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THE SECRETARY OF LABOR:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a report on retail prices and indexes of retail prices of food for the year 1950.

In January and February 1950, retail food prices continued their decline from October 1949. After February, prices rose during the remainder of the year. Prices increased slowly at first, then more rapidly from April through July, after which they increased gradually until the general price advance in December when 20 cities reached record highs.

A monthly mimeographed report on retail prices of food, giving index numbers for groups and subgroups of commodities, and average prices for individual foods in each of 56 cities will continue to be available on request as heretofore.

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Retail Prices of Food, 1950¹

Summary

The year 1950 began with a more optimistic outlook than 1949. Although inventories had been lowered generally as a precautionary measure, business had begun to pick up some during the last half of 1949. Farm prices were protected by loans and Government buying, incomes had increased, consumers had accumulated savings, and veterans were looking forward to receiving between 2 and 3 billion dollars in National Life Insurance dividends from the insurance surplus during the first half of 1950.

By mid-1950, larger consumer buying and the outlook for smaller production aggravated by crop damage caused food prices to advance nearly to the previous year's level. However, the somewhat inflated buying was not expected to last much beyond the middle of the year, and there was even talk of a recession during latter 1950.

This outlook was suddenly changed by the outbreak of hostilities in Korea in mid-1950. Prices of those commodities most likely to be scarce in time of war rose sharply, and some war-scare consumer hoarding took place. Markets which had only recently changed to buyers' markets were shifting back to sellers' markets. During the summer and fall of 1950, buying eased or became active as war news fluctuated. After considerable discussion of the need for price controls and rationing, Congress, on September 8, 1950, passed the Defense Production Act of 1950, giving the President authority to stabilize prices.

After the Chinese entered the Korean conflict, the retail food price index rose 2.6 percent in 1 month to a near record level as of mid-December 1950. Freezing weather, snow-damaged crops, and delayed transportation also contributed to this increase.

Table 1 and chart 1 present the trend in retail prices of all foods combined, from 1913 through 1950.

Food Prices During 1950

In January and February 1950, retail food prices continued their decline from October 1949. During January, the decline was quite general. The only important conflicting increases reported were for fresh fruits and vegetables following cold-weather damage, and for coffee, prices of which continued upward to new highs. In February, all meats except beef turned upward while fresh fruits and vegetables helped contribute to the over-all decline.

During the remainder of 1950, retail prices of foods moved upward, slowly at first, then with increased speed from April through July, after which the rate of increase slowed down gradually until the general increase in December.

The movement in the retail food price index was as follows:

<i>1950</i>	<i>Percent change</i>
December (1949)-January.....	-0.7
January-February.....	-.6
February-March.....	+.9
March-April.....	+.4
April-May.....	+1.3
May-June.....	+1.7
June-July.....	+2.5
July-August.....	+.8
August-September.....	0
September-October.....	+.3
October-November.....	+.1
November-December.....	+2.6

Cereals and bakery products contributed to the increase throughout most of the year as higher production costs increased bread prices generally, and corn meal prices increased sizably.

After January, the meats, poultry, and fish group rose steadily except in October and November, when prices declined seasonally. Steers were withheld from markets from time to time to maintain beef prices. Price supports played an important part in the trend of pork prices. Lamb and salmon supplies were small. Chicken supplies were large and prices were not supported during 1950.

¹ See p. 33 for description of Interim Revision of the Retail Food Price Index.

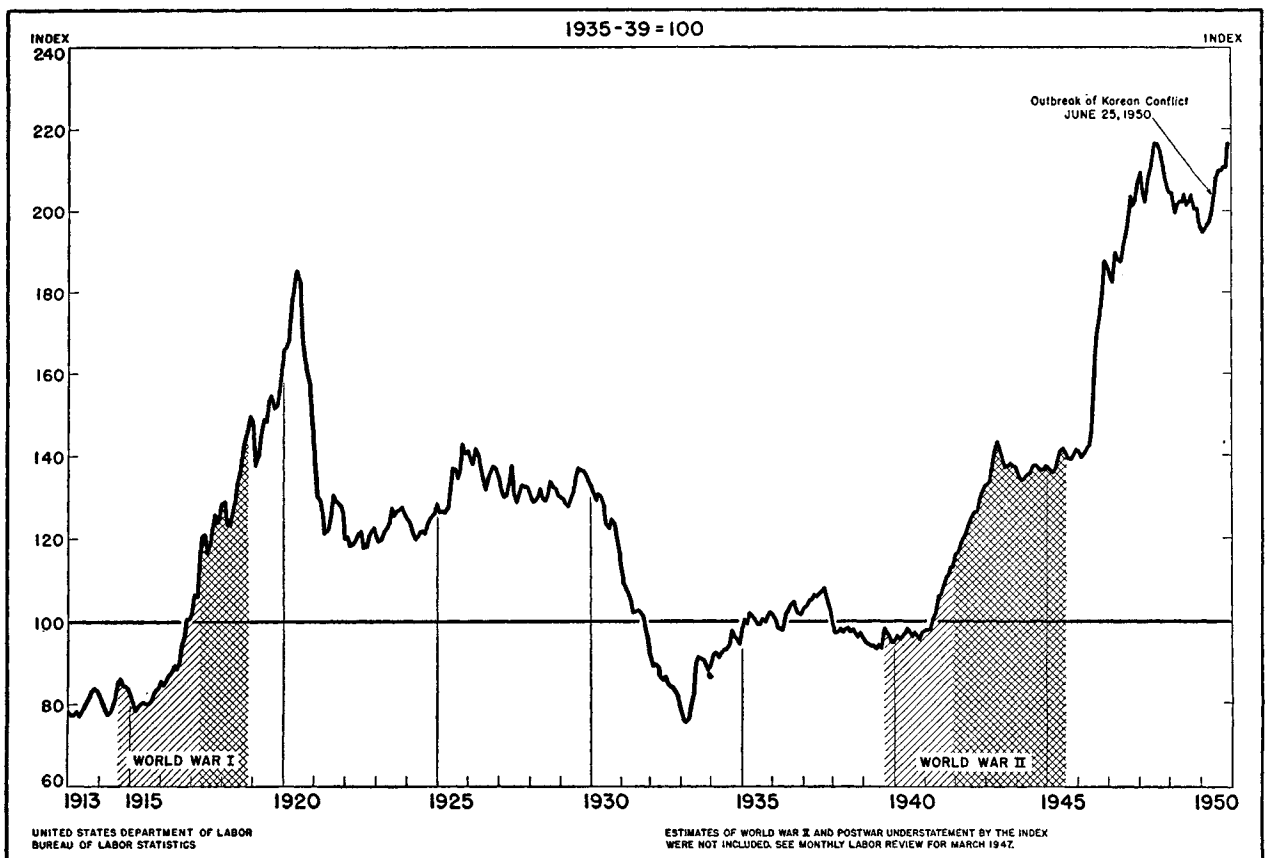
RETAIL PRICES OF FOOD, 1950

TABLE 1.—Indexes of retail prices of food in large cities combined, by year, 1913–50, and by month, January 1948 to December 1950

[1935–39=100]

Year	All- foods index	Year	All- foods index	Year	All- foods index	Year and month	All- foods index	Year and month	All- foods index	Year and month	All- foods index
BY YEAR						BY MONTH					
1913.....	79.9	1926.....	137.4	1939.....	95.2	<i>1948</i>		<i>1949</i>		<i>1950</i>	
1914.....	81.8	1927.....	132.3	1940.....	96.6	January.....	209.7	January.....	204.8	January.....	196.0
1915.....	80.9	1928.....	130.8	1941.....	105.5	February.....	204.7	February.....	199.7	February.....	194.9
1916.....	90.8	1929.....	132.5	1942.....	123.9	March.....	202.3	March.....	201.6	March.....	196.6
1917.....	116.9	1930.....	126.0	1943.....	138.0	April.....	207.9	April.....	202.8	April.....	197.3
1918.....	134.4	1931.....	103.9	1944.....	136.1	May.....	210.9	May.....	202.4	May.....	199.8
1919.....	149.8	1932.....	86.5	1945.....	139.1	June.....	214.1	June.....	204.3	June.....	203.1
1920.....	168.8	1933.....	84.1	1946.....	159.6	July.....	216.8	July.....	201.7	July.....	208.2
1921.....	128.3	1934.....	93.7	1947.....	193.8	August.....	216.6	August.....	202.6	August.....	209.9
1922.....	119.9	1935.....	100.4	1948.....	210.2	September.....	215.2	September.....	204.2	September.....	210.0
1923.....	124.0	1936.....	101.3	1949.....	201.9	October.....	211.5	October.....	200.6	October.....	210.6
1924.....	122.8	1937.....	105.3	1950.....	204.5	November.....	207.5	November.....	200.8	November.....	210.8
1925.....	132.9	1938.....	97.8			December.....	205.0	December.....	197.3	December.....	216.3

Chart 1. Retail Prices of Food in Large Cities Combined



Dairy products, after declining during the first half of 1950, participated in the price rise the last half of the year. Higher milk prices were chiefly responsible for the rise.

With an increased consumption of eggs as a substitute for meat, the price of eggs rose during the last half of the year to a 30-year high in December.

Fresh fruits and vegetables, although averaging somewhat lower over the year, rose during 8 of the 12 months, as the result of cold-weather damage to crops. The canned and dried groups rose in the latter part of the year, reflecting weather-damaged or delayed crops.

Coffee prices, already at a record high at the beginning of the year, reached new highs.

After slight declines in January and February, fats and oils rose throughout the remainder of the year, influenced by increased lard exports, a smaller cotton crop, and large purchases of vegetable oils for a record-high margarine production.

Consumer hoarding of sugar contributed to the food price advance during July and August.

Changes in Food Prices by City

Reversing the downward swing of 1949, all 56 cities included in the retail food price index reported higher food prices in December 1950 than in December 1949. These increases in individual city food indexes varied from 5.6 percent in Jackson to 14.9 percent in Springfield.

Prices in 1950 also averaged higher for the year as a whole in 47 of the 56 cities, with increases between 1949 and 1950 ranging from 0.2 percent in Jackson to 3.5 percent in Detroit. Three cities averaged unchanged. Decreases in the remaining 6 cities ranged from 0.1 percent in Los Angeles to 1.2 percent in Savannah and Mobile.

Food prices declined in about three-fourths of the cities during January and February. By March, the upward swing started with virtually all 56 cities reporting price increases. Except for April, almost all cities advanced each month through August. From September through November, however, about half of the cities showed decreases. In December, following the entry of the Chinese into the Korean conflict, the food price indexes rose for all 56 cities, with 20 cities reaching record highs.

Indexes of average retail food prices by city

during 1950 are presented in table 2. (Annual average prices of individual foods by city are shown in table 5.)

Trend of Prices for Major Food Groups

From December 1949 to December 1950, prices moved higher for all major food groups. Price increases were (in order of magnitude) as follows: eggs, 40.1 percent; fats and oils, 15.9 percent; meats, poultry, and fish, 13.5 percent; beverages, 12.0 percent; cereals and bakery products, 5.0 percent; dairy products, 4.2 percent; sugar and sweets, 3.4 percent; and fruits and vegetables, 2.9 percent.

By December 1950, prices had risen most above their 1935-39 level for beverages (227.5 percent), meats, poultry, and fish (153.4 percent), and eggs (149.4 percent), while prices had increased least for fats and oils (58.5 percent) and cereals and bakery products (77.7 percent).

Although all major food groups were higher in December 1950 than at the beginning of the year, only four groups averaged higher for the year as a whole: beverages (41.6 percent), meats, poultry, and fish (4.4 percent), sugar and sweets (2.0 percent), and cereals and bakery products (1.8 percent). Averaging lower for the year were: eggs (13.7 percent), fruits and vegetables (4.3 percent), fats and oils (2.8 percent), and dairy products (1.1 percent).

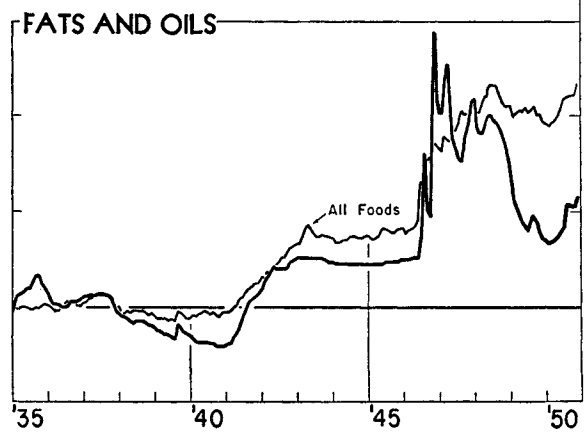
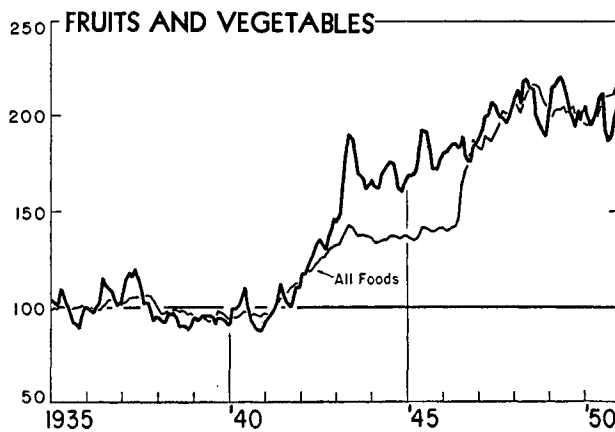
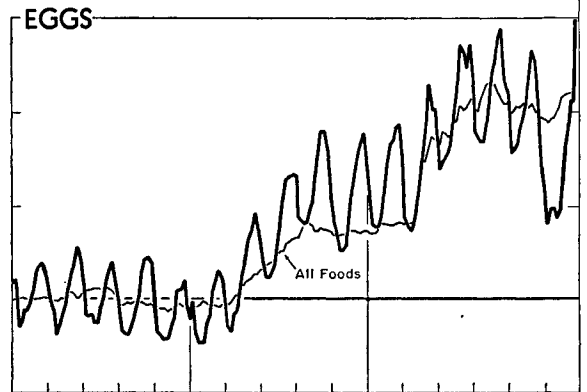
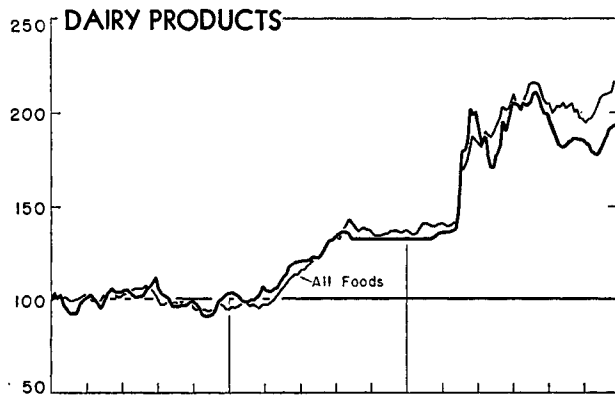
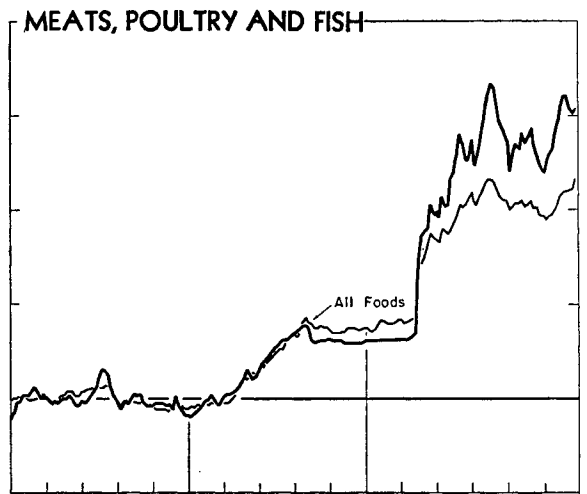
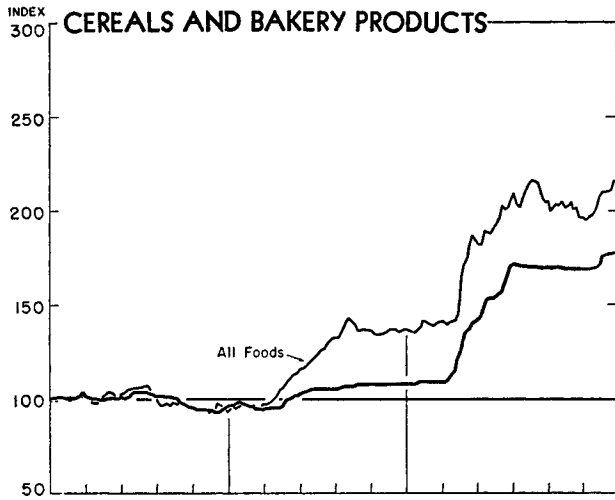
Table 3 presents indexes of retail food prices by groups for the years 1923 through 1950 and for each month in 1950. The accompanying chart shows the trend of retail food prices by groups through 1950.

Cereals and bakery products.—After leveling off for 2½ years, prices of cereals and bakery products rose during the latter part of 1950 to establish new record highs.

Prices of rice, which by mid-January had declined 24 percent from the August-September high of 1948, remained relatively stable during the first half of 1950. At the beginning of the year, supplies of rough rice in the southern belt were the highest on record and California stocks were a third larger than the year before. After the middle of the year, it became apparent that war conditions in Korea would greatly enlarge demand, and by December 1950 retail prices of rice were 7 percent above that of December 1949.

Chart 2. Retail Prices for Groups of Food in Large Cities Combined

1935-39=100



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By December 1950, bread prices had established a new high with rises over the year being reported in 53 cities. Two cities averaged unchanged and one showed a slight decrease. In August 1950, bread prices increased in 48 of these cities.

Over the year, flour prices went up 3 percent and other cereals and bakery products increased from 4 to 7 percent.

Meats, poultry, and fish.—All items except chickens increased in price, raising the meats, poultry, and fish group 13.3 percent over the year.

Retail prices of beef items, after seasonal decreases in January and February, rose from March through August. In spite of the usual tendency toward a dull market during Lent, beef prices were firm as growers were reported to be withholding steers from market.

By early June, consumer resistance to high prices caused retail beef sales to drop. However, factors keeping prices up through August were fewer cattle being fed for the summer market, small storage holdings, higher consumer incomes, and larger purchases of beef by the Armed Forces.

In spite of the seasonal marketing increase and the holiday demand for poultry, beef price declines near the end of the year were much less than the usual seasonal amount as the number of steers brought to market declined whenever prices started sliding, and as increased defense expenditures helped strengthen demand.

Veal prices established new highs each month throughout the year except in April when prices declined 1½ percent and again in November when prices did not change. Production of veal was substantially lower than in the previous year.

In December, despite the fact that hog slaughter was at its peak, retail beef and veal prices rose 2½ percent on the average along with a general price rise for most foods, as demand remained strong. The beef and veal index on December 15, 1950, was 286.3 (1935-39=100), just above the former high of 286.2 of August 1948.

In January 1950, retail pork prices, continuing the decline started in October 1949, were at their lowest level since June 1946. When hog price support levels started a seasonal rise in January, hog marketing took a big jump, and during the second week marketings were the largest for any January week in 6 years.

Following this, in February and March, retail pork prices rose along with most other meats. At this time there was the usual lull between marketing seasons, demand was good, and hog price supports were again raised seasonally. When the United States Department of Agriculture failed to announce a support price for hogs after March 31, growers rushed hogs to market before the April 1 deadline. By mid-April, retail pork prices had declined 1½ percent from mid-March, while other meat prices continued upward.

During the next 3 months, retail pork prices soared 21 percent, and by July 15 were less than 1 percent below September 1949 levels, as hog marketing tapered off through July partly for seasonal reasons and partly because of the scare created by the Korean hostilities. Again in August and September, most retail pork prices increased as a strong consumer demand made sizable inroads into cold storage stocks.

Although prices declined during the remainder of the year with heavier marketings of hogs, the drop was less than seasonal. This price decline was minimized by early hog marketings, the high rate of consumption, and the marketing of fewer sows because of the intention to raise more pigs in the spring.

After a small decline in January, prices of lamb rose from February through July. During this period supplies of lamb were small with storage holdings negligible. As marketings increased and consumer demand slackened, decreases occurred from August through October. For the remainder of the year, lamb prices advanced, reversing the usual seasonal trend, and on December 15, 1950, were 14 percent above December 1949, and only 7 percent below the record high of June 1949.

At the beginning of 1950, storage holdings of poultry were large after a year of record peacetime production. Retail poultry prices, which had declined generally during 1949 from the near-record levels of 1948, dropped 11½ percent between December 1949 and January 1950, to the lowest point since March 1946.

During the next 3 months, chicken prices rose 18 percent, much more than the usual amount at that time of year. Seasonally low marketings were supplemented by supplies from cold storage.

In February, the United States Department of Agriculture announced that farmers intended to

buy 12 percent fewer chicks in 1950 than in 1949. The Agricultural Act of 1949 permitted but did not require price supports for poultry, and poultry prices were not supported during 1950. After a 2-percent decline in May, poultry prices rose contraseasonally through mid-August as high meat prices helped to create additional demand for poultry. On August 15, 1950, the poultry index of 202.2 (1935-39=100) was the highest since the 225.3 index level of October 1946.

Throughout the four remaining months of 1950, chicken prices decreased as supplies of both chickens and turkeys were large and demand switched to turkeys during the holidays.

Prices of fish (fresh, frozen, and canned) rose 14 percent over the year, reaching new highs in November and December 1950. From December 1949 to December 1950, fresh and frozen fish rose 7½ percent. Canned salmon prices increased nearly 27 percent. The 1950 salmon pack was the smallest since 1921, about 30 percent less than 1949, and 17 percent less than the small 1948 production. By the end of 1950, salmon supplies were practically nonexistent.

Dairy products.—Prices of dairy products declined during the first half of 1950, then rose during the last half, averaging about 4 percent higher over the year.

Prices of fresh milk, up about 4½ percent over the year, were higher in December 1950 than in December 1949 in 37 of the 56 cities surveyed.

Six cities averaged lower and 10 cities averaged unchanged, although there had been offsetting changes during the year. Three cities reported no price changes for fresh milk during the year.

