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PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP 1 POINT
PARITY INDEX UP 2 POINTS
ADJUSTED PARITY RATIO 80

During the month ended March 15, the Index of Prices Received by Farmers advanced 1 point (1/3 percent) to 259 percent of its 1910-14 average, the Crop Reporting Board announced today. Higher prices for beef cattle contributed most to the increase. Partially offsetting were price declines for milk and hogs. The March index was 4 percent above a year earlier.

The Index of Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities and Services, including Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates rose 2 points (1/2 percent) from mid-February to 350, a record high. The index was 11 points (3 percent) above a year earlier.

With the Parity Index up 2 points and the Prices Received Index up 1 point, the Adjusted Parity Ratio, reflecting Government payments, remained at 80.

The Parity Ratio, at 74, was also unchanged from February.

SUMMARY TABLE

Index 1910-14=100	: Mar. 15, : 1967	: Feb. 15, : 1968	: Mar. 15, : 1968	: Record high : Index	: Date
Prices Received	: 250	258	259	313	Feb. 1951
Parity Index <u>1/</u>	: 339	348	350	350	Mar. 1968
Parity Ratio	: 74	74	74	123	Oct. 1946
Adjusted Parity Ratio <u>2/</u> (preliminary):	79	80	80		

1/ Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates based on data for indicated dates. 2/ The Adjusted Parity Ratio, reflecting Government payments, averaged 79 for the year 1967, 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 p. 30 of the April 1967 issue of AGRICULTURAL PRICES for a description of the method of making current estimates of the Adjusted Parity Ratio.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

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

FRUIT: Price increases for lemons, oranges, and apples were mainly responsible for a 9-percent advance in the fruit index during the month ended March 15 to 313 percent of the 1910-14 average. Prices for strawberries, pears, and tangerines also advanced. The index was 57 percent above a year earlier.

MEAT ANIMALS: The index of prices received by farmers for meat animals rose 3 points (1 percent) to 345 during the month ended March 15. This was 6 percent above January and 7 percent above last March. Prices of all species except hogs were higher as of mid-March than a month earlier. Prices of hogs declined 40 cents per cwt. to \$18.50. Beef cattle prices were up 50 cents per cwt. to \$23.30, with slaughter cows up substantially and steers and heifers up moderately. Calves were up 30 cents per cwt. during the month to \$28.10, sheep were up 25 cents to \$6.99, and lambs were up \$1.30 to \$24.50. All species were above March 1967. Marketings were higher during the 4 weeks ended March 16 than a month earlier. Receipts of cattle at 12 public stockyards and 7 direct sales areas were up 1 percent; receipts of hogs at the 12 yards and 3 direct sales areas were up 2 percent. Receipts of sheep and lambs were up 19 percent, and receipts of calves were slightly higher.

DAIRY PRODUCTS: Farmers received seasonally lower prices in March for both fluid-market and manufacturing-grade milk sold wholesale. This lowered the dairy products index 2 percent to 309. Sales of fluid-market milk to plants and dealers in March averaged \$5.57 per cwt., 9 cents below the revised February price, but 21 cents above March 1967. Manufacturing-grade milk averaged \$4.07 per cwt. during March. This was 1 cent less than a month earlier, but unchanged from March last year. The dairy products index was 3 percent above a year earlier.

COTTON: Prices received by farmers for upland cotton declined 3 percent during the month to 19.35 cents per pound. The average February to March change is an increase of 3 percent. Mid-March prices averaged 5 percent below a year earlier.

POTATOES, SWEETPOTATOES, AND DRY EDIBLE BEANS: Lower prices for potatoes and a drop in dry edible bean prices caused the index to decline 7 percent during the month to 166. Partially offsetting were higher prices for sweetpotatoes. The index was 14 percent below March 1967.

POULTRY AND EGGS: Slightly higher prices during the month for eggs, chickens, and turkeys lifted the poultry and egg index 1 percent to 132. Egg prices advanced $1\frac{1}{2}$ percent to 30.4 cents per dozen; the average February to March change is a decrease of 3 percent. Turkeys averaged 2 percent higher in price, and chickens were up about $\frac{1}{2}$ percent. The index was 8 percent below March 1967, mostly because of lower egg prices.

PRICES PAID BY FARMERS

The index of prices paid by farmers in mid-March, at 308 percent of the 1910-14 base, was $\frac{2}{3}$ percent above a month earlier. Both production and family living items averaged higher. The index was 3 percent above a year earlier.

PRODUCTION GOODS INDEX RISES

The index of prices paid by farmers for production goods, at 292 in mid-March, was $\frac{2}{3}$ percent above a month earlier. Higher average prices were reported for feeder livestock, motor vehicles, motor supplies, and farm machinery. Feed prices averaged lower, while farm supplies and building and fencing materials averaged unchanged. The index was $1\frac{1}{2}$ percent higher than mid-March 1967.

FEEDER LIVESTOCK: The mid-March index of prices paid by farmers for feeder livestock, at 393, was 4 percent above the February 15 index. Prices for all types of feeder livestock averaged higher. Feeder cattle accounted for most of the increase. The index was 7 percent higher than a year earlier.

MOTOR SUPPLIES: Prices paid by farmers on March 15 for motor supplies averaged $1\frac{1}{2}$ percent above mid-February prices. Increased average prices were reported for most petroleum products. Rubber product prices declined slightly. Motor supply prices averaged 3 percent above a year earlier.

MOTOR VEHICLES: Mid-March prices paid by farmers for motor vehicles averaged 1 percent above the previous month. Higher average prices were reported for tractors and used cars and trucks. Compared with a year earlier, prices averaged 6 percent higher.

FARM MACHINERY: Prices for farm machinery paid by farmers in mid-March averaged about $\frac{1}{2}$ percent higher than when last surveyed in mid-December. Prices for all groups of spring-season machinery advanced, with planting and fertilizing machinery and harrows and cultivators showing the largest increases. Compared with a year earlier, prices averaged 5 percent higher.

RURAL CONSUMER INDEX UP

The mid-March index of prices paid by farmers for family living items at 330, rose 1 point ($\frac{1}{3}$ percent) from a month earlier. Prices for clothing, building materials, autos and auto supplies, and household operation items averaged higher. Prices averaged lower for household furnishings and food and tobacco. The index was 3 percent above a year earlier.

CLOTHING: Prices paid by farm families for wearing apparel on March 15 averaged 1 percent higher than in mid-February, and 6 percent above a year earlier. Average prices advanced generally for clothing, but yard goods averaged lower. Women's and men's clothing advanced most.

FOOD AND TOBACCO: Prices paid by farmers for food and tobacco as of March 15 averaged $\frac{1}{2}$ percent below mid-February. Principal decreases from February were for cabbage, potatoes, round steak, and fish. Average prices increased for sweets, tobacco, and poultry. Mid-March prices averaged $1\frac{1}{2}$ percent higher than on March 15, 1967.

BUILDING MATERIALS, HOUSE: Prices for building materials used by farmers in construction or repair of dwellings averaged $\frac{1}{2}$ percent above a month earlier. Framing lumber, masonry products, metal, and millwork prices averaged higher. Siding and flooring were down slightly. Prices averaged 6 percent above a year earlier.

CROP REPORTING BOARD

AGRICULTURAL PRICES, March 1968

Crop Reporting Board, SRS, USDA

Average prices received by farmers for farm products, United States, March 15, 1968

Commodity and unit	with comparisons						
	Average		Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	
	Jan. 1910- Dec. 1914:	Jan. 1957- Dec. 1959:	15, 1967	15, 1968	15, 1968	15, 1968	
Wheat, per bu.	Dol.	.880	1.84	1.59	1.40	1.42	1.42
Rye, per bu.	"	.725	1.01	1.00	.973	.997	.985
Rice, (rough), per cwt.	"	1.81	4.87	1/5.13	1/5.13	1/5.29	1/5.35
Corn, per bu.	"	.649	1.10	1.28	1.04	1.06	1.06
Oats, per bu.	"	.399	.622	.682	.667	.686	.687
Barley, per bu.	"	.617	.892	1.02	.978	.984	.971
Sorghum grain, per cwt.	"	---	1.72	1.96	1.75	1.86	1.86
Hay, all, baled, per ton	"	11.90	19.10	25.10	24.00	23.80	23.60
Cotton, American upland, per lb.	Ct.	2/11.92	30.90	20.45	22.38	19.90	19.35
Cotton, American-Egyptian, per lb. ..	"	---	55.4	49.4	46.5	45.8	42.5
Cottonseed, per ton	Dol.	21.80	47.60	63.50	56.40	57.80	56.10
Soybeans, per bu.	"	---	2.09	2.74	2.53	2.57	2.57
Peanuts, per lb.	Ct.	4.83	10.6	11.5	11.3	11.3	11.5
Flaxseed, per bu.	Dol.	1.68	2.81	2.85	2.88	2.90	2.94
Potatoes, per cwt. 3/	"	1.13	1.71	2.07	1.63	1.59	1.46
Sweetpotatoes, per cwt.	"	1.61	4.30	6.09	6.21	6.43	6.76
Beans, dry edible, per cwt.	"	3.39	7.04	6.84	9.46	10.00	9.21
Peas, dry field (open mkt.), per cwt.	"	---	4.04	4.83	4.43	4.41	4.41
Apples, for fresh use, per lb. 3/ 4/	Ct.	---	4.70	6.58	7.28	7.63	8.49
Peaches, for fresh use, per lb. 3/ ..	"	---	5.56	---	---	---	---
Pears, for fresh use, per ton 3/ 4/ ..	Dol.	---	73.30	91.90	131.00	131.00	156.00
Strawberries, for fresh use, per lb. 3/	Ct.	---	23.6	32.1	32.0	32.0	36.9
Citrus (equiv. on-tree), per box 3/	"	---	---	---	---	---	---
Grapefruit	Dol.	---	1.33	.58	1.86	1.81	1.81
Lemons	"	---	1.42	1.73	2.55	2.13	3.89
Limes	"	---	4.79	9/22.40	3.11	4.90	6.57
Oranges	"	---	2.62	.77	2.11	2.16	2.37
Tangelos	"	---	---	---	3.15	2.56	---
Tangerines	"	---	---	---	2.55	2.76	2.95
Hogs, per cwt.	"	7.29	17.30	17.90	17.60	18.90	18.50
All beef cattle, per cwt.	"	5.52	20.60	21.50	21.80	22.80	23.30
Cows, per cwt.	"	---	15.10	16.70	15.60	16.70	17.50
Steers and heifers, per cwt.	"	---	23.10	23.00	24.00	24.90	25.20
Calves, per cwt.	"	6.84	23.50	26.20	26.40	27.80	28.10
Sheep, per cwt.	"	4.59	6.48	6.71	6.46	6.74	6.99
Lambs, per cwt.	"	5.96	19.90	20.60	22.10	23.20	24.50
Milkfat in cream, per lb.	Ct.	26.3	60.1	65.9	66.2	66.2	66.2
All milk wholesale, per cwt. 3/	Dol.	1.61	4.19	4.95	5.27	5.20	5/5.11
Milk eligible for fluid market	"	---	4.71	5.36	5.72	5.66	5/5.57
Milk of manufacturing grade	"	---	3.22	4.07	4.15	4.08	5/4.07
Milk, retail, per quart 6/	Ct.	6.90	21.4	23.9	24.1	24.1	24.1
Chickens, all, live, per lb.	Dol.	11.5	17.1	13.7	12.9	13.9	14.0
Chickens, excluding broilers, live,	"	---	---	---	---	---	---
per lb.	"	---	13.2	8.8	7.9	8.1	8.2
Broilers, live, per lb. 3/	"	---	17.8	14.3	13.5	14.6	14.6
Turkeys, live, per lb.	"	14.3	24.0	20.5	18.2	17.5	17.9
Eggs, per dozen 7/	"	21.6	35.4	34.6	31.5	30.0	30.4
Wool, per lb. 3/ 8/	"	17.8	43.8	9/40.6	39.0	37.0	37.9
Mohair (Texas only), per lb.	"	---	80.0	47.0	42.0	43.0	46.0
Adjusted for seasonal variation	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
All milk, wholesale, per cwt. 3/ ..	Dol.	---	4.19	5.00	5.07	5.10	10/5.16
Eggs, per dozen	Ct.	---	35.7	34.6	30.0	28.8	30.1
1/ Average for Mo., Miss., Ark., La., and Tex. 2/ All cotton. 3/ Average for the month.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
4/ Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for Washington and Oregon, equivalent first delivery point returns for California and prices as sold for other States. 5/ Prices are preliminary. Fat test percent for all milk, 3.71; fluid market, 3.72; manufacturing grade, 3.67. 6/ Sold by farmers directly to consumers. 7/ Average of all eggs sold by farmers, including hatching eggs and eggs sold at retail by farmers. 8/ Average local market price, excluding incentive payment. 9/ Revised. 10/ Preliminary.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

