



Agricultural Prices

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Farm Prices Received Index Up 3 Points From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in May was 98, based on 1990-92=100, up 3 points (3.2 percent) from the revised April index. Higher prices for broilers, potatoes, hogs, and oranges more than offset lower prices for lettuce, cattle, milk, and cucumbers. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Higher marketings for cantaloupe, grapes, sweet corn, and peaches more than offset decreased marketings of cattle, milk, apples and asparagus.

Compared with May last year, the All Farm Products Index was down 10 points (9.3 percent). Lower prices for broilers, hogs, cattle, and cucumbers more than offset higher prices for potatoes, strawberries, corn, and soybeans.

The Food Commodities Index increased by 4.3 percent over last month to 97, but was 11.8 percent below last year.

Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The May Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) was 123 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index was unchanged from April but 1 point (0.8 percent) below May 2001. Lower prices in May for feeder cattle, feeder pigs, nitrogen fertilizers, and feed supplements were offset by higher prices for LP gas, feed grains, complete feeds, and other chemicals.

Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92=100	2001		2002	
	Apr	May	Apr	May
Prices Received	106	108	95	98
Prices Paid	124	124	123	123
Ratio 1/	85	87	77	80

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

Prices Received by Farmers

The May Prices Received by Farmers Index for All Farm Products was 98 percent of its 1990-92 base, up 3.2 percent from the April index but 9.3 percent below the May 2001 index.

ALL CROPS: The May index was 106, up 6.0 percent from April and 1.0 percent above May 2001. From April, index increases for potatoes and dry beans, fruits and nuts, oil-bearing crops, feed grains and hay, and food grains more than offset an index decrease for cotton.

Food Grains: The May index, at 85, was up 1.2 percent from the previous month but 11 percent below May 2001. The May all wheat price, at \$2.80 per bushel, was down 4 cents from April and 18 cents below May 2001.

Feed Grains & Hay: The May index, at 95, was up 3.3 percent from last month and 4.4 percent above May 2001. The corn price, at \$1.97 per bushel, was up 6 cents from last month and 15 cents above May 2001. The all hay price, at \$102.00 per ton, was \$2.10 above April but \$5.00 below last May.

Oil-Bearing Crops: The May index, at 83, was up 3.8 percent from April and 7.8 percent above May 2001. The soybean price, at \$4.62 per bu, increased 15 cents from April and was 29 cents per bushel above May 2001.

Potatoes and Dry Beans: The May index, at 178, was 21 percent above last month and 98 percent above May 2001. The all potato price is a record high, at \$10.70 per cwt, up \$2.07 from the previous month and \$5.46 above last May. Short supplies of the 2001 crop combined with a late spring 2002 crop were responsible for the record high price. The previous high was \$10.60 in July of 1989. The dry edible bean price, at \$27.50 per cwt, was 30 cents above last month and \$10.60 above May 2001. Price continues to be high due to reduced supplies.

Cotton: The May index, at 45, was down 6.2 percent from April and 33 percent below May 2001. The May price, at 27.5 cents per pound, was down 1.8 cents from the previous month and 13.4 cents below last May.

Fruits and Nuts: The May index, at 105, was up 24 percent from the previous month and 11 percent above May 2001. The orange price, at \$4.82 per box, was up 52 cents from April and 41 cents above May 2001.

Commercial Vegetables: The May index, at 125, was unchanged from last month but 14 percent less than May 2001. The asparagus price, at \$111.00 per cwt, increased \$11.50 from a month ago but was \$3.00 below last May. The cucumber price, at \$13.10 per cwt, was \$8.40 below last month and \$2.50 lower than May 2001.

LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS: The May index, at 91, was up 1.1 percent from last month but down 17 percent from May 2001. Compared with a year ago, prices were lower for all milk, broilers, hogs, all cattle, eggs, turkeys, and calves.

Meat Animals: The May index, at 87, was unchanged from last month, but down 16 percent from a year ago. The May hog price was \$34.50 per cwt, up \$2.70 from April, and down \$15.90 from this same time a year ago. The May beef cattle price of \$66.10 was down \$1.10 from last month, and down \$7.50 from May 2001. Seasonal demand for poultry and hogs pushed prices slightly upwards. Demand shifts for chickens and hogs coupled with large supplies of fed cattle lowered cattle prices.

Dairy Products: The May index, at 94, was down 2.1 percent from April, and 21 percent below May 2001. The May all milk price, at \$12.30 per cwt, was down 20 cents from April, and down \$3.20 from last year. The price for fluid grade milk decreased 20 cents from April, while the price of manufacturing grade milk was unchanged. Both grade milk prices decreased from the previous year.

Poultry and Eggs: The May 2002 index, at 96, was up 5 percent from April, but 17 percent below a year ago. The May broiler price, at 32.0 cents per pound, increased 2.0 cents from April due to a seasonal increase in domestic demand. May market egg prices, at 29.7 cents per dozen, decreased 2.40 cents from April, a normal seasonal decline. Turkey prices, averaging 35.5 cents per pound, were up 2.9 cents from the previous month due to increased interest and a steady-to-firm market.

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Index Numbers of Prices Received, United States, May 2002,
with Comparisons

Index	1910-14=100				1990-92=100			
	2001		2002		2001		2002	
	:Average:							
	:1990-92:	May	Apr	May	May	Apr	May	May
All Farm Products	639	685	*601	624	108	95	98	
All Crops	500	519	*493	525	105	100	106	
Food Grains	325	303	*266	271	95	*84	85	
Feed Grains & Hay	363	326	*328	341	91	*92	95	
Cotton	517	346	*248	232	67	*48	45	
Tobacco 1/	1263							
Oil-Bearing Crops	554	423	*440	453	77	*80	83	
Fruit & Nuts	716	663	*594	731	95	*85	105	
Commercial Vegetables	698	968	*833	834	145	*125	125	
Potatoes & Dry Beans	540	454	*746	900	90	147	178	
Other Crops	493	554	558	558	112	113	113	
Livestock & Products	768	846	691	699	110	90	91	
Meat Animals	1021	1046	883	884	103	87	87	
Dairy Products	799	953	768	756	119	96	94	
Poultry & Eggs	282	324	255	269	115	91	96	
Food Commodities					110	*93	97	

* Revised.

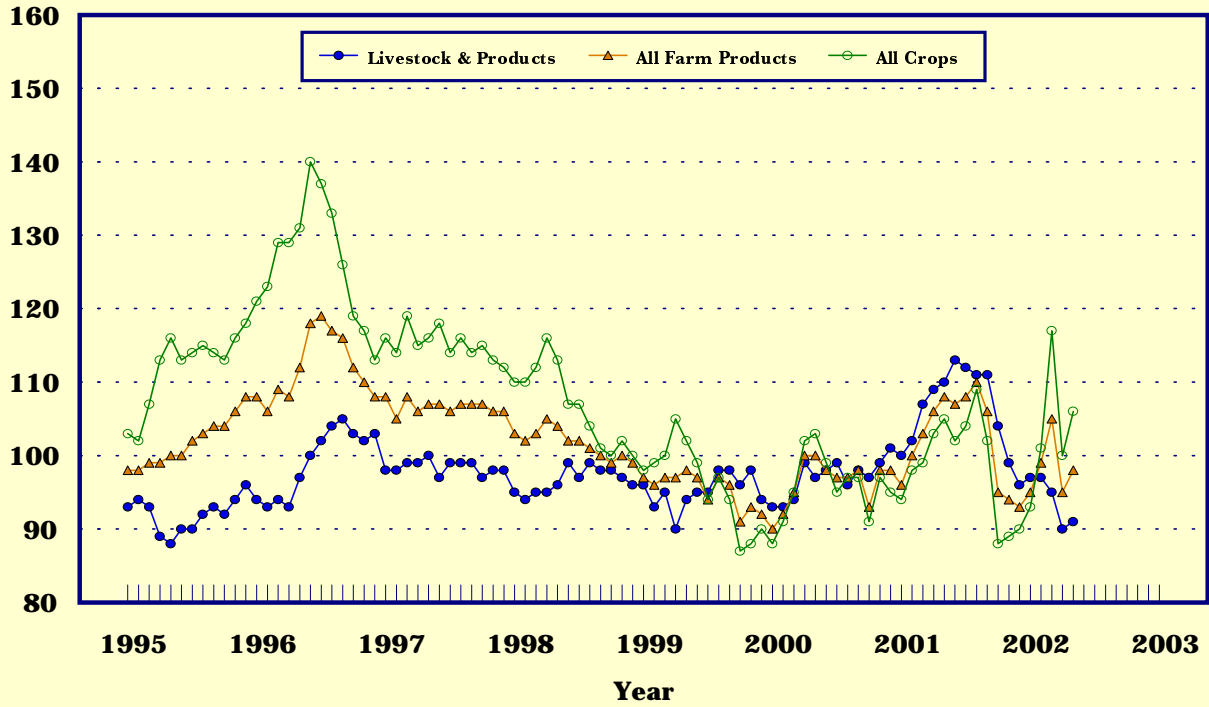
1/ Missing data indicates insufficient sales to establish a price.

Selected Index Numbers for Prices Received and Paid,
1990-92=100, by Months, United States, 2001 and 2002

Month	Index of Prices Received						Index of Prices Paid			
	All Farm Products		All Crops		Livestock and Products		All Items		Production Items	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Jan	96	95	94	93	100	97	125	123	121
Feb	100	99	98	101	102	97	124	123	121	117
Mar	103	105	99	117	107	95	124	123	120	118
Apr	106	95	103	100	109	90	124	123	120	119
May	108	98	105	106	110	91	124	123	120	118
Jun	107		102		113		124		120	
Jul	108		104		112		124		120	
Aug	110		109		111		124		120	
Sep	106		102		111		124		120	
Oct	95		88		104		123		119	
Nov	94		89		99		123		118	
Dec	93		90		96		122		117	

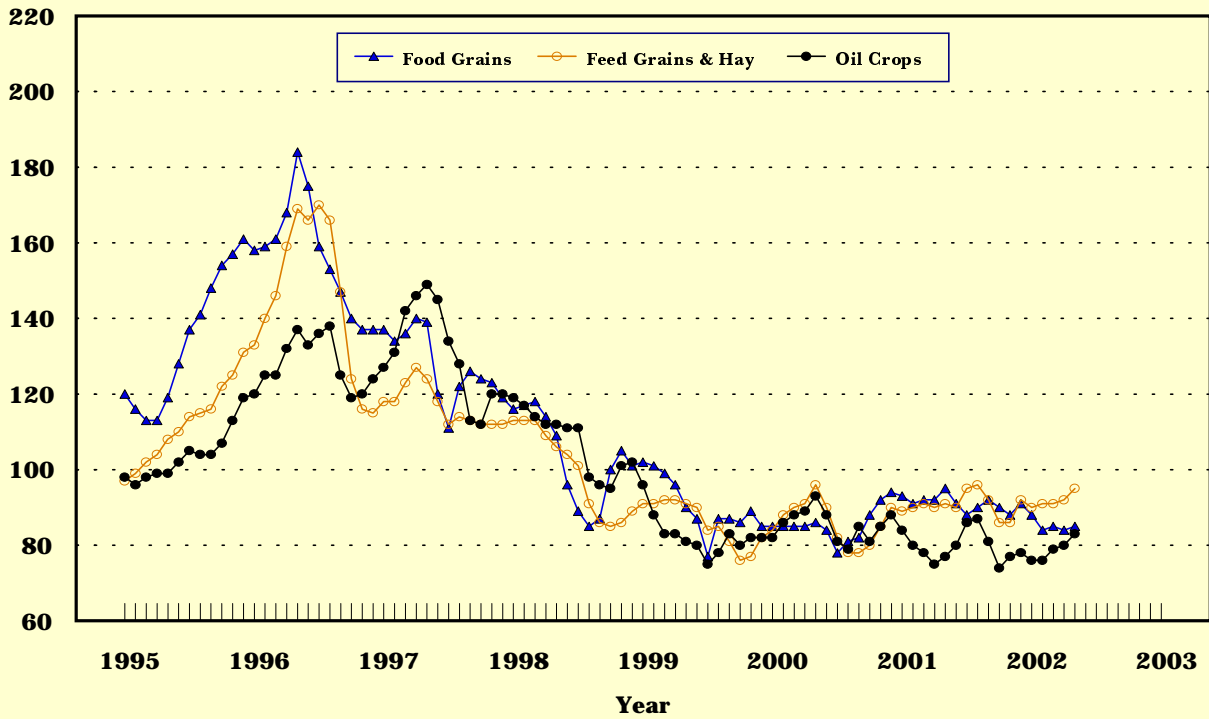
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Index Values(1990-92=100)



