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PRICES RECEIVED INDEX DOWN 1 POINT PARITY INDEX UNCHANGED ADJUSTED PARITY RATIO 81

During the month ended March 15, the Index of Prices Received by Farmers declined 1 point (1/3 percent) to 289 percent of its 1910-14 average, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Except for February 1970, this was the highest index since August 1952. Contributing most to the decrease during the month were price declines for hogs, eggs, and milk. Partially offsetting were higher cattle prices. The index was 7 percent above March 1969.

The Index of Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates was unchanged at 386, equaling the record high of the previous month. The index rose 17 points (5 percent) during the past 12 months.

With prices of farm products declining slightly, and prices paid by farmers unchanged, the preliminary Adjusted Parity Ratio remained at 81 and the Parity Ratio at 75.

SUMMARY TABLE

Index 1910-14=100	Mar. 15: 1969	Feb. 15: 1970	Mar. 15: 1970	5-Year High :Index:	Record High :Date	Record High :Index:	Record High :Date
Prices Received	271	290	289	: 290	Feb. 1970	313	Feb. 1951
Parity Index 1/	: 369	386	386	: 386	2/Mar. 1970	386	2/Mar. 1970
Parity Ratio	: 73	75	75	: 83	Feb. 1966	123	Oct. 1946
Adjusted Parity	: 79	81	81	: 89	Feb. 1966	125	Oct. 1946
Ratio 3/(Prelim.):							

1/ Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates based on data for indicated dates.

2/ Also February 1970.

3/ See footnote 8/ on page 8.

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PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

The Prices Received Index declined 1 point from mid-February to mid-March, the first downturn since last September. Of the 12 subgroup indexes shown on page 7, the following 6 contributed most to the net change.

MEAT ANIMALS: Spurred by price increases during the month ended March 15 for beef cattle and calves, which were partially offset by decreases for hogs, the index of prices received for meat animals rose 6 points (1 percent) to 442 percent of the 1910-14 level. This was the highest of record beginning in 1910. Continuing the gains of the 3 preceding months, prices received for beef cattle advanced \$1.60 per cwt. during the month to \$28.80, slightly below the high of last summer. Calves pushed up \$1.40 during the month to \$36.50, topping the 60-year record high of last month. Hogs, on the other hand, declined \$1.80 per cwt. from the peak level of February, but were the highest for any March of record beginning with 1910. Lambs, despite sharp Easter-season increases in Pennsylvania, were down 20 cents per cwt., but even so were above March a year earlier. Receipts of hogs at reporting markets during the 4 weeks ended March 21 were up 5 percent from the preceding 4 weeks, but receipts of cattle were down about 1 percent.

POULTRY AND EGGS: A 5 cent per dozen drop in egg prices lowered the poultry and egg index 6 percent during the month to 170. However, prices for chickens and turkeys averaged slightly higher. Eggs, at 42.5 cents per dozen in mid-March, were 10 percent below a month earlier and 22 percent below the recent-year high in December, but still the highest for March since 1953. The average February to March change in egg prices is a decline of 1 percent. The index was 6 percent above March 1969.

DAIRY PRODUCTS: The dairy products index dropped 2 percent seasonally during the month to 339. Increased milk production in the spring is generally accompanied by lower milk prices. Farmers received an average of \$6.00 per cwt. for fluid-market milk sold to plants and dealers during March, 11 cents below the revised February price, but 20 cents above March 1969. Manufacturing-grade milk averaged \$4.65 per cwt. in March, 4 cents below February, but 31 cents above March 1969. The March index was 5 percent above a year earlier.

POTATOES, SWEETPOTATOES, AND DRY EDIBLE BEANS: A 10 percent advance in potato prices was mainly responsible for lifting the index 7 percent during the month to 229. Prices received for winter potatoes advanced 45 percent from February, while fall potatoes, which accounted for most of the marketings during March, were 6 percent higher. Partially offsetting were slightly lower prices for dry beans. The March index was the same as a year earlier.

COMMERCIAL VEGETABLES: The commercial vegetable index declined 3 percent during the month to 330. Prices for most vegetables in the index averaged lower with sweet corn, green peppers, and snap beans contributing most to the decline. Partially offsetting were higher prices for tomatoes and lettuce. The index was 2 percent above a year earlier.

COTTON: Prices received by farmers for upland cotton advanced 2 percent during the month ended March 15 to 20.70 cents per pound. The average February to March change is an increase of 3 percent. The mid-March average was $\frac{1}{2}$ percent above a year earlier.

PRICES PAID BY FARMERS

The index of prices paid by farmers as of March 15 was 333 percent of the 1910-14 average, unchanged from a month earlier. Prices of family living items averaged higher and production items unchanged. The index was up 4 percent from a year earlier.

RURAL CONSUMER INDEX RISES

The index of prices paid by farmers for family living items reached a record high of 363 in mid-March, 1 point ($\frac{1}{4}$ percent) above mid-February, and 5 percent above a year earlier. Average prices for food and tobacco and autos and auto supplies advanced from the previous month. Building materials, clothing, household furnishings, and household operation items averaged lower.

FOOD AND TOBACCO: Prices paid by farmers for food and tobacco items in mid-March averaged $1\frac{1}{2}$ percent above a month earlier. Increases in average prices for dairy products, tobacco, and cereal and bakery products more than offset decreases for vegetables, poultry, and sweets. Prices averaged 9 percent above a year earlier.

BUILDING MATERIALS. HOUSE: Midmonth prices paid by farmers for building materials averaged 1 percent lower than in mid-February. Boards, framing lumber, and composition material prices averaged the largest decreases during the month. Exterior house paint and siding averaged higher. Compared with March 1969, prices averaged 4 percent lower.

CLOTHING: Prices paid by farmers for wearing apparel and dry goods as of March 15 averaged $\frac{1}{2}$ percent below a month earlier. Decreases in average prices for women's, girls', and boys' clothing and yard goods were partially offset by increases for men's clothing. Prices averaged 6 percent higher than in March 1969.

PRODUCTION GOODS INDEX STATIONARY

The index of prices paid by farmers for production goods, at 312, was unchanged from the previous month. Prices for feeder livestock, motor vehicles, farm machinery, and farm supplies averaged higher. Feed, building and fencing materials, and motor supplies averaged lower. The index was 3 percent above a year earlier.

FEEDER LIVESTOCK: The March 15 index of prices paid by farmers for feeder livestock, at 484, was at its highest level since October 1951. The index advanced 19 points (4 percent) during the month. The increase of \$1.50 per hundredweight for feeder cattle and calves to \$32.80--the second highest of record--accounted for most of the increase in the index. The index was 13 percent above a year earlier.

FEED: The mid-March index of prices paid by farmers for feed, at 212, was 3 points ($1\frac{1}{2}$ percent) below a month earlier. Lower average prices paid for mixed dairy and hog feeds were largely responsible for the decrease. The index was 4 percent above March 15 of last year.

FARM MACHINERY: Prices paid by farmers for farm machinery purchased in mid-March averaged 1 percent higher than when last surveyed in mid-December. Prices averaged 5 percent higher than a year earlier.

Average prices received by farmers for farm products, United States, March 15, 1970
with comparisons

Commodity and unit	Average		Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
	Jan. 1910- Dec. 1914	Jan. 1957- Dec. 1959	15, 1969	15, 1970	15, 1970	15, 1970
All wheat, per bu.	Dol. .880	1.84	1.28	1.29	1.30	1.28
Rye, per bu.	" .725	1.01	.997	.922	.948	.934
Rice, (rough), per cwt.	" 1.81	4.87	4.80	4.98	4.93	5.00
Corn, per bu.	" .649	1.10	1.09	1.12	1.14	1.13
Oats, per bu.	" .399	.622	.621	.587	.591	.581
Barley, per bu.	" .617	.892	.898	.877	.860	.831
Sorghum grain, per cwt.	" 1.72	1.76	1.92	1.92	1.92	1.87
All hay, baled, per ton	" 11.90	19.10	24.80	25.00	25.20	24.90
Cotton, American upland, per lb.	Ct. 11.92	30.90	20.57	19.09	20.25	20.70
Cotton, American-Egyptian, per lb.	" 53.4	41.9	39.3	40.1	42.0	42.0
Peanuts, per lb.	" 4.83	10.6	11.8	12.1	12.1	12.2
Cottonseed, per ton	Dol. 21.80	47.60	49.90	46.50	47.00	47.10
Soybeans, per bu.	" 2.09	2.48	2.36	2.40	2.42	2.42
Flaxseed, per bu.	" 1.68	2.81	2.86	2.64	2.62	2.64
Potatoes, per cwt. 2/	" 1.13	1.71	2.50	2.22	2.36	2.59
Sweetpotatoes, per cwt.	" 1.61	4.30	7.02	5.77	6.00	6.06
Dry edible beans, per cwt.	" 3.39	7.04	8.67	7.45	7.69	7.56
Dry field peas (open mkt.), per cwt.	" 4.04	6.20	4.27	4.27	4.27	4.27
Apples, for fresh use, per lb. 2/ 3/	Ct. —	4.70	9.63	4.79	4.44	4.82
Peaches, for fresh use, per lb. 2/	" —	5.56	—	—	—	—
Strawberries, for fresh use, per lb. 2/	" —	23.6	34.9	40.8	33.6	33.3
Pears, for fresh use, per ton 2/ 3/	Dol. —	73.30	160.00	96.80	84.80	82.20
Citrus (equiv. on-tree), per box 2/	" —	—	—	—	—	—
Grapefruit	" 1.33	.66	1.49	1.45	1.40	1.40
Lemons	" 1.42	2.55	3.19	3.03	3.00	3.00
Oranges	" 2.62	2.33	1.08	1.41	1.45	1.45
Tangelos	" —	—	.77	.60	—	—
Tangerines	" —	3.32	1.21	3.00	2.45	2.45
Temple	" —	2.34	1.09	1.67	1.86	1.86
All beef cattle, per cwt.	Dol. 5.52	20.60	25.20	26.20	27.20	28.80
Cows, per cwt.	" —	15.10	18.70	19.70	21.00	22.10
Steers and heifers, per cwt.	" —	23.10	27.20	28.40	29.10	30.70
Calves, per cwt.	" 6.84	23.50	30.70	33.60	35.10	36.50
Hogs, per cwt.	" 7.29	17.30	20.00	26.30	27.40	25.60
Lambs, per cwt.	" 5.96	19.90	27.40	28.00	27.80	27.60
Sheep, per cwt.	" 4.59	6.48	7.99	8.20	8.39	8.57
Milk sold to plants, per cwt. 2/	Dol. 1.61	4.19	5.35	5.81	5.69	4/5.59
Milk eligible for fluid market	" —	4.71	5.80	6.22	6.11	4/6.00
Milk of manufacturing grade	" —	3.22	4.34	4.78	4.69	4/4.65
Milkfat in cream, per lb.	Ct. 26.3	60.1	67.9	71.1	70.7	70.7
Chickens, excluding broilers, live, per lb.	" —	13.2	9.8	10.8	10.5	10.9
Broilers, live, per lb. 2/	" —	17.8	15.3	14.8	14.3	14.8
Eggs, per dozen 5/	" 21.6	35.4	39.5	53.1	47.3	42.5
Turkeys, live, per lb.	" 14.3	24.0	19.7	24.8	24.9	25.6
Wool, per lb. 2/ 6/	" 17.8	43.8	39.4	38.8	38.5	38.1
Mohair (Texas only), per lb.	" —	80.0	61.0	58.0	58.0	58.0
Adjusted for seasonal variation	—	—	—	—	—	—
All milk, wholesale, per cwt. 2/	Dol. —	4.19	5.40	5.59	5.58	7/5.65
Eggs, per dozen	Ct. —	35.7	39.1	50.6	46.4	42.1

