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Letter of Transmittal

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR,
BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS,
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The SECRETARY OF LABOR:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the second issue of the annual bulletin on retail prices. This report presents indexes and prices of food in the United States for the years 1942 and 1943.

A monthly report (mimeographed) on retail prices of food, giving index numbers by groups and subgroups of commodities and average prices for individual commodities, will continue to be issued regularly. These mimeographed reports are available on request.

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Retail Prices of Food, 1942 and 1943

Retail Food Prices During 2 Years of War

The first 18 months after the attack on Pearl Harbor were marked by a spiral of rising prices. By May 1943, shortly after the President's "hold-the-line" order was issued, retail food costs had climbed more than 26 percent, reaching a level 53 percent above the unusually low prices prevailing in August 1939, and 43 percent above the 1935-39 average. Not since World War I had consumers witnessed such rapid increases in food prices. Even at these levels, prices were considerably below the 1920 peak, when the Bureau of Labor Statistics food-cost index was 117 percent above the August 1914 average.

Primarily responsible for these advances in 1942 and 1943, was the record consumer and military (including Lend-Lease) demand, accompanied by persistently higher prices for farm products. Income payments to individuals in 1943 were estimated to have reached 142 billion dollars—22 percent more than in 1942, and more than double the amount in 1939. Demand for foods was further accentuated by the inability of consumers to spend their rising incomes on durable goods, many of which were no longer available. These were years of record crop and livestock production, but large military and export requirements reduced the total civilian food supply by 12 percent in 1942 and by 25 percent in 1943. Transportation difficulties, abnormal population concentrations in defense areas, and differentials in ceiling prices, sometimes resulting in the maldistribution of remaining supplies, all contributed to local shortages. Enemy submarine warfare in the Atlantic seriously cut the supply of such items as coffee, sugar, cocoa, and bananas; while the Pacific war affected tea, sugar, copra, spices, and pineapple stocks. Rationing of foods became necessary in order to insure that all Government requirements would be met, and to provide an equitable distribution among civilians. The restricted allocation of sugar began in May 1942 and of coffee in November of the same year; but shipping conditions improved sufficiently in 1943 to remove restrictions from coffee. Shortages developed in processed foods, meats, fats and oils, butter, and cheese, and placed these items on the ration list in March 1943.

The program of support prices sponsored by the Department of Agriculture, designed to induce greater production, was an additional factor in the price rise of farm products. From April 1941—when support prices were announced for hogs, dairy products, chickens, and eggs—to the end of 1943, practically all of the major crops were included. By law such support prices are fixed at 90 percent of parity

for potatoes and chickens; whereas for eggs, hogs, butter, cheese, evaporated milk, dry edible beans, and peanuts for oil, they are at or above parity. Prices received by farmers for all farm products increased 6.5 percent from March 1941 to the time of establishment of the support price program in April 1941, and more than 81 percent by December 1943.¹

The outstanding price development during the 2 war years, however, was the use of economic controls. It began with the President's approval of the Emergency Price Control Act on January 30, 1942. The General Maximum Price Regulation issued April 28, and effective May 18, imposed ceilings upon a long list of commodities. Prices of approximately 60 percent of the average family's food budget were frozen as of the highest March 1942 levels. Prices of these controlled foods for the most part, however, did not revert to their March peaks, but became stabilized at their May levels. However, the terms of the Price Control Act, exempting some farm products and unprocessed foods (including butter, eggs, and poultry) from ceilings below certain high levels—such as 110 percent of parity—permitted continued rises in the prices of numerous basic foods. Many of the fresh fruits and vegetables were not placed under ceilings during this period (although permitted by the act) because of the difficulties involved in regulation.

The passage of the Stabilization Act of October 2, 1942, which altered some of the limitations of the Price Control Act, resulted in the immediate establishment of ceilings on an additional 30 percent of the family food budget. During the 6 months prior to the General Maximum Price Regulation, food prices rose 7.5 percent, an average rate of 1.5 percent per month. Between May and October, the rate of increase was 1.3 percent per month and from October to the end of the year, 1.2 percent. Thus, during the first year of regulation the rate of increase in food prices had begun to diminish.

In 1943 the control program was further expanded and refined. The majority of "freeze" type ceilings were replaced by ceilings based upon fixed mark-ups over cost or by specific dollar-and-cents maximums. In June 1943, in accordance with the President's "hold-the-line" message, the OPA inaugurated its program of a 10-percent roll-back in food costs, to be accomplished by reductions in retail ceilings and payments of subsidies to processors in order that farm prices could be maintained at currently high levels. Effective in June, retail butter prices averaged a drop of 5 cents per pound, and in July meat prices were lowered. The butter subsidy brought about an 0.8-percent decrease in the Bureau's index of food prices; although small in amount, this was the first substantial reduction since November 1940. The decline which then began continued through December 1943, reflecting not only the roll-backs and subsidies but also the improved supply situation. The effect of meat subsidies upon food prices was an additional decrease of 2.0 percent from June to July. The large supplies of fresh vegetables which appeared on the market in August and the steadily increasing volume of livestock slaughter, swelling to record numbers at the end of the year, served to lower food prices still further. From May (the high point in 1943) to December, prices decreased 4.1 percent. Despite this decline, the average level of food prices in 1943 was 11.4 percent above 1942.

¹ Index Numbers of Prices Received by Farmers, 1910-43. U. S. Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Washington, February 1944. (Mimeographed.)

Also serving to check the price rises in 1943 was the improvement in OPA enforcement with the removal of many commodities from the "freeze" type ceilings, and their replacement in May 1943 by community dollar-and-cents ceilings, based on maximum mark-ups for many commodities. The housewife as well as the retailer was thus provided with a list of maximum prices for popular brands and cost-of-living commodities.

During the 2 years, prices of fresh fruits and vegetables rose more rapidly than those of any other commodity group—27 percent during 1942 and 17 percent during 1943. Supplies had, in general, been inadequate until the end of 1943, and price control measures had been applied very gradually. The first of the items regulated by the GMPR was bananas in May 1942, followed by citrus fruits, potatoes, and onions in October 1942. During 1943, ceilings were established for the remaining fruits and vegetables priced by the Bureau, the last food to be brought under control being sweetpotatoes, on December 22, 1943.

Table 1 and chart 1 show indexes of retail food costs, by cities, for August 1939 and December 1943, with the percent of increase over the period.

TABLE 1.—Percent of Increase in Retail Food-Cost Indexes, by Cities, August 1939 to December 1943

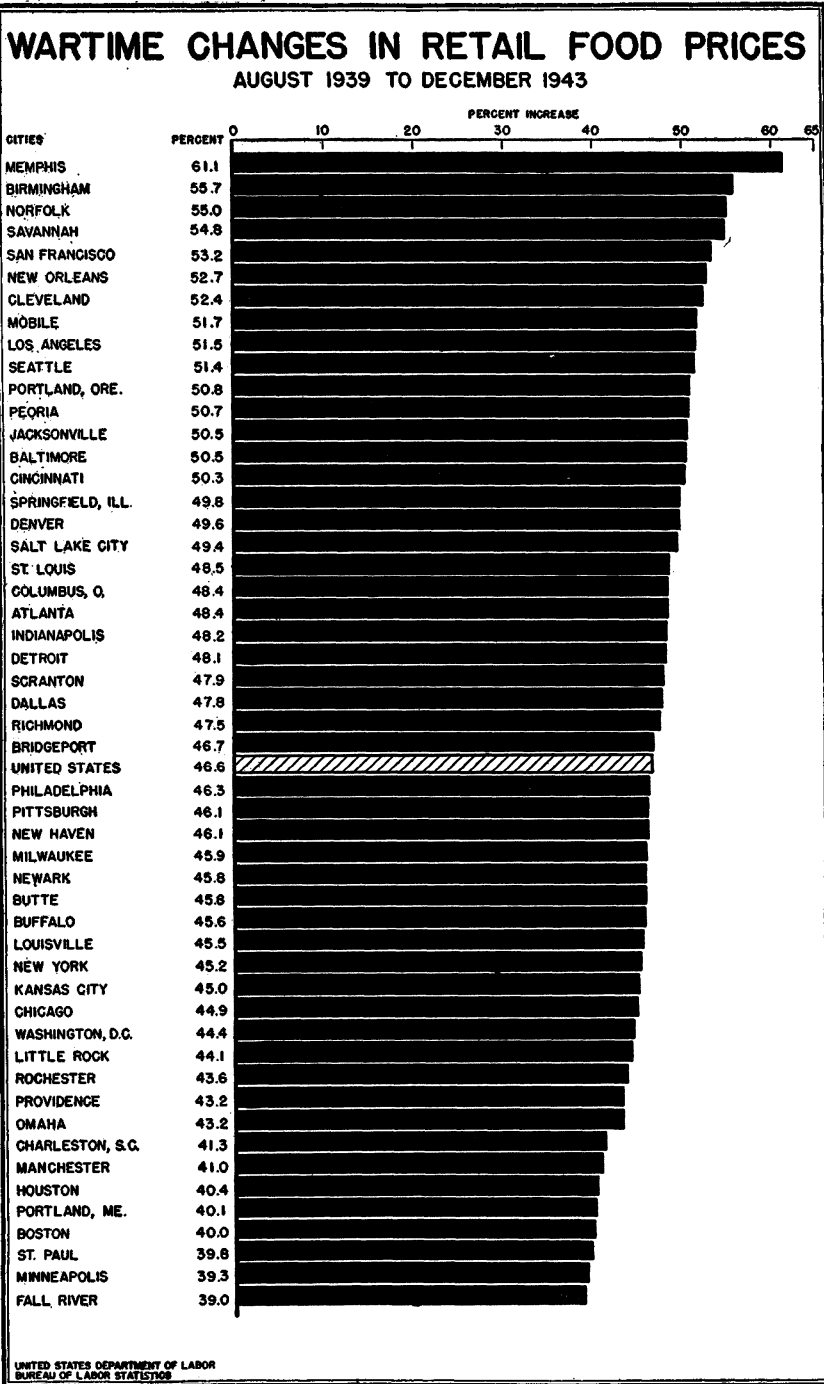
[1935-39=100]

Region and city	Retail food-cost index		Percent of increase	Region and city	Retail food-cost index		Percent of increase
	August 1939	December 1943			August 1939	December 1943	
United States.....	93.5	137.1	46.6	South Atlantic:			
New England:				Atlanta.....	92.5	137.3	48.4
Boston.....	93.5	130.9	40.0	Baltimore.....	94.7	142.5	50.5
Bridgeport.....	93.2	136.7	46.7	Charleston, S. C.....	95.1	134.4	41.3
Fall River.....	95.4	132.6	39.0	Jacksonville.....	95.8	144.2	50.5
Manchester.....	94.9	133.8	41.0	Norfolk ¹	93.6	145.1	55.0
New Haven.....	93.7	136.9	46.1	Richmond.....	92.2	136.0	47.5
Portland, Maine.....	95.9	134.4	40.1	Savannah.....	96.7	149.7	54.8
Providence.....	93.7	134.2	43.2	Washington, D. C.....	94.1	135.9	44.4
Middle Atlantic:				Winston-Salem.....	137.5	37.5	
Buffalo.....	94.5	137.6	45.6	East South Central:			
Newark.....	95.6	139.4	45.8	Birmingham.....	90.7	141.2	55.7
New York.....	95.8	139.1	45.2	Jackson.....	144.6	44.6	
Philadelphia.....	93.0	136.1	46.3	Knoxville.....	157.4	57.4	
Pittsburgh.....	92.5	135.1	46.1	Louisville.....	92.1	134.0	45.5
Rochester.....	92.3	132.5	43.6	Memphis.....	89.7	144.5	61.1
Scranton.....	92.1	136.2	47.9	Mobile.....	95.5	144.9	51.7
East North Central:				West South Central:			
Chicago.....	92.3	133.7	44.9	Dallas.....	91.7	135.5	47.8
Cincinnati.....	90.4	135.9	50.3	Houston.....	97.8	137.3	40.4
Cleveland.....	93.6	142.6	52.4	Little Rock.....	94.0	135.5	44.1
Columbus, Ohio.....	88.1	130.7	48.4	New Orleans.....	97.6	149.0	52.7
Detroit.....	90.6	134.2	48.1	Mountain:			
Indianapolis.....	90.7	134.4	48.2	Butte.....	94.1	137.2	45.8
Milwaukee.....	91.1	132.9	45.9	Denver.....	92.7	138.7	49.6
Peoria.....	93.4	140.8	50.7	Salt Lake City.....	94.6	141.3	49.4
Springfield, Ill.....	94.1	141.0	49.8	Pacific:			
West North Central:				Los Angeles.....	94.6	143.3	51.5
Cedar Rapids.....	139.7	39.7		Portland, Oreg.....	96.1	144.9	50.8
Kansas City.....	91.5	132.7	45.0	San Francisco.....	93.8	143.7	53.2
Minneapolis.....	95.0	132.3	39.3	Seattle.....	94.5	143.1	51.4
Omaha.....	92.3	132.2	43.2				
St. Louis.....	93.8	139.3	48.5				
St. Paul.....	94.3	131.8	39.8				
Wichita.....	148.8	48.8					

¹ Base of index: June 1940=100.

² Percent of change from June 1940 to December 1943.

³ Includes Portsmouth and Newport News.



Although food prices were increasing generally throughout the country, the changes in the various cities were by no means uniform. Between August 1939 (the month immediately preceding the outbreak of World War II) and December 1943, the increase in food prices ranged from 61.1 percent as reported for Memphis (Tenn.) to 39.0 for Fall River (Mass.), while the average for all the cities combined was 46.6 percent. Least affected by the wartime rise in food costs were the New England cities, while the greatest rises in food costs were reported by Southern cities (in which price levels had been relatively low in pre-war days), and by the shipbuilding and aircraft construction centers of the Pacific Coast. Of the 51 cities for which August 1939 indexes are available, 15 had food-cost increases of more than 50 percent since August 1939—these included cities as widely separated as Cleveland, Baltimore, Savannah, New Orleans, and San Francisco.

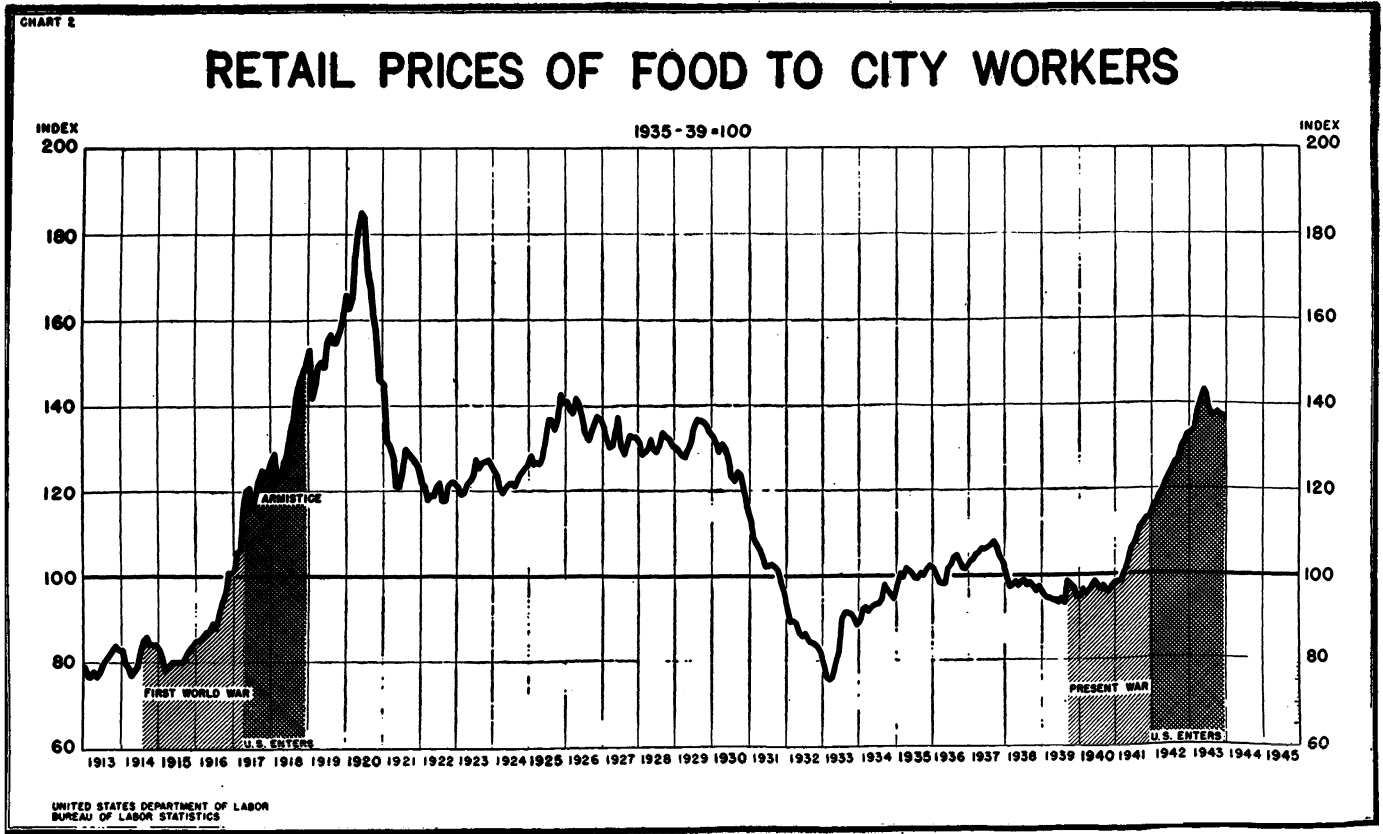
Annual Average Indexes, 1913 to 1943

Table 2 and chart 2 present the trend of costs of all foods at retail from January 1913 through December 1943. The average of 138.0 percent of the 1935-39 base, reached by the index in 1943, was the highest since 1920, although the peak of 137.4 in 1926 closely approached it.

TABLE 2.—*Indexes of Retail Costs of Food in Large Cities Combined, by Years, 1913 to 1943, and by Months, January 1941 to December 1943*

[1935-39=100]

Year and month	All-foods index	Year and month	All-foods index	Year and month	All-foods index
BY YEAR					
1913.....	79.9	1924.....	122.8	1934.....	93.7
1914.....	81.8	1925.....	132.9	1935.....	100.4
1915.....	80.9	1926.....	137.4	1936.....	101.3
1916.....	90.8	1927.....	132.3	1937.....	105.3
1917.....	116.9	1928.....	130.8	1938.....	97.8
1918.....	134.4	1929.....	132.5	1939.....	95.2
1919.....	149.8	1930.....	126.0	1940.....	96.6
1920.....	168.8	1931.....	103.9	1941.....	105.5
1921.....	128.3	1932.....	86.5	1942.....	123.9
1922.....	119.9	1933.....	84.1	1943.....	138.0
1923.....	124.0				
BY MONTH					
<i>1941</i>		<i>1942</i>		<i>1943</i>	
January.....	97.8	January.....	116.2	January.....	133.0
February.....	97.9	February.....	116.8	February.....	133.6
March.....	98.4	March.....	118.6	March.....	137.4
April.....	100.6	April.....	119.6	April.....	140.6
May.....	102.1	May.....	121.6	May.....	143.0
June.....	105.9	June.....	123.2	June.....	141.9
July.....	106.7	July.....	124.6	July.....	139.0
August.....	108.0	August.....	126.1	August.....	137.2
September.....	110.7	September.....	126.6	September.....	137.4
October.....	111.6	October.....	129.6	October.....	138.2
November.....	113.1	November.....	131.1	November.....	137.3
December.....	113.1	December.....	132.7	December.....	137.1



Review of Retail Food Prices in 1942 and 1943

PRICE CHANGES IN 1942

During 1942, despite record crop production, retail costs of foods advanced steadily at the rate of approximately 1.3 percent per month, the greatest increase (2.7 percent) occurring between December 1941 and January 1942, the first month after our entry in the war. By the end of the year, prices had risen 17.3 percent, exceeding by 7 percent the rapid rise of 1941. Food costs at retail, moreover, averaged 17.4 percent above the 1941 level and 30.1 percent above the 1939 level. The all-foods index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics for 1942 was 123.9 percent of the 1935-39 average.

The establishment of various price control regulations throughout the year retarded but did not halt the rise in food prices, which was stimulated by the unusual consumer demand, heavy Government buying, and shortages of various commodities. Food prices had increased 7.5 percent before the time of the General Maximum Price Regulation in May. This regulation froze, as of their highest March levels, the prices of canned fruits and vegetables; beef, veal, and pork; fats and oils; prepared cereals and bakery products (except flour and corn meal); nonalcoholic beverages; sugar; and fluid milk. The prices of these commodities became relatively stable thereafter, rising 1.2 percent from May to December, largely because of revisions in ceilings. Between May and October—when prices of an additional group of foods were brought under control, including manufactured dairy products, eggs, poultry, and a few fruits and vegetables—the food cost index rose 6.6 percent. Most of the rise during this period was due to continued price increases in the commodities which were first regulated in October. Only 11 percent of the family food bill remained uncontrolled after October 5, and it was among these items, particularly fresh fruits and vegetables, that the greatest price advances during the year were recorded. Spinach increased more than 60 percent; green beans, 50 percent; and carrots, 47 percent.

Unusual rises were also fairly widespread among the commodities for which ceiling prices were established during the year. The average cost of dried prunes rose from 11.0 to 16.0 cents per pound, until prices were frozen in October, an increase of 45.5 percent in 10 months. For rice, scarce during the year, a 33-percent price increase was reported, almost double that of the other more plentiful cereals. Among the meats there were increases of 11 cents per pound for roasting chickens, 8.3 cents for leg of lamb, and 8.6 cents for pork chops. The increase of 29.6 percent in the cost of butter far outdistanced that for the other dairy products. Peanut-butter prices, which were regulated for a brief period (May to August), increased 49.0 percent. Thus, with the exception of a few insignificant decreases, the majority of foods priced by the Bureau in large cities cost the consumer considerably more during 1942.

PRICE CHANGES IN 1943

In 1943, however, the food situation was altered somewhat as the Nation settled down to its second year of war. Food costs for the year averaged 11.4 percent above those for 1942 and 30.8 percent higher than for 1941. Prices, which had been advancing rapidly for 2

years, reached their peak in May 1943, with the index at 143.0 percent of the 1935-39 average, its highest level since December 1920. Thereafter a decline began, the first since November 1940, which offset to some extent the 7.8-percent rise at the beginning of the year. It was partly the result of the price roll-backs effected by OPA, which were accomplished by lowering retail prices and subsidizing processors, and partly due to the increased supplies of seasonal foods available to civilians during the summer and autumn. By December 1943 food prices were only 3.3 percent above prices for December of the previous year.

In 1943, as in 1942, average costs for each of the commodity groups were at higher levels than they had been the previous year; but, unlike 1942, the prices of many nonseasonal items remained relatively stable. These included cereal and bakery products, canned fruits and vegetables, nonalcoholic beverages, sugar and sweets, and fats and oils. Substantial price advances were still being reported for fish, which were 23 percent higher at the year's end; fresh fruits and vegetables, which were up nearly 14 percent; and roasting chickens, which were up 10 percent.

The OPA subsidy program in 1943 caused sizable decreases in the prices of butter and meats. In June, butter prices were lowered by an average of 5 cents per pound and thereafter remained relatively stable to the end of the year. In July, payments to meat packers were initiated, and there were declines in the prices of beef, veal, pork, and lamb. Meat prices were further depressed by the marketing of unusually large numbers of livestock, particularly hogs, in the fall. By December, pork prices had dropped 10 percent, and beef and veal were 6.5 percent below the levels of December 1942.

DETAILS BY COMMODITY GROUPS

Cereals and bakery products.—The rise in average retail costs of cereals and bakery products, begun in 1939, continued throughout 1942 and 1943, but its rise was less than that of the other food groups. The average costs for 1943, reflecting the more rigid price control measures of that year, rose only 2.4 percent above 1942 levels, whereas the 1942 average had been 7.4 percent above 1941. Prices of every commodity in the group, corn flakes excepted, showed increases in 1942 over 1941, further increases being recorded the following year for most of the items. Increases of more than 20 percent from January 1942 to December 1943 occurred in the costs of flour, corn meal, rice, and soda crackers. Prices of white bread, the most important commodity in the group, changed little during the period, with a net increase of only 0.2 cent per pound.

Except for flour prices, which had not met the parity limitations of the Emergency Price Control Act of 1942, prices of all of the cereal and bakery products were frozen in May 1942 by the General Maximum Price Regulation. Thus, the prices of these commodities were stabilized, while flour continued to rise at retail because of the pressure of rising wholesale and farm prices, the Department of Agriculture continuing its program of support prices and loans to wheat farmers. The average cost of a 10-pound sack of flour, 50.7 cents in January, had reached 55.3 cents by October, when it was placed under a ceiling price regulation of the freeze type. Flour prices at other levels of

distribution continued rising, however, and in November 1943, subsidy payments to millers were initiated in order to relieve the resulting squeeze at that level. All of these freeze-type ceilings, with the exception of bread, were replaced by percentage mark-ups within a few months, thus permitting the retail prices to fluctuate with costs. Pancake flour, for which the Bureau of Labor Statistics collected prices for the first time in February 1943, increased 11.4 percent by the end of the year. Supplies of these commodities, rice being an exception, were ample in both 1942 and 1943 to meet civilian needs.