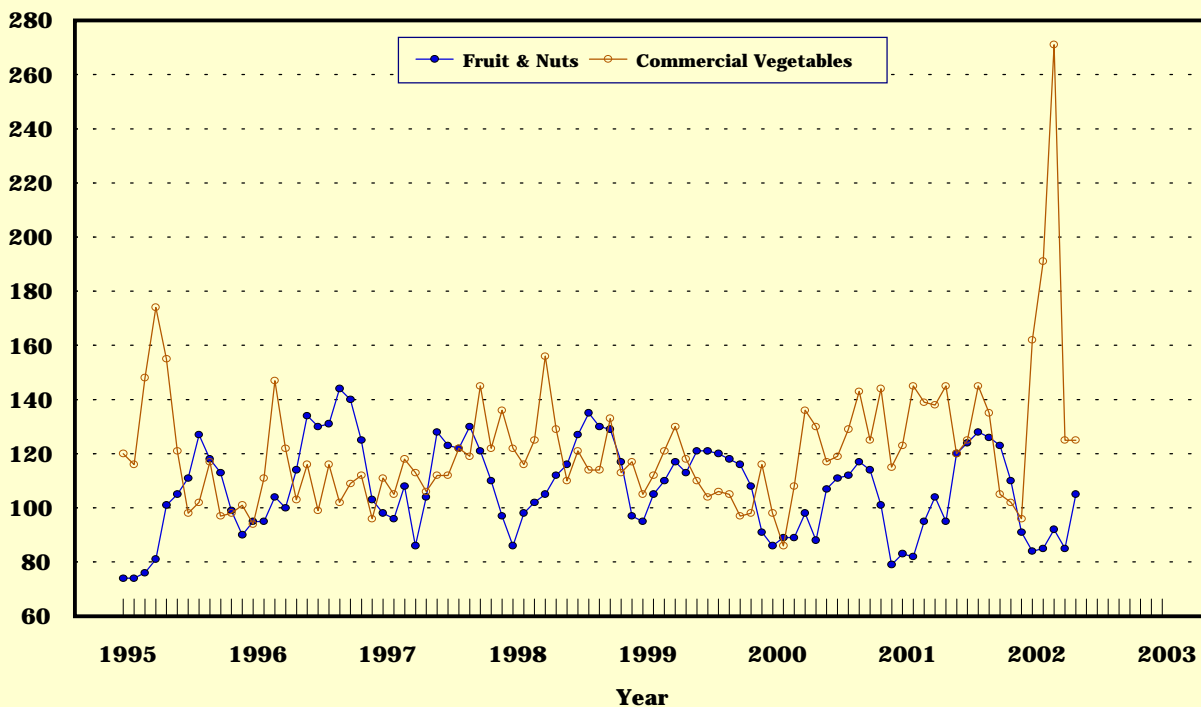
Prices Received, Food, Feed & Oil Indexes, US

Index Values(1990-92=100)



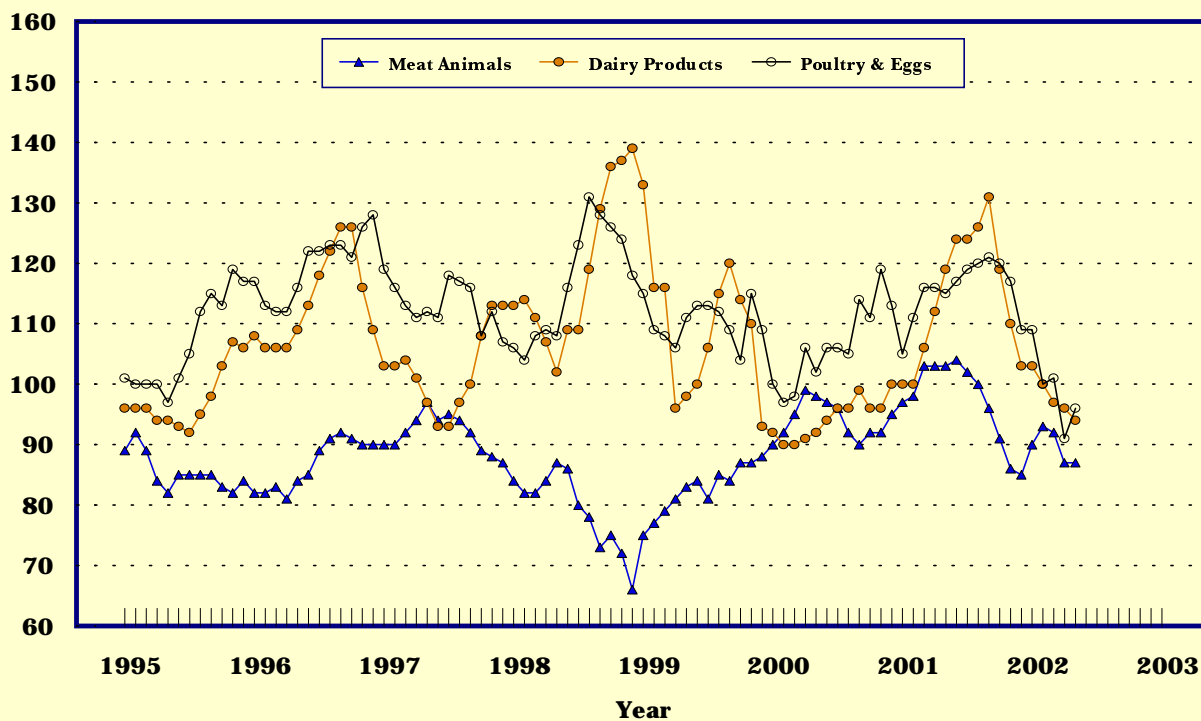
Prices Received, Fruit/Vegetable Indexes, US

Index Values(1990-92=100)



Prices Received, Livestock Product Indexes, US

Index Values(1990-92=100)



Prices Received, United States,
May 2002, with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Average 1990-92	Entire Month		Preliminary
			May 2001	Apr 2002	May 2002
Dollars					
Field Crops					
Barley, All	Bu	2.12	2.12	2.10	2.14
Feed	Bu	1.90	1.91	1.79	1.91
Malting	Bu	2.43	2.38	2.44	2.58
Beans, Dry Edible	Cwt	19.10	16.90	27.20	27.50
Corn	Bu	2.30	1.82	1.91	1.97
Cotton, Upland	Lb	.606	.409	.293	.275
Cottonseed	Ton	96.00			
Flaxseed	Bu	4.27	3.91	4.77	4.75
Hay, All, Baled 1/	Ton	76.30	107.00	99.90	102.00
Alfalfa 1/	Ton	77.20	113.00	106.00	108.00
Other 1/	Ton	60.00	81.30	78.70	76.70
Oats	Bu	1.22	1.28	1.98	2.02
Peanuts, In-Shell	Lb	.304			
Potatoes	Cwt	5.82	5.24	8.63	10.70
Rice, Rough	Cwt	7.07	5.40	3.88	3.86
Sorghum Grain	Cwt	3.75	3.21	3.14	3.24
Soybeans	Bu	5.61	4.33	4.47	4.62
Sunflower 2/	Cwt	9.50	7.99	10.60	10.60
Tobacco	Lb	1.740			
Wheat, All	Bu	2.96	2.98	2.84	2.80
Winter	Bu	2.93	2.93	2.75	2.72
Durum	Bu	2.86	2.63	3.39	3.12
Other Spring	Bu	3.11	3.15	2.92	2.92
Hard Red Winter	Bu		2.97	2.73	
Soft Red Winter	Bu		2.33	2.66	
Hard Red Spring	Bu		3.17	2.92	
White	Bu	3.24	2.99	2.97	
Fruit					
Citrus-Equiv on-tree					
Grapefruit	Box	5.77	1.65	1.02	1.05
Lemons	Box	10.10	5.46	5.19	7.58
Limes 3/	Box	10.15			
Oranges	Box	5.79	4.41	4.30	4.82
Tangelos	Box	5.82			
Tangerines	Box	15.11	13.81	13.17	19.33
Temples	Box	6.23			
Non-citrus					
Apples, Fresh 4/	Lb	.212	.152	.215	.218
Grapes, Fresh 4/	Ton	506.00	790.00		
Peaches, Fresh 4/	Lb	.216	.396		.475
Pears, Fresh 4/	Ton	370.00	417.00	267.00	267.00
Strawberries, Fresh	Lb	.560	.516	.600	.613

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) and WA (apples, peaches, and pears). Prices as sold for other states.

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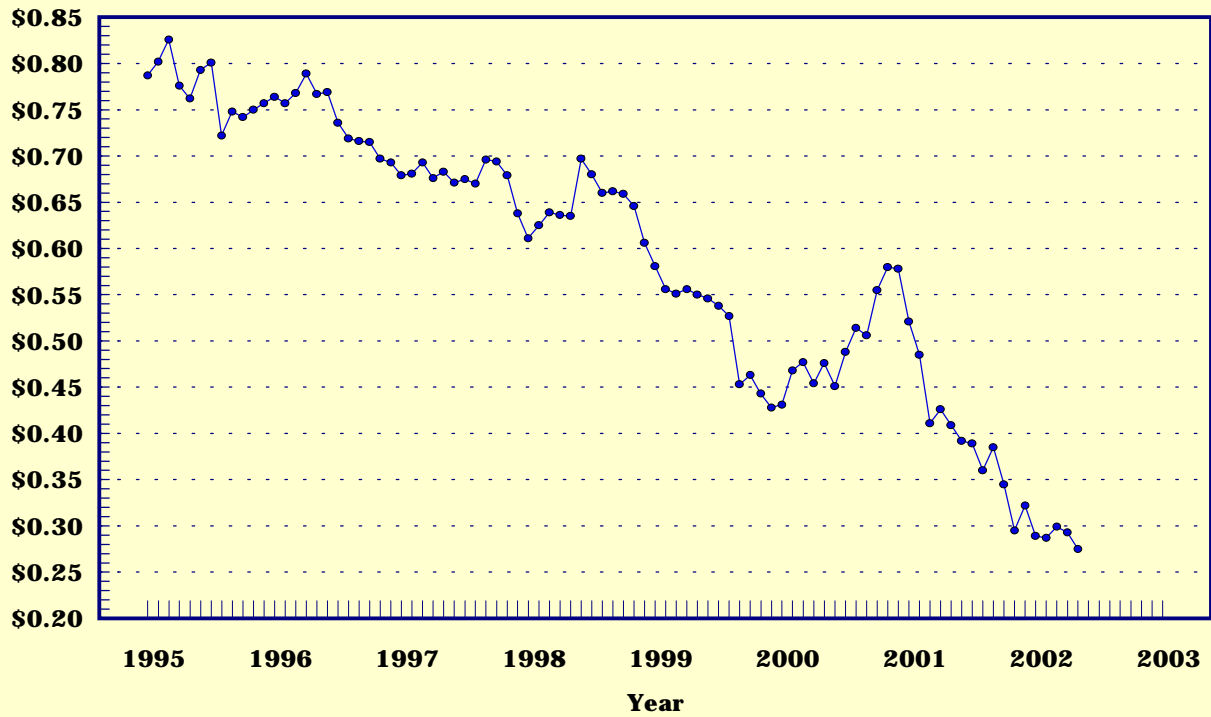
Prices Received, United States,
May 2002, with Comparisons (continued)

Commodity	Unit	Average 1990-92	Entire Month		Preliminary
			May 2001	Apr 2002	May 2002
Dollars					
Vegetables, Fresh 1/					
Asparagus	Cwt	79.80	114.00	99.50	111.00
Broccoli	Cwt	22.50	25.50	24.00	20.30
Cantaloupes 2/	Cwt	13.90	27.10		30.30
Carrots	Cwt	13.20	17.60	21.20	21.20
Cauliflower	Cwt	26.80	26.30	25.40	18.80
Celery	Cwt	11.60	24.00	18.60	14.10
Corn, Sweet	Cwt	15.70	24.60	18.80	18.00
Cucumbers 2/	Cwt		15.60	21.50	13.10
Lettuce	Cwt	11.90	18.80	13.70	9.87
Onions	Cwt	12.80	15.50	19.00	20.40
Snap Beans 2/	Cwt		47.60	43.80	41.30
Tomatoes	Cwt	32.30	37.80	32.30	31.50
Livestock					
Calves	Cwt	94.30	111.00	100.00	98.90
Cattle, All Beef	Cwt	72.90	73.60	67.20	66.10
Cows	Cwt	49.60	43.70	40.10	40.20
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	77.10	77.40	70.60	69.30
Milk Cows 3/	Head	1130.00		1710.00	
Hogs, All	Cwt	47.70	50.40	31.80	34.50
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	48.40	51.20	32.10	35.00
Sows	Cwt	39.50	38.70	25.20	23.80
Lambs	Cwt	56.20	80.00	64.30	
Sheep	Cwt	23.40	36.30	27.80	
Dairy and Poultry					
Milk, All 4/	Cwt	13.06	15.50	12.50	5/12.30
Fluid Grade	Cwt	13.10	15.50	12.60	5/12.40
Mfg Grade	Cwt	11.80	14.20	11.30	5/11.30
Broilers, Live 6/	Lb	.317	.400	.300	.320
Eggs, All 7/	Doz	.643	.552	.519	.505
Market 7/	Doz	.546	.365	.321	.297
Turkeys, Live 6/7/	Lb	.380	.382	.326	.355
Adjusted for Seasonal Variation					
Eggs, All	Doz	.545	.581	.490	.526
Milk, All 4/	Cwt	9.71	16.32	13.30	13.52

- 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 3.63, fluid milk 3.62, mfg grade 3.76.
- 6/ Liveweight equivalent price to producers, includes growers and contractors combined.
- 7/ Mid-month price.

