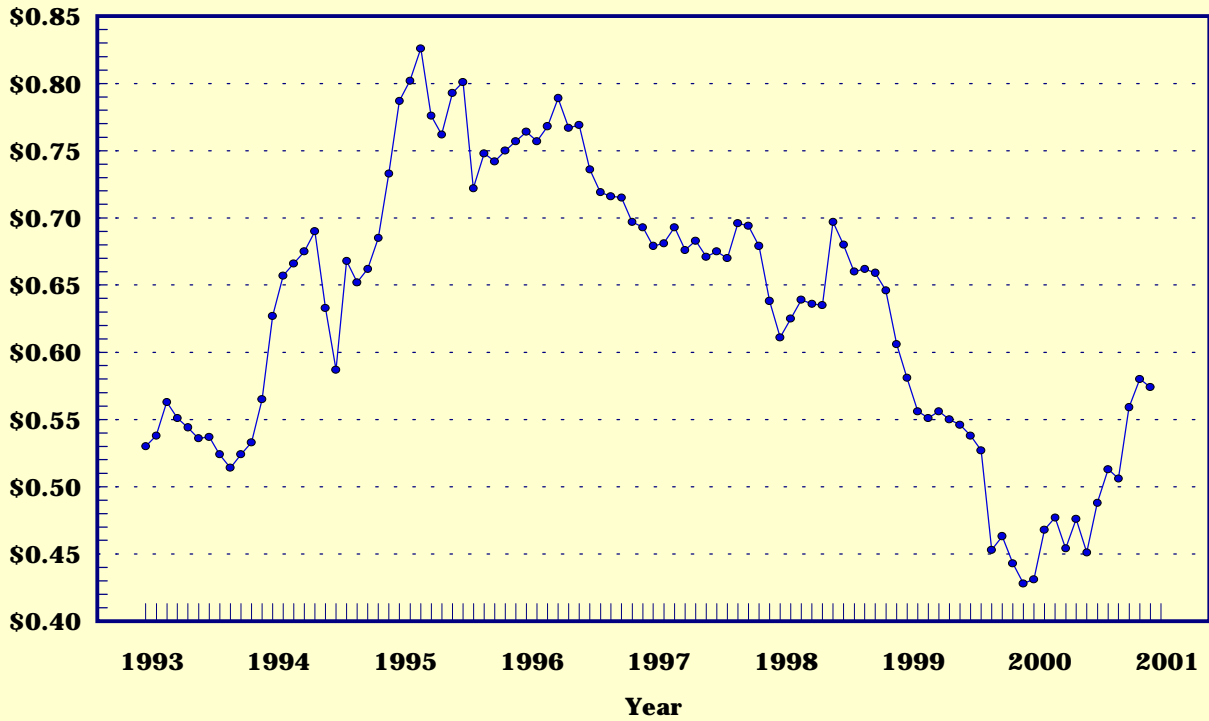
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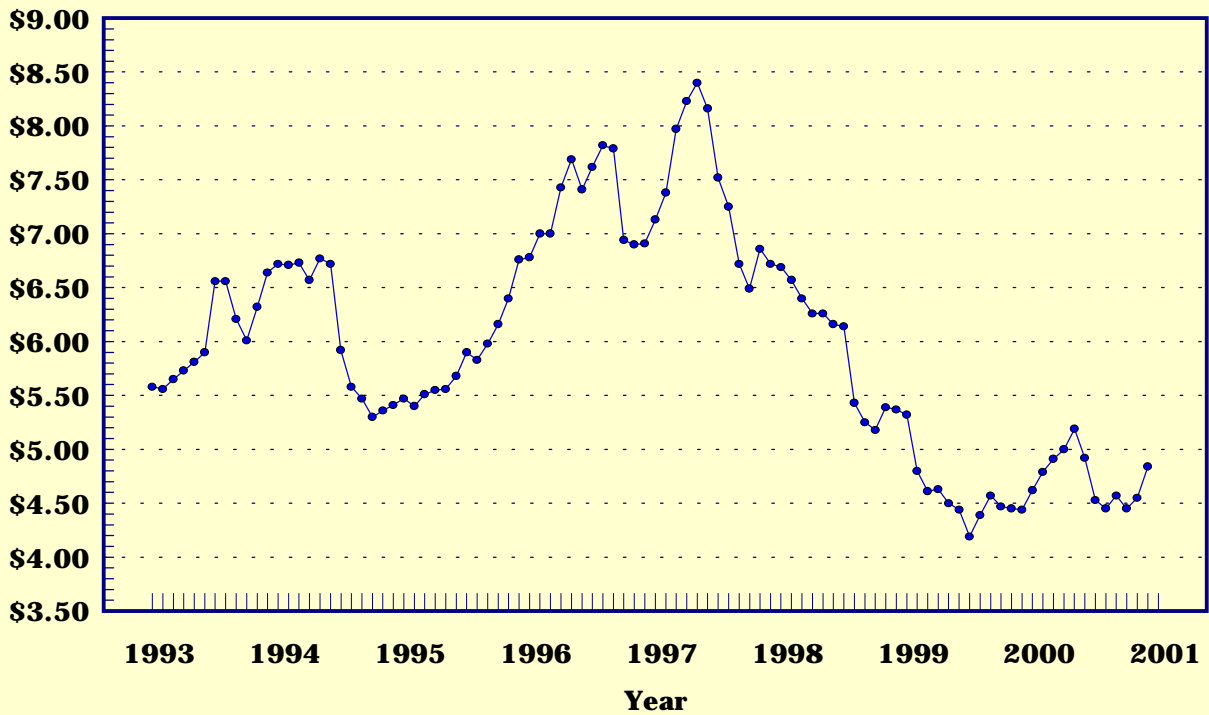
## Prices Received, Cotton, US