Meats.—By 1943 the consumer was paying 33.8 percent more for meats than he paid during the pre-war period 1935–39. As with all other foods, most of the price advances occurred prior to 1943. Between 1941 and 1942 there was a 17-percent increase for the group. With fresh-fish prices uncontrolled, and prices of frozen fish and canned salmon under GMPR since May 1942, the index of fish prices reached 225.2 percent of the 1935–39 average by December 1943, greatly exceeding price increases for other food groups. The fish catch in both 1942 and 1943 was unusually small because of labor and boat shortages and maritime restrictions. Large Government purchases of approximately 50 percent of the canned fish and 25 percent of the fresh and frozen fish cut deeply into available civilian supplies. Early in 1942 packers were forbidden to sell canned salmon, pending Government purchases, and by September 30, 1942, when 60 million cases were released, grocers' stocks had become badly depleted.

Prices of roasting chickens advanced almost 40 percent during 1942 and 1943, four-fifths of the rise taking place prior to control on October 5, 1942. Although 1942 and 1943 were record poultry production years, supplies at ceiling prices were insufficient to meet the extraordinary consumer demand, in view of meat rationing. It was not until the end of 1943, when meat supplies became more plentiful, that the effect of increased poultry production was felt in civilian markets.

By December 1942 prices of beef and veal cuts had increased 15 percent, pork cuts 25 percent, and lamb 27 percent over their corresponding annual average prices in 1941, most of the increase occurring before maximum wholesale and retail prices were established for a number of meats in May 1942. Lamb prices, however, were not frozen until August. Although production of meat in 1942 was 21.5 billion pounds (about 12 percent above 1941), and in 1943 was about 23.2 billion pounds—primarily an increase in hog slaughter—increased demands by the armed forces as well as civilians made it necessary to expand Government price and distribution control measures. Serious meat shortages had been encountered during 1942 in many sections of the country, owing to heavy military buying in some months, large concentrations of people in defense areas, ceiling price differentials between areas, and large civilian demand. An order limiting the quantities of meats which could be distributed through civilian channels became effective in the last quarter of 1942, in order to insure adequate supplies for the Government. Rationing was instituted March 29, 1943, and slaughter quotas were in operation throughout most of the year. Not until the last quarter of 1943 was slaughter heavy enough for the reduction of ration values and the removal of a number of restrictions. The roll-back of maximum retail prices of meats in June 1943 through a system of Government payments to slaughterers in accordance with the President's "hold-the-line" order, was apparent

in all the July meat prices at retail. Beef and veal prices decreased 8.5 percent, pork 8.1 percent, and lamb 4.3 percent from the June levels. Thereafter, the increased meat supplies brought about further slight declines to the end of the year, the net decrease from June to December being 9.3 percent for beef and veal, 9.9 percent for pork, and 6.0 percent for lamb.

Dairy products.—Prices of dairy products in December 1943 were 133 percent of the 1935–39 average, 10.8 percent above December 1941. The 1943 average was 7.3 percent above 1942 and 20.2 percent above 1941. The cost of fluid milk alone increased 4.8 percent from January 1942 to December 1943. Increases in fluid milk prices were permitted in many cities partly because of threatened shortages. Another factor was the increased civilian consumption of fluid milk and cream, which upset the balanced output of other dairy products. As a result, a series of limitations was put into effect by the Federal Government during 1943: the maximum butterfat content of cream was set at 19 percent; the use of milk solids by ice-cream manufacturers was limited; fluid milk and cream sales in urban areas were restricted to 100 percent of June sales, and byproducts to 75 percent. Government purchase and resale programs were used in some markets to raise the prices to producers without affecting retail price ceilings. However, upward revisions of producer prices were usually followed by small retail increases in the price of fluid milk.

Butter prices increased fairly steadily through 1942 until the roll-back in June 1943, when a reduction was effected at the manufacturer's level by a subsidy of 5 cents per pound. The reported average June price was 9 percent less than that of May. Butter production in 1942 was 5 percent under that in 1941 and civilian supplies were acutely short during the early part of 1943. Butter was rationed along with meats and other fats and oils on March 29, 1943.

The prices of cheese, important in Lend-Lease purchases, rose fairly steadily through June 1943, a slight decrease following the effect of the GMPR on fluid milk and cream in May 1942 and the butter subsidy in June 1943. American and other hard cheeses were rationed at the same time as butter although civilian shortages were not widespread at the time, since there was a large carry-over of stocks from 1942. Shortages developed later and continued to the close of the year. Total American cheese production in 1943 was estimated to be 20 percent less than in 1942.

Prices of evaporated milk, after a slight seasonal decline in the spring of 1942, began a slow climb from 8.7 cents per 14½-ounce can in August and reached a peak of 10.2 cents in March 1943. Canned milk had been purchased in large quantities for Lend-Lease but the requirements were later changed to the less bulky powdered milk. Stocks on January 1, 1943, were exceptionally large but the rate of disappearance was also very rapid, and in order to avoid imminent shortages evaporated milk was brought under the rationing program in June. By December 1943 the price had decreased to 10.0 cents per can. The 1943 average price was 28 percent above that of 1941.

Eggs.—The trend of egg prices has been upward since 1939. The 1942 average was 50 percent greater and the 1943 average 78 percent greater than that of 1939. Throughout each year, however, prices have generally followed the seasonal pattern. The issuance of the OPA freeze regulation early in October 1942 stabilized egg prices

somewhat, and the usual seasonal decline was delayed until February. Effective March 1, mark-up ceilings, calculated each week and based upon current costs, replaced the freeze ceilings and the seasonal pattern was restored. Egg prices reached their peak at an average of 67.4 cents per dozen in November 1943, the highest average price reported since November 1929 (67.5 cents). Total egg output also reached record levels during 1943, being 12 percent above 1942. Nevertheless, the distribution of available supplies was limited from March through October in order to enable the Government to meet requirements for dried eggs. About 21 percent of the total output was purchased for Lend-Lease and military purposes in 1943.

Fruits and vegetables.—In 1943 the Bureau's index for fruits and vegetables—which includes prices of potatoes, onions, apples, oranges, dried prunes, canned peas, and the like—reached the highest level since 1930. Its trend had been upward from 1938, and after entry of the United States into the war it rose at an increasing rate. During 1942 the increases in average costs over 1941 were distributed about equally among the various types of fruits and vegetables—27.4 percent for fresh fruits and vegetables, 24.2 percent for canned, and 27.7 percent for dried. The following year (1943) brought further increases, primarily for fresh fruits and vegetables, which were not completely under price regulation until December 22, 1943, when maximum prices were established for sweetpotatoes; the increase of 1943 over 1942 was 34 percent. Canned fruits and vegetables, controlled since May 1942, rose only 7.4 percent in 1943, primarily because of ceiling adjustments permitted on the new pack. Dried fruits and vegetables rose 16.6 percent over the 1942 average, mainly because of the rise of more than 3 cents per pound in prune prices.

Fresh fruit and vegetable prices exhibited a more rapid rise during the 2 years than any other foods, accompanied by a widely varying supply situation. Shortages occurred at various times and places, for the most part because of heavy Government buying, strong consumer demand, and poor crops for some products. Meanwhile the program of support prices of the Department of Agriculture kept farm price levels high. The citrus fruit crop of 1942-43 was of record size, but disappearance was so rapid that shortages developed during the spring months. The potato situation was similar. There was only a slightly more than average crop in 1942 and, as a result of the factors mentioned above, a severe shortage developed in the early spring of 1943, which continued until June. In June and July the markets became glutted with early and intermediate varieties. Retail prices, which had reached a high of 92.5 cents per peck in May, began a rapid decline to 60.6 cents, but picked up again slightly in October when supplies of the late varieties were marketed. Prices of sweetpotatoes, uncontrolled through the period covered, rose phenomenally, the average in 1943 being more than 100 percent over 1942. Except for green beans and carrots, which were plentiful, other vegetable crops were poor during 1943, being about 14 percent less than in the previous year. The onion supply, abundant in 1942, developed a critical shortage in the autumn of 1943.

Among the fresh fruits and vegetables price control was first extended to bananas in May 1942. Prices for citrus fruits, potatoes, and onions were first regulated in October 1942, and other fresh

vegetables in February 1943. However, price rises continued for some time for some of the products. In May and again in July some of the ceilings were revised downward, with a resultant decline in the index. Maximum prices for apples were not established until September 16, 1943, at which time subsidies were announced to shippers in order to prevent squeezes at that level.

Prunes were scarce in retail stores because the entire pack was set aside for Government use; and only when military needs were met, was the remainder released. They were rationed during the winter months of 1942-43 but restrictions were removed in the spring.

Prices of canned fruits and vegetables moved upward until they were frozen in May 1942. The freeze kept prices unchanged until August, at which time retailers were permitted to adjust their ceilings in line with increased replacement costs of the new pack. Thereafter prices climbed slowly, only to be set back in May 1943 when the ceilings were lowered in accordance with the President's "hold-the-line" order. Subsidies were allowed to processors of the more important canned fruits and vegetables to relieve the squeeze at that level, and prices were stable for the remainder of the year. From 30 to 40 percent of the 1942 pack of canned fruits and vegetables was set aside for military and export purposes, with the result that civilian supplies were extremely short prior to rationing in March 1943.

Beverages.—The average costs of coffee, tea, and cocoa in 1942 were 19.9, 18.5, and 11.0 percent, respectively, greater than in 1941. Most of the rise occurred prior to price regulation in May 1942. After this action, prices remained fairly stable, with little variation during 1943 other than a slight upswing at the end of the year for tea and cocoa. Several shortages developed in all these commodities early in 1942, as shipments of tea were cut off by developments in the Pacific war and coffee and cocoa shipments were affected by submarine activity in the Atlantic. To insure equitable distribution of the dwindling stocks of coffee, rationing was established November 29, 1942; but restrictions were removed 9 months later when the situation had greatly improved.

Fats and oils.—The advance in prices of fats and oils which began early in 1941 was interrupted for a brief period by the General Maximum Price Regulation, but continued upward after many of the freeze ceilings were replaced by percentage mark-ups over net cost in October 1942. Revisions in May 1943 finally halted the rise and stabilized prices to the end of the year. Because increased military and export requirements in 1943 took from 20 to 25 percent of the total supply, and because civilian demand at ceiling prices was extremely heavy owing to the butter shortage, rationing of shortening, oleomargarine, and lard was instituted on March 29, 1943. The usual seasonal declines in lard prices did not occur during 1942, and by December of that year the average price—18.8 cents per pound—was 24 percent above December 1941 and 104 percent above December 1940. The increases in prices of standard and hydrogenated shortenings of 33.8 percent and 21.5 percent, respectively, in 1942 over 1941, occurred for the most part in the first 5 months of 1942. From May 1942 through December 1943 prices of these items were relatively constant. However, salad dressing and oleomargarine prices continued the advances

begun in 1941 until May 1942, declining somewhat only after prices were regulated. Subsequent prices of salad dressing were fairly stable at about 25 cents per pint to the end of 1943, but oleomargarine regained its previous level by August 1942 and rose slowly but steadily. By December 1943 the average price of oleomargarine had risen to 24 cents a pound—an increase of 21.8 percent over December 1941.

Price control of peanut butter was intermittent in 1942. Ceilings were first established in May, removed late in August, and then reinstated at higher levels on December 29. As a result, by January 1943 prices for peanut butter had risen 50 percent over January 1942 prices. These increases continued until November, when retail ceilings were revised downward and processor-subsidy payments were established. The decrease at retail reported by the Bureau from October to December was almost 4 cents per pound.

Sugar and sweets.—The average cost of sugar in 1942 was 18.9 percent higher than in 1941, primarily because of the rapid upswing of prices during the latter year. Throughout the following 2 years, prices were practically constant after a small increase in February 1942. Rationing of sugar at retail was begun in May 1942 in order to bring about a more equitable distribution of short supplies. The shipping situation improved in the summer of 1943, but increasing military and industrial needs along with a poor domestic sugar-beet crop forced the continuation of restrictions. For other foods in the group—corn sirup and molasses—prices rose gradually during 1942 and 1943, average prices in 1943 being 13.0 and 17.2 percent, respectively, above 1941. The supply of corn sirup became very limited late in 1943, because farmers could realize more from feeding corn to livestock than by direct marketing.

In table 3 are presented the indexes of retail food costs by commodity groups, by years from 1923 through 1943 and by months from January 1942 through December 1943. Chart 3 depicts the price trends of the commodity groups as compared to the all-foods index from January 1929 to December 1943. The average retail prices of individual foods for large cities combined are presented by months in table 4 for 1942 and 1943.

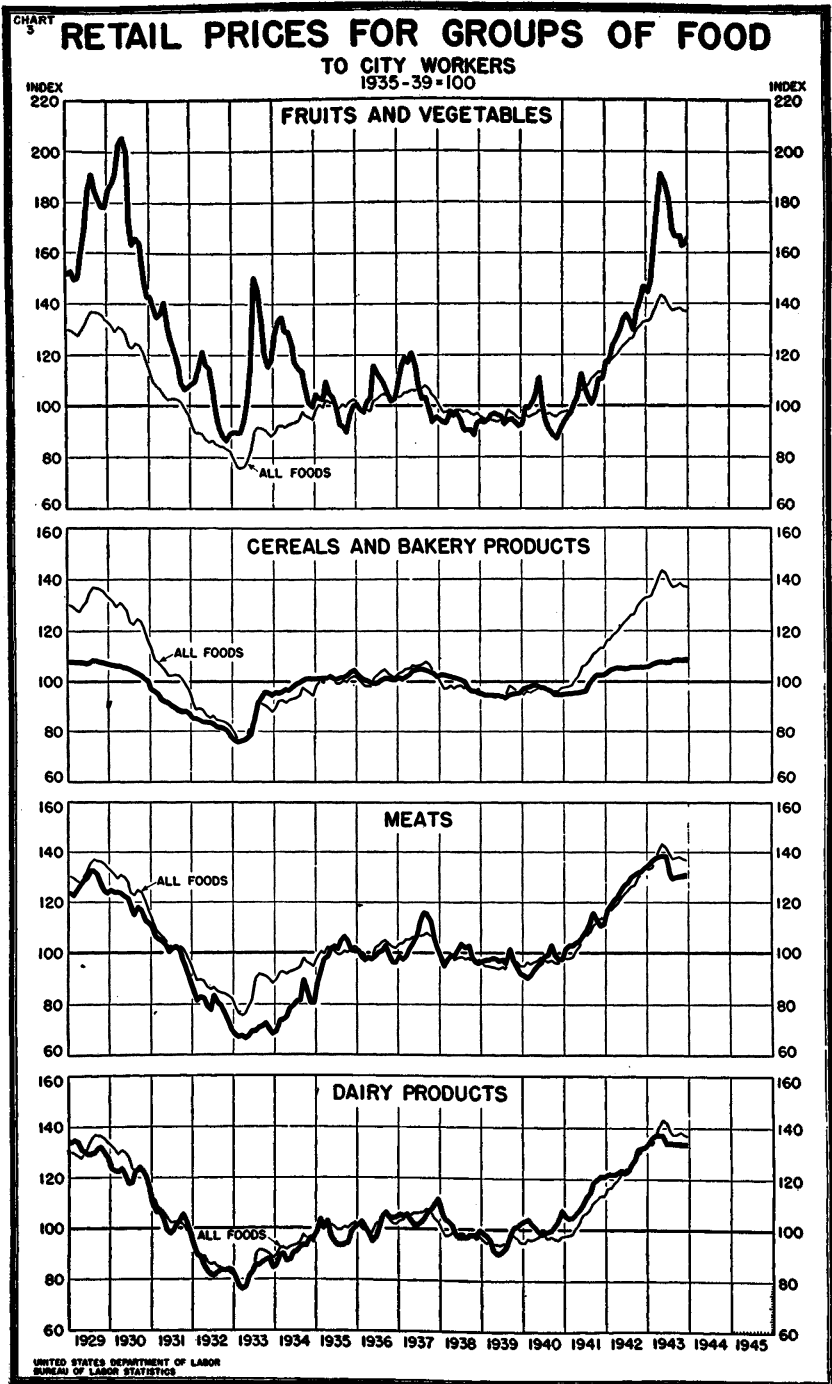


TABLE 3.—Indexes of Retail Costs of Food in Large Cities Combined,¹ by Commodity Groups

[1935-39=100]

Year	All foods	Cereals and bakery products	Meats					Dairy products	Eggs	Fruits and vegetables				Beverages	Fats and oils	Sugar and sweets	
			Total	Beef and veal	Pork	Lamb	Chickens			Fish, fresh and canned	Total	Fresh	Canned				Dried
BY YEARS, 1923 TO 1943 ²																	
1923	124.0	105.5	101.2						129.4	136.1	169.5	173.6	124.8	175.4	131.5	126.2	175.4
1924	122.8	107.2	102.4						124.1	139.0	159.5	162.7	128.2	159.6	147.6	134.1	159.1
1925	132.9	116.0	111.3						128.2	151.2	185.1	193.5	132.3	159.0	170.3	149.1	124.6
1926	137.4	115.7	117.8						127.4	141.7	210.8	226.2	122.9	152.4	170.4	145.0	120.0
1927	132.3	113.3	116.0						130.7	133.2	183.8	194.4	120.8	145.9	163.3	132.8	127.2
1928	130.8	110.1	123.1						131.4	137.3	161.4	166.5	120.6	153.9	165.2	128.3	123.1
1929	132.5	107.6	127.1						131.0	143.8	169.0	173.5	124.3	171.0	164.8	127.2	114.3
1930	126.0	104.3	119.1						121.0	121.4	177.5	185.7	118.6	158.7	143.4	119.2	107.4
1931	103.9	91.4	101.1						102.8	95.6	125.7	128.7	103.3	118.7	124.6	96.0	99.1
1932	86.5	82.6	79.3						84.9	82.3	103.5	105.9	91.1	91.2	112.6	71.1	89.6
1933	84.1	84.7	68.9						82.8	77.9	113.8	118.9	87.9	88.4	102.4	66.4	94.3
1934	93.7	98.3	78.9						90.9	88.6	119.1	122.3	103.9	101.1	107.6	76.4	97.9
1935	100.4	101.8	99.9	98.9	104.7	96.3	95.5	98.2	97.5	104.2	99.7	98.8	106.2	100.8	104.0	110.3	100.7
1936	101.3	100.7	98.9	94.7	103.4	101.1	101.1	98.5	101.6	103.3	104.8	106.2	100.9	96.6	99.4	102.8	99.6
1937	105.3	103.3	105.8	106.5	106.6	105.2	104.9	101.0	105.4	101.2	107.9	108.6	103.2	116.0	103.6	105.8	101.2
1938	97.8	99.8	98.9	98.7	96.3	97.9	104.6	101.3	99.6	100.3	93.2	92.1	97.4	93.3	97.7	93.5	97.9
1939	95.2	94.5	96.6	101.1	88.9	99.5	93.8	101.0	95.9	91.0	94.5	95.1	92.3	93.3	95.5	87.7	100.6
1940	96.6	96.8	95.8	102.8	81.1	99.7	94.8	110.6	101.4	93.8	96.5	97.3	92.4	100.6	92.5	82.2	96.8
1941	105.5	97.9	107.5	110.8	100.1	106.6	102.1	124.5	112.0	112.2	103.2	104.2	97.9	106.7	101.5	94.0	106.4
1942	123.9	105.1	126.0	123.6	120.4	124.1	122.6	163.0	125.4	136.5	130.8	132.8	121.6	136.3	122.1	119.6	126.5
1943	138.0	107.6	133.8	124.7	119.9	136.9	146.1	206.5	134.6	161.9	168.8	178.0	130.6	168.9	124.8	126.1	127.1

¹ Aggregate costs in each city, weighted to represent total purchases of families of wage earners and lower-salaried workers, have been combined with the use of population weights.
² Comparable indexes for the years 1923-34 have been computed by converting indexes from the 1923-25 base to the 1935-39 base.

TABLE 3.—*Indexes of Retail Costs of Food in Large Cities Combined,¹ by Commodity Groups—Continued*
 [1935-39=100]

Year	All foods	Cereals and bakery products	Meats						Dairy products	Eggs	Fruits and vegetables				Beverages	Fats and oils	Sugar and sweets
			Total	Beef and veal	Pork	Lamb	Chickens	Fish, fresh and canned			Total	Fresh	Canned	Dried			
BY PRICE REPORTING PERIOD, 1942 AND 1943																	
<i>1942</i>																	
January 13.....	116.2	103.2	116.4	120.4	107.2	111.8	107.3	145.1	121.5	130.9	117.2	119.0	108.6	121.8	115.5	110.6	118.5
February 17.....	116.8	104.3	118.5	119.9	110.9	109.2	110.7	157.7	121.8	119.0	117.7	117.9	114.6	125.4	117.2	114.0	127.7
March 17.....	118.6	104.8	120.5	119.7	117.5	108.7	112.2	158.9	121.7	112.1	123.4	123.7	120.8	127.9	119.6	116.8	128.5
April 14.....	119.6	105.1	121.5	120.6	120.5	108.0	112.2	156.9	122.3	111.3	125.6	126.2	122.0	130.6	122.6	119.9	128.1
May 12.....	121.6	105.2	124.3	124.1	123.2	118.2	113.4	150.9	123.3	115.4	128.7	130.0	122.7	131.2	124.6	122.4	127.1
June 16.....	123.2	105.1	126.6	123.3	121.9	130.7	123.3	153.3	122.1	119.7	133.8	136.7	122.2	132.6	122.6	120.0	126.7
July 14.....	124.6	105.1	127.5	123.6	122.1	133.0	125.7	161.2	122.8	130.2	135.7	139.1	122.4	134.2	122.8	120.0	126.6
August 18.....	126.1	105.3	129.5	125.3	123.3	133.0	131.8	164.7	125.8	145.7	133.1	135.2	122.3	138.8	123.5	120.4	126.7
September 16.....	126.6	105.4	130.6	126.0	124.0	133.7	133.7	168.2	127.7	155.2	129.7	130.3	123.8	143.4	123.8	120.7	127.0
October 13.....	129.6	105.7	131.2	126.5	124.4	133.0	133.0	172.8	131.2	164.7	137.1	139.3	125.0	149.9	124.1	121.2	126.9
November 17.....	131.1	105.7	131.9	126.6	124.8	134.0	133.5	177.9	131.8	166.3	141.5	144.6	126.8	149.7	124.6	124.2	127.0
December 16.....	132.7	105.8	133.2	127.5	125.2	135.7	134.9	183.3	132.3	167.2	146.6	151.0	127.7	150.5	124.5	125.3	127.7
<i>1943</i>																	
January 12.....	133.0	105.9	134.7	128.2	125.5	136.6	139.4	188.7	134.2	166.5	144.1	147.2	129.1	153.8	124.4	126.2	127.4
February 16.....	132.6	106.5	136.1	128.9	126.3	137.1	143.4	193.0	135.9	144.1	148.9	152.8	131.3	156.5	124.8	126.1	127.4
March 16.....	137.4	107.0	137.3	129.6	126.4	137.4	144.9	203.9	137.0	142.4	164.9	172.9	131.7	157.0	124.9	126.4	127.9
April 20.....	140.6	107.5	138.0	130.5	126.0	138.7	146.4	207.0	137.1	141.3	179.5	191.2	132.4	157.7	124.9	126.6	128.4
May 18.....	143.0	107.6	138.3	131.2	125.6	141.6	147.6	200.5	136.9	142.1	190.8	205.8	131.1	158.0	124.5	126.3	127.6
June 15.....	141.9	107.5	138.3	131.4	125.4	142.7	147.2	201.1	133.7	145.2	187.8	202.1	130.5	158.6	124.5	126.5	126.5
July 13.....	139.0	107.8	139.9	120.2	115.3	136.5	147.1	208.3	133.4	153.6	180.5	192.9	130.5	159.0	124.5	126.5	126.4
August 17.....	137.2	108.1	129.7	119.3	114.3	135.0	147.2	202.2	133.4	167.4	169.8	179.3	130.2	159.9	125.3	126.6	126.6
September 14.....	137.4	108.2	129.9	118.9	114.0	134.9	147.5	208.5	133.5	177.5	167.0	175.8	130.0	159.6	125.2	126.5	126.8
October 19.....	138.2	108.3	130.6	118.9	113.5	134.9	147.0	216.5	133.5	190.1	166.4	174.9	130.0	161.5	125.1	126.5	126.8
November 16.....	137.3	108.3	130.4	119.0	113.3	133.5	146.5	223.6	133.6	190.8	162.6	170.1	129.9	162.5	124.8	125.0	126.6
December 14.....	137.1	108.4	130.9	119.2	113.0	134.1	148.5	225.2	133.5	181.0	163.7	171.5	130.0	162.5	124.7	124.3	126.7