1/ All cotton. 2/ Average for the month. 3/ Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for Washington and Oregon, equivalent first delivery point returns for California, and prices as sold for other States. 4/ Prices are preliminary. Fat test percent for all milk, 3.69; fluid market, 3.71; manufacturing grade, 3.66. 5/ Average of all eggs sold by farmers, including hatching eggs and eggs sold at retail. 6/ Average local market price, excluding incentive payments. 7/ Preliminary.

State prices are weighted by corresponding monthly sales, annual sales, or annual production to compute regional and U. S. average prices.

Based on price reports from 5,874 firms and individuals, and supplemented by data from marketing agencies and related sources.

United States parity prices for farm products and average prices received as percentage of parity prices based on data for March 1970, with comparisons 1/

Commodity and unit	Adjusted base prices 2/	Parity prices 3/ based on data for			Average prices as percentage of parity prices			
		Mar. 1969	Feb. 1970	Mar. 1970	Mar. 1969	Feb. 1970	Mar. 1970	
Basic Commodities:								
All wheat, per bu.	Dol.:	.724	2.72	2.79	2.79	47	47	46
Rice, per cwt.	"	5/1.92	7.20	7.41	7.41	—	—	—
Corn, per bu.	"	.455	1.70	1.76	1.76	64	65	64
Cotton, per lb.:								
American upland	Ct.:	12.58	47.20	48.56	48.56	4/44	42	43
Extra long staple	"	5/20.0	76.0	77.2	77.2	—	—	—
Peanuts, per lb.	"	5/4.36	16.1	16.8	16.8	73	72	73
Tobacco, per lb.:								
Flue-cured, types 11-14	"	5/24.7	91.1	95.3	95.3	—	—	—
Va. fire-cured, type 21	"	5/16.3	58.7	62.9	62.9	—	68	—
Ky.-Tenn. fire-cured, types 22-23	"	6/	—	—	—	—	—	—
Burley, type 31	"	5/25.6	95.2	98.8	98.8	59	69	—
Maryland, type 32	"	7/23.1	86.0	89.2	89.2	40	—	—
Dark air-cured, types 35-36	"	5/14.9	55.7	57.5	57.5	—	—	—
Sun-cured, type 37	"	5/16.4	59.0	63.3	63.3	—	—	—
Pa. seedleaf, type 41	"	6/	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cigar filler and binder, types 42-44, 53-55	"	6/	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerto Rican filler, type 46	"	5/14.7	53.0	56.7	56.7	—	—	—
Cigar binder, types 51-52	"	5/19.6	—	75.7	75.7	—	—	—
Designated Nonbasic Commodities:								
Tung nuts, per ton	Dol.:	5/27.70	103.00	107.00	107.00	—	—	—
Milk: sold to plants, per cwt.	"	1.78	6.49	6.87	6.87	8/83	4/8/81	8/82
Milkfat in cream, per lb.	Ct.:	24.7	91.5	95.3	95.3	74	74	74
Honey, wholesale, per lb.:								
Extracted	"	9/5.64	21.1	21.8	21.8	—	—	—
Wool and Mohair:								
Wool, per lb.	Ct.:	5/24.9	92.6	96.1	96.1	10/43	10/40	10/40
Mohair, per lb.	"	5/31.6	121.0	122.0	122.0	—	—	—
Other Nonbasic Commodities:								
Barley, per bu.	Dol.:	.373	1.40	1.44	1.44	64	60	58
Cottonseed, per ton	"	5/19.40	72.70	74.90	74.90	69	63	63
Dry edible beans, per cwt.	"	2.98	11.00	11.50	11.50	79	67	66
Flaxseed, per bu.	"	1.11	4.21	4.28	4.28	68	61	62
Oats, per bu.	"	.245	.926	.946	.946	67	62	61
Potatoes, per cwt.	"	5/8.21	3.09	3.17	3.17	4/81	74	82
Rye, per bu.	"	.386	1.45	1.49	1.49	69	64	63
Sorghum grain, per cwt.	"	.747	2.75	2.88	2.88	64	67	65
Soybeans, per bu.	"	.969	3.59	3.74	3.74	69	64	65
Sweetpotatoes, per cwt.	"	2.05	7.42	7.91	7.91	4/95	76	77
Apples, for fresh use, per lb. 11/	Ct.:	2.49	8.82	9.61	9.61	4/109	46	50
Citrus (equiv. on-tree), per box:								
Grapefruit	Dol.:	5/5.10	1.89	1.97	1.97	35	74	71
Lemons	"	5/9.18	3.06	3.54	3.54	83	86	85
Limes	"	5/1.31	4.61	5.06	5.06	185	—	—
Oranges	"	5/9.03	3.56	3.49	3.49	65	40	42
Tangerines	"	5/9.84	3.60	3.80	3.80	92	79	64
Templets	"	5/9.46	3.80	3.65	3.65	62	46	51
Beef cattle, per cwt.	"	8.33	30.70	32.20	32.20	82	84	89
Calves, per cwt.	"	9.73	36.00	37.60	37.60	85	93	97
Hogs, per cwt.	"	7.12	25.50	27.50	27.50	78	100	93
Lambs, per cwt.	"	8.37	30.10	32.30	32.30	91	86	85
Sheep, per cwt.	"	2.44	8.97	9.42	9.42	89	89	91
Eggs, per doz.	"	13.7	50.2	52.9	52.9	8/78	8/88	8/80
Turkeys, live, per lb.	"	8.44	32.1	32.6	32.6	61	76	79

See footnotes on page 6.

Parity prices based on data for March 1970, United States ^{1/}

Other Nonbasic Commodities (Continued)	Parity prices ^{3/} based on data for Mar. 1970 Dollars	Other Nonbasic Commodities (Continued)	Parity prices ^{3/} based on data for Mar. 1970 Dollars
Field Crops and Misc. Commodities:		Noncitrus Fruits:	
Castor beans, cwt.	7.80	Peaches	
Crude pine gum, bbl.	46.70	For fresh use, lb. ^{13/}	.0923
Hops, lb.	.706	Dried (Calif.), ton	811.00
Tobacco, lb.:		For processing (excl. dried)	
Cigar wrapper, type 61	6/	Clingstone (Calif.), ton ^{12/}	101.00
Cigar wrapper, type 62	6/		
Noncitrus Fruits:		Pears	
Apples, for processing, ton	72.60	For fresh use, ton ^{14/}	167.00
Apriots, ton		Dried (Calif.), ton	6/
For fresh use	296.00	Plums (Calif.), equiv. on-tree, ton	
Dried (Calif.)	1,500.00	For fresh use	194.00
Avocados, ton ^{12/}	6/	Prunes, dried (Calif.), ton	6/
Cherries, ton		Prunes and Plums	
Sweet	529.00	(excl. Calif.), ton	
Tart	284.00	For fresh use	236.00
Cranberries, bbl. ^{12/}	6/	For processing (excl. dried) ..	105.00
Dates (Calif.), ton	213.00	Tree Nuts, ton:	
Grapes, ton		Almonds	6/
Raisin varieties,		Filberts	683.00
dried (Calif.)	352.00	Walnuts	6/
Grapes excl. raisin		Vegetables for fresh market, cwt.:	
varieties, dried	91.10	Cantaloupes	7.95
Nectarines (Calif.), ton		Carrots ^{15/}	5.60
For fresh use ^{12/}	179.00	Cauliflower ^{15/}	11.90
Olives (Calif.), ton		Celery ^{15/}	6.56
For canning ^{12/}	428.00	Honeydew melons	8.61
		Lettuce	6.83
		Onions ^{15/}	5.25
		Tomatoes	13.70

1/ Parity prices are computed under the provisions of Title III, Subtitle A, Section 301 (a) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 as amended by the Agricultural Acts of 1948, 1949, 1954, and 1956. 2/ Adjusted base price 1910-14 derived from 120-month, January 1960-December 1969 average (including an allowance where appropriate for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments resulting from price support operations) by dividing by 257 percent (the 120-month average of the Index of Prices Received by Farmers adjusted to include an allowance for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments) unless otherwise noted. 3/ Parity prices as computed currently using base prices in effect and indexes for months indicated. These parity prices are the legally applicable parity prices for the following calendar month. 4/ Revised. 5/ Adjusted base price 1910-14 derived from 10 season average prices 1960-69 (including an allowance, where appropriate, for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments resulting from price support operations). 6/ Not available. 7/ Adjusted base price 1910-14 derived from 10 weighted calendar year prices 1960-69. 8/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price. 9/ Adjusted base price derived from State annual average prices weighted by production. 10/ Average local market price, excluding incentive payments. 11/ Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for apples for Washington and Oregon, equivalent first delivery point returns for California, and price at point of first sale for other States. 12/ Equivalent returns for bulk fruit at first delivery point. 13/ Based on prices for fresh peaches in New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Washington, and California and average price for all methods of sale for other States. 14/ Based on packinghouse-door returns for fresh pears for Washington and Oregon, equivalent first delivery point returns for fresh pears for California, average prices for fresh use for New York and Michigan, and average prices for all methods of sale for other States. 15/ Includes some processing.