Dollars per Lb



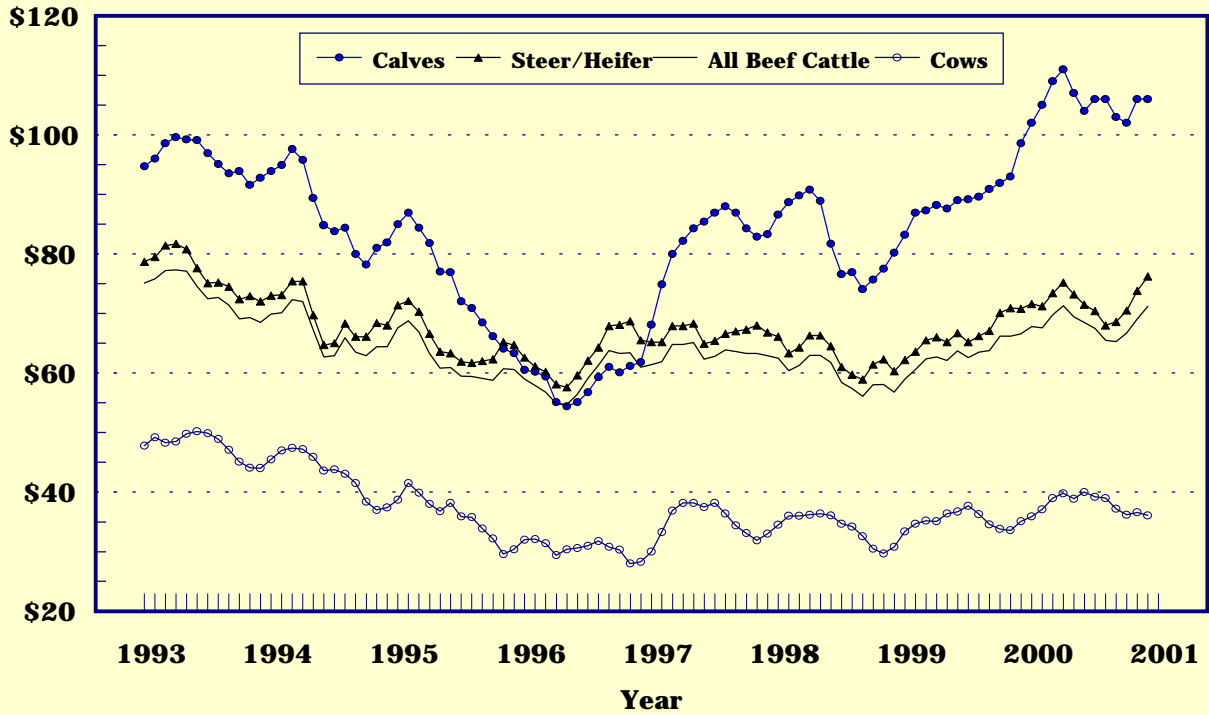
## Prices Received, Soybeans, US

Dollars per Bu



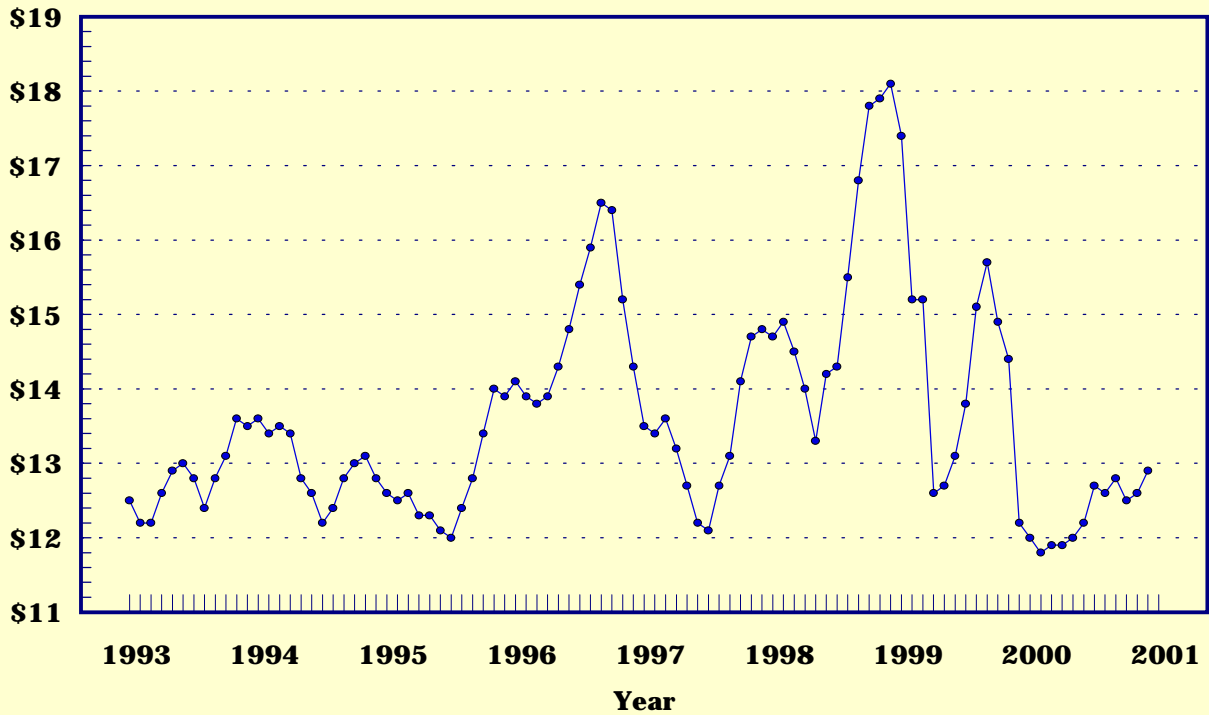
## Prices Received, Cattle, US

Dollars per Cwt



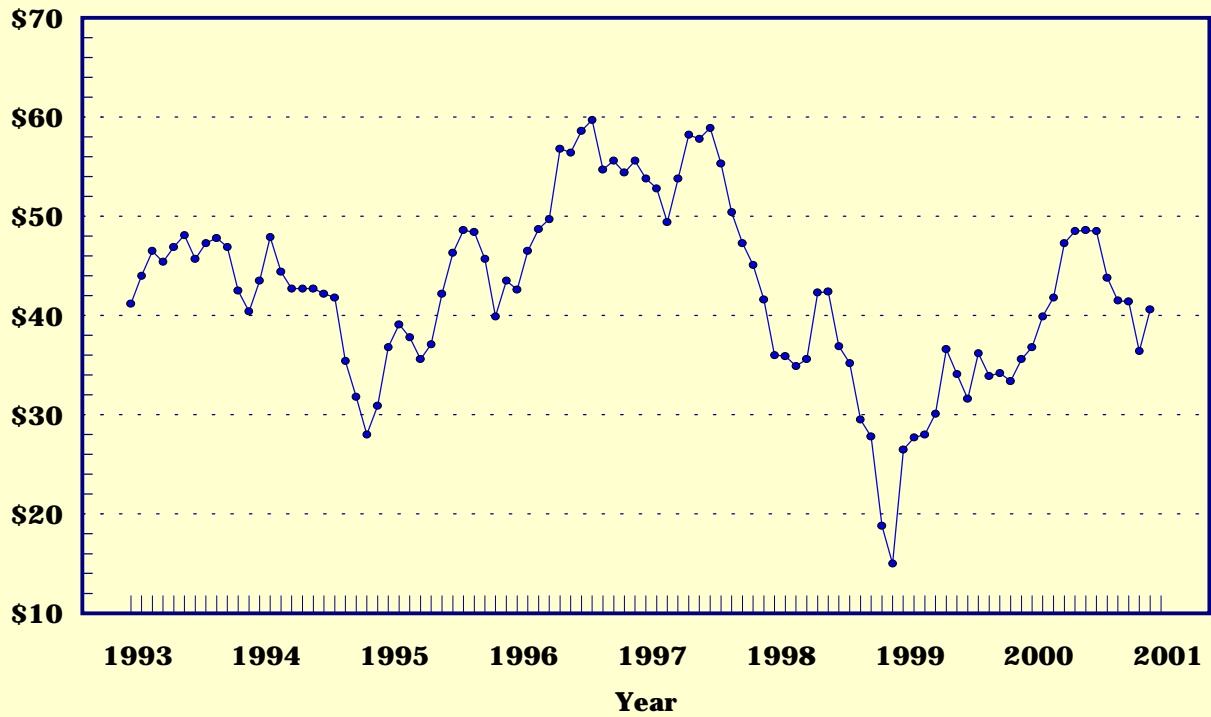
## Prices Received, Milk, US

Dollars per Cwt



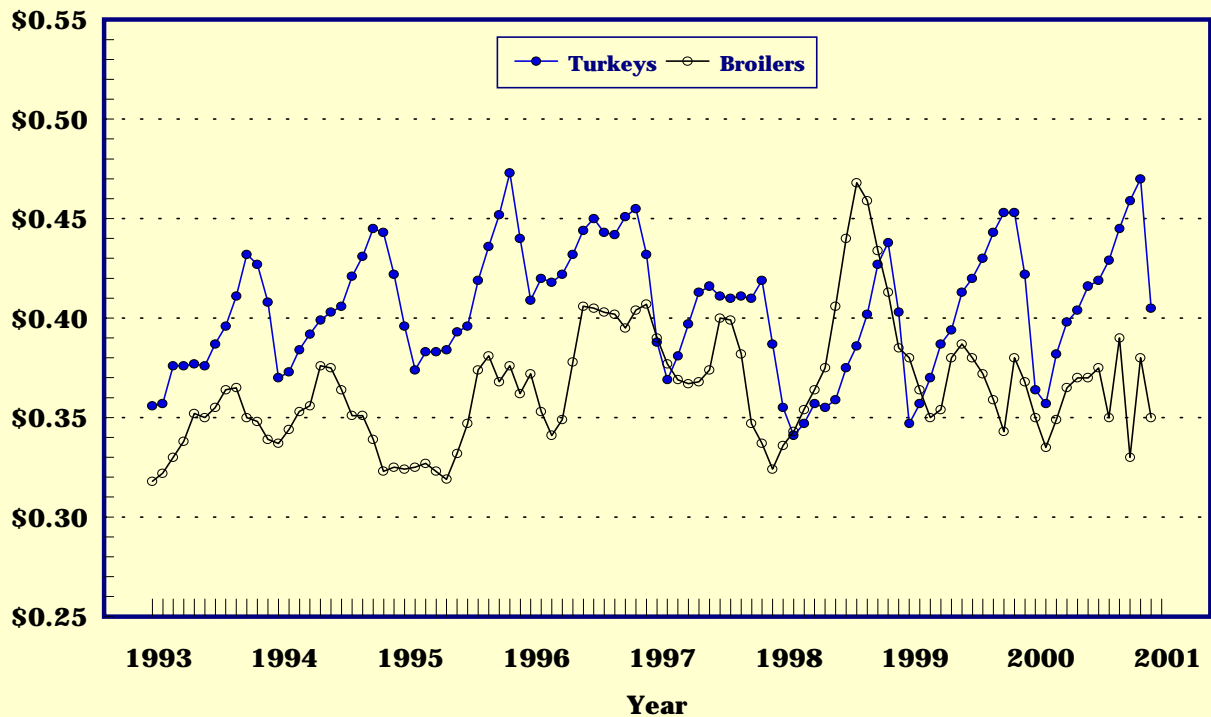
## Prices Received, Hogs, US

Dollars per Cwt



## Prices Received, Turkeys & Broilers, US

Dollars per Lb



Wheat: Prices Received, by States, November and December 2000

State	All Wheat		Winter Wheat		Durum Wheat		Oth Spring Wheat	
	Nov 1/	Dec 2/	Nov 1/	Dec 2/	Nov 1/	Dec 2/	Nov 1/	Dec 2/
	Dollars per Bushel							
AR	2.42	2.50	2.42	2.50				
CA	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/		
CO	2.77	2.63	2.78	2.64			2.54	2.46
ID	2.53	2.60	2.40	2.50			2.69	2.75
IL	2.15	2.30	2.15	2.30				
IN	2.20	2.17	2.20	2.17				
KS	2.84	2.76	2.84	2.76				
MI	2.01	2.05	2.01	2.05				
MN	3.00	2.95	3/	4/	3/	4/	3.00	2.95
MO	2.48	2.30	2.48	2.30				
MT	3.17	3.14	2.91	2.90	4.07	4.00	3.17	3.20
NE	2.84	2.88	2.84	2.88				
ND	2.86	2.66	2.57	2.20	2.75	2.10	2.90	2.85
OH	1.99	2.10	1.99	2.10				
OK	2.81	2.73	2.81	2.73				
OR	2.76	2.63	2.74	2.60			2.91	2.85
SD	2.78	2.92	2.61	2.67	4/	4/	2.91	3.12
TX	2.69	2.65	2.69	2.65				
WA	2.81	2.69	2.71	2.65			3.13	2.91
US	2.83	2.75	2.70	2.67	2.97	2.24	2.97	2.94

