



Agricultural Prices

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Prices Received Index up 4 Points

The Preliminary All Farms Products Index of Prices Received in March was 104 based on 1990-92=100, up 4 points (4.0 percent) from the February Index. Higher prices for hogs, broilers, milk, and cattle were partially offset by lower prices for apples, lettuce, strawberries, and corn. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Higher seasonal marketings of strawberries, asparagus, milk, and broilers were partially offset by lower marketings of cattle, cotton, oranges, and corn.

Compared with March 2000, the All Farm Products Index was 8 points (8.3 percent) higher. Price increases from March 2000 for milk, cattle, broilers, and strawberries were partially offset by lower prices for soybeans, corn, apples, grapefruit, and potatoes.

Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The March Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) was 124 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index was unchanged from February but 5 points (4.2 percent) above March 2000. Lower prices in March for insecticides, feed concentrates, complete feeds, and diesel fuel were offset by higher prices for herbicides, nitrogen fertilizers, LP gas, and feeder cattle.

Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92=100	2000		2001	
	Feb	Mar	Feb	Mar
Prices Received	93	96	100	104
Prices Paid	119	119	124	124
Ratio 1/	78	81	81	84

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

Prices Received by Farmers

The March All Farm Products Index was 104 percent of its 1990-92 base, up 4 percent from the February index and up 8.3 percent from the March 2000 index.

All Crops: The March index was 100, up 2.0 percent from February and 5.3 percent above March 2000. From February, index increases for fruits and nuts, potatoes and dry beans, food grains, and cotton more than offset index decreases for tobacco, oil-bearing crops, and feed grains and hay.

Food Grains: The March index, at 93, was up 2.2 percent from the previous month and 8.1 percent above March 2000. The March all wheat price, at \$2.89 per bushel, was up 6 cents from February and 30 cents above March 2000.

Feed Grains & Hay: The March index, at 89, was down 1.1 percent from both last month and March 2000. The corn price, at \$1.91 per bushel, was down 5 cents from last month and 12 cents below March 2000. The all hay price, at \$87.20 per ton, was \$0.40 above February and \$12.40 above last March. Grain sorghum, at \$3.42 per cwt, was down 6 cents from February but 21 cents above March last year.

Oil-Bearing Crops: The March index, at 77, was down 3.7 percent from February and 12 percent below March 2000. The soybean price, at \$4.29 per bushel, decreased 17 cents from February and was 62 cents below March 2000.

Potatoes and Dry Beans: The March index, at 94, was 11 percent above last month but 9.6 percent below March 2000. The all potato price, at \$5.62 per cwt, was up 60 cents from the previous month, but 64 cents below last March. The dry edible bean price, at \$14.80 per cwt, was 40 cents below last month but 30 cents above March 2000. The all potato price increased as early winter and spring season potatoes and seed sales increased.

Cotton: The March index, at 82, was up 1.2 percent from February and 3.8 percent above March 2000. The March price, at 49.6 cents per pound, was up 0.5 cents from the previous month and 1.9 cents above last March.

Fruit and Nuts: The March fruit and nut index, at 104, was up 13 percent from the previous month and 11 percent above March 2000. Since February, orange and lemon prices have increased due to higher fresh fruit prices. In addition, increased fresh fruit movement and decreased processed fruit movement contributed to the price increases.

Commercial Vegetables: The March index, at 144, was unchanged from last month but 35 percent above March 2000. Price increases during March for tomatoes, onions, celery, and carrots offset price declines for lettuce, snap beans, asparagus, cauliflower, and broccoli.

Livestock and Products: The March index, at 107, was up 4.9 percent from last month and 11 percent from March 2000. Compared with a year ago, prices were higher for all milk, broilers, cattle, eggs, hogs, and calves but lower for turkeys.

Meat Animals: The March index, at 103, was up 5.1 percent from last month and 8.4 percent from a year ago. The March hog price was \$45.10 per cwt, up \$6.00 from February and \$3.40 from a year ago. February hog slaughter was down 12 percent from last month. The March beef cattle price of \$77.00 was up \$2.20 from last month and \$7.20 from March 2000. February cattle slaughter was down 14 percent from January.

Dairy Products: The March index, at 104, was up 4.0 percent from February and 14 percent above March 2000. The March all milk price, at \$13.60 per cwt, was up 60 cents from February and \$1.70 from last year. March prices increased for both fluid and manufacturing grade milk. Cheese prices increased the first two full weeks of March.

Poultry and Eggs: The March index, at 119, was up 6.3 percent from February and 14 percent above a year ago. The March broiler price, at 40.0 cents per pound, was up 3.0 cents from February. Demand has firmed in most markets and supplies have moderated. Market egg prices increased 0.9 cents to 51.8 cents per dozen, with ample supplies and improving seasonal demand. Turkey prices increased 0.8 cents to 37.1 cents per pound. Demand was light to moderate.

Index Numbers of Prices Received, United States, March 2001,
with Comparisons

Index	1910-14=100				1990-92=100			
	2000		2001		2000		2001	
	Average:	Mar	Feb	Mar	Mar	Feb	Mar	
All Farm Products	639	608	*634	659	96	*100	104	
All Crops	500	471	*482	493	95	*98	100	
Food Grains	325	272	*291	295	86	91	93	
Feed Grains & Hay	363	323	*323	318	90	*90	89	
Cotton	517	403	*415	419	79	*81	82	
Tobacco	1263	1652	*1791	1583	109	*118	105	
Oil-Bearing Crops	554	479	*437	419	88	*80	77	
Fruit & Nuts	716	656	*644	724	94	92	104	
Commercial Vegetables	698	712	*963	963	107	144	144	
Potatoes & Dry Beans	540	524	431	474	104	85	94	
Other Crops	493	532	532	532	108	108	108	
Livestock & Products	768	736	780	822	96	102	107	
Meat Animals	1021	963	*999	1051	95	98	103	
Dairy Products	799	731	*799	836	91	100	104	
Poultry & Eggs	282	293	314	333	104	112	119	
Food Commodities					95	101	106	

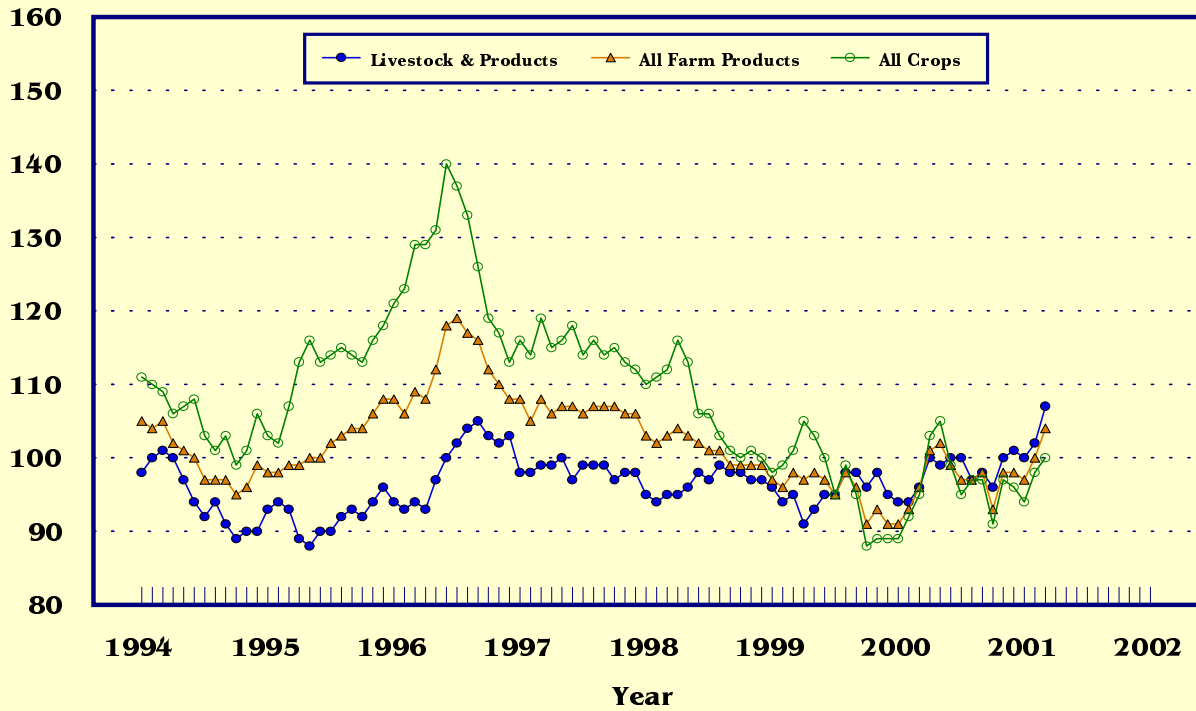
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Selected Index Numbers for Prices Received and Paid,
1990-92=100, by Months, United States, 2000 and 2001

Month	Index of Prices Received				Index of Prices Paid					
	All Farm		All		Livestock		All		Production	
	Products	Crops	Products	Crops	and	Products	Items	Items	Items	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
Jan	91	97	89	94	94	100	118	124	114	120
Feb	93	100	92	98	94	102	119	124	115	120
Mar	96	104	95	100	96	107	119	124	115	120
Apr	101		103		100		119		116	
May	102		105		99		119		116	
Jun	99		99		100		120		116	
Jul	97		95		100		119		116	
Aug	97		97		97		119		115	
Sep	98		97		98		120		116	
Oct	93		91		96		121		117	
Nov	98		97		100		121		117	
Dec	98		96		101		122		118	

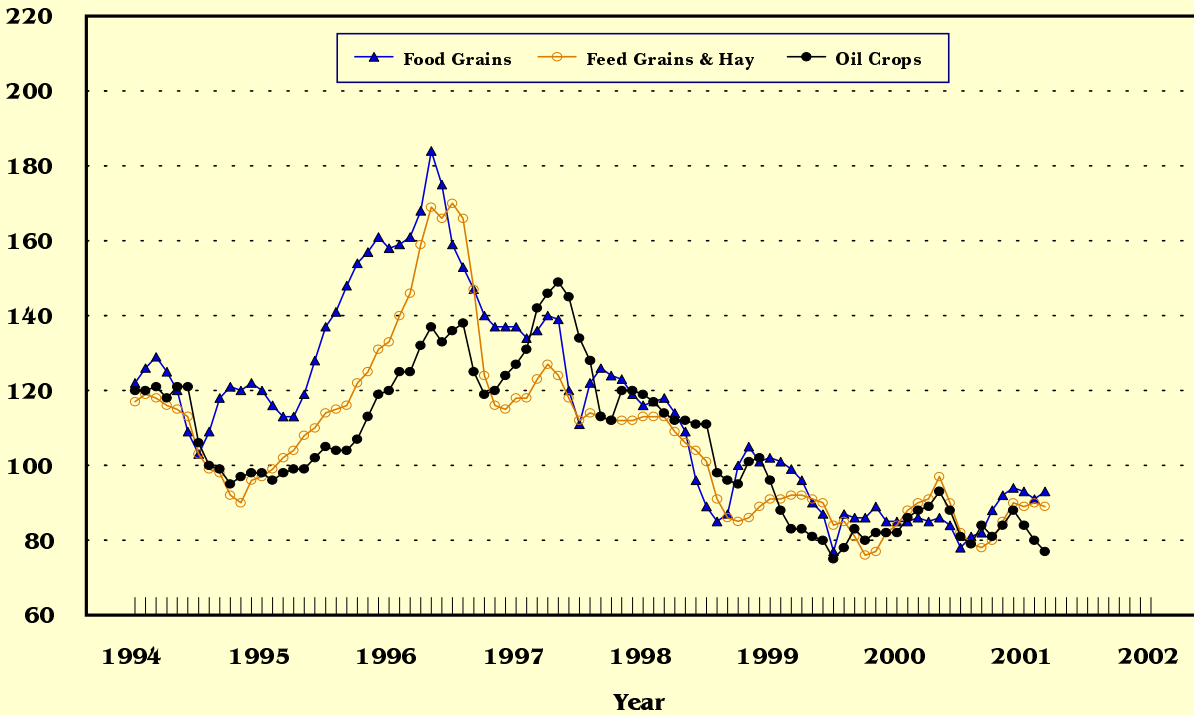
Prices Received, Major Indexes, US

Index Values(1990-92=100)