See Supplement No. 1, January 1970 AGRICULTURAL PRICES for details on parity prices computations.

Index numbers of Prices Received by Farmers, United States, March 15, 1970
with comparisons

Index	1957-59		Average		1969			1970		
	: -100 :		: Jan. 1957 :		: Jan. : Feb. : Mar. :			: Jan. : Feb. : Mar. :		
	: 1970 :		: to Dec. '59 :		: 15 : 15 : 15 :			: 15 : 15 : 15 :		
	: 1970 :		: to Dec. '59 :		: 15 : 15 : 15 :			: 15 : 15 : 15 :		
UNADJUSTED										
All Farm Products	120	242	263	267	271	287	290	289		
All Crops	99	223	220	226	228	218	221	221		
Food grains	74	212	155	156	156	158	159	157		
Feed grains and hay	105	159	162	165	164	168	169	167		
Feed grains	101	161	159	162	160	164	165	163		
Cotton	67	261	163	166	173	161	171	175		
Tobacco	124	485	579	583	583	598	602	602		
Oil-bearing crops	111	229	258	260	259	248	251	253		
Fruit	97	222	259	272	285	210	214	216		
Fresh market 1/	92	229	262	280	296	202	207	211		
Commercial vegetables	140	235	323	336	324	342	339	330		
Fresh market	166	260	354	364	358	444	447	433		
Potatoes, etc. 2/	140	163	202	219	229	203	214	229		
Livestock & products	135	258	299	302	308	346	349	347		
Meat animals	144	308	349	362	375	420	436	442		
Dairy products	132	257	333	329	323	351	346	339		
Poultry & eggs	108	158	166	156	160	197	181	170		
Wool	87	246	224	223	221	218	216	214		
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED										
Fresh market fruit 1/	95	229	267	287	299	204	215	217		
Fresh market vegetables	150	264	306	314	333	385	393	395		
Potatoes, etc. 2/	140	163	209	225	228	211	220	228		
Dairy products	133	257	321	323	326	338	340	342		
Poultry & eggs	105	159	160	150	155	190	177	167		

1/ Fresh market for noncitrus and fresh market and processing for citrus. 2/ Includes sweet-potatoes and dry edible beans.

Commercial Vegetables for Fresh Market: Average f.o.b. shipping point prices per cwt.,
United States, March 1-15, 1970 with comparisons

Commodity	Average	March	March	February	February	March
	: Jan. 1957 : : to Dec. : : 1959 :	: 1-15, : : 1969 :	: 1-31, : : 1969 1/ :	: 1-15, : : 1970 :	: 1-28, : : 1970 :	: 1-15, : : 1970 :
D o l l a r s						
Asparagus	16.30	36.40	31.60	36.50	32.60	29.50
Broccoli	8.48	13.60	12.20	16.60	16.00	12.10
Cabbage	2.30	2.90	2.70	6.02	5.85	5.44
Cantaloups	4.97					
Carrots	3.78	5.08	4.82	5.94	5.57	4.74
Cauliflower	6.90	14.20	13.40	14.90	14.80	13.70
Celery	3.90	4.95	5.04	5.56	5.62	5.06
Cucumbers	6.37	11.40	10.00			
Green peppers	12.00	13.50	11.10	30.20	27.30	23.10
Lettuce	3.93	10.40	8.65	3.57	3.48	3.99
Onions	3.11	2.16	2.51	7.27	7.02	6.89
Snap beans	10.30	13.70	14.00	28.80	27.80	22.30
Spinach	6.20	10.70	10.80	11.40	10.80	10.30
Sweet corn	4.74	8.80	8.00	14.30	13.10	10.20
Tomatoes	8.48	10.40	9.00	11.90	11.80	16.50
Watermelons	2.00					

1/ Revised.

Index numbers of Prices Paid by Farmers, Interest, Taxes, and Wage Rates,
and related data, United States, March 15, 1970, with comparisons

Indexes and ratios	1957-59=100			1968		1910-14=100		1970	
	Mar. 1969	Feb. 1970	Mar. 1970	Dec. 15	Feb. 15	Mar. 15	Dec. 15	Feb. 15	Mar. 15
Prices Paid By Farmers For Commodities & Services, Interest, Taxes, & Wage Rates	126	132	132	361	366	369	378	386	386
Prices Paid	118	122	122	315	318	321	328	333	333
Family living items	122	127	127	341	344	347	357	362	363
Food and tobacco	121	—	—	332	—	335	352	—	—
Clothing	137	—	—	436	—	441	461	—	—
Household operation	1/119	—	—	242	—	1/244	251	—	—
Household furnishings	105	—	—	276	—	279	285	—	—
Building materials, house	127	—	—	485	—	515	495	—	—
Autos and auto supplies	116	—	—	365	—	373	381	—	—
Production items	115	119	119	296	299	302	307	312	312
Feed	102	108	106	202	204	204	207	215	212
Feeder livestock	120	130	136	395	405	430	441	465	484
Motor supplies	109	—	—	186	—	189	193	—	—
Motor vehicles 2/	132	—	—	535	—	543	554	—	—
Farm machinery	140	—	—	496	—	501	521	—	—
Building & fencing materials	121	—	—	447	—	470	463	—	—
Fertilizer	3/96	—	—	3/147	—	3/147	3/142	—	—
Farm supplies	108	—	—	283	—	284	287	—	—
Seed	3/120	—	—	3/251	—	3/251	3/255	—	—
Interest 4/	311	337	337	525	570	570	570	616	616
Taxes 5/	213	229	229	987	1,081	1,081	1,081	1,167	1,167
Wage Rates 6/	166	181	181	964	965	965	1,039	1,050	1,050
PARITY RATIO 7/	—	—	—	73	73	73	76	75	75
ADJUSTED PARITY RATIO (Prelim.)	—	—	—	78	79	79	82	87/81	8/81
Production Items, Interest, Taxes, and Wage Rates	129	135	135	376	382	386	394	403	403
Prices Received by Farmers	112	120	120	108	110	112	118	120	120
Wholesale prices: 9/									
All commodities	112	116	116	110	111	112	115	116	116
Industrial commodities	112	116	116	110	111	112	115	116	116
Prices Paid by Farmers, Interest, Taxes, & Wage Rates	126	132	132	123	125	126	129	132	132
Consumers' prices (CPI) 9/	126	132	—	124	125	126	131	132	—
Average hourly earnings, mfg. production workers 10/	148	155	—	147	147	148	153	155	—

1/ Revised. 2/ Includes autos, trucks, and tractors. 3/ Estimated unchanged since Sept. 15, date of last previous survey. 4/ Interest payable per acre on farm real estate debt. 5/ Farm real estate taxes payable per acre. 6/ Seasonally adjusted. 7/ Ratio of Index of Prices Received to Index of Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes and Wage Rates. 8/ The Adjusted Parity Ratio, reflecting Government payments averaged 80 for the year 1969 compared with 74 for the Parity Ratio. Preliminary Adjusted Parity Ratios for the current year, supplied by the Economic Research Service, are based on estimated cash receipts from marketings and estimates of Government payments for the current calendar year. See page 30, April 1967 AGRICULTURAL PRICES, for a description of the method for making current estimates of the Adjusted Parity Ratio. 9/ Bureau of Labor Statistics' indexes for month indicated. 10/ Based on earnings per hour as estimated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Average prices received by farmers, by States and geographic divisions, March 15, 1970

State and division	All wheat per bu.	Rye per bu.	Rice per cwt.	Corn per bu.	Oats per bu.	Barley per bu.	Sorghum grain per cwt.	Soybeans per bu.
Dollars								
Maine					.70			
N. Eng.					.70			
N. Y.	1.34	1.02		1.35	.77	.92		
N. J.	1.34	1.23		1.37	.78	1.10		2.39
Pac.	1.39	1.06		1.38	.78	1.02		
M. Atla.	1.36	1.07		1.37	.773	1.02		2.39
Ohio	1.42	1.10		1.18	.65	.91		2.45
Ind.	1.34	1.07		1.15	.64	.83		2.42
Ill.	1.35	1.14		1.15	.59	.84		2.43
Mich.	1.38	.85		1.12	.62	.78		2.42
Wis.	1.30	1.10		1.12	.64	.88		2.40
E. N. Cent.	1.38	.933		1.15	.622	.824		2.44
Minn.	1.50	.96		.97	.56	.81		2.33
Iowa	1.22	1.03		1.05	.60	.88		2.37
Mo.	1.28	1.02		1.20	.71	.89	1.72	2.43
N. Dak.	1.38	.84		1.00	.48	.75		2.27
S. Dak.	1.41	.92		1.00	.55	.80	1.60	2.28
Nebr.	1.20	.92		1.07	.64	.89	1.64	2.31
Kans.	1.20	.86		1.13	.72	.86	1.76	2.32
W. N. Cent.	1.28	.879		1.05	.547	.768	1.71	2.36
Del.	1.31	1.25		1.37	.79	.97		2.43
Md.	1.32	1.25		1.38	.78	1.00		2.40
Va.	1.41	1.39		1.38	.78	1.05		2.48
W. Va.	1.40			1.36	.87	.95		
N. C.	1.39	1.20		1.39	.76	1.02	2.25	2.53
S. C.	1.35	1.60		1.41	.79	1.05		2.51
Ga.	1.40	2.00		1.43	.82	1.00		2.45
Fla.					.85			
S. Atla.	1.39	1.79		1.39	.786	1.02	2.25	2.50
Ky.	1.40	1.34		1.32	.77	.94		2.50
Tenn.	1.32	1.27		1.37	.87	1.02		2.43
Ala.	1.22			1.42	.81		1.90	2.45
Miss.	1.25		5.40	1.40	.72		2.15	2.50
E. S. Cent.	1.34	1.29	5.40	1.34	.786	.951	2.10	2.49
Ark.	1.26		5.20	1.28	.74	.94	1.90	2.49
La.	1.28		4.70	1.37	.79			2.48
Okla.	1.28	1.06		1.25	.70	.92	1.95	2.27
Texas	1.31	1.10	4.85	1.36	.75	.97	1.98	2.25
W. S. Cent.	1.29	1.10	4.92	1.35	.734	.923	1.98	2.48
Mont.	1.25	.72		1.24	.48	.68		
Idaho	1.28	1.10			.64	.91		
Wyo.	1.12	.95		1.22	.68	.98		
Colo.	1.15	.89		1.15	.72	.95	1.85	
N. Mex.	1.32					1.12	2.05	
Ariz.	1.52					1.28	2.33	
Utah	1.33				.79	1.09		
Nev.	1.45				.83	1.25		
Mount.	1.24	.898		1.15	.574	.783	2.01	
Wash.	1.35	1.08			.65	.90		
Oreg.	1.36	1.12			.70	.92		
Calif.	1.53			1.47	.80	1.21	2.43	
Pac.	1.36	1.09		1.47	.710	1.08	2.43	
48 States	1.28	.934	5.00	1.13	.581	.831	1.87	2.42
Alaska			5.00		1.20	1.80		
U. S.	1.28	.934	5.00	1.13	.581	.831	1.87	2.42