At the beginning of the year, butter production increased as a decline in production of evaporated milk and cheese diverted more milk to butter. The Commodity Credit Corporation was holding large stocks, and greater competition from margarine was in the offing with the coming repeal of the yellow margarine tax.

By June, a record amount of butter was in storage and the Government's hopes of buying less were blasted by improved pasturage. Butter prices declined 3 percent during the first 6 months of 1950.

During the latter part of the year, butter prices rose 7 percent as production declined, and large sales of Government-owned butter practically wiped out stocks by the end of the year. By the end of the year butter prices were nearly 4 percent over those of December 1949.

Cheese prices did not change much during 1950. Government holdings of cheese were large but unlike butter, cheese improves rather than deteriorates with age. Also, distributors could purchase cheese from the Government at the support price plus carrying charges. Production, although lowered, was still running ahead of demand, until October when Britain bought half of the Government's holdings, with little or no effect on prices:

TABLE 2.—Indexes of retail prices of food, by city¹ and by month, 1950

[1935-39=100]

Region and city	1950												
	Average for the year	Jan. 15	Feb. 15	Mar. 15	Apr. 15	May 15	June 15	July 15	Aug. 15	Sept. 15	Oct. 15	Nov. 15	Dec. 15
United States.....	204.5	196.0	194.9	196.6	197.3	199.8	203.1	208.2	209.9	210.0	210.6	210.8	216.3
<i>New England</i>													
Boston.....	195.6	186.6	185.4	187.9	188.6	190.6	196.1	202.0	202.9	200.1	201.9	201.5	204.1
Bridgeport.....	203.8	195.5	192.6	196.9	197.4	199.8	204.0	210.0	208.4	206.8	210.8	209.1	214.6
Fall River.....	200.9	191.9	190.8	192.7	193.7	195.6	200.7	207.2	207.7	205.6	207.6	206.2	211.4
Manchester.....	200.9	191.6	190.4	193.3	192.6	196.2	200.6	206.3	207.3	206.2	208.8	207.4	210.1
New Haven.....	199.1	190.6	190.1	192.3	192.3	194.9	199.8	204.5	203.8	203.6	205.4	203.6	208.7
Portland, Maine.....	194.1	187.3	186.7	190.3	188.2	189.2	193.0	198.9	198.0	197.7	198.9	198.1	202.9
Providence.....	207.8	198.3	197.0	198.8	199.6	203.0	207.9	213.5	214.4	213.6	214.4	213.7	219.3
<i>Middle Atlantic</i>													
Buffalo.....	198.7	189.8	189.4	191.6	192.3	193.9	199.0	204.9	203.5	202.6	204.0	205.7	207.5
Newark.....	202.2	192.4	191.0	193.9	195.7	198.3	203.3	206.8	206.3	206.3	208.2	209.1	215.3
New York.....	204.7	195.9	195.9	197.2	198.7	200.3	203.7	209.2	207.2	210.6	210.2	211.3	216.1
Philadelphia.....	201.3	191.3	190.2	193.4	193.6	195.5	201.4	205.9	208.1	208.8	207.9	206.7	212.9
Pittsburgh.....	208.1	199.7	198.4	198.5	201.0	205.1	207.5	211.1	213.3	214.6	215.9	213.8	218.0
Rochester.....	197.7	190.7	190.0	191.2	189.6	193.7	196.4	203.4	201.7	202.0	204.5	202.6	206.1
Seranton.....	202.6	192.4	191.4	194.7	194.0	199.6	204.2	209.5	209.8	208.9	207.2	207.1	212.1
<i>East North Central</i>													
Chicago.....	209.4	199.9	198.6	201.1	201.1	206.0	208.4	214.8	217.0	214.7	215.0	214.8	221.6
Cincinnati.....	206.2	197.4	197.0	198.2	197.7	202.0	205.1	210.2	213.2	214.2	212.6	210.7	215.9
Cleveland.....	211.4	202.6	201.7	201.8	203.1	205.7	211.2	216.6	218.3	217.5	219.1	217.8	220.9
Columbus, Ohio.....	186.5	177.2	177.5	179.2	179.5	182.1	183.9	189.9	194.0	193.2	192.5	191.1	197.4
Detroit.....	203.5	191.8	190.8	192.8	194.9	198.7	202.9	208.0	208.8	209.7	212.5	213.5	217.2
Indianapolis.....	201.5	192.3	191.2	192.7	193.3	196.1	198.1	203.4	208.8	210.3	208.6	208.8	214.9
Milwaukee.....	206.8	196.3	196.4	199.0	198.9	204.2	206.6	212.7	213.7	212.3	212.3	213.0	216.3
Peoria.....	216.9	205.9	206.5	207.4	208.3	211.9	216.8	221.2	224.3	224.0	225.0	224.4	226.9
Springfield, Ill.....	213.3	200.9	200.7	201.8	202.7	207.5	211.8	218.6	219.8	218.6	222.1	223.1	231.7
<i>West North Central</i>													
Cedar Rapids ²	211.1	200.3	200.3	201.0	201.1	205.5	208.6	211.9	218.8	219.2	220.6	220.2	225.9
Kansas City.....	191.2	183.6	182.8	183.5	184.7	187.2	189.2	195.0	194.9	195.8	196.2	198.1	203.2
Minneapolis.....	195.2	189.1	187.5	187.2	187.1	191.3	194.1	196.0	200.7	199.1	200.7	202.1	206.8
Omaha.....	197.8	189.8	188.6	190.0	190.2	195.5	197.2	199.6	203.9	203.5	202.3	203.6	209.8
St. Louis.....	213.7	204.6	202.8	204.7	202.6	207.2	210.2	220.1	220.8	220.2	220.2	221.2	229.7
St. Paul.....	192.7	186.4	186.6	187.0	186.3	189.7	192.5	194.4	195.7	195.3	196.9	198.4	202.8
Wichita ²	213.3	205.9	205.0	206.9	204.6	207.6	209.4	214.0	220.4	218.9	219.0	218.4	230.0
<i>South Atlantic</i>													
Atlanta.....	201.5	192.5	190.1	195.6	194.1	193.8	195.4	202.0	210.1	210.2	208.6	208.3	217.0
Baltimore.....	215.3	206.6	205.0	207.1	207.0	210.0	215.6	220.4	222.0	221.8	221.2	220.5	226.4
Charleston, S. C.....	191.8	185.3	183.3	186.8	185.6	186.1	188.0	192.8	199.9	198.9	196.7	195.5	203.2
Jacksonville.....	209.5	200.7	199.0	202.3	201.5	202.8	205.8	211.4	218.1	219.1	215.2	215.3	223.1
Norfolk.....	206.4	194.8	195.1	198.7	199.1	202.1	205.9	210.3	217.6	216.3	211.8	210.8	214.8
Richmond.....	196.8	188.3	187.9	189.3	189.0	191.1	195.2	200.7	202.9	202.9	202.0	201.6	210.3
Savannah.....	208.8	197.0	195.6	200.0	200.0	203.6	206.3	211.6	219.5	217.9	215.9	214.9	223.0
Washington, D. C.....	202.6	194.4	194.0	194.7	194.4	196.9	201.9	205.8	207.4	207.0	208.9	208.9	216.7
Winston-Salem ²	200.0	191.0	189.2	193.7	192.6	193.1	197.3	200.8	207.4	207.8	207.5	205.7	214.1
<i>East South Central</i>													
Birmingham.....	196.5	186.4	183.0	189.2	189.9	191.8	192.2	199.8	201.5	206.4	202.7	203.0	212.3
Jackson ²	206.0	199.9	196.7	198.7	199.9	201.2	201.0	206.0	213.2	213.9	213.9	211.6	216.0
Knoxville ²	227.9	216.7	216.7	218.8	219.3	220.6	223.1	227.9	238.5	238.5	235.8	235.0	243.6
Louisville.....	192.3	183.7	183.0	184.1	183.1	187.8	192.0	197.6	197.8	199.4	198.0	198.0	203.3
Memphis.....	212.1	203.1	202.9	204.8	203.4	205.8	208.3	213.6	219.4	221.5	220.1	218.3	224.0
Mobile.....	203.9	196.4	194.8	198.7	199.7	199.8	200.1	204.7	212.6	210.2	207.4	208.8	213.2
<i>West South Central</i>													
Dallas.....	206.4	198.4	197.9	197.0	197.1	199.8	201.5	207.2	214.2	215.6	213.5	213.1	221.1
Houston.....	214.5	207.7	206.0	209.2	206.6	206.3	208.1	212.8	221.9	223.3	222.3	222.1	227.5
Little Rock.....	203.8	196.4	195.0	196.0	195.6	196.8	200.1	204.2	210.7	211.5	210.9	211.7	217.1
New Orleans.....	216.9	209.6	207.4	209.8	211.3	210.8	212.9	218.5	227.0	225.2	221.5	220.7	228.2
<i>Mountain</i>													
Butte.....	203.7	194.1	193.9	194.5	196.7	198.5	203.0	204.9	209.1	209.4	212.0	212.2	215.8
Denver.....	207.6	196.8	196.6	199.0	199.0	203.0	205.9	209.6	214.8	212.2	215.1	216.0	223.6
Salt Lake City.....	204.7	198.7	198.8	196.8	196.2	199.2	202.2	202.8	210.1	210.9	211.4	212.4	217.2
<i>Pacific</i>													
Los Angeles.....	205.5	201.4	198.9	199.5	201.6	201.3	201.6	204.4	208.6	207.8	210.9	212.1	218.0
Portland, Ore.....	221.4	210.4	212.1	211.3	212.9	216.6	219.1	224.2	227.5	228.5	228.7	230.7	234.9
San Francisco.....	215.2	214.3	211.9	210.5	210.8	210.4	211.1	215.9	217.3	214.3	217.0	219.3	229.0
Seattle.....	211.8	205.8	205.3	204.4	205.6	206.9	208.6	211.4	214.6	214.1	218.0	221.8	225.7

¹ Aggregate costs of foods in each city, weighted to represent total purchases by families of wage earners and lower-salaried workers, have been combined

for the United States with the use of population weights.
² June 1940=100.

Eggs.—Egg prices rose nearly 41 percent during 1950, to the highest level in 30 years. After seasonal decreases in January and February, egg prices began to advance during March and April, partly as a result of substantial purchases of dried eggs under the support program. In addition, consumption increased, first because of the relatively low prices, then because of Lenten demand; and storage of shell and frozen eggs increased as speculators looked forward to a drop in production during the latter part of the year. In May, prices

dipped slightly as consumption, although higher, failed to keep up with production. The break, however, was not sharp because of the Government's support program.

From June to the end of the year, prices increased sharply to a 30-year record as higher meat prices increased demand for eggs and purchases by the Armed Forces were sizable. Supplies became so scarce that at the end of the year storage holdings were the lowest on record.

TABLE 3.—Indexes of retail prices of food, in large cities combined,¹ by commodity group, by year, 1923 to 1950, and by month, January 1950 to December 1950

[1935-39=100]

Year and month	All foods	Cereals and bakery products	Meats, poultry, and fish	Meats				Chick-ens	Fish	Dairy prod-ucts	Eggs	Fruits and vegetables					Bever-ages	Fats and oils	Sugar and sweets
				Total	Beef and veal	Pork	Lamb					Total	Fro-zen ²	Fresh	Canned	Dried			
BY YEAR, 1923 to 1950²																			
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	95.3	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	100.7	98.8	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	98.6	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	106.4	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	97.8	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	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	94.4	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	106.5	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	122.5	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	124.2	124.7	119.9	136.9	146.1	206.5	134.6	161.9	168.8	178.0	130.6	158.9	124.8	126.1	127.1	
1944.....	136.1	108.4	129.9	117.9	118.7	112.2	134.5	151.0	207.6	133.6	153.9	168.2	177.2	129.5	164.5	124.3	123.3	126.5	
1945.....	139.1	109.0	131.2	118.0	118.4	112.6	136.0	154.4	217.1	133.9	164.4	177.1	188.2	130.2	168.2	124.7	124.0	126.5	
1946.....	159.6	125.0	161.3	150.8	150.5	148.2	163.9	174.0	236.2	165.1	168.8	182.4	190.7	140.8	190.4	139.6	152.1	143.9	
1947.....	193.8	155.4	217.1	214.7	213.6	215.9	220.1	183.2	271.4	186.2	200.8	199.4	201.5	166.2	263.5	189.6	197.5	180.0	
1948.....	210.2	170.9	246.5	243.9	258.5	222.5	246.8	203.2	312.8	204.8	208.7	205.2	212.4	158.0	246.8	205.0	195.5	174.0	
1949.....	201.9	169.7	233.4	229.3	241.3	205.9	251.7	191.5	314.1	186.7	201.2	208.1	218.8	152.9	227.4	220.7	148.4	176.4	
1950.....	204.5	172.7	243.6	242.0	265.7	203.2	257.8	183.3	308.5	184.7	173.6	199.2	206.1	146.0	228.5	312.5	144.3	179.9	
BY PRICE-REPORTING PERIOD, 1950																			
Jan. 15.....	196.0	169.0	219.4	217.9	242.3	177.3	234.3	158.9	301.9	184.2	152.3	204.8	217.2	143.3	223.9	299.5	135.2	178.9	
Feb. 15.....	194.9	169.1	222.0	220.2	241.8	183.6	238.6	164.9	294.1	183.6	140.8	199.3	208.7	142.7	222.1	303.3	133.6	178.0	
Mar. 15.....	196.6	169.1	229.3	224.1	244.6	188.3	246.5	180.6	301.8	182.4	149.5	195.1	202.0	142.6	221.5	308.5	134.3	177.0	
Apr. 15.....	197.3	169.3	231.1	224.6	246.4	185.4	251.9	187.8	297.5	179.6	149.8	198.9	208.1	142.3	221.6	305.5	135.6	175.1	
May 15.....	199.8	169.8	240.2	238.4	258.7	202.8	262.1	184.4	293.7	178.3	143.7	202.2	213.6	142.0	222.9	299.1	137.7	174.4	
June 15.....	203.1	169.8	246.5	246.7	268.6	209.1	268.1	185.1	295.9	177.8	148.4	209.3	224.3	142.7	222.9	296.5	140.1	174.3	
July 15.....	208.2	171.5	255.7	257.4	277.2	225.9	269.0	189.8	297.3	180.7	163.3	211.5	227.7	142.7	222.9	303.0	141.8	175.7	
Aug. 15.....	209.9	175.5	260.7	259.6	282.2	225.0	266.9	202.3	302.8	184.3	182.2	193.4	196.9	145.7	227.6	321.3	153.9	185.6	
Sept. 15.....	210.0	176.9	261.0	260.2	281.7	228.3	264.2	199.2	311.4	186.9	192.1	186.0	183.9	147.6	229.8	327.3	154.8	185.4	
Oct. 15.....	210.6	177.2	263.3	262.0	279.6	209.3	259.4	187.2	328.8	191.9	206.2	189.8	187.7	151.6	236.1	333.3	152.9	184.8	
Nov. 15.....	210.8	177.6	250.3	249.6	279.2	201.8	264.1	180.1	336.6	192.8	205.4	195.7	195.9	153.2	242.2	325.3	152.9	184.6	
Dec. 15.....	216.3	177.7	253.4	253.8	286.3	201.0	269.0	179.3	340.3	194.0	249.4	203.9	207.3	155.3	248.8	327.5	158.5	184.9	

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.

³ December 1950=100.

TABLE 4.—Average retail prices of principal foods in large cities combined, by month, 1950

Article	Average for the year	1950											
		Jan. 15	Feb. 15	Mar. 15	Apr. 15	May 15	June 15	July 15	Aug. 15	Sept. 15	Oct. 15	Nov. 15	Dec. 15
Cereals and bakery products:													
Cereals:													
Flour, wheat..... 5 pounds.....	49.1	48.3	48.4	48.5	48.8	49.0	49.1	49.2	49.7	49.7	49.6	49.5	49.7
Corn flakes..... 11 ounces.....	17.0	16.8	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.6	16.7	16.7	17.2	17.7	18.0	20.5
Corn meal..... pound.....	9.0	8.5	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.6	8.7	9.0	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.4	9.4
Rice..... do.....	16.8	16.4	16.4	16.4	16.5	16.5	16.5	16.4	16.9	17.1	17.3	17.5	17.8
Rollled oats..... 20 ounces.....	16.2	16.1	16.1	16.1	16.1	16.1	16.0	16.0	16.1	16.2	16.5	16.7	16.8
Bakery products:													
Bread, white..... pound.....	14.3	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.2	14.6	14.6	14.7	14.7	14.7
Vanilla cookies..... do.....	45.5	44.4	44.4	44.3	44.3	44.7	44.7	45.1	46.0	47.1	47.0	47.4	47.1
Meats, poultry, and fish:													
Meats:													
Beef:													
Round steak..... do.....	93.6	85.2	84.2	85.4	86.5	93.0	97.5	100.3	99.2	97.2	97.1	96.8	100.8
Rib roast..... do.....	74.3	68.6	68.2	68.9	69.5	73.4	76.1	78.4	78.3	77.8	76.4	76.7	78.7
Chuck roast..... do.....	61.6	54.9	55.1	55.8	56.0	59.4	63.0	65.5	65.7	65.6	65.1	65.0	67.5
Hamburger..... do.....	56.6	50.9	50.9	51.4	51.8	54.5	56.1	58.4	60.9	60.8	60.5	60.6	62.0
Veal:													
Cutlets..... do.....	108.3	102.1	104.3	104.6	103.1	105.7	108.3	109.9	110.9	111.9	112.1	112.1	114.3
Pork:													
Chops..... do.....	75.4	61.6	66.4	69.4	68.3	78.9	80.7	89.1	83.7	86.4	76.0	73.0	71.5
Bacon, sliced..... do.....	63.7	58.9	58.9	59.0	58.7	60.0	61.7	65.3	69.2	70.2	70.0	66.5	65.5
Ham, whole..... do.....	62.0	56.6	57.4	58.2	56.9	60.8	63.5	67.7	69.6	68.7	61.9	60.1	62.5
Salt pork..... do.....	34.6	32.0	31.3	31.7	31.1	31.8	33.4	34.3	37.2	37.9	38.2	38.0	38.1
Lamb:													
Leg..... do.....	74.4	67.5	68.7	71.0	72.6	75.6	77.3	77.6	77.0	76.3	74.9	76.1	77.5
Poultry: Frying chickens:													
New York dressed ³ do.....	46.1	39.7	41.5	45.1	46.9	46.4	46.7	48.2	50.9	50.3	47.1	45.4	45.3
Dressed and drawn ⁴ do.....	59.5	52.7	54.0	59.8	62.3	59.3	59.3	59.7	65.9	64.4	61.2	58.3	57.3
Fish:													
Salmon, pink..... 16-ounce can.....	47.6	46.6	45.3	43.5	43.0	42.9	42.6	42.7	44.2	47.1	55.1	58.4	59.8
Dairy products:													
Butter..... pound.....	72.9	73.4	73.3	73.0	71.9	71.3	71.1	71.1	72.0	72.3	74.3	74.6	76.3
Cheese..... do.....	51.8	52.2	52.1	52.0	51.7	51.5	51.1	51.1	51.6	51.8	51.7	52.2	52.6
Milk:													
Fresh (delivered)..... quart.....	20.6	20.6	20.5	20.3	19.8	19.7	19.6	20.1	20.5	20.9	21.7	21.8	21.9
Fresh (grocery) ⁵ do.....	19.3	19.2	19.1	19.0	18.6	18.3	18.2	18.7	19.1	19.6	20.3	20.6	20.6
Evaporated..... 14½-ounce can.....	12.6	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.7	12.9	13.0	13.0	13.1
Eggs: Fresh..... dozen.....	60.4	52.7	48.8	52.0	52.1	50.0	51.6	56.9	63.4	66.8	71.7	71.5	86.8
Fruits and vegetables:													
Fresh fruits:													
Apples..... pound.....	12.0	9.4	9.8	10.8	11.6	13.6	16.1	18.2	12.6	12.1	10.0	9.9	10.3
Bananas..... do.....	16.3	16.5	16.8	16.8	16.6	16.6	16.4	16.2	15.9	14.9	15.8	16.1	16.4
Oranges, size 200..... dozen.....	49.3	44.3	49.9	50.2	49.1	47.6	48.9	51.5	49.1	49.3	53.9	50.0	47.3
Fresh vegetables:													
Beans, green..... pound.....	21.8	30.0	23.9	19.7	22.0	23.0	16.8	17.9	15.5	17.1	16.7	24.6	33.8
Cabbage..... do.....	5.9	6.6	6.4	6.8	6.3	6.5	6.6	6.0	5.3	5.0	4.7	4.6	5.9
Carrots..... bunch.....	10.0	10.9	9.9	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.8	10.5	9.7	9.7	9.5	10.9	11.0
Lettuce..... head.....	13.9	18.2	14.1	12.9	13.1	15.7	13.9	11.6	12.6	12.9	13.2	14.5	13.9
Onions..... pound.....	6.8	9.0	7.6	6.4	5.9	6.7	7.7	8.1	7.2	6.2	5.5	5.3	5.5
Potatoes..... 15 pounds.....	69.2	70.9	70.6	70.5	72.0	75.4	79.6	78.5	73.7	64.9	59.4	56.0	59.4
Sweetpotatoes..... pound.....	10.2	10.7	10.7	10.9	10.9	11.3	10.8	10.2	11.2	9.5	8.2	8.4	9.1
Tomatoes..... do.....	24.3	25.1	23.9	21.5	27.0	23.4	32.4	33.2	17.7	12.6	20.3	25.9	29.1
Canned fruits:													
Peaches..... No. 2½ can.....	28.7	27.3	27.0	26.8	26.7	26.7	27.0	27.4	29.2	30.5	31.7	32.1	32.4
Pineapple..... do.....	37.8	37.9	37.7	37.8	37.6	37.3	37.3	37.5	38.0	38.1	38.3	38.3	38.4
Canned vegetables:													
Corn..... No. 2 can.....	17.7	17.9	17.6	17.3	17.2	17.0	17.2	17.1	17.3	17.6	18.3	18.7	19.2
Peas..... do.....	(7)	14.8	14.9	15.0	20.9	20.8	20.9	20.6	21.0	21.2	21.5	21.4	21.5
Tomatoes..... do.....	14.7	14.2	14.2	14.3	14.4	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.7	14.8	15.2	15.4	15.8
Dried fruits: Prunes..... pound.....	24.6	23.7	23.6	23.7	23.9	24.1	24.2	24.0	24.3	24.7	25.8	26.6	27.0
Dried vegetables: Navy beans..... do.....	15.3	15.2	15.0	14.9	14.8	14.9	14.9	14.9	15.4	15.5	15.8	16.1	16.7
Beverages: Coffee..... do.....	79.4	75.1	76.4	78.1	77.1	75.0	74.2	76.4	82.5	84.5	86.3	83.6	83.3
Fats and oils:													
Lard..... do.....	19.1	16.9	16.4	16.5	16.3	16.8	17.3	17.7	23.5	23.3	21.2	21.2	22.3
Hydrogenated shortening..... do.....	32.8	30.8	30.3	30.5	30.8	31.4	32.1	32.5	34.3	34.7	34.9	35.0	36.2
Salad dressing..... pint.....	34.7	33.5	33.4	33.3	33.7	34.0	34.4	34.4	35.5	35.8	35.9	36.0	37.0
Margarine, uncolored..... pound.....	30.8	28.3	28.1	28.5	29.2	29.3	29.4	30.6	32.6	33.3	33.3	33.2	34.2
Margarine, colored..... do.....	(9)	(9)	(9)	(9)	(9)	(9)	(9)	(9)	33.3	32.9	32.7	32.5	33.9
Sugar and sweets:													
Sugar ¹⁰ 5 pounds.....	48.7	48.3	48.0	47.7	47.3	47.1	47.1	47.5	50.7	50.6	50.3	50.2	50.1

¹ Average for 11 months.
² Specification changed from 11 ounces to 13 ounces beginning December 1950.
³ Priced in 29 cities.
⁴ Priced in 27 cities.
⁵ Costs of fish, fresh and/or frozen, are included in the index but average prices are not computed.
⁶ Specification revised in November 1950, to include Vitamin D milk and milk in half-gallon containers, when they are volume sellers.
⁷ No. 303 can fancy grade peas introduced in April 1950 in place of No. 2: standard grade.
⁸ Price for 19 cities beginning August 1950.
⁹ First priced in August 1950 for 37 cities.
¹⁰ Specification changed from one pound to five pounds beginning January 1950.