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

Based on price reports from 7,137 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 1968, 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. 1967	Feb. 1968	Mar. 1968	Mar. 1967	Feb. 1968	Mar. 1968
Basic Commodities:							
Cotton, per lb.							
American upland	Cwt. 12.58	41.99	43.78	44.03	49	45	44
Extra long staple	" 5/21.1	74.1	73.4	73.8	—	—	—
Wheat, per bu.	Dol. .744	2.58	2.59	2.60	62	55	55
Rice, per cwt.	" 1.95	6.77	6.79	6.82	—	—	—
Corn, per bu.	" .464	1.60	1.61	1.62	80	66	65
Peanuts, per lb.	Ct. 5/4.36	14.9	15.2	15.3	77	74	75
Tobacco, per lb.:							
Flue-cured, types 11-14	" 5/24.6	83.6	85.6	86.1	—	—	—
Va. fire-cured, type 21	" 5/15.7	54.1	54.6	55.0	—	66	—
Ky.-Penn. fire-cured, types 22-23	" 6/	—	—	—	—	—	—
Burley, type 31	" 5/25.6	87.0	89.1	89.6	72	73	—
Maryland, type 32	" 7/22.8	79.2	79.3	79.8	—	—	—
Dark air-cured, types 35-36	" 5/14.8	50.3	51.5	51.8	—	—	—
Sun-cured, type 37	" 5/15.4	51.7	53.6	53.9	—	54	—
Pa. seedleaf, type 41	" 6/	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cigar filler and binder, types 42-44, 53-55	" 6/	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerto Rican filler, type 46	" 5/14.0	47.9	48.7	49.0	—	—	—
Cigar binder, types 51-52	" 6/	—	—	—	—	—	—
Designated Nonbasic Commodities:							
Tung nuts, per ton	Dol. 5/27.30	92.80	95.00	95.60	—	—	—
Milkfat in cream, per lb.	Ct. 24.6	84.0	85.6	86.1	78	77	77
All milk, whole, per cwt.	Dol. 1.73	5.88	6.02	6.06	8/85	8/85	8/85
Honey, wholesale, per lb.:							
Comb	Ct. 9/13.8	47.3	48.0	48.3	—	—	—
Extracted	" 9/5.72	19.9	19.9	20.0	—	—	—
Wool and Mohair:							
Wool, per lb.	" 25.1	86.0	87.3	87.8	4/10/47	10/42	10/43
Mohair, per lb.	" 33.0	115.0	115.0	116.0	—	—	—
Other Nonbasic Commodities:							
Barley, per bu.	Dol. .382	1.31	1.33	1.34	78	74	72
Beans, dry edible, per cwt.	" 2.94	10.10	10.20	10.30	68	98	89
Cottonseed, per ton	" 5/19.60	67.30	68.20	68.60	94	85	82
Flaxseed, per bu.	" 1.14	3.94	3.97	3.99	72	73	74
Oats, per bu.	" .252	.870	.877	.882	78	78	78
Potatoes, per cwt.	" 5/.816	2.83	2.84	2.86	4/73	56	51
Rye, per bu.	" .398	1.38	1.39	1.39	72	72	71
Sorghum grain, per cwt.	" .744	2.54	2.59	2.60	77	72	72
Soybeans, per bu.	" .960	3.26	3.34	3.36	84	77	76
Sweetpotatoes, per cwt.	" 1.96	6.63	6.82	6.86	4/92	94	99
Apples, for fresh use, per lb. 11/	Ct. 2.25	12/7.67	7.83	7.88	86	97	108
Citrus (equiv. on-tree), per box:							
Grapefruit	Dol. 5/.504	1.70	1.75	1.76	34	103	103
Lemons	" 5/.760	2.49	2.64	2.66	69	81	146
Limes	" 5/1.34	4.32	4.66	4.69	4/519	105	140
Oranges	" 5/1.00	3.47	3.48	3.50	22	62	68
Tangerines	" 5/.936	3.05	3.26	3.28	—	65	90
Beef cattle, per cwt.	" 8.36	28.20	29.10	29.30	76	78	80
Calves, per cwt.	" 9.72	32.50	33.80	34.00	81	82	83
All chickens, live, per lb.	Ct. 5.88	21.1	20.5	20.6	65	68	68
Eggs, per doz.	" 13.9	48.6	48.4	48.6	8/71	8/60	8/62
Hogs, per cwt.	Dol. 7.00	24.00	24.40	24.50	75	77	76
Lambs, per cwt.	" 8.12	27.60	28.30	28.40	75	82	86
Sheep, per cwt.	" 2.47	8.50	8.60	8.64	79	78	81
Turkeys, live, per lb.	Ct. 9.00	31.7	31.3	31.5	65	56	57

See footnotes on page 6.

Parity prices based on data for March 1968, United States 1/

Other Nonbasic Commodities (Continued)	Parity prices 3/ based on data for Mar. 1968	Other Nonbasic Commodities (Continued)	Parity prices 3/ based on data for Mar. 1968
Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Field Crops and Misc. Commodities:		Noncitrus Fruits:	
Castor beans, cwt. 17/	7.38	Peaches	
Crude pine gum, bbl.	41.60	For fresh use, lb. 14/	.0819
Hops, lb.	.672	Dried (Calif.), ton	651.00
Tobacco, lb.:		For processing (ex. dried)	
Cigar wrapper, type 61	6/	clingstone (Calif.), ton 13/	90.60
Cigar wrapper, type 62	6/		
Noncitrus Fruits:		Pears	
Apples, for processing, ton	59.80	For fresh use, ton 15/	141.00
Apricots, ton		Dried (Calif.), ton	6/
For fresh use	248.00	Plums (Calif.), equiv. on-tree, ton	162.00
Dried (Calif.)	1,330.00	For fresh use	162.00
Avocados, ton 13/	6/	Prunes, dried (Calif.), ton	434.00
Cherries, ton		Prunes and Plums	
Sweet	469.00	(Ex. Calif.), ton	
Tart	242.00	For fresh use	209.00
Cranberries, bbl. 13/	6/	For processing (ex. dried)	96.60
Dates (Calif.), ton	192.00	Tree Nuts, tons:	
Figs (Calif.), ton		Almonds	6/
Dried	294.00	Filberts	595.00
Grapes, ton		Walnuts	654.00
Raisin varieties		Vegetables for fresh market, cwt.:	
dried (Calif.)	328.00	Cantaloupes	7.00
Grapes ex. raisin		Carrots 16/	4.94
varieties dried	83.30	Cauliflower 16/	10.30
Nectarines, (Calif.), ton		Celery 16/	5.78
For fresh use 13/	164.00	Green peas	14.80
Olives (Calif.),		Honeydew melons	7.66
for canning, ton 13/	350.00	Lettuce	6.06
		Onions 16/	4.66
		Tomatoes	11.60

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 1958-December 1967 average (including an allowance where appropriate for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments resulting from price support operations) by dividing 250 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 1958-67 (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 1958-67. 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 payment. 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/ Converted from \$3.47 per bu. 13/ Equivalent returns for bulk fruit at first delivery point. 14/ Based on prices for fresh peaches for important producing States and average price for all methods of sale for other States. 15/ 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. 16/ Includes some processing. 17/ The 10 marketing season average price is \$5.28 per cwt. The adjusted base price is \$2.11.

See Supplement No. 1, January 1968 AGRICULTURAL PRICES for details on parity price computations.