State	Winter wheat March 15, 1970	Spring wheat, other than durum March 15, 1970
Dollars per bushel		
Minnesota	1.36	1.52
North Dakota	1.20	1.44
South Dakota	1.29	1.50
Montana	1.19	1.36
Idaho	1.28	1.26
Colorado	1.15	1.15

Average prices received by farmers, by States and geographic divisions, March 15, 1970

State and division	American upland cotton per lb. per lb.	Peanuts per lb. 1/	Tobacco per lb. 2/	Apples, fresh use 3/ per lb.	Cotton seed per ton	Flax seed per bu.	Beans, dry edible per cwt.	Sweet potatoes per cwt.
Maine				8.50				
N. H.				8.50				
Vt.				9.00				
Mass.				8.00				
R. I.								
Conn.				8.50				
N. Eng.				8.44				
N. Y.				7.50			8.20	
N. J.				7.20				5.10
Pa.				8.00				
N. Atl.				7.60			6.20	5.10
Ohio				7.60				
Ind.								
Ill.				5.80				
Mich.				5.90			6.50	
Wis.								
E. N. Cent.				6.23			8.50	
Minn.						2.69		
Iowa						2.71		
Mo.	21.5							
N. Dak.						2.61	6.50	
S. Dak.						2.68		
Nebr.							6.90	
Kans.							7.20	
W. N. Cent.	21.50					2.64	6.90	
Del.				7.00				
Md.				7.00				4.00
Va.		12.9		7.00				4.25
W. Va.				6.00				
N. C.	21.0	12.0		5.70	46.00			5.90
S. C.	20.5	12.5			46.00			6.00
Ga.	19.0	12.3						6.90
Fla.		12.0			41.00			
S. Atl.	19.69	12.3		6.67	43.70			5.92
Ky.			46.0					
Tenn.	21.0		46.5					5.90
Ala.	20.5	12.0						5.10
Miss.	21.0							5.00
E. S. Cent.	20.92	12.0	46.1					5.38
Ark.	21.5				50.00			5.30
La.	21.5							5.50
Okla.	19.0	11.5			50.00			
Texas	17.0	11.9			48.00			6.40
W. S. Cent.	19.38	11.8			46.30			5.73
Mont.						2.42	8.50	
Idaho				6.00			8.20	
Wyo.							8.30	
Colo.							9.10	
N. Mex.	23.5	14.3			50.00			
Ariz.	20.0				41.00			
Utah							9.00	
Nev.								
Mount.	21.14	14.3		6.08	42.50	2.42	8.55	
Wash.				2.90			9.40	
Oreg.				2.15				
Calif.	22.5			5.50			9.60	8.90
Pac.	22.50			2.93			9.57	8.90
U. S.	20.70	12.2	46.1	4.62	47.10	2.64	7.56	6.06

1/ Average price by area shown on page 15.

2/ Prices by types shown on page 15.

3/ Equivalent p.h.d. returns for Washington and Oregon, equivalent first delivery point returns for California, and price at point of first sale for other States. Average for the month.

Average prices per cwt. received by farmers, by States and geographic divisions, March 15, 1970

State and division	Hogs	Cows 1/	Steers and heifers	Beef cattle 2/	Calves	Sheep	Lambs
				Dollars			
Maine	—	21.00	26.00	21.40	—	—	—
N. H.	—	20.50	25.50	20.90	—	—	—
Vt.	—	19.50	23.50	19.80	31.50	—	—
Mass.	—	20.50	24.00	20.80	—	—	—
R. I.	—	20.50	24.50	20.70	—	—	—
Conn.	—	20.50	25.00	20.80	—	—	—
N. Eng.	—	20.30	24.40	20.60	31.50	—	—
N. Y.	26.40	21.80	26.50	22.10	34.00	—	27.00
N. J.	26.40	20.00	27.20	20.90	36.70	—	—
Pa.	26.60	21.10	29.00	24.20	40.00	8.40	38.00
M. Atl.	26.50	21.40	28.50	23.10	36.40	8.40	33.50
Ohio	26.10	21.40	29.40	27.20	38.00	8.50	27.50
Ind.	26.00	22.30	30.20	28.80	36.60	8.30	27.00
Ill.	25.70	22.00	30.00	28.70	34.00	8.00	28.00
Mich.	26.10	21.90	28.50	26.30	39.00	9.00	27.70
Wis.	25.60	22.30	28.00	23.80	39.30	8.20	27.50
E. N. Cent.	25.80	22.00	29.70	27.50	38.90	8.33	27.60
Minn.	25.40	22.80	29.30	27.30	44.30	8.70	28.00
Iowa	25.60	23.20	31.10	30.10	34.50	8.00	27.50
Mo.	25.70	22.20	30.90	29.20	36.00	7.00	28.50
N. Dak.	25.40	21.50	31.10	29.00	37.50	7.10	27.30
S. Dak.	25.40	21.00	30.50	29.00	36.50	6.90	27.30
Nebr.	25.50	22.60	30.90	30.00	37.80	7.70	28.30
Kans.	25.40	23.50	31.40	29.90	36.00	6.30	28.00
W. N. Cent.	25.60	22.70	30.90	29.50	37.40	7.21	27.70
Del.	26.90	20.20	29.20	22.70	40.60	—	—
Md.	26.80	20.50	29.40	24.10	41.00	—	—
Va.	24.80	20.20	27.90	24.30	37.60	6.80	27.20
W. Va.	25.60	19.50	27.50	24.20	38.00	7.60	28.00
N. C.	24.70	21.80	28.20	24.40	37.20	—	—
S. C.	24.30	20.20	27.50	23.80	35.50	—	—
Ga.	24.50	20.50	28.50	24.90	34.00	—	—
Fla.	24.40	22.10	30.00	28.40	34.30	—	—
S. Atl.	24.70	20.80	28.90	25.50	35.70	7.10	27.50
Ky.	25.50	21.50	29.60	27.40	37.40	8.40	27.20
Tenn.	25.20	20.00	29.20	25.90	37.00	7.80	27.40
Ala.	25.00	22.40	30.80	28.00	36.50	—	—
Miss.	25.60	20.80	29.00	25.10	36.00	—	—
E. S. Cent.	25.30	21.10	29.70	26.70	36.50	8.22	27.20
Ark.	25.60	21.50	30.30	27.70	36.70	—	—
La.	25.20	21.70	31.30	26.10	35.00	—	—
Okla.	25.20	21.50	30.80	29.10	36.50	7.00	26.50
Texas	24.80	21.70	31.30	29.70	36.60	12.00	26.90
W. S. Cent.	25.10	21.60	31.10	29.20	36.30	11.80	26.80
Mont.	25.20	24.00	31.40	29.70	37.10	7.10	26.90
Idaho	26.20	22.50	30.30	28.20	36.00	7.00	26.50
Wyo.	25.60	25.50	31.60	3/30.10	37.60	6.80	27.40
Colo.	25.80	24.80	31.60	31.20	38.10	10.90	28.00
N. Mex.	—	22.00	31.00	30.50	37.50	9.00	28.50
Ariz.	26.60	22.10	30.80	30.40	34.20	7.00	29.00
Utah	25.90	22.50	31.50	29.00	38.00	7.70	27.00
Nev.	—	21.00	30.50	27.70	34.00	9.00	28.50
Mount.	25.80	23.30	31.20	30.10	36.90	7.95	27.40
Wash.	—	21.40	30.00	28.40	36.60	7.00	26.50
Oreg.	—	21.30	31.60	29.10	35.70	6.70	26.00
Calif.	27.10	22.40	30.60	29.50	33.60	9.00	28.60
Pac.	27.10	22.00	30.60	29.30	35.00	8.57	27.90
48 States	25.60	22.10	30.70	28.80	36.50	8.57	27.60
Alaska	46.00	22.00	30.00	26.60	—	—	—
Hawaii	38.90	17.60	25.50	23.50	—	—	—
U. S.	25.60	22.10	30.70	28.80	36.50	8.57	27.60

1/ Includes cull dairy cows sold for slaughter, but not dairy cows for herd replacement.

2/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined with allowance where necessary for slaughter bulls.

3/ Correction: The February 1969 beef cattle price published on page 17 of the February issue of Agricultural Prices should be \$23.80, not \$23.30.