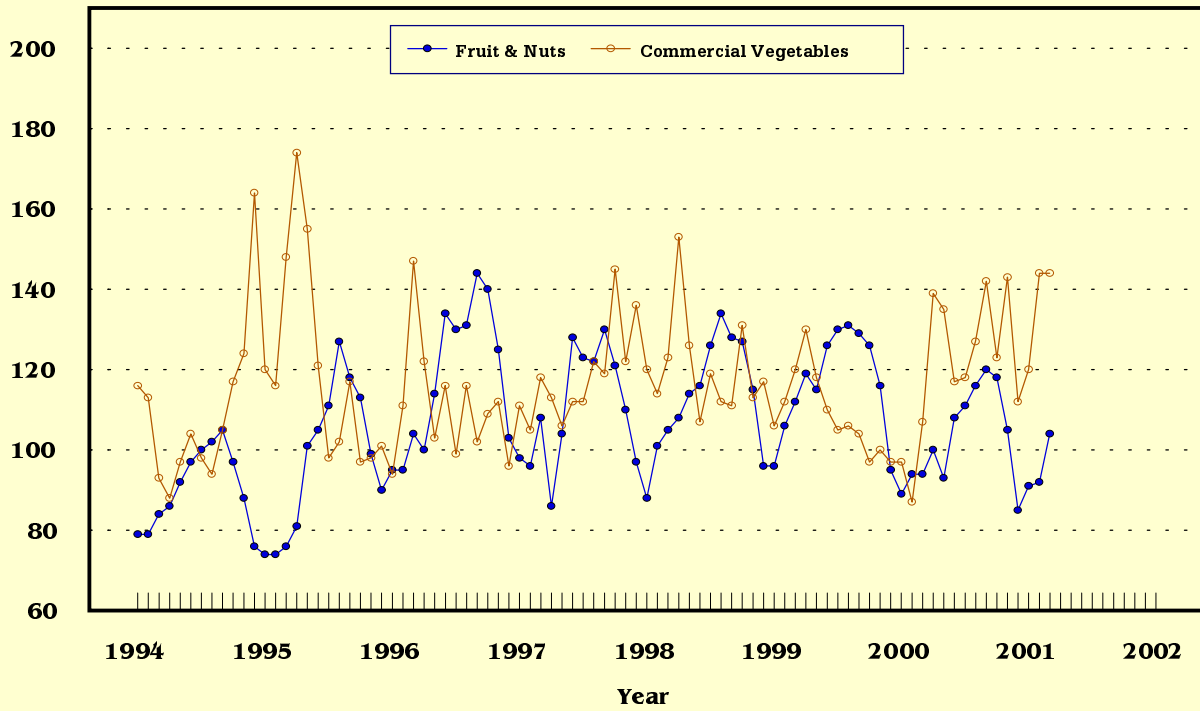
Prices Received, Food, Feed & Oil Indexes, US

Index Values(1990-92=100)



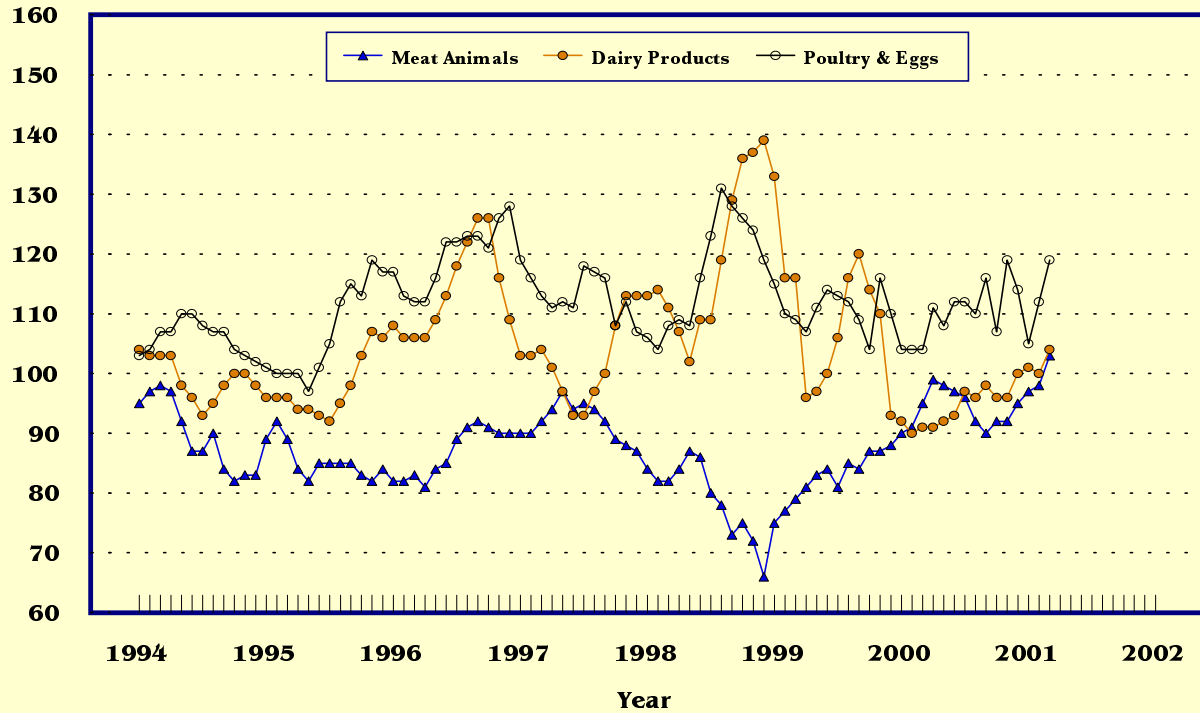
Prices Received, Fruit/Vegetable Indexes, US

Index Values(1990-92=100)



Prices Received, Livestock Product Indexes, US

Index Values(1990-92=100)



Prices Received, United States,
March 2001, with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Average 1990-92	Entire Month		Preliminary
			Mar 2000	Feb 2001	Mar 2001
Dollars					
Field Crops					
Barley, All	Bu	2.12	2.23	2.07	2.16
Feed	Bu	1.90	1.78	1.76	1.87
Malting	Bu	2.43	2.53	2.21	2.36
Beans, Dry Edible	Cwt	19.10	14.50	15.20	14.80
Corn	Bu	2.30	2.03	1.96	1.91
Cotton, Upland	Lb	.606	.477	.491	.496
Cottonseed	Ton	96.00		114.00	
Flaxseed	Bu	4.27	3.70	3.40	3.66
Hay, All, Baled 1/	Ton	76.30	74.80	86.80	87.20
Alfalfa 1/	Ton	77.20	77.70	94.20	93.70
Other 1/	Ton	60.00	68.90	71.20	71.30
Oats	Bu	1.22	1.28	1.27	1.25
Peanuts, In-Shell	Lb	.304			
Potatoes	Cwt	5.82	6.26	5.02	5.62
Rice, Rough	Cwt	7.07	5.71	5.72	5.70
Sorghum Grain	Cwt	3.75	3.21	3.48	3.42
Soybeans	Bu	5.61	4.91	4.46	4.29
Sunflower 2/	Cwt	9.50	8.53	7.38	7.86
Tobacco	Lb	1.740	1.900	2.060	1.820
Wheat, All	Bu	2.96	2.59	2.83	2.89
Winter	Bu	2.93	2.37	2.74	2.86
Durum	Bu	2.86	2.63	2.60	2.67
Other Spring	Bu	3.11	2.85	2.99	2.99
Hard Red Winter	Bu		2.37	2.84	
Soft Red Winter	Bu		2.30	2.47	
Hard Red Spring	Bu		2.89	3.04	
White	Bu	3.24	2.40	2.71	
Fruit					
Citrus-Equiv on-tree					
Grapefruit	Box	5.77	3.83	2.07	1.53
Lemons	Box	10.10	10.20	1.37	2.90
Limes 3/	Box	10.15			
Oranges	Box	5.79	3.82	3.29	4.13
Tangelos	Box	5.82		-.280	
Tangerines	Box	15.11	7.38	10.20	10.95
Temples	Box	6.23	1.90	2.03	.770
Non-citrus					
Apples, Fresh 4/	Lb	.212	.198	.152	.142
Grapes, Fresh 4/	Ton	506.00			
Peaches, Fresh 4/	Lb	.216			
Pears, Fresh 4/	Ton	370.00	334.00	251.00	274.00
Strawberries, Fresh	Lb	.560	.645	1.07	.951

- 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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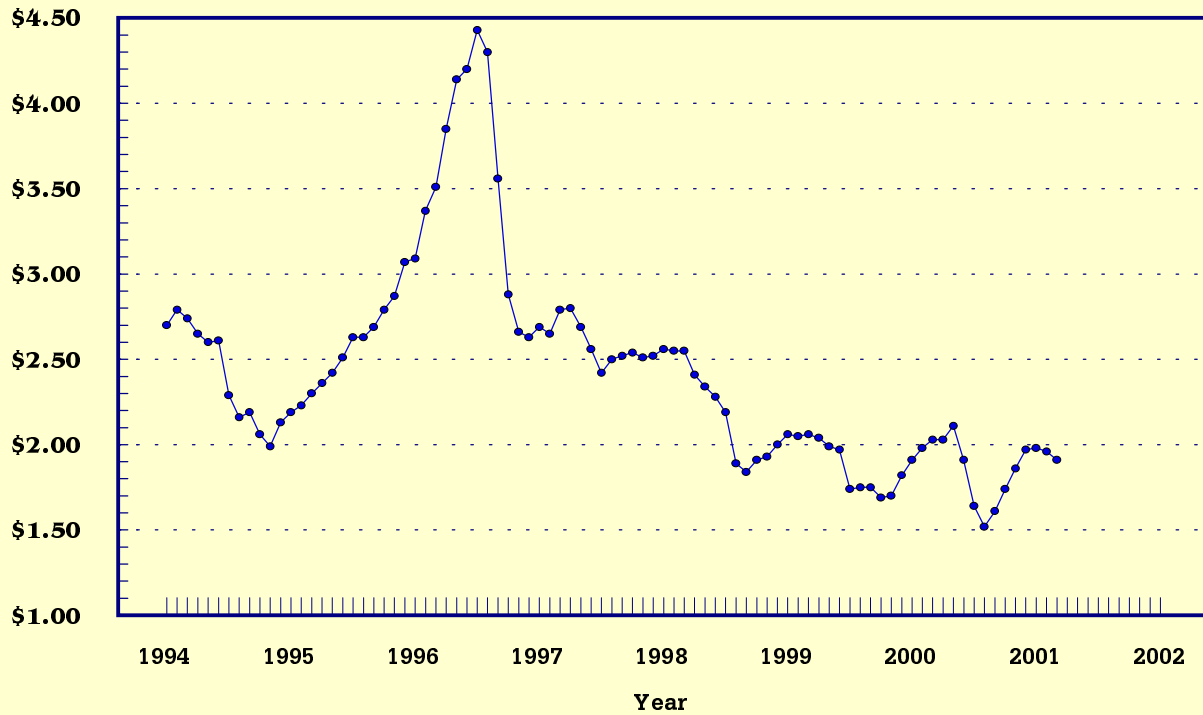
Prices Received, United States,
March 2001, with Comparisons (continued)