Fruits and vegetables.—By December 1950, retail prices of fruits and vegetables were 3 percent higher than in December 1949, although averaging 4 percent lower over the year. Between December 1949 and December 1950, a fractional decrease for the fresh group was more than offset by advances of 11 percent for dried items and 7 percent for canned items.

A cold wave at the beginning of the year damaged citrus fruits and vegetables. In January, the fresh fruits and vegetables group rose over 4 percent, much more than seasonally, as prices went up contraseasonally for lettuce (39 percent) and oranges (7 percent). Other increases ranged from 2 percent for apples to 12 percent for green beans. At 30 cents a pound, green beans established a record high. Prices of fresh items would probably have advanced more in January had it not been for supplies in packing houses and distributing centers.

In February, all fresh fruits moved upward. Prices of apples continued upward through mid-July, as Government purchases for school lunches, and good domestic and foreign demand used up stocks before summer apples became available. After reaching a record high in mid-July, apple prices dropped 30 percent by mid-August as the new crop appeared on the market, then continued lower until the general rise in December. Orange prices were raised 13 percent over the year by freezing weather, coupled with a strong demand by orange juice processors. Banana prices declined slightly over the year.

Most fresh vegetables turned downward contraseasonally in February and March, then upward from April through July. In August and September, declines were much more than seasonal, after which prices started rising contraseasonally until December when the general rise occurred.

Prices of fresh green beans reached new record highs in January and again in December 1950 because of freezing-weather damage to crops. After numerous seasonal or larger-than-seasonal fluctuations during the year, prices of fresh green beans averaged 26 percent higher in mid-December 1950 than the same month a year before. Also, over the year, prices increased 10 percent for the short supply of fresh tomatoes and 6 percent for lettuce.

The largest decline among fresh fruits and vegetables was for onions, 40 percent over the year. Onion prices decreased 35 percent during the first 4 months of 1950, as holders tried to dispose of large storage stocks. From May through July when new-crop onions began to appear on the market, prices increased 37 percent. From August through November new supplies increased, bringing prices down until the general price rise in December.

Potato prices declined 16 percent over the year. In 1950, prices were lower than in 1949, because of the: (1) larger supply (the crop was the fourth largest on record); (2) smaller quantities of potatoes eligible for support in 1950 than in 1949; and (3) price support for the 1950 crop which was based on a slightly lower percentage of parity. In 1950, potatoes moved into commercial channels faster than in 1949, as the result of lower retail prices and higher grade potatoes being offered consumers. Unlike that of 1949, the price-support program in 1950 drew undesirable potatoes off the market and allowed desirable grades to reach retail markets. Prices also declined 9 percent over the year for sweetpotatoes, 3 percent for cabbage, and 1½ percent for carrots.

The decline in prices of canned fruits and vegetables which took place during the entire year of 1949, continued through May 1950. During the remainder of 1950, this trend was reversed. In December 1950, canned items averaged 7 percent higher than in December 1949. All items in the canned fruits and vegetables group were higher by the end of the year, with increases ranging from less than 1 percent for canned pineapple to 13½ percent for canned peaches.

Retail prices of canned cling peaches dropped 4 percent in January and 1 percent in February. Price decreases then dwindled fractionally from March through May. In June, prices started an upward swing that continued throughout the remainder of the year, so that in December canned peach prices were 20 percent above May.

At the beginning of 1950, sales of canned cling peaches were slow. By March, sales began to pick up as consumption increased. Then freezing weather damaged the crops in South Carolina and the Pacific Northwest, raising prices of fresh peaches which increased consumer buying of

canned peaches. Also keeping up the canned cling peach prices were a shortage of freestone peaches, Armed Forces demand, and slow ripening of the crop because of cool weather.

Canned tomato prices crept up slowly during the year accumulating a 12-percent advance by December. Accelerating the price advance were rain, cold weather, and the presence of blight which hindered planting and growth; stepped-up Government needs; shortage of pickers; diversion of more tomatoes to tomato products; and high fresh tomato prices.

Average price rises over the year were small for canned peas (5 percent), corn (3 percent), and pineapple (less than 1 percent). Although planting of peas was delayed by wet weather, prices were depressed in the latter part of the year by a pack larger than expected. Planting and cultivation of corn were affected by adverse weather and corn borer damage. Plantings were 24 percent smaller than for the year 1949. After a decrease of 8 percent through July 1950, canned corn prices recovered sharply and rose 12 percent from August through December. Supplies were so short that the Armed Forces were required to take a larger proportion of fancy grades than they usually bought. On retail store shelves the smaller No. 303 cans largely replaced No. 2 cans.

Prices of dried fruits and vegetables increased 11 percent during the year. Prices of prunes continued the steady advance started in the latter part of 1948. With production of prunes 11 percent smaller in 1950 than in 1949, prices increased 12½ percent during the last 5 months of 1950. Early July heat reduced the California crop prospects, the Northwest crop was expected to be about 50 percent of normal, exports were substantial, and stocks were down to the lowest point in years.

By December 1950, prices of navy beans were 9.1 percent higher than in December 1949. In January 1950, dried beans were at their lowest price since October 1946. At the beginning of the year, there were surplus stocks, although a large percentage of these were owned by the Government. On April 30, 1950, the Government took final title to beans that growers were holding under loan or purchase agreement. This created a shortage of "free" supplies. After the outbreak of hostilities in Korea, demand in-

creased and prices rose throughout the remainder of the year. With low available free stocks, it was necessary to repurchase from CCC at prices 5 percent higher than the support level plus storage charges in order to obtain supplies.

Beverages.—Coffee prices—already at a record high—continued upward during the first quarter of 1950, as hoarded stocks began to run out. A 3-month price decline then followed the more favorable crop reports from Brazil.

From July through October, prices increased again, giving more evidence that hoarders' stocks had run out. In addition there was competition from European buyers, with the British in control of remaining short supplies.

Again in November and December there was a small price decline, but by the end of the year coffee prices were 13 percent above their December 1949 levels.

Fats and oils.—At the beginning of 1950, fats and oils which had declined almost continually since August 1948 were at their lowest level since June 1946. After further declines in January and February 1950, prices rose from March throughout most of the year. Over the year, prices advanced 31 percent for lard, 14½ percent for margarine, 13 percent for hydrogenated shortening, and 10 percent for salad dressing.

Storage holdings of lard were comparatively small at the beginning of the year, and the marketing of lighter weight hogs made for smaller lard production. Helping also to raise prices of lard were strong vegetable oil prices and substantial exports. In August, lard prices rose sharply by 33 percent as it appeared that a war might cause an increase in exports. During the next 3 months, prices decreased as war-scare buying declined. By December, prices had started upward again, despite a rise in production. Also contributing to this price increase for lard were high prices for shortening and substantial purchases of lard by soap manufacturers attempting to avoid the high prices of tallow.

Cottonseed and soybean oils comprise the greatest part of the fats and oils used in margarine. The CCC purchase of soybeans, and soybean and cottonseed oil influenced the upward

price trend of these vegetable oils during the year. A smaller cotton crop, the prospect of substantial exports, and large purchases of vegetable oil by margarine manufacturers also contributed to the price increase.

At the end of 1949, margarine prices were the lowest since October 1946. After some further declines in January and February 1950, prices of uncolored margarine rose through mid-July to a point about 5 percent above December 1949.

On March 16, 1950, the President approved Public Law 459, repealing internal-revenue taxes of margarine (except the excise tax on imported margarine), effective July 1, 1950. Until July 1, 1950, because of Federal taxes there was a spread of 10 cents a pound between the retail prices of colored and uncolored margarine. After the law was repealed, colored margarine practically replaced uncolored margarine in many parts of the country. Production of colored margarine rose from 20 percent of the total in 1949 to 53 percent in 1950. (Production of margarine at 937 million pounds was a record high in 1950.)

A survey of prices of colored margarine in 23 cities showed an average drop of 9.4 cents a pound from June to July, as rising prices partly offset the effects of the Federal tax repeal. In the 19 cities where the sale of colored margarine was prohibited by State law, retail prices of uncolored margarine rose 2 percent from June to July.

In August, prices of colored margarine were introduced into the Retail Food Price Index in place of uncolored margarine in 37 of the 56 cities priced. Prices of uncolored margarine were continued in the remaining 19 cities where colored margarine could not be sold.

From July through December, prices of uncolored margarine in 19 cities increased nearly 12 percent, and prices of colored margarine in 37 cities increased more than 8 percent.

Sugar and sweets.—Retail sugar prices during 1950 averaged the highest in 27 years, although important increases took place during only July and August, as consumers hoarded supplies following the Korean outbreak. Civilian disappearance of sugar in 1950 was the highest since the record established in 1941.

Retail Prices and Indexes of Individual Foods in 1950

Average retail prices of individual foods for large cities combined are presented in table 4 for each month in 1950. Annual average retail prices of individual foods in each of 56 cities, for 1950, are shown in table 5.

Indexes of individual foods for large cities combined are presented in table 6, by month, from January 1939 through December 1950.

TABLE 5.—Annual average retail prices of principal foods, by city, 1950

Article	United States	NEW ENGLAND							MIDDLE ATLANTIC						
		Boston	Bridgeport	Fall River	Manchester	New Haven	Portland, Maine	Providence	Buffalo	Newark	New York	Philadelphia	Pittsburgh	Rochester	Scranton
Cereals and bakery products:															
Cereals:															
Flour, wheat 5 pounds..	49.1	48.8	51.3	50.4	51.7	50.9	50.0	49.5	49.4	48.2	48.4	49.8	49.0	50.6	46.6
Corn flakes ¹ 11 ounces..	² 17.0	² 16.9	² 16.1	² 17.2	² 17.8	² 16.6	² 17.8	² 16.3	² 16.4	² 17.1	² 17.6	² 16.8	² 17.0	² 16.6	² 16.3
Corn meal.....pound..	9.0	10.2	11.1	10.9	10.5	10.7	10.6	10.0	10.6	10.2	10.6	9.9	10.3	10.7	10.5
Rice.....do.....	16.8	17.2	17.5	16.5	16.4	16.4	16.7	16.3	16.2	18.0	17.4	16.5	16.4	16.7	17.0
Rollled oats 20 ounces..	16.2	16.0	16.4	16.5	16.1	16.1	16.4	15.6	15.9	16.0	16.2	15.5	16.6	16.5	16.4
Bakery products:															
Bread, white.....pound..	14.3	14.4	14.2	15.0	13.6	14.2	14.6	14.5	14.8	15.0	15.3	15.2	14.9	14.4	14.6
Vanilla cookies.....do....	45.5	43.4	40.1	(*)	47.0	39.9	39.8	43.6	52.5	³ 43.8	(*)	40.5	(*)	(*)	40.4
Meats, poultry, and fish:															
Meats:															
Beef:															
Round steak.....do....	93.6	107.5	104.8	104.2	105.8	107.1	98.7	103.8	86.5	99.6	98.7	102.0	91.1	90.3	96.6
Rib roast.....do....	74.3	71.4	74.2	70.8	70.8	73.3	67.7	72.8	69.7	72.7	75.3	75.1	74.8	70.7	71.7
Chuck roast.....do....	61.6	² 62.1	70.5	64.5	63.3	69.2	² 59.7	62.3	59.2	60.3	60.0	59.5	63.9	61.4	63.2
Hamburger.....do....	56.6	65.9	65.6	68.7	64.6	65.5	62.9	63.3	54.2	57.7	55.1	56.3	57.2	55.3	57.4
Veal: Cutlets.....do....	108.3	103.9	112.0	110.8	112.9	119.7	³ 104.5	114.0	104.1	120.2	120.0	126.1	105.3	110.4	118.8
Pork:															
Chops.....do.....	75.4	77.3	77.3	78.3	77.5	78.3	75.9	77.8	77.2	77.1	76.2	77.4	80.5	79.5	72.0
Bacon, sliced.....do....	63.7	62.4	60.5	62.2	62.6	63.4	58.6	62.4	58.8	64.0	68.2	66.5	63.4	57.5	61.7
Ham, whole.....do....	62.0	63.5	63.7	62.7	(*)	63.0	² 61.7	² 62.0	(*)	62.2	64.0	63.3	60.6	61.1	61.1
Salt pork.....do....	34.6	24.7	24.2	25.5	24.5	25.4	(*)	24.6	(*)	(*)	³ 43.0	40.7	35.8	45.4	² 24.2
Lamb: Leg.....do....	74.4	75.3	76.7	76.0	75.1	75.4	² 75.0	75.3	73.0	71.1	72.0	73.9	79.0	74.3	75.6
Poultry: Frying chickens:															
New York dressed ³															
do.....do.....	46.1	43.9	44.2	43.2	44.6	44.1	44.2	44.7	(*)	43.3	44.3	43.7		47.8	43.9
Dressed and drawn ⁶															
do.....do.....	59.5												61.6		
Fish: ⁷ Salmon, pink															
16-ounce can.....do....	47.6	45.4	48.9	46.4	46.5	47.1	47.1	43.7	47.4	47.5	48.5	46.4	50.2	48.4	46.4
Dairy products:															
Butter.....pound.....	72.9	72.5	74.0	71.8	70.1	73.6	70.6	73.5	71.2	73.9	74.2	73.8	74.8	71.6	71.0
Cheese.....do.....	51.8	49.6	53.3	50.0	51.3	51.9	48.6	51.3	53.1	56.3	55.0	51.4	53.2	48.0	49.3
Milk:															
Fresh (delivered)															
quart.....do.....	20.6	23.1	22.1	21.8	21.8	21.1	22.0	22.9	22.6	23.3	21.9	20.4	20.7	22.0	20.8
Fresh (grocery).....do....	19.3	20.8	21.9	21.2	21.1	21.2	21.9	21.2	20.4	21.5	19.0	20.2	19.9	21.4	21.1
Evaporated															
14½-ounce can.....do....	12.6	12.8	13.2	13.1	13.1	12.7	13.3	12.7	12.6	13.0	12.9	12.6	12.7	13.2	12.5
Eggs: Fresh.....dozen..	60.4	63.0	62.9	59.8	59.5	62.6	61.8	60.9	60.9	65.9	67.1	66.0	62.4	62.1	61.2
Fruits and vegetables:															
Fresh fruits:															
Apples.....pound.....	12.0	10.5	² 10.4	² 11.0	³ 9.2	² 10.4	² 9.7	² 10.7	² 10.0	² 10.5	² 12.8	(*)	10.4	² 9.2	² 9.6
Bananas.....do.....	16.3	16.0	² 16.4	16.0	16.1	15.6	16.0	15.5	17.1	15.3	15.4	15.4	16.6	16.2	15.0
Oranges, size 200															
dozen.....do.....	49.3	49.3	51.1	51.9	52.4	49.3	48.4	47.8	52.0	52.0	52.5	47.7	51.6	47.6	47.1
Fresh vegetables:															
Beans, green.....pound..	21.8	22.2	² 21.7	(*)	(*)	24.7	{(*)}	23.0	² 20.9	20.6	21.5	22.6	20.9	² 24.2	22.5
Cabbage.....do.....	5.9	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.2	5.9	5.7	5.7	5.4	5.7	6.2	6.2	6.4	5.4	5.1
Carrots.....bunch.....	10.0	10.9	12.4	11.8	10.4	11.8	10.2	11.2	10.1	11.2	11.6	11.4	10.8	9.9	10.1
Lettuce.....head.....	13.9	15.8	16.6	16.4	16.1	² 15.9	³ 15.3	² 16.3	13.1	16.1	15.9	15.8	15.1	14.0	² 14.8
Onions.....pound.....	6.8	7.0	7.2	7.4	7.1	6.9	6.8	6.7	7.4	6.8	6.9	7.0	7.4	6.3	6.2
Potatoes.....15 pounds..	69.2	55.6	64.1	53.8	51.8	63.4	48.5	55.2	53.6	63.9	65.7	66.5	73.0	51.6	50.6
Sweetpotatoes.....pound..	10.2	² 10.2	(*)	² 11.0	(*)	10.9	10.6	10.1	³ 11.4	10.6	11.1	10.8	11.2	² 9.8	10.5
Tomatoes.....do.....	24.3	22.5	23.2	21.0	22.3	21.9	21.6	21.1	² 25.4	24.9	26.1	24.7	26.4	25.3	23.7
Canned fruits:															
Peaches.....No. 2½ can..	28.7	28.2	31.0	29.6	29.4	29.8	31.6	28.9	30.5	28.8	28.6	26.8	30.6	31.7	29.6
Pineapple.....do.....	37.8	36.0	38.2	37.4	37.6	36.8	39.2	36.5	36.6	37.1	38.0	35.4	39.4	39.0	37.9
Canned vegetables:															
Corn.....No. 2 can.....	17.7	16.6	18.2	17.2	17.0	17.3	16.8	16.7	16.1	17.8	17.8	17.7	18.0	17.4	18.1
Peas.....do.....	(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)
Tomatoes.....do.....	14.7	14.8	15.2	14.5	14.7	15.0	16.0	14.6	15.0	14.4	15.3	15.2	14.7	16.2	14.1
Dried fruits: Prunes															
pound.....do.....	24.6	24.2	24.9	23.0	23.9	25.8	24.9	22.9	³ 23.8	24.4	24.8	25.0	25.7	25.7	25.1
Dried vegetables:															
Navy beans.....do.....	15.3	16.4	16.6	16.0	15.9	15.8	16.2	16.5	15.2	17.0	17.1	15.4	14.9	15.5	16.9
Beverages: Coffee.....do....	79.4	81.2	81.3	80.3	79.5	80.4	79.8	79.5	78.9	80.2	79.6	77.9	80.2	77.8	76.9
Fats and oils:															
Lard.....do.....	19.1	19.9	19.1	19.2	19.2	19.8	19.5	19.3	19.9	19.6	20.2	18.7	17.9	20.1	18.3
Hydrogenated shortening															
pound.....do.....	32.8	33.1	33.5	34.3	33.7	33.6	33.8	33.7	32.2	33.0	33.5	32.3	32.2	32.8	32.5
Salad dressing.....pint..	34.7	36.4	36.9	35.4	37.1	36.9	36.1	34.7	31.6	37.7	37.7	33.5	35.1	33.1	33.4
Margarine, uncolored															
pound.....do.....	⁹ 30.8	(¹⁰)	30.3	(¹⁰)	(¹⁰)	31.6	(¹⁰)	(¹⁰)	31.1	(¹⁰)	31.4	31.7	31.5	31.1	29.4
Margarine, colored.....do....	(¹¹)	(¹¹)		(¹¹)	(¹¹)		(¹¹)	(¹¹)		(¹¹)					
Sugar and sweets: Sugar															
5 pounds.....do.....	48.7	47.6	48.7	48.3	48.3	47.8	48.5	47.5	49.6	47.1	46.8	46.9	50.3	50.2	48.8

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 5.—Annual average retail prices of principal foods, by city, 1950—Continued