Average prices received by farmers, by States and geographic divisions,
February and March 1970

State and division	February 1970						March 1970		
	Milk sold to plants, price per cwt.			All milk			All milk		
	Eligible for fluid market 1/		Manufacturing	Price		Price	Price		Milk
	Price	Fat test	Price	Fat test	Price	Fat test	per cwt.	Fat test	per head 3/
	Dol.	Pct.	Dol.	Pct.	Dol.	Pct.	Dol.	Pct.	Dol.
Maine	6.90	3.80			6.90	3.80	6.75	3.78	325
N. Hs.	6.70	3.85			6.70	3.85	6.45	3.83	340
Vt.	6.45	3.78			6.45	3.78	6.20	3.76	345
Mass.	6.85	3.77			6.85	3.77	6.60	3.75	360
R. I.	6.75	3.69			6.75	3.69	6.50	3.68	365
Conn.	6.90	3.76			6.90	3.76	6.65	3.75	370
N. Eng.	6.68	3.78			6.68	3.78	6.44	3.76	347
N. Y.	5.95	3.62			5.95	3.62	5.75	3.62	345
N. J.	6.40	3.69			6.40	3.69	6.35	3.71	400
Pa.	6.35	3.80	4.65	3.72	6.30	3.80	6.25	3.80	370
M. Atl.	6.12	3.69	4.65	3.72	6.10	3.69	5.96	3.69	357
Ohio	6.20	3.83	4.78	3.92	6.05	3.84	5.90	3.80	330
Ind.	6.00	3.84	4.75	4.00	5.80	3.87	5.70	3.82	325
Ill.	5.70	3.74	4.60	3.77	5.40	3.75	5.30	3.71	300
Mich.	6.00	3.74	4.60	3.87	5.80	3.76	5.75	3.73	365
Wis.	5.29	3.71	4.91	3.70	5.09	3.70	5.03	3.68	360
E. N. Cent.	5.71	3.75	4.86	3.73	5.39	3.74	5.32	3.72	348
Minn.	5.10	3.66	4.56	3.54	4.67	3.56	4.64	3.55	360
Iowa	5.74	3.81	4.65	3.67	4.93	3.71	4.87	3.67	325
Mo.	6.05	3.78	4.60	3.86	5.45	3.81	5.30	3.74	275
N. Dak.	5.30	3.56	4.55	3.55	4.85	3.55	4.75	3.50	300
S. Dak.	5.70	3.65	4.70	3.62	4.85	3.62	4.80	3.58	310
Nebr.	5.95	3.72	4.90	3.74	5.35	3.73	5.20	3.68	300
Kans.	6.25	3.75	4.70	3.80	5.80	3.77	5.65	3.71	305
W. N. Cent.	5.68	3.73	4.61	3.61	4.93	3.64	4.86	3.61	326
Del.	6.60	3.77			6.60	3.77	6.50	3.76	290
Md.	6.65	3.86			6.65	3.86	6.55	3.85	310
Va.	6.85	3.85	4.40	4.00	6.60	3.87	6.50	3.81	225
W. Va.	6.45	3.79			6.35	3.81	6.30	3.79	210
N. C.	7.25	3.86	4.65	4.36	7.15	3.88	7.05	3.81	220
S. C.	7.20	4.08			7.20	4.08	7.10	4.00	200
Ga.	6.95	3.83			6.95	3.83	6.85	3.82	250
Fla.	7.55	3.65			7.55	3.65	7.45	3.58	245
S. Atl.	7.04	3.82	4.49	4.08	6.97	3.83	6.87	3.78	243
Ky.	6.25	3.86	4.35	4.08	5.60	3.91	5.45	3.82	258
Tenn.	6.50	3.88	4.40	4.10	5.95	3.94	5.80	3.89	220
Ala.	7.00	3.95	4.25	4.20	6.90	3.96	6.85	3.86	250
Miss.	6.45	3.90	4.50	4.03	6.25	3.97	6.15	3.86	240
E. S. Cent.	6.48	3.89	4.38	4.04	6.01	3.93	5.87	3.85	240
Ark.	4.00	3.73	4.65	3.79	6.35	3.75	6.15	3.69	220
La.	6.90	3.80			6.90	3.80	6.80	3.75	330
Okla.	6.50	3.67	4.55	3.80	6.35	3.68	6.30	3.61	260
Tex.	7.00	3.67			7.00	3.67	6.90	3.60	335
W. S. Cent.	6.88	3.70	4.61	3.79	6.78	3.70	6.68	3.64	305
Mont.	5.80	3.74	4.00	3.87	5.60	3.75	5.45	3.66	330
Idaho	5.50	3.84	4.65	3.82	4.85	3.82	4.80	3.76	330
Wyo.	6.40	3.70			5.85	3.72	5.70	3.67	270
Calo.	6.35	3.92			6.35	3.67	6.30	3.63	360
N. Mex.	6.45	3.66			6.45	3.66	6.40	3.61	250
Ariz.	6.70	3.64			6.70	3.64	6.60	3.57	315
Utah	5.90	3.72	4.65	3.70	5.55	3.71	5.45	3.66	330
Nevo.	5.80	3.71			5.80	3.71	5.70	3.62	310
Mount.	6.19	3.77	4/4.63	4/3.80	5.72	3.73	5.63	3.67	326
Wash.	5.83	3.87			5.83	3.87	5.75	3.80	315
Oreg.	6.20	3.99	4.70	4.30	5.90	4.05	5.80	3.99	280
Calif. 5/	5.55	3.73	4.40	3.85	5.45	3.74	5.35	3.64	400
Pac.	5.65	3.77	4.45	3.93	5.55	3.78	5.45	3.69	373
48 States	6.10	3.75	4/4.69	4/3.69	5.69	3.73	5.59	3.69	328
Alaska									400
Hawaii	9.39	3.47			9.39	3.47	9.40	3.50	
U. S.	6.11	3.75	4/4.69	4/3.69	5.69	3.73	5.59	3.69	326

1/ Includes surplus diverted to manufacturing. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Mid-month price. 4/ Includes data for some States not shown separately. 5/ Milk priced f.o.b. ranch.

Average prices received by farmers, by States and geographic divisions, March 15, 1970

State and division	Tur- keys per lb.	Chickens	Broilers	Eggs	Wool	Seeds per cwt.				
		excluding broilers	per lb.	per doz.	per lb.	Alfalfa	Red clover	Sweet- clover	Timothy	Lespedeza
		per lb.	1/ 2/	1/3/						
		Cents				Dollars				
Maine		12.0	4/18.0	50.0						
N. H.		11.0		51.0						
Vt.		11.0		47.0						
Mass.		11.0		52.0						
R. I.		11.0		55.0						
Conn.		11.0	4/18.0	58.0						
N. Eng.		11.4	18.0	52.6						
N. Y.		11.5		47.0	36					
N. J.		11.0		49.5						
Pae.	29.0	14.0	16.0	46.0	37					
Mo. Atl.	29.0	12.9	16.0	46.8	35.6					
Ohio	26.0	12.0	15.5	44.0	35		33.00	9.50	7.50	
Ind.	26.0	10.5	15.0	44.0	33		33.00			11.50
Ill.	27.0	8.0		37.0	36		37.00			12.00
Mich.	25.0	8.5		40.0	36		30.00			
Wis.	27.0	8.0	16.5	43.0	35		34.00			
E. N. Cent.	26.6	9.8	15.8	41.9	35.1		32.80	9.50	7.50	11.70
Minn.	25.5	6.5		33.0	34		36.00	8.00	8.00	
Iowa	26.0	7.0		33.0	33		37.00		8.50	
Mo.	24.0	8.5	15.0	39.0	32		38.00		9.00	11.00
N. Dak.		5.5		31.0	36			8.00		
S. Dak.		5.5		31.0	36	33.00		10.00		
Nebr.		4.5		29.9	33	30.50		9.00		
Kans.		6.0		33.0	35	30.00	33.00	9.00		10.00
W. N. Cent.	25.4	6.8	5/15.6	33.2	34.5	30.80	35.90	9.24	8.10	10.70
Del.		14.5	16.0	56.2						
Md.		12.5	16.0	55.0						13.30
Va.	25.0	13.0	4/15.5	44.0						
W. Va.	25.0	12.0	15.0	53.0	41					
N. C.	24.0	13.0	14.5	48.0	43					19.50
S. C.	25.0	12.0	14.0	44.0						21.60
Ga.	22.0	11.0	4/14.0	49.1						31.00
Fla.		10.5	14.0	37.0						
S. Atl.	24.2	11.9	14.7	46.2	41.2					25.00
Ky.		11.0		42.0	35		40.00			16.40
Tenn.		10.5	4/15.5	46.0						18.40
Ala.	23.0	11.5	4/13.5	47.5						
Miss.		12.0	4/14.0	49.0						
E. S. Cent.	23.0	11.5	13.8	47.2	35.0		40.00			17.30
Ark.	25.0	11.0	4/14.5	38.2						20.50
La.		11.5	14.0	44.5						
Okla.		8.5	14.5	42.0	31	27.50				
Tex.	28.0	12.0	15.0	45.0	42					
W. S. Cent.	27.4	11.2	14.6	41.6	41.7	27.50				20.50
Mont.				48.0	44	34.80				
Idaho				43.0	40	41.80	42.90			
Wyo.		12.5		44.0	40					
Colo.				40.0	36	32.00				
N. Mex.				43.0	36					
Ariz.		8.0		35.0	35	36.80				
Utah				38.0	40	37.00				
Nev.				41.0	40	40.50				
Mount.		8.0		40.9	39.4	39.20	42.90			
Wash.	24.0	8.5	19.0	37.5	38	46.00	41.50			
Oreg.	27.0	8.0	18.0	43.5	36	42.50	41.00			
Calif.	24.0	11.0	17.5	37.2	35	38.50				
Pao.	24.4	10.3	17.8	37.5	35.5	39.40	41.10			
48 States	25.6	10.9	5/14.8	42.4	38.1	38.80	36.10	8.98	8.02	17.40
Alaska				82.0						
Hawaii		12.0	32.5	56.0						
U. S.	25.6	10.9	5/14.8	42.5	38.1	38.80	36.10	8.96	8.02	17.40
1/ Average for the month. 2/ Average of all eggs sold by farmers including hatching eggs and eggs sold at retail. 3/ Incentive payment not included. 4/ Liveweight equivalent price.										
5/ Includes data for some States not shown separately.										