Commodity	Unit	Average 1990-92	Entire Month		Preliminary
			Mar 2000	Feb 2001	Mar 2001
Dollars					
Vegetables, Fresh 1/					
Asparagus	Cwt	79.80	98.60	256.00	181.00
Broccoli	Cwt	22.50	26.80	32.30	28.60
Cantaloupes 2/	Cwt	13.90			
Carrots	Cwt	13.20	11.80	16.70	17.30
Cauliflower	Cwt	26.80	31.70	37.50	24.70
Celery	Cwt	11.60	12.90	15.00	17.60
Corn, Sweet	Cwt	15.70	18.80	35.10	28.10
Cucumbers 2/	Cwt		28.50		32.70
Lettuce	Cwt	11.90	14.00	23.20	20.90
Onions	Cwt	12.80	6.67	14.10	15.20
Snap Beans 2/	Cwt		43.70	69.40	42.30
Tomatoes	Cwt	32.30	30.00	28.70	44.70
Livestock					
Calves	Cwt	94.30	109.00	109.00	111.00
Cattle, All Beef	Cwt	72.90	69.80	74.80	77.00
Cows	Cwt	49.60	39.00	42.70	43.20
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	77.10	73.40	78.90	81.10
Milk Cows 3/	Head	1130.00			
Hogs, All	Cwt	47.70	41.70	39.10	45.10
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	48.40	42.00	39.50	45.70
Sows	Cwt	39.50	34.30	30.70	34.30
Lambs	Cwt	56.20	80.20	80.10	
Sheep	Cwt	23.40	38.80	43.60	
Dairy and Poultry					
Milk, All 4/	Cwt	13.06	11.90	13.00	5/13.60
Fluid Grade	Cwt	13.10	12.00	13.10	5/13.70
Mfg Grade	Cwt	11.80	10.10	11.10	5/11.80
Broilers, Live 6/	Lb	.317	.349	.370	.400
Eggs, All 7/	Doz	.643	.574	.682	.691
Market 7/	Doz	.546	.382	.509	.518
Turkeys, Live 6/7/	Lb	.380	.382	.363	.371
Adjusted for Seasonal Variation					
Eggs, All	Doz	.545	.552	.626	.677
Milk, All 4/	Cwt	9.71	12.02	13.00	13.74

- 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 3.72, fluid milk 3.72, mfg grade 3.86.
- 6/ Liveweight equivalent price.
- 7/ Mid-month price.