Index numbers of Prices Received by Farmers, United States, March 15, 1968
with comparisons

Index	1957-59		1967		1910-14=100		1968	
	: 100 : : March : : 1968 :	: Average : : Jan. 1957 : : to Dec '59 :	: Jan. : : 15 :	: Feb. : : 15 :	: Mar. : : 15 :	: Jan. : : 15 :	: Feb. : : 15 :	: Mar. : : 15 :
UNADJUSTED								
All Farm Products	107	242	255	252	250	255	258	259
All Crops	104	223	225	223	224	232	229	231
Food grains	82	212	187	179	189	170	173	173
Feed grains and hay	104	159	186	184	186	162	165	165
Feed grains	101	161	185	183	185	159	162	162
Cotton	63	261	168	175	173	189	168	164
Tobacco	115	485	556	561	561	559	560	559
Oil-bearing crops	118	229	292	286	288	267	272	271
Fruit	141	222	206	199	199	284	287	313
Fresh market ^{1/}	141	228	198	191	192	288	291	323
Commercial vegetables	146	235	288	280	276	362	344	343
Fresh market	161	260	346	328	319	439	420	418
Potatoes, etc. ^{2/}	102	163	208	212	192	177	178	166
Livestock & Products	110	258	281	276	272	274	282	283
Meat animals	112	308	330	328	323	324	342	345
Dairy products	120	257	311	306	300	316	314	309
Poultry & eggs	84	158	152	142	144	132	131	132
Wool	86	246	256	245	231	219	208	213
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED								
Fresh market fruit ^{1/}	145	229	197	194	196	302	304	332
Fresh market vegetables	144	264	308	286	291	391	366	380
Potatoes, etc. ^{2/}	101	163	215	218	191	182	181	165
Dairy products	122	257	301	301	303	305	309	312
Poultry & eggs	81	159	147	136	141	128	125	128

^{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, 1968, with comparisons

Commodity	Average	March	March	February	February	March
	: Jan. 1957 : : to Dec. : : 1959 :	: 1-15, : : 1967 :	: 1-31, : : 1967 ^{1/} :	: 1-15, : : 1968 :	: 1-28, : : 1968 :	: 1-15, : : 1968 :
DOLLARS						
Asparagus	16.30	36.20	26.70	^{1/} 44.20	33.00	25.90
Broccoli	8.37	11.90	11.50	10.50	10.70	9.97
Cabbage	2.47	3.00	2.70	3.70	3.50	3.84
Cantaloupes	4.64	—	—	—	—	—
Carrots	4.44	4.05	4.20	11.20	10.80	8.35
Cauliflower	6.90	10.80	10.50	13.30	12.50	12.00
Celery	3.92	3.75	3.65	5.50	5.31	4.03
Cucumbers	6.33	13.60	13.30	13.60	13.20	16.80
Green peppers	12.70	12.20	11.50	9.90	10.50	17.30
Lettuce	4.11	4.25	3.90	3.00	2.92	3.55
Onions	3.21	5.60	5.40	^{1/} 5.23	5.76	8.65
Snap beans	10.20	11.50	12.50	16.60	17.10	17.30
Spinach	6.24	9.00	8.70	12.90	13.00	10.40
Sweet corn	4.72	8.30	6.60	9.70	10.50	9.60
Tomatoes	8.59	9.70	10.30	15.50	15.90	13.10
Watermelons	1.65	—	—	—	—	—

^{1/} Revised.

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Index numbers of Prices Paid by Farmers, Interest, Taxes, and Wage Rates,
and related data, United States, March 15, 1968, with comparisons

Indexes and ratios	1957-59=100			1910-14=100			1968	
	Feb. 1968	Mar. 1968	Dec. 1967	Feb. 1967	Mar. 1967	Dec. 1967	Feb. 1968	Mar. 1968
PRICES PAID BY FARMERS								
Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Wage Rates	119	120	337	338	1/339	344	348	350
Prices Paid	113	113	300	300	1/300	303	306	308
Family living items	115	116	318	319	1/319	325	329	330
Food and tobacco	---	---	321	---	318	319	---	---
Clothing	---	---	387	---	1/392	408	---	---
Household operation	---	---	230	---	1/233	234	---	---
Household furnishings	---	---	259	---	261	267	---	---
Building materials, house	---	---	427	---	430	441	---	---
Autos and auto supplies	---	---	335	---	338	353	---	---
Production items	111	111	287	286	1/287	287	290	292
Feed	104	103	225	218	1/218	205	207	206
Feeder livestock	106	110	359	364	369	361	1/379	393
Motor supplies	---	---	178	---	180	183	---	---
Motor vehicles 2/	---	---	484	---	488	510	---	---
Farm machinery	---	---	450	---	454	473	---	---
Building & fencing materials	---	---	401	---	404	414	---	---
Fertilizer	---	---	3/152	---	3/152	3/152	---	---
Farm supplies	---	---	272	---	1/274	277	---	---
Seed	---	3/	3/234	242	239	3/235	---	3/235
Interest 4/	273	273	422	463	1/463	463	500	500
Taxes 5/	193	193	841	896	1/896	896	956	956
Wage Rates 6/	150	150	812	799	799	883	870	870
PARITY RATIO 7/	---	---	76	75	74	74	74	74
ADJUSTED PARITY RATIO (Preliminary)	---	---	82	80	79	79	80	80
Production items, interest, taxes, and wage rates	122	122	351	353	1/353	358	363	365
Prices Received by Farmers	107	107	106	104	103	105	107	107
Wholesale prices: 8/								
All commodities	108	---	106	106	106	107	108	---
Industrial commodities	108	---	106	106	106	107	108	---
Prices Paid by Farmers, Interest, Taxes, and Wage Rates	119	120	115	115	116	117	119	120
Consumers' prices (CPI) 8/	119	---	115	115	115	118	119	---
Average hourly earnings, mfg. production workers 9/	139	---	131	132	132	138	139	---

1/ Revised. 2/ Includes autos, trucks, and tractors. 3/ Estimated unchanged since September 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/ Bureau of Labor Statistics' indexes for month indicated. 9/ Based on earnings per hour as estimated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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State and division	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.	
D O L L A R S									
Maine					.80				
N. Eng.					.800				
N. Y.	1.31	1.00		1.18	.84	1.00		2.35	
N. J.	1.33	1.10		1.24	.90	1.08		2.52	
Pas.	1.29	1.05		1.20	.83	1.00		2.50	
M. Atl.	1.30	1.03		1.20	.837	1.01		2.50	
Ohio	1.35	1.01		1.06	.82	.88		2.61	
Ind.	1.32	1.09		1.04	.79	.88	1.85	2.56	
Ill.	1.42	1.03		1.05	.71	.86	1.80	2.59	
Mich.	1.31	.96		1.01	.76	.90		2.57	
Wis.	1.34	1.07		1.07	.72	1.08		2.50	
E. N. Cent.	1.34	1.00		1.05	.739	.970	1.82	2.59	
Minn.	1.54	1.00		1.00	.65	.99		2.54	
Iowa	1.43	.98		1.02	.69	.92	1.73	2.54	
Mo.	1.41	1.05		1.12	.79	1.02	1.85	2.58	
N. Dak.	1.56	.89		1.02	.58	.93		2.47	
S. Dak.	1.45	.94		1.04	.64	.95	1.75	2.50	
Nebr.	1.37	.98		1.07	.70	.96	1.77	2.51	
Kans.	1.38	.96		1.12	.77	1.01	1.81	2.51	
W. N. Cent.	1.45	.924		1.04	.645	.948	1.79	2.54	
Del.	1.24	1.25		1.14	.78	.98		2.47	
Md.	1.23	1.20		1.13	.77	.97		2.48	
Va.	1.35	1.40		1.23	.81	1.01	1.95	2.60	
W. Va.	1.50			1.28	.87	1.02			
N. C.	1.42	1.55		1.20	.80	1.05	2.05	2.60	
S. C.	1.40	1.75		1.25	.87	1.05	2.05	2.64	
Ga.	1.40	2.25		1.24	.92	1.02	2.00	2.55	
Fla.				1.20	.90			2.60	
S. Atl.	1.36	1.85		1.19	.854	1.01	2.04	2.60	
Ky.	1.38	1.23		1.20	.79	.98	1.89	2.57	
Tenn.	1.47	1.41		1.25	.88	1.08	2.05	2.62	
Ala.	1.50			1.25	.89		2.00	2.60	
Miss.	1.40		5.30	1.35	.82		1.95	2.60	
E. S. Cent.	1.42	1.32	5.30	1.22	.829	.997	1.96	2.60	
Ark.	1.37		5.30	1.29	.82	1.05	2.00	2.61	
La.	1.51		5.50	1.36	.88		2.05	2.62	
Okla.	1.46	1.05		1.25	.82	1.09	1.89	2.46	
Tex.	1.43	1.15	5.30	1.36	.86	1.05	1.90	2.38	
W. S. Cent.	1.45	1.08	5.35	1.35	.837	1.09	1.90	2.61	
Mont.	1.30	.78		1.30	.67	.87			
Idaho	1.36	1.15		1.30	.73	.98			
Wyo.	1.24	1.06		1.19	.69	1.02			
Colo.	1.30	.96		1.15	.82	1.00	1.82		
N. Mex.	1.38			1.40		1.15	1.87		
Ariz.	1.40			1.45		1.20	2.24		
Utah	1.45				.83	1.07			
Nev.	1.42				.85	1.15			
Mount.	1.32	1.03		1.19	.715	.928	1.91		
Wash.	1.49	1.18		1.35	.86	1.06			
Oreg.	1.45	1.20		1.42	.89	1.10			
Calif.	1.41			1.39	.88	1.11	2.39		
Pac.	1.48	1.18		1.39	.881	1.10	2.38		
48 States	1.42	.985	5.35	1.06	.687	.971	1.86	2.57	
Alaska					1.35	1.95			
U. S.	1.42	.985	1/5.35	1.06	.687	.971	1.86	2.57	

State	Winter wheat March 15, 1968	Spring wheat, other than Durum March 15, 1968
Dollars per bushel		
Minn.	1.41	1.53
N. Dak.	1.32	1.49
S. Dak.	1.33	1.50
Mont.	1.24	1.43
Idaho	1.38	1.29
Colo.	1.30	1.29

Average prices received by farmers, by States and geographic divisions, March 15, 1968