Average prices per ton received by farmers, by States and geographic divisions,
March 15, 1970

State and division	Hay, baled					
	All 1/	Alfalfa	Clover- timothy	Lespedeza	Peanut- vine	Wild
	Dollars					
Maine	29.80	37.00	29.50			
N. H.	33.30	38.00	32.50			
Vt.	31.00	35.50	29.50			
Mass.	38.60	44.00	37.00			
R. I.	41.70	46.50	40.50			
Conn.	40.40	45.50	39.00			
N. Eng.	33.10	38.50	31.60			
N. Y.	27.60	29.00	27.00			
N. J.	38.00	40.00	35.50			
Pa.	30.00	34.00	27.00			
M. Atl.	26.90	31.50	27.20			
Ohio	26.10	28.50	24.50			
Ind.	26.50	28.00	24.50			
Ill.	25.00	26.00	24.00			
Mich.	23.50	24.00	21.00			
Wis.	19.50	20.50	16.50			
E. N. Cent.	22.40	23.00	21.50			
Minn.	20.00	21.00	19.00			13.00
Iowa	21.90	22.50	20.50			
Mo.	24.50	27.00	23.50	24.00		
N. Dak.	16.50	20.00				12.50
S. Dak.	18.00	19.00				15.50
Nebr.	19.60	19.00				21.50
Kans.	22.00	23.50	21.00	19.50		19.00
W. N. Cent.	20.50	21.50	21.60	23.50		17.00
Del.	36.20	39.00	36.00			
Md.	32.80	37.00	30.00			
Va.	35.10	41.50	36.00	35.50	26.00	
W. Va.	32.50	37.00	33.00			
N. C.	34.40	41.00	34.00	35.00	24.50	
S. C.	30.00			32.00		
Ga.	31.00	39.00		33.50	24.00	
Fla.	33.40				26.00	
S. Atl.	33.20	38.80	34.00	34.60	24.80	
Ky.	29.60	33.00	29.50	25.50		
Tenn.	29.50	35.50	31.00	28.50		
Ala.	29.70	40.00	34.00	33.00	24.50	
Miss.	25.50	33.00	28.00	30.00		
E. S. Cent.	29.00	33.50	30.10	27.40	24.50	
Ark.	25.20	32.50	27.00	28.00		
La.	27.70	36.00		31.00		
Okla.	27.50	32.50		23.00	24.00	21.00
Texas	28.50	36.00			26.00	
W. S. Cent.	27.60	33.50	27.00	26.40	24.90	21.00
Mont.	22.50	22.50	23.00			22.00
Idaho	21.00	21.00	19.00			18.00
Wyo.	25.00	25.50	23.00			26.00
Colo.	26.50	27.00	28.00			28.00
N. Mex.	33.00	34.00				
Ariz.	36.10	36.50				
Utah	25.50	26.00	23.00			21.00
Nev.	28.50	30.00	25.50			24.00
Mount.	25.30	25.80	24.10			23.90
Wash.	27.50	28.00	24.50			20.50
Oreg.	28.50	29.50	26.00			22.00
Calif.	34.00	35.00				
Pac.	31.70	33.00	25.20			21.80
48 States	24.90	25.40	25.60	27.40	24.80	18.90
Alaska	75.00					
U. S.	24.90	25.40	25.60	27.40	24.80	18.90

1/ The all hay price is the weighted average of separate kinds, including an allowance for kinds not shown.

Potatoes: Average prices per cwt. received by farmers,
by States, March 1970

State	Dollars	State	Dollars
Maine	2.65	North Carolina	—
Massachusetts	3.40	Florida	5.80
Rhode Island	3.50	Alabama	—
Connecticut	3.50	Texas	—
New York-All	3.42	Montana	3.50
Long Island	3.10	Idaho	2.35
Upstate	3.70	Wyoming	2.40
New Jersey	—	Colorado	1.95
Pennsylvania	3.75	New Mexico	—
Ohio	3.10	Arizona	—
Indiana	2.90	Utah	2.90
Michigan	4.00	Washington	1.80
Wisconsin	3.15	Oregon	2.15
Minnesota	1.95	California-All	3.15
North Dakota	1.95	Winter 1970	3.35
South Dakota	2.20	Late Spring	—
Nebraska	1.00	Early Summer	—
Delaware	—	Late Summer	—
Maryland	—	Fall 1969	3.05
Virginia	—	United States	2.59

Average prices received by growers for tobacco and peanuts, by types and areas,
March 1969 and 1970
(Cents per pound)

Peanuts				Tobacco			
Area	March 1969	March 1970 1/		Class	Type	March 1969	March 1970 1/
Virginia-Carolina	12.0	12.4		Total Clarksville-			
Southeast	—	12.2		Hopkinsville	22	48.7	46.1
Southwest	11.5	11.8		Burley Belt	31	56.6	—
				Southern Maryland	32	34.4	—
				Total Light Air-	31-32	49.4	—
United States	11.8	12.2		cured			
1/ Prices by States are shown on page 10.				United States		48.7	46.1

Milkfat in cream: Average price per lb. received by farmers, by States and
geographic divisions, March 15, 1970

State	Cents	State	Cents
Minnesota	73	Nebraska	65
Iowa	74	Kansas	68
Missouri	70	W. N. Cent.	70.9
North Dakota	72	Montana	68
South Dakota	70	United States	70.7

Citrus fruit: Average prices and equivalent returns per box received by
growers, by utilization, March 1970

Commodity and State	:F.O.B.: :packed: :fresh:	Equivalent returns per box 1/					
		:Packinghouse-door: :All:	:Fresh:	:Process.:	:All:	:On-tree: :Fresh:	:Process.:
D o l l a r s							
<u>ORANGES:</u>							
Florida	4.31	2.13	2.71	2.05	1.33	1.93	1.25
Other Early and Mids. :	5.50	2.09	3.90	2.05	1.29	3.12	1.25
Valencias	4.20	2.16	2.60	2.05	1.36	1.82	1.25
Texas	3.80	1.50	1.82	1.15	1.05	1.37	.70
Arizona	4.80	1.75	3.10	.85	1.15	2.50	.25
Navels and Misc.:	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Valencias	4.80	1.75	3.10	.85	1.15	2.50	.25
California	5.60	2.76	3.60	.18	1.94	2.78	-.64
Navels	5.60	2.76	3.60	.18	1.94	2.78	-.64
Valencias	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
California-Arizona:	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Navels and Misc.:	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Valencias	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U. S.:	5.13	2.23	3.21	1.84	1.45	2.44	1.05
<u>GRAPEFRUIT:</u>							
Florida	4.66	2.30	3.07	2.06	1.63	2.44	1.37
White Seedless	4.50	2.34	2.92	2.15	1.67	2.29	1.46
Pink Seedless	4.90	2.45	3.31	1.70	1.74	2.68	.91
Other than Seedless ...:	3.70	2.10	2.21	2.10	1.46	1.58	1.46
Texas	3.80	1.39	1.64	1.15	1.04	1.29	.80
Arizona	3.40	1.35	1.85	.80	.80	1.30	.25
California	3.80	1.10	1.98	.72	.60	1.48	.22
Desert Valleys	3.80	1.10	1.98	.72	.60	1.48	.22
Other Areas	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
California-Arizona ..:	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Desert Valleys	---	---	---	---	---	1.43	---
U. S.:	4.43	1.99	2.49	1.78	1.40	1.96	1.16
<u>LEMONS:</u>							
Arizona	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
California	8.90	4.18	6.64	1.72	3.00	5.46	.54
U. S.:	8.90	4.18	6.64	1.72	3.00	5.46	.54
<u>TANGELOS:</u>							
Florida	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<u>TEMPLES:</u>							
Florida	6.00	2.73	4.15	1.70	1.86	3.37	.77
<u>TANGERINES:</u>							
Florida	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Arizona	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
California	5.35	3.19	3.55	.64	2.45	2.81	-.10
U. S.:	5.35	3.19	3.55	.64	2.45	2.81	-.10

1/ Approximate net contents per box are as follows: Oranges - California and Arizona, 75 lbs.; Florida and other States, 90 lbs.; Tangerines - 95 lbs.; California and Arizona, 75 lbs.; Grapefruit - California Desert Valleys and Arizona, 64 lbs.; other California areas, 67 lbs.; Florida, 85 lbs.; Texas, 80 lbs.; Lemons - 76 lbs.; Tangelos - 90 lbs.

Local market commodity-feed price ratios, United States, March 15, 1970

with comparisons 1/				
Commodity-feed Price Ratio	Mar. 1968	Mar. 1969	Feb. 1970	Mar. 1970
Hog-corn: Bushels of corn equal in value to 100-lbs. of hog, liveweight				
United States	17.5	18.3	24.0	22.7
North Central States	18.0	18.8	24.6	23.2
Egg-feed: Pounds of laying feed equal in value to 1 dozen eggs	7.6	10.0	11.4	10.2
Broiler-feed: Pounds of broiler grower equal in value to 1 lb. broiler, liveweight 2/	3.2	3.4	3.0	3.1
Turkey-feed: Pounds of turkey grower equal in value to 1 lb. turkey, liveweight	4.2	4.5	5.3	5.6
Milk-feed: Pounds concentrate ration equal in value to 1 lb. whole milk 2/	1.62	1.72	1.76	3/1.75

1/ Long-time average comparisons published in Supplement No. 1 to the May 1966 issue of AGRICULTURAL PRICES. 2/ Broiler and milk-feed price ratios are monthly average. 3/ Preliminary.

Milk-feed price ratios, milk prices, and ration values, by region

and United States, March 1970, with comparisons 1/									
Region	Mar. 1969	Feb. 1970	Mar. 1970	Mar. 1969	Feb. 1970	Mar. 1970	Mar. 1969	Feb. 1970	Mar. 1970
	Pounds			Dollars					
N. Atl.	1.61	1.65	1.64	5.86	6.21	6.05	3.63	3.77	3.70
E. N. Cent.	1.74	1.76	1.76	5.04	5.39	5.32	2.90	3.07	3.03
W. N. Cent.	1.76	1.83	1.82	4.58	4.93	4.86	2.60	2.69	2.67
S. Atl.	1.94	1.94	1.93	6.66	6.97	6.87	3.43	3.59	3.56
S. Cent.	1.85	1.90	1.87	6.10	6.41	6.28	3.29	3.38	3.35
West	1.64	1.72	1.71	5.20	5.59	5.50	3.17	3.25	3.22
U. S.	1.72	1.76	1.75	5.35	5.69	5.52	3.11	3.25	3.20

1/ Data for current month are preliminary. 2/ Pounds of concentrate ration equal in value to 1 pound milk sold to plants. 3/ Value per 100 pounds of concentrate ration fed to milk cows.