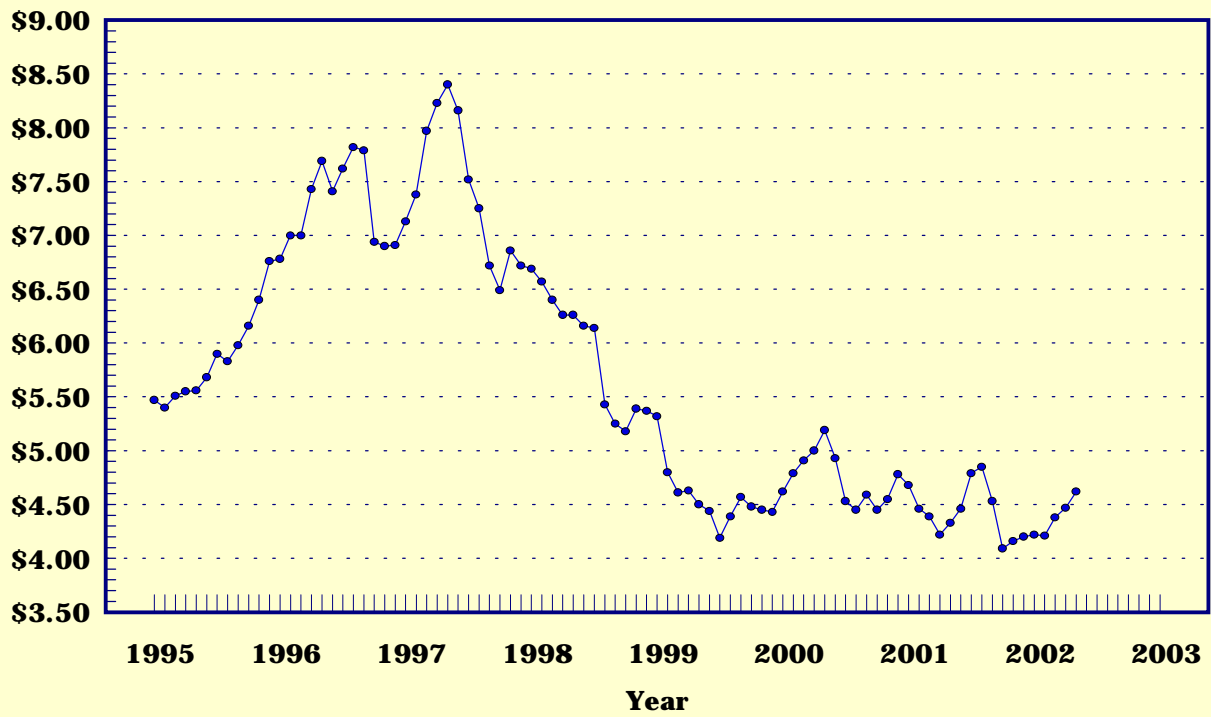
Prices Received, Cotton, US

Dollars per Lb



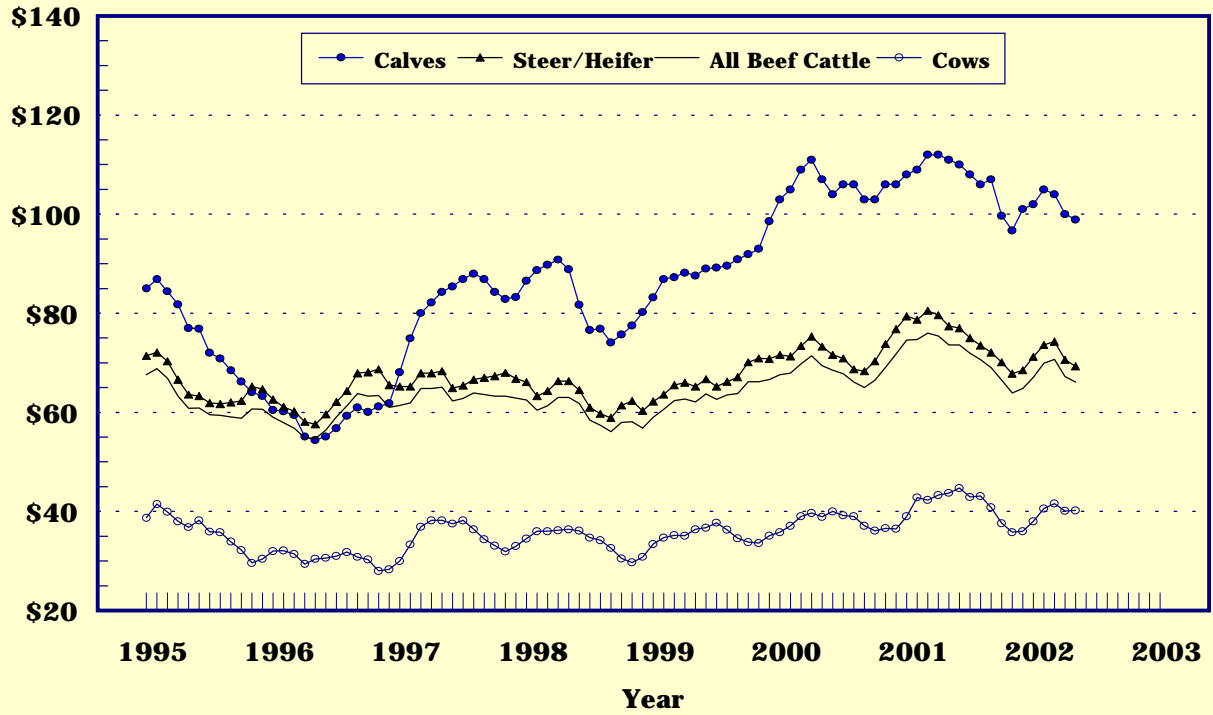
Prices Received, Soybeans, US

Dollars per Bu



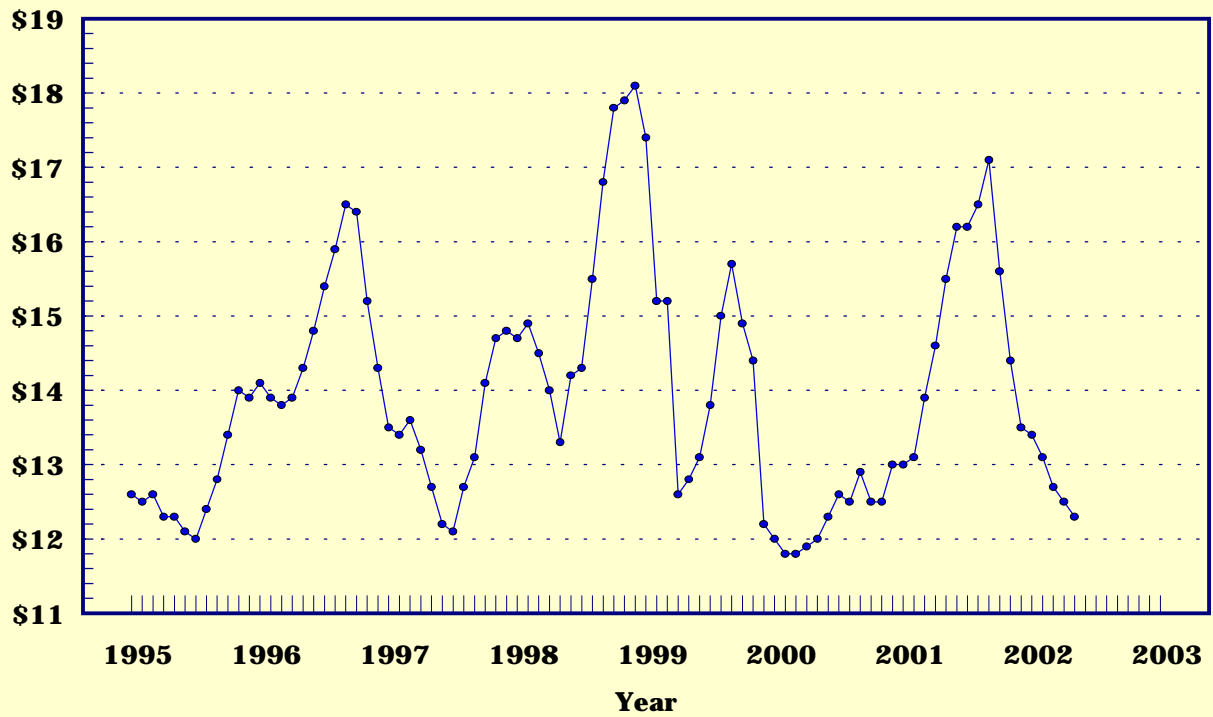
Prices Received, Cattle, US

Dollars per Cwt



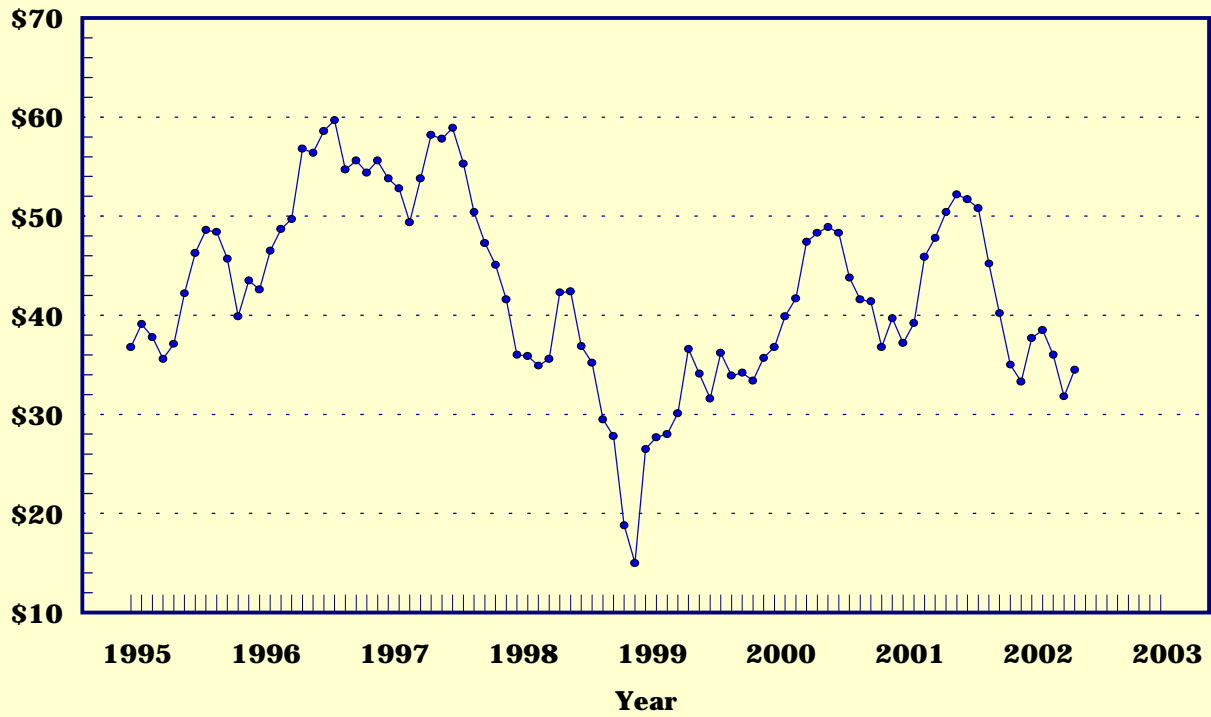
Prices Received, Milk, US

Dollars per Cwt



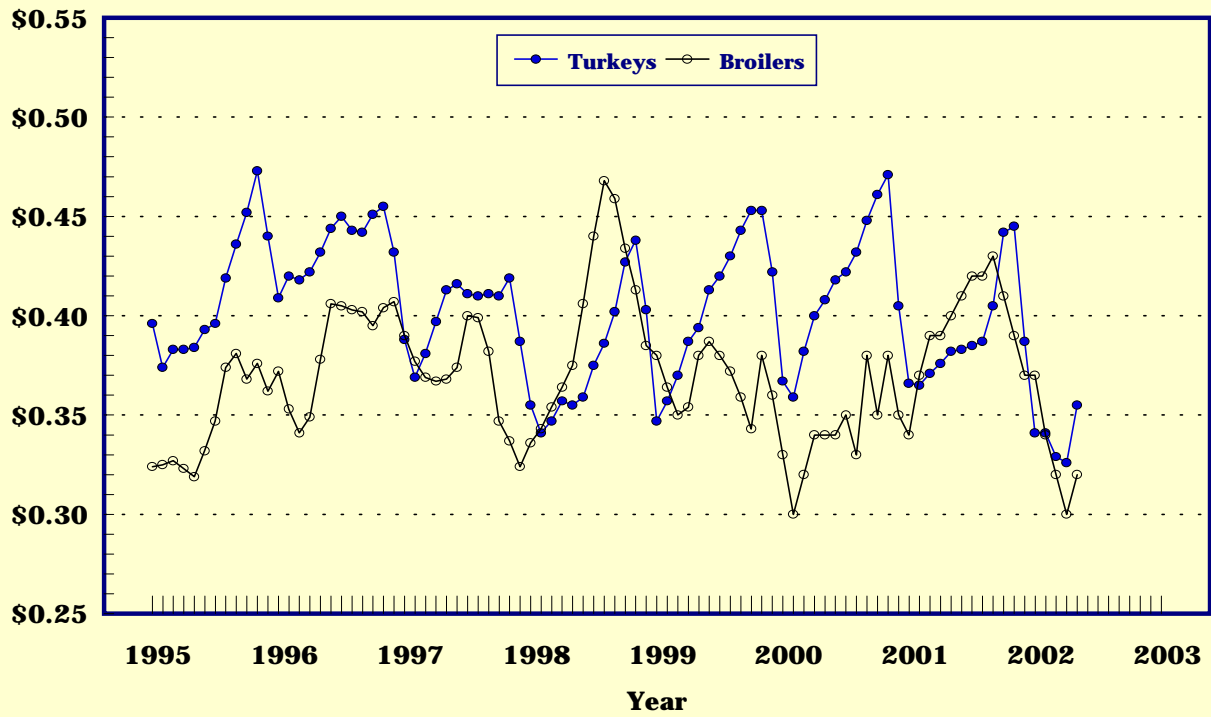
Prices Received, Hogs, US

Dollars per Cwt



Prices Received, Turkeys & Broilers, US

Dollars per Lb



Wheat: Prices Received, by States, April and May 2002

State	All Wheat		Winter Wheat		Durum Wheat 1/		Oth Spring Wheat	
	Apr 2/	May 3/	Apr 2/	May 3/	Apr 2/	May 3/	Apr 2/	May 3/
	Dollars per Bushel							
AR	2.67	2.60	2.67	2.60				
CA	4/	4/	2.73	4/	5/	5/		
CO	2.75	2.66	2.75	2.66			4/	5/
ID	3.05	3.08	2.94	3.00			3.15	3.20
IL	2.72	2.75	2.72	2.75				
IN	3.46	3.56	3.46	3.56				
KS	2.70	2.61	2.70	2.61				
MI	2.49	2.50	2.49	2.50				
MN	3.04	3.05	5/	5/			3.04	3.05
MO	2.67	2.55	2.67	2.55				
MT	3.15	3.06	3.04	2.85	3.75	3.60	3.05	3.05
NE	2.73	2.72	2.73	2.72				
ND	2.91	2.81	2.60	5/	3.29	3.00	2.78	2.75
OH	2.57	2.58	2.57	2.58				
OK	2.72	2.62	2.72	2.62				
OR	3.01	3.11	3.00	3.10			3.09	3.15
SD	2.80	2.87	2.53	2.65			2.84	2.90
TX	2.66	2.56	2.66	2.56				
WA	3.07	3.17	3.00	3.15			3.28	3.26
US	2.84	2.80	2.75	2.72	3.39	3.12	2.92	2.92

- 1/ Durum discontinued September 2001 for MN and SD.
 2/ Entire month.
 3/ Mid-month.
 4/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.
 5/ Insufficient sales to establish a price.

Prices Received for Selected Agricultural Commodities, by Months, United States, 2001 and 2002

Month	All Wheat		Corn		Soybeans		Beef Cattle 1/		All Hogs	
	2001	2002 2/	2001	2002 2/	2001	2002 2/	2001	2002 2/	2001	2002 2/
	Dollars per Bushel						Dollars per Cwt			
Jan	2.84	2.87	1.98	1.97	4.68	4.22	74.60	67.10	37.20	37.70
Feb	2.83	2.83	1.96	1.93	4.46	4.21	74.70	69.90	39.20	38.50
Mar	2.87	2.87	1.96	1.94	4.39	4.38	76.00	70.70	45.90	36.00
Apr	2.86	2.84	1.89	1.91	4.22	4.47	75.40	67.20	47.80	31.80
May	2.98	2.80	1.82	1.97	4.33	4.62	73.60	66.10	50.40	34.50
Jun	2.74		1.76		4.46		73.60		52.20	
Jul	2.63		1.87		4.79		71.90		51.70	
Aug	2.73		1.90		4.85		70.60		50.80	
Sep	2.85		1.91		4.53		69.00		45.20	
Oct	2.86		1.84		4.09		66.50		40.20	
Nov	2.88		1.85		4.16		64.00		35.00	
Dec	2.89		1.98		4.20		64.80		33.30	

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

Grains: Prices Received, by States, April and May 2002

State	Barley 1/		Corn		Oats		Soybeans		Sorghum Grain	
	Apr 2/	May 3/	Apr 2/	May 3/	Apr 2/	May 3/	Apr 2/	May 3/	Apr 2/	May 3/
----- Dollars per Bushel ----- Dollars per Cwt										
AL										
AR							4.64	4.75	5/	5/
CA	4/	4/								
CO	4/	4/	2.04	2.05						
ID	2.69	2.69								
IL			1.96	2.05	2.22	5/	4.58	4.75	4/	4/
IN			1.91	2.04			4.63	4.78		
IA			1.86	1.90	2.00	2.15	4.36	4.55		
KS			1.98	2.01			4.42	4.52	3.07	3.17
KY			1.99	2.10			4.69	4.75		
LA							4.45	4.74		
MI			1.88	1.95	2.49	2.40	4.66	4.65		
MN	2.00	2.01	1.76	1.85	1.91	1.90	4.28	4.50		
MS							4.52	4.71		
MO			1.93	2.00			4.51	4.65	3.45	3.50
MT	2.49	2.48			2.34	2.25				
NE			1.85	1.95	1.92	1.90	4.37	4.55	3.16	3.30
NC			2.37	2.40			4.62	4.70		
ND	1.65	1.70	1.90	1.90	1.78	1.75	4.10	4.20		
OH			1.94	1.95	1.98	2.00	4.64	4.70		
OK									3.07	3.19
OR	2.08	2.05			2.20	2.35				
PA			2.37	2.34	1.87	1.89				
SD	1.61	5/	1.71	1.77	2.02	1.71	4.19	4.37		
TN			2.25	2.25			4.59	4.65		
TX			2.21	2.26	5/	5/			3.30	3.43
UT	2.29	2.30								
WA	2.07	1.98								
WI			1.88	1.90	1.82	1.80	4.61	4.70		
WY	5/	5/								
US	2.10	2.14	1.91	1.97	1.98	2.02	4.47	4.62	3.14	3.24

- 1/ The Three-State (MN, ND and SD) Feed Barley price for May 2002 is \$1.49.
- 2/ Entire month.
- 3/ Mid-month.
- 4/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.
- 5/ Insufficient sales to establish a price.

Malting and Feed Barley: Prices Received Selected States, April and May 2002

State	Malting Barley		Feed Barley	
	Apr	May	Apr	May
----- Dollars per Bushel -----				
ID	2.81	2.85	1/	1/
MN	2.13	2.15	1/	1/
MT	2.92	2.95	2.04	2.00
ND	1.85	2.00	1.50	1.50
SD	2/	2/	1.61	2/
WY	2/	2/	2/	2/

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

Field Crops: Prices Received, by States, April and May 2002

State	Dry Edible Beans	Sunflower	Flaxseed	Tobacco	Peanuts 4/