State and division	American	Cotton	Pea	Flax	Beans	Tobacco	Apples	Sweet	Wool
	upland	seed	nuts	seed	dry edible	per lb.	fresh	potatoes	per lb.
	per lb.	per ton	per lb.	per bu.	per cwt.	2/3/	use 3/4/	per cwt.	3/5/
	Ct.	Dol.	Ct.	Dol.	Dol.	Ct.	Ct.	Dol.	Ct.
Maine							7.00		45
N. H.							6.90		42
Vt.							7.40		42
Mass.							7.20		43
R. I.									43
Conn.							7.60		43
N. Eng.							7.18		43.5
N. Y.					8.90		9.00		40
N. J.							8.07	7.35	
Pa.							9.19		44
M. Atl.					8.90		8.94	7.35	42.5
Ohio							6.80		32
Ind.							10.7		33
Ill.							5.20		34
Mich.					8.70		7.60		33
Wis.									34
E. N. Cent.					8.70		7.45		32.8
Minn.				3.00					31
Iowa				2.97					33
Mo.	15.0	53.00							34
N. Dak.				2.91	7.80				33
S. Dak.				2.97					34
Nebr.					7.70				34
Kans.					8.40			5.00	34
W. N. Cent.	15.00	53.00		2.84	7.73			5.00	33.3
Del.							8.00		
Md.							8.20	5.00	
Va.			11.5				6.80	5.50	
W. Va.							6.50		
N. C.	21.0	51.00	11.5				5.80	5.90	
S. C.	24.0	55.00	12.0					6.00	
Ga.	23.5	53.00	11.5					7.20	
Fla.	21.0								
S. Atl.	23.58	53.30	11.5				6.75	5.99	
Ky.						39.5			38
Tenn.	19.0	53.00				44.0		5.60	
Ala.	22.0	52.00	11.3					5.90	
Miss.	21.0	58.00	22.0					5.00	
E. S. Cent.	21.03	55.60				42.3		5.34	38.0
Ark.	21.0	56.00						5.80	34
La.	24.0	58.00						7.20	
Okla.	17.0	58.00	10.6					6.10	30
Texas	17.0	57.00	12.0					6.30	41
W. S. Cent.	17.78	56.90	11.5					6.77	40.7
Mont.				2.58	8.40				44
Idaho					7/8.10				41
Wyo.					8.30				37
Colo.					8.50				40
N. Mex.	18.0	60.00	14.5		8.50				40
Ariz.	19.0	54.00							40
Utah					8.40				42
Nev.									43
Mount.	18.75	55.00	14.5	2.58	8.31				40.3
Wash.					9.80		9.18		37
Oreg.							8.08		34
Calif.	22.5	53.00			14.40		6.20	12.30	36
Pac.	22.50	53.00			14.10		8.98	12.30	35.7
U. S.	19.35	56.10	11.5	2.84	9.21	42.3	8.49	6.76	37.9

1/ Average price by area shown on page 15. 2/ Price by types shown on page 15. 3/ Average for the month. 4/ 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. 5/ Incentive payment not included. 6/ American upland cotton price for February 1968 should be 23.0 cents. 7/ Excludes garden seed.

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

State and division	March 15, 1968						
	Hogs	Cows 1/	Steers and heifers	Beef cattle 2/	Calves	Sheep	Lambs
	D O L L A R S						
Maine	17.50	17.70	21.00	18.00	25.70	6.20	22.00
N. H.	17.90	17.20	21.50	17.60	24.60	6.20	23.00
Vt.	18.10	16.30	19.60	16.60	22.80	6.20	23.00
Mass.	17.60	17.20	20.00	17.40	25.60	6.00	24.50
R. I.	17.90	17.00	20.40	17.20	25.80	6.00	24.50
Conn.	18.20	16.80	21.00	17.10	26.20	6.00	24.50
N. Eng.	17.70	16.90	20.40	17.20	24.50	6.15	23.00
N. y.	19.00	17.40	23.50	18.10	29.00	7.60	23.00
N. J.	19.20	17.00	24.00	18.00	31.00	9.50	24.40
Pa.	19.60	17.40	25.00	20.20	34.50	7.30	24.80
M. Atl.	19.40	17.40	24.70	19.30	31.30	7.49	24.00
Ohio	19.20	17.30	25.00	22.80	34.00	7.40	24.00
Ind.	18.90	17.50	25.40	24.40	32.00	6.20	23.60
Ill.	18.60	18.00	25.00	24.00	28.50	6.00	24.00
Mich.	18.60	17.50	24.50	21.50	29.00	7.50	24.00
Wis.	18.50	17.40	22.80	18.90	31.80	5.60	23.90
E. N. Cent.	18.80	17.50	24.90	22.70	31.70	6.67	23.90
Minn.	18.50	18.30	25.00	23.00	31.30	5.80	26.20
Iowa	18.70	18.40	26.10	24.90	27.00	5.90	24.50
Mo.	18.70	17.40	25.50	24.00	28.40	6.00	24.50
N. Dak.	18.10	16.80	24.80	23.00	28.40	6.70	24.80
S. Dak.	18.20	17.00	25.50	23.80	28.90	6.00	24.90
Nebr.	18.30	18.00	26.00	25.20	28.70	5.90	25.90
Kans.	17.90	3/17.10	25.00	23.80	26.90	6.50	24.00
W. N. Cent.	18.50	17.70	25.60	24.20	28.70	6.06	25.00
Del.	19.10	16.50	24.50	18.70	32.10	6.50	24.50
Md.	19.10	17.00	24.70	19.80	34.00	6.50	24.50
Va.	18.20	16.30	21.50	18.90	32.00	6.00	24.60
W. Va.	19.10	16.20	23.10	20.10	32.00	5.40	23.50
N. C.	17.80	17.50	21.20	19.20	30.80	6.00	22.70
S. C.	17.50	17.30	22.50	19.60	27.00	---	---
Ga.	17.40	16.40	22.00	19.50	25.30	---	---
Fla.	17.20	17.70	23.50	21.80	27.30	---	---
S. Atl.	17.70	16.90	22.60	20.00	28.60	5.75	24.10
Ky.	18.10	16.80	23.60	21.70	34.00	7.00	23.50
Tenn.	18.10	16.50	23.00	20.70	30.00	7.00	21.80
Ala.	17.50	17.60	23.50	21.30	26.60	---	---
Miss.	17.60	17.00	23.30	20.00	26.00	---	---
E. S. Cent.	17.90	17.00	23.40	21.00	28.40	7.00	23.00
Ark.	18.40	17.10	23.80	21.20	27.80	7.00	21.50
La.	18.00	17.00	24.60	20.10	25.80	8.00	20.50
Okla.	17.80	17.20	24.20	22.60	27.40	7.50	24.70
Texas	18.40	17.50	24.90	22.10	26.50	9.20	23.00
W. S. Cent.	18.20	17.40	24.60	22.10	26.60	9.15	23.20
Mont.	17.90	18.40	24.50	23.20	28.70	5.80	24.00
Idaho	18.50	18.00	25.90	24.30	29.50	5.90	24.00
Wyo.	17.70	18.00	24.00	22.40	28.50	6.40	24.00
Colo.	18.80	17.00	25.80	25.20	28.40	6.20	25.90
N. Mex.	18.90	16.50	24.70	24.00	27.50	8.40	24.50
Ariz.	19.20	18.10	25.70	25.50	26.00	7.00	27.00
Utah	18.20	17.00	25.00	22.10	28.00	6.00	24.00
Nev.	17.80	17.00	24.20	21.60	28.40	5.50	22.00
Mount.	18.40	17.50	25.40	24.40	28.20	6.44	24.70
Wash.	19.10	17.00	24.50	22.00	29.00	6.50	22.70
Oreg.	18.90	17.70	25.40	23.00	27.60	5.60	24.30
Calif.	18.60	17.90	25.90	25.20	29.10	6.00	24.40
Pac.	18.80	17.60	25.70	24.60	28.60	5.92	24.20
48 States	18.50	17.50	25.20	23.30	28.10	6.99	24.50
Alaska	31.00	17.00	24.00	20.10	---	---	---
Hawaii	33.70	14.20	23.60	21.20	---	---	---
U. S.	18.50	17.50	25.20	23.30	28.10	6.99	24.50

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/ April 1967 price published on page 18 of February 1968 issue of Agricultural Prices should be corrected from \$17.60 to \$16.60 per cwt.