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	2.51	2.06	1.91	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	2.59	1.99	2.11	4.50	5.19	62.10	69.40	36.60	48.50
Jun	2.50	2.50	1.97	1.91	4.44	4.93	63.70	68.50	34.10	48.60
Jul	2.22	2.32	1.74	1.64	4.19	4.53	62.60	67.50	31.60	48.50
Aug	2.53	2.41	1.75	1.52	4.39	4.45	63.50	65.50	36.20	43.80
Sep	2.58	2.44	1.75	1.61	4.57	4.57	63.80	65.30	33.90	41.50
Oct	2.57	2.68	1.69	1.74	4.48	4.45	66.20	66.70	34.20	41.40
Nov	2.66	2.83	1.70	1.86	4.45	4.55	66.20	68.90	33.40	36.40
Dec	2.52	2.75	1.82	1.91	4.43	4.84	66.60	71.20	35.60	40.60

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, November and December 2000

State	Barley 1/		Corn		Oats		Soybeans		Sorghum Grain	
	Nov 2/	Dec 3/	Nov 2/	Dec 3/	Nov 2/	Dec 3/	Nov 2/	Dec 3/	Nov 2/	Dec 3/
	----- Dollars per Bushel ----- Dollars per Cwt									
AL										
AR							4.73	5.15	3.75	4.15
CA	2.46	2.04								
CO	2.02	1.62	2.08	2.10						
GA			2.26	2.39			4.39	4.67		
ID	2.50	2.58								
IL			1.92	1.95	1.50	1.50	4.62	4.90	3.51	3.65
IN			1.83	1.93			4.57	4.90		
IA			1.83	1.82	1.24	1.35	4.59	4.79		
KS			2.07	2.00			4.54	4.65	3.19	3.24
KY			2.04	2.05			4.55	4.95		
LA							4.80	4.93		
MI			1.86	1.90	1.54	1.50	4.55	4.80		
MN	1.66	1.71	1.70	1.75	1.01	1.05	4.44	4.80		
MS							4.62	4.80		
MO			1.74	1.95			4.49	4.90	3.29	3.50
MT	2.37	2.40			.99	1.00				
NE			1.86	1.95	1.49	1.50	4.46	4.69	3.23	3.35
NC			2.02	2.15			4.43	4.65		
ND	1.69	1.77			.85	.90				
OH			1.87	1.95	1.51	1.40	4.60	4.95		
OK									3.45	3.50
OR	2.02	2.10			1.27	1.30				
PA			1.89	2.02	1.55	1.54				
SD	1.83	1.90	1.52	1.61	1.22	1.20	4.29	4.55		
TN			2.36	2.30			4.62	5.00		
TX			2.19	2.19					3.60	3.46
UT	1.88	1.99								
WA	2.15	1.84								
WI			1.86	1.80	1.18	1.10	4.47	4.60		
WY	2.66	2.80								
US	2.12	2.08	1.86	1.91	1.18	1.16	4.55	4.84	3.27	3.35

- 1/ The Three-State (MN, ND and SD) Feed Barley price for December 2000 is \$1.50.
- 2/ Entire month.
- 3/ Mid-month.
- 4/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

Malting and Feed Barley: Prices Received Selected States, November and December 2000

State	Malting Barley		Feed Barley	
	Nov	Dec	Nov	Dec
	----- Dollars per Bushel -----			
ID	1/	1/	1.89	1.95
MN	1.70	1.75	1.44	1.50
MT	2.72	2.70	1.56	1.70
ND	1.88	1.95	1.42	1.50
SD	1.90	2.03	1.68	1.64
WY	1/	1/	1.65	1/

- 1/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

Field Crops: Prices Received, by States, November and December 2000

State	Dry Edible Beans		Sunflower		Flaxseed		Tobacco		Peanuts 4/5/	
	Nov 1/	Dec 2/	Nov 1/	Dec 2/	Nov 1/	Dec 2/	Nov 1/	Dec 3/	Nov 1/	Dec 3/
	----- Dollars per Cwt -----		----- Dollars per Bu -----		----- Dollars per Pound -----					
AL									.246	.248
CA	27.20	26.60								
CO	15.50	15.60								
FL									7/	7/
GA						1.750			.239	.199
ID	17.60	17.00								
IN						1.945	1.975			
KS			7/	7/						
KY						1.965	1.985			
MD										
MI	13.70	13.50								
MN	15.70	15.40	7.13	7.23						
MO							1.870			
NE	15.60	15.40								
NC						1.980	1.970	.217	.214	
ND	12.30	12.30	6.44	6.52	3.42	3.50				
OH						1.945	1.935			
OK										
SC						1.755				
SD			4.79	5.52	6/	6/				
TN						1.950	1.960			
TX									7/	7/
VA						1.940	1.870	.179	.159	
WV										
US	15.40	15.00	6.09	6.28	3.42	3.50	1.960	1.970	.231	.197

- 1/ Entire month.
- 2/ Mid-month.
- 3/ Based on sales through first half of month.
- 4/ In-shell.
- 5/ Includes additional loan peanuts at loan value.
- 6/ Sales volume insufficient to establish a state price, but all sales included in U.S. price.
- 7/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

Tobacco: Prices Received, by Area and Type, December 2000, with Comparisons

Class by Type	Type	Dec 1999	Nov 2000	Dec 2000 1/
----- Dollars per Pound -----				
Fire-cured				
VA Belt	21	1.960	2/	1.670
Total Fire-cured	21-23	1.960	2/	1.670
Light Air-Cured				
Burley	31	1.910	1.960	1.970
Total Light Air-Cured	31-32	1.910	1.960	1.970
Dark Air-cured				
One Sucker Belt	35	2.010	2/	2.040
Green River Belt	36	2.005	2/	1.960
Sun-cured Belt	37	1.725	2/	1.830
Total Dark Air-cured	35-37	2.005	2/	2.020
US 3/	11-37	1.915	1.960	1.970

- 1/ Based on sales during the first half of the month.
- 2/ Markets opened in December 2000.
- 3/ November 2000 price includes Flue-cured (11-14) sales at 1.775 per pound.

Field Crops and Apples: Prices Received, by States,  
November and December 2000

State	Cotton, Upland		Cotton- seed 5/	December			Apples Fresh Use 1/4/
	Nov 1/ Dollars per Pound	Dec 2/ Dollars per Pound		Hay, Baled 3/ All Dollars per Ton	Alfalfa Dollars per Ton	Other Dollars per Ton	
AL	.573	.541	93.00				
AZ	6/	6/	127.00	90.00	90.00	89.00	
AR	.578	.610	97.00				
CA	.700	.690	138.00	97.00	101.00	68.00	.124
CO				91.00	91.00	86.00	
GA	.588	.585	88.00				
ID				99.00	100.00	77.00	
IL				87.00	92.00	66.00	
IA				81.00	82.00	57.00	
KS				87.00	93.00	65.00	
KY				81.00	110.00	72.00	
LA	.563	.545	6/				
MI				63.00	65.00	55.00	.160
MN				61.00	69.00	45.00	
MS	.528	.522	6/				
MO				70.00	105.00	61.00	
MT				90.00	92.00	83.00	
NE				75.00	77.00	65.00	
NV				93.00	92.00	103.00	
NM				124.00	126.00	105.00	
NY				115.00	125.00	100.00	.168
NC	.616	.625	91.00				
ND				46.00	48.00	34.00	
OH				79.00	110.00	50.00	.280
OK				81.00	95.00	60.00	
OR				93.00	96.00	82.00	
PA				113.00	128.00	104.00	.240
SD				66.00	70.00	45.00	
TN	.549	.522	6/				
TX	.532	.528	108.00	67.00	150.00	62.00	
UT				82.00	82.00	52.00	
VA							.220
WA				112.00	100.00	145.00	.183
WI				53.00	55.00	30.00	
WY				88.00	89.00	84.00	
US	.580	.574	110.00	85.10	91.00	70.40	.181

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, December 2000, with Comparisons

Item	Unit	Oct 2000 1/	Nov 2000 1/	Dec 2000 2/
Cotton, Upland				
Average Price	Dollars/Pound	.559	.580	.574
Marketings 3/	1,000 Bales	1012	1434	NA
Rice				
Average Price	Dollars/Cwt	5.61	5.63	5.56
Marketings 4/	1,000 Cwt	13119	12191	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, December 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	13.10	5.82	7.66	0.28	3.88	5.72	-1.66
CA	17.40	10.33	11.96	0.28	8.39	10.02	-1.66
FL	13.30	4.19	5.31	2.14	2.03	3.31	-0.29
White Seedless	13.10	3.32	4.40	2.40	1.16	2.40	0.10
Colored Seedless	13.30	4.45	5.50	2.00	2.30	3.50	-0.50
TX	13.90	3.25	4.30	0.60	2.11	3.15	-0.50
US	13.50	4.17	5.33	1.89	2.20	3.50	-0.33
Lemons							
AZ	20.20	8.42	11.76	1.12	4.78	8.12	-2.52
CA	21.00	8.52	12.56	1.12	4.88	8.92	-2.52
US	20.70	8.49	12.28	1.12	4.85	8.64	-2.52
Oranges							
AZ							
Navel and Misc	16.60	8.04	10.58	0.04	6.06	8.60	-1.94
CA	16.40	8.40	10.33	0.42	6.41	8.35	-1.61
Navel and Misc	16.40	9.20	10.38	0.04	7.22	8.40	-1.94
Valencia	4.40	0.76	-1.50	0.84	-1.32	-3.58	-1.24
FL							
Early and Mids	13.20	4.21	5.80	4.10	2.40	3.80	2.30
TX							
Early and Mids	13.70	3.03	4.00	2.12	1.76	2.70	0.87
US	15.30	4.77	8.73	3.98	2.94	6.75	2.17
Tangelos							
FL	13.80	4.66	6.20	2.00	2.19	3.80	-0.60
Tangerines							
AZ	26.10	16.75	20.20	0.84	14.67	18.12	-1.24
CA	23.70	15.36	17.80	0.84	13.28	15.72	-1.24
FL	21.00	10.67	12.30	2.50	7.20	8.90	-1.30
US	21.90	12.01	13.95	2.09	8.91	10.90	-1.29