Parity price equivalent for manufacturing milk 1/, United States

March 1970, with comparisons			
	March 1969	February 1970	March 1970
Parity equivalent	Dol. per cwt. 5.15	5.49	5.49
Average price-f.o.b. plants	Dol. per cwt. 4.34	4.69	2/4.65
Average fat test of milk	Percent 3.66	3.69	2/3.66

1/ Based on prices received by farmers for all manufacturing grade milk. Parity price equivalent relates to the national average price for all manufacturing grade milk of average milkfat content sold by farmers. The parity price equivalent during 1970 is 79.9 percent of the parity price of all milk sold to plants, which compares with 79.3 percent in 1969. For additional details see Supplement No. 1 to the January 1970 issue of AGRICULTURAL PRICES.

2/ Preliminary.

**Feed: Average prices paid by farmers,
United States, March 15, 1970 with comparisons**

Commodity and unit	Average 1963-65	1969			1970		
		Jan. 15	Feb. 15	Mar. 15	Jan. 15	Feb. 15	Mar. 15
Dollars							
Alfalfa hay, baled, per ton	32.8	34.3	35.1	36.0	35.8	35.8	35.6
Other hay, baled, per ton	32.0	31.9	32.2	32.8	33.8	33.9	33.7
Cottonseed meal, 41 pct., 100 lb.	4.53	5.04	5.03	5.01	5.31	5.53	5.40
Soybean meal, 44 pct., 100 lb.	4.91	5.24	5.21	5.21	5.73	5.87	5.62
Tankage per 100 lbs.	5.94	—	—	6.33	—	—	7.79
Bran, per 100 lb.	3.15	3.59	3.64	3.59	3.73	3.82	3.72
Middlings, per 100 lb.	3.23	3.69	3.73	3.67	3.81	3.91	3.72
Corn meal, per 100 lb.	3.25	3.21	3.22	3.24	3.35	3.37	3.36
Laying feed, per ton 1/	84	80	79	79	82	83	83
Broiler grower feed, per ton 1/	91	88	88	88	93	94	94
Turkey grower, per ton 1/	89	87	87	87	93	94	92
Chick starter feed, per ton 1/	95	93	93	92	97	99	98
Dairy feed							
14 pct. protein, per ton	68	67	67	67	69	70	69
16 pct. protein, per ton	72	72	72	72	74	75	73
18 pct. protein, per ton	72	75	75	74	77	78	74
20 pct. protein, per ton	78	78	78	77	81	82	79
32 pct. protein, per ton	—	99	99	99	104	105	105
40 pct. and over, per ton	—	108	108	107	115	115	114
Hog and Cattle Feed							
Hog feed, 14-18 pct., 100 lb.	4.23	4.31	4.42	4.39	4.56	4.61	4.49
Hog feed, over 29 pct., 100 lb.	5.85	6.31	6.30	6.27	6.75	6.99	6.76
Cattle feed, 30% and over, 100 lb.	4.59	4.64	4.68	4.69	4.89	4.96	4.80
Stock salt, per 100 lb.	1.65	—	—	1.75	—	—	1.85

INDEX NUMBERS (1910-14=100)

Feed, prices paid by farmers	206	204	204	204	212	215	212
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1/ Beginning January 1969 "Complete" ration feed specified which is fed without further mixing or supplementation. No specification as to "completeness" made prior to January 1968 for laying feed and turkey grower and January 1969 for broiler grower and chick starter.

**Livestock: Average prices paid by farmers,
United States, March 15, 1970 with comparisons**

Commodity and unit		Average	1969			1970		
		1957-59	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
			15	15	15	15	15	15
Feeders and stockers:								
Cattle and calves, 100 lb.	Dol.	23.1	25.8	27.1	28.9	30.2	31.3	32.8
Lambs, per 100 lb.	"	20.7	25.5	26.4	27.3	28.8	28.8	27.1
Pigs, per 100 lb. 1/	"	18.5	31.1	32.0	35.0	48.1	57.0	57.0
Baby Chicks, per 100	"	13.0	11.6	11.5	11.9	11.8	12.0	12.3
Turkey poult, each	Ct.	59.0	56.0	55.8	56.3	54.9	55.4	55.8

INDEX NUMBERS (1910-14=100)

All livestock	357	389	405	430	449	465	484
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1/ Based on data derived from reports from farmers in 27 States on prices paid for feeder pigs weighing 40-60 lbs. Prior to July 1965 based on data derived from price reports on 100-160 lb. feeder pigs in Sioux City, Iowa-St. Paul, Minnesota markets.

Feed: Average price per 100 pounds paid by farmers,
by States and geographic divisions, March 15, 1970

State and division	Bran	Middlings	Cottonseed meal, 41% protein	Soybean meal, 44% protein	Corn Meal
D o l l a r s					
Maine	3.80	3.85	5.90	—	4.10
N. H.	3.70	—	6.00	5.90	3.95
Vt.	3.80	3.95	5.90	5.90	4.10
Mass.	3.85	3.95	5.90	5.90	4.10
R. I.	3.85	3.95	—	—	4.10
Conn.	4.00	—	5.90	5.90	4.15
N. Eng.	3.85	3.94	5.94	5.96	4.09
N. Y.	3.60	3.80	6.00	5.60	3.60
N. J.	4.10	—	6.40	5.95	3.85
Pa.	3.70	3.80	5.80	5.70	3.55
M. Atl.	3.70	3.80	5.86	5.70	3.60
Ohio	3.90	3.95	6.20	6.06	2.95
Ind.	4.00	4.05	6.00	5.80	2.65
Ill.	3.85	3.85	5.70	5.50	3.05
Mich.	4.05	4.05	6.00	5.80	3.10
Wis.	3.50	3.65	5.50	5.50	2.80
E. N. Cent.	3.72	3.90	5.97	5.69	2.96
Minn.	3.50	3.50	5.60	5.30	2.60
Iowa	3.80	3.80	5.90	5.50	2.45
Mo.	3.15	3.15	5.20	5.30	2.90
N. Dak.	3.30	3.30	—	5.90	2.50
S. Dak.	3.90	3.90	5.80	5.60	2.60
Nebr.	3.65	3.65	5.80	5.70	2.75
Kans.	3.20	3.20	5.20	5.30	2.65
W. N. Cent.	3.40	3.55	5.47	5.41	2.63
Del.	3.85	—	—	5.70	3.80
Md.	3.80	4.05	5.90	5.80	3.60
Va.	3.90	4.10	5.70	5.80	3.75
W. Va.	3.95	4.25	5.70	5.90	3.80
N. C.	3.80	3.90	5.60	5.70	3.45
S. C.	4.05	3.95	5.10	5.60	3.80
Ge.	3.95	4.05	5.20	5.60	3.60
Fla.	4.00	4.10	5.20	5.60	3.75
S. Atl.	3.88	4.06	5.53	5.73	3.67
Ky.	3.80	3.80	5.40	5.70	3.10
Tenn.	3.55	3.50	5.10	5.60	3.55
Ala.	3.85	4.05	4.90	5.40	3.45
Miss.	4.00	3.95	4.75	5.00	3.55
E. S. Cent.	3.72	3.77	5.04	5.50	3.36
Ark.	3.20	3.30	4.70	5.30	3.30
La.	3.35	3.85	5.10	5.10	3.75
Okla.	3.20	3.20	4.90	5.70	3.35
Tex.	3.60	3.60	5.10	5.60	3.70
W. S. Cent.	3.43	3.44	4.98	5.48	3.59
Mont.	3.00	3.00	5.10	5.90	3.15
Idaho	3.10	3.00	5.90	6.90	3.50
Wyo.	3.30	3.45	5.40	5.80	3.45
Colo.	3.65	3.65	5.40	5.70	2.95
N. Mex.	3.90	4.00	5.10	5.70	4.00
Ariz.	4.25	—	4.00	6.30	—
Utah.	3.10	3.10	5.10	6.50	3.55
Nev.	4.10	4.00	5.20	—	4.10
Mount.	3.58	3.35	5.27	6.07	3.24
Wash.	3.60	3.85	5.40	6.40	3.95
Oreg.	3.60	3.70	5.40	6.60	3.70
Calif.	3.95	4.15	4.75	5.90	4.00
Haw.	4.41	3.89	5.09	6.28	3.96
Kawaii	—	—	—	—	—
U. S.	3.72	3.72	5.40	5.62	3.36

Feed: Average price per 100 pounds paid by farmers,
by States and geographic divisions, March 15, 1970