Table 4.—Average Retail Prices of Principal Articles of Food in Large Cities Combined, by Months, 1942 and 1943

Article	1942												Dec. 15
	Average for the year	Jan. 13	Feb. 17	Mar. 17	Apr. 14	May 12	June 16	July 14	Aug. 18	Sept. 15	Oct. 13	Nov. 17	
Cereals and bakery products:													
Cereals:													
Flour, wheat..... 10 pounds	52.8	50.7	51.8	51.9	52.5	51.6	51.2	50.9	52.2	54.3	55.3	55.4	55.6
Maccaroni..... pound	14.2	14.1	14.1	14.2	14.3	14.2	14.2	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.2
Wheat cereal ¹ 28 ounces	24.0	23.9	24.0	24.1	24.1	24.1	24.1	24.1	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.1	24.1
Corn flakes..... 8 ounces	7.1	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.1	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
Corn meal..... pound	4.8	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.2
Rice ¹ do	12.1	10.2	11.3	11.9	12.2	12.3	12.2	12.2	12.4	12.5	12.5	12.6	12.5
Rolled oats ¹ do	8.6	7.8	8.3	8.4	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.8	8.8
Bakery products:													
Bread, white..... do	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7
Bread, whole-wheat..... do	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.6
Bread, rye..... do	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.6
Vanilla cookies..... do	27.0	26.1	26.7	27.1	27.1	27.7	27.8	27.9	27.6	27.0	26.8	26.5	26.2
Soda crackers..... do	16.4	15.3	16.2	16.4	16.5	16.4	16.4	16.5	16.5	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.8
Meats:													
Beef:													
Round steak..... do	43.5	42.3	42.1	42.0	42.6	44.2	43.4	43.6	44.0	44.2	44.5	44.5	44.7
Rib roast..... do	34.0	33.2	33.1	32.8	33.0	34.0	33.8	33.9	34.4	34.7	34.8	34.7	35.0
Chuck roast..... do	29.3	28.2	28.4	28.6	28.6	28.9	29.1	29.2	29.7	30.0	30.2	30.2	30.4
Veal: Outlets..... do	53.8	52.5	51.9	52.2	52.4	53.6	53.8	54.1	54.6	54.9	55.1	55.1	55.3
Pork:													
Chops..... do	41.4	35.0	36.8	40.0	42.0	43.2	42.3	42.4	42.9	43.1	43.1	43.0	43.1
Bacon, sliced..... do	39.4	36.7	37.3	38.4	38.6	39.3	39.1	39.2	40.0	40.9	41.3	40.8	41.3
Ham, sliced ¹ do	58.4	54.4	55.8	57.7	58.3	58.8	58.9	59.0	59.2	59.6	59.7	59.5	59.7
Ham, whole..... do	37.4	34.6	35.5	37.0	37.2	37.8	37.7	37.7	38.0	38.3	38.4	38.5	38.5
Salt pork..... do	23.2	20.6	21.3	22.8	23.5	24.0	23.7	23.9	23.7	23.8	23.8	23.5	23.5
Lamb:													
Leg..... do	35.3	31.5	31.2	31.4	30.8	33.8	37.0	37.4	37.7	37.9	38.0	38.4	38.8
Rib chops..... do	43.4	39.5	38.0	37.5	37.7	41.3	46.1	47.3	46.8	47.1	46.4	46.5	47.2
Poultry: Roasting chickens..... do	39.1	34.2	35.2	35.7	35.7	36.1	39.3	39.8	42.0	42.5	42.4	42.7	43.1
Fish:²													
Salmon, pink..... 16-ounce can	21.6	20.3	20.8	21.4	21.6	21.8	21.6	21.7	21.7	21.8	22.0	22.2	22.3
Salmon, red ¹ do	39.8	37.5	38.4	39.2	39.7	40.0	40.1	40.3	40.4	40.6	40.7	40.6	40.4
Dairy products:													
Butter..... pound	47.3	42.4	42.5	42.2	43.6	45.7	44.3	44.7	48.4	50.6	54.0	54.6	54.8
Cheese..... do	34.8	34.8	35.1	34.0	34.5	34.0	33.9	33.9	34.0	34.3	35.9	36.1	36.2
Milk, fresh (delivered)..... quart	15.0	15.0	15.1	15.1	15.0	14.9	14.9	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.1	15.1
Milk, fresh (store)..... do	13.5	13.7	13.6	13.6	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.6
Milk, fresh (delivered and store)..... do	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.6	14.5	14.4	14.4	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.6
Milk, evaporated..... 14½-ounce can	8.9	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.9	9.2	9.2
Eggs, fresh..... dozen	48.4	46.4	42.2	39.7	39.4	40.9	42.4	46.1	51.7	55.2	58.5	59.0	59.3

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 4.—Average Retail Prices of Principal Articles of Food in Large Cities Combined, by Months, 1942 and 1943—Continued

Article	1942												Dec. 15
	Average for the year	Jan. 13	Feb. 17	Mar. 17	Apr. 14	May 12	June 16	July 14	Aug. 18	Sept. 15	Oct. 13	Nov. 17	
Fruits and vegetables:													
Fresh fruits:	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>
Apples..... pound.....	6.9	5.9	6.1	6.2	6.8	7.5	9.4	8.5	6.6	6.2	6.2	6.7	7.1
Bananas..... do.....	10.2	7.5	8.4	9.8	11.0	12.0	10.5	10.4	10.0	10.3	10.7	10.7	11.0
Oranges..... dozen.....	35.7	29.1	26.2	28.9	28.4	31.4	36.2	36.6	39.4	39.1	44.5	45.0	44.1
Grapefruit ¹ each.....	6.8	4.9	4.8	4.8	5.1	6.3	7.5	7.6	8.4	9.4	10.1	6.8	6.1
Fresh vegetables:													
Beans, green..... pound.....	14.9	13.6	18.7	21.3	16.3	13.4	10.2	10.4	12.1	11.6	16.7	17.6	17.0
Cabbage..... do.....	4.3	4.7	4.7	4.1	4.0	4.5	5.2	4.6	4.2	3.9	3.5	3.6	4.6
Carrots..... bunch.....	7.4	6.9	6.8	6.6	6.2	6.6	6.9	7.0	6.8	6.9	8.1	9.8	10.6
Lettuce..... head.....	12.0	12.7	8.5	9.8	8.4	9.2	10.4	12.5	14.7	12.5	13.9	14.9	16.0
Onions..... pound.....	5.9	6.2	7.0	7.6	9.5	6.8	5.0	4.9	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.7	5.0
Potatoes..... 15 pounds.....	51.3	47.0	49.3	48.1	49.6	53.0	57.9	58.9	49.4	48.3	51.1	51.6	51.8
Spinach..... pound.....	9.0	8.2	7.5	7.0	6.8	7.4	7.4	9.4	10.6	10.7	9.7	10.5	12.5
Sweetpotatoes..... do.....	5.8	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.4	5.9	7.3	8.3	6.4	5.6	5.2	5.3
Canned fruits:													
Peaches..... No. 2½ can.....	23.6	21.8	22.5	23.0	23.3	23.3	23.3	23.5	23.6	24.0	24.6	25.0	25.3
Pineapple..... do.....	27.1	23.1	25.2	26.3	26.7	27.1	27.0	27.3	27.7	28.3	28.6	28.1	29.1
Grapefruit juice ¹ No. 2 can.....	11.2	9.7	9.9	9.9	10.1	9.8	10.2	10.9	11.7	12.4	13.0	13.1	13.3
Canned vegetables:													
Beans, green ¹ do.....	13.7	12.5	13.1	13.6	13.9	14.0	13.9	13.8	13.8	13.7	13.7	13.9	14.1
Corn..... do.....	13.0	12.2	12.5	12.8	12.9	13.0	13.0	12.8	13.1	13.3	13.4	13.6	13.8
Peas..... do.....	15.1	14.6	15.1	15.6	15.7	15.8	15.7	15.6	15.0	14.6	14.6	14.7	14.8
Tomatoes..... do.....	11.7	10.2	11.1	11.9	12.0	12.1	12.0	11.9	11.7	11.6	11.7	11.9	12.0
Dried fruits: Prunes..... pound.....	13.3	11.0	11.4	11.8	12.2	12.3	12.5	12.7	13.7	14.8	15.9	15.8	16.0
Dried vegetables: Navy beans..... do.....	9.0	8.8	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	8.9	8.9	9.0	9.1	9.2	9.2	9.2
Beverages:													
Coffee..... do.....	28.3	27.1	27.3	27.9	28.6	28.9	28.4	28.6	28.9	28.7	28.2	28.1	28.6
Tea..... ¼ pound.....	21.8	20.1	20.7	21.3	21.7	22.4	22.1	22.4	22.6	22.4	22.2	21.9	21.6
Cocoa ¹ ½ pound.....	10.1	9.4	9.8	10.0	10.0	10.2	10.3	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.6	10.2	10.0
Fats and oils:													
Lard..... pound.....	17.2	15.6	16.2	16.6	17.0	17.9	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.3	17.3	18.4	18.8
Shortening, other than lard:													
In cartons..... do.....	19.4	18.2	18.8	19.3	19.5	19.8	19.5	19.6	19.6	19.5	19.5	19.6	19.7
In other containers..... do.....	24.9	24.1	24.7	25.2	25.6	25.8	25.6	25.3	24.8	24.4	24.3	24.4	24.4
Salad dressing..... pint.....	25.0	23.0	24.1	24.7	25.2	25.4	25.2	25.2	25.2	25.2	25.2	25.1	25.0
Oleomargarine..... pound.....	22.1	20.3	21.3	22.0	22.3	22.4	22.4	22.4	22.4	22.4	22.5	22.5	22.5
Peanut butter..... do.....	26.0	20.6	21.7	23.4	26.1	26.9	26.0	26.0	26.9	27.8	28.2	29.0	29.8
Sugar and sweets:													
Sugar..... pound.....	6.8	6.4	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.9	6.8	6.9	6.9
Corn sirup ¹ 24 ounces.....	14.8	14.1	14.3	14.4	14.6	14.8	14.7	14.8	14.9	15.1	15.2	15.3	15.3
Molasses ¹ 18 ounces.....	14.6	13.7	13.9	14.2	14.4	14.5	14.7	14.6	14.7	14.9	15.0	15.1	15.2

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	1943												
	Average for the year	Jan. 12	Feb. 16	Mar. 16	April 20	May 18	June 15	July 13	Aug. 17	Sept. 14	Oct. 19	Nov. 16	Dec. 14
Cereals and bakery products:													
Cereals:	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>
Flour, wheat.....10 pounds.....	61.1	57.0	59.1	60.0	61.1	60.8	61.1	61.4	61.7	62.1	62.6	63.0	63.4
Macaroni.....pound.....	15.2	14.2	14.2	14.6	15.0	15.3	15.5	15.6	15.7	15.6	15.6	15.6	15.6
Wheat cereal ¹.....28 ounces.....	23.6	24.0	24.1	24.1	24.1	23.7	23.2	23.4	23.4	23.4	23.4	23.3	23.3
Corn flakes.....8 ounces.....	6.8	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.8	6.7	6.6	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6
Corn meal.....pound.....	5.6	5.1	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9
Rice ¹.....do.....	12.7	12.7	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.7	12.6	12.6	12.8	12.7	12.7	12.8	12.7
Rollod oats.....do.....	8.7	8.8	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7
Flour, pancake ¹.....20 ounces.....	10.8	(^o)	10.5	10.5	10.7	10.6	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.6	11.6	11.4	11.7
Bakery products:													
Bread, white.....pound.....	8.9	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9
Bread, whole-wheat.....do.....	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.8
Bread, rye.....do.....	10.0	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.9	10.0	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1
Vanilla cookies.....do.....	28.6	28.1	28.1	28.8	29.0	29.1	29.3	28.5	28.1	28.8	28.5	28.4	28.7
Soda crackers.....do.....	18.0	17.5	17.5	17.6	17.7	17.8	17.7	18.0	18.4	18.5	18.5	18.7	18.7
Meats:													
Beef:													
Round steak.....do.....	43.9	45.1	45.2	45.6	45.8	46.8	47.0	42.3	41.6	41.5	41.9	41.9	41.8
Rib roast.....do.....	35.2	35.6	35.8	36.0	36.5	37.7	37.6	34.1	33.7	33.8	34.0	33.8	34.1
Chuck roast.....do.....	30.2	30.7	30.9	31.4	31.9	31.8	31.7	29.1	29.1	29.0	29.2	29.0	29.0
Stew meat ¹.....do.....	33.1	(^o)	35.5	35.6	35.9	35.0	34.9	31.3	30.8	30.9	31.1	31.3	31.6
Liver.....do.....	37.1	(^o)	37.4	37.5	37.4	37.5	37.6	36.8	36.1	36.3	37.0	36.9	37.1
Hamburger.....do.....	30.5	(^o)	33.1	33.2	32.9	32.2	32.1	28.7	28.3	28.5	28.7	28.5	28.8
Veal:													
Cutlets.....do.....	50.0	55.3	55.6	55.5	55.4	51.3	50.7	46.3	45.5	45.8	46.3	45.9	46.1
Roast, boned and rolled ¹.....do.....	36.4	(^o)	36.7	36.6	37.2	37.7	38.0	35.5	34.6	35.2	36.7	36.2	35.9
Pork:													
Chops.....do.....	40.3	43.2	43.4	43.5	42.1	41.9	41.9	38.3	38.0	37.9	37.7	37.7	37.6
Bacon, sliced.....do.....	43.1	42.8	43.0	43.3	45.1	45.7	45.7	42.7	42.2	42.0	41.8	41.5	41.4
Ham, sliced.....do.....	56.2	60.7	60.8	61.0	60.2	59.3	58.8	53.2	52.6	52.2	51.8	51.7	51.8
Ham, whole.....do.....	37.7	39.0	39.3	39.1	39.8	39.8	39.8	36.3	36.1	36.0	35.7	35.8	35.7
Salt pork.....do.....	23.6	24.0	24.1	24.1	24.9	24.7	24.7	23.1	23.0	22.7	22.7	22.8	22.7
Liver ¹.....do.....	22.9	(^o)	24.1	24.0	23.6	23.6	23.5	22.6	22.2	22.2	22.2	22.2	22.1
Sausage ¹.....do.....	38.3	(^o)	38.2	38.3	38.3	38.3	38.1	38.5	38.4	38.2	38.3	38.5	38.3
Bologna, big ¹.....do.....	34.1	(^o)	33.4	33.5	33.7	33.8	34.1	34.6	34.4	34.5	34.6	34.5	34.4
Lamb:													
Leg.....do.....	40.2	39.1	39.2	39.5	39.9	41.8	41.8	40.5	40.0	40.2	40.4	40.2	40.3
Rib chops.....do.....	47.2	47.9	48.2	48.4	48.7	48.6	49.3	46.5	46.0	46.0	45.8	45.3	45.7
Poultry: Roasting chickens.....do.....	44.9	44.4	45.7	46.3	46.2	45.4	44.4	44.8	44.3	44.8	44.1	44.0	44.7
Fish:¹													
Salmon, pink.....16-ounce can.....	23.5	22.5	23.2	23.1	23.3	24.0	24.1	23.9	23.7	23.6	23.5	23.5	23.4
Salmon, red ¹do.....	41.3	40.4	41.7	40.9	41.4	41.4	41.6	41.1	41.4	41.7	41.3	41.2	41.3

See footnotes at end of table.

RETAIL PRICES OF FOOD, 1942 AND 1943

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TABLE 4.—Average Retail Prices of Principal Articles of Food in Large Cities Combined, by Months, 1942 and 1943—Continued

Article	1943												
	Average for the year	Jan. 12	Feb. 16	Mar. 16	April 20	May 18	June 15	July 13	Aug. 17	Sept. 14	Oct. 19	Nov. 16	Dec. 14
Dairy products:													
Butter..... pound.....	Cents 52.7	Cents 55.6	Cents 56.0	Cents 56.2	Cents 55.9	Cents 55.6	Cents 50.5	Cents 50.4	Cents 50.5	Cents 50.5	Cents 50.5	Cents 50.3	Cents 50.2
Cheese..... do.....	37.4	37.1	37.7	38.2	38.4	38.4	38.5	38.1	37.4	37.0	35.9	35.9	36.0
Milk, fresh (delivered)..... quart.....	15.5	15.2	15.4	15.6	15.6	15.6	15.5	15.5	15.5	15.5	15.5	15.6	15.6
Milk, fresh (store)..... do.....	14.3	13.9	14.2	14.3	14.4	14.4	14.4	14.4	14.4	14.4	14.4	14.4	14.4
Milk, fresh (delivered and store)..... do.....	15.1	14.8	15.0	15.1	15.2	15.2	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.2	15.2
Milk, evaporated..... 14½-ounce can.....	10.0	9.7	10.1	10.2	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.0	10.0	10.0
Eggs, fresh..... dozen.....	57.2	59.0	50.9	50.3	49.9	50.2	51.7	54.2	59.2	62.7	67.2	67.4	63.9
Fruits and vegetables:													
Fresh fruits:													
Apples..... pound.....	10.8	7.6	7.9	8.9	10.6	12.9	14.9	13.6	11.3	10.7	10.6	10.2	10.5
Bananas..... do.....	11.7	10.9	10.6	10.7	11.8	11.7	11.7	11.9	12.0	12.3	12.3	12.2	12.2
Oranges..... dozen.....	44.3	38.1	37.2	39.4	39.9	42.2	43.7	48.0	50.3	51.8	51.8	45.7	43.4
Grapefruit ¹ each.....	8.2	6.4	6.0	6.8	6.7	7.8	8.7	10.0	9.6	10.1	10.0	9.4	7.4
Fresh vegetables:													
Beans, green..... pound.....	18.7	19.7	18.9	26.7	26.8	17.4	15.8	16.1	13.7	15.3	17.7	18.5	18.1
Cabbage..... do.....	7.1	5.7	6.6	9.3	11.5	11.5	10.0	6.5	4.9	4.9	4.6	4.5	5.5
Carrots..... bunch.....	8.8	8.5	9.0	9.2	7.9	8.2	8.3	8.3	8.1	9.0	9.6	9.8	10.2
Lettuce..... head.....	14.0	13.5	14.0	14.2	16.0	16.5	15.2	13.5	12.6	13.1	13.1	13.0	13.0
Onions..... pound.....	7.5	5.6	6.2	7.1	8.5	8.6	9.0	8.8	7.9	7.3	6.8	7.1	7.4
Potatoes..... 15 pounds.....	68.4	54.5	58.8	69.6	79.7	92.5	84.3	71.5	64.5	60.6	61.0	61.6	62.7
Spinach..... pound.....	11.8	11.9	12.4	12.9	12.7	11.6	10.2	14.5	13.4	12.5	10.1	9.6	10.0
Sweetpotatoes..... do.....	11.7	6.4	7.1	9.7	12.7	17.9	18.1	17.2	14.2	10.2	8.3	8.9	10.0
Beets ¹ bunch.....	9.8	(³)	9.4	11.9	11.5	11.6	11.6	8.5	8.2	8.3	8.0	8.7	9.8
Canned fruits:													
Peaches..... No. 2½ can.....	26.4	25.8	26.1	26.3	26.4	26.5	26.5	26.9	26.8	26.7	26.4	26.4	26.4
Pineapple..... do.....	28.5	29.0	29.2	29.3	29.5	28.7	28.3	28.0	28.0	28.0	27.9	27.9	27.8
Grapefruit juice..... No. 2 can.....	14.1	13.5	13.6	13.8	14.0	14.0	14.1	14.3	14.3	14.4	14.4	14.4	14.4
Canned vegetables:													
Beans, green..... do.....	14.8	14.8	15.0	15.2	15.3	15.0	14.8	14.6	14.6	14.6	14.5	14.4	14.5
Corn..... do.....	14.1	14.0	14.1	14.2	14.2	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.1	14.2	14.2
Peas..... do.....	15.0	15.2	15.3	15.5	15.6	15.5	15.1	14.9	14.6	14.4	14.5	14.5	14.4
Tomatoes..... do.....	12.6	12.5	12.7	12.8	12.9	12.8	12.6	12.6	12.5	12.5	12.4	12.3	12.4
Soup, vegetable ¹ 11-ounce can.....	13.0	(³)	12.9	13.0	13.0	13.1	13.1	13.1	12.8	12.8	12.7	12.9	13.1
Dried fruits: Prunes..... pound.....	16.6	16.3	16.6	16.7	16.5	16.4	16.5	16.7	16.7	16.5	16.6	16.7	16.8
Dried vegetables:													
Navy beans..... do.....	10.1	9.6	9.7	9.8	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.3	10.2	10.3	10.5	10.5
Soup, dehydrated, chicken noodle ¹ ounce.....	3.7	(³)	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7
Beverages:													
Coffee..... pound.....	30.0	29.7	29.9	30.1	30.1	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	29.9	29.8	29.9
Tea..... ¼ pound.....	22.2	21.2	21.3	21.2	21.2	21.5	21.6	21.9	22.9	23.5	23.4	23.6	23.6
Cocoa ¹ ½ pound.....	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.1	8.9	9.2	9.4	9.0	8.9	9.1	9.2	9.5	9.5

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Fats and oils:						
Lard.....pound..	19.0	19.2	19.2	19.3	19.3
Shortening other than lard:						
In cartons.....do.....	20.0	19.8	19.9	20.0	20.1
In other containers.....	.....do.....	24.7	24.6	24.4	24.4	24.4
Salad dressing.....	.....pint.....	25.2	25.1	25.1	25.2	25.1
Oleomargarine.....	.....pound.....	23.6	22.7	22.8	23.3	23.5
Peanut butter.....	.....do.....	32.2	31.2	31.5	32.0	32.2
Oil, cooking or salad ¹.....	.....pint.....	30.4	(²)	30.1	30.2	30.4
Sugar and sweets:						
Sugar.....	.....pound.....	6.8	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.9
Corn sirup.....	.....24 ounces.....	15.6	15.2	15.2	15.4	15.5
Molasses ³.....	.....18 ounces.....	15.7	15.5	15.5	15.6	15.6
Apple butter ¹.....	.....16 ounces.....	13.2	(²)	13.7	13.7	13.4

¹ Not included in the index.

² Costs of fresh and/or frozen fish are included in the index, but average prices are not computed.

³ First priced February 1943.

19.1	19.0	19.0	18.9	18.9	18.9	18.9	18.8
20.2	20.0	19.9	19.9	20.0	20.1	20.0	20.0
24.3	24.6	24.8	24.9	24.8	24.9	24.9	24.9
25.2	25.2	25.2	25.1	25.3	25.5	25.4	25.5
23.5	23.6	23.7	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.0
32.5	33.1	33.1	33.3	33.4	33.4	31.0	29.6
30.5	30.4	30.3	30.5	30.5	30.6	30.7	30.7
6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8
15.6	15.6	15.7	15.7	15.9	15.9	15.9	15.9
15.6	15.5	15.7	15.7	15.9	15.8	15.9	15.9
12.9	12.9	13.0	13.4	13.2	13.0	13.2	13.2

DETAILS BY CITIES

In each of the large cities included in the index, higher average food costs were recorded every year succeeding 1940, the largest annual increment occurring between 1941 and 1942. However, the increases were not uniform throughout the country and variations were widespread throughout the cities which the Bureau surveys. For 1942 the increases over 1941 ranged from 14.3 to 22.5 percent and for the following year from 8.2 to 15.7 percent. In 1942 the costs of food in Pacific Coast cities were more than 20 percent above 1941 and in the 10 cities of the South Atlantic area increases of 17.6 to 20.4 percent were recorded, as compared to the rise in the all-city average of 17.4 percent. The smallest change in 1941 was in the West North Central area, where Kansas City was the only metropolitan area with a greater-than-average increase. Cities which reported the largest price rises from December 1941 to December 1942 were San Francisco with 21.4 percent, Memphis with 21.2 percent, and Wichita with 21.1 percent. Those with the greatest increases in annual average food costs from 1941 to 1942 were Los Angeles (22.5 percent), Springfield, Ill. (21.7 percent), and Portland, Oreg. (21.5 percent). Minneapolis, St. Paul, and New York reported the smallest increases in yearly costs—14.3, 15.0, and 15.3 percent, respectively.

Although the first price declines since 1940 were reported during the last half of 1943, the 1943 level of food prices for all of the cities, nevertheless, was 11.4 percent higher than the previous year. The greatest increases occurred in Memphis (15.7 percent), Savannah (14.7 percent), Norfolk (14.2 percent), and New Orleans (14.1 percent).

As compared to the level of food prices prevailing during 1935-39, the rise of almost 52 percent in New Orleans was greater than that in any other city for 1943. Food price increases in Pacific Coast cities were all above 43.0; in the New England cities—toward the lower end of the range—increases were less than 38.0 percent; St. Paul reported the lowest increase—31.2 percent above the 1935-39 level.

Knoxville with 13.0 percent and Winston-Salem with 9.5 percent, both of which were recent additions to the index, led all of the cities in price rises during 1943. Three of the cities showed December 1943 average prices slightly below those of the previous year.