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



Potatoes: Prices Received, by States,  
November and December 2000

State	Nov	Dec	State	Nov	Dec
	: Dollars per Cwt			: Dollars per Cwt	
AL			NC		
AZ			ND - All 1/	5.25	5.35
CA - All	9.00	11.20	- Fresh 2/	6.00	NA
- Winter	14.90	21.60	- Processing	5.00	NA
- Spring			OH	6.10	6.85
- Summer			OR	4.10	4.10
- Fall	5.65	5.55	PA	7.80	7.35
CO - All 1/	2.65	2.65	TX		
- Fresh 2/	2.68	NA	VA		
FL			WA - All	4.10	4.15
ID - All 1/	3.70	3.50	- Processing	4.15	NA
- Fresh 2/	2.50	NA	WI - All 1/	3.50	3.80
- Processing	4.50	NA	- Fresh 2/	2.65	NA
ME	5.50	5.70	- Processing	4.70	NA
MI	6.35	6.50			
MN	4.90	5.00	US - All 1/	4.40	4.56
NY	8.30	8.90	- Fresh 2/	3.88	NA
			- Processing	4.72	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, November and December 2000

State	Cows 1/		Steers & Heifers:		Beef Cattle 4/		Calves	
	Nov 2/	Dec 3/	Nov 2/	Dec 3/	Nov 2/	Dec 3/	Nov 2/	Dec 3/
	Dollars per Cwt							
AZ	36.40	33.30	70.60	72.60	69.60	71.00	109.00	104.00
AR	33.50	32.20	79.60	79.80	65.80	65.50	96.60	96.50
CA	35.00	34.00	73.00	75.00	49.40	50.40	95.00	92.00
CO	37.30	37.60	76.80	77.20	72.80	74.00	103.00	106.00
FL	37.20	36.50	81.00	79.90	49.00	48.20	101.00	100.00
GA	36.60	36.10	77.80	78.50	51.00	50.90	99.10	101.00
ID	33.90	33.60	73.10	74.60	60.10	63.10	95.00	95.00
IL	36.40	36.00	68.60	71.00	68.00	70.30	109.00	108.00
IA	36.60	34.10	71.30	74.50	71.00	74.10	98.00	95.80
KS	35.30	34.90	75.50	77.60	74.30	76.30	109.00	108.00
KY	37.00	35.00	82.00	85.00	71.20	73.00	94.00	95.00
LA	35.80	36.00	82.80	81.00	52.70	50.40	99.80	99.00
MI	37.00	35.00	63.00	63.50	55.20	55.00	95.00	90.00
MN	37.80	37.00	65.80	68.50	60.70	62.80	91.10	89.00
MO	36.60	34.00	89.00	87.50	78.50	76.30	102.00	102.00
MT	37.40	34.60	94.30	90.30	85.20	79.20	102.00	101.00
NE	39.00	38.50	71.00	73.30	70.00	72.30	105.00	108.00
NM	39.00	39.00	86.50	87.00	66.10	65.40	103.00	104.00
ND	36.90	36.00	89.50	86.00	79.00	68.50	97.70	97.00
OH	36.10	37.00	71.70	73.00	68.10	69.40	97.10	94.00
OK	36.80	36.90	89.30	89.70	80.60	80.70	103.00	101.00
OR	36.10	36.00	84.00	83.00	69.60	68.90	90.90	89.40
PA	37.00	37.20	66.60	69.10	58.90	60.80	108.00	111.00
SD	35.80	36.30	89.10	90.90	79.50	76.70	106.00	106.00
TN	35.00	35.00	81.00	82.00	62.60	63.20	96.00	97.00
TX	36.30	35.90	75.80	79.50	71.90	75.10	110.00	111.00
VA	34.10	32.90	79.50	78.10	67.70	58.70	99.40	94.60
WI	36.60	36.40	69.70	69.00	50.50	50.10	123.00	118.00
WY	38.20	38.80	92.90	95.00	75.90	75.30	107.00	108.00
US	36.60	36.10	73.80	76.20	69.10	71.20	106.00	106.00

- 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, November and December 2000

State	Sows		Barrows and Gilts		All Hogs	
	Nov 1/	Dec 2/	Nov 1/	Dec 2/	Nov 1/	Dec 2/
	Dollars per Cwt					
AR	27.80	29.90	33.30	37.00	32.80	36.30
IL	27.80	28.80	34.00	41.00	33.50	40.00
IN	28.60	30.00	35.20	38.90	34.50	38.00
IA	32.00	32.80	39.90	43.10	39.80	43.00
KS	29.60	30.30	35.30	39.80	34.70	38.70
MI	28.50	29.50	36.00	38.90	35.40	38.10
MN	29.00	30.50	39.10	41.00	38.90	40.80
MO	28.20	28.50	34.50	38.40	34.10	37.80
NE	29.00	31.00	38.00	41.80	37.80	41.60
NC	28.30	29.60	36.30	42.10	36.30	42.00
OH	29.30	32.00	36.40	39.00	35.60	38.70
OK	28.10	29.90	33.30	37.40	32.50	36.30
PA	25.00	26.80	33.00	36.10	31.80	34.70
SD	28.50	32.20	38.00	42.70	36.80	41.50
TX	26.20	27.90	31.90	37.10	31.10	35.70
WI	26.60	26.80	32.10	37.90	31.40	36.50
US	28.20	29.90	36.80	41.10	36.40	40.60

1/ Entire month.  
 2/ Mid-month.

Sheep and Poultry: Prices Received, by States,  
November and December 2000

State	November		December	
	Sheep 1/	Lambs 1/	Turkeys 2/3/	Eggs 2/4/
	---- Dollars per Cwt ----		Dollars per Pound	Dol/Doz
AL				.620
AR			.43	.600
CA	31.50	70.00	.50	.680
CO	33.90	68.60		
CT				.760
DE				
FL				.640
GA				.652
ID	31.00	66.00		
IN			.41	.790
IA	43.50	63.00		.606
KS	29.20	68.00		
ME				.840
MD				
MI				.710
MN	26.70	64.50	.34	.670
MS				.780
MO			.42	.620
MT	31.00	78.10		
NE	33.00	62.70		
NY				.798
NC			.40	.680
ND	32.80	69.40		
OH	35.20	67.80		.710
OR	25.80	78.00		
PA				.750
SC				.665
SD	39.30	86.00		
TX	43.00	73.80		.650
UT	30.00	70.00		
VA			.42	
WA				.863
WY	33.60	73.60		
US	33.60	71.50	.405	.694

- 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, November and December 2000

State	November						December		
	Fluid Grade Milk 1/	Manufacturing Grade Milk	All Milk 2/		All Milk 2/3/		Milk Cows 4/		
	Price	Fat Test	Price	Fat Test	Price	Fat Test	Price	Fat Test	Price
	Dol/Cwt	Pct	Dol/Cwt	Pct	Dol/Cwt	Pct	Dol/Cwt	Pct	Dol/Head
AZ	12.00	3.73			12.00	3.73	12.20	3.69	
CA	12.00	3.75	11.40	4.18	11.99	3.75	12.40	3.82	
FL	16.00	3.64			16.00	3.64	16.30	3.65	
ID	10.70	3.69	10.20	3.93	10.70	3.69	11.10	3.72	
IL	10.90	3.82	10.80	3.79	10.90	3.82	11.30	3.82	
IN	14.50	3.77	10.30	3.88	14.20	3.78	14.40	3.83	
IA	12.00	3.81	9.90	3.90	11.90	3.81	12.00	3.83	
KY	14.50	3.75	9.20	4.00	14.40	3.75	14.60	3.80	
MI	12.70	3.74	13.00	3.75	12.70	3.74	13.10	3.80	
MN	11.90	3.83	10.00	3.87	11.80	3.83	12.20	3.82	
MO	12.40	3.83	9.90	3.97	12.30	3.84	12.60	3.86	
NM	12.60	3.73			12.60	3.73	12.80	3.74	
NY	13.90	3.78			13.90	3.78	14.40	3.78	
OH	12.80	3.80	11.00	3.85	12.70	3.80	13.10	3.85	
PA	14.50	3.80	9.20	3.90	14.40	3.80	14.70	3.80	
TX	13.40	3.81			13.40	3.81	13.50	3.82	
VT	14.20	3.78			14.20	3.78	14.40	3.77	
VA	15.60	3.73			15.60	3.73	15.80	3.75	
WA	12.60	3.73			12.60	3.73	13.10	3.75	
WI	11.60	3.84	10.30	3.99	11.50	3.85	12.00	3.84	
US	12.60	3.78	10.40	3.95	12.60	3.78	12.90	3.80	

- 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, November and December 2000, with Comparisons