State and division	Beef cattle: concentrate, 30% and over:	Hog feed		Hominy feed	Tankage	Stock salt	Oyster shells
	protein	14-18% protein	Over 29% protein				
D o l l a r s							
Maine	---	4.70	---	3.95	---	2.60	2.30
N. H.	---	4.65	---	3.70	---	2.45	2.25
Vt.	---	4.70	---	3.85	---	2.25	2.40
Mass.	---	4.70	---	3.90	---	2.40	2.20
R. I.	---	---	---	3.80	---	---	2.20
Conn.	---	4.80	---	3.80	---	2.60	2.40
N. Eng.	---	4.71	---	3.83	---	2.42	2.31
N. Y.	5.40	4.50	6.60	3.40	---	2.10	2.30
N. J.	5.45	4.60	---	3.45	---	2.60	2.05
Pa.	5.10	4.50	6.70	3.20	7.20	2.20	2.00
M. Atl.	5.20	4.51	6.67	3.38	---	2.16	2.20
Ohio	5.70	4.70	7.00	3.30	8.30	2.25	2.30
Ind.	5.50	4.45	7.10	3.25	7.80	2.35	2.15
Ill.	5.30	4.90	6.90	3.30	8.00	2.20	2.15
Mich.	5.40	4.30	7.10	---	7.30	2.30	2.45
Wis.	5.60	4.75	7.10	2.85	7.90	2.00	2.10
E. N. Cent.	5.43	4.61	7.03	3.21	7.95	2.19	2.20
Minn.	5.00	4.30	6.80	---	7.60	1.85	2.10
Iowa	5.60	5.00	6.90	---	7.70	2.00	2.00
Mo.	4.65	4.25	6.30	---	8.00	1.60	2.00
N. Dak.	4.50	4.20	7.00	---	---	1.70	2.25
S. Dak.	5.20	4.10	7.00	---	---	1.65	1.95
Nebr.	4.60	4.45	6.60	---	---	1.50	1.95
Kans.	4.45	4.35	6.30	---	7.60	1.25	2.05
W. N. Cent.	4.87	4.73	6.68	---	7.74	1.67	2.02
Del.	---	4.25	6.60	---	---	2.35	2.10
Md.	5.30	4.35	6.50	---	6.70	2.25	1.95
Va.	5.30	4.40	6.20	---	---	2.20	2.25
W. Va.	---	4.65	6.60	4.25	6.50	2.45	2.20
N. C.	5.10	4.45	6.70	---	---	2.50	2.15
S. C.	5.20	4.65	6.70	---	---	2.30	1.95
Ga.	4.95	4.60	6.50	---	---	2.10	1.65
Fla.	5.30	4.70	6.40	---	---	2.10	1.60
S. Atl.	5.19	4.33	6.53	---	6.66	2.26	1.96
Ky.	4.80	4.50	6.60	3.45	7.70	2.10	2.35
Tenn.	4.45	4.30	6.30	3.35	6.80	2.10	2.10
Ala.	4.90	4.35	6.10	---	---	2.05	1.85
Miss.	4.60	4.35	6.00	---	---	1.70	2.35
E. S. Cent.	4.68	4.37	6.27	3.42	7.29	2.00	2.19
Ark.	4.70	4.25	6.00	---	---	1.40	2.30
La.	4.70	4.65	6.10	---	---	1.65	2.35
Okla.	4.40	4.30	6.40	---	---	1.40	2.05
Texas	4.40	4.00	6.80	---	---	1.60	2.10
W. S. Cent.	4.43	4.22	6.40	---	---	1.55	2.13
Mont.	4.90	3.95	---	---	---	1.80	2.70
Idaho	4.25	3.80	---	---	---	2.05	2.85
Wyo.	4.70	---	---	---	---	1.65	2.60
Colo.	4.25	---	6.50	---	---	1.50	2.30
N. Mex.	4.80	---	---	---	---	1.45	2.80
Ariz.	4.75	---	---	---	---	1.55	2.60
Utah	4.30	4.20	---	---	---	1.35	2.20
Nev.	4.90	---	---	---	---	2.40	2.80
Mount.	4.62	3.98	---	---	---	1.66	2.60
Wash.	5.00	4.15	---	---	---	2.45	3.10
Oreg.	5.00	4.20	---	---	---	2.20	2.80
Calif.	5.00	3.95	6.00	---	---	1.95	1.70
Pac.	5.00	4.06	---	---	---	2.11	2.56
Hawaii	---	---	---	---	---	4.00	3.25
U. S.	4.00	4.49	6.76	3.24	7.79	1.85	2.18

Feed: Average price per ton paid by farmers, by States and
geographic divisions, March 15, 1970

State and division	Dairy feed, percent protein					
	14	16	18	20	32	40 and over
	D o l l a r s					
Maine	73	73	75	74	—	—
N. H.	73	73	—	74	—	—
Vt.	71	71	72	72	—	—
Mass.	71	71	72	72	—	—
R. I.	70	70	—	71	—	—
Conn.	71	71	72	72	—	—
N. Eng.	72	72	73	72	—	—
N. Y.	76	75	76	77	91	98
N. J.	88	82	84	90	99	118
Pa.	82	78	80	84	105	109
M. Atl.	79	76	77	81	100	106
Ohio	80	82	85	—	113	120
Ind.	70	79	—	—	105	110
Ill.	80	81	82	—	110	119
Mich.	73	74	—	84	115	120
Wis.	69	71	76	84	107	117
E. N. Cent.	75	76	81	84	109	117
Minn.	63	65	73	78	102	114
Iowa	71	74	82	—	113	123
Mo.	67	69	71	—	100	105
N. Dak.	66	69	—	—	100	110
S. Dak.	75	77	—	—	100	116
Nebr.	70	74	78	83	103	113
Kans.	71	73	—	—	96	110
W. N. Cent.	68	70	74	79	104	112
Del.	—	83	—	—	—	—
Md.	74	76	78	—	102	110
Va.	77	80	81	82	100	115
W. Va.	78	83	84	88	—	112
N. C.	72	75	77	82	99	118
S. C.	71	75	80	83	97	—
Ga.	72	77	80	82	92	105
Fla.	65	69	75	81	—	—
S. Atl.	71	77	78	82	99	112
Ky.	69	74	—	87	104	110
Tenn.	65	72	75	79	101	102
Ala.	—	72	73	—	—	102
Miss.	67	70	72	74	85	—
E. S. Cent.	68	72	74	83	100	108
Ark.	70	69	77	—	—	—
La.	70	73	74	76	—	—
Okla.	65	69	70	74	90	110
Texas	66	73	74	74	87	96
W. S. Cent.	68	72	74	75	88	102
Mont.	62	66	79	—	—	—
Idaho	67	70	—	—	93	—
Wyo.	—	87	—	—	—	—
Colo.	72	73	—	—	99	98
N. Mex.	72	75	—	—	—	—
Ariz.	68	72	—	—	—	105
Utah	66	67	—	—	95	—
Nev.	78	86	—	—	—	—
Mount.	69	73	—	—	96	102
Wash.	67	70	—	—	—	—
Oreg.	68	69	—	—	—	—
Calif.	66	69	71	—	—	—
Pac.	66	69	—	—	—	—
Hawaii	—	100	—	98	100	—
U. S.	69	73	74	79	105	114

Feed: Average price per ton paid by farmers for poultry feed, and poultry feed price ratios, by States and geographic divisions, March 15, 1970

State and division	Poultry feeds, per ton				Poultry price ratios 1/		
	Chick starter	Laying feed	Broiler grower	Turkey grower	Egg feed	Broiler grower	Turkey grower
	D o l l a r s				P o u n d s		
Maine	87	73	91	94	13.7	4.0	—
N. H.	89	73	91	94	14.0	—	—
Vt.	91	75	94	96	12.5	—	—
Mass.	87	73	91	92	14.2	—	—
R. I.	87	73	91	92	15.1	—	—
Conn.	87	73	91	92	15.9	4.0	—
N. Eng.	87	73	91	93	14.4	4.0	—
N. Y.	97	85	98	104	11.1	—	—
N. J.	99	82	96	106	12.1	—	—
Pa.	100	87	99	101	10.6	3.2	5.7
M. Atl.	99	86	99	103	10.8	—	—
Ohio	102	86	95	96	10.2	3.3	5.4
Ind.	96	82	88	91	10.7	3.4	5.7
Ill.	109	93	101	106	8.0	—	5.1
Mich.	99	81	89	105	9.9	—	4.8
Wis.	109	89	98	94	9.7	3.4	5.7
E. N. Cent.	102	86	94	97	9.7	3.4	5.5
Minn.	106	87	85	87	7.6	3.9	5.9
Iowa	106	80	95	94	8.2	—	5.5
Mo.	96	80	85	89	9.8	3.5	5.4
N. Dak.	106	95	94	95	6.5	—	—
S. Dak.	110	81	—	92	7.7	—	—
Nebr.	102	87	92	92	6.9	—	—
Kans.	93	84	94	93	7.9	—	—
W. N. Cent.	102	83	85	90	8.0	3.7	5.6
Del.	103	89	102	105	13.1	3.1	—
Md.	103	90	102	106	12.2	3.1	—
Va.	95	86	95	91	10.2	3.3	5.5
W. Va.	102	90	99	105	11.8	3.0	4.8
N. C.	98	87	96	93	11.0	3.0	5.2
S. C.	94	85	100	93	10.4	2.8	5.4
Ga.	97	82	96	98	12.0	3.0	4.5
Fla.	100	88	97	98	8.4	2.9	—
S. Atl.	99	85	98	95	10.9	3.0	5.1
Ky.	108	94	99	99	8.9	—	—
Tenn.	103	90	96	106	10.2	3.2	—
Ala.	92	84	87	94	11.3	3.1	4.9
Miss.	96	87	87	97	11.3	3.2	—
E. S. Cent.	97	87	88	99	10.9	3.1	—
Ark.	95	80	90	91	10.0	3.2	5.3
La.	92	78	85	—	11.4	3.3	—
Okla.	93	84	97	95	10.0	3.0	—
Texas	103	90	102	101	10.0	2.9	5.6
W. S. Cent.	98	84	93	97	10.0	3.1	5.6
Mont.	108	93	102	109	10.3	—	—
Idaho	104	85	103	112	10.1	—	—
Wyo.	109	95	—	—	9.3	—	—
Colo.	112	98	105	107	8.2	—	—
N. Mex.	100	87	—	93	9.9	—	—
Ariz.	100	92	104	92	7.6	—	—
Utah	98	78	94	100	9.7	—	—
Nev.	125	105	123	127	7.8	—	—
Mount.	105	90	101	102	9.1	—	—
Wash.	98	83	100	94	9.0	3.8	5.1
Oreg.	95	85	98	90	10.2	3.7	6.0
Calif.	86	73	90	81	10.2	3.9	5.9
Pac.	89	75	93	82	10.0	3.8	6.0
Hawaii	125	105	129	—	10.7	5.0	—
U. S.	98	83	94	92	10.2	3.1	5.6

1/ Number of pounds of laying feed, equivalent in value to one dozen eggs, number of pounds of broiler grower equal in value to one pound of broiler live weight, and number of pounds turkey grower equal in value to one pound of turkey live weight.

Support Price Announcements for Agricultural Products
February 26-March 26, 1970

Extra long staple cotton - 1970 crop: The national average
price-support loan rate
for 1970-crop extra long staple cotton is 40.5 cents per pound
and the price-support payment rate 9.29 cents per pound. The
total support of 49.79 cents compares to a total support of
48.88 cents per pound for the 1969 crop.

USDA 652-70, issued 2/26/70

Dairy products - 1970-71 Marketing Year: The national average support
price for manufacturing
milk for the marketing year which begins April 1, 1970 will be \$4.66 per
hundredweight, up 38 cents per hundredweight from a year earlier. The
support price for butterfat in farm-separated cream will be announced later,
but will be at 75 percent of the March 1970 parity price.

USDA 814-70, issued 3/12/70

WOOL AND MOHAIR: Annual average prices received by farmers,
United States, 1969

	<u>Cents per pound</u>
Wool	41.8
Mohair	65.1

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