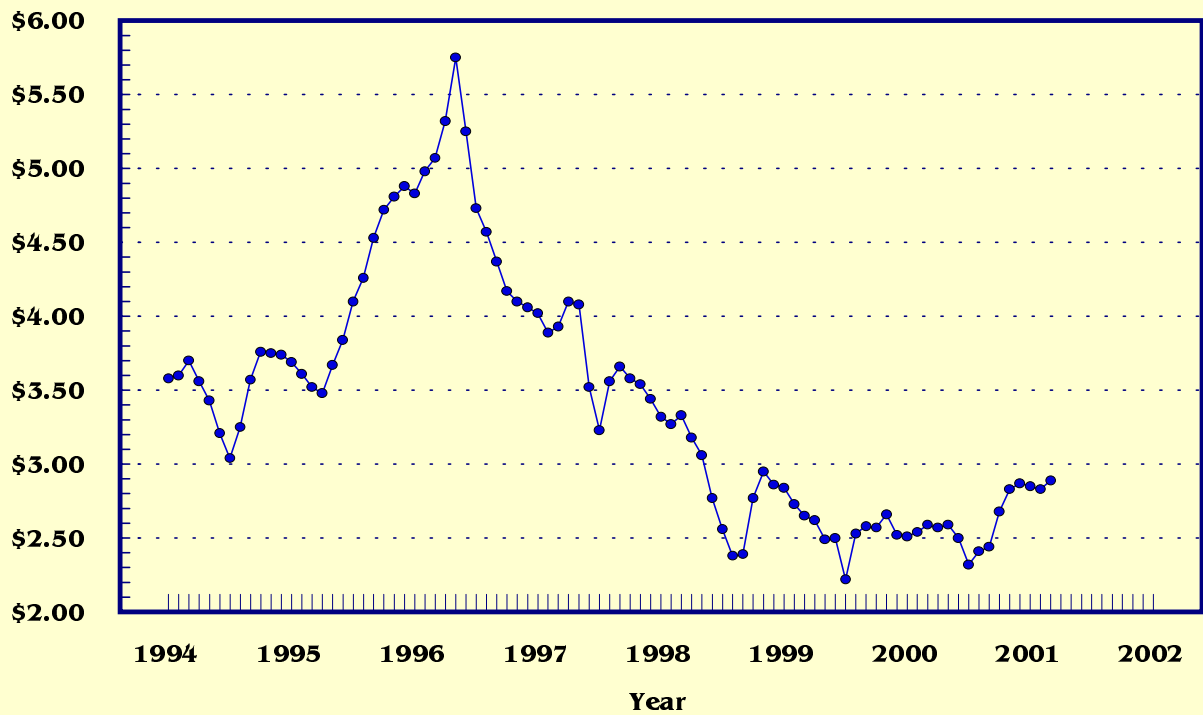
Prices Received, Corn, US

Dollars per Bu



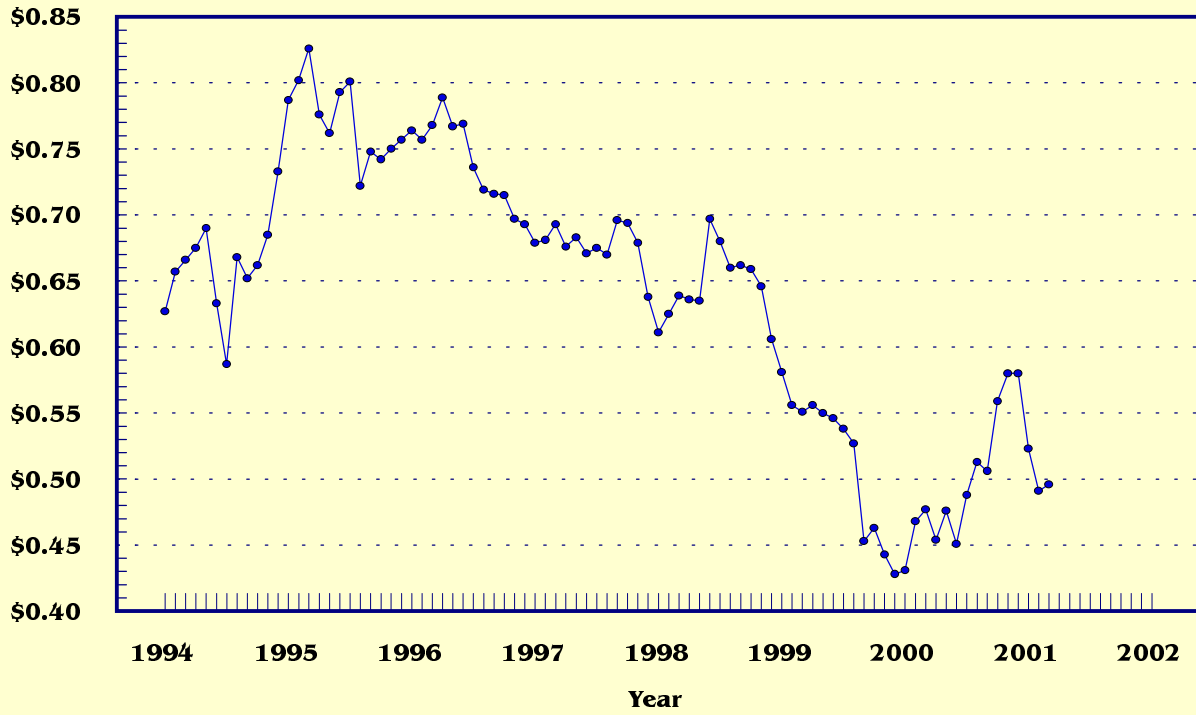
Prices Received, Wheat, US

Dollars per Bu



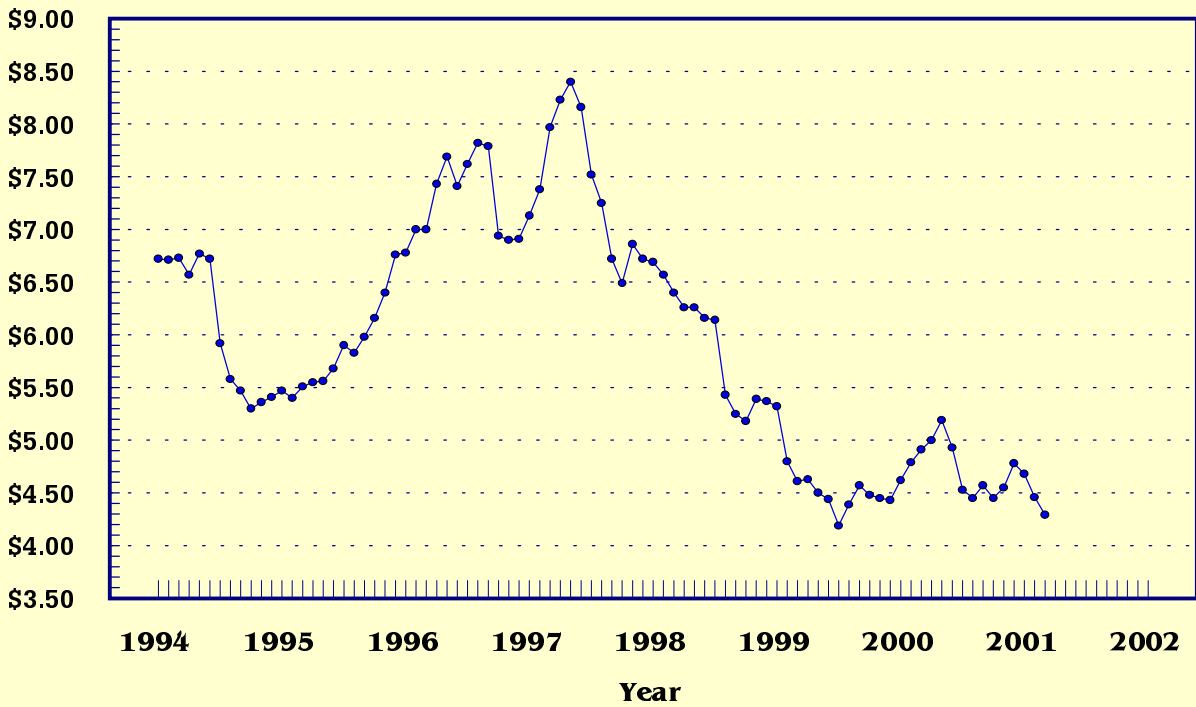
Prices Received, Cotton, US

Dollars per Lb



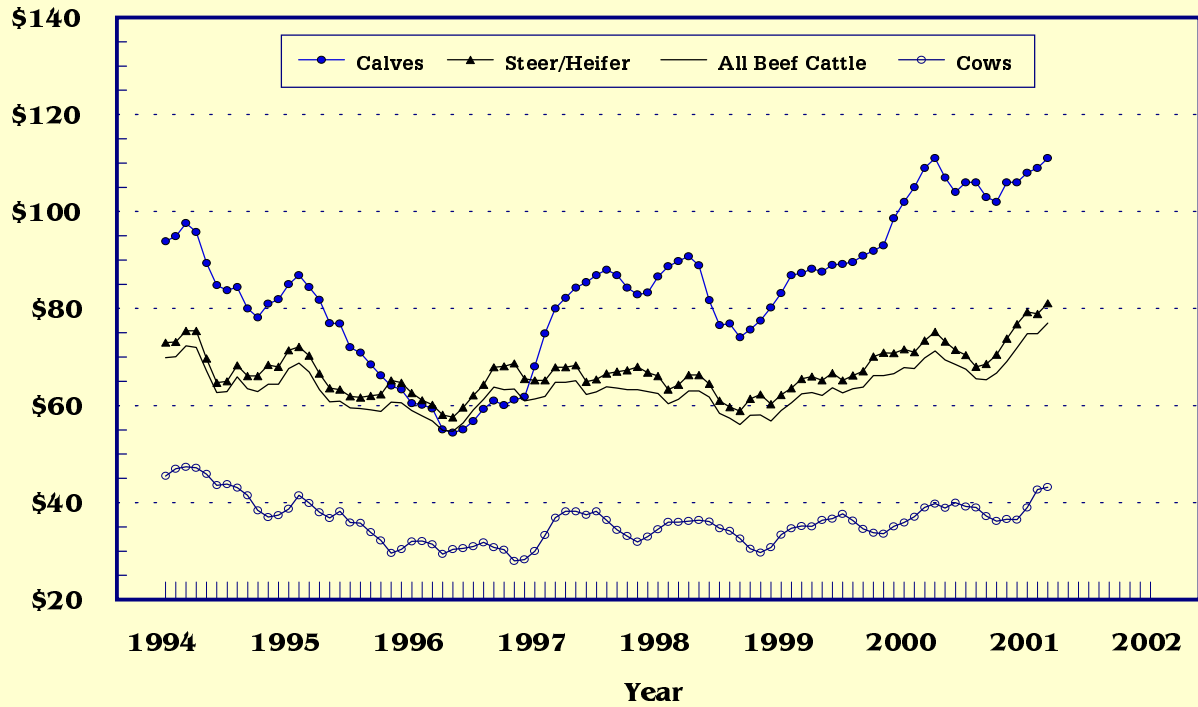
Prices Received, Soybeans, US

Dollars per Bu



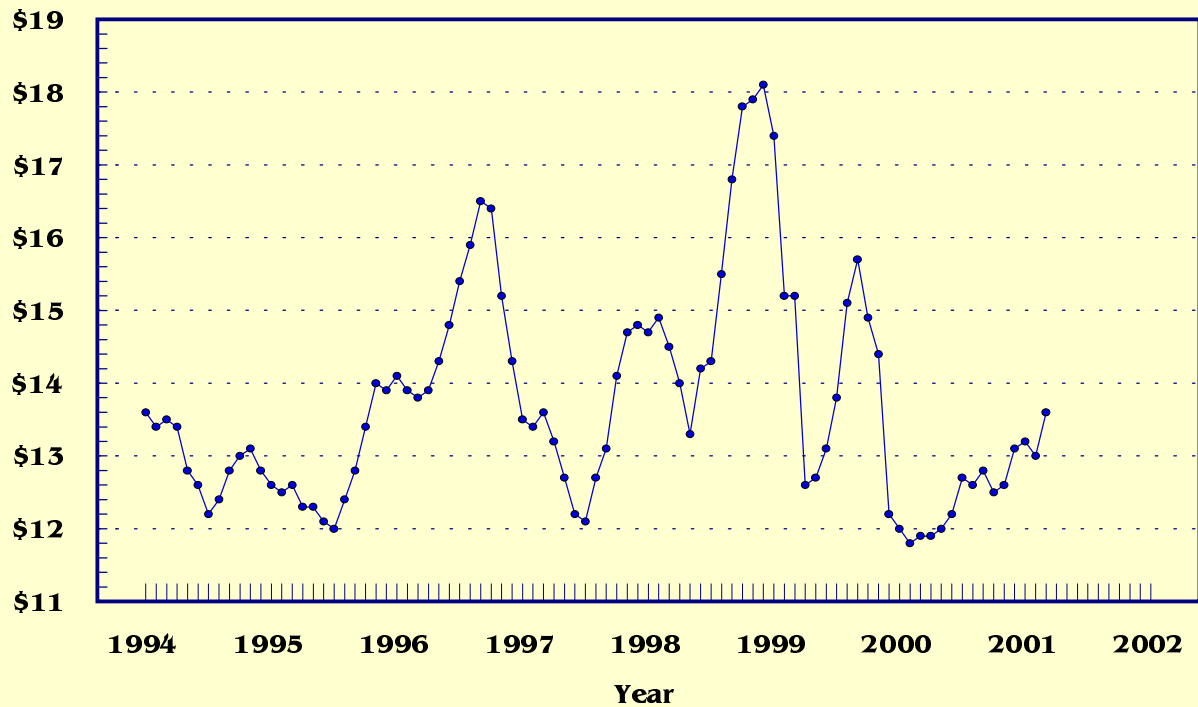
Prices Received, Cattle, US

Dollars per Cwt



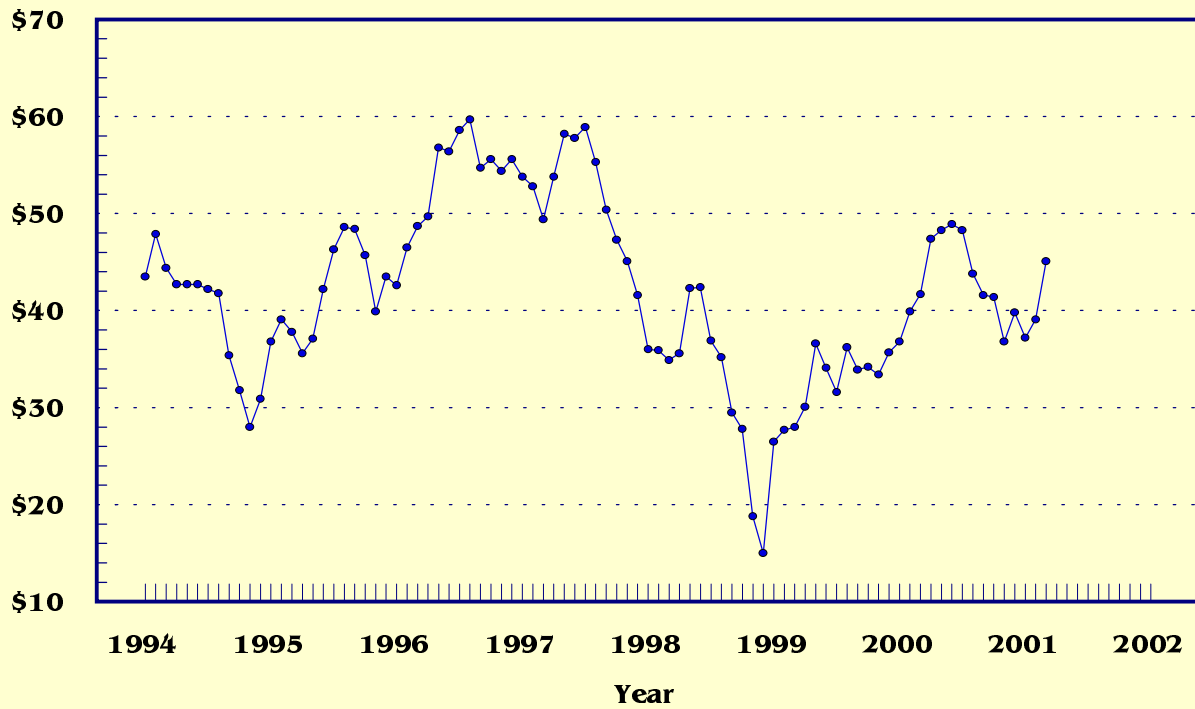
Prices Received, Milk, US

Dollars per Cwt



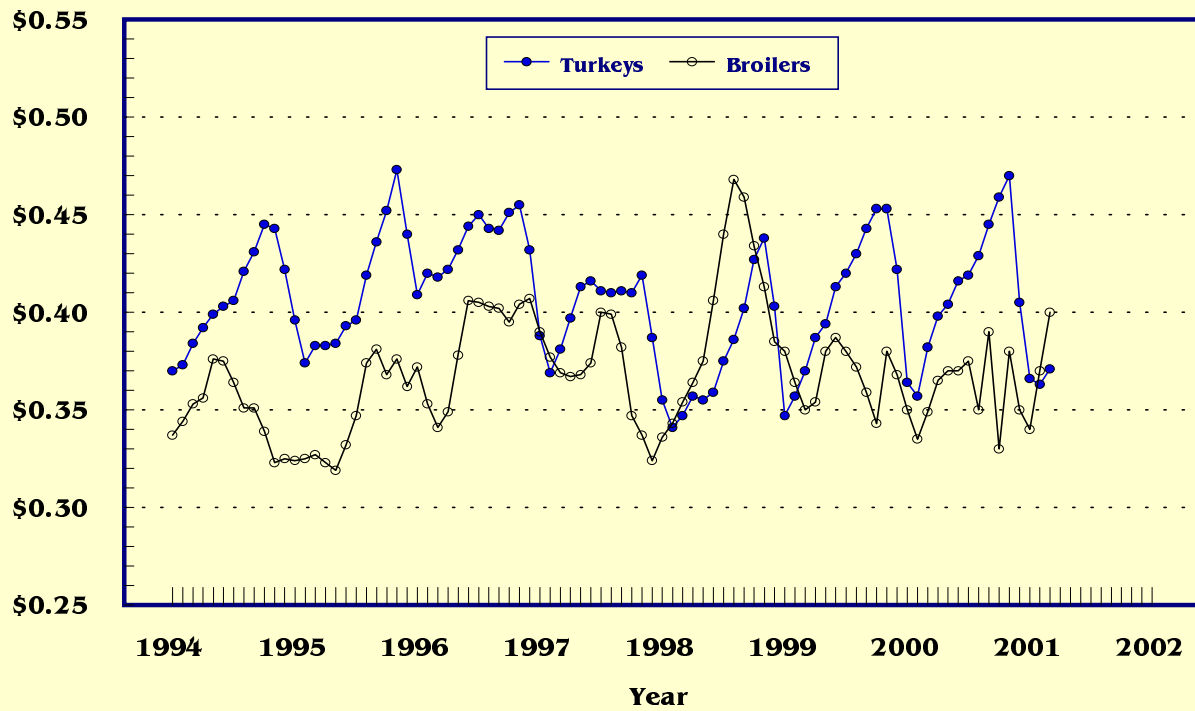
Prices Received, Hogs, US

Dollars per Cwt



Prices Received, Turkeys & Broilers, US

Dollars per Lb



Wheat: Prices Received, by States, February and March 2001

State	All Wheat		Winter Wheat		Durum Wheat		Oth Spring Wheat	
	Feb 1/	Mar 2/	Feb 1/	Mar 2/	Feb 1/	Mar 2/	Feb 1/	Mar 2/
	Dollars per Bushel							
AR	2.47	2.57	2.47	2.57				
CA	3/	3/	2.98	2.83	4/	4/		
CO	2.79	2.91	2.81	2.92			2.50	2.75
ID	2.76	2.86	2.63	2.75			2.90	3.00
IL	2.64	2.50	2.64	2.50				
IN	2.47	2.41	2.47	2.41				
KS	2.82	2.95	2.82	2.95				
MI	2.49	2.40	2.49	2.40				
MN	2.98	2.95	3/	3/	4/	4/	2.98	2.95
MO	2.39	2.40	2.39	2.40				
MT	3.16	3.28	2.98	3.05	3.67	3.70	3.13	3.30
NE	2.84	2.97	2.84	2.97				
ND	2.68	2.72	2.63	2.60	2.22	2.40	2.89	2.85
OH	2.41	2.40	2.41	2.40				
OK	2.79	2.88	2.79	2.88				
OR	2.72	3.06	2.72	3.05			2.74	3.15
SD	2.92	2.85	2.79	2.68	4/	4/	3.01	2.96
TX	2.72	2.76	2.72	2.76				
WA	2.88	3.10	2.78	3.08			3.16	3.22
US	2.83	2.89	2.74	2.86	2.60	2.67	2.99	2.99

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, 2000 and 2001

Month	All Wheat		Corn		Soybeans		Beef Cattle 1/			All Hogs	
	2000	2001 2/	2000	2001 2/	2000	2001 2/	2000	2001 2/	2000	2001 2/	
	Dollars per Bushel						Dollars per Cwt				
Jan	2.51	2.85	1.91	1.98	4.62	4.68	67.80	74.80	36.80	37.20	
Feb	2.54	2.83	1.98	1.96	4.79	4.46	67.60	74.80	39.90	39.10	
Mar	2.59	2.89	2.03	1.91	4.91	4.29	69.80	77.00	41.70	45.10	
Apr	2.57		2.03		5.00		71.30		47.40		
May	2.59		2.11		5.19		69.40		48.30		
Jun	2.50		1.91		4.93		68.50		48.90		
Jul	2.32		1.64		4.53		67.50		48.30		
Aug	2.41		1.52		4.45		65.50		43.80		
Sep	2.44		1.61		4.57		65.30		41.60		
Oct	2.68		1.74		4.45		66.70		41.40		
Nov	2.83		1.86		4.55		69.10		36.80		
Dec	2.87		1.97		4.78		71.90		39.80		