Article	EAST NORTH CENTRAL									WEST NORTH CENTRAL				
	Chicago	Cincinnati	Cleveland	Columbus	Detroit	Indianapolis	Milwaukee	Peoria	Springfield	Cedar Rapids	Kansas City	Minneapolis	Omaha	St. Louis
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>
Flour, wheat.....5 pounds	47.3	51.1	48.7	48.8	47.9	50.5	47.2	48.8	46.3	48.2	47.5	49.8	47.3	48.3
Corn flakes ¹11 ounces	² 16.3	² 16.3	² 17.9	² 16.8	² 16.7	² 18.6	² 16.1	² 16.9	² 16.9	² 19.3	² 17.0	² 17.8	² 16.0	² 16.6
Corn meal.....pound	10.4	10.9	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.2	10.8	10.8	10.9	11.2	10.5	10.6	11.0	10.2
Rice.....do	16.2	16.8	17.5	15.9	16.4	18.1	³ 17.2	16.8	17.7	16.9	15.7	16.6	15.0	15.3
Rolled oats.....20 ounces	15.7	16.5	16.4	16.1	16.1	16.5	16.0	16.6	16.5	16.7	16.6	16.4	16.9	15.7
Bakery products:														
Bread, white.....pound	13.2	13.3	14.2	12.9	13.6	13.3	12.6	13.8	⁴ 14.3	13.5	13.7	13.1	13.2	⁴ 14.0
Vanilla cookies.....do	53.8	⁵ 36.3	49.2	47.3	46.7	51.3	56.6	53.7		51.4	53.7	48.5	47.6	50.8
Meats, poultry, and fish:														
Meats:														
Beef:														
Round steak.....do	88.9	90.2	88.1	90.9	89.4	93.3	90.3	91.9	90.7	89.5	89.3	91.3	87.9	92.5
Rib roast.....do	74.1	71.0	74.9	72.7	74.1	76.0	70.9	68.7	66.8	63.5	73.2	75.9	70.2	72.1
Chuck roast.....do	62.7	61.2	62.3	63.8	63.5	62.9	63.4	61.5	60.4	59.9	61.0	64.3	58.9	60.8
Hamburger.....do	56.6	56.0	52.7	57.1	56.4	56.6	58.2	55.9	55.3	54.2	52.0	56.7	52.2	58.1
Veal: Cutlets.....do	100.8	106.0	101.8	99.0	104.2	101.9	96.7	94.4	95.0	88.4	95.7	98.1	93.3	104.0
Pork:														
Chops.....do	75.3	74.6	78.5	76.7	78.4	75.1	73.0	74.4	71.7	69.9	71.7	71.8	65.5	73.7
Bacon, sliced.....do	63.2	64.5	58.9	61.5	62.9	64.2	66.0	63.5	62.1	61.1	61.5	64.3	59.7	64.1
Ham, whole.....do	59.6	62.1	60.3	60.8	62.5	61.5	60.7	60.4	60.2	61.6	59.6	59.5	58.7	60.2
Salt pork.....do	39.2	32.6	39.1	32.5	35.5	33.2	39.2	39.4	(⁶)	41.2	35.3	² 36.7	34.1	37.6
Lamb: Leg.....do	72.8	87.1	76.6	82.4	77.5	81.1	76.0	75.8	81.2	(⁶)	80.1	73.0	(⁶)	74.2
Poultry: ⁷ Frying chickens:														
New York dressed ⁸do	47.5				50.1		49.2			45.4		(⁹)	(⁹)	
Dressed and drawn ⁸do		60.9	60.8	60.2		61.4		70.0	64.5		61.2			63.0
Fish: ⁷ Salmon, pink, 16-ounce can	47.0	48.9	48.2	48.4	47.8	47.7	49.3	49.4	49.6	² 50.1	47.7	² 49.0	48.0	49.8
Dairy products:														
Butter.....pound	70.5	70.4	72.5	69.7	71.2	71.3	71.8	67.6	70.1	67.9	70.7	71.1	69.1	72.8
Cheese.....do	50.9	48.9	49.7	47.8	50.5	56.6	53.0	54.6	53.9	57.1	49.2	46.1	47.4	50.3
Milk:														
Fresh (delivered).....quart	20.9	20.5	18.8	17.9	19.5	18.9	16.6	20.3	19.8	18.0	18.8	16.0	18.8	21.1
Fresh (grocery).....do	19.3	18.6	17.3	17.6	17.4	18.4	16.2	18.2	18.8	17.0	17.7	15.3	18.1	19.2
Evaporated.....14½-ounce can	12.4	12.9	13.0	12.8	12.6	12.3	12.3	13.2	13.1	13.4	12.7	13.5	12.9	11.9
Eggs: Fresh.....dozen	56.7	54.6	61.8	54.4	58.0	52.6	52.3	47.3	45.6	43.9	49.2	50.6	44.6	52.7
Fruits and vegetables:														
Fresh fruits:														
Apples.....pound	13.8	11.8	11.7	10.8	10.8	10.9	12.8	12.6	11.4	² 11.7	² 12.5	² 13.7	12.7	² 12.5
Bananas.....do	17.5	16.5	16.3	16.3	16.7	16.0	17.8	17.8	17.3	17.0	16.3	17.9	17.4	17.4
Oranges, size 200.....dozen	53.0	45.8	50.1	49.3	53.0	46.1	55.3	53.7	51.1	51.6	52.3	55.0	55.4	53.4
Fresh vegetables:														
Beans, green.....pound	23.5	19.2	21.9	19.2	24.3	19.0	24.5	² 21.7	³ 18.8	(⁴)	20.9	³ 23.8	² 21.1	22.4
Cabbage.....do	6.0	6.5	6.3	6.1	5.9	6.5	5.6	7.0	6.0	6.3	5.6	6.2	5.9	6.1
Carrots.....bunch	9.3	10.2	10.3	10.9	10.0	10.6	9.3	11.2	10.5	10.2	9.8	9.4	9.9	10.0
Lettuce.....head	13.2	15.0	14.6	14.5	14.0	14.0	13.5	14.9	13.5	13.2	13.6	13.4	14.1	14.4
Onions.....pound	6.7	6.9	7.3	7.2	6.5	7.6	6.2	7.6	7.4	7.6	6.6	6.6	6.9	7.0
Potatoes.....15 pounds	83.7	78.1	69.1	63.6	68.1	75.8	75.2	80.3	69.9	63.4	75.6	68.3	68.2	75.8
Sweetpotatoes.....pound	9.9	9.6	10.5	10.0	10.7	10.3	10.6	10.9	9.9	² 10.5	10.0	² 11.5	10.9	9.2
Tomatoes.....do	27.5	23.6	26.3	25.8	26.2	25.3	25.1	26.0	24.4	² 26.0	23.2	23.7	22.6	20.9
Canned fruits:														
Peaches.....No. 2½ can	29.5	29.4	30.5	29.8	29.4	30.2	29.5	30.2	29.7	31.6	28.6	31.0	29.5	29.6
Pineapple.....do	38.5	40.4	39.7	39.2	40.4	40.1	41.1	42.6	40.2	41.6	40.0	40.5	40.4	40.0
Canned vegetables:														
Corn.....No. 2 can	16.3	18.0	17.5	17.3	17.9	17.3	17.5	18.9	17.6	17.1	18.3	16.8	16.6	17.1
Peas.....do	(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)
Tomatoes.....do	15.2	15.0	15.6	14.6	14.9	15.1	16.6	15.3	15.9	16.9	14.4	15.9	14.8	15.3
Dried fruits: Prunes.....pound	25.2	25.4	26.0	25.9	25.6	26.5	26.1	26.6	25.3	25.4	25.2	² 25.0	24.1	25.2
Dried vegetables: Navy beans														
.....pound	14.8	13.6	16.2	12.1	14.2	14.2	15.9	15.0	13.8	14.3	13.5	15.7	13.0	15.5
.....do	77.4	79.7	73.6	78.6	78.5	79.3	79.6	79.5	80.0	79.9	80.0	80.7	79.3	79.2
Beverages: Coffeedo														
Fats and oils:														
Lard.....do	18.3	19.9	20.7	18.0	19.1	18.8	18.1	19.7	19.0	19.3	17.6	18.4	18.0	17.6
Hydrogenated shortening.....do	32.9	33.0	32.5	33.0	32.2	32.4	31.7	32.5	33.4	32.5	33.8	34.2	32.2	32.4
Salad dressing.....pint	32.0	36.6	31.8	34.4	32.6	36.2	33.6	33.9	40.2	31.4	34.1	35.1	33.3	34.7
Margarine, uncolored.....pound	29.3	(¹⁰)	(¹⁰)	(¹⁰)	29.4	(¹⁰)	44.0	30.0	29.6	36.2	(¹⁰)	37.0	(¹⁰)	(¹⁰)
Margarine, colored.....do		(¹¹)	(¹¹)	(¹¹)		(¹¹)					(¹¹)		(¹¹)	(¹¹)
Sugar and sweets: Sugar.....5 pounds	49.1	50.2	50.9	50.8	50.5	50.4	50.4	51.5	49.6	51.5	50.5	51.6	49.1	48.9

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 5.—Annual average retail prices of principal foods, by city, 1950—Continued

Article	WEST NORTH CENTRAL—Con.		SOUTH ATLANTIC									EAST SOUTH CENTRAL		
	St. Paul	Wichita	Atlanta	Baltimore	Charleston, S. C.	Jacksonville	Norfolk	Richmond	Savannah	Washington, D. C.	Winston-Salem	Birmingham	Jackson	Knoxville
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>
Flour, wheat.....5 pounds.....	50.4	47.5	52.2	48.7	52.1	49.2	49.5	49.0	49.7	51.3	52.6	48.5	52.9	54.0
Corn flakes ¹11 ounces.....	18.0	16.8	17.3	17.1	20.8	16.9	17.4	16.9	17.7	17.9	17.6	17.8	18.2	17.5
Corn meal.....pound.....	10.8	11.2	6.4	10.8	10.6	10.7	(4)	7.8	6.5	8.5	8.4	7.3	7.0	6.9
Rice.....do.....	16.1	16.3	16.0	17.4	(4)	17.1	15.9	15.3	(4)	17.3	17.9	16.1	18.6	17.5
Rolled oats.....20 ounces.....	17.1	16.4	16.2	16.4	17.2	16.0	16.5	16.1	16.4	16.4	17.5	16.0	16.6	16.8
Bakery products:														
Bread, white.....pound.....	13.1	13.5	14.4	14.3	15.1	13.2	13.9	13.3	14.0	13.4	14.2	13.8	14.6	14.5
Vanilla cookies.....do.....	50.3	53.2	44.4	43.5	42.1	43.3	40.6	40.7	41.3	43.9	41.3	41.2	37.0	45.6
Meats, poultry, and fish:														
Meats:														
Beef:														
Round steak.....do.....	84.1	89.9	95.6	98.6	92.1	96.4	96.3	95.7	92.9	96.0	93.1	93.0	93.6	94.7
Rib roast.....do.....	69.3	(4)	75.7	73.2	80.6	81.1	74.4	74.2	79.1	73.3	72.9	72.8	75.8	75.9
Chuck roast.....do.....	60.9	59.2	61.9	59.6	62.7	65.4	57.8	56.4	62.1	58.2	62.2	59.9	60.1	62.7
Hamburger.....do.....	53.9	50.1	55.5	61.2	55.3	52.5	55.7	52.1	53.8	55.8	55.2	54.2	52.6	56.1
Veal: Cutlets.....do.....	90.3	(4)	101.1	120.8	104.5	108.4	110.1	110.6	98.7	112.4	95.5	93.4	97.0	97.4
Pork:														
Chops.....do.....	70.2	70.7	68.0	74.7	66.5	68.9	69.2	72.1	66.2	73.5	68.2	64.2	68.0	65.8
Bacon, sliced.....do.....	62.9	61.6	64.7	64.2	62.7	65.9	63.2	64.8	63.8	66.5	64.5	61.5	66.4	63.4
Ham, whole.....do.....	58.5	58.1	60.9	63.6	62.0	61.6	62.0	62.9	57.9	62.3	63.1	59.4	63.4	60.0
Salt pork.....do.....	37.4	37.3	34.7	33.0	33.0	34.4	33.7	33.7	33.0	34.6	30.8	32.5	38.2	34.9
Lamb: Leg.....do.....	71.8	(4)	79.0	75.2	83.9	79.3	72.8	75.7	(4)	73.2	81.1	75.8	(4)	(4)
Poultry: Frying chickens:														
New York dressed ²do.....	(4)		45.4		53.6	56.6	56.9	43.2		43.2		56.8	57.6	53.8
Dressed and drawn ³do.....		59.8	54.2	46.9	46.9	47.3	45.7	45.8	53.4	48.1	55.1	56.8	57.6	53.8
Fish: ⁷ Salmon, pink 16-ounce can.....	49.3	49.2	45.9	46.9	53.6	56.6	56.9	45.8	45.8	48.1	48.2	46.1	50.4	50.4
Dairy products:														
Butter.....pound.....	71.2	72.6	78.0	75.2	75.0	73.7	75.5	76.1	74.1	76.8	79.2	75.7	75.9	74.8
Cheese.....do.....	47.7	47.2	54.1	54.2	51.6	55.7	53.0	53.6	52.4	53.7	54.8	51.2	61.8	55.6
Milk:														
Fresh (delivered).....quart.....	17.0	19.9	21.9	20.5	22.6	24.7	23.1	21.6	24.2	21.1	22.2	23.7	21.0	20.0
Fresh (grocery).....do.....	14.2	18.8	22.6	20.7	22.7	24.7	23.0	22.2	24.4	20.0	22.8	23.1	21.0	20.3
Evaporated.....14½-ounce can.....	13.2	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.8	12.2	12.2	12.3	12.2	13.1	13.3	12.1	13.0	13.4
Eggs: Fresh.....dozen.....	49.0	48.5	57.2	61.1	55.8	59.9	57.2	59.8	58.1	62.5	56.7	56.0	57.7	55.1
Fruits and vegetables:														
Fresh fruits:														
Apples.....pound.....	13.9	14.0	12.8	12.0	13.1	13.1	11.9	11.2	12.5	12.2	10.3	12.6	14.7	10.7
Bananas.....do.....	18.7	16.8	14.8	16.0	14.2	12.7	14.7	15.7	14.2	16.7	15.0	14.4	13.7	14.4
Oranges, size 200.....dozen.....	54.9	56.8	41.0	45.7	40.6	37.6	44.1	44.2	38.4	47.0	44.2	39.8	48.4	42.1
Fresh vegetables:														
Beans, green.....pound.....	22.5	20.2	18.4	20.2	19.7	19.0	18.5	19.9	19.2	20.6	17.3	21.3	23.3	20.0
Cabbage.....do.....	6.3	6.3	5.0	6.1	5.5	4.9	4.7	5.0	5.1	5.3	5.3	4.4	5.7	5.2
Carrots.....bunch.....	9.8	10.4	10.2	11.6	11.5	10.1	10.9	11.2	10.8	11.1	12.4	9.7	9.7	11.3
Lettuce.....head.....	15.1	15.3	13.5	15.1	14.4	14.1	13.7	15.4	12.6	16.3	14.8	12.3	12.5	14.0
Onions.....pound.....	7.3	8.0	6.9	7.8	7.4	6.7	7.2	7.3	7.0	6.7	8.8	6.7	7.7	8.2
Potatoes.....15 pounds.....	81.0	84.8	73.6	68.2	66.7	65.3	60.3	62.5	63.9	62.7	72.6	72.1	89.4	76.8
Sweetpotatoes.....pound.....	12.0	10.9	8.7	10.2	8.8	9.3	8.8	9.9	8.4	10.5	8.9	8.3	9.2	9.6
Tomatoes.....do.....	22.2	25.0	23.6	22.2	19.7	20.2	21.9	22.8	20.5	23.6	23.0	20.5	22.5	18.5
Canned fruits:														
Peaches.....No. 2½ can.....	30.9	29.5	29.9	28.2	30.6	29.8	29.4	30.4	31.1	29.2	31.0	29.0	29.9	30.4
Pineapple.....do.....	42.1	41.5	36.7	36.2	39.3	39.4	36.0	37.4	40.7	36.1	(4)	36.8	(4)	41.1
Canned vegetables:														
Corn.....No. 2 can.....	17.8	18.9	19.7	16.8	18.1	19.8	16.7	18.2	19.8	18.2	19.8	18.7	20.4	20.6
Peas.....do.....	(8)	(8)	(8)	(8)	(8)	(8)	(8)	(8)	(8)	(8)	(8)	(8)	(8)	(8)
Tomatoes.....pound.....	17.0	16.6	12.9	14.9	13.4	13.2	13.1	13.0	13.8	13.9	14.6	13.5	14.3	14.7
Dried fruits: Prunes.....pound.....	24.6	25.9	(4)	24.7	26.7	(4)	26.2	24.2	24.2	24.3	25.8	24.2	25.6	26.0
Dried vegetables: Navy beans.....do.....	15.3	14.3	14.9	15.6	15.6	15.6	14.2	14.4	15.9	16.1	14.3	15.1	16.3	14.9
Beverages: Coffee.....do.....	81.4	78.0	77.0	80.2	80.3	81.5	74.6	80.6	78.1	80.5	82.4	78.0	84.9	77.9
Fats and oils:														
Lard.....do.....	18.4	17.8	19.0	18.7	19.6	19.2	19.5	18.8	19.6	19.2	20.7	18.2	19.3	20.1
Hydrogenated shortening.....do.....	34.3	34.9	32.4	33.6	33.6	32.2	32.4	32.9	33.3	33.9	34.4	31.2	32.1	34.0
Salad dressing.....pint.....	34.6	36.6	34.6	34.5	35.5	33.6	33.0	34.1	33.0	36.3	35.6	34.4	37.3	33.2
Margarine, uncolored.....pound.....	38.8	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)
Margarine, colored.....do.....	(11)	(11)	(11)	(11)	(11)	(11)	(11)	(11)	(11)	(11)	(11)	(11)	(11)	(11)
Sugar and sweets: Sugar.....5 pounds.....	53.4	51.4	47.0	48.9	48.0	44.8	49.0	49.2	45.3	50.0	49.9	47.3	48.4	51.0

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TABLE 5.—Annual average retail prices of principal foods, by city, 1950—Continued

Article	EAST SOUTH CENTRAL—Con.			WEST SOUTH CENTRAL				MOUNTAIN			PACIFIC			
	Louisville	Memphis	Mobile	Dallas	Houston	Little Rock	New Orleans	Butte	Denver	Salt Lake City	Los Angeles	Portland, Oreg.	San Francisco	Seattle
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>
Flour, wheat.....5 pounds.....	48.4	53.8	50.5	48.3	50.0	51.4	51.1	49.1	45.5	46.1	49.4	50.3	(4)	50.1
Rib roast.....do.....	68.2	74.0	76.1	79.6	83.4	73.7	79.7	69.6	72.1	74.0	80.7	79.0	(4)	80.8
Corn flakes ¹11 ounces.....	17.5	19.1	16.8	16.5	16.9	20.4	17.7	17.8	17.2	16.9	16.2	17.1	(4)	16.8
Corn meal.....pound.....	7.6	7.2	9.6	9.7	9.8	7.4	9.7	11.7	9.9	11.7	10.6	(4)	(4)	11.1
Rice.....do.....	17.4	15.0	16.5	18.1	16.5	14.4	14.9	18.4	16.1	17.0	17.2	20.7	(4)	20.7
Rolled oats.....20 ounces.....	16.2	16.6	15.9	16.0	15.9	17.1	16.4	18.5	16.7	17.1	16.3	17.9	(4)	17.4
Bakery products:														
Bread, white.....pound.....	13.1	14.3	17.0	13.9	12.7	14.2	14.2	14.1	13.9	14.5	14.7	14.4	(4)	14.8
Vanilla cookies.....do.....	34.5	47.0	36.1	46.0	48.7	36.5	45.0	52.9	46.7	(4)	49.8	51.3	(4)	49.8
Meats, poultry, and fish:														
Meats:														
Beef:														
Round steak.....do.....	89.7	91.5	90.5	95.6	94.3	89.6	95.5	88.0	86.4	87.5	88.6	91.5	(4)	95.8
Rib roast.....do.....	68.2	74.0	76.1	79.6	83.4	73.7	79.7	69.6	72.1	74.0	80.7	79.0	(4)	80.8
Chuck roast.....do.....	60.0	61.3	61.5	62.3	65.1	61.2	61.4	57.4	59.7	58.6	60.2	65.1	(4)	61.8
Hamburger.....do.....	54.3	53.1	52.2	56.8	57.4	53.4	56.9	51.9	53.5	52.9	49.9	52.1	(4)	56.6
Veal: Cutlets.....do.....	106.0	95.1	93.6	102.2	93.0	91.7	101.3	100.6	97.3	100.7	108.4	97.1	(4)	108.5
Pork:														
Chops.....do.....	72.6	68.3	66.5	67.3	72.8	65.7	69.4	70.1	69.9	72.6	82.6	75.2	(4)	74.0
Bacon, sliced.....do.....	48.1	62.5	60.2	62.7	61.4	63.6	62.3	66.3	64.1	66.1	68.3	64.1	(4)	65.7
Ham, whole.....do.....	61.3	58.8	60.7	61.9	63.2	58.8	64.9	62.4	56.6	58.7	62.5	60.4	(4)	62.5
Salt pork.....do.....	28.9	35.7	35.0	32.7	37.0	35.4	35.3	35.6	34.6	36.4	38.7	38.1	(4)	39.9
Lamb: Leg.....do.....	(4)	(4)	(4)	80.9	(4)	84.4	83.4	73.1	71.9	74.3	74.0	79.5	(4)	74.2
Poultry:														
Frying chickens:														
New York dressed.....do.....	57.6	57.6	54.9	60.1	59.3	58.6	56.5	55.2	65.8	58.5	58.4	53.6	(4)	(4)
Dressed and drawn.....do.....	47.3	(4)	44.8	46.9	46.1	54.3	46.4	48.6	49.1	48.5	47.9	48.9	(4)	45.9
Fish: ² Salmon, pink 16-ounce can.....do.....	71.5	74.0	72.8	76.5	76.3	73.2	72.9	72.8	72.3	71.2	72.2	71.8	(4)	73.4
Butter.....pound.....	49.5	56.3	53.8	51.6	60.4	54.2	54.0	47.8	46.7	47.1	48.6	46.8	(4)	48.1
Dairy products:														
Milk:														
Fresh (delivered).....quart.....	21.2	18.2	23.0	20.1	22.3	19.5	23.1	20.0	20.6	18.6	19.0	19.6	(4)	18.4
Fresh (grocery).....do.....	20.8	18.2	23.1	19.9	20.8	19.6	22.2	20.2	18.9	17.6	18.0	19.6	(4)	17.4
Evaporated.....14½-ounce can.....do.....	12.7	12.9	12.6	12.4	12.5	12.2	12.3	13.3	12.7	12.4	12.2	12.3	(4)	12.4
Eggs: Fresh.....dozen.....	53.8	57.7	52.8	58.1	57.8	56.3	55.3	64.6	59.5	55.6	61.9	59.8	(4)	62.8
Fruits and vegetables:														
Fresh fruits:														
Apples.....pound.....	11.8	12.9	(4)	13.9	15.8	(4)	12.8	12.4	12.9	11.8	11.8	11.1	(4)	12.3
Bananas.....do.....	16.5	16.1	12.5	14.0	14.5	16.5	12.0	19.7	17.7	17.4	17.1	18.8	(4)	19.7
Oranges, size 200.....dozen.....	45.3	44.9	42.5	52.5	49.8	55.0	40.4	52.0	57.0	42.5	38.5	50.4	(4)	57.0
Fresh vegetables:														
Beans, green.....pound.....	18.9	21.8	19.8	20.7	22.0	20.4	20.4	(4)	(4)	(4)	23.9	(4)	(4)	(4)
Cabbage.....do.....	6.4	5.5	5.4	4.7	5.9	5.8	4.7	8.0	5.5	6.2	5.5	7.1	(4)	8.2
Carrots.....bunch.....	10.7	10.2	8.9	8.8	9.4	10.4	8.9	10.3	7.9	7.7	7.6	8.8	(4)	9.4
Lettuce.....head.....	13.9	14.2	12.9	12.3	14.0	14.8	12.4	15.7	12.9	11.8	9.4	12.5	(4)	13.3
Onions.....pound.....	7.7	8.0	6.4	5.8	7.6	7.4	5.9	7.8	5.2	5.7	5.2	5.9	(4)	6.2
Potatoes.....15 pounds.....	68.8	84.1	83.6	89.3	104.2	83.7	78.5	67.2	67.6	66.7	72.7	70.2	(4)	73.5
Sweetpotatoes.....pound.....	10.2	10.6	8.3	8.5	9.0	10.5	7.2	(4)	10.4	12.3	14.0	(4)	(4)	(4)
Tomatoes.....do.....	22.2	23.2	21.0	22.7	24.1	27.4	23.0	30.2	26.5	22.3	22.0	26.1	(4)	27.1
Canned fruits:														
Peaches.....No. 2½ can.....do.....	28.6	27.6	27.1	28.9	28.2	30.6	28.1	29.9	29.4	27.4	24.6	26.9	(4)	28.7
Pineapple.....do.....	38.6	(4)	34.9	38.7	36.9	39.5	36.5	39.7	40.1	37.7	36.4	36.1	(4)	35.2
Canned vegetables:														
Corn.....No. 2 can.....do.....	17.5	18.7	19.6	19.2	18.6	20.5	18.5	20.1	18.1	17.9	18.9	18.4	(4)	17.1
Peas.....do.....	(8)	(8)	(8)	(8)	(8)	(8)	(8)	(8)	(8)	(8)	(8)	(8)	(8)	(8)
Tomatoes.....do.....	15.2	13.6	14.7	13.8	13.3	14.8	14.2	16.5	16.3	18.4	19.1	20.7	(4)	21.5
Dried fruits: Prunes.....pound.....	25.7	23.9	22.3	24.7	24.0	25.8	24.5	24.9	24.8	24.1	22.0	22.3	(4)	22.8
Dried vegetables: Navy beans.....do.....	13.0	15.0	14.5	16.6	16.7	15.2	14.5	15.1	16.0	14.0	15.4	16.7	(4)	17.8
Beverages: Coffee.....do.....	80.1	81.0	83.1	79.4	79.9	75.7	79.1	83.2	82.9	82.4	81.1	80.5	(4)	81.2
Fats and oils:														
Lard.....do.....	19.0	19.3	17.9	20.3	20.3	21.0	18.5	22.3	18.7	20.0	20.6	20.9	(4)	21.3
Hydrogenated shortening.....do.....	32.4	32.4	31.3	32.2	32.3	31.6	32.8	34.9	32.9	33.1	31.6	33.7	(4)	32.7
Salad dressing.....pint.....	32.6	36.5	34.6	33.0	33.1	36.3	34.7	38.4	35.4	34.5	35.2	36.1	(4)	34.4
Margarine, uncolored.....pound.....	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	31.4	(4)	31.9
Margarine, colored.....do.....	(11)	(11)	(11)	(11)	(11)	(11)	(11)	(11)	(11)	(11)	(11)	(11)	(4)	(4)
Sugar and sweets: Sugar.....5 pounds.....	50.5	48.6	46.3	47.4	46.5	49.5	45.4	55.9	51.5	51.6	48.3	50.6	(4)	51.0