Item	Dec 1999	Nov 2000	Dec 2000
Parity Equivalent.....Dol per Cwt	28.06	29.02	29.02
Average Price F.O.B.....Dol per Cwt	10.80	10.40	2/10.80
Average Fat Test of Milk..Percent	3.96	3.95	2/3.96

- 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 December 2000, with Comparisons 1/

Commodity and Unit	: Adjusted: : : Base : : Prices :	Parity Prices Based on Data for			: Prices as Percent : of Parity			
		: Dec : : 1999 :	: Nov : : 2000 :	: Dec : : 2000 :	: Dec : : 1999:	: Nov : : 2000:	: Dec : : 2000:	
		----- Dollars -----			----- Percents -----			
Basic Commodities	:							
All Wheat, Bu	:	.609	9.78	9.83	9.84	26	29	28
Rice, Cwt	:	1.80	27.80	29.10	29.10	22	19	19
Corn, Bu	:	.420	6.69	6.78	6.78	27	27	28
Cotton, Lb	:							
American Upland	:	.112	1.77	1.81	1.81	24	32	32
Extra Long Staple	:	.143	2.27	2.31	2.31			
Peanuts, Lb	:	.0426	.664	.688	.688	33	34	29
Tobacco, By Type, Lb	:							
Flue-Cured 11-14	:	.253	3.94	4.08	4.09		44	
VA Fire-Cured, 21	:	.254	3.89	4.10	4.10	47		41
KY-TN Fire-Cured, 22-23	:	.318	4.89	5.13	5.14			
Burley, 31	:	.270	4.16	4.36	4.36	46	45	45
Maryland, 32	:	.229	3.61	3.70	3.70			
Dark Air-Cured, 35-36	:	.272	4.16	4.39	4.39	53		46
Sun-Cured, 37	:	.231	3.53	3.73	3.73	45		49
PA Seedleaf, 41	:	.192	3.02	3.10	3.10			
Cigar Filler & Binder, 42-44, 54-55	:	.212	3.39	3.42	3.42			
Puerto Rican Filler, 46	:	.173	2.70	2.79	2.79			
Cigar Binder, 51-52	:	.612	8.63	9.88	9.88			
Designated Nonbasic	:							
All Milk, Sold to Plants, Per Cwt	:	1.99	30.80	32.10	32.10	2/38	2/36	2/38
Honey, Extracted, Lb	:	3/.0901	1.37	1.45	1.46			
Wool and Mohair	:							
Wool, Lb	:	.114	1.95	1.84	1.84			
Mohair, Lb	:	.240	3.61	3.87	3.88			
Other Nonbasic	:							
Barley, Bu	:	.375	5.99	6.05	6.06	38	35	34
Cottonseed, Ton	:	15.60	249.00	252.00	252.00	40	43	44
Dry Edible Beans, Cwt	:	3.11	51.00	50.20	50.20	32	31	30
Flaxseed, Bu	:	.739	12.20	11.90	11.90	30	29	29
Oats, Bu	:	.213	3.50	3.44	3.44	34	34	34
Potatoes, Cwt	:	.852	13.40	13.80	13.80	41	32	33
Rye, Bu	:	.328	5.10	5.29	5.30			
Sorghum Grain, Cwt	:	.661	10.50	10.70	10.70	25	31	31
Soybeans, Bu	:	.877	14.10	14.20	14.20	31	32	34
Sweetpotatoes, Cwt	:	2.07	31.90	33.40	33.40			
Apples, Fresh, Lb 4/	:	.0930	.453	1.50	1.50	51	12	12
Citrus (equiv on-tree), box:	:							
Grapefruit	:	.517	8.19	8.34	8.35	61	37	26
Lemons	:	1.22	18.80	19.70	19.70	68	20	25
Limes (FL)	:	1.30	18.30	21.00	21.00			
Oranges	:	.731	11.70	11.80	11.80	30	27	25
Tangerines	:	1.80	28.00	29.10	29.10	27	28	31
Temples (FL)	:	.635	9.93	10.20	10.30			
Beef Cattle, Cwt	:	9.74	153.00	157.00	157.00	44	44	45
Calves, Cwt	:	12.50	195.00	202.00	202.00	51	52	52
Hogs, Cwt	:	6.44	103.00	104.00	104.00	35	35	39
Lambs, Cwt	:	10.30	158.00	166.00	166.00	49	43	
Sheep, Cwt	:	4.26	65.80	68.80	68.80	51	49	
Eggs, Doz	:	.0952	1.51	1.54	1.54	2/37	2/50	2/49
Turkeys, Live, Lb	:	.0580	.900	.936	.937	47	50	43

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Parity Prices Based on Data for December 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	3.96	Peaches, cont.		
Spearmint Oil, Lb	1.80	29.10	Processing 5/ Excl Dried		
Tobacco, Lb Type 61	2.74	44.30	Clingstone, CA, Ton	31.80	514.00
Noncitrus Fruit			Pears, Ton		
Apples, Ton 6/ Processing	19.40	313.00	Fresh 4/	52.70	851.00
Apricots, Ton			Dried, CA 6/	152.00	2450.00
Fresh 7/	117.00	1890.00	Plums, CA, Ton		
Dried, CA	291.00	4700.00	Fresh, Equiv on-Tree	53.60	866.00
Avocados, Ton 7/	207.00	3340.00	Prunes, Dried, CA, Ton 6/	136.00	2200.00
Cherries			Prunes and Plums, Excl CA, Ton		
Sweet, Ton	163.00	2630.00	Fresh 9/	53.30	861.00
Tart, Lb	.0258	.417	Processing 6/ Excl Dried	23.60	381.00
Cranberry, Bbl 5/	7.45	120.00	Tree Nuts 10/		
Dates, CA, Ton 7/	143.00	2310.00	Almonds, Lb	.220	3.55
Grapes, Ton			Hazelnuts, Ton	118.00	1910.00
Raisin Variety	151.00	2440.00	Pistachio, Lb	.161	2.60
Other Dried	60.90	984.00	Walnuts, Ton	182.00	2940.00
Kiwifruit, Ton	72.50	1170.00	Vegetables, Cwt 11/		
Nectarines			Fresh		
Fresh, Calif, Ton 7/	63.60	1030.00	Carrots 8/	1.87	30.20
Olives, CA			Cauliflower 8/	4.32	69.80
Canning, Ton 5/	92.10	1490.00	Celery 8/	1.84	29.70
Papayas (HI) Lb	.0507	.819	Honeydew Melons	2.67	43.10
Peaches			Lettuce	2.19	35.40
Fresh, Lb 4/	.0388	.627	Onions 8/	1.72	27.80
Dried, CA, Ton	115.00	1860.00	Tomatoes	4.38	70.70

- 1/ Parity prices are computed under the provisions of Title III, Subtitle a, Section 301 (a) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 as amended by the Agricultural Acts of 1948, 1949, 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/ Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for CA, NY (apples only), OR (except peaches), and WA. Price at point of first sale for other states.
- 5/ Equivalent returns for bulk fruit at first delivery point.
- 6/ Equivalent returns at processing plant door.
- 7/ Equivalent returns at packinghouse door.
- 8/ Includes some processing.
- 9/ Based on "as sold" prices for fresh fruit in all states.
- 10/ Prices in-shell basis except almonds which are shelled basis.
- 11/ F.O.B. shipping point prices.

## 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 December index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) was 121 (1990-92=100), unchanged from November 2000 but 3.4 percent above December 1999.

**Production Index:** The December farm production, goods, and services index, at 118, was up 0.9 percent from last month and 4.4 percent above last year. Higher prices in December for feeder cattle, complete feeds, nitrogen fertilizers, and feeder pigs, more than offset lower prices for insecticides, diesel fuel, gasoline, and feed concentrates.

**Feed:** The Feed Index, at 103, was 1.0 percent more than November and 5.1 percent above last December. Since November, higher prices for complete feeds, feed grains, hay and forages, and feed supplements more than offset lower prices for feed concentrates.

**Livestock and Poultry:** The index for livestock and poultry purchases, at 115, was 2.7 percent higher than last month and 4.5 percent above last year. Since November, prices were higher for feeder cattle and feeder pigs. The December feeder cattle price at, \$96.90 per cwt, was up \$1.50 per cwt from the November price.

**Fertilizer:** The Fertilizer Index, at 117, was up 0.9 percent from November and 14 percent more than December a year ago. Since November, higher prices for nitrogen fertilizers more than offset lower prices for mixed fertilizers and potash and phosphate materials.

**Agricultural Chemicals:** The chemical index, at 117, was down 1.7 percent from both last month and December 1999. Lower prices in December for insecticides account for the index decline.

**Fuels:** The Fuels Index, at 152, was down 1.9 percent from a month earlier but 36 percent above December 1999. Compared to last month, prices were lower for diesel fuel and gasoline but higher for LP gas.

**Farm Machinery:** The December Farm Machinery Index was 137, unchanged from November and last December. Since November, prices were fractionally lower for self-propelled machinery.

**Consumer Price Index:** The November 2000 Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.1 percent, before seasonal adjustment, to a level of 174.1 (1982-84=100). This compares to the October index of 174.0. For the 12-month period ending in November, the overall index has increased 3.5 percent.