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, February and March 2001

State	Barley 1/		Corn		Oats		Soybeans		Sorghum Grain	
	Feb 2/	Mar 3/	Feb 2/	Mar 3/	Feb 2/	Mar 3/	Feb 2/	Mar 3/	Feb 2/	Mar 3/
Dollars per Bushel										
Dollars per Cwt										
AL										
AR							4.60	4.43	3.66	3.50
CA	2.28	2.40								
CO	1.84	1.96	2.08	2.08						
GA			2.58	2.51			4.40	4.27		
ID	2.67	2.64								
IL			2.00	1.95	1.30	1.40	4.51	4.35	3.80	3.70
IN			2.01	1.93			4.53	4.36		
IA			1.87	1.85	1.41	1.25	4.45	4.20		
KS			2.02	2.02			4.36	4.18	3.27	3.31
KY			2.28	2.05			4.67	4.35		
LA							4.60	4.45		
MI			1.96	1.90	1.42	1.50	4.45	4.40		
MN	1.75	1.76	1.80	1.75	1.18	1.20	4.28	4.20		
MS							4.65	4.47		
MO			2.01	1.95			4.53	4.30	3.78	3.35
MT	2.48	2.32			1.03	.95				
NE			1.95	1.92	1.54	1.50	4.29	4.20	3.42	3.35
NC			2.36	2.20			4.48	4.30		
ND	1.83	1.86			1.03	.95				
OH			2.01	2.00	1.51	1.50	4.57	4.55		
OK									3.36	3.33
OR	1.95	2.00			1.29	1.35				
PA			2.35	2.29	1.49	1.50				
SD	1.91	1.94	1.75	1.69	1.31	1.16	4.25	4.11		
TN			2.32	2.35			4.61	4.55		
TX			2.13	2.17					3.84	3.64
UT	2.10	2.06								
WA	2.23	2.02								
WI			1.83	1.85	1.14	1.20	4.13	4.10		
WY	2.72	2.86								
US	2.07	2.16	1.96	1.91	1.27	1.25	4.46	4.29	3.48	3.42

- 1/ The Three-State (MN, ND and SD) Feed Barley price for March 2001 is \$1.47.
- 2/ Entire month.
- 3/ Mid-month.
- 4/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

Malting and Feed Barley: Prices Received Selected States, February and March 2001

State	Malting Barley		Feed Barley	
	Feb	Mar	Feb	Mar
Dollars per Bushel				
ID	1/	1/	2.13	2.15
MN	1.84	1.85	1.47	1.50
MT	2.83	2.65	1.78	1.60
ND	1.91	2.00	1.55	1.45
SD	2.01	2.03	1.65	1.70
WY	1/	1/	2.05	2.05

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

Field Crops: Prices Received, by States, February and March 2001

State	Dry Edible Beans		Sunflower		Flaxseed		Tobacco		Peanuts 4/	
	Feb 1/	Mar 2/	Feb 1/	Mar 2/	Feb 1/	Mar 2/	Feb 1/	Mar 3/	Feb 1/	Mar 3/
	Dollars per Cwt		Dollars per Bu		Dollars per Pound					
AL										
CA	26.90	26.60								
CO	15.10	14.90								
FL										
GA										
ID	16.90	17.00								
IN							1.900			
KS			5/	5/						
KY							2.005	1.840		
MD								1.745		
MI	12.80	13.50								
MN	14.10	15.40	9.15	7.55						
MO							1.795			
NE	14.70	14.40								
NC							1.850			
ND	10.70	10.80	8.01	8.52	3.40	3.70				
OH							1.890			
OK										
SC										
SD			6.29	6.49	5/	5/				
TN							2.165	1.845		
TX										
VA							1.345			
WV										
US	15.20	14.80	7.38	7.86	3.40	3.66	2.060	1.820		

- 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.

Tobacco: Prices Received, by Area and Type, March 2001, with Comparisons

Class by Type	Type	Mar 2000	Feb 2001	Mar 2001 1/
Dollars per Pound				
Fire-cured				
VA Belt	21	2/	1.265	4/
Eastern District	22	1.885	2.185	1.875
Western District	23	1.985	2.005	1.720
Total Fire-cured	21-23	1.900	2.130	1.840
Light Air-Cured				
Burley	31	1.765	1.915	4/
Southern MD Belt	32	1.730	3/	1.745
Total Light Air-Cured	31-32	1.745	1.915	1.745
Dark Air-cured				
One Sucker Belt	35	4/	1.560	4/
Green River Belt	36	4/	1.565	4/
Sun-cured Belt	37	2/	1.430	4/
Total Dark Air-cured	35-37		1.560	
US	11-37	1.790	2.060	1.820

- 1/ Based on sales during the first half of the month.
- 2/ Sales closed in January.
- 3/ Market opened for Maryland Type 32 on 3/13/01.
- 4/ Sales closed in February.

Field Crops and Apples: Prices Received, by States,
February and March 2001

State	Cotton, Upland		March			
	Feb 1/	Mar 2/	Cotton- seed 5/	Hay, Baled 3/ All	Alfalfa	Apples Fresh Use 1/4/
	Dollars per Pound		Dollars per Ton			Dol/Lb
AL	.515	.513				
AZ	6/	6/	95.00	96.00	86.00	
AR	.515	.514				
CA	.591	6/	103.00	105.00	84.00	.053
CO			105.00	106.00	93.00	
GA	.521	.511				
ID			89.00	91.00	63.00	
IL			87.00	92.00	67.00	
IA			89.00	91.00	66.00	
KS			87.00	96.00	63.00	
KY			75.00	110.00	66.00	
LA	.518	.513				
MI			69.00	70.00	60.00	.130
MN			64.00	69.00	43.00	
MS	.515	.515				
MO			73.00	107.00	65.00	
MT			91.00	92.00	84.00	
NE			84.00	88.00	74.00	
NV			91.00	90.00	102.00	
NM			125.00	127.00	104.00	
NY			106.00	110.00	100.00	.162
NC	.502	.494				
ND			44.00	47.00	32.00	
OH			82.00	105.00	45.00	.250
OK			88.00	104.00	64.00	
OR			92.00	98.00	81.00	
PA			96.00	114.00	88.00	.210
SD			72.00	75.00	57.00	
TN	.515	.515				
TX	.346	.344	69.00	148.00	64.00	
UT			85.00	87.00	57.00	
VA						.180
WA			109.00	97.00	154.00	.144
WI			49.00	55.00	30.00	
WY			100.00	101.00	96.00	
US	.491	.496	87.20	93.70	71.30	.142

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, March 2001, with Comparisons

Item	Unit	Jan 2001 1/	Feb 2001 1/	Mar 2001 2/
Cotton, Upland				
Average Price	Dollars/Pound	.523	.491	.496
Marketings 3/	1,000 Bales	1513	696	NA
Rice				
Average Price	Dollars/Cwt	5.84	5.72	5.70
Marketings 4/	1,000 Cwt	15068	12296	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, March 2001

Commodity And State	Equivalent Returns						
	F.O.B.	Packinghouse-door			On-tree		
	Packed Fresh	All	Fresh	Process	All	Fresh	Process
Dollars per Box 1/							
Grapefruit							
AZ	14.00	5.46	8.56	0.28	3.52	6.62	-1.66
CA	15.50	9.91	10.06	0.28	7.97	8.12	-1.66
FL	13.50	3.77	5.49	2.97	1.50	3.49	0.57
White	15.00	3.88	6.30	3.30	1.63	4.30	1.00
Colored	13.00	3.68	5.20	2.60	1.39	3.20	0.10
TX	12.80	2.05	3.20	0.60	0.93	2.05	-0.50
US	13.50	3.70	5.34	2.83	1.53	3.46	0.51
Lemons							
AZ	21.60	2.65	13.16	1.12	-0.99	9.52	-2.52
CA	20.60	6.73	12.16	1.12	3.09	8.52	-2.52
US	20.60	6.54	12.17	1.12	2.90	8.53	-2.52
Oranges							
AZ	10.60	4.59	4.69	0.04	2.55	2.65	-1.94
Navel and Misc	8.88	2.69	2.86	0.04	0.71	0.88	-1.94
Valencia	11.60	5.70	5.70		3.62	3.62	
CA	18.10	10.09	12.08	0.05	8.11	10.09	-1.93
Navel and Misc	18.10	10.01	12.08	0.04	8.03	10.10	-1.94
Valencia	17.90	11.67	12.00	0.84	9.59	9.92	-1.24
FL	13.80	4.58	6.38	4.50	2.71	4.38	2.63
Early and Mids	12.70	4.52	5.30	4.50	2.71	3.30	2.70
Valencia	14.00	4.61	6.60	4.50	2.71	4.60	2.60
TX							
Early and Mids	10.50	1.44	0.80	2.12	0.16	-0.50	0.87
US	17.30	6.03	11.02	4.20	4.13	9.05	2.33
Tangerines							
AZ	17.00	7.61	11.10	0.84	5.53	9.02	-1.24
CA	28.70	17.97	22.80	0.84	15.89	20.72	-1.24
FL	26.00	12.82	17.30	4.30	9.28	13.90	0.50
US	26.50	14.02	18.77	3.45	10.95	15.84	0.07
Temples							
FL	14.20	2.84	7.00	2.15	0.77	5.10	0.05

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; Temples-90.

Potatoes: Prices Received, by States,
February and March 2001

State	Feb	Mar	State	Feb	Mar
AL			NC		
AZ			ND - All 1/	6.00	5.90
CA - All	13.90	13.60	- Fresh 2/	5.85	NA
- Winter	20.10	22.50	- Processing	5.75	NA
- Spring			OH	7.50	7.50
- Summer			OR	4.85	5.40
- Fall	5.45	5.45	PA	7.90	9.20
CO - All 1/	2.60	3.00	TX		
- Fresh 2/	1.92	NA	VA		
FL	24.40	24.40	WA - All	4.35	4.35
ID - All 1/	3.55	4.10	- Processing	4.45	NA
- Fresh 2/	2.20	NA	WI - All 1/	4.85	5.15
- Processing	4.80	NA	- Fresh 2/	2.50	NA
ME	5.80	6.10	- Processing	5.70	NA
MI	7.20	7.55			
MN	4.95	4.75	US - All 1/	5.02	5.62
NY	8.55	8.25	- Fresh 2/	4.63	NA
			- Processing	5.16	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, February and March 2001