Table 5 presents indexes of average retail costs of foods for 1942 and 1943, by month and city, and table 6 gives annual average prices of individual foods, by city, for 1942 and 1943.

TABLE 5.—Indexes of Retail Costs of Food, by Cities and Months, 1942-43

[1935-39=100]

Region and city	1942												
	Average for the year	Jan. 13	Feb. 17	Mar. 17	Apr. 14	May 12	June 16	July 14	Aug. 18	Sept. 15	Oct. 13	Nov. 17	Dec. 15
United States.....	123.9	116.2	116.8	118.6	119.6	121.6	123.2	124.6	126.1	126.6	129.6	131.1	132.7
<i>New England</i>													
Boston.....	121.3	112.6	115.1	115.3	115.3	118.3	119.9	122.6	122.5	124.4	128.5	130.4	130.7
Bridgeport.....	123.6	115.1	116.7	118.6	118.7	121.3	124.0	124.9	126.4	127.1	128.6	130.1	131.4
Fall River.....	122.9	113.8	115.4	118.2	118.5	120.8	122.6	124.8	125.4	125.7	128.3	130.6	130.9
Manchester.....	124.0	114.5	116.5	118.7	119.5	124.0	125.3	126.0	125.2	126.8	128.8	130.0	132.3
New Haven.....	123.0	113.8	115.8	118.0	117.9	120.6	122.3	124.2	125.2	126.2	128.6	130.3	133.0
Portland, Maine.....	122.8	112.4	115.5	117.1	117.6	121.7	122.9	124.4	125.8	125.8	128.5	130.0	131.3
Providence.....	123.1	113.9	114.9	117.3	118.6	122.1	122.8	125.4	126.1	126.3	128.9	129.7	131.0
<i>Middle Atlantic</i>													
Buffalo.....	126.5	118.4	119.6	121.5	122.4	125.2	127.3	127.8	127.6	127.6	131.8	133.7	135.5
Newark.....	124.5	116.0	118.2	118.5	119.3	120.9	122.3	125.1	127.0	128.0	130.3	133.6	134.5
New York.....	122.2	115.4	115.8	116.5	116.6	118.0	120.4	122.8	125.1	125.2	130.0	130.2	132.3
Philadelphia.....	121.3	113.9	114.5	115.5	117.5	119.4	119.7	122.9	124.0	123.9	125.8	128.2	130.5
Pittsburgh.....	123.4	116.9	116.3	117.8	117.7	121.4	124.7	124.1	125.0	125.9	129.4	129.6	131.6
Rochester.....	123.7	116.3	116.8	118.4	119.1	122.3	126.2	125.5	125.2	125.2	128.2	129.2	132.0
Scranton.....	123.0	114.6	114.3	117.6	118.5	121.0	123.0	125.3	125.5	125.6	129.0	130.3	131.7
<i>East North Central</i>													
Chicago.....	122.9	116.0	115.1	117.5	120.0	121.7	122.1	122.8	125.5	124.9	128.9	129.9	129.9
Cincinnati.....	124.0	115.8	116.4	118.9	120.7	122.4	124.3	124.2	125.8	126.9	130.1	130.6	131.5
Cleveland.....	125.7	117.8	117.9	120.5	122.3	124.1	127.4	126.7	125.8	127.3	131.8	132.5	134.8
Columbus, Ohio.....	119.2	113.5	115.0	115.2	117.1	118.6	120.3	118.4	119.2	119.6	122.7	124.4	126.0
Detroit.....	123.4	115.0	116.5	118.6	121.0	122.4	124.5	125.0	123.7	124.7	128.2	129.6	131.8
Indianapolis.....	125.2	118.1	119.6	120.8	122.8	125.0	125.7	125.5	126.9	127.1	129.2	129.7	131.4
Milwaukee.....	120.7	113.3	114.3	116.0	117.9	119.8	122.0	122.0	121.7	121.0	125.2	126.8	128.6
Peoria.....	128.7	118.6	121.2	123.6	126.0	129.0	129.6	130.0	130.2	130.7	135.2	134.6	135.2
Springfield, Ill.....	128.5	119.8	121.5	124.3	126.0	128.0	128.4	129.0	130.9	130.2	133.1	134.3	136.0
<i>West North Central</i>													
Kansas City.....	119.4	112.2	112.7	116.5	117.2	118.8	119.0	118.3	121.2	120.7	124.0	125.0	127.2
Minneapolis.....	121.8	114.9	115.4	117.3	118.0	120.9	121.4	122.1	122.9	123.3	126.6	128.9	129.9
Omaha.....	120.8	113.1	114.4	116.5	117.9	119.9	120.8	119.8	121.4	123.2	127.1	127.0	129.0
St. Louis.....	126.1	119.8	119.9	122.9	123.8	123.8	125.9	126.0	129.0	126.7	129.9	130.8	134.4
St. Paul.....	119.7	113.4	113.6	115.2	116.3	118.7	119.2	118.9	119.7	120.8	125.8	127.1	128.1
<i>South Atlantic</i>													
Atlanta.....	122.8	114.3	116.1	118.4	120.3	120.4	121.8	122.7	124.9	125.9	129.0	129.2	130.2
Baltimore.....	127.8	119.0	120.5	123.0	123.6	125.8	127.1	128.3	129.6	131.2	133.8	134.9	137.3
Charleston, S. C.....	123.8	116.4	118.8	119.8	122.7	123.2	122.9	125.0	125.2	126.6	127.7	127.6	129.2
Jacksonville.....	130.3	120.2	121.3	124.3	126.1	127.4	129.3	133.1	134.9	134.2	137.7	137.1	138.3
Norfolk.....	129.3	121.1	123.6	126.7	126.4	126.1	128.5	129.8	131.6	131.9	134.0	135.4	136.4
Richmond.....	123.2	115.7	117.4	118.4	119.2	120.9	122.9	123.6	125.6	126.2	128.2	128.9	131.3
Savannah.....	130.5	121.2	123.2	125.2	128.6	130.3	129.4	132.0	132.3	133.3	137.1	136.0	137.6
Washington, D. C.....	123.9	116.4	116.2	118.3	118.0	120.7	123.2	125.3	127.5	128.1	129.5	130.5	132.7
<i>East South Central</i>													
Birmingham.....	122.4	115.2	117.0	117.8	118.9	120.5	120.9	121.2	126.1	125.3	128.1	127.7	130.2
Louisville.....	122.8	116.8	118.2	119.3	120.6	122.6	123.2	122.4	124.3	124.2	126.9	126.5	128.0
Memphis.....	125.8	115.3	116.1	117.8	120.8	123.5	124.1	125.5	132.1	129.7	132.6	134.4	137.1
Mobile.....	131.0	124.0	125.3	130.7	129.1	126.8	128.4	130.0	131.4	133.9	136.8	137.6	138.3
<i>West South Central</i>													
Dallas.....	119.9	112.7	114.7	115.6	116.0	116.8	117.6	120.9	122.7	123.7	126.1	125.1	126.9
Houston.....	127.6	120.1	122.5	124.6	124.6	125.9	124.9	128.2	130.0	130.8	132.9	132.4	134.4
Little Rock.....	125.0	117.9	119.1	120.1	123.1	123.2	123.3	124.7	127.6	129.2	130.5	130.3	131.1
New Orleans.....	132.9	123.0	126.2	128.0	130.0	129.0	128.9	133.2	135.6	135.9	141.4	140.7	142.9
<i>Mountain</i>													
Butte.....	123.0	113.0	116.4	118.3	119.1	121.5	123.5	122.7	123.6	124.6	129.5	131.3	132.7
Denver.....	123.7	116.4	115.8	117.7	120.2	122.9	123.7	127.4	126.0	126.8	128.4	129.9	132.4
Salt Lake City.....	127.0	116.9	118.8	120.0	120.7	124.2	126.8	129.2	128.8	130.1	134.0	136.1	137.8
<i>Pacific</i>													
Los Angeles.....	131.9	120.6	121.4	124.9	125.2	128.1	129.8	133.6	136.8	137.9	140.0	141.5	142.8
Portland, Oreg.....	135.5	125.8	127.0	129.7	129.6	134.5	134.6	135.2	137.8	141.2	142.2	143.0	145.9
San Francisco.....	128.5	120.7	120.1	121.9	123.6	125.5	126.1	126.6	130.2	133.5	134.6	139.3	140.1
Seattle.....	132.8	125.3	126.0	126.7	127.5	129.9	129.4	130.9	136.1	137.3	139.6	141.3	143.6

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 5.—Indexes of Retail Costs of Food, by Cities and Months, 1942-43—Con.

Region and city	Average for the year	1943											
		Jan. 12	Feb. 16	Mar. 16	Apr. 20	May 18	June 15	July 13	Aug. 17	Sept. 14	Oct. 19	Nov. 16	Dec. 14
United States.....	138.0	133.0	133.6	137.4	140.6	143.0	141.9	139.0	137.2	137.4	138.2	137.3	137.1
<i>New England</i>													
Boston.....	133.1	130.5	130.4	134.1	137.1	138.1	136.8	132.5	131.1	131.0	133.1	131.4	130.9
Bridgeport.....	137.7	132.5	132.9	137.6	139.6	144.7	143.8	139.1	135.2	136.0	137.1	136.7	136.7
Fall River.....	135.6	131.3	132.7	138.0	139.3	140.5	140.5	135.6	134.0	133.4	135.2	133.2	132.6
Manchester.....	136.4	133.4	134.4	137.8	139.2	142.3	143.4	136.6	133.7	133.9	134.5	133.8	133.8
New Haven.....	137.7	132.1	132.9	136.1	138.4	145.7	143.3	138.2	136.7	136.6	138.6	137.1	136.9
Portland, Maine.....	135.2	131.7	132.3	134.4	137.3	140.3	140.6	136.1	133.6	132.7	134.3	134.5	134.4
Providence.....	135.8	130.8	132.3	135.3	137.0	141.0	139.7	135.8	135.0	135.5	136.9	136.2	134.2
<i>Middle Atlantic</i>													
Buffalo.....	140.3	137.3	138.1	141.2	144.0	147.8	145.2	140.5	137.9	137.3	138.5	137.8	137.6
Newark.....	139.6	135.5	135.3	139.1	140.7	142.4	142.1	141.2	139.0	139.6	140.8	139.5	139.4
New York.....	138.5	133.1	133.4	138.0	139.9	143.3	141.4	140.5	137.2	138.4	138.7	139.3	139.1
Philadelphia.....	135.8	130.2	129.6	133.5	140.5	141.6	139.2	135.8	135.3	135.2	137.1	135.4	136.1
Pittsburgh.....	137.8	133.4	133.8	137.2	139.4	142.4	142.3	138.9	137.8	137.4	138.2	138.0	135.1
Rochester.....	134.9	132.2	133.8	137.6	139.3	139.6	143.6	134.8	133.1	132.1	133.1	132.4	132.5
Scranton.....	138.9	133.7	134.0	136.9	143.3	148.3	144.4	139.6	137.5	137.2	138.7	137.0	136.2
<i>East North Central</i>													
Chicago.....	136.0	129.9	132.1	135.9	138.6	141.1	140.0	137.1	136.4	137.0	136.6	133.9	133.7
Cincinnati.....	136.0	131.0	131.1	135.1	138.2	138.3	139.2	137.9	137.6	136.2	136.1	134.9	135.9
Cleveland.....	142.6	134.6	135.9	139.5	141.4	146.3	149.5	145.0	145.2	143.9	143.9	134.1	142.6
Columbus, Ohio.....	131.4	126.9	126.5	130.2	134.8	136.3	134.5	130.8	131.6	130.9	131.7	131.7	130.7
Detroit.....	135.8	130.0	132.3	135.7	137.4	143.4	141.6	138.8	134.8	133.6	134.5	133.3	134.2
Indianapolis.....	135.5	131.3	131.2	134.8	138.0	140.2	140.3	137.0	135.1	134.6	135.4	134.0	134.4
Milwaukee.....	134.9	129.0	131.1	134.2	137.4	141.9	138.7	136.2	134.4	133.6	135.4	134.0	132.9
Peoria.....	141.8	136.1	136.9	140.8	144.0	148.7	146.9	143.2	141.2	140.6	141.3	141.5	140.8
Springfield, Ill.....	142.1	136.4	136.4	141.3	144.8	148.5	146.4	144.2	142.1	141.6	141.6	140.9	141.0
<i>West North Central</i>													
Cedar Rapids ¹	138.2	130.3	133.0	136.3	141.1	144.3	143.3	139.6	138.0	136.1	138.0	139.0	139.7
Kansas City.....	130.3	127.3	129.4	133.7	137.4	137.9	135.8	132.0	131.7	132.6	132.6	132.7	132.7
Minneapolis.....	132.0	129.1	130.7	133.0	133.5	134.9	134.1	131.3	130.4	130.4	132.3	132.2	132.3
Omaha.....	132.8	128.6	129.8	132.4	135.2	137.9	137.7	133.3	130.8	131.6	132.5	131.8	132.2
St. Louis.....	139.6	133.1	134.4	138.9	142.4	144.7	143.5	141.6	140.2	139.1	139.1	138.7	139.3
St. Paul.....	131.2	128.0	129.8	132.1	133.6	134.8	133.7	131.2	128.9	128.7	130.5	131.3	131.8
Wichita ²	146.6	139.2	141.6	144.6	152.7	150.7	149.7	146.7	146.2	146.8	145.8	146.7	148.8
<i>South Atlantic</i>													
Atlanta.....	138.8	132.5	133.1	137.7	140.3	142.9	143.9	141.5	139.2	139.9	140.3	137.5	137.3
Baltimore.....	145.3	139.1	137.9	144.0	148.6	152.6	152.5	146.3	145.2	145.3	147.0	142.4	142.5
Charleston, S. C.....	135.9	131.0	130.8	133.7	140.4	140.3	139.0	136.4	136.5	136.4	137.1	134.8	136.4
Jacksonville.....	147.6	139.7	140.1	146.0	153.4	151.5	151.7	152.5	150.9	150.0	146.8	144.8	144.2
Norfolk ²	147.6	139.2	140.9	144.5	152.0	153.3	151.7	150.4	151.1	149.7	148.3	144.8	145.1
Richmond.....	137.1	132.4	132.8	135.8	142.4	141.5	139.6	136.9	137.0	136.7	137.1	136.5	136.0
Savannah.....	143.7	138.8	141.3	145.1	152.5	153.8	153.8	153.0	152.4	152.5	152.2	150.4	149.7
Washington, D. C.....	138.2	133.8	132.2	136.9	139.9	142.5	142.7	140.1	138.5	138.5	140.2	137.5	135.9
Winston-Salem ²	136.5	127.8	129.3	134.5	138.2	140.0	139.7	136.5	138.3	138.6	139.4	138.2	137.5
<i>East South Central</i>													
Birmingham.....	139.3	131.4	131.7	134.8	141.0	140.7	141.9	140.9	141.3	142.9	141.8	141.7	141.2
Jackson ²	149.8	148.5	151.5	153.5	155.9	153.0	149.6	148.1	151.5	148.7	147.5	145.8	144.6
Knoxville ²	154.1	141.4	142.8	149.7	156.7	156.6	156.5	155.8	156.2	157.9	157.5	158.2	157.4
Louisville.....	134.8	128.9	129.0	132.6	138.4	141.5	139.5	134.9	134.7	134.9	135.0	134.2	134.0
Memphis.....	145.5	137.2	138.6	144.8	149.2	150.1	148.3	147.7	148.0	148.2	144.4	143.9	144.5
Mobile.....	146.6	139.5	140.4	145.6	150.5	149.9	149.8	148.6	149.7	147.9	147.5	145.4	144.9
<i>West South Central</i>													
Dallas.....	134.7	127.2	129.2	134.3	137.0	138.2	136.6	135.5	135.4	134.8	137.1	136.0	135.5
Houston.....	139.0	134.8	137.9	142.7	143.4	143.7	140.0	137.4	136.2	138.7	138.4	137.3	137.5
Little Rock.....	136.1	130.6	131.5	137.4	140.8	141.8	140.1	135.2	137.6	138.0	133.4	134.5	135.3
New Orleans.....	151.7	144.8	147.0	153.2	160.7	152.5	152.2	153.8	153.3	151.7	152.1	149.9	149.0
<i>Mountain</i>													
Butte.....	136.1	131.8	131.8	133.5	134.7	138.3	140.6	138.6	137.2	136.0	136.5	136.9	137.2
Denver.....	137.2	132.6	133.9	137.2	139.0	143.8	141.0	138.4	134.5	134.8	135.3	136.8	138.7
Salt Lake City.....	141.2	139.0	138.5	141.1	142.2	144.7	144.1	142.2	139.5	138.6	140.5	142.6	141.3
<i>Pacific</i>													
Los Angeles.....	143.3	141.8	139.5	142.8	146.2	146.2	146.8	142.4	141.1	141.8	143.3	144.4	143.3
Portland, Oreg.....	147.3	146.4	147.0	148.5	150.3	153.6	152.1	145.7	144.7	144.8	144.6	145.0	144.9
San Francisco.....	143.4	141.3	141.7	143.7	149.7	148.0	149.8	140.0	137.3	139.9	142.4	143.7	143.7
Seattle.....	144.0	143.5	143.9	144.7	145.9	150.3	146.6	140.9	139.8	142.4	142.8	143.6	143.1

¹ Aggregate costs of 54 foods in 1942 and 61 foods in 1943 in each city, weighted to represent total purchases of families of wage earners and lower-salaried workers, have been combined for the United States with the use of population weights.

² Includes Portsmouth and Newport News.

³ June 1940=100.

TABLE 6.—Annual Average Retail Prices of Principal Articles of Food, by Cities, 1942 and 1943

Article	United States		New England														
			Boston		Bridgeport		Fall River		Manchester		New Haven		Portland, Maine		Providence		
	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	
Cereals and bakery products:																	
Cereals:	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>
Flour, wheat..... 10 pounds.....	52.8	61.1	52.2	63.0	58.2	62.7	51.5	62.1	52.1	58.8	54.7	65.0	60.3	58.6	54.0	63.1	63.1
Macaroni..... pound.....	14.2	15.2	13.7	15.4	14.8	16.3	14.8	16.9	15.4	16.0	13.2	15.8	14.7	15.4	12.8	13.7	13.7
Wheat cereal..... 28 ounces.....	24.0	23.6	24.0	24.4	23.8	24.0	22.0	22.5	24.6	24.1	24.3	26.1	22.8	22.5	19.2	20.8	20.8
Corn flakes..... 8 ounces.....	7.1	6.8	7.3	6.7	8.0	7.5	7.2	6.9	8.3	7.2	7.6	7.6	7.8	7.5	6.8	6.5	6.5
Corn meal..... pound.....	4.8	5.6	6.7	7.0	6.9	6.8	7.7	7.6	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.0	6.2	6.1	6.4	6.4
Rice..... do.....	12.1	12.7	11.3	12.8	12.3	13.5	11.5	12.8	11.8	11.9	12.3	13.5	12.1	13.1	12.2	12.7	12.7
Rolled oats..... do.....	8.6	8.7	8.6	8.7	9.1	8.9	8.5	9.2	8.8	8.9	8.6	9.0	8.6	8.7	7.9	8.7	8.7
Flour, pancake ¹ 20 ounces.....		10.8		11.9		11.8		11.3		10.6		11.6		11.9		9.4	9.4
Bakery products:																	
Bread, white..... pound.....	8.7	8.9	8.4	8.7	8.6	8.7	8.4	8.5	8.9	8.8	8.8	8.6	8.6	9.0	8.4	8.3	8.3
Bread, whole-wheat..... do.....	9.5	9.8	9.6	9.8	9.9	10.0	9.4	9.4	10.2	10.0	10.0	10.2	9.8	10.1	9.7	10.3	10.3
Bread, rye..... do.....	9.7	10.0	9.4	9.5	10.2	10.0	9.9	9.8	9.9	10.0	9.7	9.6	9.8	9.9	9.5	10.1	10.1
Vanilla cookies..... do.....	27.0	28.6	28.6	23.5	25.1	32.1	22.3	(7)	20.4	26.6	25.9	26.0	25.8	31.2	20.4	26.2	26.2
Soda crackers..... do.....	16.4	18.0	15.5	20.0	17.6	19.1	15.4	18.0	14.7	19.4	18.2	19.5	18.4	19.5	16.9	17.2	17.2
Meats:																	
Beef:																	
Round steak..... do.....	43.5	43.9	50.7	49.5	48.6	50.3	50.0	49.8	50.7	47.1	48.0	50.3	47.0	46.8	47.5	46.8	46.8
Rib roast..... do.....	34.0	35.2	32.1	35.1	35.7	38.4	32.8	36.2	33.2	34.0	33.8	38.1	33.0	33.2	33.8	35.8	35.8
Chuck roast..... do.....	29.3	30.2	31.1	33.1	32.3	36.8	30.3	32.8	30.4	31.7	31.3	34.5	29.6	31.1	31.5	31.9	31.9
Stew meat ¹ do.....		33.1		33.7		38.9		37.2		35.3		38.1		32.2		34.1	34.1
Liver ¹ do.....		37.1		34.7		38.9		32.9		31.9		40.1		32.2		32.6	32.6
Hamburger ¹ do.....		30.5		32.9		38.0		36.1		31.2		34.2		30.6		32.4	32.4
Veal:																	
Outlets..... do.....	53.8	50.0	52.7	49.7	57.8	53.8	53.0	53.5	52.9	49.6	56.4	52.2	50.8	48.8	58.2	48.7	48.7
Roast, boned and rolled ¹ do.....		36.4		35.4		37.0		31.8		34.7		37.2		35.9		32.7	32.7
Pork:																	
Chops..... do.....	41.4	40.3	41.0	41.2	42.8	42.5	42.6	41.7	40.8	40.2	41.6	42.0	40.6	41.2	42.0	40.7	40.7
Bacon, sliced..... do.....	39.4	43.1	38.6	44.3	38.3	43.8	35.4	43.1	37.2	42.1	37.8	43.9	39.0	43.1	37.3	43.3	43.3
Ham, sliced..... do.....	58.4	56.2	53.2	55.4	57.5	58.6	52.9	55.6	54.9	53.7	55.1	57.7	57.1	57.1	54.9	53.4	53.4
Ham, whole..... do.....	37.4	37.7	37.8	37.8	38.0	38.5	37.5	38.8	39.4	36.7	37.1	38.8	38.0	37.4	37.2	36.4	36.4
Salt pork..... do.....	23.2	23.6	20.6	21.0	20.5	22.8	19.9	20.7	21.1	20.0	20.6	24.7	19.7	21.5	21.2	20.8	20.8
Liver ¹ do.....		22.9		22.8		23.8		24.1		23.9		25.1		23.8		23.1	23.1
Sausage ¹ do.....		38.3		44.8		43.3		44.9		43.1		43.9		43.5		46.7	46.7
Bologna, big ¹ do.....		34.1		35.0		37.2		33.6		31.3		38.9		32.3		34.4	34.4
Lamb:																	
Leg..... do.....	35.3	40.2	36.0	41.6	35.6	41.6	35.4	40.6	35.0	40.5	35.0	41.4	36.4	41.1	35.8	40.8	40.8
Rib chops..... do.....	43.4	47.2	40.3	46.9	42.2	48.4	42.0	48.1	37.7	43.5	42.2	49.4	40.3	45.9	43.1	47.1	47.1
Poultry: Roasting chickens..... do.....	39.1	44.9	39.5	44.6	40.5	45.2	40.0	44.7	36.4	43.6	39.2	45.0	38.1	44.8	40.5	45.3	45.3

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 6.—Annual Average Retail Prices of Principal Articles of Food, by Cities, 1942 and 1943—Continued