¹ Specification changed from 11 ounces to 13 ounces beginning December 1950.

² Average for 11 months.

³ Average for 10 months.

⁴ Not available, insufficient number of reports secured during the year.

⁵ Priced in 29 cities.

⁶ Priced in 27 cities.

⁷ Costs of fresh and/or frozen fish are included in the index, but average prices are not computed.

⁸ No. 303 can fancy grade peas replaced No. 2 standard grade in April 1950.

⁹ Average of 56 cities, January through July and 19 cities August through December.

¹⁰ Not priced after July.

¹¹ First priced in August.

¹² Price per No. 2½ can.

TABLE 6.—Indexes of retail prices of principal foods in large cities combined, by month, January 1939 through December 1950

[1935-39=100]

Article	1939												
	Average for the year	Jan. 15	Feb. 15	Mar. 15	Apr. 15	May 15	June 15	July 15	Aug. 15	Sept. 15 ¹	Oct. 15	Nov. 15	Dec. 15
All foods.....	95.2	95.8	94.8	94.6	94.2	94.0	93.6	94.3	93.5	98.4	97.6	96.7	94.9
Cereals and bakery products.....	94.5	95.3	94.8	94.6	94.3	94.1	94.1	94.0	93.4	94.5	94.9	95.0	95.1
Cereals:													
Flour, wheat ² pound.....	85.7	83.6	83.5	83.4	82.4	82.2	83.3	82.9	² 82.1	91.2	91.2	91.2	91.6
Macaroni..... do.....	95.3	96.2	96.1	95.5	95.5	95.1	94.7	95.1	94.8	94.8	95.1	95.4	95.3
Corn flakes..... 8 ounces.....	93.8	95.6	95.3	95.1	95.2	94.4	94.2	93.1	92.7	92.6	92.5	92.4	92.5
Corn meal..... pound.....	91.4	90.2	90.2	89.9	89.6	89.8	90.7	90.6	90.7	94.6	95.0	92.9	92.2
Bakery products:													
Bread:													
White..... do.....	94.1	95.8	94.8	94.6	94.3	94.1	93.9	94.0	93.2	93.5	93.6	93.8	93.9
Whole wheat..... do.....	97.6	99.1	98.8	98.7	98.5	98.6	98.8	98.7	95.9	95.6	95.6	96.7	96.8
Rye..... do.....	97.0	98.3	97.6	97.3	97.0	97.0	97.3	97.1	97.1	95.4	96.6	96.6	96.7
Cake ³ do.....	102.3	101.6	102.2	102.2	102.0	102.0	102.0	101.7	101.7	101.9	³ 103.6	103.5	103.4
Soda crackers..... do.....	94.4	94.5	94.3	93.5	93.9	93.8	93.8	93.9	93.2	94.9	95.5	95.9	96.2
Meats, poultry, and fish.....	96.6	96.6	97.0	97.1	97.8	97.6	97.6	97.2	95.7	101.0	96.8	94.4	91.7
Meats:													
Beef and veal.....	96.6	96.1	96.6	96.7	97.7	97.9	96.7	97.5	95.4	101.9	97.1	94.2	91.1
Beef:													
Round steak..... pound.....	101.1	100.2	101.0	100.9	101.8	101.6	100.8	100.6	99.6	105.0	102.0	100.6	99.1
Rib roast..... do.....	102.2	99.8	100.7	100.9	102.2	101.7	102.1	103.6	102.7	107.3	104.1	101.7	100.1
Chuck roast..... do.....	99.7	100.0	100.0	99.8	100.8	101.3	100.1	98.8	97.4	102.6	99.0	98.6	97.5
Veal: Outlets..... do.....	100.9	100.2	101.0	101.1	102.5	102.2	100.4	98.8	97.1	103.7	102.1	101.5	100.1
Pork:													
Chops..... pound.....	102.6	101.9	104.4	103.6	102.7	101.6	100.4	100.7	101.1	107.5	104.9	102.2	100.2
Bacon, sliced..... do.....	88.9	89.3	90.1	90.8	90.9	89.7	87.7	90.5	88.0	96.0	90.5	84.9	78.7
Ham, whole..... do.....	89.6	85.1	87.4	89.6	91.0	90.2	86.9	94.7	90.8	104.2	95.1	85.0	74.8
Salt pork..... do.....	84.7	91.1	90.4	89.4	87.3	85.1	83.9	82.1	80.9	84.7	82.8	81.1	77.7
Lamb..... do.....	93.3	95.0	94.7	94.8	95.2	94.5	93.9	93.9	92.7	95.7	92.5	89.8	86.6
Leg..... pound.....	77.4	85.1	84.5	83.7	81.6	79.1	75.3	72.3	69.0	78.3	73.8	74.0	72.0
Rib chops..... do.....	99.5	97.9	96.8	96.0	100.4	106.0	106.0	104.8	98.8	105.6	95.3	93.7	92.4
Poultry: Roasting chickens..... do.....	98.5	97.8	97.4	95.8	99.8	105.0	104.4	101.9	95.7	103.9	95.4	93.9	91.3
Fish (fresh, frozen) ⁴ pound.....	100.4	98.1	96.2	96.1	100.9	107.0	107.6	107.5	101.6	107.2	95.3	93.5	93.4
Salmon, pink ⁴ 16-ounce can.....	93.8	96.2	96.0	96.1	96.9	96.8	96.1	95.6	94.6	94.4	89.8	87.5	86.0
Butter..... pound.....	101.0	102.1	101.9	102.3	99.3	96.1	97.3	96.1	99.6	102.4	103.5	106.0	105.7
Cheese..... do.....	99.8	102.8	102.7	103.2	99.2	95.0	96.3	94.6	98.8	100.6	100.4	102.5	102.0
Dairy products.....	100.0	94.5	94.3	94.4	94.8	95.1	95.7	96.5	97.4	103.3	108.9	112.3	112.8
Milk:													
Fresh (delivered)..... quart.....	95.9	98.4	97.4	95.7	91.7	90.5	90.5	91.8	93.1	98.2	100.5	101.2	102.2
Fresh (grocery)..... do.....	89.0	91.4	90.2	85.9	81.9	81.7	83.5	83.3	84.0	93.5	95.8	97.8	98.6
Evaporated..... 14½-ounce can.....	94.6	95.3	94.6	93.7	92.9	92.0	92.8	92.9	82.0	94.7	97.2	98.0	98.5
Eggs: Fresh..... dozen.....	99.0	102.1	100.8	100.2	95.2	93.9	93.0	95.3	97.1	100.4	102.9	102.9	104.1
Fruits and vegetables.....	98.3	100.7	100.4	99.4	95.6	92.4	91.1	93.9	96.3	100.8	102.9	102.7	103.6
Fresh fruits and vegetables.....	95.6	96.3	95.9	95.6	95.0	94.4	94.4	94.0	93.9	94.7	96.8	98.1	98.5
Eggs: Fresh..... dozen.....	91.0	93.8	83.5	81.0	78.8	78.6	79.2	86.9	90.7	105.6	106.5	110.7	96.9
Fruits and vegetables.....	94.5	94.0	93.2	94.3	96.3	96.9	96.2	95.7	92.4	94.4	94.7	93.4	91.9
Fresh fruits:													
Apples..... pound.....	95.1	94.6	93.7	95.2	97.7	98.7	97.7	97.1	92.8	94.6	94.6	93.0	91.1
Bananas..... do.....	91.7	96.2	97.0	99.3	105.4	107.7	112.7	99.6	81.6	73.7	74.0	74.8	79.1
Oranges..... dozen.....	99.9	101.5	100.9	100.5	99.2	99.8	97.9	98.3	97.3	98.6	99.3	102.6	103.1
Fresh vegetables:													
Beans, green..... pound.....	89.5	82.4	78.2	76.2	78.8	83.4	90.0	94.8	96.9	107.8	108.9	92.6	83.7
Cabbage..... do.....	89.0	89.5	102.2	142.1	98.2	85.6	74.5	58.4	61.7	69.1	73.3	102.1	111.5
Carrots..... bunch.....	97.0	88.2	90.4	95.5	133.4	105.4	93.5	85.7	103.2	97.9	89.9	83.2	94.6
Lettuce..... head.....	98.0	109.6	102.3	97.5	98.8	101.7	99.3	88.5	84.9	94.9	95.4	100.1	102.6
Onions..... pound.....	98.6	96.8	96.0	100.7	91.5	89.7	89.0	96.8	97.6	96.5	119.1	119.3	90.6
Potatoes ⁵ do.....	91.3	95.8	95.7	99.5	110.8	106.0	93.7	93.2	86.8	81.9	78.3	76.1	77.7
Spinach..... do.....	99.6	96.0	96.0	91.9	104.6	111.1	109.7	108.2	⁵ 91.9	98.5	93.7	95.0	98.3
Sweetpotatoes..... do.....	97.1	110.2	98.6	93.5	84.8	94.5	84.6	104.4	118.4	113.4	87.8	84.1	91.3
Canned fruits and vegetables.....	97.9	93.4	97.2	100.2	108.0	112.0	115.1	129.9	115.7	80.3	73.9	73.0	75.8
Canned fruits:													
Peaches..... No. 2½ can.....	92.3	92.5	92.0	91.8	92.2	91.5	91.5	91.6	91.6	92.7	93.2	93.3	93.3
Pineapple..... do.....	92.5	91.9	91.7	91.6	91.5	91.6	92.1	92.1	92.3	93.3	93.6	94.1	94.0
Canned vegetables:													
Corn ⁶ No. 2 can.....	96.4	96.5	96.1	96.3	96.1	96.2	96.4	95.8	96.0	96.5	97.0	96.9	97.0
Peas..... do.....	89.9	90.5	90.4	90.3	⁶ 89.3	88.9	88.5	88.2	88.6	90.2	91.0	91.1	91.2
Tomatoes..... do.....	90.0	90.5	89.8	89.4	89.0	88.8	88.5	88.9	89.8	90.4	91.0	91.7	92.0
Dried fruits and vegetables.....	93.3	93.6	92.8	92.6	94.5	92.8	92.9	93.0	92.5	93.7	94.1	93.8	93.6
Dried fruits: Prunes..... pound.....	93.3	90.2	90.1	89.7	90.2	89.3	90.1	90.2	90.3	96.5	100.9	99.8	100.5
Dried vegetables: Navy beans..... do.....	96.3	94.2	94.1	94.4	94.5	93.3	94.2	94.7	94.7	96.8	100.1	101.1	103.2
Beverages.....	88.4	83.6	83.3	81.8	82.8	82.6	83.3	82.8	83.0	101.4	102.3	97.8	95.9
Coffee..... pound.....	95.5	96.5	96.3	96.2	96.0	95.1	95.0	95.0	94.9	95.1	95.2	95.1	95.0
Tea..... ¼ pound.....	100.9	101.4	101.3	101.1	100.9	100.6	100.4	100.2	100.3	100.7	101.1	101.2	101.4
Fats and oils.....	87.7	89.8	88.9	88.2	87.5	86.8	86.3	85.4	84.5	92.3	89.0	87.5	86.0
Lard..... pound.....	72.4	75.6	73.5	72.5	70.5	69.0	68.3	67.1	65.2	87.6	77.2	72.9	69.5
Shortening other than lard:													
In cartons..... do.....	84.6	87.2	85.8	84.2	83.9	83.2	82.4	81.7	81.3	88.4	86.8	85.9	84.8
In other containers..... do.....	93.7	95.1	94.9	94.2	94.1	93.8	94.1	93.9	93.9	92.4	92.6	92.9	93.0
Mayonnaise..... ½ pint.....	99.1	101.2	101.1	101.1	101.0	100.7	99.9	98.4	97.5	97.4	96.9	96.7	96.7
Margarine..... pound.....	94.6	95.1	94.8	94.1	93.7	93.5	93.0	93.2	93.6	95.1	96.5	97.2	94.9
Peanut butter..... do.....	93.9	94.3	94.1	94.1	93.9	94.0	93.4	93.3	93.2	94.1	94.5	94.0	94.1
Sugar and sweets.....	100.6	95.3	94.7	94.6	94.7	95.0	95.5	95.7	95.6	119.2	115.5	108.1	103.5
Sugar ² pound.....	100.6	95.3	94.7	94.6	94.7	95.0	95.5	95.7	² 95.6	119.2	115.5	108.1	103.5

¹ Supermarket prices substituted for those of certain service stores as of September 1939.
² Specification changed from 1 to 10

TABLE 6.—Indexes of retail prices of principal foods in large cities combined, by month, January 1939 through December 1950—Continued

[1935-39=100]

Article	Average for the year	1940											
		Jan. 15	Feb. 15	Mar. 15	Apr. 15	May 15	June 15	July 15	Aug. 15	Sept. 15	Oct. 15	Nov. 15	Dec. 15
All foods.....	96.6	94.8	96.6	95.6	96.2	97.0	98.3	97.4	96.2	97.2	96.2	95.9	97.3
Cereals and bakery products.....	96.8	97.0	97.8	97.9	98.4	98.4	97.7	97.4	96.8	96.2	94.8	94.7	94.8
Cereals:													
Flour, wheat.....10 pounds..	92.2	95.9	95.9	96.5	97.0	97.8	94.2	91.6	89.4	86.1	86.5	87.5	88.4
Macaroni..... pound.....	94.6	95.7	95.6	95.0	95.0	94.8	94.6	94.5	94.5	94.0	93.8	93.5	93.7
Corn flakes..... 8 ounces..	94.0	92.2	92.4	92.6	93.6	94.8	95.4	95.6	95.6	93.7	93.8	93.9	94.7
Corn meal..... pound.....	92.6	92.5	92.1	92.1	92.0	92.9	93.0	93.0	93.0	93.2	92.9	92.2	92.5
Bakery products:													
Bread:													
White..... do.....	96.5	96.3	97.5	97.4	98.3	98.1	97.3	97.5	96.9	96.8	94.1	94.0	93.8
Whole wheat..... do.....	98.9	98.7	99.1	99.2	99.6	99.5	100.0	100.0	99.7	99.7	97.4	97.2	97.1
Rye..... do.....	99.3	100.0	100.2	100.2	101.1	101.0	100.3	99.8	99.2	99.2	98.4	96.3	96.4
Vanilla cookies..... do.....	104.6	103.9	106.0	106.8	105.9	104.4	104.5	104.1	103.8	104.3	103.9	103.7	103.9
Soda crackers..... do.....	96.0	96.0	96.2	95.8	95.9	96.3	96.5	95.9	96.3	96.3	95.8	95.8	95.6
Meats, poultry, and fish.....	95.8	91.0	90.0	91.0	93.1	94.9	96.0	98.6	99.2	102.4	99.1	97.3	97.4
Meats:													
Beef and veal.....	94.4	89.9	88.5	89.2	90.4	92.4	93.2	96.9	98.2	102.4	98.8	96.6	96.2
Beef:													
Round steak..... pound.....	102.8	98.4	97.5	96.9	97.1	99.2	100.7	103.9	105.7	111.4	108.2	107.4	107.0
Rib roast..... do.....	105.6	98.6	97.8	97.7	98.7	101.5	104.7	109.6	111.8	116.7	111.0	109.3	109.3
Chuck roast..... do.....	100.5	96.7	95.5	94.9	95.3	97.3	97.5	100.5	102.1	108.5	105.9	105.8	105.9
Veal: Cutlets..... do.....	102.6	97.8	96.7	96.2	96.0	97.4	99.5	102.9	104.2	111.2	110.3	109.6	109.4
Pork.....	103.0	102.6	102.7	100.7	99.3	101.2	101.6	101.8	103.4	108.0	106.1	105.2	103.3
Chops..... pound.....	81.1	76.5	74.3	75.5	77.6	78.6	77.3	83.7	85.0	88.1	84.9	81.3	80.8
Bacon, sliced..... do.....	83.2	73.0	69.4	74.0	82.1	82.6	79.7	92.1	93.9	97.9	90.9	82.9	79.4
Ham, whole..... do.....	74.1	75.6	74.5	72.9	70.8	71.3	70.8	71.8	72.3	75.0	77.6	77.6	78.8
Salt pork..... do.....	83.2	83.9	83.1	82.1	79.1	81.0	81.3	83.8	85.0	87.0	83.9	82.9	85.5
Lamb..... do.....	67.0	68.8	64.7	62.5	61.5	63.2	62.8	64.1	64.8	68.7	71.9	75.1	75.4
Leg..... pound.....	99.7	92.2	91.0	96.2	102.1	103.4	108.6	105.2	105.0	105.4	98.4	94.9	94.1
Rib chops..... do.....	98.7	91.6	90.8	95.6	101.4	101.5	106.8	102.7	101.9	103.7	99.1	95.1	93.7
Poultry: Roasting chickens..... do.....	100.7	92.7	91.1	96.7	102.7	105.1	110.3	107.6	107.9	106.9	97.8	94.7	94.5
Fish.....	94.8	85.8	87.4	90.0	93.3	100.9	104.2	103.3	98.6	96.6	93.3	91.1	93.4
Fish (fresh, frozen) ¹ pound.....	110.6	109.3	107.8	109.3	115.0	110.3	110.3	108.2	109.7	110.8	110.8	112.1	114.1
Salmon, pink ¹ 16-ounce can.....	106.7	106.2	103.9	105.6	112.4	106.0	106.0	103.0	104.7	106.6	106.7	108.4	110.9
Butter..... pound.....	118.4	114.2	115.6	116.4	117.7	118.9	119.5	120.1	120.8	119.6	119.1	119.0	119.3
Dairy products:													
Butter..... pound.....	101.4	103.3	103.9	102.3	101.0	99.1	98.2	98.8	99.1	99.7	101.5	103.0	107.4
Cheese..... do.....	98.9	103.1	103.6	98.2	96.0	94.4	92.3	93.4	93.8	94.5	99.8	102.9	115.0
Milk:													
Fresh (delivered)..... quart.....	97.8	98.5	98.9	99.1	97.9	97.2	95.4	96.4	96.2	97.1	97.8	98.3	100.4
Fresh (grocery)..... do.....	103.3	104.2	104.8	104.7	103.7	101.7	101.6	101.8	102.2	102.8	102.9	103.8	105.1
Evaporated..... 14½-ounce can.....	101.3	102.2	103.3	103.4	102.3	99.6	99.0	99.3	99.6	99.8	101.3	102.5	103.8
Eggs: Fresh..... dozen.....	98.0	98.5	98.7	98.8	98.4	96.9	97.0	97.7	98.0	98.0	97.8	97.8	98.5
Fruits and vegetables.....	93.8	89.4	98.0	81.5	77.7	77.9	77.9	87.8	91.7	105.7	110.7	115.2	111.7
Fresh fruits and vegetables.....	96.5	92.4	99.5	99.4	101.3	104.6	110.6	100.4	93.5	90.4	88.4	87.3	90.4
Fresh fruits:													
Apples..... pound.....	97.3	91.7	101.1	101.0	103.4	107.8	115.7	102.2	93.4	89.4	86.9	85.5	89.5
Bananas..... do.....	97.9	83.2	85.8	91.2	97.8	107.9	135.5	125.1	96.7	87.8	85.3	86.7	92.1
Oranges..... do.....	103.2	102.2	102.9	103.7	101.1	103.0	103.7	102.7	102.4	102.0	103.4	105.2	105.7
Fresh vegetables:													
Beans, green..... pound.....	89.3	76.6	82.9	82.5	86.6	96.2	100.4	93.6	94.3	91.5	93.4	88.9	84.4
Cabbage..... do.....	99.1	107.4	169.4	214.2	104.1	84.0	74.5	66.0	83.5	67.0	69.0	67.2	82.6
Carrots..... do.....	91.0	100.6	118.2	105.3	108.9	111.5	98.3	77.7	78.9	75.3	71.4	68.6	77.2
Lettuce..... bunch.....	102.9	97.1	99.8	94.9	94.7	102.5	135.6	120.5	91.4	96.7	97.3	97.5	106.3
Onions..... head.....	99.8	90.4	83.9	98.3	116.8	97.9	126.6	89.4	89.7	88.2	102.0	95.1	99.9
Potatoes..... pound.....	109.3	79.0	89.0	92.4	133.8	168.4	168.8	141.3	102.5	88.7	81.7	80.5	85.1
Spinach..... 15 pounds.....	96.1	102.3	105.9	103.3	114.6	121.0	119.3	98.4	82.6	77.2	75.1	75.5	77.5
Sweetpotatoes..... do.....	98.9	107.7	147.5	98.8	85.8	79.6	75.0	91.1	111.4	120.7	81.7	82.4	104.3
Canned fruits and vegetables.....	98.8	84.4	88.9	90.1	98.8	110.0	118.3	135.5	129.3	87.0	76.2	75.9	90.8
Canned fruits:													
Peaches..... No. 2½ can.....	92.4	93.3	92.7	92.8	92.9	92.8	92.7	92.6	92.3	91.9	91.5	91.3	91.3
Pineapple..... do.....	93.4	94.1	94.3	94.7	94.7	94.5	94.4	94.4	93.8	92.4	91.3	91.0	91.1
Canned vegetables:													
Corn..... No. 2 can.....	97.1	97.2	97.0	97.3	97.2	97.4	97.2	97.3	97.2	97.0	96.9	96.8	96.8
Peas..... do.....	90.4	91.1	90.7	91.0	90.4	90.0	90.3	89.7	89.5	90.0	90.5	90.6	90.8
Tomatoes..... do.....	90.8	91.8	91.2	91.2	91.9	91.8	91.2	91.2	90.8	90.2	89.9	88.8	89.4
Dried fruits and vegetables.....	92.3	93.7	92.6	92.5	92.7	92.8	92.7	92.6	92.3	92.0	91.5	91.7	91.1
Dried fruits: Prunes..... pound.....	100.6	100.5	101.1	101.1	100.8	100.9	100.9	101.1	100.8	100.5	99.4	100.1	99.6
Dried vegetables: Navy beans..... do.....	104.2	103.7	104.7	105.0	104.6	104.7	104.6	105.0	104.5	103.8	102.7	103.8	103.3
Beverages.....	94.5	95.2	95.2	94.5	94.4	94.6	94.5	94.6	94.7	94.9	93.8	93.9	93.5
Coffee..... pound.....	92.5	94.6	94.5	93.9	93.7	93.3	92.8	92.8	92.3	91.1	90.7	90.3	90.4
Tea..... ¼ pound.....	89.5	92.5	92.2	91.4	91.1	90.6	89.8	89.6	89.2	87.7	87.1	86.6	86.5
Fats and oils.....	102.6	101.9	102.1	102.4	102.5	102.5	102.9	102.7	102.7	102.7	102.8	102.9	103.4
Lard..... pound.....	82.2	85.2	84.0	83.5	82.8	82.9	82.0	82.1	81.7	81.3	80.5	80.2	80.1
Shortening other than lard:													
In cartons..... do.....	62.5	67.3	64.8	63.8	62.0	63.1	61.0	61.7	61.3	61.7	61.1	60.9	61.2
In other containers..... do.....	82.1	84.3	83.7	83.5	83.2	82.9	82.5	82.4	82.1	81.0	80.6	80.0	79.4
Salad dressing ² pint.....	89.3	93.0	91.6	90.5	90.3	90.1	90.0	89.9	89.7	87.2	86.4	86.2	86.0
Margarine..... pound.....	95.3	96.9	96.9	96.9	97.0	96.3	95.8	95.3	94.9	94.9	93.3	92.9	92.7
Peanut butter..... do.....	92.3	94.0	93.3	93.0	92.5	92.6	92.6	92.4	92.1	91.8	91.4	90.7	90.9
Sugar and sweets.....	93.2	93.8	93.8	93.9	93.7	93.7	93.4	93.3	92.7	92.6	92.4	92.3	92.3
Sugar..... 10 pounds.....	96.8	100.5	99.2	98.4	97.8	97.3	97.3	96.1	95.4	94.8	94.7	94.8	94.7
Sugar..... 10 pounds.....	96.7	100.5	99.2	98.4	97.8	97.3	97.3	96.1	95.4	94.8	94.7	94.8	94.7