State	Cows 1/		Steers & Heifers:		Beef Cattle 4/		Calves	
	Feb 2/	Mar 3/	Feb 2/	Mar 3/	Feb 2/	Mar 3/	Feb 2/	Mar 3/
	Dollars per Cwt							
AZ	39.40	42.50	78.10	80.40	77.70	80.00	112.00	112.00
AR	42.00	43.00	77.30	79.00	66.70	68.20	99.00	105.00
CA	40.50	42.00	78.00	79.00	55.90	57.20	95.50	97.50
CO	44.80	45.10	79.60	82.60	74.00	80.40	110.00	112.00
FL	47.20	46.00	87.10	86.00	52.80	51.60	114.00	110.00
GA	42.40	42.50	80.70	85.50	55.80	58.40	101.00	107.00
ID	41.50	42.30	79.40	82.00	71.10	72.50	103.00	104.00
IL	40.40	44.40	78.40	81.30	77.60	80.60	112.00	116.00
IA	42.70	43.80	79.80	80.70	79.10	80.00	101.00	99.20
KS	42.10	43.30	79.80	82.70	78.70	81.50	107.00	113.00
KY	42.00	43.00	81.00	85.00	71.60	74.90	99.00	105.00
LA	43.70	43.00	86.00	88.00	55.50	55.60	102.00	105.00
MI	42.50	43.00	69.00	69.00	61.10	61.20	118.00	122.00
MN	45.20	43.00	75.40	77.00	70.10	71.20	94.70	94.00
MO	41.70	43.60	86.60	89.10	76.70	79.10	103.00	107.00
MT	43.50	44.10	87.30	87.70	78.50	81.20	107.00	107.00
NE	44.40	45.00	76.10	78.10	75.20	77.10	105.00	109.00
NM	45.70	48.30	89.00	94.10	71.70	77.60	105.00	110.00
ND	42.90	43.00	84.60	84.00	80.40	79.10	101.00	101.00
OH	40.80	41.00	73.70	75.00	70.40	71.60	110.00	114.00
OK	42.80	43.10	88.20	90.50	76.20	78.20	103.00	110.00
OR	41.90	44.10	83.00	86.50	70.70	73.80	96.20	99.00
PA	43.00	43.40	74.60	77.60	66.40	68.70	112.00	114.00
SD	40.80	43.60	85.20	86.00	80.30	81.80	104.00	104.00
TN	43.00	42.00	83.00	85.00	67.00	67.80	100.00	105.00
TX	41.90	43.50	80.50	83.00	77.40	79.80	109.00	112.00
VA	38.60	39.30	80.20	80.30	64.80	69.20	95.90	102.00
WI	43.40	43.00	73.90	75.40	56.20	56.60	128.00	131.00
WY	43.80	44.70	86.40	86.00	81.70	81.90	110.00	108.00
US	42.70	43.20	78.90	81.10	74.80	77.00	109.00	111.00

- 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, February and March 2001

State	Sows		Barrows and Gilts		All Hogs	
	Feb 1/	Mar 2/	Feb 1/	Mar 2/	Feb 1/	Mar 2/
	Dollars per Cwt					
AR	30.70	34.40	36.40	43.00	35.80	42.10
IL	31.00	34.80	39.40	43.60	38.70	42.90
IN	31.10	35.00	38.00	43.70	37.30	42.80
IA	34.50	38.40	41.00	46.90	40.90	46.70
KS	30.90	35.20	37.30	44.90	36.50	43.80
MI	30.50	33.00	39.00	45.00	38.30	44.00
MN	34.00	36.50	39.80	47.00	39.60	46.70
MO	27.80	32.20	36.90	43.60	36.20	42.70
NE	30.50	34.20	41.60	47.00	41.40	46.70
NC	29.90	32.00	39.80	46.40	39.70	46.30
OH	31.70	34.00	39.10	43.00	38.80	42.60
OK	30.40	33.90	36.30	42.50	35.40	41.20
PA	28.40	31.20	36.30	40.90	35.10	39.40
SD	30.10	34.60	40.80	48.30	39.80	46.90
TX	27.90	30.60	36.30	40.70	35.20	39.40
WI	27.80	31.90	36.00	40.60	34.90	39.50
US	30.70	34.30	39.50	45.70	39.10	45.10

1/ Entire month.

2/ Mid-month.

Sheep and Poultry: Prices Received, by States,
February and March 2001

State	February		March	
	Sheep 1/	Lambs 1/	Turkeys 2/3/	Eggs 2/4/
	---- Dollars per Cwt ----		Dollars per Pound	Dol/Doz
AL				.510
AR			.37	.370
CA	38.00	78.00	.46	.550
CO	43.60	75.10		
CT				.590
DE				
FL				.520
GA				.505
ID	39.00	78.00		
IN			.36	.540
IA	46.00	78.00		.464
KS	34.40	75.00		
ME				.650
MD				
MI				.540
MN	30.00	83.40	.34	.460
MS				.610
MO			.38	.420
MT	45.00	98.00		
NE	40.60	68.70		
NY				.598
NC			.37	.504
ND	40.60	93.50		
OH	39.60	85.00		.505
OR	31.00	86.10		
PA				.580
SC				.576
SD	49.40	101.00		
TX	54.00	83.50		.490
UT	39.00	80.00		
VA			.37	.580
WA				
WY	46.90	86.40		
US	43.60	80.10	.371	.518

1/ Entire month.

2/ Mid-month.

3/ IN and MN 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, February and March 2001

State	February				March				
	Fluid Grade Milk 1/ Price	Manufacturing Grade Milk Fat Test	All Milk 2/ Price	Fat Test	All Milk 2/3/ Price	Fat Test	All Milk 2/3/ Price	Fat Test	Cows 4/ Price
AZ	12.60	3.66			12.60	3.66	12.80	3.61	
CA	11.90	3.77	11.80	4.07	11.90	3.77	12.50	3.70	
FL	16.10	3.59			16.10	3.59	16.70	3.55	
ID	11.60	3.68	11.70	3.95	11.60	3.68	12.10	3.64	
IL	11.20	3.78	12.20	3.69	11.20	3.78	12.50	3.76	
IN	14.00	3.77	10.80	3.92	13.80	3.78	14.60	3.76	
IA	12.70	3.76	10.60	3.81	12.60	3.76	12.80	3.74	
KY	14.30	3.71	9.40	3.75	14.30	3.71	14.70	3.68	
MI	13.20	3.72	12.90	3.77	13.20	3.72	14.20	3.71	
MN	13.20	3.77	10.80	3.81	13.10	3.77	13.80	3.76	
MO	12.30	3.80	10.50	3.95	12.20	3.81	12.90	3.80	
NM	12.80	3.69			12.80	3.69	13.00	3.66	
NY	14.10	3.75			14.10	3.75	14.90	3.74	
OH	13.20	3.78	10.50	3.88	13.00	3.79	13.40	3.76	
PA	14.60	3.75	10.70	3.85	14.60	3.75	14.80	3.75	
TX	13.80	3.72			13.80	3.72	14.00	3.68	
VT	14.30	3.75			14.30	3.75	14.70	3.73	
VA	15.30	3.70			15.30	3.70	15.70	3.71	
WA	13.10	3.72			13.10	3.72	13.70	3.68	
WI	12.80	3.80	11.30	3.90	12.70	3.81	13.70	3.80	
US	13.10	3.75	11.10	3.89	13.00	3.75	13.60	3.72	

- 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, February and March 2001, with Comparisons

Item	Mar 2000	Feb 2001	Mar 2001
Parity Equivalent.....Dol per Cwt	28.75	29.85	29.30
Average Price F.O.B.....Dol per Cwt	10.10	11.10	2/11.80
Average Fat Test of Milk..Percent	3.85	3.89	2/3.86

- 1/ The parity price equivalent during 2001 is 91.0 percent of the parity price of all milk sold to plants, compared with 90.4 percent in 2000. For additional details, see January 2001 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 March 2001, with Comparisons 1/

Commodity and Unit	: Adjusted: : Base : Prices	Parity Prices Based on Data for			: Prices as Percent : of Parity			
		: Mar : 2000	: Feb : 2001	: Mar : 2001	: Mar : 2000	: Feb : 2001	: Mar : 2001	
		----- Dollars -----			----- Percents -----			
Basic Commodities	:							
All Wheat, Bu	:	.589	9.73	9.86	9.69	27	29	30
Rice, Cwt	:	1.64	28.70	27.50	27.00	20	21	21
Corn, Bu	:	.402	6.71	6.73	6.61	30	29	29
Cotton, Lb	:							
American Upland	:	.102	1.79	1.71	1.68	27	29	30
Extra Long Staple	:	.142	2.28	2.38	2.34			
Peanuts, Lb	:	.0414	.680	.693	.681			
Tobacco, By Type, Lb	:							
Flue-Cured 11-14	:	.256	4.04	4.29	4.21			
VA Fire-Cured, 21	:	.257	4.06	4.30	4.23		29	
KY-TN Fire-Cured, 22-23	:	.323	5.08	5.41	5.31	41	39	35
Burley, 31	:	.273	4.31	4.57	4.49	41	42	
Maryland, 32	:	.225	3.66	3.77	3.70	47		47
Dark Air-Cured, 35-36	:	.273	4.34	4.57	4.49		34	
Sun-Cured, 37	:	.232	3.69	3.88	3.82		37	
PA Seedleaf, 41	:	.190	3.07	3.18	3.13			
Cigar Filler & Binder, 42-44, 54-55	:	.218	3.39	3.65	3.59			
Puerto Rican Filler, 46	:	.173	2.76	2.90	2.85			
Cigar Binder, 51-52	:	.652	9.77	10.90	10.70			
Designated Nonbasic	:							
All Milk, Sold to	:							
Plants, Per Cwt	:	1.96	31.80	32.80	32.20	2/38	2/40	2/43
Honey, Extracted, Lb	:	3/.0918	1.44	1.54	1.51			
Wool and Mohair	:							
Wool, Lb	:	.101	1.82	1.69	1.66			
Mohair, Lb	:	.269	3.83	4.50	4.43			
Other Nonbasic	:							
Barley, Bu	:	.393	5.99	6.58	6.46	37	31	33
Cottonseed, Ton	:	15.50	249.00	259.00	255.00		44	
Dry Edible Beans, Cwt	:	2.92	49.70	48.90	48.00	29	31	31
Flaxseed, Bu	:	.690	11.80	11.60	11.40	31	29	32
Oats, Bu	:	.230	3.40	3.85	3.78	38	33	33
Potatoes, Cwt	:	.831	13.60	13.90	13.70	46	36	41
Rye, Bu	:	.335	5.24	5.61	5.51			
Sorghum Grain, Cwt	:	.689	10.60	11.50	11.30	30	30	30
Soybeans, Bu	:	.876	14.00	14.70	14.40	35	30	30
Sweetpotatoes, Cwt	:	2.09	33.10	35.00	34.40			
Apples, Fresh, Lb 4/ Citrus (equiv on-tree), box:	:	.0298	1.49	.499	.490	13	30	29
Grapefruit	:	.493	8.26	8.25	8.11	46	25	19
Lemons	:	1.20	19.50	20.10	19.70	52	7	15
Limes (FL)	:	1.27	20.80	21.30	20.90			
Oranges	:	.695	11.70	11.60	11.40	33	28	36
Tangerines	:	1.68	28.70	28.10	27.60	26	36	40
Temples (FL)	:	.591	10.10	9.89	9.72	19	21	8
Beef Cattle, Cwt	:	9.65	156.00	162.00	159.00	45	46	48
Calves, Cwt	:	12.70	200.00	213.00	209.00	55	51	53
Hogs, Cwt	:	6.29	103.00	105.00	103.00	40	37	44
Lambs, Cwt	:	10.60	164.00	177.00	174.00	49	45	
Sheep, Cwt	:	4.42	68.00	74.00	72.70	57	59	
Eggs, Doz	:	.0949	1.52	1.59	1.56	2/36	2/39	2/43
Turkeys, Live, Lb	:	.0585	.926	.979	.962	41	37	39

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Parity Prices Based on Data for March 2001, 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	.251	4.13	Peaches, cont.		
Spearmint Oil, Lb	1.71	28.10	Processing 5/ Excl Dried		
Tobacco, Lb Type 61	2.66	43.80	Clingstone, CA, Ton	32.50	535.00
Noncitrus Fruit			Pears, Ton		
Apples, Ton 6/ Processing	19.60	322.00	Fresh 4/	52.00	855.00
Apricots, Ton			Dried, CA 6/	155.00	2550.00
Fresh 7/	110.00	1810.00	Plums, CA, Ton		
Dried, CA	295.00	4850.00	Fresh, Equiv on-Tree	54.50	897.00
Avocados, Ton 7/	210.00	3450.00	Prunes, Dried, CA, Ton 6/	139.00	2290.00
Cherries			Prunes and Plums, Excl CA, Ton		
Sweet, Ton	170.00	2800.00	Fresh 9/	52.90	870.00
Tart, Lb	.0270	.444	Processing 6/ Excl Dried	24.40	401.00
Cranberry, Bbl 5/	7.07	116.00	Tree Nuts 10/		
Dates, CA, Ton 7/	150.00	2470.00	Almonds, Lb	.225	3.70
Grapes, Ton			Hazelnuts, Ton	120.00	1970.00
Raisin Variety	152.00	2500.00	Pistachio, Lb	.161	2.65
Other Dried	63.00	1040.00	Walnuts, Ton	180.00	2960.00
Kiwifruit, Ton	76.10	1250.00	Vegetables, Cwt 11/		
Nectarines			Fresh		
Fresh, Calif, Ton 7/	62.70	1030.00	Carrots 8/	1.93	31.70
Olives, CA			Cauliflower 8/	4.47	73.50
Canning, Ton 5/	96.50	1590.00	Celery 8/	1.96	32.20
Papayas (HI) Lb	.0522	.859	Honeydew Melons	2.70	44.40
Peaches			Lettuce	2.28	37.50
Fresh, Lb 4/	.0382	.628	Onions 8/	1.71	28.10
Dried, CA, Ton	113.00	1860.00	Tomatoes	4.44	73.00

- 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 March Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) was 124 (1990-92=100), unchanged from February 2001 but 4.2 percent above March 2000.