	Apr 1/:May 2/	Apr 1/:May 2/	Apr 1/:May 2/	Apr 1/:May 3/	Apr 1/: May 3/
	Dollars per Cwt		Dollars per Bu		Dollars per Pound
AL					
CA	32.20	32.30			
CO	28.70	28.60			
FL					
GA					
ID	23.20	23.20			
IN					
KS		5/	5/		
KY					
MD					
MI	28.70	30.00			
MN	28.00	24.70	11.10	11.30	
MO					
NE	20.10	20.20			
NC					
ND	28.80	29.20	10.80	10.90	4.77 4.75
OH					
OK					
SC					
SD		9.91	10.10	5/	6/
TN					
TX					
VA					
WV					
US	27.20	27.50	10.60	10.60	4.77 4.75

- 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.
- 6/ Insufficient sales to establish a price.

Field Crops and Apples: Prices Received, by States,
April and May 2002

State	Cotton, Upland		May			Apples Fresh Use 1/4/
	Apr 1/	May 2/	Cotton- seed 5/	Hay, Baled 3/ All	Alfalfa Other	
	Dollars per Pound		Dollars per Ton			Dol/Lb
AL	6/	6/				
AZ	6/	6/	105.00	105.00	97.00	
AR	.277	.264				
CA	6/	6/	115.00	116.00	88.00	
CO			97.00	95.00	114.00	
GA	.279	.265				
ID			106.00	107.00	80.00	
IL			89.00	94.00	71.00	
IA			88.00	88.00	60.00	
KS			89.00	90.00	67.00	
KY			73.00	95.00	55.00	
LA	.267	.264				
MI			73.00	75.00	60.00	.150
MN			55.00	61.00	43.00	
MS	.265	.264				
MO			68.00	107.00	56.00	
MT			89.00	90.00	82.00	
NE			60.00	62.00	54.00	
NV			105.00	104.00	112.00	
NM			133.00	136.00	110.00	
NY			119.00	130.00	105.00	.184
NC	.322	.342				
ND			48.00	52.00	37.00	
OH			112.00	130.00	57.00	.280
OK			85.00	95.00	70.00	
OR			109.00	110.00	105.00	
PA			127.00	147.00	114.00	.420
SD			59.00	63.00	40.00	
TN	.267	.262				
TX	.268	.264	87.00	149.00	65.00	
UT			88.00	88.00	57.00	
VA						
WA			126.00	116.00	145.00	.221
WI			63.00	70.00	45.00	
WY			103.00	104.00	98.00	
US	.293	.275	102.00	108.00	76.70	.218

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/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

Upland Cotton and Rice: Prices Received and Marketings,
United States, May 2002, with Comparisons

Item	Unit	Mar 2002 1/	Apr 2002 1/	May 2002 2/
Cotton, Upland				
Average Price	Dollars/Pound	.299	.293	.275
Marketings 3/	1,000 Bales	999	551	NA
Rice				
Average Price	Dollars/Cwt	3.97	3.88	3.86
Marketings 4/	1,000 Cwt	10169	11752	NA

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

Citrus Fruit: Prices and Equivalent Returns, by Utilization,
by State and United States, May 2002

Commodity And State	:	F.O.B. Packed Fresh	Equivalent Returns					
			Packinghouse-door	On-tree		Process		
	:		All	Fresh	Process	All	Fresh	Process
Dollars per Box 1/								
Grapefruit	:							
AZ	:	14.50	8.25	8.25		6.02	6.02	
CA	:	15.50	7.98	9.25	-0.25	5.75	7.02	-2.48
FL	:	12.20	2.50	3.99	2.06	0.12	1.89	-0.40
White	:	12.10	2.62	3.10	2.60	0.29	1.00	0.25
Colored	:	12.20	2.36	4.10	1.00	-0.08	2.00	-1.70
TX	:	14.20	2.12	4.60	0.60	1.00	3.45	-0.50
US	:	13.70	3.23	5.97	1.81	1.05	3.98	-0.47
Lemons	:							
CA	:	30.20	11.76	20.51	0.24	7.58	16.33	-3.94
US	:	30.20	11.76	20.51	0.24	7.58	16.33	-3.94
Oranges	:							
AZ	:							
Valencia	:	9.70	2.92	2.92		0.53	0.53	
CA	:	18.90	10.76	12.06	0.44	8.38	9.68	-1.94
Navel and Misc	:	24.70	15.61	17.60	-0.15	13.26	15.25	-2.50
Valencia	:	16.00	8.27	9.22	0.74	5.88	6.83	-1.65
FL	:							
Valencia	:	14.30	6.31	6.50	6.30	4.30	4.40	4.30
TX	:							
Valencia	:	16.10	5.53	6.40	2.55	4.24	5.10	1.30
US	:	17.90	6.87	10.82	6.20	4.82	8.49	4.19
Tangerines	:							
CA	:	28.50	21.72	21.72		19.33	19.33	
US	:	28.50	21.72	21.72		19.33	19.33	

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

Potatoes: Prices Received, by States,
April and May 2002

State	Apr	May	State	Apr	May
	: Dollars per Cwt			: Dollars per Cwt	
AL			NC		
AZ		33.90	ND - All 1/	6.75	8.15
CA - All	26.80	27.10	- Fresh 2/	13.00	NA
- Winter	34.10		- Processing	5.00	NA
- Spring		27.10	OH	9.00	
- Summer			OR	8.05	8.30
- Fall	12.10		PA	13.10	12.90
CO - All 1/	9.60	10.00	TX		8.25
- Fresh 2/	11.90	NA	VA		
FL	17.50	16.10	WA - All	7.50	6.40
ID - All 1/	6.60	6.70	- Processing	5.45	NA
- Fresh 2/	8.10	NA	WI - All 1/	9.15	8.40
- Processing	5.20	NA	- Fresh 2/	9.00	NA
ME	9.00	8.80	- Processing	6.60	NA
MI	9.25	9.40			
MN	5.45	5.40	US - All 1/	8.63	10.70
NY	9.10		- Fresh 2/	13.30	NA
			- Processing	5.82	NA

1/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed.

2/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices.