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State and division	Milk, wholesale, price per cwt. February 1968						March 15, 1968			
	Eligible for Fluid market 1/		Manufacturing grade		All Milk		All milk	Milkfat	Milk	
	Price	Fat test	Price	Fat test	Price	Fat test	per cwt. 2/	in cream: per lb.	per cwt. 3/	
	Dol.	Pct.	Dol.	Pct.	Dol.	Pct.	Dol.	Ct.	Dol.	
Maine	6.25	3.83			6.25	3.83	6.10		285	
N. H.	6.15	3.88			6.15	3.88	5.90		295	
Vt.	5.90	3.83			5.90	3.83	5.75		275	
Mass.	6.25	3.73			6.25	3.73	6.05		310	
R. I.	6.35	3.74			6.35	3.74	6.20		320	
Conn.	6.40	3.77			6.40	3.77	6.25		320	
N. Eng.	6.11	3.81			6.11	3.81	5.94		291	
N. Y.	5.35	3.61	3.85	3.95	5.35	3.61	5.20	56	320	
N. J.	5.70	3.70			5.70	3.70	5.65		365	
Pa.	5.90	3.78	4.25	3.76	5.85	3.78	5.80	54	330	
M. Atl.	5.57	3.68	4.19	3.79	5.55	3.68	5.45	54.6	326	
Ohio	5.85	3.84	4.26	3.97	5.70	3.85	5.65	49	260	
Ind.	5.70	3.86	4.30	3.98	5.45	3.88	5.40	50	280	
Ill.	5.15	3.74	4.00	3.77	4.80	3.75	4.75	57	260	
Mch.	5.80	3.73	4.20	3.84	5.60	3.75	5.50	64	300	
Wis.	4.76	3.72	4.17	3.71	4.44	3.71	4.44	70	295	
E. S. Cent.	5.32	3.76	4.17	3.74	4.90	3.75	4.87	59.6	286	
Minn.	4.54	3.67	4.00	3.53	4.09	3.55	4.09	72	285	
Iowa	5.00	3.75	4.05	3.68	4.30	3.70	4.20	70	270	
Mo.	5.45	3.76	4.10	3.99	4.85	3.87	4.70	61	200	
N. Dak.	4.75	3.56	3.85	3.61	4.25	3.59	4.25	70	240	
S. Dak.	5.20	3.66	4.05	3.62	4.25	3.63	4.15	68	240	
Nebr.	5.35	3.75	4.00	3.76	4.60	3.76	4.50	62	245	
Kans.	5.70	3.70	4.10	3.81	5.20	3.73	5.10	61	240	
W. S. Cent.	5.09	3.71	4.02	3.62	4.32	3.68	4.27	67.7	258	
Del.	6.10	3.76			6.00	3.77	5.95		275	
Md.	6.20	3.81			6.20	3.81	6.10		270	
Va.	6.50	3.83	4.15	4.07	6.15	3.86	6.00	49	200	
W. Va.	6.25	3.85			6.15	3.87	6.05	48	185	
N. C.	6.90	3.89	4.05	4.43	6.80	3.91	6.70		175	
S. C.	6.90	4.04			6.80	4.04	6.65		190	
Ga.	6.50	3.89			6.50	3.89	6.30		200	
Fla.	6.90	3.81			6.90	3.81	6.80		225	
S. Atl.	6.59	3.85	3/4.18	3/4.14	6.49	3.86	6.37	48.7	220	
Ky.	5.75	3.83	4.10	3.95	5.15	3.87	4.95	49	210	
Tenn.	6.25	3.91	4.00	4.25	5.60	4.01	5.45	51	190	
Ala.	6.95	3.91	3.95	4.24	6.85	3.92	6.80		200	
Miss.	6.35	3.99	4.15	4.09	6.10	4.00	5.95		180	
E. S. Cent.	6.24	3.90	4.07	4.08	5.70	3.94	5.52	49.5	196	
Ark.	6.50	3.72	4.00	3.96	5.80	3.79	5.60		190	
La.	6.70	3.91			6.70	3.91	6.50		215	
Okla.	5.70	3.67	4.05	3.88	5.55	3.69	5.45	54	215	
Tex.	6.30	3.75			6.30	3.75	6.15	52	230	
W. S. Cent.	6.27	3.76	4.02	3.93	6.16	3.77	6.01	53.7	219	
Mont.	5.55	3.72	3.60	3.87	5.35	3.74	5.25	65	265	
Idaho	5.05	3.91	4.05	3.81	4.30	3.84	4.25	62	270	
Wyo.	5.75	3.68			5.15	3.69	5.05	61	250	
Colo.	5.95	3.68	3.95	3.94	5.90	3.69	5.85	61	240	
N. Mex.	5.95	3.65			5.95	3.65	5.85		240	
Ariz.	6.05	3.57			6.05	3.57	5.95		260	
Utah	5.50	3.73	4.00	3.67	5.05	3.71	4.95	59	260	
Nev.	5.95	3.78			5.95	3.78	5.80	64	260	
Mount.	5.74	3.70	3/4.03	3/3.79	5.21	3.73	5.13	63.0	258	
Wash.	5.50	3.88	3.70	4.30	5.50	3.88	5.50	67	265	
Oreg.	5.75	4.05	4.45	4.36	5.50	4.12	5.35	69	250	
Calif. 4/	5.30	3.75	4.00	3.82	5.20	3.76	5.00	71	320	
Pac.	5.37	3.79	4.08	3.92	5.27	3.81	5.11	68.5	303	
48 States	5.65	3.76	4.08	3.71	5.19	3.73	5.10	66.2	269	
Alaska									340	
Hawaii	8.86	3.51			8.86	3.51	9.00			
U. S.	5.66	3.76	3/4.08	3/3.71	5.20	3.73	5.11	66.2	269	

1/ Including surplus diverted to manufacturing. 2/ Average for the month. Preliminary.
 3/ Includes data for some States not shown separately. 4/ Milk priced f.o.b. ranch.

Average prices received by farmers, by States and geographic divisions, March 15, 1968

State and division	Turkeys per lb.	Chickens excluding broilers per lb.	Broilers per lb.	All Chickens per lb.	Eggs per doz.	Seeds, per cwt.				
						Alfalfa	Red clover	Sweet clover	Timothy	Lespedeza
	CENTS					DOLLARS				
Maine	29.0	8.0	3/15.5	14.8	38.0					
N. H.	29.0	8.5	15.0	11.4	41.0					
Vt.	29.0	8.5	15.5	9.2	36.0					
Mass.	32.0	8.5	15.5	13.0	42.0					
R. I.	32.0	8.5	15.5	13.0	44.0					
Conn.	32.0	8.5	16.0	13.7	45.0					
N. Eng.	31.1	8.3	15.3	14.3	41.0					
N. Y.		8.0	21.0	11.7	33.0					
N. J.		7.0	24.0	14.4	33.0					
Pas.	24.0	12.0	16.5	14.9	34.0					
M. Atl.	24.0	10.6	17.2	14.4	39.5					
Ohio	18.0	8.5	15.5	12.5	28.4		25.00	6.10	5.60	
Ind.	18.0	8.0	15.5	13.5	29.2		25.00			13.50
Ill.		6.5	15.0	7.1	26.0		26.00			12.00
Mich.		8.5	17.5	11.1	31.0		24.50			
Wis.	16.0	6.0	15.0	13.1	26.0		26.00			
E. N. Cent.	13.2	7.7	15.3	12.5	28.2		25.40	6.10	5.60	12.40
Minn.	16.0	4.0		12.2	22.0		27.00	5.60	6.50	
Iowa	17.0	4.0		6.8	21.0		27.50		6.00	
Mo.	18.0	6.0	15.0	12.6	23.5		26.00		7.00	13.50
N. Dak.		4.5		4.5	21.0			5.50		
S. Dak.		4.0		4.0	19.4	34.00		5.50		
Nebr.		3.5	15.0	8.7	19.6	32.50		6.00		
Kans.	18.0	4.5	16.0	5.5	21.1	32.00	27.00	5.50		11.50
W. N. Cent.	16.1	4.7	4/15.4	10.9	21.2	33.10	26.90	5.61	6.56	12.70
Del.	17.0	12.5	16.0	16.0	43.2					
Md.	16.0	9.0	16.0	16.0	36.0					12.40
Va.	18.0	8.5	15.5	14.4	34.6					
W. Va.	19.0	11.0	15.0	14.7	36.0					
N. C.	19.0	12.0	15.0	14.8	36.0					18.40
S. C.	19.0	10.5	13.5	12.7	35.5					19.90
Ga.	20.0	8.0	3/13.5	13.3	38.3					26.60
Fla.	21.0	6.0	13.5	11.5	27.0					
S. Atl.	18.6	9.3	14.7	14.4	35.3					19.80
Ky.		11.0	14.0	13.7	28.0		31.00			17.50
Tenn.		9.5	3/15.0	14.8	34.0					18.20
Ala.		9.0	3/13.5	13.3	35.0					
Miss.		9.0	3/13.5	13.3	37.0					
E. S. Cent.		9.1	13.6	13.4	34.8		31.00			17.90
Ark.	21.0	10.0	3/14.0	13.9	35.0					17.50
La.		12.0	14.0	13.9	35.5					
Okla.	18.0	8.5	13.5	12.8	30.0	31.60				
Tex.	18.0	8.0	15.0	14.5	33.0			13.50		
W. S. Cent.	13.2	9.2	14.3	14.1	33.9	31.50		13.50		17.50
Mont.		10.5		10.5	32.0	35.20				
Idaho	18.0	6.5	17.0	14.7	31.0	39.60	28.10			
Wyo.		10.0		10.0	33.0					
Colo.		10.5	18.0	12.5	26.0	37.70				
N. Mex.		9.0		9.0	35.0					
Ariz.		4.0		7.7	26.0	48.00				
Utah	19.0	5.0	17.0	14.6	26.0	38.80				
Nev.		5.5		5.5	30.0	40.00				
Mount.	18.3	7.0	4/17.0	13.7	28.8	38.80	28.10			
Wash.		5.0	18.0	16.0	26.5	39.00	34.50			
Oreg.	16.0	4.5	18.5	17.3	31.0	39.50	30.50			
Calif.	19.0	5.5	17.5	14.0	25.5	40.00				
Pac.	18.7	5.4	17.7	14.7	25.9	39.80	32.60			
48 States	17.9	8.2	4/14.6	14.0	30.4	39.20	27.40	5.98	6.49	17.40
Alaska					81.0					
Hawaii		13.0	32.0	25.1	39.0					
U. S.	17.9	8.2	4/14.6	14.0	30.4	39.20	27.40	5.98	6.49	17.40

1/ Average for the month. 2/ Average of all eggs sold by farmers including hatching eggs and eggs sold at retail by farmers. 3/ Liveweight equivalent price. 4/ W. N. Cent. Division includes price for Minn. and Iowa and Mount. Division includes price for Arizona. The 48-State and U. S. price includes these States.