¹ 1938-39=100.² Effective January 1940, salad dressing replaced mayonnaise in the index.

TABLE 6.—Indexes of retail prices of principal foods in large cities combined, by month, January 1939 through December 1950—Continued

[1935-39=100]

Article	1941												
	Average for the year	Jan. 15	Feb. 15	Mar. 15	Apr. 15	May 15	June 15	July 15	Aug. 15	Sept. 15	Oct. 15	Nov. 15	Dec. 15
All foods.....	105.5	97.8	97.9	98.4	100.6	102.1	105.9	106.7	108.0	110.7	111.6	113.1	113.0
Cereals and bakery products.....	97.9	94.9	95.0	95.1	95.2	95.4	95.9	96.2	99.0	100.9	102.2	102.2	102.5
Cereals:													
Flour, wheat..... 10 pounds.....	96.1	88.9	88.6	89.0	91.4	93.0	95.7	97.6	98.8	100.8	102.5	102.9	104.5
Macaroni..... pound.....	93.9	93.6	93.4	93.2	93.2	93.3	93.2	93.2	93.3	93.8	95.3	95.4	95.4
Corn flakes..... 8 ounces.....	95.0	95.2	95.6	95.7	95.1	94.1	94.1	93.6	94.5	94.8	95.3	95.7	95.8
Corn meal..... pound.....	94.3	92.2	92.4	92.2	93.0	93.5	93.4	93.8	95.1	95.9	96.5	96.6	96.5
Bakery products:													
Bread:													
White..... do.....	97.1	94.0	93.8	93.9	93.6	93.7	93.8	93.8	98.4	101.7	103.2	102.8	103.0
Whole wheat..... do.....	99.4	96.9	96.9	97.0	96.8	96.9	96.6	97.2	99.8	101.2	103.9	104.8	105.0
Rye..... do.....	98.4	95.7	96.1	96.2	95.9	96.0	96.1	96.2	100.7	101.4	102.2	102.3	102.4
Vanilla cookies..... do.....	106.3	104.0	104.5	104.7	104.8	106.2	106.3	106.6	107.2	107.3	107.9	108.0	108.4
Soda crackers..... do.....	98.2	95.8	95.8	95.8	95.5	95.5	97.7	99.3	99.7	100.0	100.8	100.8	101.2
Meats, poultry, and fish.....	107.5	101.1	102.5	102.5	103.5	104.2	106.8	108.7	111.2	115.5	112.9	110.4	111.1
Meats:													
Beef and veal.....	106.5	99.8	101.3	101.0	101.7	102.5	105.7	108.1	110.9	115.7	112.6	109.3	109.7
Beef:													
Round steak..... pound.....	113.4	111.3	111.5	110.3	110.3	109.2	110.5	112.4	116.9	120.6	117.5	114.1	116.5
Rib roast..... do.....	107.3	107.8	107.7	107.3	107.3	104.8	103.7	104.5	106.7	110.5	109.8	107.4	109.7
Chuck roast..... do.....	111.7	110.0	110.1	110.1	109.0	105.9	106.2	107.9	111.4	117.1	118.1	116.0	118.5
Veal: Cutlets..... do.....	113.7	108.5	112.0	110.8	108.6	108.7	109.8	111.8	116.3	120.9	120.7	118.0	117.9
Pork.....	100.1	86.1	89.1	89.5	92.1	95.1	100.9	106.1	109.5	114.9	109.3	105.4	103.2
Chops..... pound.....	102.3	86.9	88.3	88.7	92.4	95.5	103.8	110.2	114.6	123.9	113.7	107.4	102.9
Bacon, sliced..... do.....	93.3	82.0	86.8	86.8	88.4	90.7	93.6	96.2	97.9	99.6	100.4	99.1	98.3
Ham, whole..... do.....	104.4	89.7	93.7	94.5	96.2	100.0	104.7	110.9	114.1	117.2	112.7	109.7	109.5
Salt pork..... do.....	87.1	77.0	81.7	81.0	82.7	83.9	86.8	90.0	91.7	93.3	93.1	91.8	92.6
Lamb.....	106.6	98.7	99.2	98.9	99.8	104.7	113.6	111.5	109.6	116.3	110.8	107.4	108.1
Leg..... pound.....	105.3	98.3	98.0	97.9	98.9	104.2	112.1	107.0	105.3	114.9	110.7	107.9	108.1
Rib chops..... do.....	107.7	99.0	100.3	99.9	100.6	105.3	115.0	115.6	113.5	117.6	110.9	106.9	108.1
Poultry: Roasting chickens..... do.....	102.1	97.2	99.6	100.3	103.8	106.0	105.7	104.5	103.1	103.1	101.6	99.4	100.5
Fish.....	124.5	118.7	117.7	119.5	120.0	117.2	118.5	120.4	125.5	129.9	131.5	135.9	138.9
Fish (fresh, frozen) 1..... pound.....	119.2	116.6	114.8	116.5	116.6	112.2	113.4	114.7	118.5	121.9	123.4	129.1	132.6
Salmon, pink 1..... 16-ounce can.....	136.0	119.7	121.8	123.3	125.3	128.0	130.0	133.7	142.7	150.6	152.1	152.3	152.8
Dairy products.....	112.0	105.1	104.4	104.6	106.3	107.7	109.7	112.3	114.5	118.5	119.9	120.9	120.5
Butter..... pound.....	113.2	104.7	102.9	103.5	108.8	113.5	115.6	118.5	116.1	119.7	119.4	119.3	116.4
Cheese..... do.....	113.5	101.6	101.8	100.6	102.0	104.4	108.5	113.6	118.3	123.6	127.8	129.2	130.4
Milk:													
Fresh (delivered)..... quart.....	110.7	105.6	105.3	105.5	105.5	105.3	106.5	108.7	112.0	116.3	118.0	119.4	119.9
Fresh (grocery)..... do.....	110.5	105.1	104.7	104.9	105.2	104.6	105.9	108.3	112.7	116.1	117.9	119.8	120.3
Evaporated..... 14½-ounce can.....	109.9	99.5	99.9	99.7	99.0	102.5	107.9	109.7	114.7	118.5	121.8	122.2	123.1
Eggs: Fresh..... dozen.....	112.2	97.4	95.6	83.0	92.0	94.3	104.4	114.7	120.7	132.9	137.3	146.0	138.1
Fruits and vegetables.....	103.2	93.3	85.0	87.1	100.6	103.5	112.1	107.0	103.4	100.5	104.0	110.3	110.5
Fresh fruits and vegetables.....	104.2	93.4	96.3	98.1	102.5	105.8	116.5	109.3	103.8	99.4	103.5	111.2	111.0
Fresh fruits:													
Apples..... pound.....	101.0	96.1	96.8	98.6	104.3	107.5	121.6	109.6	89.6	89.2	92.6	100.1	105.4
Bananas..... do.....	116.0	105.5	107.6	111.5	116.7	121.2	117.1	113.0	115.0	115.0	120.8	128.8	120.0
Oranges..... dozen.....	95.3	83.0	83.7	85.0	86.2	88.1	88.5	90.6	108.1	104.9	115.3	117.8	92.7
Fresh vegetables:													
Beans, green..... pound.....	113.7	120.6	151.8	173.5	141.4	109.6	90.1	83.5	78.6	83.6	102.5	132.3	96.7
Cabbage..... do.....	112.5	92.8	121.9	135.4	141.5	121.5	115.8	111.4	114.0	101.7	93.7	93.7	107.1
Carrots..... bunch.....	108.3	112.6	102.9	100.4	99.2	110.8	111.0	99.9	96.0	99.6	106.7	125.9	134.9
Lettuce..... head.....	110.5	100.1	96.5	96.6	109.2	113.1	118.4	118.3	114.9	108.9	109.5	101.4	142.5
Onions..... pound.....	123.1	87.3	88.2	87.3	119.2	157.8	224.5	166.9	107.8	100.2	101.2	111.9	124.7
Potatoes..... 15 pounds.....	94.6	78.4	80.6	79.6	85.5	92.0	121.2	112.3	91.6	88.3	92.8	105.1	107.8
Spinach..... pound.....	109.2	108.7	113.0	104.2	100.0	93.7	88.1	105.8	144.0	119.2	109.9	117.2	115.9
Sweetpotatoes..... do.....	99.4	98.3	98.7	103.5	106.4	110.3	114.9	127.3	110.7	82.6	80.7	77.4	82.6
Canned fruits and vegetables.....	97.9	91.4	91.8	92.5	93.1	94.2	96.2	97.9	100.2	102.5	103.7	105.2	106.3
Canned fruits:													
Peaches..... No. 2½ can.....	102.4	90.7	91.0	91.1	91.7	93.7	96.7	99.7	106.5	114.2	116.7	117.9	119.1
Pineapple..... do.....	99.5	96.9	97.2	97.1	97.4	97.7	98.3	98.8	100.2	101.6	102.1	102.9	104.3
Canned vegetables:													
Corn..... No. 2 can.....	97.8	91.2	91.9	93.3	94.3	95.6	97.5	99.5	100.7	101.3	101.9	102.8	103.7
Peas..... do.....	92.2	89.2	89.1	90.3	90.5	91.0	91.7	91.9	92.3	93.1	94.3	96.1	97.1
Tomatoes..... do.....	99.2	91.5	92.0	92.6	93.3	94.6	97.5	99.9	102.2	104.4	105.6	107.7	108.8
Dried fruits and vegetables.....	106.7	99.6	99.5	99.3	100.0	102.7	105.1	106.5	109.1	111.0	112.7	116.2	118.3
Dried fruits: Prunes..... pound.....	106.8	103.0	103.1	102.7	102.4	104.4	104.8	105.5	107.0	108.5	110.1	114.2	115.6
Dried vegetables: Navy beans..... do.....	106.4	93.2	93.3	93.5	95.9	99.9	105.7	108.2	112.7	115.2	117.0	119.5	122.8
Beverages.....	101.5	90.9	91.5	93.5	95.0	96.1	98.7	101.4	103.8	109.2	111.0	112.9	114.1
Coffee..... pound.....	99.6	87.1	87.9	90.5	92.4	93.8	96.8	99.9	102.4	108.4	110.3	112.5	113.7
Tea..... ¼ pound.....	107.7	103.4	103.5	103.5	103.7	103.9	105.1	106.4	108.3	111.9	113.3	114.2	115.4
Fats and oils.....	94.0	80.3	81.1	81.3	85.1	88.0	92.5	96.6	99.2	103.0	105.6	106.7	108.5
Lard..... pound.....	84.2	61.7	63.7	64.1	73.7	79.0	85.8	91.4	93.5	97.3	101.7	98.3	100.9
Shortening other than lard:													
In cartons..... do.....	102.8	80.1	80.5	81.6	85.5	90.8	100.3	108.2	113.5	119.2	123.0	125.0	126.0
In other containers..... do.....	96.1	85.8	85.9	86.3	87.9	89.5	93.4	96.0	98.8	103.5	106.0	109.2	111.4
Salad dressing..... pint.....	99.6	92.7	92.7	92.7	92.9	94.2	96.7	100.5	103.1	105.7	105.7	109.1	109.8
Margarine..... pound.....	99.8	91.1	91.3	91.2	91.6	93.2	95.7	97.8	100.6	105.5	108.7	114.2	116.2
Peanut butter..... do.....	96.2	92.5	92.2	92.3	92.5	92.9	93.4	94.8	96.3	99.3	101.1	102.5	104.9
Sugar and sweets.....	106.4	95.3	96.0	98.1	104.6	106.9	107.4	107.8	109.0	111.8	112.5	112.9	114.4
Sugar..... 10 pounds.....	106.4	95.3	96.0	98.1	104.6	106.9	107.4	107.8	109.0	111.8	112.5	112.9	114.4

1 1938-39=100.

TABLE 6.—Indexes of retail prices of principal foods in large cities combined, by month, January 1939 through December 1950—Continued

[1935-39=100]