Production Index: The March farm production, goods, and services index, at 120, was unchanged from last month but 4.3 percent above last year. Lower prices in March for insecticides, feed concentrates, complete feeds, and diesel fuel offset higher prices for herbicides, nitrogen fertilizers, LP gas, and feeder cattle.

Feed: The Feed Index, at 102, was 3.8 percent less than February but unchanged from March a year ago. Since February, prices were lower for feed concentrates, complete feeds, feed grains, feed supplements, and hay and forages.

Livestock and Poultry: The index for livestock and poultry purchases, at 109, was 0.9 percent higher than both February and March a year ago. Since February, prices were higher for feeder cattle and feeder pigs. The March feeder cattle price, at \$89.60 per cwt, was up \$.70 per cwt from the February price.

Fertilizer: The Fertilizer Index, at 144, was up 3.6 percent from February and 36 percent more than March a year ago. Prices were higher for nitrogen fertilizers, mixed fertilizers, and potash and phosphate materials.

Agricultural Chemicals: The chemical index, at 127, was up 0.8 percent from last month and 5.8 percent above last March. Higher prices in March for herbicides more than offset lower prices for insecticides.

Fuels: The Fuels Index, at 140, was down 2.1 percent from a month earlier but 4.5 percent above March 2000. Compared to last month, prices were lower for diesel fuel and gasoline but higher for LP gas.

Farm Machinery: The March Farm Machinery Index was 137, unchanged from February but 0.7 percent below last March. Since February, prices were fractionally higher for other machinery and self-propelled machinery.

Consumer Price Index: The February 2001 Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.4 percent before seasonal adjustment to a level of 175.8 (1982-84=100). This compares to the January index of 175.1. For the 12-month period ended in February, the overall index has increased 3.5 percent.

Index Numbers of Prices Paid by Farmers and Related Parity Ratios
United States, March 2001 With Comparisons

Indexes and Ratios	1910-14 = 100			1990-92 = 100		
	2000		2001		2001	
	Mar	Feb	Mar	Mar	Feb	Mar
Prices Paid by Farmers for	:					
Commodities & Services,	:					
Interest, Taxes, & Wage	:					
Rates (PPITW)	1585	*1647	1645	119	*124	124
Production	1119	*1162	1160	115	*120	120
Feed	499	*517	499	102	*106	102
Livestock and Poultry	1375	1386	1397	108	108	109
Seeds	1196	1223	1223	121	124	124
Fertilizer	388	*510	529	106	*139	144
Agricultural Chemicals	742	*779	785	120	*126	127
Fuels	1036	*1106	1082	134	*143	140
Supplies & Repairs	872	*889	889	123	*125	125
Autos & Trucks	3173	*3171	3162	119	*119	119
Farm Machinery	3460	*3438	3439	138	137	137
Building Material	1654	*1640	1644	122	*121	121
Farm Services & Rent	1379	1393	1393			
Farm Services				117	119	119
Rent				113	114	114
Interest 1/	2764	2901	2901	110	116	116
Taxes 2/	3281	3281	3281	123	123	123
Wage Rates	5234	5589	5589	140	149	149
Production, Interest, Taxes,	:					
& Wage Rates (PITW)	1577	*1642	1639	117	*122	122
Family Living-CPI 3/	1626	*1670	1670	127	130	130
Ratio (Received\Paid)				81	*81	84
Parity Ratio 4/	38	38	40			
Parity Ratio Adjusted 5/	43	*41	43			
PPITW Adjusted for	:					
Productivity 6/	1083	*1136	1136			
Crop Sector (PPITW)				121	*127	127
Livestock Sector (PPITW)				117	*120	120
Farm Sector (Production)				106	*109	107
Non-Farm Sector (Production)				119	*125	125

* 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 1.071 for 2001 and the revised factor is 1.113 for 2000.
- 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, March 2001 With Comparisons

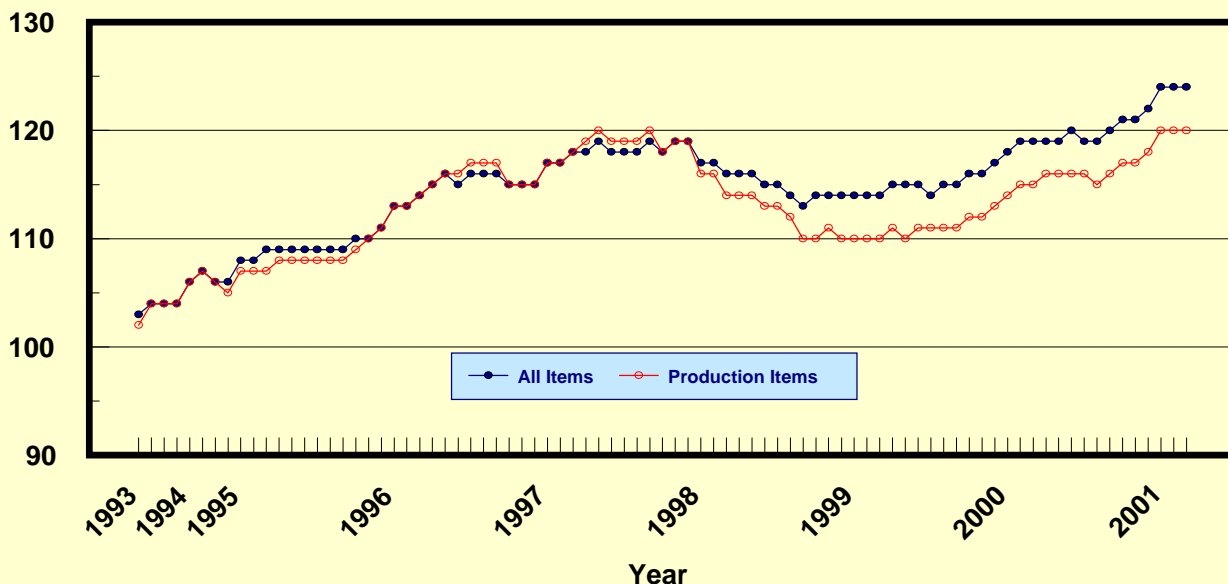
Index	Relative Weights		Input Indexes		
	5-Year Moving Average 1/		2000	2001	
	2000	2001	Mar	Feb	Mar
	---- Percent ----		---- (1990-92=100) ---		
Production Items	67.3	67.1	115	*120	120
Feed	11.7	11.5	102	*106	102
Feed Grains	1.7	1.6	87	*85	83
Complete Feeds	5.7	5.6	104	*109	106
Hay/Forages	1.5	1.4	100	114	113
Concentrates	1.8	1.8	104	*101	88
Supplements	1.0	1.0	119	*123	120
Livestock & Poultry	6.8	6.7	108	108	109
Feeder Cattle	5.3	5.2	102	105	106
Feeder Pigs	0.5	0.5	147	133	136
Milk Cow Replacements	0.5	0.5	118	117	117
Poultry	0.4	0.4	109	109	109
Seeds	2.9	3.0	121	124	124
Field Crops	2.7	2.7	121	124	124
Grasses/Legumes	0.3	0.3	121	115	115
Fertilizer	4.9	4.8	106	*139	144
Mixed Fertilizer	2.2	2.1	108	*113	114
Nitrogen	2.1	2.0	103	*177	186
Potash & Phosphate	0.7	0.7	109	*109	112
Agricultural Chemicals	3.9	4.0	120	*126	127
Herbicides	2.5	2.5	111	*121	132
Insecticides	0.9	0.9	144	*144	118
Fungicides/Other	0.6	0.6	119	119	119
Fuels	2.6	2.6	134	*143	140
Diesel	1.5	1.5	133	*137	129
Gasoline	0.8	0.7	137	135	132
LP Gas	0.4	0.4	136	*188	205
Farm Supplies & Repairs	5.6	5.6	123	*125	125
Supplies	1.9	1.9	117	119	119
Repairs	3.7	3.7	126	*128	128
Autos & Trucks	1.6	1.7	119	*119	119
Autos	0.2	0.2	112	112	112
Trucks	1.4	1.5	120	*120	120
Farm Machinery	4.0	4.0	138	137	137
Tractors	0.9	0.9	136	137	137
Self-Propelled	1.6	1.6	136	133	133
Other Machinery	1.5	1.5	141	141	141
Building Materials	2.8	2.8	122	*121	121
Farm Services	12.4	12.4	117	119	119
Custom Rates	1.3	1.3	119	119	119
Other Services	11.2	11.1	117	119	119
Rent	8.1	7.9	113	114	114
Cash	4.0	4.0	137	137	137
Share	4.1	3.9	91	91	91
Interest	4.9	4.9	110	116	116
Taxes	3.1	3.1	123	123	123
Wage Rates	7.0	7.2	140	149	149
Family Living-CPI	17.7	17.8	127	130	130

* Revised.

1/ Weights may not add due to rounding.