Average prices per ton received by farmers, by States and geographic divisions, March 15, 1968

State and division	All hay	Alfalfa	Hay, baled			Peanut-vine	Wild
			Clover-timothy	Lespedeza			
--- D O L L A R S ---							
Maine	25.80	34.00	25.50				
N. H.	29.30	35.00	28.50				
Vt.	29.30	29.00	23.00				
Mass.	34.70	41.50	33.00				
R. I.	36.90	42.50	35.50				
Conn.	36.60	43.00	34.50				
N. Eng.	27.50	39.60	26.70				
N. Y.	23.70	25.00	23.00				
N. J.	32.00	34.50	30.00				
Pa.	29.00	33.00	26.00				
M. Atl.	26.10	28.30	24.50				
Ohio	27.80	29.50	26.00				
Ind.	28.20	30.00	25.00				
Ill.	22.70	23.50	21.50				
Mich.	22.50	23.00	20.50				
Wis.	20.50	21.00	19.50				
E. N. Cent.	22.80	23.10	22.50				
Minn.	22.00	22.50	19.50				17.00
Iowa	19.70	20.50	18.00				
Mo.	21.00	23.50	20.00	18.50			
N. Dak.	16.00	18.50					13.00
S. Dak.	19.10	20.00					17.50
Nebr.	19.30	19.50					19.00
Kans.	21.20	23.00	19.00		19.00		17.50
W. N. Cent.	20.00	21.20	19.20		18.60		17.00
Mont.	35.40	40.00	34.00				
Idaho	34.20	39.00	31.00				
Va.	34.20	41.00	35.50	35.50	29.00		
W. Va.	32.90	40.50	31.50				
H. C.	31.10	39.00	31.50	33.00	23.00		
S. C.	30.70			32.00			
Ga.	30.00	36.50		31.50	24.00		
Fla.	33.50				28.00		
S. Atl.	32.70	40.00	33.00	33.30	24.90		
Ny.	28.70	32.50	28.00	24.50			
Tenn.	27.50	33.50	29.50	26.00			
Ala.	28.10	36.50	30.50	31.00	23.00		
Miss.	24.00	29.00	26.00	27.50			
N. S. Cent.	27.50	32.60	28.40	25.80	23.00		
Ark.	25.40	33.00	27.00	27.00			
La.	24.30	29.00		27.50			
Okla.	25.20	30.50		22.00	23.00		20.00
Texas	28.00	35.50			28.50		
W. S. Cent.	26.40	32.00	27.00	25.50	28.00		20.00
Mont.	21.30	21.50	21.50				21.00
Idaho	17.00	17.00	17.00				15.50
Wyo.	19.50	19.50	18.00				21.00
Colo.	26.50	26.50	30.00				26.50
N. Mex.	36.00	37.00					
Ariz.	31.60	32.00					
Utah	21.50	21.50	21.00				18.00
Nev.	23.50	24.50	23.00				21.00
Mont.	22.70	23.00	22.30				21.50
Wash.	23.50	24.50	22.00				18.00
Oreg.	25.00	25.50	23.50				19.00
Calif.	29.00	30.00					19.50
Pac.	27.20	28.40	22.80				19.00
U. S.	23.60	24.00	24.10	25.30	25.00		18.20

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 1968

State	Dollars	State	Dollars
Maine	1.20	North Carolina	---
Massachusetts	1.60	Florida	4.00
Rhode Island	2.10	Alabama	---
Connecticut	1.60	Texas	---
New York-All	1.62	Montana	2.10
Long Island	1.10	Idaho	1.39
Upstate	2.00	Wyoming80
New Jersey	---	Colorado	1.60
Pennsylvania	2.05	New Mexico	---
Ohio	2.00	Arizona	---
Indiana	2.00	Utah	1.80
Michigan	1.80	Washington	1.35
Wisconsin	2.10	Oregon	1.45
Minnesota	1.15	California-All	2.32
North Dakota	1.15	Winter 1968	2.45
South Dakota	1.40	Late Spring	---
Nebraska80	Early Summer	---
Delaware	---	Late Summer	---
Maryland	---	Fall 1967	2.25
Virginia	---		
		United States	1.46

Average prices per pound received by growers for peanuts and tobacco, by areas and types, March 1967 and 1968

Area	Peanuts		Class	Tobacco	
	Mar. 15, 1967	Mar. 15, 1968 1/		Type	Mar. 1967
	Cents			Cents	
Virginia-Carolina	11.5	11.5	Total Hopkinsville-Clarksville	22	39.3
Southeast	11.2	11.5	Paducah-Mayfield Belt	23	31.6
Southwest	---	11.5	Ky.-Tenn. fire-cured	22-23	39.2
			Total Burley Belt	31	62.3
United States	11.5	11.5	United States	11-37	45.0

1/ Prices by States are shown on page 10.

Parity price equivalent for manufacturing milk 1/, United States March 1968, with comparisons

	March 1967	February 1968	March 1968
Parity equivalent	Dol. per cwt. : 4.62	4.76	4.79
Average price - f.o.b. plants	Dol. per cwt. : 4.07	4.08	2/4.07
Average fat test of milk	Percent : 3.68	3.71	2/3.67

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 milk-fat content sold by farmers. The parity price equivalent during 1968 is 79.0 percent of the parity price of all milk sold wholesale, which compares with 78.6 percent in 1967. For additional details see Supplement No. 1 to the January 1968 issue of AGRICULTURAL PRICES.

2/ Preliminary.

Notes: In March 1968 the U.S. average price received by farmers for milk used for American cheese, evaporated milk, and butter and by-products is estimated at \$4.06 per cwt. for milk with an average fat content of 3.70 percent. These averages are a continuation of the "3-product" series previously reported and are estimated for use in Federal milk orders in which this series is used.

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Citrus fruit: Average prices and equivalent returns per box received by growers, by utilization, March 1968

Commodity and State	F.O.B. packed fresh	Equivalent returns per box 1/					
		All	Fresh	Process.	All	Fresh	Process.
		D O L L A R S					
ORANGES:							
Florida	5.32	3.02	3.44	2.81	2.39	2.82	2.17
Temples	6.25	3.13	4.17	1.75	2.50	3.55	1.11
Other Early and Mids.	5.15	2.88	3.11	2.85	2.24	2.49	2.21
Valencias	5.20	3.11	3.41	2.85	2.48	2.79	2.21
Texas	4.65	2.59	2.75	1.70	2.14	2.30	1.25
Arizona	7.20	4.99	5.60	1.40	4.44	5.05	.85
Navels and Misc.							
Valencias	7.20	4.99	5.60	1.40	4.44	5.05	.85
California	8.00	2.82	5.78	.46	1.92	4.88	-.44
Navels and Misc.	8.00	2.82	5.78	.46	1.92	4.88	-.44
Valencias							
California-Arizona							
Navels and Misc.							
Valencias							
U. S.	6.80	3.07	4.36	2.17	2.37	3.67	1.47
GRAPEFRUIT:							
Florida	5.24	2.43	3.22	1.98	1.86	2.68	1.38
White Seedless	4.90	2.38	3.02	1.95	1.81	2.48	1.36
Pink Seedless	5.75	2.84	3.54	1.50	2.28	3.00	.91
Other than Seedless	4.25	2.17	2.51	2.15	1.58	1.97	1.56
Texas	4.50	2.16	2.36	1.65	1.81	2.01	1.30
Arizona	3.65	1.71	2.20	.95	1.26	1.75	.50
California	4.30	1.86	2.70	.30	1.38	2.22	-.18
Desert Valleys	4.30	1.86	2.70	.30	1.38	2.22	-.18
Other Areas							
California-Arizona							
Desert Valleys							
U. S.	4.94	2.36	3.01	1.90	1.81	2.51	1.31
LEMONS:							
Arizona							
California	8.80	5.09	6.50	1.34	3.89	5.30	.14
U. S.	8.80	5.09	6.50	1.34	3.89	5.30	.14
LIMES:							
Florida	13.75	8.17	11.25	2.00	6.57	9.65	.40
TANGELOS:							
Florida							
TANGERINES:							
Florida							
Arizona	7.00	4.34	4.80	.25	3.44	3.90	-.65
California	5.40	3.34	3.52	.26	2.50	2.68	-.58
U. S.	6.14	3.82	4.11	.25	2.95	3.25	-.62

1/ Approximate net contents per box are as follows: Oranges - California and Arizona, 75 lbs.; Florida and other States, 90 lbs.; Tangerines - Florida, 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.; Limes - 80 lbs.; Tangelos - 90 lbs.

Local market commodity-feed price ratios and dairy ration values, United States,
March 15, 1968 with comparisons 1/

Commodity-Feed Price Ratio	Average		Feb.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.
	1962-66	1967	15,	15,	15,	15,
	months	March	1967	1967	1968	1968
Hog-corn: Bushels of corn equal in value to 100 lbs. of hog, liveweight						
United States	2/15.7	3/15.6	14.9	14.0	17.8	17.5
North Central States	2/16.1	3/16.1	15.2	14.1	18.4	17.9
Egg-feed: Pounds of poultry feed equal in value to 1 dozen eggs 4/	10.0	10.3	5/7.4	7.9	7.3	7.5
Broiler-feed: Pounds of broiler grower mash equal in value to 1 lb. broiler, liveweight 6/	3.1	3.3	5/3.2	3.0	3.2	3.2
Turkey-feed: Pounds of poultry feed equal in value to 1 lb. turkey, liveweight 7/	6.3	6.4	5/4.6	4.5	4.0	4.1
Milk-feed: Pounds concentrate ration equal in value to 1 lb. whole milk 5/	1.41	1.39	1.54	1.51	1.66	8/1.63
Milkfat-feed: Pounds concentrate ration equal in value to 1 lb. milkfat in cream 6/	24.0	9/24.0	23.7	23.5	25.1	8/25.0
Value of concentrate ration fed milk cows 6/						
In milk selling areas, dollars per cwt.	3.04	3.02	3.28	3.28	3.13	8/3.13
In cream selling areas, dollars per cwt.	2.56	2.54	2.78	2.80	2.64	8/2.65
In milk and cream selling areas, dollars per cwt.	3.02	3.00	3.27	3.27	3.12	8/3.12

- 1/ Long-time average comparisons published in Supplement No. 1 to the May 1967 issue of AGRICULTURAL PRICES.
- 2/ 1957-66 120-month average.
- 3/ 1957-66 average.
- 4/ Beginning January 1967, pounds of laying feed equal in value to 1 dozen eggs.
- 5/ Correction of values published February 29, 1968.
- 6/ Milk and broiler prices and values of dairy concentrate ration are monthly averages.
- 7/ Beginning January 1967, pounds of turkey grower feed equal in value to 1 lb. turkey liveweight.
- 8/ Preliminary.
- 9/ Revised.