Article	United States		New England														
			Boston		Bridgeport		Fall River		Manchester		New Haven		Portland, Maine		Providence		
	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	
Fish: ³	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>
Salmon, pink.....16-ounce can.....	21.6	23.5	20.8	23.8	22.3	25.1	22.2	23.7	23.5	25.2	21.9	25.3	21.8	23.8	20.8	23.3	23.8
Salmon, red.....do.....	39.8	41.3	40.7	42.1	40.8	43.8	41.6	41.7	43.0	43.6	41.5	45.6	41.3	40.8	39.6	41.7	41.7
Dairy products:																	
Butter.....pound.....	47.3	52.7	48.5	52.2	48.3	53.5	47.6	52.2	48.1	52.8	48.2	53.3	47.6	52.3	47.5	52.6	52.6
Cheese.....do.....	34.8	37.4	34.0	36.6	35.1	37.6	34.0	38.7	34.3	36.2	35.3	39.5	35.1	37.1	33.1	37.3	37.3
Milk, fresh (delivered).....quart.....	15.0	15.5	15.0	15.7	16.0	16.0	15.0	15.8	14.1	15.4	16.0	16.0	14.9	15.4	16.0	16.0	16.0
Milk, fresh (store).....do.....	13.5	14.3	14.1	14.8	15.0	15.0	14.4	15.0	14.1	15.3	15.2	15.3	14.8	15.3	15.0	15.0	15.0
Milk, fresh (delivered and store).....do.....	14.5	15.1	14.7	15.4	15.9	15.9	14.7	15.5	14.1	15.4	15.7	15.8	14.8	15.4	15.7	15.7	15.7
Milk, evaporated.....14½-ounce can.....	8.9	10.0	9.2	10.3	9.0	13.0	8.9	10.3	9.5	10.4	9.1	10.5	9.3	10.5	8.8	10.2	10.2
Eggs, fresh.....dozen.....	48.4	57.2	52.0	59.8	53.5	61.1	48.2	57.7	49.1	57.5	52.5	61.5	51.6	58.0	49.3	59.3	59.3
Fruits and vegetables:																	
Fresh fruits:																	
Apples.....pound.....	6.9	10.8	6.4	9.8	6.4	10.2	7.2	10.1	6.1	8.3	6.4	9.9	6.1	9.2	6.8	10.4	10.4
Bananas.....do.....	10.2	11.7	11.6	12.8	11.9	12.7	11.5	12.3	10.5	12.8	11.2	12.5	10.3	13.8	11.6	12.8	12.8
Oranges.....dozen.....	35.7	44.3	37.6	46.5	39.7	48.1	37.9	46.3	39.6	47.3	37.8	48.7	38.0	50.1	37.5	47.1	47.1
Grapfruit.....each.....	6.8	8.2	8.5	8.9	7.6	9.7	7.2	8.8	7.5	9.2	8.1	9.2	7.8	8.5	7.6	8.7	8.7
Fresh vegetables:																	
Beans, green.....pound.....	14.9	18.7	16.0	19.0	15.7	20.3	16.3	17.7	15.3	18.8	17.0	20.7	15.5	18.0	16.6	17.5	17.5
Cabbage.....do.....	4.3	7.1	4.8	7.8	4.9	7.8	4.9	8.4	4.9	7.3	4.9	8.3	4.6	6.8	4.6	7.6	7.6
Carrots.....bunch.....	7.4	8.8	7.9	9.9	9.0	11.3	8.8	10.2	8.1	9.8	9.2	11.3	8.3	9.5	8.4	10.7	10.7
Lettuce.....head.....	12.0	14.0	13.8	16.8	13.2	16.5	13.6	16.5	14.1	16.7	12.8	16.4	13.3	17.0	13.2	16.0	16.0
Onions.....pound.....	5.9	7.5	6.2	8.0	6.2	8.6	6.2	8.2	6.5	8.3	6.3	8.9	6.8	8.5	6.1	7.9	7.9
Potatoes.....15 pounds.....	51.3	68.4	45.2	63.2	46.0	66.9	45.0	62.4	44.6	63.4	46.5	61.6	43.0	61.3	43.7	65.3	65.3
Spinach.....pound.....	9.0	11.8	8.5	11.8	8.7	12.3	8.1	12.0	8.3	11.0	8.7	12.5	8.6	12.8	8.2	11.4	11.4
Sweetpotatoes.....do.....	5.8	11.7	6.5	13.6	7.3	14.0	6.7	12.8	6.7	14.6	6.5	16.0	6.4	14.4	6.8	15.8	15.8
Beets.....bunch.....		9.8		11.7		11.3		11.9		11.6		10.9		12.3		12.2	12.2
Canned fruits:																	
Peaches.....No. 2½ can.....	23.6	26.4	24.6	28.3	25.5	29.3	25.5	27.8	25.2	27.4	24.5	28.5	25.4	27.9	23.4	28.0	28.0
Pineapple.....do.....	27.1	28.5	27.7	30.3	28.7	31.2	28.3	30.1	29.6	30.4	29.9	30.6	28.8	29.7	26.3	28.7	28.7
Grapfruit juice.....No. 2 can.....	11.2	14.1	11.2	14.2	11.8	14.7	12.3	14.4	12.7	14.3	11.7	15.2	12.0	14.0	11.6	14.3	14.3
Canned vegetables:																	
Beans, green.....do.....	13.7	14.8	15.2	16.4	16.3	17.6	15.1	16.4	16.2	15.8	15.7	16.9	14.8	15.3	14.2	16.0	16.0
Corn.....do.....	13.0	14.1	13.6	14.4	14.4	15.3	14.0	14.5	14.2	14.9	13.9	14.8	13.5	14.2	13.0	13.8	13.8
Peas.....do.....	15.1	15.0	16.3	16.6	17.0	17.8	16.6	16.4	16.8	16.2	15.7	16.5	15.1	15.6	14.6	15.9	15.9
Tomatoes.....do.....	11.7	12.6	12.8	13.3	12.3	13.5	11.8	13.1	12.8	13.0	11.9	13.4	13.0	13.4	11.7	12.7	12.7
Soup, vegetable.....11-ounce can.....		13.0		12.5		12.8		13.5		12.8		13.1		13.1		12.9	12.9
Dried fruits: Prunes.....pound.....	13.3	16.6	13.0	17.6	14.1	18.9	13.3	15.9	13.7	17.4	13.9	18.6	13.3	16.6	12.7	16.8	16.8

Dried vegetables:																
Navy beans.....do.....	9.0	10.1	9.6	10.9	9.9	10.7	8.8	9.7	9.8	10.3	9.7	10.4	9.7	10.2	8.6	10.2
Soup, dehydrated, chicken noodle ¹.....ounce.....		3.7		3.7		3.8		4.1		3.8		3.8		4.0		3.8
Beverages:																
Coffee.....pound.....	28.3	30.0	28.1	30.9	29.7	31.3	28.7	30.4	30.2	30.1	29.7	32.4	28.4	29.2	27.8	30.6
Tea.....¾ pound.....	21.8	22.2	21.6	24.0	21.4	20.5	20.3	22.1	21.3	23.6	20.6	22.2	21.3	22.1	19.9	21.1
Cocoa.....½ pound.....	10.1	9.2	9.9	10.4	9.9	6.5	9.5	10.3	11.1	10.4	9.9	8.3	10.3	10.2	8.6	9.8
Fats and oils:																
Lard.....pound.....	17.2	19.0	16.6	19.0	16.8	18.9	16.5	19.0	17.3	19.0	16.9	19.4	16.7	19.0	16.1	19.0
Shortening, other than lard—																
In cartons.....do.....	19.4	20.0	18.4	22.1	17.3	18.9	23.2	24.9	20.0	21.2	17.6	17.6	18.3	20.2	(9)	20.5
In other containers.....do.....	24.9	24.7	25.2	24.7	26.1	25.7	25.9	24.6	26.4	24.7	26.0	25.2	25.6	24.8	25.3	25.2
Salad dressing.....pint.....	25.0	25.2	24.5	24.8	24.6	26.1	25.9	26.2	26.5	25.6	25.3	26.7	26.1	26.6	24.5	25.5
Oleomargarine.....pound.....	22.1	23.6	23.5	25.7	19.4	21.2	23.4	24.6	23.5	25.1	20.6	21.1	22.5	24.7	23.0	24.2
Peanut butter.....do.....	32.2	32.2	26.2	31.6	25.6	31.6	25.1	31.2	26.7	31.8	24.9	32.7	26.9	31.9	24.5	31.2
Oil, cooking or salad ¹.....pint.....		30.4		30.6		30.3		30.4		30.6		31.9		29.6		29.8
Sugar and sweets:																
Sugar.....pound.....	6.8	6.8	6.4	6.6	7.1	7.0	6.8	6.9	7.0	6.8	6.9	7.0	6.8	6.8	6.6	6.7
Corn sirup.....24 ounces.....	14.8	15.6	16.6	17.0	17.2	17.9	16.5	16.9	17.7	17.5	16.4	18.0	18.0	18.5	16.4	17.4
Molasses.....18 ounces.....	14.6	15.7	15.3	15.7	14.5	15.8	14.2	15.2	13.8	14.4	14.7	16.4	13.8	15.2	14.2	15.3
Apple butter ¹.....16 ounces.....		13.2		18.4		15.1		19.0		15.6		12.7		18.5		20.3

Article	Middle Atlantic														East North Central	
	Buffalo		Newark		New York		Philadelphia		Pittsburgh		Rochester		Scranton		Chicago ⁴	
	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943
	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
Cereals and bakery products:																
Cereals:																
Flour, wheat.....10 pounds.....	45.4	56.2	54.4	62.2	57.4	61.9	49.8	57.8	55.2	60.7	54.5	62.0	53.6	57.0	52.8	57.8
Macaroni.....pound.....	15.1	15.6	15.3	16.5	15.5	15.9	15.2	16.2	14.8	16.2	14.8	15.5	14.3	15.1	12.0	12.9
Wheat cereal.....28 ounces.....	23.0	22.7	23.4	23.7	23.6	23.1	23.7	22.4	23.9	24.2	23.0	22.0	23.0	22.0	26.3	24.4
Corn flakes.....8 ounces.....	7.0	6.9	7.1	6.9	7.6	7.0	6.6	6.5	7.0	6.6	7.3	6.9	7.2	6.4	7.1	6.4
Corn meal.....pound.....	6.2	6.2	6.4	6.2	6.7	6.5	6.5	6.1	5.4	6.0	5.6	5.6	5.4	5.7	6.5	6.1
Rice.....do.....	12.0	12.5	11.7	13.0	12.0	12.7	13.2	13.1	12.0	12.2	11.6	12.2	11.6	12.4	12.8	12.9
Rolled oats.....do.....	8.5	8.6	8.4	8.6	8.4	8.4	8.0	8.4	8.7	8.5	8.8	8.5	8.6	8.4	8.1	8.4
Flour, pancake ¹.....20 ounces.....		10.8		10.2		10.8		10.0		10.7		10.5		9.4		10.5
Bakery products:																
Bread, white.....pound.....	8.6	8.7	9.4	9.4	9.6	9.6	9.3	9.8	8.9	9.1	8.4	8.2	9.1	9.2	7.3	7.6
Bread, whole wheat.....do.....	10.1	10.4	10.1	10.4	9.6	10.0	10.4	10.8	11.6	10.8	9.9	9.4	10.5	10.9	9.6	9.7
Bread, rye.....do.....	9.8	9.7	10.0	10.5	9.6	10.2	10.3	10.8	10.4	10.0	9.4	9.5	10.7	10.7	9.4	9.2
Vanilla cookies.....do.....	31.5	38.8	32.0	41.0	32.9	34.3	27.4	26.8	27.9	32.4	19.4	17.2	28.9	27.6	32.7	36.2
Soda crackers.....do.....	14.8	13.6	15.0	13.6	13.4	13.1	15.0	13.6	15.6	13.7	13.3	16.7	17.1	17.1	15.7	13.3

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TABLE 6.—Annual Average Retail Prices of Principal Articles of Food, by Cities, 1942 and 1943—Continued

Article	Middle Atlantic														East North Central		
	Buffalo		Newark		New York		Philadelphia		Pittsburgh		Rochester		Scranton		Chicago 4		
	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	
Meats:																	
Beef:																	
Round steak.....pound..	41.4	43.7	44.0	47.7	45.4	45.7	46.0	48.4	45.0	44.9	43.9	43.8	44.8	46.2	40.9	41.4	
Rib roast.....do.....	33.7	36.2	31.5	37.1	34.2	36.0	34.8	37.3	35.9	36.3	33.6	34.2	35.6	36.8	34.5	34.6	
Chuck roast.....do.....	29.2	31.1	27.9	32.6	29.3	29.9	28.3	32.5	31.9	31.4	29.7	30.4	30.4	31.8	30.1	29.3	
Stew meat 1.....do.....		34.3		38.5		34.2		36.9		32.2		34.5		30.6		33.4	
Liver 1.....do.....		38.1		37.0		37.8		37.4		37.6		38.7		33.9		37.8	
Hamburger 1.....do.....		29.5		33.0		32.4		31.8		30.7		28.5		32.4		29.3	
Veal:																	
Cutlets.....do.....	52.1	52.5	56.2	53.6	58.9	52.4	60.9	55.2	53.2	50.7	53.2	47.2	51.0	50.2	50.4	47.1	
Roast, boned and rolled 1.....do.....		34.1		36.1		34.8		42.9		40.9		33.7		40.7		37.6	
Pork:																	
Chops.....do.....	44.1	41.5	40.8	41.1	41.5	49.2	41.6	41.9	43.6	40.5	44.8	40.8	42.9	41.5	41.6	39.7	
Bacon, sliced.....do.....	38.2	42.9	38.3	43.0	41.4	43.2	38.4	42.9	39.3	42.9	37.3	42.5	38.4	43.1	40.9	43.1	
Ham, sliced.....do.....	58.3	57.4	53.3	54.3	58.2	54.9	61.1	60.0	61.2	57.4	55.1	53.7	58.7	56.5	58.6	55.0	
Ham, whole.....do.....	36.9	37.4	36.9	38.8	37.6	37.2	37.7	38.6	37.3	36.9	37.4	36.7	38.1	37.4	36.4	36.7	
Salt pork.....do.....	28.0	22.7	27.0	24.8	30.7	26.2	29.1	26.2	22.0	22.5	28.9	23.9	24.3	25.1	25.5	23.8	
Liver 1.....do.....		22.5		21.4		21.8		24.8		22.7		22.4		21.3		21.7	
Sausage 1.....do.....		34.4		39.3		41.4		40.3		37.1		36.6		38.6		36.9	
Bologna, big 1.....do.....		33.2		37.0		36.6		39.2		34.6		32.5		35.1		35.6	
Lamb:																	
Leg.....do.....	34.1	39.0	33.4	40.8	34.9	40.7	35.1	41.4	35.1	39.8	34.7	39.3	36.0	40.2	34.5	38.1	
Rib chops.....do.....	41.1	45.4	40.2	47.3	43.7	47.8	48.0	50.2	44.0	47.2	41.7	46.0	45.7	48.2	42.6	45.1	
Poultry: Roasting chickens.....do.....	38.1	45.9	38.7	44.1	40.1	45.2	39.9	45.5	38.4	45.6	38.0	44.2	37.5	44.6	39.9	44.2	
Fish: 3																	
Salmon, pink.....16-ounce can..	20.9	23.3	22.1	26.2	22.3	23.4	20.9	23.2	23.3	24.0	20.8	23.3	21.6	23.9	22.9	24.0	
Salmon, red.....do.....	37.6	42.2	40.6	40.6	39.9	41.1	37.9	39.2	40.1	38.8	38.0	43.3	38.8	41.2	41.3	44.2	
Dairy products:																	
Butter.....pound.....	45.0	52.1	47.9	53.5	48.1	53.1	47.0	52.7	47.5	52.2	44.8	51.2	46.3	52.4	46.2	52.1	
Cheese.....do.....	34.3	38.0	36.3	38.7	36.4	37.7	34.2	37.7	33.7	36.9	34.5	36.7	34.3	36.3	34.9	36.5	
Milk, fresh (delivered).....quart..	15.0	16.0	16.9	17.0	16.9	17.4	14.0	14.0	14.0	15.5	15.1	16.0	14.0	15.0	15.0	17.5	
Milk, fresh (store).....do.....	14.0	15.0	15.8	15.9	13.2	14.4	13.4	13.6	14.0	15.5	14.0	15.0	14.0	15.0	12.8	14.5	
Milk, fresh (delivered and store).....do.....	14.6	15.6	16.7	16.7	15.4	16.0	13.9	13.9	14.0	15.5	15.0	15.9	14.0	15.0	14.7	16.0	
Milk, evaporated.....14½-ounce can..	8.8	10.2	8.9	10.5	9.0	10.3	8.8	10.2	8.8	9.9	8.9	10.2	9.0	10.1	8.7	9.7	
Eggs, fresh.....dozen.....	47.7	57.0	54.0	60.4	54.6	60.8	51.4	59.3	48.7	57.7	47.0	56.5	47.4	56.5	46.5	57.2	

Fruits and vegetables:					
Fresh fruits:					
Apples.....	pound	6.4	9.9	6.6	9.5
Bananas.....	do	9.5	12.0	11.0	11.5
Oranges.....	dozen	35.9	46.8	37.1	43.8
Grapefruit.....	each	6.9	8.4	7.3	8.4
Fresh vegetables:					
Beans, green.....	pound	18.1	22.2	14.2	18.2
Cabbage.....	do	3.8	7.4	4.5	7.4
Carrots.....	bunch	7.3	9.2	9.4	10.6
Lettuce.....	head	12.0	14.7	12.8	15.3
Onions.....	pound	6.0	7.8	6.0	8.0
Potatoes.....	15 pounds	42.8	62.4	49.5	65.4
Spinach.....	pound	8.7	11.5	10.0	12.5
Sweetpotatoes.....	do	7.1	14.9	6.5	13.1
Beets ¹	bunch		9.7		9.7
Canned fruits:					
Peaches.....	No. 2½ can	23.1	25.0	23.2	27.5
Pineapple.....	do	27.4	27.7	26.6	30.2
Grapefruit juice.....	No. 2 can	10.8	13.6	11.2	14.7
Canned vegetables:					
Beans, green.....	do	15.1	16.7	15.0	15.5
Corn.....	do	13.3	13.6	13.0	14.9
Peas.....	do	14.6	15.1	15.5	16.1
Tomatoes.....	do	12.1	13.1	11.3	13.3
Soup, vegetable ¹	11 ounce can		12.6		12.4
Dried fruits: Prunes.....	pound	13.9	16.8	12.5	17.2
Dried vegetables:					
Navy beans.....	do	8.5	8.7	9.8	10.0
Soup, dehydrated, chicken noodle ¹	ounce		3.7		3.7
Beverages:					
Coffee.....	pound	27.0	27.6	28.7	30.4
Tea.....	¼ pound	20.5	20.2	20.7	21.4
Cocoa.....	½ pound	9.9	9.4	9.2	8.2
Fats and oils:					
Lard.....	pound	16.6	18.8	17.6	19.8
Shortening, other than lard—					
In cartons.....	do	18.1	21.2	17.4	19.3
In other containers.....	do	24.2	24.0	24.3	24.9
Salad dressing.....	pint	24.3	24.3	25.8	24.7
Oleomargarine.....	pound	19.8	22.2	20.7	22.9
Peanut butter.....	do	24.9	31.7	26.3	30.9
Oil, cooking or salad ¹	pint		29.5		29.3
Sugar and sweets:					
Sugar.....	pound	6.9	6.7	6.6	6.7
Corn sirup.....	24 ounces	15.2	16.0	15.0	16.2
Molasses.....	18 ounces	14.0	14.0	15.4	16.7
Apple butter ¹	16 ounces		11.4		10.9

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7.1	10.1	6.7	10.9	6.0	10.4	5.7	9.1	6.4	9.2	7.4	11.9
11.5	11.8	10.2	12.0	9.9	11.8	9.1	11.4	9.8	11.7	10.0	12.2
40.4	46.0	36.2	44.1	35.9	48.7	33.8	42.9	34.4	40.7	36.9	44.7
8.0	9.0	6.5	8.7	7.1	8.0	7.0	9.7	8.4	9.1	6.9	8.2
15.0	18.8	14.7	18.2	15.7	18.6	16.9	21.2	15.3	18.5	16.6	19.6
4.8	7.4	4.5	7.4	4.4	7.5	4.3	7.5	3.9	7.0	3.9	7.1
9.2	10.4	8.2	9.9	7.7	9.4	6.3	8.0	8.1	9.7	6.9	7.9
13.2	14.3	12.9	14.8	12.4	14.4	12.6	14.6	12.8	14.6	11.9	13.3
6.0	7.6	5.9	7.8	6.1	8.2	5.8	7.5	5.7	7.6	5.4	7.0
50.8	68.3	49.2	67.6	47.5	66.4	40.2	61.9	41.2	63.2	56.8	70.8
9.8	12.4	9.6	12.8	9.1	12.6	8.2	11.3	8.7	11.5	9.3	12.1
6.9	13.5	7.0	12.3	6.8	13.9	6.0	11.6	6.9	14.3	5.9	14.9
	8.4		9.3		10.8		8.7		9.4		8.6
23.9	26.4	22.5	25.7	23.8	26.6	23.8	26.7	24.2	26.1	24.5	27.0
27.4	29.0	25.6	28.0	28.1	28.7	27.2	27.7	27.1	31.0	29.2	28.6
11.1	14.2	10.5	13.4	11.5	14.5	11.5	14.0	11.0	13.5	10.9	14.2
15.9	15.9	12.8	13.8	14.1	14.7	14.3	15.0	15.0	15.1	14.3	14.2
13.8	14.3	12.4	13.7	13.3	14.1	13.3	13.1	13.2	13.9	14.1	14.1
16.0	15.6	16.0	14.9	15.5	15.0	15.3	14.9	15.3	15.1	15.4	13.8
12.5	13.3	11.6	12.5	11.7	12.8	12.0	12.6	11.6	12.3	12.3	12.7
	12.7		12.5		12.9		12.4		12.0		13.0
13.3	16.6	13.5	16.7	13.2	16.3	15.4	16.6	13.2	16.6	14.5	17.6
10.7	11.3	8.7	10.0	7.9	9.2	8.3	9.2	10.1	9.6	9.0	9.9
	3.8		3.7		3.6		3.6		3.6		3.5
29.2	30.3	26.8	28.7	27.0	28.4	25.5	26.4	27.2	27.0	29.2	30.4
22.5	22.3	19.5	19.6	22.5	22.7	21.4	21.3	21.4	21.5	23.8	23.1
10.0	8.0	8.4	8.0	9.8	9.6	10.2	8.6	9.3	9.5	9.7	9.5
18.1	19.4	17.1	19.0	17.2	18.4	16.9	18.6	17.8	19.8	17.3	19.4
17.3	18.7	18.2	18.3	20.2	18.9	19.1	20.4	18.7	19.5	21.3	20.6
24.4	25.3	24.7	24.5	25.3	24.5	25.1	25.0	26.7	24.9	25.5	24.9
27.0	26.4	23.6	23.4	24.8	24.7	24.5	23.5	22.5	22.8	25.6	26.1
21.2	21.9	22.9	23.2	22.8	23.5	21.0	22.4	20.2	20.0	22.3	22.4
27.1	31.4	26.2	29.6	25.6	32.3	25.3	32.2	25.9	29.9	27.0	31.8
	30.3		30.7		29.1		30.3		29.8		30.5
6.6	6.6	6.5	6.6	7.2	7.0	6.9	6.6	6.7	6.6	6.9	6.9
15.6	16.6	13.6	16.0	14.6	15.5	15.6	16.3	14.9	15.5	12.6	14.0
15.7	16.3	14.1	15.3	17.3	17.6	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.3	15.8	16.1
	12.2		10.2		13.3		11.3		10.0		13.7

TABLE 6.—Annual Average Retail Prices of Principal Articles of Food, by Cities, 1942 and 1943—Continued