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

Indexes and Ratios	1910-14 = 100			1990-92 = 100		
	1999		2000		2000	
	Dec	Nov	Dec	Dec	Nov	Dec
	-----					
Prices Paid by Farmers for	:					
Commodities & Services,	:					
Interest, Taxes, & Wage	:					
Rates (PPITW)	1553	*1612	1615	117	121	121
Production	1098	*1139	1141	113	*117	118
Feed	478	*496	501	98	102	103
Livestock and Poultry	1404	*1438	1467	110	112	115
Seeds	1196	1223	1223	121	124	124
Fertilizer	379	*425	429	103	*116	117
Agricultural Chemicals	737	*734	724	119	*119	117
Fuels	861	*1196	1170	112	*155	152
Supplies & Repairs	871	*885	885	123	*125	125
Autos & Trucks	3188	*3151	3175	120	*119	119
Farm Machinery	3436	*3431	3430	137	137	137
Building Material	1637	*1639	1635	121	121	120
Farm Services & Rent	1365	*1383	1383			
Farm Services				116	118	118
Rent				113	113	113
Interest 1/	2663	2764	2764	106	110	110
Taxes 2/	3214	3281	3281	120	123	123
Wage Rates	5059	5357	5357	135	143	143
Production, Interest, Taxes,	:					
& Wage Rates (PITW)	1543	*1603	1606	115	*119	120
Family Living-CPI 3/	1598	*1654	1654	125	129	129
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Ratio (Received\Paid)				78	*81	81
Parity Ratio 4/	37	*39	39			
Parity Ratio Adjusted 5/	42	42	42			
PPITW Adjusted for	:					
Productivity 6/	1055	*1100	1101			
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Crop Sector (PPITW)				119	124	124
Livestock Sector (PPITW)				114	118	119
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Farm Sector (Production)				105	108	109
Non-Farm Sector (Production)				117	122	121

\* 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, December 2000 With Comparisons

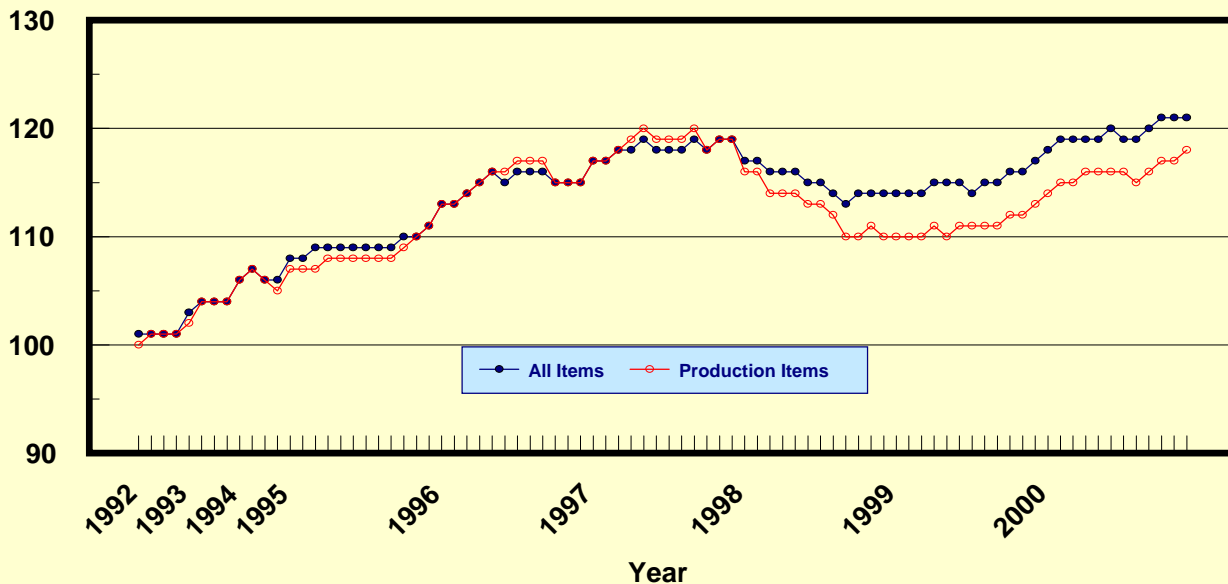
Index	Relative Weights		Input Indexes		
	5-Year Moving Average 1/		1999	2000	
	1999	2000	Dec	Nov	Dec
	----	Percent	----	(1990-92=100)	---
Production Items	67.4	67.3	113	*117	118
Feed	11.6	11.7	98	102	103
Feed Grains	1.7	1.7	77	*81	83
Complete Feeds	5.7	5.7	102	103	104
Hay/Forages	1.5	1.5	96	110	111
Concentrates	1.8	1.8	94	104	103
Supplements	1.0	1.0	118	*115	116
Livestock & Poultry	7.2	6.8	110	112	115
Feeder Cattle	5.6	5.3	109	113	114
Feeder Pigs	0.6	0.5	111	*106	118
Milk Cow Replacements	0.6	0.5	122	120	120
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	103	*116	117
Mixed Fertilizer	2.1	2.2	109	108	108
Nitrogen	2.0	2.1	94	*127	130
Potash & Phosphate	0.7	0.7	114	*107	106
Agricultural Chemicals	3.8	3.9	119	*119	117
Herbicides	2.4	2.5	112	111	111
Insecticides	0.9	0.9	140	*140	133
Fungicides/Other	0.5	0.6	120	119	119
Fuels	2.7	2.6	112	*155	152
Diesel	1.6	1.5	109	*162	158
Gasoline	0.8	0.8	110	*144	138
LP Gas	0.4	0.4	127	*149	153
Farm Supplies & Repairs	5.6	5.6	123	*125	125
Supplies	1.9	1.9	118	*119	119
Repairs	3.7	3.7	125	128	128
Autos & Trucks	1.4	1.6	120	*119	119
Autos	0.2	0.2	112	*112	113
Trucks	1.3	1.4	121	*120	120
Farm Machinery	4.0	4.0	137	137	137
Tractors	0.9	0.9	135	137	137
Self-Propelled	1.6	1.6	136	133	133
Other Machinery	1.5	1.5	140	141	141
Building Materials	2.8	2.8	121	121	120
Farm Services	12.4	12.4	116	118	118
Custom Rates	1.3	1.3	115	119	119
Other Services	11.1	11.2	116	118	118
Rent	8.2	8.1	113	113	113
Cash	3.9	4.0	137	137	137
Share	4.2	4.1	91	91	91
Interest	4.9	4.9	106	110	110
Taxes	3.1	3.1	120	123	123
Wage Rates	6.9	7.0	135	143	143
Family Living-CPI	17.7	17.7	125	129	129

1/ Weights may not add due to rounding.

\* Revised.

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

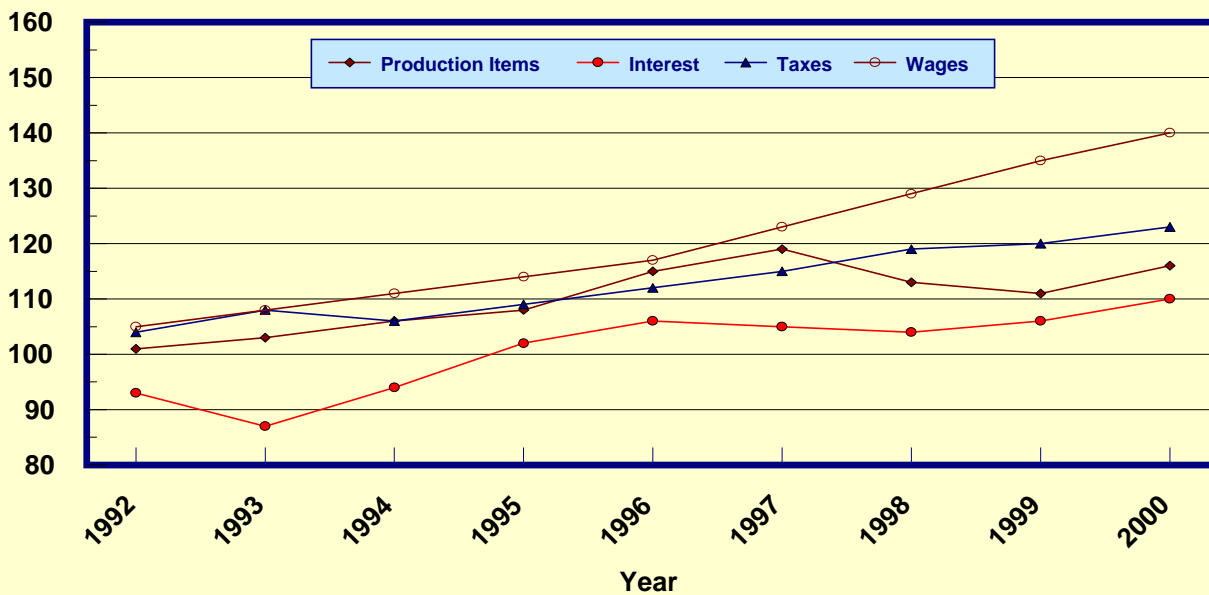
Percent (1990-92=100)



1/ Index values are monthly beginning in 1995.