Cattle: Prices Received, by States, April and May 2002

State	Cows 1/		Steers & Heifers:		Beef Cattle 4/		Calves	
	Apr 2/	May 3/	Apr 2/	May 3/	Apr 2/	May 3/	Apr 2/	May 3/
	Dollars per Cwt							
AZ	36.90	36.10	68.60	68.20	68.30	67.90	99.00	98.00
AR	39.00	39.20	77.20	77.00	66.10	65.70	89.50	88.00
CA	38.00	37.50	68.00	67.50	52.10	51.30	85.00	84.50
CO	40.90	41.80	76.20	75.20	75.80	74.90	93.30	89.90
FL	41.40	40.80	76.40	76.40	44.60	44.00	98.20	94.10
GA	40.60	40.50	72.20	71.20	51.70	50.90	91.10	88.40
ID	37.90	38.70	70.30	67.70	62.50	60.70	90.00	89.00
IL	39.80	40.00	69.80	68.00	69.20	67.40	99.00	99.00
IA	40.20	41.20	65.60	64.30	65.30	63.80	92.00	90.00
KS	40.80	39.30	69.00	68.30	67.90	67.10	99.00	98.00
KY	40.00	42.00	74.00	75.00	65.80	67.10	89.00	89.00
LA	41.00	40.00	74.70	74.00	50.80	50.50	91.00	89.00
MI	41.00	41.50	62.00	62.00	55.70	55.90	109.00	110.00
MN	42.80	43.00	67.80	64.50	62.30	59.80	96.00	98.00
MO	39.70	40.20	80.70	81.20	70.50	71.00	96.00	95.30
MT	40.60	41.00	77.40	77.70	67.50	60.50	94.30	93.30
NE	39.80	39.40	71.10	69.20	70.20	68.30	103.00	98.00
NM	41.50	39.70	75.60	75.00	64.00	63.00	96.00	91.90
ND	40.40	42.00	76.10	75.00	71.50	63.50	93.00	90.00
OH	36.80	38.00	68.50	68.00	65.30	65.00	86.30	90.00
OK	41.10	40.60	74.40	73.50	70.40	69.60	94.00	91.50
OR	38.90	38.70	76.10	73.50	64.90	63.10	89.00	85.00
PA	41.50	43.40	66.40	65.00	59.90	59.40	117.00	120.00
SD	40.10	40.90	72.80	71.70	68.50	66.20	95.50	95.30
TN	40.00	40.00	74.00	74.00	60.40	60.40	86.00	87.00
TX	38.80	37.50	71.60	69.60	69.00	66.70	98.30	95.90
VA	35.90	37.50	71.60	73.20	63.40	59.60	85.30	84.10
WI	41.30	42.00	66.40	64.10	51.80	51.30	140.00	142.00
WY	42.00	42.00	79.00	79.60	72.30	72.10	103.00	96.00
US	40.10	40.20	70.60	69.30	67.20	66.10	100.00	98.90

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

Hogs: Prices Received, by States, April and May 2002

State	Sows		Barrows and Gilts		All Hogs	
	Apr 1/	May 2/	Apr 1/	May 2/	Apr 1/	May 2/
	Dollars per Cwt					
AR	25.50	22.60	30.50	31.50	30.00	30.60
IL	24.00	23.00	32.50	36.60	31.80	35.50
IN	28.50	26.00	31.70	33.70	31.40	33.00
IA	28.40	25.60	33.30	37.40	33.30	37.30
KS	25.20	23.10	31.30	32.40	30.40	31.10
MI	22.50	23.00	29.00	31.50	28.50	30.80
MN	25.70	24.00	32.00	33.50	31.90	33.40
MO	23.80	21.00	29.30	30.30	29.00	29.70
NE	25.10	24.30	34.70	37.20	34.50	36.90
NC	25.30	23.10	31.50	36.30	31.40	36.20
OH	26.50	27.00	32.30	34.00	32.00	33.70
OK	25.40	23.30	28.90	31.60	28.40	30.50
PA	22.60	22.10	30.10	32.10	29.00	30.60
SD	22.70	25.00	34.20	35.00	33.10	33.90
TX	24.90	23.70	28.50	30.50	28.10	29.50
WI	21.90	22.90	27.00	30.20	26.30	29.30
US	25.20	23.80	32.10	35.00	31.80	34.50

1/ Entire month.

2/ Mid-month.

Sheep and Poultry: Prices Received, by States,
April and May 2002

State	April		May
	Sheep 1/	Lambs 1/	Eggs 2/3/
	---- Dollars per Cwt ----		Dol/Doz
AL			.290
AR			.260
CA	27.50	61.00	.250
CO	22.60	62.60	
CT			.400
FL			.310
GA			.290
ID	32.00	61.00	
IN			.380
IA	25.00	60.80	.196
KS	23.00	61.50	
ME			.480
MI			.240
MN	19.30	58.90	.230
MS			.350
MO			.190
MT	26.00	62.80	
NE	22.80	70.20	
NY			.373
NC			.250
ND	20.00	58.40	
OH	20.40	74.20	.318
OR	23.00	61.00	
PA			.370
SC			.300
SD	28.20	66.60	
TX	33.90	70.80	.330
UT	26.00	67.00	
WA			.416
WY	27.40	72.60	
US	27.80	64.30	.297

- 1/ Entire month.
2/ Mid-month.
3/ Market (table) eggs.

Milk and Milk Cows: Prices Received, by States, April and May 2002

State	April				May				
	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	Milk Cows 4/ Dol/Head
AZ	11.90	3.56			11.90	3.56	11.80	3.55	
CA	11.40	3.64	11.40	3.88	11.40	3.64	11.10	3.58	
FL	15.70	3.65			15.70	3.65	15.50	3.67	
ID	11.60	3.61	11.20	3.76	11.60	3.61	11.60	3.53	
IL	12.60	3.72	12.00	3.64	12.60	3.72	12.60	3.70	
IN	12.00	3.60	11.10	3.75	12.00	3.66	11.90	3.66	
IA	12.70	3.75	11.40	3.81	12.60	3.75	12.60	3.65	
KY	13.40	3.61			13.40	3.61	13.30	3.57	
MI	12.50	3.66	11.00	3.68	12.50	3.66	12.30	3.57	
MN	12.60	3.76	11.00	3.80	12.50	3.76	12.50	3.69	
MO	12.60	3.61	11.10	3.73	12.50	3.61	12.20	3.57	
NM	11.90	3.56			11.90	3.56	11.80	3.46	
NY	13.20	3.72			13.20	3.72	13.00	3.63	
OH	12.40	3.72	11.40	3.84	12.30	3.73	12.20	3.66	
PA	14.20	3.75	11.20	3.80	14.20	3.75	14.00	3.70	
TX	12.90	3.63			12.90	3.63	12.80	3.60	
VT	13.00	3.72			13.00	3.72	12.70	3.68	
VA	14.20	3.59			14.20	3.59	14.10	3.50	
WA	12.50	3.67			12.50	3.67	12.20	3.62	
WI	12.70	3.78	11.50	3.88	12.60	3.78	12.50	3.71	
US	12.60	3.69	11.30	3.84	12.50	3.69	12.30	3.63	

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

Parity Price Equivalent for Manufacturing Milk 1/: United States, April and May 2002, with Comparisons

Item	May 2001	Apr 2002	May 2002
Parity Equivalent.....Dol per Cwt	29.21	29.59	29.59
Average Price F.O.B.....Dol per Cwt	14.20	11.30	2/11.30
Average Fat Test of Milk..Percent	3.71	3.84	2/3.76

- 1/ The parity price equivalent during 2002 is 90.5 percent of the parity price of all milk sold to plants, compared with 91.0 percent in 2001. For additional details, see January 2002 issue of "Agricultural Prices".
- 2/ Preliminary.

United States Parity Prices for Farm Products and Average Prices Received as
Percent of Parity Prices Based on Data for May 2002, with Comparisons 1/

Commodity and Unit	: Adjusted: : Base : Prices	Parity Prices Based on Data for			: Prices as Percent : of Parity			
		: May : 2001	: Apr : 2002	: May : 2002	: May : 2001	: Apr : 2002	: May : 2002	
		----- Dollars -----			----- Percents -----			
Basic Commodities	:							
All Wheat, Bu	:	.579	9.64	9.51	9.50	31	30	29
Rice, Cwt	:	1.55	26.80	25.50	25.40	20	15	15
Corn, Bu	:	.392	6.58	6.44	6.43	28	30	31
Cotton, Lb	:							
American Upland	:	.0990	1.67	1.63	1.62	24	18	17
Extra Long Staple	:	.140	2.32	2.30	2.30			
Peanuts, Lb	:	.0401	.678	.658	.658			
Tobacco, By Type, Lb	:							
Flue-Cured 11-14	:	.255	4.19	4.19	4.18			
VA Fire-Cured, 21	:	.257	4.21	4.22	4.22			
KY-TN Fire-Cured, 22-23	:	.319	5.29	5.24	5.23			
Burley, 31	:	.274	4.47	4.50	4.50			
Maryland, 32	:	.220	3.68	3.61	3.61			
Dark Air-Cured, 35-36	:	.270	4.47	4.43	4.43			
Sun-Cured, 37	:	.239	3.80	3.92	3.92			
PA Seedleaf, 41	:	.188	3.11	3.09	3.09			
Cigar Filler & Binder, 42-44, 54-55	:	.218	3.57	3.58	3.58			
Puerto Rican Filler, 46	:	.173	2.83	2.84	2.84			
Cigar Binder, 51-52	:	.678	10.70	11.10	11.10			
Designated Nonbasic	:							
All Milk, Sold to	:							
Plants, Per Cwt	:	1.99	32.10	32.70	32.70	2/51	2/41	2/41
Honey, Extracted, Lb	:	3/.0930	1.50	1.53	1.53			
Wool and Mohair	:							
Wool, Lb	:	.0950	1.65	1.56	1.56			
Mohair, Lb	:	.315	4.40	5.17	5.17			
Other Nonbasic	:							
Barley, Bu	:	.385	6.43	6.32	6.32	33	33	34
Cottonseed, Ton	:	15.70	254.00	258.00	258.00			
Dry Edible Beans, Cwt	:	2.90	47.80	47.60	47.60	35	57	58
Flaxseed, Bu	:	.684	11.30	11.20	11.20	35	43	42
Oats, Bu	:	.239	3.77	3.92	3.92	34	51	52
Potatoes, Cwt	:	.817	13.60	13.40	13.40	39	64	80
Rye, Bu	:	.341	5.48	5.60	5.60			
Sorghum Grain, Cwt	:	.666	11.30	10.90	10.90	28	29	30
Soybeans, Bu	:	.858	14.30	14.10	14.10	30	32	33
Sweetpotatoes, Cwt	:	2.18	34.20	35.80	35.80			
Apples, Fresh, Lb 4/ Citrus (equiv on-tree), box:	:	.0289	.488	.475	.474	31	45	46
Grapefruit	:	.441	8.07	7.24	7.24	20	14	15
Lemons	:	1.08	19.60	17.70	17.70	28	29	43
Limes (FL)	:	1.26	20.80	20.70	20.70			
Oranges	:	.643	11.40	10.60	10.60	39	41	45
Tangerines	:	1.55	27.50	25.50	25.40	50	52	76
Temples (FL)	:	.527	9.67	8.65	8.65			
Beef Cattle, Cwt	:	9.56	158.00	157.00	157.00	47	43	42
Calves, Cwt	:	12.70	208.00	209.00	208.00	53	48	48
Hogs, Cwt	:	6.18	103.00	101.00	101.00	49	31	34
Lambs, Cwt	:	10.80	174.00	177.00	177.00	46	36	
Sheep, Cwt	:	4.57	72.40	75.00	75.00	50	37	
Eggs, Doz	:	.0933	1.55	1.53	1.53	2/37	2/32	2/34
Turkeys, Live, Lb	:	.0582	.958	.956	.955	40	34	37

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Parity Prices Based on Data for May 2002, 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	.253	4.15	Peaches, cont.		
Spearmint Oil, Lb	1.64	26.90	Processing 5/ Excl Dried		
Tobacco, Lb Type 61	2.56	42.00	Clingstone, CA, Ton	32.50	533.00
Noncitrus Fruit			Pears, Ton		
Apples, Ton 6/ Processing	19.20	315.00	Fresh 4/	51.70	848.00
Apricots, Ton			Dried, CA 6/	162.00	2660.00
Fresh 7/	102.00	1670.00	Plums, CA, Ton		
Dried, CA	290.00	4760.00	Fresh, Equiv on-Tree	53.80	883.00
Avocados, Ton 7/	214.00	3510.00	Prunes, Dried, CA, Ton 6/	137.00	2250.00
Cherries			Prunes and Plums, Excl CA, Ton		
Sweet, Ton	173.00	2840.00	Fresh 9/	51.40	843.00
Tart, Lb	.0271	.445	Processing 6/ Excl Dried	24.10	395.00
Cranberry, Bbl 5/	6.66	109.00			
Dates, CA, Ton 7/	157.00	2580.00	Tree Nuts 10/		
Grapes, Ton			Almonds, Lb	.215	3.53
Raisin Variety	134.00	2200.00	Hazelnuts, Ton	118.00	1940.00
Other Dried	65.70	1080.00	Pistachio, Lb	.157	2.58
Kiwifruit, Ton	76.90	1260.00	Walnuts, Ton	183.00	3000.00
Nectarines					
Fresh, Calif, Ton 7/	63.30	1040.00	Vegetables, Cwt 11/		
Olives, CA			Fresh		
Canning, Ton 5/	97.40	1600.00	Carrots 8/	2.00	32.80
Papayas (HI) Lb	.0505	.829	Cauliflower 8/	4.46	73.20
Peaches			Celery 8/	2.00	32.80
Fresh, Lb 4/	.0383	.629	Honeydew Melons	2.71	44.50
Dried, CA, Ton	103.00	1690.00	Lettuce	2.35	38.60
			Onions 8/	1.70	27.90
			Tomatoes	4.38	71.90

- 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.