Dairy product-feed price ratios and ration values, by regions
March 1968 with comparisons

Region	Milk-feed ratio 1/			Milkfat-feed ratio 1/			Ration value 2/		
	Mar. 1967	Feb. 1968	Mar. 1968 3/	Mar. 1967	Feb. 1968	Mar. 1968 3/	Mar. 1967	Feb. 1968	Mar. 1968 3/
N. Atl.	1.40	1.55	1.53	—	—	—	3.81	3.66	3.62
E. N. Cent.	1.54	1.67	1.66	19.8	20.4	20.3	3.05	2.93	2.93
W. N. Cent.	1.57	1.69	1.67	24.7	26.5	26.5	2.72	2.55	2.55
S. Atl.	1.68	1.86	1.83	—	—	—	3.72	3.49	3.48
S. Cent.	1.61	1.79	1.74	15.7	16.5	16.0	3.42	3.32	3.32
West.	1.45	1.60	1.54	19.0	19.6	19.5	3.40	3.29	3.32

- 1/ Pounds of concentrate ration equal in value to 1 pound wholesale milk or milkfat in cream, respectively.
- 2/ Value per 100 pounds of concentrate rations fed to milk cows.
- 3/ Preliminary.

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Feed: Average prices paid by farmers,
United States, March 15, 1968, with comparisons

Commodity and unit	1967			1968			
	Average: 1963-65	Jan.: 15	Feb.: 15	Mar.: 15	Jan.: 15	Feb.: 15	Mar.: 15
	Dollars						
Alfalfa hay, baled, per ton	32.8	36.3	35.9	36.0	34.5	34.2	34.1
Other hay, baled, per ton	32.0	34.0	34.0	33.5	32.7	32.6	32.4
Cottonseed meal, 41 pct., 100 lb.	4.53	5.46	5.46	5.42	5.27	5.28	5.27
Soybean meal, 44 pct., 100 lb.	4.91	5.60	5.51	5.45	5.20	5.24	5.22
Tankage, per 100 lb.	5.94	---	---	6.39	---	---	6.07
Bran, per 100 lb.	3.15	3.91	3.80	3.72	3.59	3.58	3.56
Middlings, per 100 lb.	3.23	3.99	3.86	3.78	3.68	3.65	3.63
Corn meal, per 100 lb.	3.25	3.53	3.52	3.49	3.19	3.22	3.20
Laying feed "complete feed" per ton 1/2/	---	89	88	88	82	82	81
Broiler grower feed, per ton 1/	---	96	95	95	90	90	90
Turkey grower, "complete feed", per ton 1/ 2/	---	94	93	92	88	88	88
Chick starter feed, per ton 1/	---	100	99	99	94	94	94
Dairy feed							
14 pct. protein, per ton 1/	---	71	70	70	69	68	69
16 pct. protein, per ton 1/	---	78	77	76	75	74	73
18 pct. protein, per ton 1/	---	80	79	78	77	77	76
20 pct. protein, per ton 1/	---	86	86	84	80	79	78
32 pct. protein, per ton	---	---	---	---	100	100	99
40 pct. and over, per ton	---	---	---	---	110	109	108
Hog feed, 14-18 pct., 100 lb.	4.23	4.59	4.60	4.55	4.37	4.44	4.38
Hog feed, over 29 pct., 100 lb.	5.85	6.62	6.50	6.40	6.20	6.25	6.20
Cattle feed, 30% and over, 100 lb.	4.59	5.03	4.97	5.00	4.81	4.80	4.78
Stock salt, per 100 lb.	1.65	---	---	1.69	---	---	1.72

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Feed, prices paid by farmers : 206 220 218 3/218 207 207 206
 1/ 1967 prices revised to reflect proportions sold in bulk and sacked and quantity price discounts. Revisions by States published in Supplement No. 3, AGRICULTURAL PRICES, January 1968. Revisions for 1963-66 to be published May 1968. 2/ Beginning January 1968 "Complete" ration feed specified which is fed without further mixing or supplementation. No specifications as to "completeness" made prior to January 1968 and quotations usually reflected the higher prices of higher protein feeds requiring supplementation. 3/ Revised.

Livestock: Average prices paid by farmers,
United States, March 15, 1968, with comparisons

Commodity and unit	1967			1968			
	Average: 1957-59	Jan.: 15	Feb.: 15	Mar.: 15	Jan.: 15	Feb.: 15	Mar.: 15
Feeders and stockers:							
Cattle and calves, 100 lb.Dol.:	23.1	24.9	23.9	24.2	24.2	25.2	26.0
Lambs, per 100 lb. "	20.7	21.3	19.9	20.0	22.3	21.7	24.2
Pigs, per 100 lb. 1/	18.5	33.1	33.7	33.5	30.5	32.9	33.6
Baby Chicks, per 100	13.0	11.7	11.8	2/12.2	10.9	2/11.4	12.0
Started pullets, each	---	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.67	1.67	1.66
Turkey poults, each	59.0	55.8	58.2	57.3	56.3	56.5	56.9
ALL Livestock	327	376	364	369	355	2/379	393

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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. 2/ Revised.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES, March 1968

Crop Reporting Board, SRS, USDA

Feed: Average price per 100 pounds paid by farmers,
by States and geographic divisions, March 15, 1968

State and division	Bran	Middlings	Cottonseed meal, 41% protein	Soybean meal, 44% protein	Corn Meal
D O L L A R S					
Maine	3.95	4.00	5.80	—	3.80
N. H.	3.70	—	5.80	5.30	3.60
Vt.	3.85	3.95	5.80	5.40	3.80
Mass.	3.85	3.95	5.80	5.30	3.75
R. I.	3.85	3.95	—	—	3.75
Conn.	3.85	—	5.80	5.30	3.70
N. Eng.	3.86	3.96	5.80	5.34	3.73
N. Y.	3.60	3.75	5.70	5.30	3.35
N. J.	3.85	—	6.10	5.50	3.60
Pa.	3.60	3.70	5.70	5.30	3.30
M. Atl.	3.63	3.74	5.73	5.32	3.35
Ohio	3.80	3.90	5.90	5.50	2.80
Ind.	3.85	3.90	5.80	5.40	2.50
Ill.	3.80	3.80	5.60	5.20	2.80
Mich.	3.75	3.80	5.90	5.40	2.90
Wis.	3.40	3.50	5.70	5.20	2.70
E. N. Cent.	3.61	3.78	5.80	5.32	2.73
Minn.	3.40	3.40	5.30	4.95	2.55
Iowa	3.65	3.70	5.70	5.00	2.35
Mo.	3.20	3.20	5.10	4.95	2.70
N. Dak.	3.15	3.40	—	5.40	2.50
S. Dak.	3.65	3.65	5.50	5.20	2.50
Nebr.	3.40	3.50	5.40	5.10	2.70
Kans.	3.05	3.00	5.10	4.85	2.70
W. N. Cent.	3.31	3.46	5.30	5.00	2.55
Del.	3.75	—	—	5.50	3.40
Md.	3.65	3.80	5.60	5.40	3.30
Va.	3.80	3.95	5.60	5.40	3.55
W. Va.	3.95	4.25	5.60	5.70	3.65
N. C.	3.70	3.85	5.20	5.20	3.40
S. C.	3.90	4.00	5.20	5.20	3.60
Ga.	3.90	4.05	5.20	5.20	3.30
Fla.	3.90	3.90	5.20	5.10	3.55
S. Atl.	3.77	3.93	5.42	5.33	3.44
Ky.	3.65	3.70	5.30	5.30	3.40
Tenn.	3.55	3.60	5.00	5.00	3.35
Ala.	3.75	4.00	4.90	5.00	3.25
Miss.	3.75	3.85	4.65	4.75	3.40
E. S. Cent.	3.63	3.72	4.96	5.08	3.36
Ark.	3.25	3.35	4.70	4.80	3.20
La.	3.45	3.85	4.95	4.90	3.45
Okla.	3.15	3.20	4.95	4.95	3.35
Tex.	3.45	3.60	4.80	5.10	3.60
W. S. Cent.	3.35	3.46	4.83	4.94	3.51
Mont.	3.05	3.00	5.20	5.60	3.25
Idaho	2.90	2.75	5.40	6.60	3.15
Wyo.	3.40	3.70	5.50	5.60	3.80
Colo.	3.65	3.55	5.00	4.85	2.55
N. Mex.	3.75	3.85	5.00	5.30	4.10
Ariz.	4.05	—	3.85	6.00	—
Utah	2.75	2.95	4.95	5.50	3.30
Nev.	—	—	5.30	—	4.25
Mount.	3.49	3.26	5.03	5.54	3.05
Wash.	3.50	3.55	5.50	6.20	4.00
Creg.	3.60	3.75	5.20	5.80	3.70
Calif.	3.90	4.00	5.00	5.90	3.90
Pac.	3.76	3.74	5.19	5.98	3.69
U. S.	3.56	3.63	5.27	5.22	3.20

Feed: Average price per 100 pounds paid by farmers,
by States and geographic divisions, March 15, 1968