Article	East North Central—Continued																
	Cincinnati		Cleveland		Columbus		Detroit 4		Indianapolis		Milwaukee		Peoria 4		Springfield 4		
	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	
Cereals and bakery products:																	
Cereals:	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>
Flour, wheat..... 10 pounds	50.6	59.8	52.8	62.3	48.2	57.0	51.3	60.9	52.3	57.0	56.7	59.3	53.8	60.6	53.8	58.0	58.0
Macaroni..... pound	15.6	16.9	11.6	13.3	16.4	16.3	12.7	14.6	14.6	15.0	11.1	12.1	11.4	12.4	11.1	12.2	12.2
Wheat cereal..... 28 ounces	22.0	21.3	21.8	22.6	21.1	20.2	24.9	24.1	26.3	24.3	24.7	23.6	23.5	23.8	24.4	23.7	23.7
Corn flakes..... 8 ounces	7.2	6.6	6.8	6.8	6.9	6.6	6.8	6.8	7.0	6.4	7.1	6.6	6.7	6.6	6.9	6.6	6.6
Corn meal..... pound	4.2	5.2	5.0	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.6	6.0	4.2	5.2	6.6	6.6	4.9	5.7	4.8	5.7	5.7
Rice..... do	12.7	13.2	12.3	13.2	13.2	12.5	12.7	13.1	12.6	12.7	12.7	13.1	12.2	13.8	12.3	13.2	13.2
Rolled oats..... do	8.4	8.5	8.4	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.3	8.4	8.0	8.3	8.4	8.8	8.0	8.6	8.7	8.6	8.6
Flour, pancake 1..... 20 ounces	-----	11.0	-----	11.3	-----	10.0	-----	10.1	-----	9.7	-----	10.7	-----	10.3	-----	9.8	9.8
Bakery products:																	
Bread, white..... pound	7.0	8.1	8.6	8.7	8.3	8.4	8.4	8.4	7.6	8.0	8.5	8.2	8.4	9.2	9.1	9.6	9.6
Bread, whole-wheat..... do	10.3	10.5	10.0	10.4	9.6	10.5	10.2	10.6	9.6	10.0	9.8	10.0	9.7	9.8	9.8	10.6	10.6
Bread, rye..... do	10.1	10.2	9.3	9.4	9.5	10.1	9.9	10.3	8.9	9.5	9.0	9.0	9.7	9.5	9.8	9.5	9.5
Vanilla cookies..... do	21.2	20.9	25.5	32.0	22.4	23.9	22.6	28.1	25.4	34.4	23.0	27.9	32.0	33.8	27.1	23.0	23.0
Soda crackers..... do	14.7	15.9	15.7	16.8	17.3	16.9	18.9	18.7	15.1	16.5	17.7	18.4	16.1	20.1	17.3	18.6	18.6
Meats:																	
Beef:																	
Round steak..... do	43.1	44.2	41.4	41.8	40.8	40.4	41.1	42.4	44.3	42.5	41.5	41.7	42.9	44.0	42.5	43.1	43.1
Rib roast..... do	33.6	34.8	34.6	35.4	35.5	34.2	31.9	33.8	33.5	33.4	32.4	33.6	32.8	34.3	30.5	32.3	32.3
Chuck roast..... do	28.6	29.7	29.5	30.0	29.6	29.1	29.5	29.9	28.7	29.0	30.3	29.5	30.4	31.3	28.5	29.7	29.7
Stew meat 1..... do	-----	30.4	-----	31.7	-----	30.3	-----	33.5	-----	30.9	-----	30.5	-----	34.2	-----	31.8	31.8
Liver 1..... do	-----	59.1	-----	37.5	-----	35.5	-----	37.8	-----	34.6	-----	36.7	-----	37.4	-----	35.1	35.1
Hamburger 1..... do	-----	29.7	-----	28.3	-----	30.2	-----	30.1	-----	28.6	-----	29.2	-----	30.2	-----	30.8	30.8
Veal:																	
Cutlets..... do	49.7	48.2	49.1	47.8	49.6	46.6	52.5	50.5	52.2	47.5	45.3	44.1	48.4	48.5	47.4	48.6	48.6
Roast, boned and rolled 1..... do	-----	36.0	-----	35.9	-----	36.6	-----	36.5	-----	32.3	-----	33.2	-----	39.4	-----	43.8	43.8
Pork:																	
Chops..... do	39.9	38.8	41.9	40.0	41.0	39.4	43.7	40.9	40.0	38.5	39.6	38.0	40.2	39.6	39.8	39.2	39.2
Bacon, sliced..... do	37.8	40.9	38.4	41.8	39.8	41.6	42.3	44.0	38.6	41.9	42.0	42.6	41.6	44.2	40.5	42.8	42.8
Ham, sliced..... do	57.8	55.1	59.4	56.8	58.0	55.4	60.1	57.2	57.6	54.3	57.0	53.9	59.7	56.8	59.7	56.5	56.5
Ham, whole..... do	35.6	35.7	37.2	37.8	36.7	36.6	38.7	38.6	35.7	36.3	37.5	36.7	37.9	38.0	38.1	37.8	37.8
Salt pork..... do	22.8	23.0	24.4	22.9	22.9	22.8	25.3	24.1	23.9	22.0	28.3	24.2	25.1	23.9	23.5	22.5	22.5
Liver 1..... do	-----	21.1	-----	22.4	-----	21.4	-----	22.7	-----	22.3	-----	20.5	-----	22.5	-----	23.4	23.4
Sausage 1..... do	-----	33.3	-----	35.4	-----	37.2	-----	39.0	-----	32.8	-----	36.3	-----	34.6	-----	36.9	36.9
Bologna, big 1..... do	-----	27.6	-----	33.8	-----	28.1	-----	33.7	-----	28.5	-----	35.2	-----	33.3	-----	30.3	30.3
Lamb:																	
Leg..... do	35.8	39.2	34.6	38.5	37.8	38.8	35.7	39.4	35.8	39.6	36.6	38.8	36.0	39.3	35.1	38.0	38.0
Rib chops..... do	48.3	48.5	46.4	48.2	50.2	46.9	46.1	47.5	47.2	45.6	40.5	43.5	43.9	45.6	45.2	45.4	45.4
Poultry: Roasting chickens..... do	37.8	50.8	39.6	44.7	35.8	45.9	40.1	46.0	36.0	40.7	37.0	41.2	35.3	40.0	34.8	46.8	46.8

Fish: [‡]					
Salmon, pink.....	16-ounce can.....	21.5	22.5	21.2	22.1
Salmon, red.....	do.....	40.9	44.7	39.6	39.6
Dairy products:					
Butter.....	pound.....	45.5	51.7	45.2	51.0
Cheese.....	do.....	32.4	36.8	34.8	36.4
Milk, fresh (delivered).....	quart.....	15.0	15.0	14.0	14.9
Milk, fresh (store).....	do.....	14.0	13.9	13.0	13.9
Milk, fresh (delivered and store).....	do.....	14.6	14.5	13.7	14.6
Milk, evaporated.....	14½-ounce can.....	8.8	9.8	8.7	9.8
Eggs, fresh.....	dozen.....	43.0	52.7	48.0	57.3
Fruits and vegetables:					
Fresh fruits:					
Apples.....	pound.....	6.5	10.3	6.3	10.7
Bananas.....	do.....	10.3	12.8	10.1	11.2
Oranges.....	dozen.....	36.6	47.2	38.4	45.8
Grapefruit.....	each.....	6.7	8.9	7.1	8.7
Fresh vegetables:					
Beans, green.....	pound.....	14.4	17.7	16.4	21.2
Cabbage.....	do.....	4.3	7.4	4.2	7.5
Carrots.....	bunch.....	8.1	9.8	6.8	8.6
Lettuce.....	head.....	12.7	14.2	12.2	14.7
Onions.....	pound.....	6.0	7.7	5.7	7.5
Potatoes.....	15 pounds.....	58.5	73.6	49.3	73.2
Spinach.....	pound.....	9.5	12.8	8.5	11.9
Sweet potatoes.....	do.....	6.1	13.1	6.2	14.4
Beets ¹	bunch.....		10.6		10.9
Canned fruits:					
Peaches.....	No. 2½ can.....	23.6	24.9	23.1	26.2
Pineapple.....	do.....	27.4	28.5	27.1	28.6
Grapefruit juice.....	No. 2 can.....	10.7	13.4	12.1	14.9
Canned vegetables:					
Beans, green.....	do.....	12.5	13.9	13.8	15.3
Corn.....	do.....	12.4	13.9	12.4	14.0
Peas.....	do.....	14.6	14.8	13.6	14.6
Tomatoes.....	do.....	11.3	12.3	11.3	13.2
Soup, vegetable ¹	11-ounce can.....		12.8		13.1
Dried fruits: Prunes.....	pound.....	13.4	16.2	13.3	17.2
Dried vegetables:					
Navy beans.....	do.....	7.5	8.7	8.4	9.8
Soup, dehydrated, chicken noodle ¹	ounce.....		4.8		3.7
Beverages:					
Coffee.....	pound.....	25.4	29.2	26.1	28.7
Tea.....	¼ pound.....	23.4	24.9	20.3	21.3
Cocoa.....	½ pound.....	10.6	9.8	9.2	8.6
Fats and oils:					
Lard.....	pound.....	16.8	18.7	17.6	18.8
Shortening other than lard—					
In cartons.....	do.....	19.8	22.1	20.9	23.1
In other containers.....	do.....	24.9	24.0	25.0	24.5

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21.2	21.9	21.8	23.7	21.2	22.6	23.5	24.2	23.7	24.1	24.5	24.0
41.7	40.3	37.0	43.4	41.3	41.5	40.4	39.7	43.7	42.4	41.7	42.1
46.0	51.2	48.6	53.6	45.0	51.2	45.6	51.4	46.0	52.4	46.4	51.9
33.7	35.7	32.7	36.6	32.6	35.9	35.3	37.0	36.6	38.9	35.1	37.7
13.0	14.0	13.9	14.9	14.0	14.0	11.7	12.9	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0
12.2	13.2	12.6	13.6	13.0	13.0	11.3	12.6	14.3	14.5	15.3	15.4
12.8	13.8	13.6	14.5	13.7	13.7	11.6	12.8	15.4	15.4	15.7	15.7
9.2	9.9	8.6	9.8	8.6	9.7	9.0	10.2	8.8	10.0	9.4	10.0
44.6	53.8	48.3	58.3	42.7	51.9	42.0	52.5	38.5	47.1	36.2	44.5
6.4	10.3	6.6	11.4	6.6	10.0	6.8	10.5	7.5	12.1	7.7	11.4
9.2	10.9	9.5	10.9	9.6	12.5	10.2	12.7	9.7	12.6	10.6	14.1
36.4	46.4	39.5	45.7	37.4	44.3	36.0	46.4	38.1	48.4	38.2	46.2
6.8	8.4	6.6	8.7	6.7	7.4	5.8	6.9	6.4	7.0	6.4	7.4
14.1	18.1	14.6	19.6	13.6	15.2	16.3	19.2	15.4	20.1	15.9	19.5
4.3	7.5	3.9	7.4	4.0	7.1	3.9	6.7	4.2	7.7	3.9	7.5
7.3	9.2	7.4	9.3	7.9	8.8	6.6	7.4	8.5	9.6	8.4	9.3
12.9	14.4	12.4	14.9	12.6	14.4	11.8	14.4	12.4	14.3	12.5	14.4
6.0	7.8	5.4	7.2	6.0	7.7	5.4	7.0	6.5	8.3	6.6	8.2
49.0	67.2	46.8	69.4	49.4	71.6	46.8	67.1	49.8	71.4	49.9	69.0
9.8	12.8	9.3	13.6	8.1	12.1	8.9	11.5	9.0	12.0	10.0	12.1
6.2	13.1	6.3	13.8	5.8	12.3	6.0	12.8	5.8	12.9	5.5	12.7
	10.2		12.0		8.6		8.1		9.2		8.6
23.3	26.2	23.9	27.8	22.6	25.4	24.9	26.4	25.4	29.2	26.3	28.3
27.0	27.4	28.8	28.9	27.5	27.6	29.5	28.4	31.8	33.8	30.2	29.9
11.5	14.4	11.5	14.4	11.3	13.4	11.6	14.2	11.8	14.8	12.0	14.2
12.7	13.3	14.0	16.0	13.1	13.1	16.1	15.9	13.9	15.2	14.0	14.4
12.0	13.1	12.6	14.0	12.2	12.9	13.9	13.9	13.0	14.4	13.4	14.4
16.1	15.5	14.3	15.6	14.3	14.6	14.8	14.6	14.6	15.5	15.9	15.8
10.9	11.9	11.4	12.9	11.3	11.8	13.1	13.9	11.9	12.8	13.0	13.5
	13.1		12.6		12.9		13.4		13.8		13.8
13.7	17.4	13.6	16.2	13.7	15.5	14.6	17.9	14.7	17.7	14.0	17.4
7.1	8.6	8.2	9.5	7.8	9.2	8.7	9.3	8.2	9.5	8.2	9.4
	3.8		3.8		4.1		3.6		3.8		3.6
29.0	28.3	28.8	31.2	26.7	30.1	29.1	30.2	28.6	31.4	27.7	28.8
24.4	21.8	21.9	21.5	23.9	23.1	24.0	22.3	24.4	25.8	27.3	24.9
10.8	9.6	10.0	8.0	9.8	9.1	9.8	9.1	10.6	9.4	10.8	7.3
16.8	18.9	17.0	19.6	16.0	17.7	17.3	18.8	18.3	19.5	17.6	19.3
21.2	20.2	20.6	21.1	21.6	21.2	19.7	20.6	19.7	20.9	20.4	20.6
25.3	24.2	25.9	25.2	25.0	24.1	25.3	24.8	26.8	26.5	26.4	26.0

TABLE 6.—Annual Average Retail Prices of Principal Articles of Food, by Cities, 1942 and 1943—Continued

Article	East North Central—Continued															
	Cincinnati		Cleveland		Columbus		Detroit 4		Indianapolis		Milwaukee		Peoria 4		Springfield 4	
	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943
Fats and oils—Continued.	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>
Salad dressing..... pint.....	25.0	25.1	24.1	24.5	26.3	26.2	24.4	24.9	25.2	25.0	25.8	26.4	27.0	28.3	28.5	28.1
Oleomargarine..... pound.....	22.4	24.0	19.9	21.7	21.3	21.6	20.6	23.7	20.9	21.3	(?)	(?)	22.7	26.5	25.2	26.7
Peanut butter..... do.....	24.4	31.6	24.2	29.6	26.7	31.4	26.4	33.0	25.6	33.1	28.0	32.6	25.9	33.8	26.0	33.5
Oil, cooking or salad 1..... pint.....		29.3		33.4		30.9		32.4		30.0		31.6		33.7		33.3
Sugar and sweets:																
Sugar..... pound.....	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.9	7.2	6.9	6.8	6.7	6.8	6.6	7.3	7.0	7.3	7.1	7.2	7.3
Corn sirup..... 24 ounces.....	13.5	14.6	14.7	14.8	14.5	15.1	13.5	15.5	12.9	13.7	13.0	14.4	14.1	15.0	13.8	14.4
Molasses..... 18 ounces.....	15.0	15.8	14.8	16.0	16.3	15.8	12.2	13.9	17.3	16.4	13.3	14.8	17.3	18.6	17.6	18.4
Apple butter 1..... 16 ounces.....		12.8		12.7		12.6		14.5		11.2		12.8		13.0		12.3
Article	West North Central														South Atlantic	
	Cedar Rapids 4		Kansas City 4		Minneapolis		Omaha		St. Louis 4		St. Paul		Wichita 4		Atlanta	
	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943
Cereals and bakery products:	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>
Cereals:																
Flour, wheat..... 10 pounds.....	61.1	62.3	48.4	67.2	67.4	69.5	53.5	56.5	57.6	61.1	67.4	60.6	48.0	58.1	59.0	68.6
Macaroni..... pound.....	15.4	16.0	14.4	17.1	13.5	14.5	17.6	17.9	14.2	15.5	13.2	14.4	16.4	18.2	16.0	17.2
Wheat cereal..... 28 ounces.....	27.8	22.4	21.3	23.1	24.2	23.4	24.7	24.1	25.6	25.0	23.5	24.4	26.8	26.2	23.9	24.2
Corn flakes..... 8 ounces.....	7.1	7.0	6.6	6.5	7.2	6.8	6.6	7.3	6.8	7.2	7.0	6.9	6.9	6.7	7.6	7.2
Corn meal..... pound.....	5.3	6.2	5.2	6.2	5.5	6.5	3.8	4.7	6.2	6.2	5.4	6.2	5.5	5.5	3.4	4.8
Rice..... do.....	13.1	13.4	11.4	12.4	12.1	12.3	11.9	12.2	11.6	12.3	11.5	13.1	12.6	12.9	12.8	12.8
Rolled oats..... do.....	8.9	9.0	7.8	8.8	8.9	9.2	8.9	8.9	8.6	8.6	8.5	9.2	9.3	9.2	8.8	8.7
Flour, pancake 1..... 20 ounces.....		10.9		11.3		10.8		10.9		9.4		11.6		11.6		11.1
Bakery products:																
Bread, white..... pound.....	8.8	8.7	9.1	8.4	8.8	8.9	8.6	8.6	9.0	9.3	8.7	9.0	8.9	9.7	10.0	9.8
Bread, whole-wheat..... do.....	10.4	9.4	9.3	9.0	10.6	11.4	9.9	10.3	10.1	10.2	11.7	11.4	7.6	8.7	10.1	10.0
Bread, rye..... do.....	10.0	10.8	10.0	10.0	10.6	10.8	10.5	10.6	8.7	10.3	10.3	10.2	9.4	10.0	10.4	10.9
Vanilla cookies..... do.....	28.6	32.8	30.8	29.9	35.0	35.4	33.2	33.5	25.0	31.2	35.0	35.5	29.7	32.1	23.1	24.2
Soda crackers..... do.....	17.3	19.6	18.4	19.3	16.9	18.2	16.2	17.1	19.2	19.1	17.2	18.8	17.3	17.8	14.4	15.2

Meats:					
Beef:					
Round steak.....	do.....	41.1	43.0	40.2	40.7
Rib roast.....	do.....	31.3	33.3	32.2	33.0
Chuck roast.....	do.....	29.1	30.7	26.0	27.8
Stew meat ¹	do.....		29.5		29.5
Liver ¹	do.....		35.4		37.8
Hamburger ¹	do.....		28.6		27.7
Veal:					
Cutlets.....	do.....	44.1	44.3	48.6	44.5
Roast, boned and rolled ¹	do.....		30.5		33.0
Pork:					
Chops.....	do.....	37.6	38.3	37.7	37.5
Bacon, sliced.....	do.....	39.8	43.2	36.8	42.1
Ham, sliced.....	do.....	56.2	54.5	62.4	56.5
Ham, whole.....	do.....	35.9	36.4	36.6	37.3
Salt pork.....	do.....	24.7	24.0	23.2	22.2
Liver ¹	do.....		21.3		20.4
Sausage ¹	do.....		35.3		37.0
Bologna, big ¹	do.....		30.3		30.8
Lamb:					
Leg.....	do.....	34.7	38.0	34.8	36.7
Rib chops.....	do.....	41.2	44.9	48.3	44.2
Poultry: Roasting chickens.....	do.....	28.7	36.2	34.2	40.8
Fish:²					
Salmon, pink.....	16-ounce can.....	25.3	24.8	22.0	23.4
Salmon, red.....	do.....	44.1	49.1	38.4	40.8
Dairy products:					
Butter.....	pound.....	45.0	50.6	45.8	51.3
Cheese.....	do.....	34.6	37.6	33.7	35.5
Milk, fresh (delivered).....	quart.....	13.0	13.0	13.3	15.0
Milk, fresh (store).....	do.....	10.5	10.8	12.0	14.1
Milk, fresh (delivered and store).....	do.....	12.3	12.4	13.0	14.8
Milk, evaporated.....	14½-ounce can.....	9.6	10.2	8.8	9.7
Eggs, fresh.....	dozen.....	35.7	43.8	42.7	54.2
Fruits and vegetables:					
Fresh fruits:					
Apples.....	pound.....	6.1	11.2	7.6	12.0
Bananas.....	do.....	9.4	12.9	10.5	12.4
Oranges.....	dozen.....	37.8	47.9	36.5	48.8
Grapefruit.....	each.....	4.8	7.0	6.0	7.8
Fresh vegetables:					
Beans, green.....	pound.....	12.9	19.1	15.1	17.7
Cabbage.....	do.....	4.2	7.4	3.9	6.8
Carrots.....	bunch.....	7.7	9.0	8.2	9.1
Lettuce.....	head.....	11.6	14.3	11.9	14.7
Onions.....	pound.....	6.3	7.7	6.1	7.6
Potatoes.....	15 pounds.....	45.4	62.7	56.1	70.2
Spinach.....	pound.....	10.4	14.0	7.9	10.4
Sweetpotatoes.....	do.....	5.8	11.2	6.0	12.4
Beets ¹	bunch.....		9.8		8.7

See footnotes at end of table.

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40.8	42.5	39.2	41.2	44.7	44.7	40.3	42.4	40.2	41.4	40.7	41.6
34.9	34.9	29.0	32.2	32.3	34.1	32.8	34.1	31.4	33.5	34.1	33.5
30.7	30.3	27.0	28.5	28.5	29.6	30.0	30.8	26.5	28.8	27.9	28.6
	33.3		30.7		33.0		32.3		28.9		26.3
	35.9		36.3		38.3		36.8		36.2		36.7
	28.2		28.5		30.7		29.2		28.7		28.3
44.1	46.1	43.5	45.2	54.0	51.2	42.0	45.1	45.5	45.9	51.8	46.8
	36.0		32.7		33.7		33.5		35.5		33.6
41.1	38.8	36.0	37.1	40.1	39.1	39.1	38.8	39.1	39.1	37.5	39.1
43.7	44.0	38.6	41.6	39.7	43.5	41.6	43.1	39.5	43.6	38.8	42.8
58.8	55.6	56.8	54.1	59.3	57.6	55.3	54.6	59.1	58.9	56.1	54.6
38.1	37.4	35.5	35.9	36.8	37.2	37.6	36.8	36.4	38.3	36.1	37.0
26.9	23.9	23.2	22.6	24.0	23.4	25.4	23.8	24.5	26.7	22.3	23.2
	21.4		20.6		22.9		22.4		24.0		23.5
	34.9		32.4		36.9		35.9		35.6		35.7
	34.2		28.3		34.0		32.5		32.6		30.8
34.2	37.8	31.8	37.0	34.8	38.9	33.5	38.1	36.2	41.0	34.0	37.4
44.4	45.0	40.3	43.8	45.9	47.9	40.7	43.8	43.8	48.9	45.7	45.3
35.0	41.6	31.2	38.0	36.5	47.4	34.8	40.7	36.2	47.6	32.4	41.0
23.0	24.4	22.4	24.5	23.5	23.8	23.1	25.6	23.4	26.3	21.8	23.2
42.9	45.2	40.0	44.9	40.8	42.4	41.0	45.9	40.6	45.8	40.2	38.2
44.0	50.6	44.4	50.9	46.7	52.8	44.9	51.2	44.7	51.4	47.9	52.4
35.5	37.2	34.4	36.7	35.2	37.7	34.6	37.3	36.4	38.7	31.6	35.6
12.2	13.0	12.9	13.0	15.3	15.7	12.2	13.0	13.8	15.0	16.2	17.0
10.6	11.3	12.1	12.1	14.6	15.4	9.9	10.5	13.8	14.8	15.5	17.2
11.7	12.5	12.6	12.7	15.1	15.6	11.2	11.9	13.8	14.9	16.0	17.0
9.6	10.1	9.2	9.9	8.9	9.8	9.6	10.2	9.2	9.9	8.8	9.8
40.6	50.3	37.9	46.2	43.4	52.0	40.0	50.8	36.6	45.8	43.7	53.7
8.5	12.7	7.8	12.0	7.7	11.3	8.4	12.8	7.4	12.5	6.3	10.5
11.4	13.0	10.5	12.4	10.4	13.5	11.3	13.3	10.0	12.9	8.0	10.0
37.0	47.5	35.0	45.4	37.5	47.2	37.7	47.3	37.0	51.4	28.7	36.4
5.9	7.4	6.0	6.3	6.3	7.4	5.3	7.1	5.3	7.2	6.2	8.4
19.4	20.9	16.9	21.3	15.1	18.8	16.8	21.3	14.6	18.6	11.3	15.2
4.1	7.2	3.8	6.6	4.1	7.6	3.8	7.0	4.3	7.1	3.8	6.5
7.6	8.8	7.4	8.2	8.0	9.1	7.6	8.6	6.5	8.5	7.7	9.0
12.1	13.9	11.1	13.1	12.5	14.6	12.4	14.7	12.4	16.1	11.3	13.1
6.0	7.7	5.9	7.2	5.8	7.6	6.1	7.5	6.4	7.3	6.0	8.1
54.9	66.4	50.6	60.2	54.7	72.1	45.9	61.3	58.5	70.5	54.2	69.6
11.0	11.8	8.6	12.2	8.8	11.4	10.6	11.9	9.2	13.0	9.9	12.4
6.6	11.7	6.1	12.1	5.0	12.2	6.9	13.7	6.2	12.0	4.6	9.3
	9.1		8.4		8.0		8.7		9.6		12.3

TABLE 6.—Annual Average Retail Prices of Principal Articles of Food, by Cities, 1942 and 1943—Continued