Tobacco: Marketing Year Average Price, by Class, Type,
State, and United States, 2000-2001 1/

Class and State	Type	2000	2001
Dollars per Pound			
Flue-cured:			
Old Belts			
NC	11	1.817	1.856
VA	11	1.889	1.895
US	11	1.839	1.868
Eastern NC Belt			
NC	12	1.795	1.857
NC Border & SC Belt			
NC	13	1.778	1.849
SC	13	1.766	1.841
US	13	1.771	1.844
GA-FL Belt			
FL	14	1.730	1.871
GA	14	1.746	1.855
US	14	1.744	1.857
Total Flue-cured	11-14	1.793	1.857
Fire-cured:			
VA Belt			
VA	21	1.637	1.759
Eastern District			
KY	22	2.201	2.195
TN	22	2.197	2.154
US	22	2.199	2.169
Western District			
KY	23	2.082	2.101
TN	23	2.086	2.102
US	23	2.083	2.101
KY-TN Fire-cured	22-23	2.163	2.149
Total Fire-cured	21-23	2.137	2.131
Air-cured:			
Light Air-cured:			
Burley			
IN	31	1.937	1.944
KY	31	1.968	1.977
MO	31	1.854	1.895
NC	31	1.968	1.950
OH	31	1.928	1.938
TN	31	1.957	1.977
VA	31	1.974	1.979
WV	31	1.901	1.960
US	31	1.963	1.973
Southern MD Belt			
MD	32	1.690	1.680
PA	32	0.900	1.350
US	32	1.387	1.554
Total Light Air-cured	31-32	1.942	1.966
Dark Air-cured:			
One-Sucker Belt			
KY	35	1.965	1.835
TN	35	2.041	1.815
US	35	1.977	1.831
Green River Belt			
KY	36	1.940	1.822
KY-TN Dark Air-cured	35-36	1.965	1.829

See footnotes at end of table.

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Tobacco: Marketing Year Average Price, by Class, Type,
State, and United States, 2000-2001 1/ (continued)

Class and State	Type	2000	2001
Dollars per Pound			
VA Sun-cured Belt			
VA	37	1.800	1.686
Total Dark Air-cured	35-37	1.964	1.827
All Cures Other Than Cigar	11-37	1.867	1.907
Cigar Filler:			
PA Seedleaf			
PA 2/	41		1.650
Cigar Binder:			
CT Valley Broadleaf			
CT	51	4.900	5.550
MA	51	5.000	5.650
US	51	4.916	5.589
WI Binder, Southern			
WI	54	1.550	1.650
WI Binder, Northern			
WI	55	1.550	1.650
Total WI Binder	54-55	1.550	1.650
Total Binder	51-55	2.633	3.673
Cigar Wrapper:			
CT Valley Shade-grown			
CT 3/4/	61		
MA 3/4/	61		
US 4/	61	25.300	
Total Cigar Types 2/3/4/	41-61	10.708	2.952
US All Tobacco 2/3/4/	11-61	1.910	1.920

- 1/ 2000 and 2001 revised.
 2/ PA Type 41 price for 2000 not published to avoid disclosure and not included in U.S. totals. Price for 2000 includes type 32 only.
 3/ CT and MA type 61 price for 2000 not published to avoid disclosure. However, CT and MA type 61 price is included in U.S. totals for 2000.
 4/ CT and MA type 61 price for 2001 not available and is not included in U.S. totals.

Tobacco: Marketing Year Average Price,
by State, 2000-2001 1/

State	2000	2001	State	2000	2001
Dollars per Pound					
CT 2/3/	4.900	5.550	OH	1.928	1.938
FL	1.730	1.871	PA 4/	0.900	1.550
GA	1.746	1.855	SC	1.766	1.841
IN	1.937	1.944	TN	2.014	2.016
KY	1.983	1.985	VA	1.894	1.906
MD	1.690	1.680	WV	1.901	1.960
MA 2/3/	5.000	5.650	WI	1.550	1.650
MO	1.854	1.895	CT& MA 5/	25.300	
NC	1.803	1.858			

- 1/ 2000 and 2001 revised. 2/ CT and MA type 61 price for 2000 not included to avoid disclosure. Price includes type 51 only. 3/ CT and MA type 61 price for 2001 not available. Price includes type 51 only. 4/ PA type 41 price for 2000 not included to avoid disclosure. Price includes type 32 only. 5/ Includes type 61 only. Price not available for 2001.

Tobacco: Prices Received Monthly by Type, State
and United States, July 2000 - April 2001 1/

Cure, Area and State	Type	2000					
		Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
		Dollars per Pound					
Flue-cured:							
Old and Middle Belts							
NC	11	1.815	1.810	1.840	1.790		
VA	11	1.910	1.855	1.910	1.865		
US	11	1.845	1.825	1.860	1.805		
Eastern NC Belt							
NC	12	1.675	1.855	1.860	1.810		
NC Border & SC Belt							
NC	13	1.625	1.855	1.855	1.795		
SC	13	1.625	1.840	1.835	1.755		
US	13	1.625	1.845	1.840	1.770		
GA-FL Belt							
FL	14	1.555	1.835	1.835			
GA	14	1.595	1.850	1.830	1.750		
US	14	1.585	1.845	1.830	1.750		
Total Flue-cured	11-14	1.695	1.845	1.855	1.785		
Fire-cured:							
VA Belt							
VA	21						1.650
Eastern District							
KY	22						
TN	22						
US	22						
Western District							
KY	23						
TN	23						
US	23						
KY-TN Fire-cured	22-23						
Total Fire-cured	21-23						1.650
Air-cured:							
Light Air-cured:							
Burley							
IN	31				1.945	1.970	
KY	31				1.975	1.985	
MO	31					1.870	
NC	31				1.985	1.970	
OH	31				1.950	1.940	
TN	31				1.965	1.965	
VA	31				1.975	1.990	
WV 2/	31						
US	31				1.970	1.975	
Southern MD Belt							
MD	32						
Total Light Air-cured	31-32				1.970	1.975	
Dark Air-cured:							
One Sucker Belt							
KY	35				2.015	2.050	
TN	35					2.165	
US	35				2.015	2.065	
Green River Belt							
KY	36					1.970	
KY-TN Dark Air-cured	35-36				2.015	2.045	
VA Sun-cured Belt							
VA	37					1.860	
Total Dark Air-cured	35-37				2.015	2.045	
Total All Cures	11-37	1.695	1.845	1.855	1.950	1.980	

1/ Revised.

2/ Prices received by month are not available.

Tobacco: Prices Received Monthly by Type, State
and United States, July 2000 - April 2001 1/ (continued)

		2001			
Cure, Area and State	Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Dollars per Pound					
Flue-cured:					
Old and Middle Belts					
NC	11				
VA	11				
US	11				
Eastern NC Belt					
NC	12				
NC Border & SC Belt					
NC	13				
SC	13				
US	13				
GA-FL Belt					
FL	14				
GA	14				
US	14				
Total Flue-cured	11-14				
Fire-cured:					
VA Belt					
VA	21	1.655	1.260		
Eastern District					
KY	22	2.300	2.175	1.835	
TN	22	2.295	2.195	1.705	
US	22	2.295	2.185	1.755	
Western District					
KY	23	2.160	2.030	1.670	
TN	23	2.170	2.040	1.695	
US	23	2.160	2.030	1.675	
KY-TN Fire-cured	22-23	2.250	2.140	1.745	
Total Fire-cured	21-23	2.200	2.135	1.745	
Air-cured:					
Light Air-cured:					
Burley					
IN	31	1.905	1.905		
KY	31	1.955	1.930		
MO	31	1.845	1.795		
NC	31	1.945	1.845		
OH	31	1.915	1.895		
TN	31	1.945	1.890		
VA	31	1.960			
WV 2/	31				
US	31	1.945	1.920		
Southern MD Belt					
MD	32			1.710	1.420
Total Light Air-cured	31-32	1.945	1.920	1.710	1.420
Dark Air-cured:					
One Sucker Belt					
KY	35	1.860	1.565		
TN	35	1.920	1.480		
US	35	1.875	1.555		
Green River Belt					
KY	36	1.960	1.575		
KY-TN Dark Air-cured	35-36	1.920	1.560		
VA Sun-cured Belt					
VA	37	1.730	1.420		
Total Dark Air-cured	35-37	1.915	1.560		
Total All Cures	11-37	1.995	2.015	1.720	1.420

1/ Revised.

2/ Prices received by month are not available.

Tobacco: Prices Received Monthly by Type, State
and United States, July 2001 - April 2002 1/

		2001					
Cure, Area and State	Type	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
		Dollars per Pound					
Flue-cured Areas:							
Northern Auction 2/	:	1.910	1.770	1.890	1.920	1.865	
Northern Contract 2/	:	1.880	1.815	1.880	1.895		
Southern Auction 3/	:	1.845	1.800	1.880	1.880		
Southern Contract 3/	:	1.730	1.860	1.905	1.915		
Total Flue-cured Area	: 11-14:	1.865	1.810	1.885	1.905	1.865	
Fire-cured:							
VA Belt							
VA	: 21 :						1.805
Eastern District							
KY	: 22 :						
TN	: 22 :						
US	: 22 :						
Western District							
KY	: 23 :						
TN	: 23 :						
US	: 23 :						
KY-TN Fire-cured	: 22-23:						
Total Fire-cured	: 21-23:						1.805
Air-cured:							
Light Air-cured:							
Burley							
IN	: 31 :				1.945	1.945	
KY	: 31 :				1.980	1.975	
MO	: 31 :					1.895	
NC	: 31 :				1.960	1.945	
OH	: 31 :				1.950	1.945	
TN	: 31 :				1.980	1.980	
VA	: 31 :				1.985	1.980	
WV 4/	: 31 :						
US	: 31 :				1.980	1.975	
Southern MD Belt							
MD	: 32 :						
Total Light Air-cured	: 31-32:				1.980	1.975	
Dark Air-cured:							
One Sucker Belt							
KY	: 35 :				1.990	1.900	
TN	: 35 :					1.900	
US	: 35 :				1.990	1.900	
Green River Belt							
KY	: 36 :				2.070	1.900	
KY-TN Dark Air-cured	: 35-36:				2.015	1.900	
VA Sun-cured Belt							
VA	: 37 :						1.740
Total Dark Air-cured	: 35-37:				2.015	1.895	
Total All Cures	: 11-37:	1.865	1.810	1.885	1.905	1.980	1.965

1/ Revised.

2/ Consists of Eastern NC Belt, Old and Middle Belts in NC and VA.

3/ Consists of GA-FL Belt, SC Belt, and NC Border Belt.

4/ Prices received by month are not available.

Tobacco: Prices Received Monthly by Type, State
and United States, July 2001 - April 2002 1/ (continued)

Cure, Area and State	Type	2002			
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
		Dollars per Pound			
Flue-cured Areas:					
Northern Auction 2/					
Northern Contract 2/					
Southern Auction 3/					
Southern Contract 3/					
Total Flue-cured Area:	11-14:				
Fire-cured:					
VA Belt					
VA	21	1.510			
Eastern District					
KY	22	2.240	2.000	1.740	
TN	22	2.215	2.000	1.865	
US	22	2.225	2.000	1.815	
Western District					
KY	23	2.125	1.975	1.625	
TN	23	2.125	1.975	1.650	
US	23	2.125	1.975	1.635	
KY-TN Fire-cured	22-23:	2.195	1.995	1.795	
Total Fire-cured	21-23:	2.185	1.995	1.795	
Air-cured:					
Light Air-cured:					
Burley					
IN	31	1.950	1.915		
KY	31	1.975	1.960		
MO	31	1.895			
NC	31	1.945	1.885		
OH	31	1.930			
TN	31	1.970	1.965		
VA	31	1.975	1.975		
WV 4/	31				
US	31	1.970	1.960		
Southern MD Belt					
MD	32			1.680	
Total Light Air-cured	31-32:	1.970	1.960	1.680	
Dark Air-cured:					
One Sucker Belt					
KY	35	1.645	1.785		
TN	35	1.770	1.645		
US	35	1.675	1.700		
Green River Belt					
KY	36	1.650	1.400		
KY-TN Dark Air-cured	35-36:	1.670	1.600		
VA Sun-cured Belt					
VA	37	1.365			
Total Dark Air-cured	35-37:	1.665	1.600		
Total All Cures	11-37:	2.025	1.960	1.700	

1/ Revised.

2/ Consists of Eastern NC Belt, Old and Middle Belts in NC and VA.

3/ Consists of GA-FL Belt, SC Belt, and NC Border Belt.

4/ Prices received by month are not available.

Tobacco: Prices Received Monthly, by State and United States,
July 2000 - April 2001

State	2000						2001			
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
	Dollars per Pound									
FL	1.550	1.835	1.835							
GA	1.595	1.850	1.830	1.750						
IN				1.945	1.970	1.905	1.905			
KY				1.975	1.990	1.995	1.980	1.785		
MD								1.710	1.420	
MO					1.870	1.845	1.795			
NC	1.705	1.845	1.855	1.855	1.970	1.945	1.845			
OH				1.950	1.940	1.915	1.895			
SC	1.625	1.840	1.835	1.755						
TN				1.965	1.975	2.075	2.125	1.705		
VA	1.910	1.855	1.910	1.950	1.960	1.830	1.265			
WV 1/										
US	1.695	1.845	1.855	1.950	1.980	1.995	2.015	1.720	1.420	

1/ Prices received by month are not available.