## Prices Paid by Farmers, Major Indexes US, Annual Averages 1/

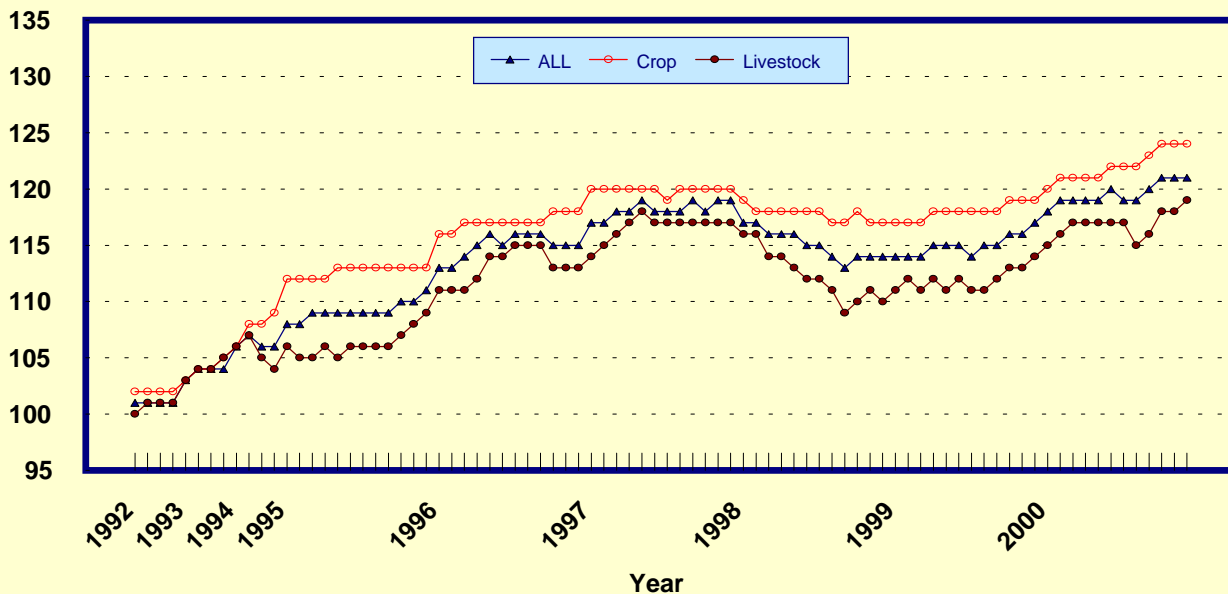
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1/ Index values for 2000 are year-to-date averages.

## Prices Paid by Farmers, Indexes, All Items US, By Farm Type 1/

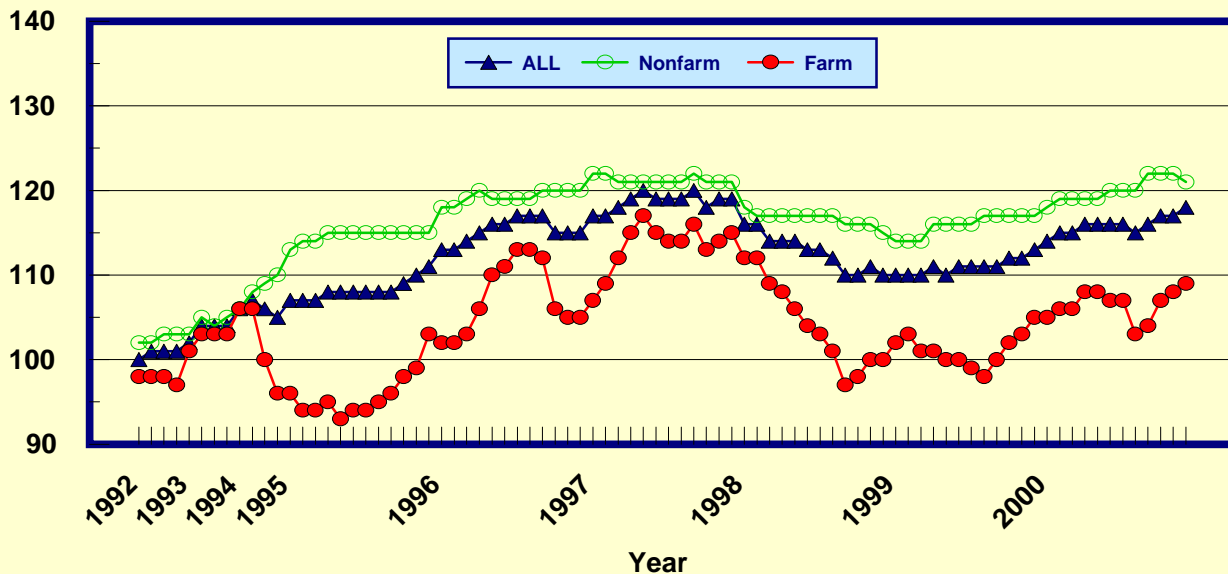
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## Prices Paid by Farmers, Indexes, All Production Items US, By Sector Origin 1/

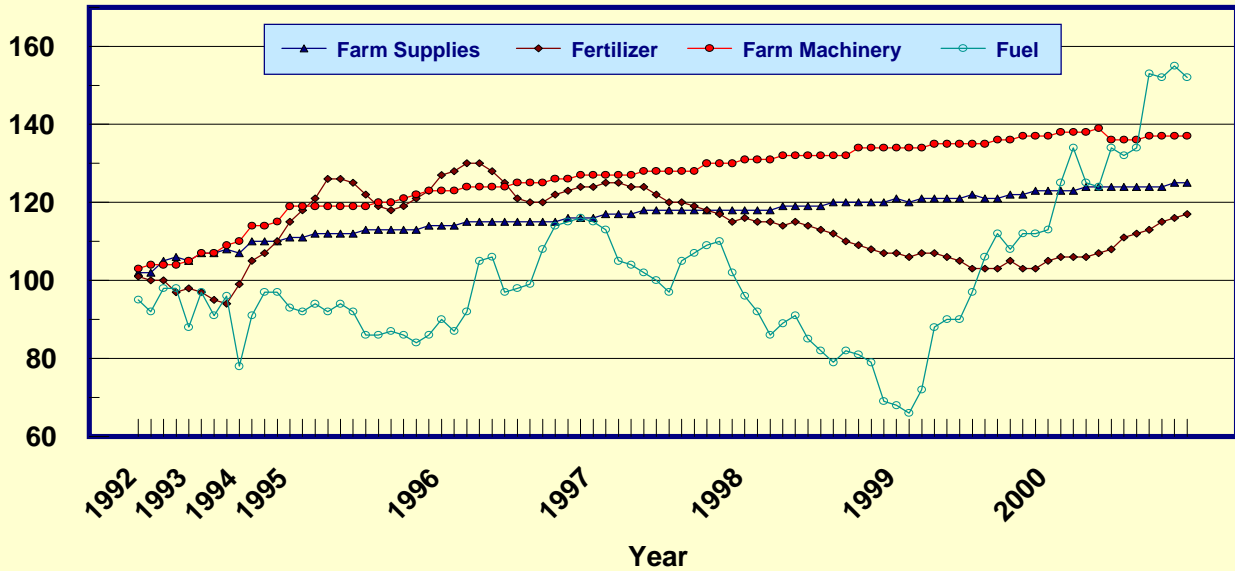
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## Prices Paid by Farmers, Selected Production Indexes US, By Non-Farm Sector 1/

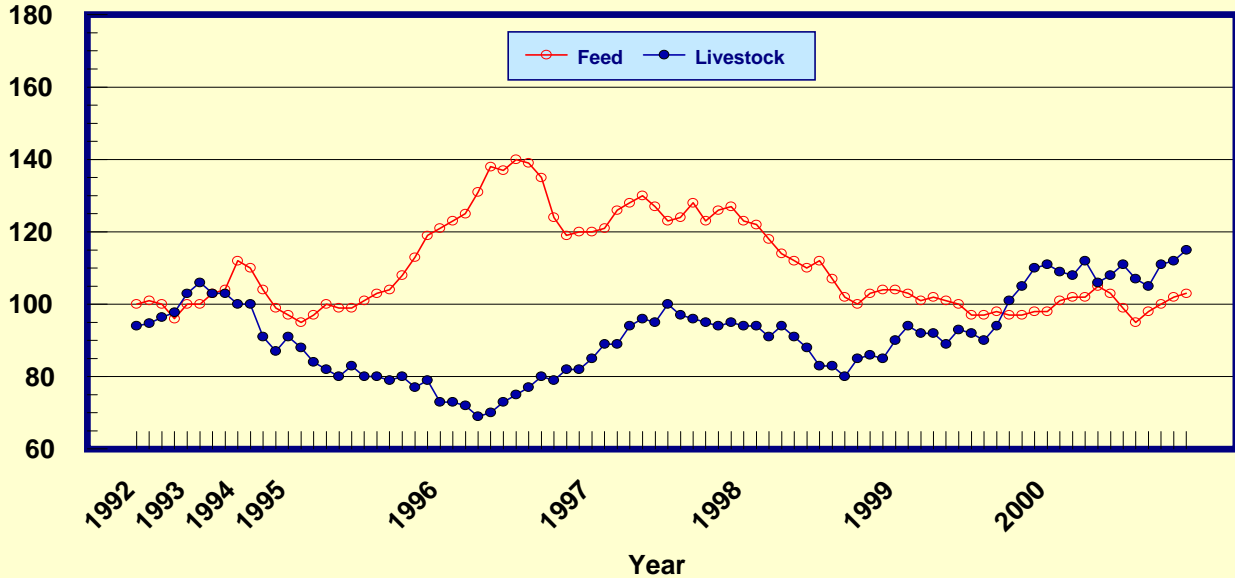
Percent (1990-92=100)



1/ Index values are monthly beginning in 1995.

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

Percent (1990-92=100)



1/ Index values are monthly beginning in 1995.