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

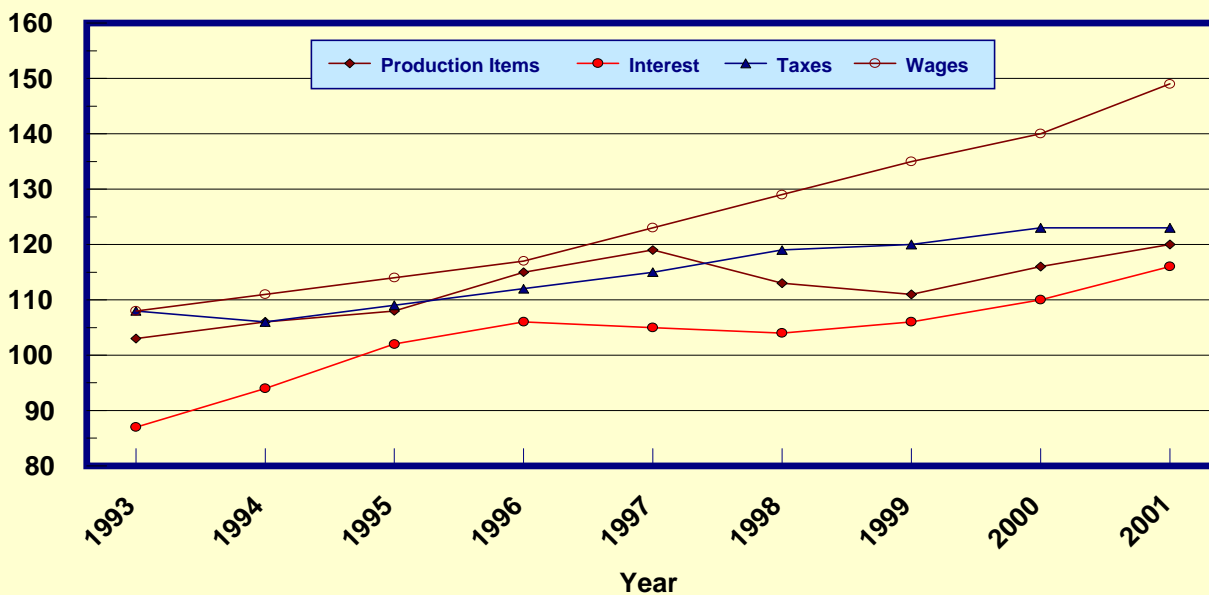
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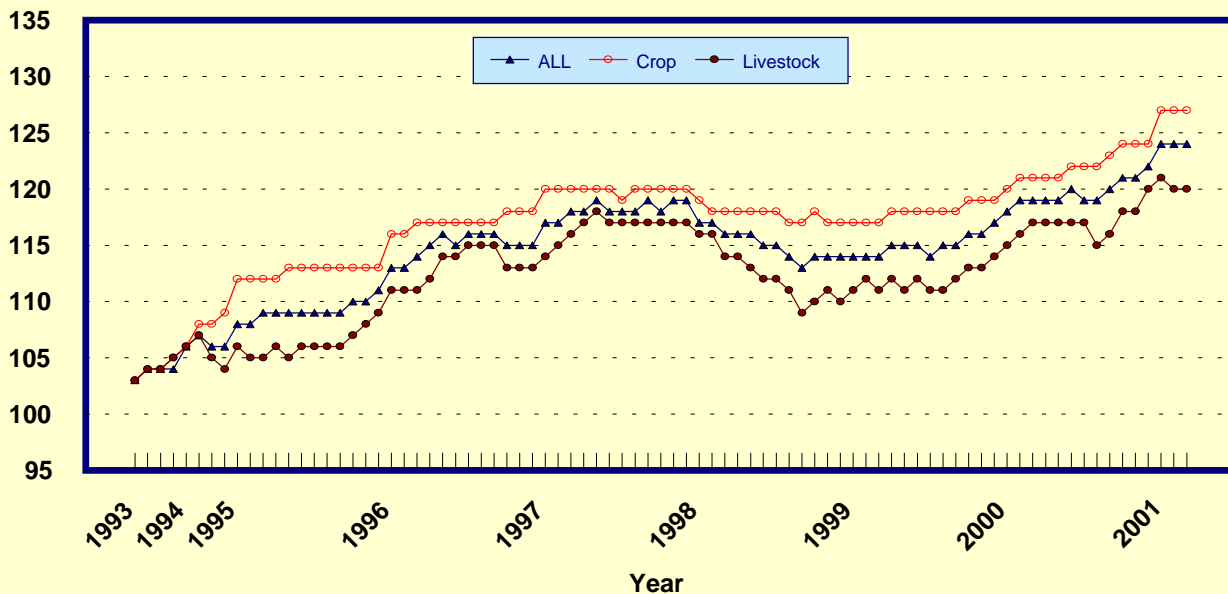
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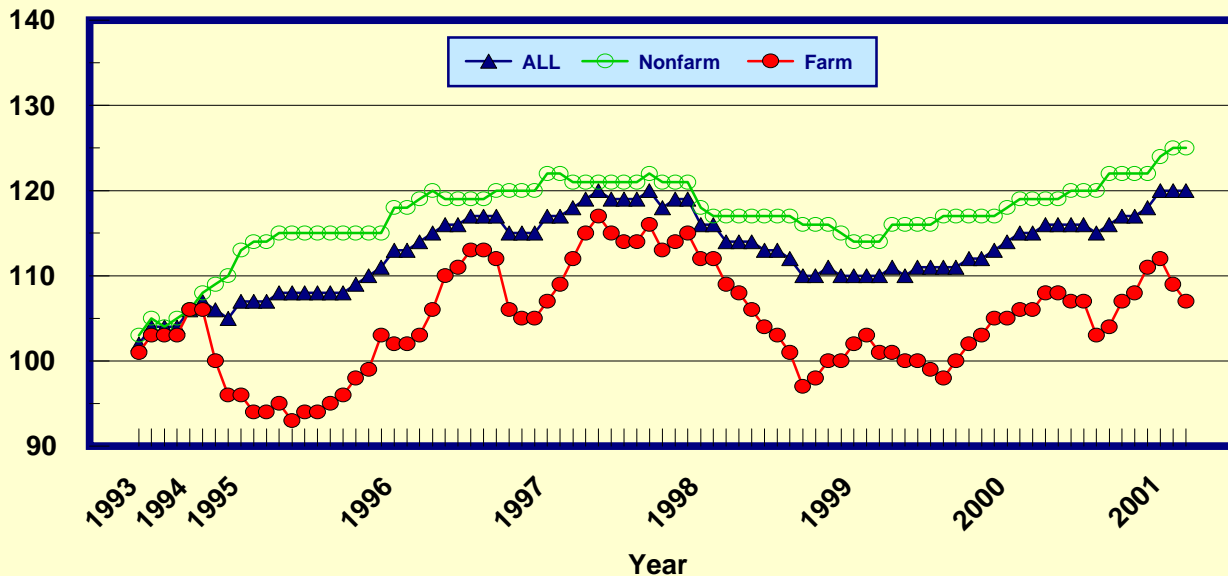
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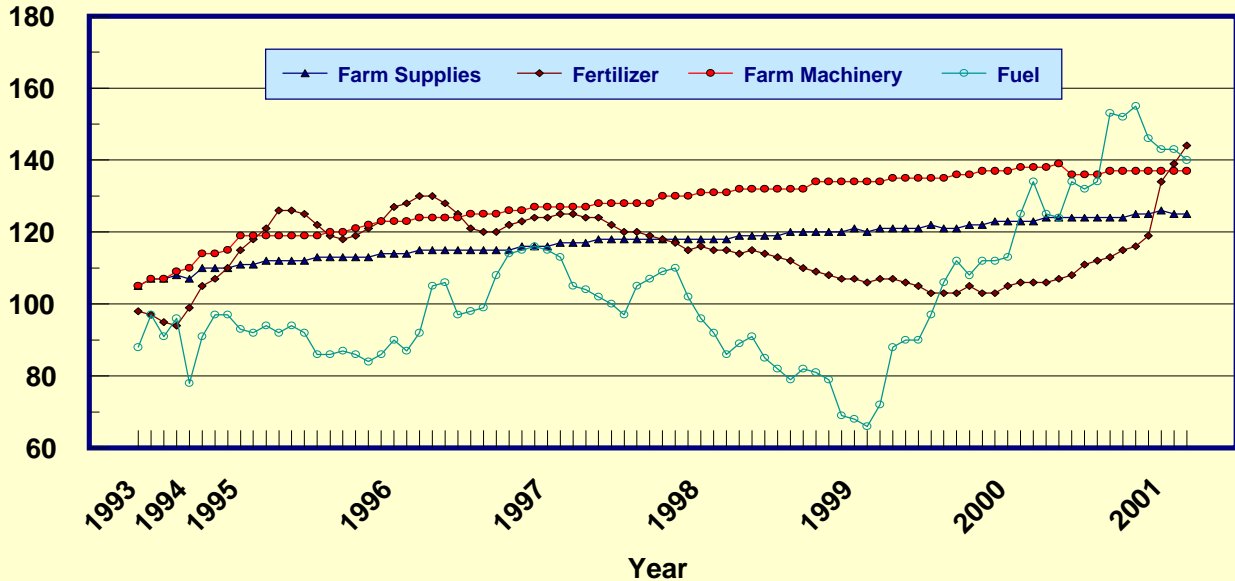
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Prices Paid by Farmers, Selected Production Indexes US, By Non-Farm Sector 1/

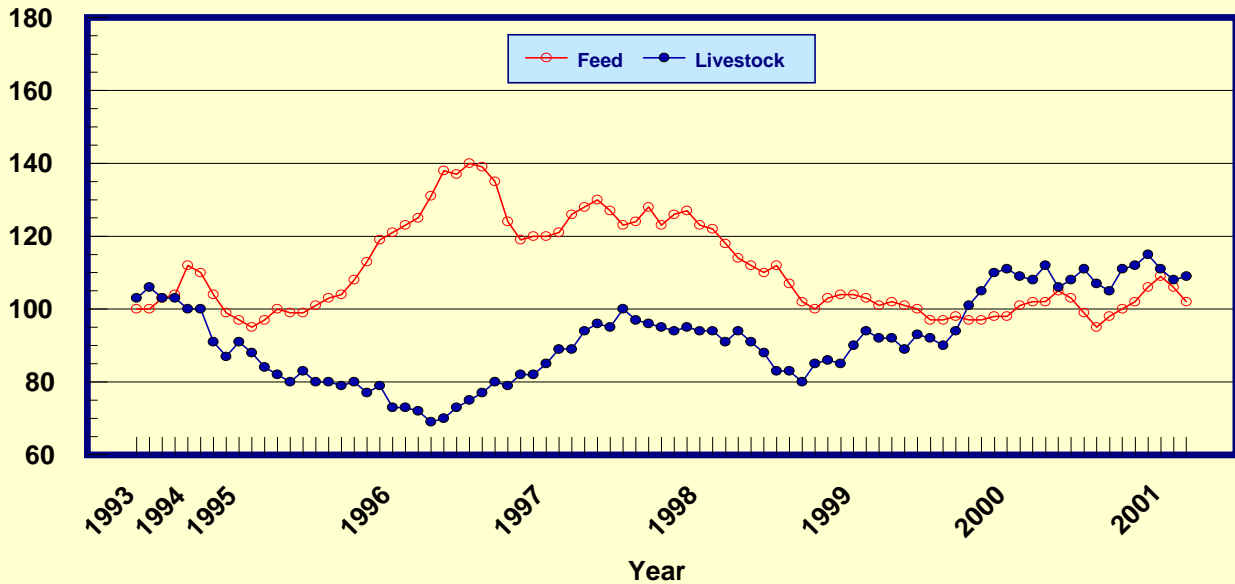
Percent (1990-92=100)



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, March 2001 with Comparisons

Feed Price Ratio 1/	2000		2001	
	Mar	Feb	Mar	Mar
Broiler-Feed: Pounds of Broiler Grower Feed equal in value to 1 pound of broiler, live weight	6.3	*7.2	8.0	
Market Egg Feed: Pounds of Laying Feed equal in Value to 1 dozen eggs	8.0	*11.4	11.9	
Hog-Corn: Bushels of Corn equal in value to 100 pounds of hog, live weight	*20.5	*19.9	23.6	
Milk-Feed: Pounds of 16% Mixed Dairy Feed equal in value to 1 pound of Whole Milk	*2.91	*3.02	3.21	
Steer & Heifer-Corn: Bushels of Corn equal in value to 100 pounds of Steer & Heifers, live weight	36.2	*40.3	42.5	
Turkey-Feed: Pounds of Turkey Grower equal in value to 1 pound of Turkey, live weight	7.6	*7.5	7.8	

1/ Effective June 1997, 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, March 2001 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	2000		2001	
		Mar	Feb	Mar	Mar
Broilers, Live	Lb	0.349	0.370	0.400	
Eggs, Market	Doz	0.382	0.509	0.518	
Hogs, All	Cwt	*41.70	*39.10	45.10	
Milk, All	Cwt	11.90	*13.00	13.60	
Steers and Heifers	Cwt	73.40	*78.90	81.10	
Turkeys, Live	Lb	0.382	*0.363	0.371	
Corn	Bu	2.03	*1.96	1.91	
Hay, Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	*77.70	94.20	93.70	
Soybeans	Bu	4.91	*4.46	4.29	
Wheat, All	Bu	2.59	2.83	2.89	

* Revised.

Feeder Livestock: Prices Paid, United States
March 2001 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	2000		2001	
		Mar	Feb	Mar	Mar
					Dollars
Feeders and Stockers Cattle and Calves	Cwt	86.70	88.90	89.60	
Feeder Pigs	Cwt	135.00	122.00	125.00	

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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