Tobacco: Prices Received Monthly, by State and United States,
July 2001 - April 2002 1/

State	2001						2002			
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
	Dollars per Pound									
FL	1.765	1.895	1.925							
GA	1.720	1.855	1.900	1.915						
IN				1.945	1.945	1.950	1.915			
KY				1.980	1.970	2.015	1.955	1.715		
MD								1.680		
MO					1.895	1.895				
NC	1.880	1.795	1.885	1.900	1.950	1.945	1.945	1.885		
OH				1.950	1.945	1.930				
SC	1.835	1.810	1.880	1.865						
TN				1.980	1.975	2.085	1.975	1.860		
VA	1.935	1.820	1.900	1.940	1.985	1.925	1.925	1.975		
WV 2/										
US	1.865	1.810	1.885	1.905	1.980	1.965	2.025	1.960	1.700	

1/ Revised.

2/ Prices received by month are not available.

Reliability of Prices Received Estimates

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

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

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

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

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

Prices Paid by Farmers

The May Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) was 123 (1990-92=100), unchanged from April 2002 but 0.8 percent below May 2001.

PRODUCTION INDEX: The May index, at 118, was down 0.8 percent from last month and 1.7 percent below last year. Lower prices in May for feeder cattle, feeder pigs, nitrogen fertilizers, and feed supplements, more than offset higher prices for LP gas, feed grains, complete feeds, and fungicides and other chemicals.

Feed: The May index, at 110, was the same as April but 3.8 percent above last May. Since April, slightly lower prices for feed supplements offset slightly higher prices for feed grains and complete feeds.

Livestock and Poultry: The May index, at 98, was 3.9 percent lower than last month and 11 percent below last year. Since April, prices were lower for feeder cattle and feeder pigs. The May feeder cattle price, at \$78.10 per cwt, was down \$2.30 per cwt from the April price.

Fertilizer: The May index, at 106, was down 0.9 percent from April and 18 percent less than May a year ago. Prices were lower in May for nitrogen fertilizers and mixed fertilizers.

Agricultural Chemicals: The May index, at 119, was unchanged from last month but 1.7 percent below last May. Prices in May were slightly higher for fungicides and other chemicals.

Fuels: The May index, at 115, was up 0.9 percent from a month earlier but 16 percent below May 2001. Compared to last month, prices were higher for LP gas while diesel fuel and gasoline prices were fractionally lower.

Farm Machinery: The May index, at 147, was unchanged from April but 2.8 percent above last May. Since April, prices were slightly lower for tractors.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: The April 2002 Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.6 percent before seasonal adjustment to a level of 179.8 (1982-84=100). This compares to the March index of 178.8. For the 12-month period ending in April, the overall index has increased 1.6 percent.

Indexes of Prices Paid by Farmers and Related Parity Ratios
United States, May 2002 With Comparisons

Indexes and Ratios	1910-14 = 100			1990-92 = 100		
	2001		2002		2002	
	May	Apr	May	May	Apr	May
Prices Paid by Farmers for	:					
Commodities & Services,	:					
Interest, Taxes, & Wage	:					
Rates (PPITW)	1649	*1643	1641	124	123	123
Production	1168	*1150	1147	120	*119	118
Feed	519	*535	538	106	*110	110
Livestock and Poultry	1401	*1300	1255	110	*102	98
Seeds	1329	1426	1426	134	144	144
Fertilizer	473	391	388	129	107	106
Agricultural Chemicals	747	733	733	121	119	119
Fuels	1054	878	890	137	114	115
Supplies & Repairs	905	*919	919	128	129	129
Autos & Trucks	3145	*3086	3080	118	116	116
Farm Machinery	3593	3700	3696	143	147	147
Building Material	1657	*1652	1658	122	*122	122
Farm Services & Rent	1418	*1425	1425			
Farm Services				120	*119	119
Rent				117	120	120
Interest 1/	2845	2728	2728	114	109	109
Taxes 2/	3330	3378	3378	124	126	126
Wage Rates	5369	*5705	5705	144	*153	153
Production, Interest, Taxes,	:					
& Wage Rates (PITW)	1641	1629	1626	122	121	121
Family Living-CPI 3/	1688	*1708	1708	132	133	133
Ratio (Received\Paid)	:			87	77	80
Parity Ratio 4/	42	37	38			
PPITW Adjusted for	:					
Productivity 6/	1123	*1145	1145			
Crop Sector (PPITW)	:			127	126	126
Livestock Sector (PPITW)	:			121	120	120
Farm Sector (Production)	:			111	112	111
Non-Farm Sector (Production)	:			125	121	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 1.052 for 2002 and the revised factor is 1.105 for 2001.
- 6/ PPITW is adjusted based on productivity trend for the prior 15 years.

Prices Paid Indexes and Annual Weights for Input Components and
Sub-Components United States, May 2002 With Comparisons

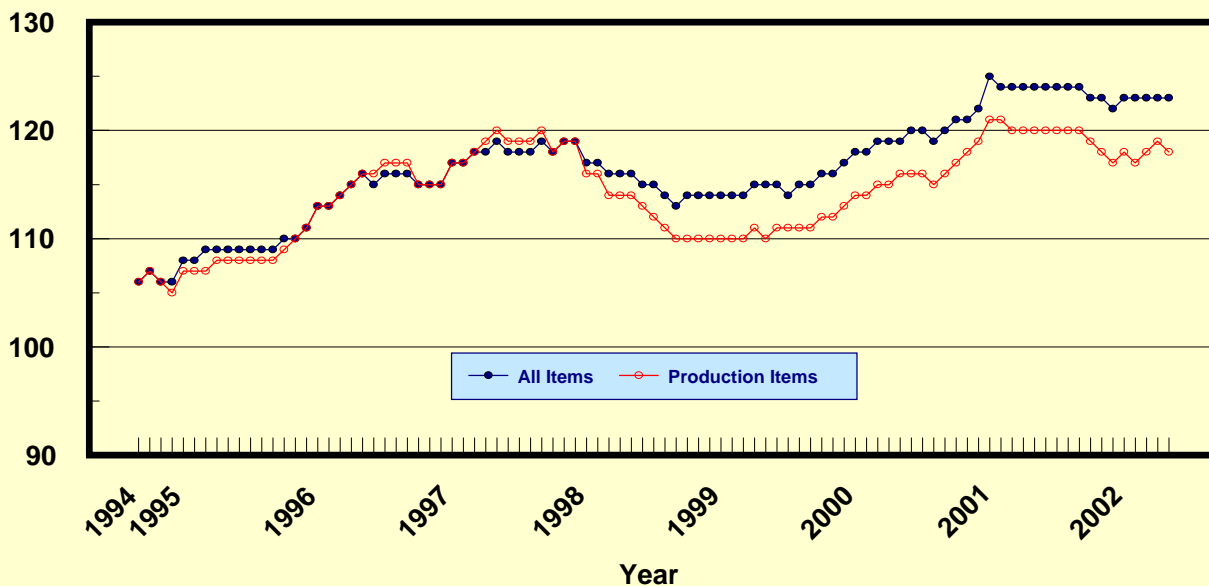
Index	Relative Weights		Input Indexes		
	5-Year Moving Average 1/		2001	2002	
	2001	2002	May	Apr	May
	---- Percent ----		---- (1990-92=100) ---		
Production Items	67.1	66.9	67	67	67
Feed	11.5	11.3	106	*110	110
Feed Grains	1.6	1.6	79	*83	86
Complete Feeds	5.6	5.5	106	112	113
Hay/Forages	1.4	1.4	131	127	127
Concentrates	1.8	1.8	107	104	104
Supplements	1.0	0.9	116	123	121
Livestock & Poultry	6.7	6.8	110	*102	98
Feeder Cattle	5.2	5.3	106	95	92
Feeder Pigs	0.5	0.5	127	111	94
Milk Cow Replacements	0.5	0.6	123	*152	152
Poultry	0.4	0.4	109	109	109
Seeds	3.0	3.1	134	144	144
Field Crops	2.7	2.8	136	147	147
Grasses/Legumes	0.3	0.3	118	118	118
Fertilizer	4.8	4.7	129	107	106
Mixed Fertilizer	2.1	2.1	111	104	103
Nitrogen	2.0	2.0	154	110	108
Potash & Phosphate	0.7	0.7	110	108	108
Agricultural Chemicals	4.0	3.9	121	119	119
Herbicides	2.5	2.5	112	112	112
Insecticides	0.9	0.9	145	137	137
Fungicides/Other	0.6	0.6	121	119	120
Fuels	2.6	2.7	137	114	115
Diesel	1.5	1.5	134	110	110
Gasoline	0.7	0.8	139	118	118
LP Gas	0.4	0.4	143	121	134
Farm Supplies & Repairs	5.6	5.5	128	129	129
Supplies	1.9	1.8	122	*123	123
Repairs	3.7	3.7	130	*133	133
Autos & Trucks	1.7	1.7	118	116	116
Autos	0.2	0.2	111	110	110
Trucks	1.5	1.5	119	117	117
Farm Machinery	4.0	4.0	143	147	147
Tractors	0.9	0.9	138	140	139
Self-Propelled	1.6	1.6	144	147	147
Other Machinery	1.5	1.5	146	153	153
Building Materials	2.8	3.1	122	*122	122
Farm Services	12.4	12.3	120	*119	119
Custom Rates	1.3	1.3	121	121	121
Other Services	11.1	11.1	120	119	119
Rent	7.9	7.7	117	120	120
Cash	4.0	4.2	143	145	145
Share	3.9	3.6	91	91	91
Interest	4.9	4.8	114	109	109
Taxes	3.1	3.0	124	126	126
Wage Rates	7.2	7.3	144	*153	153
Family Living-CPI	17.8	18.0	132	133	133

* Revised.

1/ Weights may not add due to rounding.

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

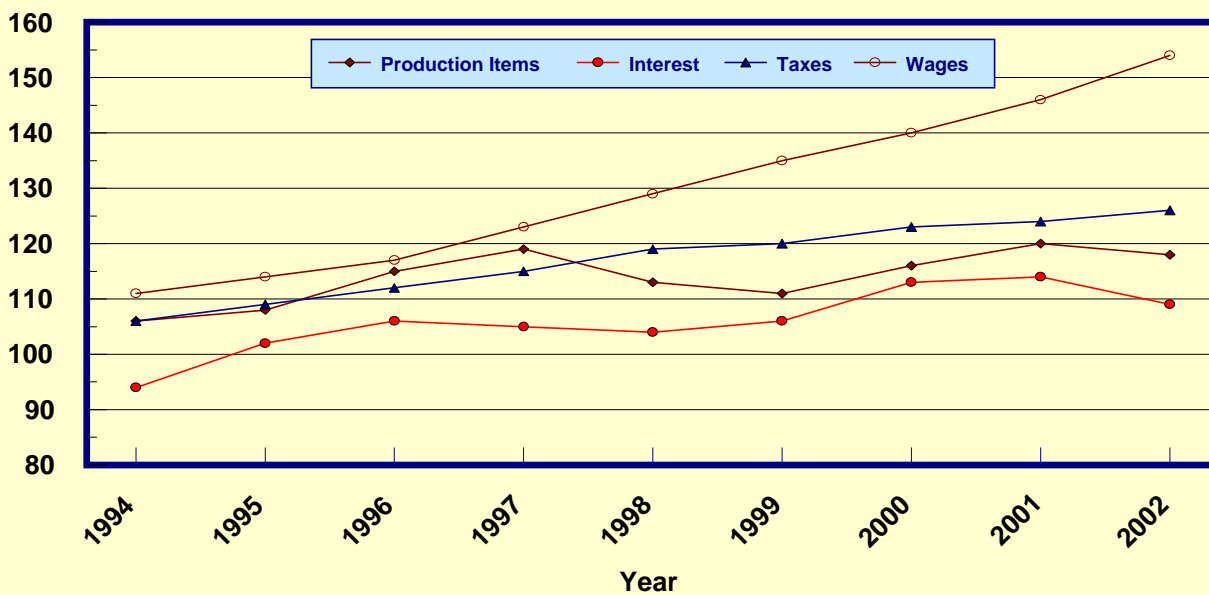
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Prices Paid by Farmers, Major Indexes US, Annual Averages 1/

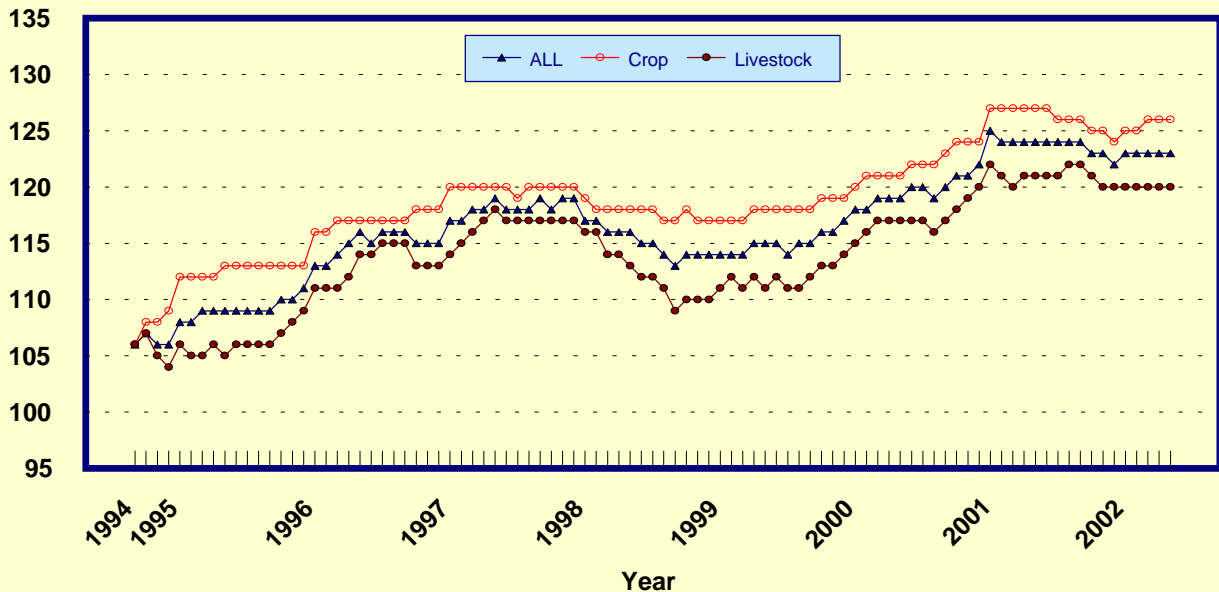
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Prices Paid by Farmers, Indexes, All Items US, By Farm Type 1/