Article	West North Central														South Atlantic		
	Cedar Rapids ¹		Kansas City ¹		Minneapolis		Omaha		St. Louis ¹		St. Paul		Wichita ¹		Atlanta		
	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	
Fruits and vegetables—Continued,																	
Canned fruits:	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>
Peaches.....No. 2½ can.....	26.7	28.7	23.6	25.7	26.2	28.5	25.3	26.7	24.8	27.7	25.9	28.6	25.6	27.6	22.0	24.1	
Pineapple.....do.....	30.1	31.2	26.6	28.9	28.7	29.5	28.1	29.0	28.7	29.9	29.4	30.9	28.9	32.8	27.0	26.6	
Grapefruit juice.....No. 2 can.....	12.1	14.4	10.3	13.7	11.0	13.9	11.5	13.7	11.4	13.9	12.1	14.9	11.3	15.4	10.3	13.5	
Canned vegetables:																	
Beans, green.....do.....	15.1	15.8	11.7	12.9	14.0	14.9	12.8	13.0	13.7	14.3	14.4	15.6	13.6	13.2	12.1	12.6	
Corn.....do.....	14.3	14.8	11.6	13.2	12.9	14.0	12.4	13.0	13.5	14.0	13.0	14.0	14.2	14.6	12.2	13.9	
Peas.....do.....	16.1	16.1	14.0	14.0	15.6	15.4	15.4	14.6	15.5	15.0	14.9	15.3	15.5	14.8	14.3	14.3	
Tomatoes.....do.....	13.7	13.5	11.0	11.5	12.5	13.6	11.7	12.2	11.9	13.1	12.2	14.2	11.3	11.8	10.9	13.1	
Soup, vegetable ¹.....11-ounce can.....		13.6		12.9		13.4		13.4		13.3		13.5		14.5		13.3	
Dried fruits: Prunes.....pound.....	14.4	17.4	12.8	15.7	14.3	16.5	14.2	16.7	14.3	16.9	13.6	16.7	14.1	18.4	11.8	14.3	
Dried vegetables:																	
Navy beans.....do.....	8.8	9.4	8.2	9.7	9.2	9.7	8.0	8.9	8.6	9.4	9.2	9.7	8.5	9.9	8.8	9.6	
Soup, dehydrated, chicken noodle ¹.....ounce.....		3.6		3.8		3.5		3.9		3.8		3.3		4.1		3.7	
Beverages:																	
Coffee.....pound.....	30.5	32.9	26.7	28.8	31.2	31.6	31.2	33.0	28.3	29.1	32.0	32.8	33.4	34.7	25.4	28.6	
Tea.....¼ pound.....	25.7	27.2	23.0	25.5	25.4	26.2	24.3	25.2	25.1	25.2	25.7	26.3	26.7	27.3	22.8	24.1	
Cocoa.....¼ pound.....	11.8	11.6	9.2	9.1	12.0	11.2	10.9	11.3	10.6	9.9	11.2	12.2	11.1	11.9	9.6	9.5	
Fats and oils:																	
Lard.....pound.....	18.7	19.5	16.8	18.2	17.1	18.4	16.7	17.8	16.9	18.6	16.7	18.1	18.0	19.1	16.2	18.8	
Shortening other than lard:																	
In cartons.....do.....	24.4	24.0	19.6	20.3	20.5	19.8	21.4	21.7	20.6	20.2	21.2	22.3	21.1	22.3	18.5	19.8	
In other containers.....do.....	26.6	25.1	23.6	25.1	25.8	25.2	24.2	23.8	24.6	24.6	25.3	25.4	22.8	24.8	25.3	24.4	
Salad dressing.....pint.....	27.3	27.1	25.0	24.6	26.2	26.5	25.1	25.6	25.9	26.3	27.2	27.6	28.7	28.6	24.1	24.5	
Oleomargarine.....pound.....	24.0	29.2	18.8	22.0	18.2	19.0	19.2	21.8	22.2	24.3	18.7	21.0	26.8	26.8	20.6	22.6	
Peanut butter.....do.....	28.2	33.5	24.1	30.6	26.8	33.2	24.2	31.6	26.9	32.5	25.5	36.3	26.7	33.9	25.6	30.3	
Oil, cooking, or salad ¹.....pint.....		32.1		30.4		32.2		31.4		32.1		32.2		32.4		29.1	
Sugar and sweets:																	
Sugar.....pound.....	7.4	7.2	7.0	7.2	7.4	7.1	7.3	7.2	6.9	6.8	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.2	6.4	6.5	
Corn sirup.....24 ounces.....	15.3	15.5	14.3	14.9	14.3	15.1	14.5	14.9	13.8	14.3	14.5	15.2	15.8	16.5	16.4	16.1	
Molasses.....18 ounces.....	16.4	18.0	17.2	17.1	13.3	15.0	15.5	16.0	14.4	16.3	12.6	14.8	19.2	19.6	14.9	14.6	
Apple butter ¹.....16 ounces.....		15.1		9.8		14.9		12.6		12.5		15.8		12.3		12.5	

Article	South Atlantic—Continued															
	Baltimore		Charleston, S. C.		Jacksonville		Norfolk		Richmond		Savannah		Washington, D. C.		Winston-Salem	
	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943
Cereals and bakery products:																
Cereals:																
Flour, wheat.....10 pounds	51.5	59.3	56.0	70.1	54.4	63.8	50.8	61.3	46.5	55.8	58.3	68.6	52.5	64.3	52.8	65.3
Macaroni..... pound	15.4	16.0	16.6	17.3	13.8	16.5	14.4	14.3	13.5	14.5	16.9	17.1	13.7	14.9	19.4	19.3
Wheat cereal.....28 ounces	23.5	22.3	25.4	24.7	21.9	23.4	24.7	24.0	23.4	24.1	24.1	23.8	22.7	24.4	26.0	25.4
Corn flakes.....8 ounces	7.5	7.0	8.2	7.6	7.2	6.9	8.4	7.4	7.4	7.1	8.3	7.2	6.9	7.0	9.7	8.3
Corn meal..... pound	5.1	5.2	4.0	5.2	4.3	6.3	3.8	5.2	4.0	5.1	3.4	4.9	4.7	5.3	3.3	5.3
Rice..... do	12.4	12.5	10.2	11.1	9.0	11.2	11.7	13.2	10.7	11.8	10.7	11.0	13.0	13.5	12.9	13.9
Rolled oats..... do	8.4	8.5	9.3	9.2	8.1	8.7	8.4	8.8	8.2	8.6	9.0	8.6	8.2	8.7	9.1	9.1
Flour, pancake ¹.....20 ounces	-----	9.4	-----	11.3	-----	11.3	-----	10.2	-----	9.4	-----	10.5	-----	9.8	-----	10.3
Bakery products:																
Bread, white..... pound	9.1	9.1	10.0	10.5	10.2	10.2	10.2	9.8	8.3	8.8	9.8	10.5	8.4	8.2	10.4	10.4
Bread, whole-wheat..... do	10.8	10.8	10.8	10.7	11.3	11.4	10.4	10.5	10.6	10.6	11.3	11.7	9.1	9.2	10.7	10.7
Bread, rye..... do	10.3	10.4	10.6	10.6	11.7	12.0	10.3	10.4	10.1	10.3	10.5	10.2	9.6	9.6	10.7	10.1
Vanilla cookies..... do	26.6	28.0	24.6	23.4	21.2	28.2	18.1	19.6	16.8	18.4	25.2	25.3	27.1	26.3	18.8	19.3
Soda crackers..... do	18.4	19.5	15.7	16.6	14.5	17.5	15.7	18.6	15.2	17.3	16.8	16.7	16.2	15.9	18.6	18.0
Meats:																
Beef:																
Round steak..... do	45.8	45.1	45.2	43.4	41.8	47.0	44.2	45.0	40.5	42.6	42.4	42.8	44.6	43.8	40.4	42.2
Rib roast..... do	33.3	34.8	35.0	35.1	35.2	38.5	35.2	33.2	31.6	33.0	36.1	36.0	31.2	32.4	34.3	34.5
Chuck roast..... do	27.8	30.1	29.4	30.1	28.9	33.1	28.8	30.3	26.4	29.0	29.5	30.1	26.4	29.0	29.8	30.2
Stew meat ¹ do	-----	31.5	-----	27.7	-----	37.6	-----	31.6	-----	29.5	-----	28.9	-----	28.4	-----	31.8
Liver ¹ do	-----	35.8	-----	35.3	-----	39.9	-----	34.0	-----	34.9	-----	39.8	-----	35.7	-----	37.2
Hamburger ¹ do	-----	31.2	-----	28.8	-----	31.1	-----	31.5	-----	28.9	-----	28.5	-----	29.4	-----	30.6
Veal:																
Cutlets..... do	56.7	52.0	54.5	49.9	52.2	51.3	53.9	50.4	50.2	48.2	50.1	47.5	53.8	48.5	48.2	50.2
Roast, boned and rolled ¹ do	-----	36.5	-----	33.9	-----	34.6	-----	37.6	-----	37.0	-----	33.1	-----	37.3	-----	33.6
Pork:																
Chops..... do	40.3	40.6	38.5	39.2	38.5	40.3	39.4	40.1	36.7	39.2	37.1	39.2	40.4	40.3	37.2	39.3
Bacon, sliced..... do	37.9	42.3	37.8	42.2	38.6	43.1	37.7	42.7	36.6	41.9	38.7	42.0	38.1	43.2	38.6	42.3
Ham, sliced..... do	59.1	53.8	52.5	53.0	53.6	56.1	52.3	54.5	51.4	52.8	52.4	53.0	57.3	53.7	52.0	54.8
Ham, whole..... do	37.5	36.5	38.1	37.7	36.2	39.1	37.8	37.7	37.5	37.4	35.2	36.9	37.3	37.1	37.0	37.3
Salt pork..... do	20.9	22.1	23.3	23.8	22.5	24.4	21.5	24.4	20.4	23.4	22.1	23.4	21.3	22.9	19.0	21.6
Liver ¹ do	-----	22.8	-----	22.4	-----	23.6	-----	22.2	-----	24.8	-----	23.7	-----	21.5	-----	21.8
Sausage ¹ do	-----	35.6	-----	39.5	-----	39.8	-----	37.2	-----	34.7	-----	33.2	-----	37.6	-----	34.2
Bologna, big ¹ do	-----	36.9	-----	30.8	-----	31.5	-----	32.6	-----	29.1	-----	29.7	-----	37.6	-----	28.1
Lamb:																
Leg..... do	34.5	39.5	36.8	39.8	33.7	39.7	36.8	39.8	35.4	39.2	36.5	39.0	33.2	38.6	37.8	40.1
Rib chops..... do	48.2	50.4	45.0	46.7	45.4	50.1	46.5	48.0	43.2	46.3	48.7	47.0	44.8	46.5	51.0	51.7
Poultry: Roasting chickens..... do	37.4	44.0	32.2	43.6	33.8	44.7	35.2	43.4	35.7	43.6	31.1	40.6	38.6	44.2	35.7	48.1

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TABLE 6.—Annual Average Retail Prices of Principal Articles of Food, by Cities, 1942 and 1943—Continued

Article	South Atlantic—Continued															
	Baltimore		Charleston, S. C.		Jacksonville		Norfolk		Richmond		Savannah		Washington, D. C.		Winston- Salem	
	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943
Meats—Continued.																
Fish: ¹																
Salmon, pink.....16-ounce can.....	21.4	23.1	22.5	22.9	21.4	22.9	22.4	23.6	20.2	21.9	22.3	23.5	20.2	22.8	22.7	23.3
Salmon, red.....do.....	38.6	37.3	39.0	39.7	39.6	40.2	37.4	37.1	36.2	36.9	40.2	39.4	37.6	37.9	39.1	40.1
Dairy products:																
Butter.....pound.....	49.4	53.8	48.8	53.2	46.5	53.6	48.8	53.0	47.6	52.6	48.0	53.2	48.1	52.5	50.6	54.1
Cheese.....do.....	35.4	36.7	35.4	37.2	32.7	38.2	34.0	37.6	32.8	35.3	33.3	38.0	33.4	35.8	34.8	36.8
Milk, fresh (delivered).....quart.....	14.0	14.0	17.0	17.0	18.0	18.4	18.0	18.0	15.0	15.8	17.2	18.0	15.0	15.0	16.0	16.8
Milk, fresh (store).....do.....	13.7	13.7	17.0	17.0	18.0	18.0	18.4	18.3	15.7	16.0	17.3	18.0	13.5	13.3	16.1	16.9
Milk, fresh (delivered and store).....do.....	13.9	13.9	17.0	17.0	18.0	18.2	18.1	18.1	15.2	15.8	17.2	18.0	14.2	14.2	16.0	16.8
Milk, evaporated.....14½-ounce can.....	9.3	10.3	9.2	10.3	8.4	9.8	9.2	9.9	9.0	9.8	9.2	10.1	9.2	10.3	9.4	10.4
Eggs, fresh.....dozen.....	48.6	58.0	44.9	53.5	44.1	54.7	45.8	56.8	45.3	55.3	43.0	53.9	51.1	58.2	41.6	51.8
Fruits and vegetables:																
Fresh fruits:																
Apples.....pound.....	7.1	12.0	7.3	11.2	6.4	11.1	7.3	12.0	6.7	10.9	6.4	11.1	6.6	10.9	5.3	9.5
Bananas.....do.....	11.0	10.9	8.9	10.8	7.2	10.1	10.4	13.1	9.6	10.9	9.6	10.3	9.1	11.3	9.2	9.4
Oranges.....dozen.....	34.0	40.8	30.2	40.1	28.3	39.0	35.2	42.8	33.7	41.4	30.3	38.7	34.1	43.5	32.3	38.5
Grapefruit.....each.....	7.6	8.5	6.7	7.5	5.8	7.2	8.0	8.0	7.9	7.6	6.4	8.1	7.4	8.4	7.2	7.2
Fresh vegetables:																
Beans, green.....pound.....	15.3	18.8	13.0	17.2	11.4	15.9	13.3	17.7	13.2	17.1	12.6	16.6	14.4	18.0	12.2	15.2
Cabbage.....do.....	5.1	8.2	4.5	6.8	3.7	6.5	4.7	7.2	4.2	6.9	4.2	6.5	4.3	7.4	3.9	6.8
Carrots.....bunch.....	10.1	10.6	9.8	11.4	7.9	9.2	9.1	9.9	8.2	9.7	9.4	10.2	9.0	10.0	9.8	11.0
Lettuce.....head.....	13.9	15.6	13.6	15.3	11.8	14.0	13.3	15.1	13.0	15.0	12.7	14.1	13.7	15.6	13.4	15.0
Onions.....pound.....	6.7	7.8	7.2	8.2	6.0	8.0	6.8	7.9	6.4	7.6	6.7	8.3	5.8	7.5	7.9	8.1
Potatoes.....15 pounds.....	54.5	71.0	55.7	74.6	49.8	74.1	52.9	66.0	49.2	66.7	54.7	75.2	48.7	65.5	57.6	71.0
Spinach.....pound.....	11.9	14.5	9.9	14.6	11.5	14.5	8.4	10.5	8.9	12.4	10.0	13.2	9.6	12.6	11.0	13.7
Sweetpotatoes.....do.....	7.0	13.4	4.7	8.2	4.6	8.8	5.2	12.1	5.0	10.5	4.3	8.4	6.1	13.0	4.5	8.1
Beets ¹.....bunch.....	11.0	11.0	13.0	13.0	13.3	13.3	11.5	11.5	11.7	11.7	13.9	13.9	10.4	10.4	11.4	11.4
Canned fruits:																
Peaches.....No. 2½ can.....	24.1	26.6	24.4	27.7	22.5	26.2	23.4	26.3	21.9	24.8	22.8	26.3	23.1	27.3	23.3	26.6
Pineapple.....do.....	26.3	27.2	28.2	30.8	25.3	27.6	27.0	28.3	24.6	27.6	26.7	27.7	25.1	28.4	32.0	31.2
Grapefruit juice.....No. 2 can.....	11.5	14.3	11.4	14.1	9.9	13.0	11.7	14.2	10.4	13.4	11.5	13.8	10.8	14.1	12.4	14.6
Canned vegetables:																
Beans, green.....do.....	13.6	14.3	12.8	14.0	12.1	12.8	12.8	13.7	12.3	13.0	13.2	14.0	13.1	14.6	14.5	14.9
Corn.....do.....	12.3	13.6	13.2	14.5	12.3	15.0	11.7	13.6	11.0	13.2	12.7	14.9	12.2	13.9	13.7	14.5
Peas.....do.....	13.8	14.3	15.7	15.9	14.6	15.4	14.2	15.9	14.4	14.8	15.8	16.1	13.9	14.6	15.6	16.0
Tomatoes.....do.....	11.8	12.8	11.2	12.5	10.7	13.2	10.8	12.0	10.4	11.2	10.9	13.0	10.5	12.2	11.8	12.4
Soup, vegetable ¹.....11-ounce can.....	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.1	13.1	14.1	14.1	13.6	13.6	14.1	14.1	13.3	13.3	13.1	13.1
Dried fruits: Prunes.....pound.....	13.6	15.4	11.6	16.1	11.6	18.1	11.1	15.5	12.0	15.8	11.7	17.3	13.0	16.7	13.1	15.6
Dried vegetables:																
Navy beans.....do.....	9.3	9.7	9.5	9.6	8.6	10.0	8.1	9.3	8.1	9.1	9.3	9.6	9.2	10.3	8.6	9.6
Soup, dehydrated, chicken noodle ¹.....ounce.....	4.1	4.1	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.8	3.8

Article	East South Central														West South Central			
	Birmingham ⁴		Jackson ⁴		Knoxville		Louisville		Memphis		Mobile ⁴		Dallas		Houston			
	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943		
	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents		
Beverages:																		
Coffee.....	30.6	30.1	28.7	31.4	26.8	28.3	28.6	26.9	26.5	28.5	28.9	31.0	28.0	29.2	31.0	30.6		
Tea.....	22.0	22.1	25.5	25.9	21.2	23.9	22.4	22.1	20.6	22.3	25.0	25.2	23.4	25.4	25.3	26.2		
Cocoa.....	9.6	6.4	10.7	10.3	8.9	9.5	10.9	9.3	9.2	9.8	10.5	11.0	9.4	9.8	12.5	10.1		
Fats and oils:																		
Lard.....	17.1	19.2	17.4	18.9	17.1	18.7	17.1	19.5	16.0	18.8	17.2	18.7	16.2	19.0	17.6	19.1		
Shortening other than lard:																		
In cartons.....	19.2	19.3	19.6	20.1	18.7	19.7	20.0	20.1	19.3	19.9	18.8	19.9	19.0	19.6	19.6	20.4		
In other containers.....	25.9	24.7	27.0	24.8	25.5	25.4	24.0	25.2	25.5	25.1	25.6	24.6	24.0	24.3	26.0	25.3		
Salad dressing.....	25.8	25.9	25.0	25.7	21.5	21.9	27.0	27.9	25.5	26.8	23.3	25.2	24.4	25.3	28.9	27.7		
Oleomargarine.....	21.4	23.5	24.3	24.4	21.4	23.5	26.6	25.3	23.8	24.2	23.5	23.8	21.8	23.0	26.8	25.6		
Peanut butter.....	24.8	30.3	26.8	32.6	22.3	28.3	24.6	31.0	22.9	29.0	24.5	30.8	25.0	30.2	26.4	32.3		
Oil, cooking or salad ¹		28.3		29.7		29.3		29.8		29.0		28.9		29.4		30.8		
Sugar and sweets:																		
Sugar.....	6.8	6.6	6.8	6.7	6.5	6.4	7.0	6.7	7.0	6.8	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.7	7.2	6.9		
Corn sirup.....	14.2	15.2	16.4	16.6	15.0	16.0	15.3	16.0	14.4	15.5	16.7	16.7	14.8	15.9	16.9	17.2		
Molasses.....	14.6	15.6	14.2	14.7	13.4	14.6	15.2	15.9	14.0	14.8	15.2	16.0	14.9	15.6	14.2	17.0		
Apple butter ¹		11.0		12.3		13.6		12.0		10.9		14.8		12.4		11.4		

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TABLE 6.—Annual Average Retail Prices of Principal Articles of Food, by Cities, 1942 and 1943—Continued

Article	East South Central—Continued												West South Central—Con.					
	Birmingham †		Jackson †		Knoxville		Louisville		Memphis		Mobile †		Dallas		Houston			
	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943		
Meats—Continued.																		
Beef—Continued.																		
Liver †	pounds		Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	
Hamburger †	do.		35.1	27.7	36.1	26.4	36.0	29.2	36.0	28.0	35.3	30.1	40.8	31.0	33.2	26.0	34.4	
Veal:																		
Cutlets	do.		46.7	45.9	54.2	57.8	44.2	47.5	52.6	47.8	48.3	47.9	53.8	51.9	50.7	42.6	47.1	43.5
Roast, boned and rolled †	do.		33.9	33.9	38.8	38.8	36.3	36.3	36.1	36.1	39.8	39.8	41.9	41.9	31.4	31.4	32.8	32.8
Pork:																		
Chops	do.		34.7	38.1	37.7	40.1	35.2	37.8	41.0	39.4	38.3	38.9	39.3	39.9	35.7	37.6	38.5	38.6
Bacon, sliced	do.		34.9	42.0	33.7	41.5	35.7	41.5	38.3	41.4	37.0	41.5	39.3	43.6	35.1	41.2	35.0	41.7
Ham, sliced	do.		52.7	53.8	56.7	55.9	55.0	57.0	53.2	51.6	53.1	55.9	57.8	56.3	54.5	53.5	58.4	55.8
Ham, whole	do.		35.9	37.7	36.5	38.4	36.6	38.1	34.5	34.9	35.7	37.0	39.3	38.9	36.4	37.2	36.7	36.8
Salt pork	do.		20.6	23.4	24.8	26.0	22.5	23.8	20.3	21.3	23.5	24.7	23.5	24.0	21.6	22.7	24.1	23.3
Liver †	do.		22.3	22.3	25.4	25.4	24.1	24.1	22.0	22.0	23.6	23.6	24.6	24.6	23.6	23.6	22.2	22.2
Sausage †	do.		34.5	34.5	36.0	36.0	35.0	35.0	34.4	34.4	37.5	37.5	35.2	35.2	35.1	35.1	41.6	41.6
Bologna, big †	do.		30.0	30.0	28.2	28.2	25.6	25.6	31.8	31.8	27.4	27.4	31.2	31.2	28.9	28.9	30.6	30.6
Lamb:																		
Leg	do.		35.5	39.1	34.0	35.9	33.3	37.4	38.2	39.0	32.2	38.1	38.5	41.7	32.6	36.3	36.5	37.7
Rib chops	do.		41.9	44.7	45.9	51.1	43.9	45.3	50.0	47.7	45.0	49.0	45.0	52.5	44.4	44.6	46.2	44.6
Poultry: Roasting chickens	do.		31.0	38.1	31.8	43.0	34.4	47.0	32.4	43.2	32.9	42.0	37.7	42.7	35.6	48.8	40.0	49.2
Fish: †																		
Salmon, pink	16 ounce can		21.9	24.5	24.8	25.9	23.0	23.2	21.0	23.0	21.2	24.0	21.6	24.5	22.6	21.7	19.1	22.1
Salmon, red	do.		40.7	41.9	36.5	42.8	39.0	39.0	39.4	34.1	35.0	43.8	39.8	43.4	42.8	40.5	37.7	38.6
Dairy products:																		
Butter	pound		49.4	54.1	46.9	54.5	48.6	53.7	47.0	51.6	46.3	52.6	48.0	54.3	45.2	52.3	47.1	52.6
Cheese	do.		31.3	36.2	36.1	41.4	33.9	38.4	32.9	35.0	34.4	37.4	34.6	37.6	35.1	37.0	33.6	37.2
Milk, fresh (delivered)	quart		17.3	17.3	14.9	15.1	14.0	14.8	15.0	15.8	12.0	12.9	18.2	18.4	14.0	14.8	15.0	15.4
Milk, fresh (store)	do.		16.8	16.7	14.9	15.3	14.0	14.7	14.4	15.1	12.0	12.9	18.3	18.4	13.2	14.1	12.2	14.0
Milk, fresh (delivered and store)	do.		17.2	17.2	14.9	15.2	14.0	14.8	14.7	15.3	12.0	12.9	18.3	18.4	13.6	14.5	14.3	15.0
Milk, evaporated	14½-ounce can		8.9	10.2	9.1	10.6	9.7	10.4	9.9	10.0	9.2	10.5	9.1	10.0	8.9	10.0	8.6	9.8
Eggs, fresh	dozen		43.2	54.2	41.4	52.2	40.8	50.4	43.2	54.5	43.4	55.2	42.6	53.8	43.5	53.1	41.8	51.6
Fruits and vegetables:																		
Fresh fruits:																		
Apples	pound		6.1	9.8	7.9	12.2	5.2	9.6	7.2	11.3	7.0	10.4	9.1	13.5	8.0	12.7	8.4	13.2
Bananas	do.		9.4	11.6	9.6	11.1	8.1	11.2	10.0	12.3	8.9	12.0	6.4	13.8	7.9	10.7	9.1	10.1
Oranges	dozen		32.7	39.5	31.0	44.9	31.0	39.1	33.1	42.1	35.1	42.8	29.6	42.1	33.4	46.5	32.2	43.4
Grapefruit	each		7.4	7.9	8.4	10.1	6.6	7.9	7.4	8.1	6.9	7.0	6.6	7.4	6.3	7.2	6.2	6.4
Fresh vegetables:																		
Beans, green	pound		12.2	16.5	13.1	16.6	10.5	16.2	13.6	17.7	13.1	18.7	12.6	17.2	13.3	18.3	14.1	18.4
Cabbage	do.		3.8	6.7	4.7	6.3	4.0	7.2	4.4	7.1	3.6	6.6	4.3	6.3	3.5	6.5	4.0	6.4
Carrots	bunch		8.1	9.0	6.3	9.2	8.9	10.6	7.7	8.9	6.8	7.8	6.1	8.5	5.2	6.8	6.2	7.8