Article	1942												
	Average for the year	Jan. 15	Feb. 15	Mar. 15	Apr. 15	May 15	June 15	July 15	Aug. 15	Sept. 15	Oct. 15	Nov. 15	Dec. 15
All foods.....	123.9	116.1	116.9	118.6	119.6	121.6	123.2	124.6	126.1	126.6	129.6	131.1	132.7
Cereals and bakery products.....	105.1	103.2	104.3	104.8	105.1	105.2	105.1	105.1	105.3	105.4	105.7	105.7	105.8
Cereals:													
Flour, wheat.....10 pounds.....	109.3	107.7	109.9	110.3	110.2	108.7	108.3	108.3	108.4	108.9	110.4	110.2	110.7
Macaroni.....pound.....	96.8	95.7	96.2	97.1	97.4	97.3	97.0	96.8	96.9	96.9	97.0	96.8	97.0
Corn flakes.....8 ounces.....	98.0	96.5	97.1	97.5	97.5	97.4	97.5	97.5	98.8	98.9	99.1	99.2	99.1
Corn meal.....pound.....	103.3	98.1	100.4	101.9	102.7	102.9	102.9	103.3	103.5	104.0	106.0	106.5	107.1
Bakery products:													
Bread:													
White.....do.....	103.8	103.1	103.4	103.7	103.8	103.9	103.8	103.9	103.9	103.9	103.9	103.9	103.9
Whole wheat.....do.....	105.4	105.0	104.9	104.7	105.5	105.3	105.6	105.6	105.6	105.5	105.8	105.8	105.8
Rye.....do.....	103.1	102.4	102.4	102.5	103.4	103.3	103.2	103.2	103.2	103.2	103.3	103.3	102.1
Vanilla cookies.....do.....	116.0	109.2	112.7	114.6	115.2	117.4	117.1	117.1	117.2	117.6	117.8	118.1	117.9
Soda crackers.....do.....	108.2	101.6	107.3	108.5	108.8	108.7	108.9	108.8	108.9	109.2	109.3	109.2	109.2
Meats, poultry, and fish.....	126.0	116.4	118.5	120.5	121.5	124.3	126.6	127.5	129.5	130.6	131.2	131.9	133.2
Meats:													
Beef and veal.....	122.5	114.7	115.5	117.7	119.1	123.1	123.7	124.2	125.4	126.2	126.5	126.8	127.6
Beef:													
Round steak.....pound.....	123.6	120.4	119.9	119.7	120.6	124.1	123.3	123.6	125.3	126.0	126.5	126.6	127.5
Rib roast.....do.....	126.4	123.1	122.4	122.1	123.8	128.5	126.1	126.6	127.9	128.4	129.0	129.1	129.9
Chuck roast.....do.....	117.1	114.4	114.1	113.1	113.8	117.2	116.7	116.8	118.6	119.5	119.8	120.0	121.1
Veal: Cutlets.....do.....	128.5	124.0	124.4	125.4	125.4	126.8	127.8	128.1	130.5	131.5	132.3	132.2	133.7
Pork.....do.....	129.6	126.6	125.3	126.1	126.5	129.4	129.8	130.2	131.5	132.0	132.4	132.5	133.0
Chops.....pound.....	120.4	107.2	110.9	117.5	120.5	123.2	121.9	122.1	123.3	124.0	124.4	124.8	125.2
Bacon, sliced.....do.....	123.9	104.6	110.0	119.5	125.4	129.0	126.5	126.8	128.3	128.9	129.1	129.0	129.2
Ham, whole.....do.....	107.2	100.7	102.1	105.2	105.7	107.5	107.1	107.4	108.5	109.4	110.1	110.8	111.8
Salt pork.....do.....	128.5	118.8	121.9	127.1	127.6	129.6	129.6	129.5	130.4	131.3	131.6	132.4	132.7
Lamb.....do.....	106.6	94.3	97.7	104.2	107.3	109.9	108.3	108.8	108.6	109.4	110.0	110.0	110.1
Leg.....pound.....	124.1	111.8	109.2	108.7	108.0	118.2	130.7	133.0	133.0	133.7	133.0	134.0	135.7
Rib chops.....do.....	125.2	111.9	110.8	111.3	109.3	119.8	131.2	132.6	133.3	134.2	134.6	136.1	137.4
Poultry: Roasting chickens.....do.....	123.0	111.8	107.6	106.2	106.8	116.8	130.3	133.5	132.7	133.1	131.5	132.0	134.1
Fish.....do.....	122.6	107.3	110.7	112.2	112.2	113.4	123.3	125.7	131.8	133.7	133.0	133.5	134.9
Fish (fresh, frozen) 1.....pound.....	163.0	145.1	157.7	158.9	156.9	150.9	158.3	161.2	164.7	168.2	172.8	177.9	183.3
Salmon, pink 1.....16-ounce can.....	159.9	140.2	155.1	155.2	152.2	144.0	153.9	157.5	161.8	166.3	171.9	177.6	183.8
Dairy products.....	165.1	154.6	158.4	163.6	164.8	166.4	165.6	165.9	166.0	166.4	167.1	170.0	172.6
Butter.....pound.....	125.4	121.5	121.8	121.7	122.3	123.3	122.1	122.8	125.8	127.7	131.2	131.8	132.3
Cheese.....do.....	130.3	116.8	117.1	116.3	120.2	125.9	122.1	123.2	133.5	139.4	148.6	150.1	150.8
Milk:													
Fresh (delivered).....quart.....	132.0	131.5	132.4	132.0	130.3	128.7	128.6	128.2	129.4	130.3	136.7	137.7	138.4
Fresh (grocery).....do.....	121.9	121.4	122.2	122.4	121.9	121.0	120.9	121.8	121.9	121.9	122.0	122.2	122.6
Evaporated.....14½-ounce can.....	119.3	120.9	119.9	119.7	119.3	118.8	118.6	119.2	118.8	119.0	119.3	119.2	119.5
Eggs: Fresh.....dozen.....	124.5	123.5	123.8	124.1	123.8	122.1	121.9	121.6	121.6	124.1	128.6	129.3	129.6
Fruits and vegetables.....	136.5	130.9	119.0	112.1	111.3	115.4	119.7	130.1	145.7	155.2	164.7	166.3	167.2
Fresh fruits and vegetables.....	130.8	117.2	117.3	123.4	125.6	128.7	133.8	135.7	133.1	129.7	137.1	141.5	146.6
Fresh fruits:													
Apples.....pound.....	132.8	119.0	117.9	123.7	126.2	130.0	136.7	139.1	135.2	130.3	139.3	144.6	151.0
Bananas.....do.....	132.9	110.6	114.5	117.4	128.6	141.9	178.6	162.9	130.0	122.2	121.5	129.9	136.3
Oranges.....dozen.....	168.6	120.3	135.0	157.7	178.9	195.0	171.0	170.4	173.6	179.0	180.4	180.5	181.3
Fresh vegetables:													
Beans, green.....pound.....	110.8	89.8	81.8	90.0	88.4	98.3	112.9	113.3	122.0	120.7	136.9	137.1	138.8
Cabbage.....do.....	127.1	116.2	160.4	182.2	140.4	113.9	86.6	89.1	102.7	98.6	142.6	148.2	143.9
Carrots.....do.....	116.8	126.4	127.4	111.1	108.5	121.4	140.4	123.3	111.4	106.6	102.0	98.5	124.3
Lettuce.....bunch.....	140.3	130.4	127.2	124.6	117.3	124.7	130.3	131.2	128.3	131.0	152.3	185.9	200.5
Onions.....head.....	138.0	147.4	98.2	113.2	97.1	106.1	121.3	143.8	168.0	142.8	160.3	172.7	184.7
Potatoes.....15 pounds.....	144.0	152.0	170.2	185.5	232.5	166.0	122.6	120.3	111.4	111.7	116.4	116.0	123.0
Spinach.....pound.....	138.9	126.7	132.8	129.5	134.0	142.9	155.5	158.6	133.8	131.3	138.7	141.2	141.9
Sweetpotatoes.....do.....	132.6	121.7	110.4	102.7	100.7	111.3	112.1	142.6	156.7	156.4	141.8	153.3	181.9
Canned fruits and vegetables.....	107.0	90.6	92.8	93.4	94.0	101.1	109.7	136.1	152.4	116.2	100.4	94.0	103.6
Canned fruits:													
Peaches.....No. 2½ can.....	121.6	108.6	114.6	120.8	122.0	122.7	122.2	122.4	122.8	123.8	125.0	126.8	127.7
Pineapple.....do.....	130.0	120.2	123.9	127.3	128.5	128.7	128.6	128.9	129.7	132.0	135.5	137.6	138.9
Canned vegetables:													
Corn.....No. 2 can.....	125.3	107.0	116.5	121.6	123.6	126.0	124.8	125.0	126.7	131.2	132.5	134.2	134.8
Peas.....do.....	111.7	104.8	107.4	110.4	111.1	111.9	111.7	111.7	112.7	113.3	113.7	115.7	115.8
Tomatoes.....do.....	105.6	99.4	102.4	106.0	106.8	106.7	106.4	106.5	106.5	105.9	105.9	107.3	107.9
Dried fruits and vegetables.....	131.3	111.8	121.0	131.5	132.9	133.8	133.2	133.5	133.2	133.7	135.1	137.1	138.6
Dried fruits: Prunes.....pound.....	136.3	121.8	125.4	127.9	130.6	131.2	132.6	134.2	138.8	143.4	149.9	149.7	150.5
Dried vegetables: Navy beans.....do.....	139.2	118.6	122.5	126.5	130.5	131.7	134.3	136.7	143.5	149.4	158.8	158.4	159.4
Beverages.....	131.5	127.3	130.4	130.3	130.6	130.4	129.8	129.9	131.1	133.2	135.0	135.0	135.5
Coffee.....pound.....	122.1	115.5	117.2	119.6	122.6	124.6	122.6	122.8	123.5	123.8	124.1	124.6	124.5
Tea.....¾ pound.....	120.2	114.9	115.9	118.2	121.3	122.7	120.5	120.5	122.8	121.1	121.4	121.6	122.2
Fats and oils.....	128.5	117.6	121.3	124.1	126.9	130.8	129.7	130.1	131.7	131.7	132.3	132.7	133.0
Lard.....pound.....	119.6	110.6	114.0	116.8	119.9	122.4	120.0	120.0	120.4	120.7	121.2	124.2	125.3
Shortening, other than lard:													
In cartons.....do.....	114.1	103.8	107.9	109.9	113.1	118.9	113.0	113.3	113.6	113.8	114.4	122.7	124.9
In other containers.....do.....	134.3	127.4	131.7	133.0	134.4	136.0	135.0	134.9	135.0	135.1	135.3	136.4	137.1
Salad dressing.....pint.....	119.3	112.9	116.0	118.4	120.2	121.0	120.5	120.2	120.2	120.2	120.2	121.0	121.3
Margarine.....pound.....	115.2	110.5	111.3	113.7	116.3	116.8	116.4	116.3	116.3	116.4	116.6	116.1	115.9
Peanut butter.....do.....	130.0	119.5	125.8	129.7	130.9	131.4	131.5	131.5	131.7	131.7	132.1	132.1	132.3
Sugar and sweets.....	135.2	108.0	113.5	124.2	136.0	139.6	135.5	135.2	139.1	143.4	145.2		

TABLE 6.—Indexes of retail prices of principal foods in large cities combined, by month, January 1939 through December 1950—Continued

[1935-39=100]

Article	1943												
	Average for the year	Jan. 15	Feb. 15	Mar. 15	Apr. 15	May 15	June 15	July 15	Aug. 15	Sept. 15	Oct. 15	Nov. 15	Dec. 15
All foods.....	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
Cereals and bakery products.....	107.6	105.9	106.5	107.0	107.5	107.6	107.5	107.6	108.1	108.2	108.3	108.3	108.4
Cereals:													
Flour, wheat.....10 pounds.....	119.3	111.2	115.2	117.3	118.7	119.1	119.6	119.9	120.5	121.1	121.9	122.5	123.4
Macaroni.....pound.....	103.9	97.0	97.1	99.7	102.5	104.7	105.6	106.4	107.0	107.0	106.9	106.6	108.6
Corn flakes.....8 ounces.....	97.5	99.4	100.1	100.1	100.1	97.6	96.1	96.1	96.5	96.2	95.9	96.0	95.5
Corn meal.....pound.....	115.5	107.2	111.2	112.8	114.0	115.2	115.4	116.7	117.7	118.6	118.9	119.0	119.1
Rolled oats ¹do.....	* 98.7	(1)	100.0	100.2	100.2	98.7	96.8	97.9	98.2	98.4	98.5	98.2	98.7
Bakery products:													
Bread:													
White.....do.....	104.1	103.9	104.0	104.0	104.2	104.2	104.1	104.2	104.2	104.2	104.2	104.2	104.2
Whole wheat.....do.....	106.3	105.8	105.8	105.8	106.3	106.3	106.3	106.5	106.6	106.4	106.5	106.5	106.5
Rye.....do.....	104.1	103.2	103.2	103.2	102.0	103.5	103.6	104.8	104.8	104.8	104.8	104.8	104.9
Vanilla cookies.....do.....	119.9	118.3	118.4	118.5	118.8	119.8	120.2	120.3	120.8	121.0	121.0	120.9	121.0
Soda crackers.....do.....	110.1	109.3	109.7	109.6	109.6	109.8	109.8	108.7	108.7	111.1	111.2	111.3	111.3
Meats, poultry, and fish.....	133.8	134.7	136.1	137.3	138.0	138.3	138.3	139.9	129.7	129.9	130.6	130.4	130.0
Meats:													
Beef and veal.....	124.2	128.2	128.9	129.3	129.8	130.2	130.3	130.3	120.1	119.1	118.7	118.4	118.4
Beef:													
Round steak.....pound.....	127.5	130.4	131.0	131.8	132.6	135.8	136.8	123.3	122.0	121.5	122.1	121.6	121.3
Rib roast.....do.....	120.6	121.8	122.3	122.9	124.5	128.5	128.6	117.1	116.3	116.2	116.8	115.9	116.4
Chuck roast.....do.....	132.3	134.7	135.3	136.5	138.5	138.5	138.3	127.4	127.8	126.7	128.5	127.5	127.7
Liver ¹do.....	* 100.6	(1)	100.0	100.3	101.1	101.7	101.8	100.6	100.1	99.6	100.8	99.7	100.4
Hamburger ¹do.....	* 93.6	(1)	100.0	100.4	99.8	97.8	98.4	89.4	88.5	88.4	89.6	88.8	88.9
Veal: Cutlets.....do.....	122.5	134.0	134.9	135.4	135.3	125.7	125.0	114.4	112.9	112.8	113.9	112.7	113.0
Pork.....	119.9	125.5	126.3	126.4	126.0	125.5	125.4	115.3	114.3	114.0	113.5	113.3	113.0
Chops.....pound.....	130.9	129.8	130.5	130.6	126.6	125.8	125.6	115.0	114.0	113.9	113.3	113.2	113.0
Bacon, sliced.....do.....	111.9	112.1	112.9	113.2	117.2	118.2	118.2	110.4	109.1	108.7	108.1	107.5	107.2
Ham: Sliced ¹do.....	* 92.1	(1)	100.0	100.1	98.8	97.3	96.7	87.8	87.3	86.8	86.3	86.4	86.2
Whole.....do.....	128.4	132.9	133.6	133.5	135.6	135.1	135.3	123.6	122.6	122.5	122.0	122.2	121.4
Salt pork.....do.....	108.5	110.2	110.7	110.7	114.1	113.0	112.9	106.2	105.7	105.3	104.8	104.7	104.4
Lamb.....	136.9	138.6	137.1	137.4	138.7	141.6	142.7	136.5	135.0	134.9	134.9	133.5	134.1
Leg.....pound.....	141.7	138.4	138.7	139.1	140.7	147.1	147.1	142.7	141.1	141.4	142.0	141.2	141.4
Rib chops.....do.....	132.4	134.9	135.6	135.8	136.8	136.4	136.6	130.7	129.2	128.9	128.4	126.3	127.4
Poultry: Roasting chickens.....do.....	146.1	139.4	143.4	144.9	146.0	147.6	147.2	147.1	147.2	147.5	147.0	146.5	148.5
Fish.....	206.5	188.7	193.0	203.9	207.0	200.5	201.1	208.3	202.2	208.5	216.5	223.6	225.2
Fish (fresh, frozen) ²pound.....	209.0	189.9	193.8	206.4	209.4	201.8	202.3	210.8	203.5	210.8	220.1	228.5	230.3
Salmon, pink ³16-ounce can.....	183.8	175.4	180.8	181.9	183.7	183.9	184.7	184.7	185.6	185.8	186.2	186.4	186.5
Dairy products.....	134.6	134.2	135.9	137.0	137.1	136.9	133.7	133.4	133.4	133.5	133.5	133.6	133.5
Butter.....pound.....	143.6	151.7	152.5	152.9	152.2	151.2	137.8	137.5	137.6	137.8	137.8	137.4	136.9
Cheese.....do.....	142.3	139.6	141.4	143.0	143.7	143.4	143.4	142.6	141.4	141.8	141.9	142.1	142.7
Milk:													
Fresh (delivered).....quart.....	126.6	124.4	125.7	127.1	127.4	127.4	126.7	126.6	126.6	126.8	126.8	126.9	126.9
Fresh (grocery).....do.....	126.6	122.7	125.2	126.5	126.9	127.0	127.1	127.0	127.0	127.0	127.2	127.6	127.6
Evaporated.....14½-ounce can.....	140.0	135.5	140.9	141.4	141.1	140.9	140.7	140.6	140.2	140.3	139.8	139.2	139.6
Eggs: Fresh.....dozen.....	161.9	166.5	144.1	142.5	141.4	142.1	146.3	153.6	167.4	177.5	190.1	190.8	181.6
Fruits and vegetables.....	168.8	144.1	148.9	164.9	179.5	190.8	187.8	180.5	169.8	167.0	165.4	162.6	163.7
Fresh fruits and vegetables.....	178.0	147.2	152.8	172.9	191.2	205.8	202.1	192.9	179.3	175.8	174.9	170.1	171.6
Fresh fruits:													
Apples.....pound.....	201.5	142.7	150.2	168.6	200.5	239.2	272.1	248.2	211.0	200.0	197.6	190.8	196.8
Bananas.....do.....	198.3	181.0	176.6	178.7	201.5	201.5	200.7	204.4	204.7	208.0	208.7	206.5	207.3
Oranges, size 200.....dozen.....	145.3	124.4	120.6	127.9	131.3	138.1	143.3	156.1	164.7	167.7	171.3	153.5	145.0
Fresh vegetables:													
Beans, green.....pound.....	157.8	166.0	158.7	226.6	227.5	146.9	132.4	135.4	115.5	128.0	148.9	155.7	151.9
Cabbage.....do.....	187.8	151.8	177.9	242.1	307.7	308.9	203.8	169.7	127.0	127.0	119.0	116.2	143.4
Carrots.....bunch.....	165.7	158.1	169.6	172.5	147.7	153.8	164.6	156.3	152.2	169.3	179.9	183.3	190.7
Lettuce.....head.....	161.6	154.7	160.7	163.6	184.4	190.5	175.4	155.9	145.7	152.1	151.8	152.1	152.0
Onions.....pound.....	184.2	136.5	151.5	172.1	208.9	211.6	218.5	214.5	193.4	179.7	168.0	173.7	181.8
Potatoes.....15 pounds.....	188.5	146.9	158.8	188.5	217.3	260.8	237.0	197.2	177.4	167.1	168.3	169.8	172.6
Spinach.....pound.....	174.0	171.8	178.2	185.2	184.0	167.0	146.1	207.0	195.0	184.8	156.9	152.2	159.1
Sweetpotatoes.....do.....	209.6	113.1	125.5	170.7	222.6	308.4	306.4	305.8	249.8	194.3	158.9	169.6	190.7
Canned fruits and vegetables.....	130.6	129.1	131.3	131.7	132.4	131.1	130.5	130.5	130.2	130.0	130.0	129.8	130.0
Canned fruits:													
Peaches.....No. 2½ can.....	143.1	140.1	141.3	141.6	141.8	142.3	142.9	143.9	144.3	144.2	144.3	144.4	145.5
Pineapple.....do.....	132.2	134.9	136.1	136.2	135.3	132.9	130.5	130.1	130.5	130.1	130.1	129.5	129.4
Grapefruit juice ¹No. 2 can.....	* 102.9	(1)	100.0	100.1	101.8	101.9	102.6	103.2	104.2	104.3	104.4	104.6	104.6
Canned vegetables:													
Beans, green ¹do.....	* 98.2	(1)	100.0	100.8	100.8	98.8	97.9	97.6	97.3	97.2	96.7	96.5	96.5
Corn.....do.....	116.9	117.1	117.9	118.1	118.2	116.5	115.8	116.1	116.3	116.7	116.9	116.7	117.1
Peas.....do.....	108.5	109.2	110.3	110.8	111.4	110.1	109.1	108.9	107.4	106.2	105.5	105.5	105.0
Tomatoes.....do.....	143.0	140.4	144.4	145.0	145.8	144.0	143.1	142.7	142.2	142.3	142.1	141.9	142.1
Dried fruits and vegetables.....	158.9	153.8	155.5	157.0	156.7	158.0	158.6	159.0	159.9	159.6	161.5	162.5	162.5
Dried fruits: Prunes.....pound.....	165.9	161.8	165.1	165.0	164.9	164.7	165.7	166.3	165.6	165.6	168.6	168.9	169.1
Dried vegetables: Navy beans.....do.....	146.3	140.2	142.2	143.2	144.9	145.8	145.9	146.1	148.9	148.2	148.8	150.7	150.4
Beverages.....	124.8	124.4	124.8	124.9	124.9	124.5	124.5	124.5	125.3	125.2	125.1	124.8	124.7
Coffee.....pound.....	121.8	122.0	122.4	122.4	122.4	121.8	121.8	121.8	121.7	121.6	121.4	121.3	121.3
Tea.....¼ pound.....	136.7	132.6	133.1	133.6	133.7	134.2	134.4	134.4	141.6	141.8	141.5	140.0	139.7
Fats and oils.....	126.1	126.2	126.1	126.4	126.6	126.3	126.5	126.5	126.5	126.5	126.5	126.0	124.3
Lard.....pound.....	125.2	126.4	126.1	126.3	126.3	125.7	125.1	125.0	124.5	124.4	124.4	124.1	124.0

TABLE 6.—Indexes of retail prices of principal foods in large cities combined, by month, January 1939 through December 1950—Continued

[1935-39=100]