State and division	Beef cattle concentrate, 30% and over protein	Hog feed 14-18% protein	Hog feed Over 29% protein	Hominy feed	Tankage	Stock Salt
--- D O L L A R S ---						
Maine	---	4.40	---	3.65	---	2.35
N. H.	---	4.35	---	3.50	---	2.20
Vt.	---	4.45	---	3.65	---	2.05
Mass.	---	4.35	---	3.65	---	2.25
R. I.	---	---	---	3.65	---	---
Conn.	---	4.45	---	3.60	---	2.20
N. Eng.	---	4.40	---	3.63	---	2.19
N. Y.	5.10	4.35	6.00	3.35	---	1.90
N. J.	5.50	4.35	---	3.25	6.00	2.10
Pa.	4.95	4.25	6.00	3.45	5.70	2.00
M. Atl.	5.02	4.31	6.00	3.36	5.78	1.95
Ohio	5.60	4.35	6.30	3.60	6.40	2.10
Ind.	5.40	4.00	6.30	2.90	6.20	2.10
Ill.	5.10	5.20	6.40	---	6.40	2.00
Mich.	5.40	4.20	6.40	---	6.30	2.05
Wis.	5.50	4.30	6.50	2.80	6.30	1.90
E. N. Cent.	5.29	4.45	6.38	3.24	6.31	2.01
Minn.	4.95	4.40	6.20	3.10	5.70	1.70
Iowa	5.10	4.95	6.30	3.00	5.90	1.90
Mo.	4.65	4.00	5.90	3.00	6.00	1.45
N. Dak.	4.90	4.10	6.10	---	---	1.75
S. Dak.	4.95	4.70	6.40	---	---	1.60
Nebr.	4.60	4.35	6.10	---	5.90	1.40
Kans.	4.40	4.60	5.90	2.95	6.10	1.15
W. N. Cent.	4.73	4.40	6.12	2.99	5.91	1.57
Del.	---	4.50	6.00	---	---	2.20
Md.	5.00	4.30	5.90	---	5.90	2.10
Va.	5.20	4.45	6.00	---	---	2.05
W. Va.	---	4.45	6.10	3.35	6.20	2.15
N. C.	5.10	4.30	6.30	---	---	2.30
S. C.	5.10	4.25	6.30	---	---	2.15
Ga.	5.10	4.25	6.00	---	---	2.05
Fla.	4.90	4.50	5.70	---	---	2.00
S. Atl.	5.01	4.34	6.12	---	5.85	2.11
Ky.	5.10	4.65	6.10	3.40	6.20	1.95
Tenn.	4.85	4.30	5.90	3.40	6.00	1.95
Ala.	5.10	4.20	6.00	---	---	2.00
Miss.	4.75	4.25	5.70	---	---	1.65
E. S. Cent.	4.93	4.33	5.93	3.40	6.11	1.89
Ark.	4.50	3.95	5.70	---	---	1.35
La.	4.95	4.25	6.10	---	---	1.50
Okla.	4.50	4.00	5.90	---	---	1.30
Tex.	4.60	4.15	6.00	---	---	1.45
W. S. Cent.	4.58	4.11	5.92	---	---	1.42
Mont.	5.00	4.05	---	---	---	1.75
Idaho	4.90	4.00	---	---	---	1.75
Wyo.	4.90	---	---	---	---	1.60
Colo.	4.45	---	6.00	---	---	1.50
N. Mex.	4.90	---	---	---	---	1.40
Ariz.	5.00	---	---	---	---	1.55
Utah	4.30	3.70	---	---	---	1.35
Nev.	4.80	---	---	---	---	1.70
Mount.	4.79	3.92	---	---	---	1.57
Wash.	5.20	4.60	---	---	---	2.05
Oreg.	4.75	4.15	---	---	---	2.05
Calif.	5.10	4.25	6.40	---	---	1.80
Pac.	5.04	4.31	---	---	---	1.91
U. S.	4.78	4.38	6.20	3.38	6.07	1.72

Feed: Average price per ton paid by farmers, by States and geographic divisions, March 15, 1968

State and division	Dairy feed, percent protein					
	14	16	18	20	32	40 and over
	D O L L A R S					
Maine	75	74	76	76	---	---
N. H.	75	74	---	76	---	---
Vt.	75	73	75	75	---	---
Mass.	75	73	76	76	---	---
R. I.	75	74	---	75	---	---
Conn.	75	74	76	75	---	---
N. Eng.	75	73	76	75	---	---
N. Y.	75	74	76	78	88	90
N. J.	84	75	76	84	92	99
Pa.	77	77	79	81	97	100
M. Atl.	76	75	77	80	94	96
Ohio	79	80	82	---	109	114
Ind.	71	76	---	---	105	113
Ill.	78	78	79	---	108	110
Mich.	71	74	---	80	108	116
Wis.	68	69	72	80	100	110
E. N. Cent.	74	74	78	80	104	112
Minn.	63	64	70	74	96	105
Iowa	75	74	80	---	105	114
Mo.	63	69	71	---	93	104
N. Dak.	71	74	---	---	99	106
S. Dak.	72	75	---	---	100	109
Nebr.	71	72	78	81	98	110
Kans.	70	73	---	---	90	107
W. N. Cent.	67	69	72	75	97	107
Del.	---	80	---	---	---	---
Md.	75	77	79	---	97	105
Va.	75	78	82	83	97	108
W. Va.	80	82	87	90	---	110
N. C.	69	73	76	80	97	105
S. C.	73	75	78	82	94	---
Ga.	72	78	81	82	95	104
Fla.	74	74	75	78	---	---
S. Atl.	73	77	77	79	96	106
Ky.	66	75	---	84	100	106
Tenn.	66	70	74	76	89	94
Ala.	---	75	77	---	---	100
Miss.	70	74	76	78	87	---
E. S. Cent.	66	73	75	81	94	104
Ark.	67	70	73	---	---	---
La.	72	74	77	79	---	---
Okla.	64	68	72	76	83	91
Texas	67	72	73	75	90	97
W. S. Cent.	67	72	74	78	88	95
Mont.	70	72	76	---	---	---
Idaho	68	74	---	---	93	---
Wyo.	---	77	---	---	---	---
Colo.	70	72	---	---	94	110
N. Mex.	69	74	---	---	---	---
Ariz.	67	70	---	---	---	100
Utah	63	65	---	---	89	---
Nev.	70	72	---	---	---	---
Mount.	67	72	---	---	92	105
Wash.	68	71	---	---	---	---
Oreg.	70	70	---	---	---	---
Calif.	68	70	71	---	---	---
Pac.	68	70	---	---	---	---
U. S.	69	73	76	78	99	108

Feed: Average price per ton paid by farmers for poultry feed, and poultry feed price ratios, by States and geographic divisions, March 15, 1968 1/

State and division	Poultry feeds, per ton				Per cwt.	Poultry price ratios 2/		
	Laying Chick starter	feed complete	Broiler grower	Turkey grower complete		Oyster shells	Egg-feed	Broiler feed
	D O L L A R S					Lb.		
Maine	80	69	84	88	2.20	11.0	3.7	6.6
N. H.	80	70	84	88	2.10	11.7	3.6	6.6
Vt.	82	72	87	88	2.30	10.0	3.6	6.6
Mass.	80	70	84	86	2.00	12.0	3.7	7.4
R. I.	80	70	84	86	2.10	12.6	3.7	7.4
Conn.	80	69	84	85	2.00	13.0	3.8	7.5
N. Eng.	80	69	84	86	2.14	11.9	3.7	7.2
N. Y.	91	82	88	93	2.15	8.0	4.8	---
N. J.	87	71	86	90	1.95	9.3	5.6	---
Pa.	94	82	91	91	1.90	8.3	3.6	5.3
M. Atl.	92	80	91	92	2.07	8.4	3.8	---
Ohio	103	85	91	97	2.05	6.7	3.4	3.7
Ind.	95	79	87	91	1.95	7.4	3.6	4.0
Ill.	104	91	97	96	2.00	5.7	3.1	---
Mich.	100	82	95	96	2.15	7.6	3.7	---
Wis.	103	86	95	88	1.95	6.0	3.2	3.6
E. N. Cent.	100	84	91	93	2.00	6.7	3.4	---
Minn.	100	77	81	80	1.95	5.7	3.1	3.6
Iowa	100	78	93	95	1.85	5.4	---	3.6
Mo.	99	77	85	84	1.85	6.1	3.5	4.3
N. Dak.	103	91	91	93	2.20	4.6	---	---
S. Dak.	105	80	---	93	1.90	4.8	---	---
Nebr.	100	82	93	92	1.85	4.8	3.2	---
Kans.	97	82	93	90	1.85	5.1	3.4	4.0
W. N. Cent.	100	79	84	86	1.88	5.4	---	3.7
Del.	93	85	90	94	1.85	10.2	3.6	3.6
Md.	94	86	92	93	1.80	8.4	3.5	3.4
Va.	86	80	86	83	1.95	8.6	3.6	4.3
W. Va.	107	92	97	98	2.20	7.8	3.1	3.9
N. C.	87	81	86	90	1.90	8.9	3.5	4.2
S. C.	94	83	93	95	1.80	8.6	2.9	4.0
Ga.	95	84	94	97	1.55	9.1	2.9	4.1
Fla.	89	81	81	84	1.45	6.7	3.3	5.0
S. Atl.	93	83	91	89	1.80	8.5	3.2	4.2
Ky.	102	92	100	97	2.15	6.1	2.8	---
Tenn.	96	81	96	101	1.65	8.4	3.1	---
Ala.	93	83	87	98	1.75	8.4	3.1	---
Miss.	99	89	96	100	2.00	8.3	2.6	---
E. S. Cent.	96	86	91	99	1.89	8.1	3.0	---
Ark.	86	77	84	84	1.90	9.1	3.3	5.0
La.	97	85	95	101	1.85	8.4	2.9	---
Okla.	97	85	94	90	1.90	7.1	2.9	4.0
Texas	98	87	89	93	1.90	7.6	3.4	3.9
W. S. Cent.	93	82	86	90	1.90	8.3	3.3	4.0
Mont.	110	92	---	110	2.55	7.0	---	---
Idaho	100	85	93	96	2.75	7.3	3.7	3.8
Wyo.	105	94	---	---	2.60	7.0	---	---
Colo.	102	86	97	100	2.20	6.0	3.7	---
N. Mex.	100	88	96	105	2.45	8.0	---	---
Ariz.	90	81	86	86	2.60	6.4	---	---
Utah	85	75	87	90	2.25	6.9	3.9	4.2
Nev.	110	---	---	---	3.50	---	---	---
Mount.	99	84	92	93	2.52	6.9	3.7	4.0
Wash.	93	80	96	89	2.75	6.6	3.8	---
Oreg.	96	84	93	82	2.60	7.4	4.0	3.9
Calif.	87	73	88	82	1.60	7.0	4.0	4.6
Pac.	89	74	90	82	2.33	7.0	3.8	4.6
U. S.	94	81	90	88	2.01	7.5	3.2	4.1

1/ Pricing of scratch grain and cost of poultry ration discontinued January 1968. 2/ 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 liveweight, and number of pounds turkey grower equal in value to one pound of turkey liveweight. 3/ Complete ration feeds which are fed without further mixing or supplementation.

Support Price Announcements for Agricultural Products
February 29, 1968 - March 28, 1968

Dairy products - 1967-68 marketing year: The national average support price for manufacturing milk in the marketing year beginning April 1, 1968, is \$4.28 per hundredweight, 28 cents per hundredweight above the 1966-67 support. Butterfat in farm separated cream will be supported at approximately 66 cents a pound -- the 1967 average price.

USDA 907-68, issued 3/20/68

Honey - 1968 Crop: The national average support price for 1968-crop honey is 12.5 cents per pound, the same as the 1967 support rate.

USDA 1012-68, issued 3/28/68

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