Lettuce.....	head.....	11.4	13.6	7.5	12.0
Onions.....	pound.....	6.2	7.4	7.1	7.2
Potatoes.....	15 pounds.....	58.2	71.3	53.9	81.1
Spinach.....	pound.....	9.6	11.8	7.7	11.7
Sweet potatoes.....	do.....	3.6	7.4	4.5	7.4
Beets ¹	bunch.....		9.8		11.8
Canned fruits:					
Peaches.....	No. 2½ can.....	21.2	24.4	24.0	29.0
Pineapple.....	do.....	27.7	28.3	29.7	30.8
Grapefruit juice.....	No. 2 can.....	10.8	13.7	9.8	13.8
Canned vegetables:					
Beans, green.....	do.....	12.2	13.4	13.6	14.7
Corn.....	do.....	12.4	15.0	14.3	16.7
Peas.....	do.....	14.5	15.6	17.2	17.5
Tomatoes.....	do.....	10.7	12.6	11.8	13.1
Soup, vegetable ¹	11-ounce can.....		12.9		12.4
Dried fruits: Prunes.....	pound.....	12.4	16.0	11.4	15.2
Dried vegetables:					
Navy beans.....	do.....	8.8	10.1	10.7	10.8
Soup, dehydrated, chicken noodle ¹	ounce.....		4.2		4.1
Beverages:					
Coffee.....	pound.....	29.3	29.5	32.4	36.1
Tea.....	¼ pound.....	24.2	25.2	23.3	26.9
Cocoa.....	½ pound.....	9.6	9.8	13.0	12.5
Fats and oils:					
Lard.....	pound.....	16.9	19.3	18.8	19.7
Shortening, other than lard—					
In cartons.....	do.....	18.9	20.0	19.6	20.7
In other containers.....	do.....	25.8	24.9	26.1	25.4
Salad dressing.....	pint.....	24.4	24.8	28.0	29.2
Oleomargarine.....	pound.....	24.8	25.5	23.4	27.0
Peanut butter.....	do.....	24.0	30.1	21.6	30.8
Oil, cooking or salad ¹	pint.....		30.2		29.5
Sugar and sweets:					
Sugar.....	pound.....	6.8	6.8	7.2	7.2
Corn sirup.....	24 ounces.....	14.6	15.7	16.7	16.9
Molasses.....	18 ounces.....	12.3	14.7	11.0	13.4
Apple butter ¹	16 ounces.....		13.4		16.6

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11.2	14.9	12.4	14.1	10.7	13.5	10.8	14.3	9.4	13.2	9.4	13.3
6.7	8.7	6.0	7.7	6.1	7.3	5.7	7.7	5.2	7.4	5.5	7.4
49.7	72.0	53.6	72.8	69.4	78.8	63.1	73.2	67.2	78.0	71.7	78.2
11.0	16.8	9.6	14.2	8.9	11.4	8.4	11.8	9.5	11.5	9.2	11.5
4.4	7.9	5.5	12.4	4.6	11.0	3.9	8.6	5.5	11.9	4.7	10.6
-----	13.8	-----	9.5	-----	8.8	-----	10.0	-----	8.6	-----	9.9
23.6	22.5	23.1	25.5	23.6	27.1	22.4	25.5	23.5	27.1	21.1	23.6
27.6	27.0	25.0	28.2	28.6	31.5	25.6	28.2	28.4	30.5	24.2	24.8
11.2	14.3	11.0	13.0	10.5	13.9	10.5	14.3	9.8	13.5	9.1	12.3
13.6	14.0	13.1	14.6	13.5	15.0	12.0	15.0	12.4	12.9	11.3	12.8
12.7	14.2	13.2	13.9	13.3	14.4	12.5	14.3	12.0	14.0	11.1	14.0
15.8	15.8	14.3	14.4	15.4	16.4	15.7	16.8	14.4	14.4	14.2	16.3
12.1	13.1	11.2	12.1	11.8	13.6	11.1	13.3	11.0	11.6	10.5	11.2
-----	14.3	-----	11.9	-----	14.1	-----	13.8	-----	13.6	-----	12.7
13.0	17.8	12.8	15.0	12.9	16.5	11.3	16.2	11.5	16.2	10.4	14.2
7.6	9.4	7.8	9.2	8.8	10.6	8.4	9.6	10.3	11.5	8.8	10.7
-----	4.2	-----	3.8	-----	4.3	-----	4.0	-----	3.6	-----	3.7
28.4	29.1	31.2	31.0	29.2	30.3	30.9	32.6	27.5	29.9	25.7	28.1
24.8	24.9	24.5	23.2	26.7	27.7	24.9	22.8	22.3	22.9	21.3	21.1
11.6	9.4	10.2	9.1	11.4	11.4	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.7	8.3	6.3
17.8	19.2	16.7	18.1	16.5	18.8	17.7	19.3	16.5	18.5	16.9	18.1
19.3	20.2	21.2	19.4	19.0	20.2	18.9	20.1	19.3	20.0	19.1	19.5
25.5	25.5	26.3	24.8	25.5	24.9	24.6	23.5	23.7	24.3	24.0	23.5
23.8	26.1	26.1	26.1	24.8	27.2	20.3	22.7	24.1	24.0	24.0	24.1
24.9	25.8	24.9	26.1	22.2	22.4	24.8	25.6	22.7	23.8	20.8	23.4
24.0	30.6	26.7	31.9	25.3	31.6	22.8	28.6	24.3	30.3	23.5	29.7
-----	30.5	-----	27.2	-----	30.8	-----	29.0	-----	29.7	-----	28.9
7.5	7.2	6.8	6.7	7.2	7.1	6.9	6.6	6.8	6.9	6.6	6.8
15.8	16.6	14.1	14.7	14.6	15.4	14.5	16.3	14.4	15.8	14.6	15.3
18.7	19.0	18.1	17.4	14.2	15.7	11.0	12.3	13.5	16.0	12.0	12.1
-----	13.0	-----	12.6	-----	11.3	-----	14.8	-----	17.0	-----	13.2

TABLE 6.—Annual Average Retail Prices of Principal Articles of Food, by Cities, 1942 and 1943—Continued

Article	West South Central—Continued				Mountain						Pacific								
	Little Rock †		New Orleans †		Butte		Denver †		Salt Lake City †		Los Angeles		Portland, Oreg.		San Francisco		Seattle †		
	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	
Cereals and bakery products:																			
Cereals:																			
Flour, wheat.....10 pounds.....	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
Macaroni..... pound.....	56.0	67.0	59.8	68.3	41.7	52.5	47.2	53.0	46.3	55.2	49.6	60.4	52.1	57.4	53.7	63.4	54.8	59.0	59.0
Wheat cereal.....28 ounces.....	16.1	17.8	9.2	9.9	18.0	18.8	16.5	16.3	18.7	17.6	13.2	14.4	17.2	16.2	16.1	18.0	18.3	17.0	17.0
Corn flakes.....8 ounces.....	28.5	27.8	24.9	25.0	26.4	25.6	24.5	24.0	26.2	24.8	24.3	23.9	26.5	25.0	24.8	24.4	26.2	25.2	25.2
Corn meal..... pound.....	8.6	7.2	7.2	7.0	7.3	7.1	7.0	6.8	7.5	6.8	6.6	6.4	7.8	6.9	7.6	7.2	7.9	7.0	7.0
Rice..... do.....	4.4	5.9	5.5	6.0	6.8	7.9	5.9	6.3	7.3	8.4	6.4	8.5	7.6	7.7	8.5	8.6	8.0	8.6	8.6
Flour, pancake †.....20 ounces.....	12.7	13.4	10.6	10.2	14.5	15.3	11.1	12.3	14.3	13.2	12.8	13.4	12.9	12.4	12.9	12.7	12.9	12.6	12.6
Bread, white..... pound.....	9.8	9.6	8.7	8.7	8.3	10.4	8.1	8.9	9.6	10.0	9.1	9.6	10.2	10.0	11.0	10.5	9.7	10.1	10.1
Bread, whole-wheat..... do.....	13.0	13.0	11.6	11.6	13.7	13.7	12.1	12.1	12.9	12.9	11.3	11.3	12.6	12.6	11.9	11.9	11.9	12.9	12.9
Bread, rye..... do.....	8.7	9.0	9.4	9.6	10.0	9.9	7.9	8.6	8.0	8.7	7.9	8.1	9.1	9.4	9.0	9.5	10.1	9.8	9.8
Vanilla cookies..... do.....	8.9	9.2	9.9	9.8	10.0	9.9	7.6	8.2	7.7	8.6	7.8	8.5	9.0	9.5	9.7	9.7	10.2	9.8	9.8
Soda crackers..... do.....	9.2	9.5	9.9	10.1	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.5	10.8	11.2	9.7	9.8	11.0	10.9	10.1	10.9	11.3	10.7	10.7
Soda crackers..... do.....	22.5	24.6	24.9	28.4	31.4	31.0	28.0	29.9	31.0	31.7	29.6	26.9	26.9	27.1	28.8	29.1	29.6	27.1	27.1
Soda crackers..... do.....	16.8	20.0	19.5	19.0	17.1	17.0	14.7	15.9	15.1	19.4	15.2	16.3	18.4	19.5	18.0	18.6	18.7	20.0	20.0
Meats:																			
Beef:																			
Round steak..... do.....	43.6	42.7	43.9	45.9	36.5	39.8	39.8	40.2	41.5	42.0	43.3	43.3	43.1	43.7	47.9	46.3	44.4	43.7	43.7
Rib roast..... do.....	34.1	34.2	39.0	37.9	27.9	31.5	33.6	34.1	35.5	34.1	37.6	36.7	35.0	34.8	37.6	37.5	39.0	37.4	37.4
Chuck roast..... do.....	29.6	29.7	28.4	30.4	26.4	29.1	30.6	29.6	29.9	29.8	29.5	30.5	31.1	30.8	31.1	32.2	30.9	30.3	30.3
Stew meat †..... do.....	26.9	26.9	29.4	29.4	29.1	29.1	30.6	32.5	32.5	30.5	34.2	34.2	35.7	35.7	41.2	41.2	34.7	34.7	34.7
Liver †..... do.....	35.0	35.0	39.7	39.7	31.6	31.6	35.0	35.0	35.1	35.1	41.3	41.3	37.1	37.1	39.8	39.8	39.8	39.8	39.8
Hamburger †..... do.....	29.0	29.0	31.8	31.8	26.7	26.7	27.1	27.1	28.5	28.5	30.1	30.1	30.1	30.1	30.2	30.2	29.2	29.2	29.2
Veal:																			
Outlets..... do.....	50.6	48.7	51.4	51.6	42.0	44.5	48.2	44.7	45.5	45.4	59.1	53.1	48.4	52.2	61.4	52.2	53.1	51.1	51.1
Roast, boned and rolled †..... do.....	37.1	37.1	35.1	35.1	39.3	39.3	(?)	(?)	45.5	38.2	34.1	34.1	32.7	32.7	39.9	39.9	48.0	48.0	48.0
Pork:																			
Chops..... do.....	39.7	39.6	40.2	40.8	36.4	39.7	41.0	40.2	42.8	41.6	48.2	42.7	44.3	42.2	47.4	42.8	45.3	42.7	42.7
Bacon, sliced..... do.....	40.7	42.5	40.8	44.3	45.3	46.1	42.8	44.4	45.2	45.3	43.5	45.4	45.3	45.5	45.5	46.1	45.4	46.8	46.8
Ham, sliced..... do.....	60.5	56.8	57.7	57.6	59.3	58.4	61.5	56.2	67.4	61.3	67.6	60.5	65.2	59.8	71.2	61.8	72.1	62.3	62.3
Ham, whole..... do.....	37.8	37.3	39.5	40.2	37.4	38.3	38.9	38.1	39.8	39.7	38.8	38.3	40.5	39.1	41.6	39.9	41.1	40.5	40.5
Salt pork..... do.....	25.5	24.9	25.9	24.7	22.3	25.2	24.8	23.7	27.3	25.6	24.9	26.0	27.7	27.1	29.4	27.2	28.1	26.3	26.3
Liver †..... do.....	22.7	22.7	22.9	22.9	22.8	22.8	21.1	21.1	24.3	24.3	26.6	26.6	27.3	27.3	25.4	25.4	27.4	27.4	27.4
Sausage †..... do.....	36.8	36.8	41.3	41.3	33.4	33.4	35.5	35.5	35.7	35.7	36.6	36.6	33.9	33.9	40.0	40.0	36.0	36.0	36.0
Bologna, big †..... do.....	27.8	27.8	32.3	32.3	31.6	31.6	29.2	29.2	32.6	32.6	32.4	32.4	30.0	30.0	36.8	36.8	35.2	35.2	35.2

Lamb:																				
Leg.....do	36.9	39.5	36.7	41.3	33.0	38.0	35.1	38.0	36.2	38.9	36.2	39.5	36.6	39.3	38.0	41.3	36.0	38.9		
Rib chops.....do	50.0	49.2	45.0	47.5	36.6	41.1	42.1	43.4	41.8	45.2	43.0	46.1	42.0	44.1	43.6	47.4	39.5	44.4		
Poultry: Roasting chickens.....do	30.4	37.7	36.6	41.2	32.3	37.4	37.4	40.9	37.7	45.6	41.3	47.5	38.0	45.3	45.9	50.4	41.8	46.6		
Fish:³																				
Salmon, pink.....16-ounce can	24.1	26.4	22.5	24.8	22.1	26.9	21.8	25.1	21.8	24.3	23.7	20.2	22.2	23.5	20.6	23.3	23.0	24.0		
Salmon, red.....do	43.6	50.2	39.0	39.6	41.8	47.2	38.9	42.4	40.7	42.3	39.0	40.1	41.8	42.7	37.9	42.1	42.2	44.4		
Dairy products:																				
Butter.....pound	45.5	52.6	48.3	54.7	48.0	52.3	49.1	52.6	49.6	53.5	48.7	54.1	48.7	53.2	49.8	54.2	51.2	55.2		
Cheese.....do	36.3	39.2	35.3	36.8	31.9	35.9	37.7	40.7	33.3	36.2	35.7	38.3	36.5	36.3	38.6	41.1	34.8	38.9		
Milk, fresh (delivered).....quart	15.0	15.8	16.5	16.5	12.2	13.3	15.2	13.6	12.4	13.3	14.7	14.5	14.0	14.0	14.7	15.5	14.3	14.3		
Milk, fresh (store).....do	14.9	15.8	14.5	16.0	12.2	13.3	12.1	12.6	11.5	12.4	13.3	13.6	13.8	14.0	13.3	14.5	13.3	13.3		
Milk, fresh, (delivered and store).....do	15.0	15.8	14.8	16.1	12.2	13.3	12.7	13.2	12.2	13.0	14.2	14.2	13.9	14.0	14.2	15.0	13.7	13.7		
Milk, evaporated.....14½-ounce can	9.0	9.9	8.9	9.8	8.7	10.6	9.2	10.0	9.1	10.0	8.3	9.2	9.1	9.9	9.0	10.2	9.3	10.4		
Eggs, fresh.....dozen	43.2	53.6	46.4	58.7	45.6	58.4	44.4	54.5	45.4	55.1	47.2	57.7	44.1	57.0	48.5	58.1	49.6	62.3		
Fruits and vegetables:																				
Fresh fruits:																				
Apples.....pound	8.2	12.1	8.7	11.4	8.5	11.5	8.1	12.6	7.5	11.0	7.5	10.7	6.5	10.5	7.1	10.7	7.4	11.6		
Bananas.....do	9.4	12.6	6.3	9.5	11.4	12.1	9.9	12.4	11.9	11.8	9.8	10.6	12.0	12.6	9.6	10.8	10.8	12.1		
Oranges.....dozen	35.1	45.2	31.4	39.8	39.8	51.0	36.8	47.7	32.4	45.4	20.0	33.0	34.0	42.8	29.1	42.0	36.5	49.6		
Grapefruit.....each	6.1	6.9	6.8	8.2	7.4	8.6	6.0	6.5	6.0	7.5	5.0	6.3	6.5	7.3	6.0	6.6	6.5	7.9		
Fresh vegetables:																				
Beans, green.....pound	14.6	19.1	13.9	18.9	16.7	15.9	13.5	15.6	15.3	22.7	15.7	23.2	15.8	17.4	17.5	23.0	16.2	22.3		
Cabbage.....do	4.1	6.5	3.8	5.9	5.2	7.2	3.6	6.7	4.3	5.6	4.4	5.3	5.4	6.4	3.9	5.4	5.4	7.7		
Carrots.....bunch	6.7	8.0	6.1	7.1	7.0	7.9	5.9	6.1	4.8	5.8	5.5	7.1	7.2	7.9	5.1	6.8	7.3	8.3		
Lettuce.....head	12.6	14.9	8.8	12.5	11.0	13.6	10.2	12.8	10.9	12.1	9.8	11.8	10.4	13.7	8.0	11.5	10.2	13.5		
Onions.....pound	6.1	7.4	5.4	7.3	6.7	6.5	4.9	6.6	6.0	6.3	5.3	6.3	8.1	6.6	5.8	7.2	6.1	7.2		
Potatoes.....15 pounds	58.5	69.1	55.2	73.2	53.9	61.5	51.8	59.3	51.0	54.5	62.6	68.4	62.5	66.0	63.7	70.3	64.7	68.5		
Spinach.....pound	9.6	12.3	10.0	11.1	10.0	13.7	7.7	11.6	9.6	13.3	8.4	10.0	8.8	10.3	7.4	15.1	7.7	10.7		
Sweetpotatoes.....do	4.9	11.0	3.5	7.1	8.7	14.0	6.2	13.8	8.6	13.4	9.0	16.5	8.3	13.7	8.0	17.0	9.1	15.6		
Beets ¹.....bunch		9.2		9.5		9.8		7.9		7.6		8.4		9.3		7.6		6.8		
Canned fruits:																				
Peaches.....No. 2½ can	26.0	30.0	24.2	27.7	25.8	29.8	23.5	26.6	26.0	27.5	20.4	24.1	25.1	27.0	20.8	24.8	24.4	25.8		
Pineapple.....do	29.6	34.9	27.1	29.3	29.0	32.1	26.8	29.9	29.1	29.4	24.3	26.2	27.6	27.8	24.9	27.3	27.1	28.1		
Grapefruit juice.....No. 2 can	12.1	15.1	10.0	13.6	11.8	15.4	10.6	13.5	11.2	14.3	10.3	14.0	12.4	14.9	11.6	15.2	12.1	15.2		
Canned vegetables:																				
Beans, green.....do	12.8	12.7	11.3	14.0	13.5	14.3	13.3	13.6	11.9	13.4	14.1	13.9	14.7	14.5	14.5	16.4	15.4	14.7		
Corn.....do	13*6	14.2	12.5	14.5	13.4	14.1	13.2	14.0	13.7	14.2	13.0	14.7	14.7	14.7	14.2	15.4	14.5	15.2		
Peas.....do	17.1	15.4	16.9	15.9	13.9	14.6	15.4	15.3	14.4	13.8	13.0	13.3	14.9	13.5	14.2	14.2	15.8	13.7		
Tomatoes.....do	11.5	11.8	11.8	13.6	12.4	13.4	12.1	13.1	6 14.6	6 14.9	6 14.4	6 15.2	6 14.7	6 14.2	6 14.2	6 14.7	6 14.7	6 15.8		
Soup, vegetable ¹.....11-ounce can		14.8		13.8		14.0		13.7		13.1		12.6		13.6		13.6		13.5		
Dried fruits: Prunes.....pound	14.0	18.1	13.1	18.0	13.0	15.7	14.1	16.1	13.4	16.2	13.5	16.7	12.5	13.6	11.6	14.5	13.3	16.3		
Dried vegetables:																				
Navy beans.....do	10.0	10.2	8.3	9.8	9.8	9.6	7.9	9.5	9.0	9.6	10.6	11.1	8.9	10.6	9.9	11.1	10.3	11.0		
Soup, dehydrated, chicken noodle ¹.....ounce		4.1		3.7		4.3		3.7		4.1		3.8		3.7		3.5		3.9		
Beverages:																				
Coffee.....pound	31.7	31.7	27.2	28.5	29.8	34.2	31.6	34.6	33.7	34.2	28.1	29.5	30.4	30.2	30.3	33.3	34.1	34.4		
Tea.....¼ pound	25.8	28.8	24.8	25.0	23.9	25.8	25.1	25.2	24.3	25.2	23.4	23.6	25.7	22.3	24.3	25.0	26.0	26.0		
Cocoa.....½ pound	12.2	13.1	9.9	10.4	11.1	12.4	11.3	11.5	11.9	11.6	10.2	10.4	12.0	10.6	10.3	10.8	11.4	11.5		

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 6.—Annual Average Retail Prices of Principal Articles of Food, by Cities, 1942 and 1943—Continued

Article	West South Central— Continued				Mountain						Pacific							
	Little Rock †		New Orleans †		Butte		Denver †		Salt Lake City †		Los Angeles		Portland, Oreg.		San Francisco		Seattle †	
	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943
Fats and oils:	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>
Lard.....pound.....	19.7	19.5	17.8	19.7	18.9	19.7	17.7	19.0	20.0	19.7	18.4	20.2	20.4	21.0	20.5	21.1	19.5	21.1
Shortening other than lard—																		
In cartons.....do.....	21.2	21.3	19.9	20.5	20.0	23.1	20.1	20.0	20.5	21.5	18.1	20.2	20.5	21.4	19.1	21.1	21.0	20.4
In other containers.....do.....	25.4	25.6	26.3	25.3	26.8	25.1	26.3	24.3	26.3	24.5	24.4	23.9	24.3	24.1	25.5	24.6	25.2	25.3
Salad dressing.....pint.....	27.4	26.2	27.2	27.4	26.4	27.7	25.9	26.5	27.2	26.9	23.4	25.2	27.3	27.3	24.6	25.9	27.8	27.4
Oleomargarine.....pound.....	25.0	26.7	25.2	25.2	26.2	26.2	24.6	26.8	29.2	30.5	21.9	23.3	25.2	26.0	25.3	26.3	29.0	27.6
Peanut butter.....do.....	27.4	34.0	25.9	31.0	25.2	34.2	28.3	36.6	27.5	35.5	29.8	35.4	25.5	34.2	28.7	35.9	26.1	33.9
Oil, cooking or salad †.....pint.....		31.0		30.0		33.4		32.6		31.2		28.7		30.1		29.3		31.4
Sugar and sweets:																		
Sugar.....pound.....	7.3	7.3	6.4	6.4	8.0	8.1	7.9	7.9	7.4	7.5	6.7	6.8	7.3	7.4	7.1	7.0	7.6	7.4
Corn sirup.....24 ounces.....	16.1	16.7	16.4	17.0	18.7	18.2	14.7	15.5	15.9	16.5	14.2	15.5	17.1	17.0	15.7	16.3	16.4	16.5
Molasses.....18 ounces.....	13.3	15.5	13.2	12.9	11.0	14.3	13.3	15.5	15.6	16.6	12.9	15.9	16.6	18.7	15.0	16.6	12.3	13.7
Apple butter †.....16 ounces.....		14.0		13.6		15.2		13.8		15.5		13.2		14.4		13.8		13.3

† First priced February 1943; average for 1943 based on 11 months.

‡ Not available.

§ Costs of fresh and/or frozen fish included in index, but average prices are not computed.

¶ Sales tax included.

‡ Price per No. 2½ can.

*Revision of the Retail Food-Cost Index in March 1943*¹

In order to take into account the effects on consumer buying of rationing, changes in food supplies, and population shifts to war production centers, the Bureau of Labor Statistics food-cost index was revised in March 1943. Several foods were added; changes were made in food and city weighting factors; and five additional cities were incorporated in the index. The arch index for each city was linked to the previously published February index to form a continuous comparable series. This "modernization" of the index will serve as added insurance of its future accuracy in reflecting consumer-market conditions characteristic of the war period.

The seven foods added to the index were rolled oats, beef liver, hamburger, sliced ham, and corn sirup because they were being consumed in larger quantities during the war period; and canned grapefruit juice and canned green beans to provide more complete representation in the index for canned fruits and vegetables.

Quantity weights based upon the family expenditures of wage earners and clerical workers in the mid-1930's were reduced for 27 foods and increased for 25 foods in line with the civilian supply situation. The decreases were made mainly among the rationed foods, such as the fresh meats (beef, veal, and lamb), pink salmon, butter, canned peaches, pineapple, corn, peas, tomatoes, dried prunes, dried navy beans, coffee, and sugar; and also for fresh and frozen fish, apples, bananas, cabbage, carrots, lettuce, spinach, and corn meal. Increases were made for cereals, bread, macaroni, and bakery items, many pork products (pork chops, sliced bacon, whole ham, and salt pork), roasting chickens, cheese, fresh and evaporated milk, eggs, oranges, onions, potatoes, sweetpotatoes, lard, salad dressing, oleomargarine, and peanut butter.

On the basis of information obtained from the Bureau of the Census and from trade associations and publications, the relationship between chain and independent grocery store sales was adjusted in order to reflect the current situation.

Five cities in which food prices had been collected for some time were included in the index for large cities (with population over 50,000). They were Cedar Rapids, Jackson, Knoxville, Wichita, and Winston-Salem.

In addition, the relative importance of the cities in the food-cost index was altered in order to take into account the wartime shifts in population. This was accomplished by revising for each city the population weight which is based upon the population of the metropolitan area of the city and of other cities in the same region and size class, and is used in the computation of the indexes for the large cities combined as a weight for the cost figures obtained for each city. The new population weights were derived from the Bureau of the Census estimates of changes in population based upon registrations for the sugar-ration book.

¹ See "Bureau of Labor Statistics Cost-of-Living Index in Wartime" in Monthly Labor Review, July 1943, and the Bureau of Labor Statistics press release "The Cost of Living and Retail Costs of Food, March 15, 1943," issued May 19, 1943.