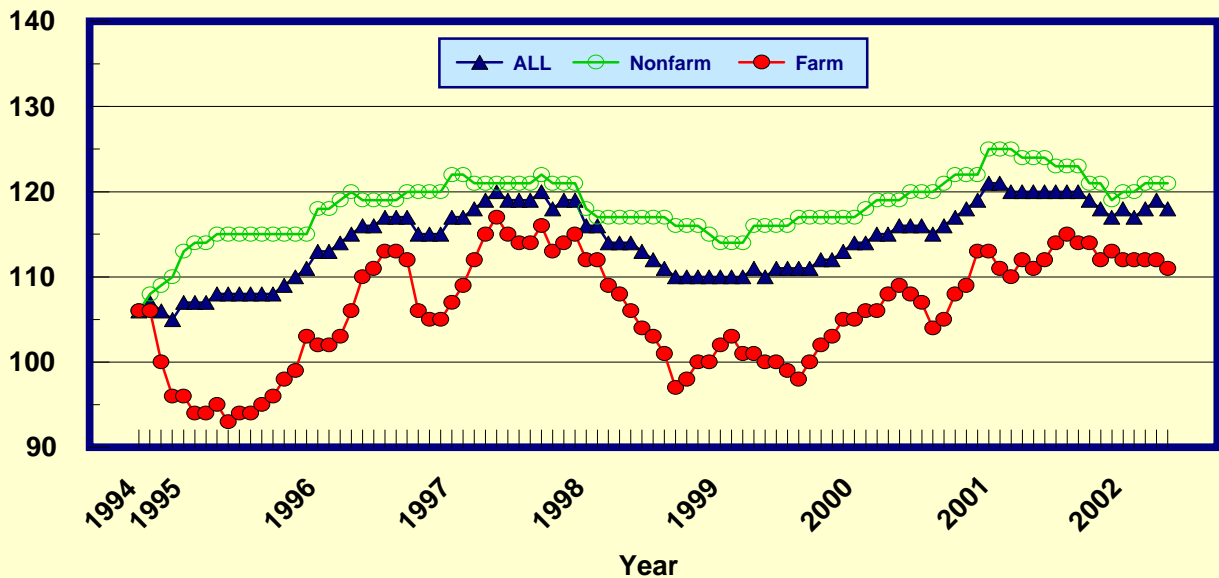
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Prices Paid by Farmers, Indexes, All Production Items US, By Sector Origin 1/

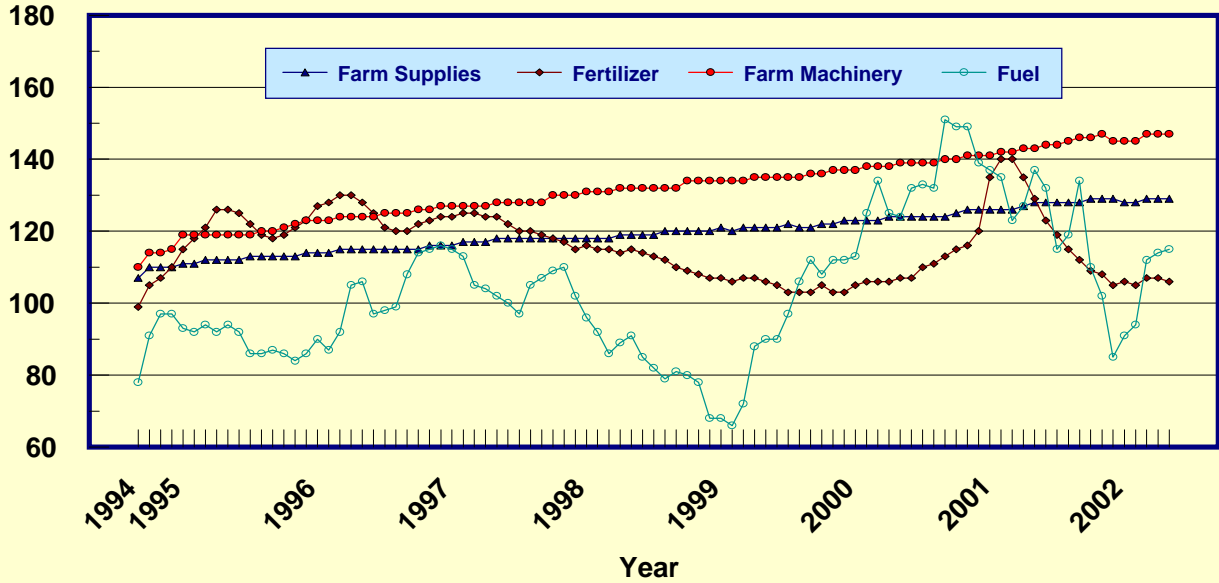
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Prices Paid by Farmers, Selected Production Indexes US, By Non-Farm Sector 1/

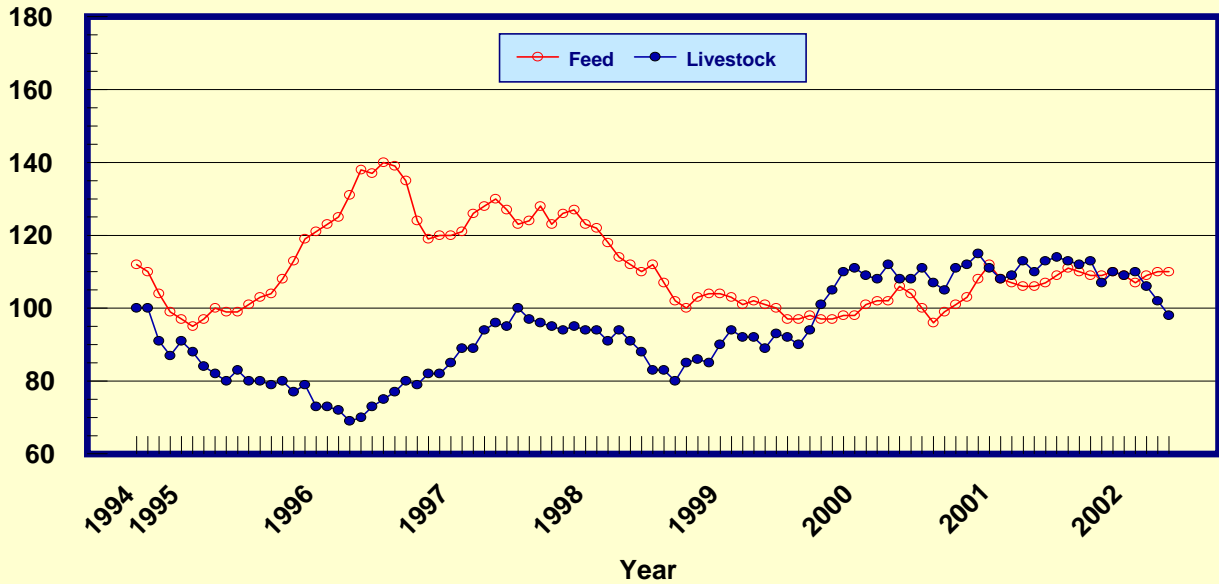
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Prices Paid by Farmers, Selected Production Indexes US, By Farm Sector 1/

Percent (1990-92=100)



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Feed Price Ratios: United States, May 2002 with Comparisons

Feed Price Ratio 1/	2001		2002	
	May	Apr	May	May
Broiler-Feed: Pounds of Broiler Grower Feed equal in value to 1 pound of broiler, live weight	8.1	*5.9		6.1
Market Egg Feed: Pounds of Laying Feed equal in Value to 1 dozen eggs	8.6	*7.3		6.5
Hog-Corn: Bushels of Corn equal in value to 100 pounds of hog, live weight	27.7	*16.6		17.5
Milk-Feed: Pounds of 16% Mixed Dairy Feed equal in value to 1 pound of Whole Milk	3.41	*2.77		2.66
Steer & Heifer-Corn: Bushels of Corn equal in value to 100 pounds of Steer & Heifers, live weight	42.5	*37.0		35.2
Turkey-Feed: Pounds of Turkey Grower equal in value to 1 pound of Turkey, live weight	8.1	*6.8		7.2

1/ Effective August 1998, prices of commercial prepared feeds are based on current U.S. prices received for corn, soybeans, alfalfa hay, and all wheat.
* Revised.

Prices Used to Calculate Feed Price Ratios:
United States, May 2002 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	2001		2002	
		May	Apr	May	May
Broilers, Live	Lb	0.400	0.300		0.320
Eggs, Market	Doz	0.365	0.321		0.297
Hogs, All	Cwt	50.40	*31.80		34.50
Milk, All	Cwt	15.50	12.50		12.30
Steers and Heifers	Cwt	77.40	*70.60		69.30
Turkeys, Live	Lb	0.382	0.326		0.355
Corn	Bu	1.82	*1.91		1.97
Hay, Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	113.00	106.00		108.00
Soybeans	Bu	4.33	*4.47		4.62
Wheat, All	Bu	2.98	*2.84		2.80

* Revised.

Feeder Livestock: Prices Paid, United States
May 2002 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	2001		2002	
		May	Apr	May	May
					Dollars
Feeders and Stockers					
Cattle and Calves	Cwt	90.10	80.40		78.10
Feeder Pigs	Cwt	117.00	102.00		86.00

Feed Price Ratios, Monthly, United States,
January 1999 - May 2002 1/

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

	Broiler-Feed Ratio 3/												
1999:	6.5	6.6	6.5	6.6	7.3	7.5	8.0	7.6	7.2	7.0	7.8	7.2	7.2
2000:	6.3	5.6	5.8	6.1	5.8	6.3	7.2	7.0	7.8	7.1	7.4	6.5	6.6
2001:	6.4	7.2	7.8	7.9	8.1	8.3	7.9	7.8	8.4	8.6	8.1	7.4	7.8
2002:	7.4	6.9	6.3	5.9	6.1								

	Market Egg-Feed Ratios 4/												
1999:	11.6	10.5	11.3	9.1	7.9	8.3	10.0	10.1	9.4	8.1	11.7	10.1	9.8
2000:	8.9	11.1	8.1	9.9	6.4	9.5	9.2	12.9	10.3	12.2	13.1	15.0	10.6
2001:	10.9	11.4	11.6	11.3	8.6	8.5	7.8	8.4	8.5	10.7	11.5	9.3	9.9
2002:	10.2	8.4	11.6	7.3	6.5								

	Turkey-Feed Ratio 5/												
1999:	6.5	7.1	7.5	7.8	8.2	8.7	9.7	9.5	9.6	10.0	9.9	9.2	8.6
2000:	7.7	7.3	7.6	7.9	7.8	8.5	9.5	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.8	8.1	8.7
2001:	7.3	7.5	7.7	8.0	8.1	8.3	7.9	7.8	8.3	9.6	9.6	8.1	8.2
2002:	7.2	7.2	6.8	6.8	7.2								

	Milk-Feed Ratio 6/												
1999:	4.09	3.60	3.62	2.97	2.99	3.21	3.58	3.83	4.09	3.96	3.87	3.24	3.59
2000:	3.07	2.94	2.88	2.84	2.63	2.96	3.29	3.38	3.36	3.12	3.07	3.04	3.05
2001:	3.08	3.03	3.24	3.29	3.41	3.74	3.60	3.62	3.76	3.54	3.26	3.01	3.38
2002:	3.00	3.01	2.90	2.77	2.66								

	Hog-Corn Ratio 7/												
1999:	12.9	13.5	13.6	14.8	18.4	17.3	18.2	20.7	19.4	20.2	19.6	19.6	17.4
2000:	19.3	20.2	20.5	23.3	22.9	25.6	29.5	28.8	25.8	23.8	19.8	20.2	23.3
2001:	18.8	20.0	23.5	25.3	27.7	29.7	27.6	26.6	23.6	22.0	18.9	16.8	23.4
2002:	19.1	19.9	18.6	16.6	17.5								

	Steer & Heifer-Corn Feed Ratio 8/												
1999:	30.2	31.0	31.8	32.4	32.8	33.9	37.5	37.8	38.3	41.5	41.7	38.9	35.7
2000:	37.5	35.9	36.2	37.0	34.7	37.4	42.9	44.7	42.6	40.5	39.7	39.0	39.0
2001:	40.1	40.2	41.1	42.1	42.5	43.6	40.1	38.7	37.7	38.2	36.6	34.6	39.6
2002:	36.1	38.1	38.3	37.0	35.2								

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

Prices Paid by Farmers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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