Feed Price Ratios: United States, December 2000 with Comparisons

Feed Price Ratio 1/	1999		2000	
	Dec	Nov	Dec	Nov
Broiler-Feed: Pounds of Broiler Grower Feed equal in value to 1 pound of broiler, live weight	7.4	*7.4	6.5	
Market Egg Feed: Pounds of Laying Feed equal in Value to 1 dozen eggs	10.1	*13.3	15.2	
Hog-Corn: Bushels of Corn equal in value to 100 pounds of hog, live weight	19.6	19.6	21.3	
Milk-Feed: Pounds of 16% Mixed Dairy Feed equal in value to 1 pound of Whole Milk	3.24	*3.03	3.04	
Steer & Heifer-Corn: Bushels of Corn equal in value to 100 pounds of Steer & Heifers, live weight	38.9	*39.7	39.9	
Turkey-Feed: Pounds of Turkey Grower equal in value to 1 pound of Turkey, live weight	9.2	*9.8	8.2	

1/ Effective March 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, December 2000 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	1999		2000	
		Dec	Nov	Dec	Nov
Broilers, Live	Lb	0.368	0.380	0.350	
Eggs, Market	Doz	0.433	0.584	0.694	
Hogs, All	Cwt	35.60	*36.40	40.60	
Milk, All	Cwt	12.20	*12.60	12.90	
Steers and Heifers	Cwt	70.80	*73.80	76.20	
Turkeys, Live	Lb	0.422	0.470	0.405	
Corn	Bu	1.82	*1.86	1.91	
Hay, Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	74.10	90.40	91.00	
Soybeans	Bu	4.43	*4.55	4.84	
Wheat, All	Bu	2.52	*2.83	2.75	

\* Revised.

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

Commodity	Unit	1999		2000	
		Dec	Nov	Dec	Nov
Dollars					
Feeders and Stockers					
Cattle and Calves	Cwt	91.90	95.40	96.90	
Feeder Pigs	Cwt	102.00	*97.50	108.00	

\*Revised.

Feed: Annual Average Prices Paid, United States, 1995-96 and May 1997-00

Item	Unit	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000 1/
		Dollars					
Alfalfa Meal	Cwt	11.80	12.30	13.60	13.80	12.80	12.50
Alfalfa Pellets	"	12.00	12.40	13.40	13.60	12.80	12.40
Bran	"	11.20	13.00	14.20	13.80	13.40	13.20
Beef Cattle Conc.							
32-36% Protein	Ton	251	316	325	292	258	261
Corn Meal	Cwt	7.86	10.60	9.30	8.57	7.54	7.67
Cottonseed Meal, 41%	"	14.20	16.80	17.20	16.00	14.60	14.90
Dairy Feed							
14% Protein	Ton	162	216	202	186	167	170
16% Protein	"	174	225	215	194	180	175
18% Protein	"	183	238	230	206	181	179
20% Protein	"	186	239	238	207	186	183
32% Protein Conc.	"	276	333	362	302	272	287
Hog Feed							
14-18% Protein	"	210	252	252	227	200	203
38-42% Protein Conc.	"	292	351	389	317	280	297
Molasses, Liquid	Cwt	11.30	11.80	12.20	11.90	12.00	12.00
Poultry Feed							
Broiler Grower	Ton	195	265	270	257	242	226
Chick Starter	"	212	280	284	268	242	249
Laying Feed	"	195	258	251	224	208	206
Turkey Grower	"	242	312	305	278	261	255
Soybean Meal, 44%	Cwt	12.40	15.60	17.70	14.30	12.20	13.00
Stock Salt	50 Lb	3.76	3.82	3.92	3.91	3.99	4.01
Trace Mineral Blocks 2/	50 Lb	4.85	4.90	5.05	4.98	4.98	5.02

		Index (1990-92=100)					
Feed Prices							
Paid Index 3/	Pct	103	129	125	110	100	100

1/ May survey only, quarterly surveys discontinued February 1996.

2/ Survey item added May 1996.

3/ Annual Average for all years.

Feeder Livestock : Annual Average Prices Paid, United States, 1995-2000

Item	Unit	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
		Dollars					
Broiler Chicks	100	18.60	18.60	19.70	19.50	20.30	1/
Egg-Type Chicks	100	49.80	53.80	53.10	53.70	53.60	1/
Feeders and Stockers							
Cattle and Calves	Cwt	67.70	59.40	*77.10	74.20	79.10	91.00
Feeder Pigs	Cwt	64.00	77.10	99.80	*59.30	76.90	112.00
Turkey Poults	Each	1.06	1.10	1.08	1.15	1.14	1/

		Index (1990=92=100)					
Livestock and Poultry							
Prices Paid Index	Pct	94	82	75	88	95	109

1/ Annual average data are published in April 2000.

\* Revised.



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 \* The data presented in the following tables are calculated and published \*  
 \* for use by the Forest Service, USDA and the Bureau of Land Management, \*  
 \* USDI in computing Public Land Grazing Fees. \*  
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2000 Prices Paid Index for Beef Cattle Production (1964-68=100) 1/:554

1/ The Index of Prices Paid by Farmers and Ranchers for Beef Cattle Production input items is for the period of November 1999 through October 2000. The components of this index include the production indexes of Fuels & Energy, Farm & Motor Supplies, Building & Fencing Materials, Interest, Farm Wage Rates, and Farm Services. These components are weighted to the overall index value by their importance in the cost of producing beef cattle, the weights are unchanged from a year earlier.

Cattle: Prices Received, Selected States, 2000 1/

State	:	Beef Cattle
		Dollars Per Cwt
9 Great Plains States 2/	:	70.10
11 Western States 3/	:	68.88
16 Western States 4/	:	69.63
17 Western States 5/	:	69.69

- 1/ Average for November 1999 through October 2000, except NV, UT, and WA which are marketing year averages.  
 2/ CO, KS, NE, NM, ND, OK, SD, TX, and WY.  
 3/ AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, AND WY.  
 4/ Eleven Western States plus KS, NE, ND, OK, and SD.  
 5/ Sixteen Western States plus TX.

## 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).

Periodic Features of the Monthly Price Reports for 2000

Prices Received

Month Published

A. Annual or Marketing Year Average Prices:

Barley, by State and U.S., 1998 and 1999 .....	Aug
Cattle, by State and U.S., 1998 and 1999 .....	Feb
Chickens, by State and U.S., 1998 and 1999 .....	Apr
Citrus Crops:	
Grapefruit, 1997-1998, 1998-1999 and 1999-2000 .....	Sep
Lemons, 1997-1998, 1998-1999, and 1999-2000 .....	Sep
Limes, Florida, 1998-1999, and 1999-2000 Preliminary ...	Jan
Limes, 1997-1998, 1998-1999, and 1999-2000 .....	Sep
Oranges, 1997-1998, 1998-1999, and 1999-2000 .....	Sep
Tangelos, 1997-1998, 1998-1999, and 1999-2000 .....	Sep
Tangerines, 1997-1998, 1998-1999, and 1999-2000 .....	Sep
Temples, 1997-1998, 1998-1999, and 1999-2000 .....	Sep
Corn, by State and U.S., 1998 and 1999 .....	Nov
Cotton, by Type, State and U.S., 1998 and 1999 .....	Oct
Cottonseed, by State, 1999-2000 .....	Oct
Cranberries, by State and U.S., 1998 and 1999 .....	Aug
Dry Beans, by State and U.S., 1998 and 1999 .....	Nov
Eggs, by State and U.S., 1998 and 1999 .....	Apr
Flaxseed, by State and U.S., 1998 and 1999 .....	Nov
Hay, by State and U.S., 1998 and 1999 .....	Sep
Hogs, by State and U.S., 1998 and 1999 .....	Feb
Milk, Sold to Plants, by Grade, Price and Fat Test	
by State, 1998 and 1999 and U.S., 1994-1999 .....	Apr
Mohair, by State and U.S., 1998 and 1999 .....	Feb
Non-Citrus Fruit, 1997-1999, by State .....	Feb
Peanuts, by State and U.S., 1998 and 1999 .....	Nov
Potatoes, by State and U.S.,	
Preliminary 1999 .....	Feb
Revised 1999 .....	Sep
Rice, by State and U.S. by Length of Grain, 1997 and 1998.	Jan
Rye, by State and U.S., 1998 and 1999 .....	Aug
Sheep, by State and U.S., 1998 and 1999 .....	Feb
Sorghum, by State and U.S., 1998 and 1999 .....	Nov
Soybeans, by State and U.S., 1998 and 1999 .....	Nov
Sunflower, by State and U.S., 1998 and 1999 .....	Nov
Sweetpotatoes, by State and U.S.,	
1997, 1998 and Preliminary 1999 .....	Jan
1997, 1998 and Revised 1999 .....	Jun
Sugar Crops, United States, 1999 .....	Jul
Tobacco, by Type, State and U.S., 1998 and 1999 .....	May
Turkeys, by State and U.S., 1998 and 1999 .....	Apr
Wheat, by Type, State and U.S., 1998 and 1999 .....	Aug
Wool, by State and U.S., 1998 and 1999 .....	Feb

B. Monthly Prices - Revised:

Apples, U.S., July 1997 - December 1999 .....	Jan
Apples, by State and U.S., July 1998 - August 1999 .....	Feb
Apples, by State and U.S., July 1998 - June 2000 .....	Jul
Barley, by State and U.S., Marketing Years,	
1998-1999 and 1999-2000 .....	Aug
Cattle, by State and U.S., 1998 and 1999 .....	Feb
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