Article	1944												
	Average for the year	Jan. 15	Feb. 15	Mar. 15	Apr. 15	May 15	June 15	July 15	Aug. 15	Sept. 15	Oct. 15	Nov. 15	Dec. 15
All foods.....	136.1	136.1	134.5	134.1	134.6	135.5	135.7	137.4	137.7	137.0	136.4	136.5	137.4
Cereals and bakery products.....	108.4	108.5	108.1	108.0	108.0	108.1	108.4	108.6	108.5	108.6	108.6	108.6	108.6
Cereals:													
Flour, wheat.....10 pounds.....	124.2	124.3	124.8	125.0	125.0	124.8	124.8	124.6	124.1	123.7	123.3	123.3	123.2
Macaroni.....pound.....	107.0	106.6	106.4	106.3	107.0	107.2	107.0	107.2	107.3	107.2	107.1	107.5	106.9
Corn flakes.....8 ounces.....	95.2	95.4	95.4	95.4	95.2	95.2	95.2	95.6	94.9	95.1	95.5	94.8	94.8
Corn meal.....pound.....	123.4	117.5	119.9	120.0	121.6	123.8	124.0	124.6	124.6	125.3	126.2	126.5	126.7
Rolled oats ¹do.....	106.9	98.7	98.9	98.9	99.0	101.5	107.2	110.7	111.8	112.9	114.0	114.8	115.2
Bakery products:													
Bread:													
White.....do.....	103.1	104.1	103.0	102.9	102.8	102.8	103.0	103.0	103.0	103.1	103.1	103.1	103.1
Whole wheat.....do.....	105.7	106.4	105.9	105.8	105.4	105.4	105.5	105.5	105.5	105.8	105.8	105.6	105.6
Rye.....do.....	104.0	104.7	104.3	104.1	104.0	103.9	104.0	103.9	103.9	103.9	103.9	103.9	103.9
Vanilla cookies.....do.....	121.8	121.7	121.9	121.8	121.7	121.6	121.7	121.7	121.6	121.8	121.9	121.9	121.9
Soda crackers.....do.....	111.0	111.1	111.0	111.0	110.9	111.1	111.0	110.9	111.0	111.0	111.1	111.0	111.0
Meats, poultry, and fish.....	129.9	131.0	130.5	130.6	130.0	130.3	129.8	129.3	129.0	129.0	129.4	129.7	129.9
Meats:													
Beef and veal.....	117.9	118.3	118.2	118.1	118.0	117.8	117.9	117.9	117.8	117.7	117.6	117.6	117.8
Beef:													
Round steak.....pound.....	120.8	121.3	121.4	121.2	121.2	121.0	120.9	120.9	120.6	120.6	120.3	120.4	120.4
Rib roast.....do.....	115.8	116.6	116.3	116.0	116.0	115.9	116.0	115.7	115.6	115.2	115.2	115.2	115.3
Chuck roast.....do.....	127.3	128.1	128.2	128.1	128.1	127.9	127.5	127.4	126.9	126.7	126.3	126.1	126.0
Liver ¹do.....	101.1	100.7	101.3	101.2	101.2	100.4	101.1	101.2	101.2	101.2	101.4	101.3	101.3
Hamburger ¹do.....	88.6	88.9	89.1	89.1	88.9	88.7	88.7	88.6	88.6	88.2	88.1	88.3	88.4
Veal: Cutlets.....do.....	112.2	112.6	112.6	112.5	112.5	112.6	111.9	112.2	112.0	111.8	111.8	111.8	112.1
Pork.....	112.2	112.8	112.5	112.3	112.1	111.9	112.0	112.1	112.0	112.2	112.2	112.2	112.3
Chops.....pound.....	112.4	112.9	112.6	112.3	112.0	112.1	112.2	112.4	112.5	112.5	112.5	112.6	112.5
Bacon, sliced.....do.....	106.4	107.0	106.7	106.5	106.4	106.2	106.4	106.4	106.1	106.4	106.5	106.2	106.4
Ham:													
Sliced ¹do.....	85.0	86.0	85.7	85.5	85.2	84.7	84.6	84.7	84.5	84.5	84.5	84.7	84.7
Whole.....do.....	120.9	121.1	121.1	120.7	120.7	120.4	120.8	120.8	120.8	121.0	120.9	121.1	121.3
Salt pork.....do.....	103.2	103.8	103.5	103.6	103.6	103.5	103.3	102.7	102.3	102.7	103.1	103.1	103.2
Lamb.....	134.5	133.8	133.9	134.1	134.3	134.4	134.8	135.0	134.7	134.6	134.7	134.5	135.6
Leg.....pound.....	141.4	140.8	141.0	140.9	141.3	141.3	141.9	141.8	141.3	141.3	141.5	141.3	142.1
Rib chops.....do.....	128.2	127.4	127.4	127.7	127.8	127.9	128.2	128.6	128.5	128.4	128.3	128.2	129.6
Poultry: Roasting chickens.....do.....	151.0	149.9	149.9	150.2	150.4	155.9	154.1	151.4	149.8	149.3	149.9	150.4	150.6
Fish.....	207.6	223.5	217.1	220.2	210.4	200.5	196.7	197.5	198.0	200.4	205.8	210.3	211.0
Fish (fresh, frozen) ¹pound.....	209.6	229.1	220.7	224.4	213.0	201.2	196.8	197.7	198.2	201.0	207.4	212.6	213.5
Salmon, pink ²16-ounce can.....	186.6	182.7	186.6	186.6	186.4	186.9	186.9	187.1	187.2	187.3	187.3	187.4	187.3
Dairy products:													
Butter.....pound.....	136.4	137.0	137.0	136.9	136.6	136.2	136.1	136.2	136.3	136.3	136.4	136.1	136.3
Cheese.....do.....	144.4	143.0	143.3	143.1	144.6	144.3	144.3	144.9	145.4	144.9	145.1	145.4	144.2
Milk:													
Fresh (delivered).....quart.....	126.8	126.8	126.8	126.8	126.8	126.8	126.8	126.8	126.8	126.8	126.8	126.8	126.9
Fresh (grocery).....do.....	127.9	127.4	127.4	127.9	127.9	127.9	128.0	128.0	127.9	127.9	128.1	128.1	127.9
Evaporated.....14½-ounce can.....	139.2	139.4	139.3	139.4	139.4	139.2	139.3	139.2	139.1	139.2	139.2	139.1	139.1
Eggs: Fresh.....dozen.....	153.9	154.0	142.5	135.5	127.6	127.1	129.1	148.9	159.4	168.0	179.0	186.7	188.5
Fruits and vegetables.....	168.2	166.7	163.0	162.9	168.8	172.8	174.0	176.9	175.7	169.9	162.9	160.7	164.2
Fresh fruits and vegetables.....	177.2	175.3	170.7	170.6	178.0	183.1	184.6	188.4	186.7	179.4	170.4	167.6	171.9
Fresh fruits:													
Apples.....pound.....	210.8	201.2	208.8	215.8	220.4	219.6	229.2	252.6	210.9	186.1	187.3	195.4	202.7
Bananas.....do.....	194.7	200.2	198.5	195.7	193.8	196.2	195.9	194.1	193.8	193.1	191.7	191.8	191.0
Oranges, size 200.....dozen.....	153.3	134.0	124.7	137.7	148.0	154.4	158.1	165.4	172.8	171.8	168.4	156.4	148.5
Fresh vegetables:													
Beans, green.....pound.....	165.9	223.2	202.3	163.3	177.1	170.0	150.1	120.7	127.3	154.5	132.7	182.4	186.9
Cabbage.....do.....	137.5	155.2	149.8	132.5	145.1	145.2	140.7	124.1	128.5	131.6	123.8	122.2	150.6
Carrots.....bunch.....	164.4	194.6	168.1	161.8	134.5	157.6	159.1	162.0	163.2	167.1	167.3	167.0	170.7
Lettuce.....head.....	140.5	143.8	136.0	127.8	135.4	149.9	140.4	125.4	134.7	151.8	150.0	134.8	155.8
Onions.....pound.....	170.4	189.2	202.0	205.0	250.5	224.7	158.3	173.9	157.0	133.0	117.1	114.0	120.4
Potatoes.....15 pounds.....	191.7	176.7	179.0	175.5	174.5	191.1	215.2	217.3	219.8	198.8	184.3	182.1	185.4
Spinach.....pound.....	165.3	184.4	169.6	157.5	165.1	141.9	149.4	160.6	181.2	189.0	163.7	153.7	167.2
Sweetpotatoes.....do.....	198.0	203.6	207.6	211.0	217.7	232.1	239.1	243.7	221.7	171.9	139.0	132.1	155.9
Canned fruits and vegetables.....	129.5	129.7	129.8	129.6	129.5	129.2	129.2	129.0	129.3	129.4	129.7	129.6	129.9
Canned fruits:													
Peaches.....No. 2½ can.....	147.2	145.6	146.4	146.6	147.0	146.9	147.4	147.6	147.6	147.6	147.8	147.9	148.0
Pineapple.....do.....	129.3	129.6	129.4	129.5	129.5	129.4	129.3	128.8	129.1	129.1	129.3	129.1	129.0
Grapefruit juice ¹No. 2 can.....	104.4	104.8	104.5	104.5	104.5	104.5	104.4	104.2	104.2	104.2	104.2	104.3	104.3
Canned vegetables:													
Beans, green ¹do.....	95.0	95.3	95.4	95.0	95.0	95.1	94.7	94.6	95.0	94.9	95.1	94.8	94.7
Corn.....do.....	117.0	117.5	117.3	116.9	117.0	116.8	116.8	116.4	116.7	116.6	116.8	117.4	117.4
Peas.....do.....	105.3	105.7	105.5	105.5	105.2	105.0	105.0	104.7	104.9	105.0	105.7	105.6	105.5
Tomatoes.....do.....	141.1	141.3	141.6	141.4	141.1	140.4	140.6	140.3	141.0	141.1	141.5	140.9	142.0
Dried fruits and vegetables.....	164.5	162.8	163.1	163.2	163.2	163.5	164.1	164.6	165.0	165.3	165.7	166.5	166.4
Dried fruits: Prunes.....pound.....	170.6	169.3	169.2	169.5	169.3	169.7	170.1	171.1	171.4	171.5	171.7	172.3	171.8
Dried vegetables: Navy beans.....do.....	152.8	150.8	151.5	151.5	151.6	151.7	152.6	152.4	152.9	153.4	154.1	155.0	155.4
Beverages.....	124.3	124.4	124.3	124.4	124.4	124.4	124.3	124.3	124.3	124.3	124.3	124.3	124.3
Coffee.....pound.....	121.1	121.1	121.0	121.1	121.1	121.2	121.1	121.1	121.1	121.1	121.2	121.2	121.1
Tea.....¾ pound.....	137.8	138.1	138.1	138.3	138.1	137.7	137.8	137.6	137.7	137.6	137.5	137.6	137.6
Fats and oils.....	123.3	124.0	123.8	123.5	123.5	123.3	123.1	122.9	122.7	123.0	123.1	123.2	123.3
Lard.....pound.....	123.1	124.0	124.0	123.6	123.5	123.3	122.7	122.1	122.0	122.7	123.0	123.3	123.5
Shortening other than lard:													

TABLE 6.—Indexes of retail prices of principal foods in large cities combined, by month, January 1939 through December 1950—Continued

[1935-39=100]

Article	1945												
	Average for the year	Jan. 15	Feb. 15	Mar. 15	Apr. 15	May 15	June 15	July 15	Aug. 15	Sept. 15	Oct. 15	Nov. 15	Dec. 15
All foods.....	139.1	137.3	136.5	135.9	136.6	138.8	141.1	141.7	140.9	139.4	139.3	140.1	141.4
Cereals and bakery products.....	109.0	108.7	108.7	108.7	108.9	109.0	109.1	109.1	109.1	109.1	109.1	109.1	100.2
Cereals:													
Flour, wheat.....10 pounds.....	123.4	123.4	123.5	123.5	123.6	123.4	123.3	123.5	123.4	123.3	123.2	123.3	123.1
Macaroni.....pound.....	107.2	107.0	106.8	106.8	107.4	107.4	107.2	107.3	107.4	107.4	107.4	107.5	107.4
Corn flakes.....8 ounces.....	96.9	94.8	94.8	94.8	95.4	97.0	97.5	97.7	97.9	98.2	98.0	98.1	98.4
Corn meal.....pound.....	126.9	126.8	126.5	126.7	126.7	127.0	126.7	126.9	127.0	126.9	127.1	127.5	127.4
Rolled oats ¹do.....	117.2	115.6	115.8	116.0	116.5	116.9	117.2	117.7	117.8	117.8	118.0	118.2	118.4
Bakery products:													
Bread:													
White.....do.....	103.3	103.2	103.3	103.2	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.4
Whole wheat.....do.....	105.7	105.7	105.7	105.7	105.6	105.7	105.8	105.9	105.8	105.6	105.6	105.6	105.6
Rye.....do.....	103.8	103.9	103.9	103.8	103.7	103.8	103.8	103.8	103.7	103.7	103.7	103.8	103.8
Vanilla cookies.....do.....	122.1	121.9	121.9	121.9	122.2	122.4	122.3	122.3	122.3	122.1	122.2	122.2	122.1
Soda crackers.....do.....	111.0	110.9	111.1	111.2	111.2	111.3	111.3	111.1	111.1	111.0	110.9	110.7	110.7
Meats, poultry, and fish.....	131.2	130.2	130.7	130.8	130.8	131.6	131.6	131.6	131.8	131.6	131.0	131.0	131.2
Meats:													
Beef and veal.....	118.0	117.9	117.9	117.9	118.0	118.1	118.1	118.1	118.1	118.1	118.0	118.0	118.0
Beef:													
Round steak.....pound.....	120.2	120.4	120.4	120.4	120.4	120.5	120.3	120.2	120.3	120.1	119.9	120.0	120.0
Rib roast.....do.....	115.6	115.4	115.5	115.4	115.8	115.8	115.8	115.8	115.7	115.7	115.5	115.4	115.8
Chuck roast.....do.....	126.3	126.0	125.9	126.0	126.5	126.5	126.6	126.7	126.6	126.5	126.4	126.2	126.2
Liver ¹do.....	101.6	101.4	101.4	101.4	101.7	101.7	101.7	101.5	101.5	101.5	101.7	101.7	101.7
Hamburger ¹do.....	88.7	88.6	88.9	88.9	89.0	89.0	89.0	89.1	88.9	88.9	88.3	88.2	88.0
Veal: Cutlets.....do.....	111.8	112.1	112.1	111.9	111.9	111.8	111.6	111.7	111.8	111.7	111.6	111.6	111.8
Pork.....	112.6	112.5	112.5	112.4	112.4	112.5	112.6	112.7	112.6	112.6	112.6	112.6	112.6
Chops.....pound.....	112.6	112.6	112.6	112.6	112.4	112.5	112.6	112.6	112.6	112.6	112.6	112.6	112.6
Bacon, sliced.....do.....	107.1	106.6	106.6	106.7	107.0	107.0	107.3	107.4	107.3	107.4	107.4	107.5	107.5
Ham, sliced ¹do.....	84.4	84.6	84.6	84.5	84.4	84.4	84.4	84.4	84.4	84.4	84.4	84.4	84.4
Whole.....do.....	121.3	121.5	121.5	121.6	121.3	121.4	121.4	121.4	121.3	121.2	121.2	121.2	121.2
Salt pork.....do.....	105.6	104.9	105.0	104.1	105.6	105.9	105.8	106.3	105.8	105.8	105.9	105.8	105.9
Lamb.....	136.0	135.5	135.5	135.9	135.9	135.0	136.0	136.0	136.4	136.4	136.2	136.2	136.4
Leg.....pound.....	142.5	141.9	142.1	142.4	142.4	142.4	142.5	142.5	143.0	143.1	142.7	142.7	142.9
Rib chops.....do.....	130.0	129.5	129.4	129.8	129.9	129.9	130.0	129.9	130.3	130.2	130.1	130.2	130.3
Poultry: Roasting chickens.....do.....	154.4	152.2	152.9	153.6	154.3	156.3	156.8	156.2	157.3	155.9	152.3	152.5	153.1
Fish.....	217.1	210.1	215.2	214.4	211.9	218.7	215.6	217.3	217.8	219.8	221.3	220.8	225.9
Fish (fresh, frozen) ¹pound.....	220.5	212.4	218.4	217.4	214.5	222.3	218.7	220.7	221.3	223.7	225.3	224.8	225.9
Salmon, pink ¹16-ounce can.....	188.1	187.4	187.5	187.5	187.6	188.2	188.5	188.4	188.5	188.5	188.4	188.5	188.3
Dairy products.....	133.9	133.5	133.5	133.5	133.5	133.5	133.4	133.4	133.4	133.3	133.3	133.9	136.2
Butter.....pound.....	138.2	136.1	136.1	136.1	136.1	136.1	136.2	136.0	136.0	136.1	135.9	148.2	149.5
Cheese.....do.....	143.3	144.4	144.2	144.3	143.8	143.7	142.4	143.0	143.3	143.4	142.4	142.7	142.5
Milk.....													
Fresh (delivered).....quart.....	126.8	126.9	126.9	126.9	126.8	126.8	126.8	126.8	126.8	126.8	126.8	126.8	126.8
Fresh (grocery).....do.....	127.9	127.9	127.9	127.9	127.9	127.9	127.9	127.9	127.9	127.9	127.9	127.9	127.9
Evaporated.....14½-ounce can.....	139.6	139.3	139.6	139.9	140.1	140.1	139.9	139.9	139.8	139.4	139.0	138.7	138.7
Eggs: Fresh.....dozen.....	164.4	169.6	153.2	140.7	139.9	140.7	145.1	157.2	171.4	183.9	185.5	192.1	193.2
Fruits and vegetables.....	177.1	168.9	168.9	169.5	173.3	182.5	192.6	191.8	183.5	172.5	172.5	172.3	177.3
Fresh fruits and vegetables.....	188.2	177.9	177.8	178.6	183.3	195.0	207.7	206.7	196.2	182.3	182.3	181.9	188.4
Fresh fruits:													
Apples.....pound.....	241.3	209.8	212.3	215.7	224.5	234.5	247.5	241.8	251.0	254.1	260.9	269.8	273.6
Bananas.....do.....	181.2	179.5	179.2	178.8	180.7	181.6	181.8	182.5	182.4	182.1	181.3	182.2	181.7
Oranges, size 200.....dozen.....	165.9	151.0	149.0	150.6	154.8	163.1	178.5	180.8	175.8	176.6	175.6	163.0	172.1
Fresh vegetables:													
Beans, green.....pound.....	179.6	210.9	186.3	182.9	180.1	171.3	163.3	222.2	172.7	145.1	155.7	184.6	180.6
Cabbage.....do.....	157.9	192.8	165.8	142.0	170.4	150.8	233.9	172.2	154.1	134.9	126.8	116.0	132.0
Carrots.....bunch.....	163.9	161.7	162.9	146.0	149.0	167.6	171.4	171.7	169.6	165.9	166.8	167.9	166.5
Lettuce.....head.....	149.2	148.2	131.5	149.7	154.0	147.6	155.0	151.1	152.7	148.8	149.1	149.8	155.4
Onions.....pound.....	167.4	128.6	142.3	132.0	125.0	172.0	214.9	228.6	192.4	165.1	160.4	171.6	176.6
Potatoes.....15 pounds.....	203.9	197.9	207.4	213.2	219.8	242.7	245.0	227.3	203.8	170.8	170.3	171.8	177.2
Spinach.....pound.....	181.7	162.0	173.9	158.8	160.5	169.0	152.9	168.0	176.1	150.8	156.8	154.6	156.4
Sweetpotatoes.....do.....	186.3	170.2	174.5	183.8	184.7	192.8	215.7	227.2	224.5	173.3	152.8	152.8	182.9
Canned fruits and vegetables.....	130.2	129.7	129.8	129.9	130.0	130.2	130.1	130.2	130.3	130.4	130.4	130.6	130.3
Canned fruits:													
Peaches.....No. 2½ can.....	147.7	148.0	147.9	148.0	147.5	147.6	147.5	147.8	147.8	148.0	147.6	147.7	146.8
Pineapple.....do.....	128.5	128.6	128.6	128.7	128.8	128.4	128.4	128.3	128.3	128.6	128.2	128.9	128.3
Grapefruit juice ¹No. 2 can.....	104.5	104.4	104.7	104.4	104.4	104.5	104.4	104.6	104.5	104.5	104.3	104.4	104.3
Canned vegetables:													
Beans, green ¹do.....	94.8	94.8	94.8	94.6	94.6	94.9	94.9	94.9	94.8	94.7	94.7	95.0	95.1
Corn.....do.....	118.4	117.9	118.0	118.3	118.2	118.4	118.4	118.8	118.5	118.7	118.5	118.4	118.3
Peas.....do.....	105.3	105.5	105.3	105.3	105.3	105.4	105.2	105.1	105.3	105.4	105.1	105.1	105.2
Tomatoes.....do.....	142.5	141.0	141.3	141.8	142.1	142.6	142.5	142.4	142.7	143.0	143.4	143.9	143.2
Dried fruits and vegetables.....	168.2	166.9	167.0	167.4	167.9	168.5	168.8	168.9	168.6	168.8	168.9	168.5	168.7
Dried fruits: Prunes.....pound.....	173.5	172.4	172.6	172.9	173.5	174.1	174.4	174.3	173.4	173.5	173.9	173.4	174.0
Dried vegetables: Navy beans.....do.....	157.4	155.8	155.7	156.3	156.8	157.4	157.5	157.9	158.4	158.6	158.4	158.2	157.9
Beverages.....	124.7	124.4	124.5	124.5	124.6	124.6	124.7	124.7	124.7	124.7	124.7	124.9	124.9
Coffee.....pound.....	121.5	121.2	121.3	121.3	121.4	121.4	121.4	121.5	121.5	121.5	121.5	121.7	121.8
Tea.....¾ pound.....	138.0	137.7	137.7	137.7	138.0	138.1	138.2	138.2	138.0	138.0	137.9	137.9	137.9
Fats and oils.....	124.0	123.4	123.5	123.7	123.8	123.9	123.9	124.0	124.0	124.1	124.0	124.4	125.1
Lard.....pound.....	124.4	123.7	123.9	124.3	124.5	124.5	124.5	124.5	124.6	124.6	124.6	124.6	

TABLE 6.—Indexes of retail prices of principal foods in large cities combined, by month, January 1939 through December 1950—Continued

[1935-39=100]

Article	1946 ¹												
	Average for the year	Jan. 15	Feb. 15	Mar. 15	Apr. 15	May 15	June 15	July 15	Aug. 15	Sept. 15	Oct. 15	Nov. 15	Dec. 15
All foods.....	159.6	141.0	139.6	140.1	141.7	142.6	145.6	165.7	171.2	174.1	180.0	187.7	185.9
Cereals and bakery products.....	125.0	109.4	109.8	110.3	113.3	115.2	122.1	126.1	135.4	137.3	138.5	140.6	141.7
Cereals:													
Flour, wheat ² 5 pounds.....	137.0	123.2	123.7	123.4	123.4	122.6	123.4	135.3	147.7	149.1	155.5	157.4	158.9
Macaroni..... pound.....	115.5	107.3	107.4	107.3	107.9	108.1	108.1	110.8	115.4	124.5	128.8	129.5	131.5
Corn flakes ³ 11 ounces.....	109.8	98.4	98.4	98.4	98.6	98.5	98.7	111.3	118.2	122.7	123.6	124.9	126.4
Corn meal..... pound.....	146.6	127.5	126.4	126.8	127.0	128.2	132.6	151.5	156.3	163.1	168.7	175.3	176.0
Rolled oats ⁴ do.....	119.4	118.4	118.0	118.0	118.4	118.4	118.7	118.9	119.2	120.2	120.7	121.6	121.7
Bakery products:													
Bread:													
White..... do.....	121.8	103.8	104.2	104.3	109.3	111.8	124.1	125.6	135.7	136.6	136.0	135.5	135.2
Whole wheat..... do.....	122.8	105.7	105.6	105.9	108.8	112.3	127.0	127.1	135.3	137.1	136.0	135.4	137.0
Rye..... do.....	125.4	103.9	103.4	103.4	109.8	127.1	130.7	131.7	137.4	138.2	140.1	138.6	139.9
Vanilla cookies..... do.....	138.6	122.2	124.8	129.0	130.8	125.7	128.8	133.8	147.0	147.4	146.3	161.3	166.1
Soda crackers..... do.....	120.7	110.7	110.7	110.6	110.6	110.9	111.2	111.6	122.4	128.6	132.1	143.8	145.7
Meats, poultry, and fish.....	161.3	131.4	131.3	131.3	132.8	133.5	134.0	173.7	186.6	188.5	190.7	203.6	197.8
Meats:													
Beef and veal.....	150.8	118.0	118.1	118.1	119.4	120.1	120.4	165.6	181.7	181.4	178.4	197.9	190.5
Beef:													
Round steak..... pound.....	154.2	120.2	120.8	120.9	122.2	123.2	123.3	180.9	186.7	186.7	180.8	194.2	190.3
Rib roast..... do.....	149.6	115.5	115.0	115.2	116.3	117.4	118.2	173.6	181.2	181.2	175.2	194.2	192.0
Chuck roast..... do.....	163.0	126.0	126.4	125.8	128.3	129.0	129.3	193.3	195.3	195.3	191.7	209.8	206.3
Liver ⁵ do.....	121.0	101.7	101.8	101.8	102.9	105.0	105.7	128.4	139.5	139.5	136.1	145.8	143.7
Hamburger ⁶ do.....	110.3	87.9	87.9	87.8	89.5	90.3	90.6	132.6	129.6	129.6	123.7	139.5	134.1
Veal: Cutlets..... do.....	140.4	111.6	111.8	111.7	112.8	113.5	113.6	161.8	167.2	167.2	162.2	176.5	174.9
Pork.....	148.2	112.6	112.6	112.8	113.7	114.0	114.3	150.3	182.4	182.4	182.4	207.1	193.3
Chops..... pound.....	147.2	112.6	112.4	112.4	113.6	113.8	113.8	155.5	185.0	185.0	185.0	201.8	175.2
Bacon, sliced..... do.....	139.9	107.4	107.5	107.4	108.8	109.5	109.7	134.3	165.7	165.7	165.7	199.6	197.3
Ham:													
Sliced ⁴ do.....	107.1	84.4	84.1	84.8	84.3	84.0	85.2	108.7	129.3	129.3	129.3	142.2	140.2
Whole..... do.....	162.5	121.1	121.6	122.2	122.5	122.9	123.2	165.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	222.0	222.1
Salt pork..... do.....	157.6	105.8	106.5	106.3	108.3	108.9	109.3	144.1	203.0	203.0	203.0	252.5	240.9
Lamb.....	163.9	136.4	136.9	137.0	138.1	138.7	139.0	171.6	189.5	187.6	187.7	205.4	198.8
Leg..... pound.....	171.8	143.0	143.3	143.6	144.7	145.2	143.8	177.4	199.3	196.8	197.3	218.9	208.7
Rib chops..... do.....	155.1	130.3	130.9	130.7	132.0	132.8	132.8	164.0	178.0	176.6	176.3	190.1	187.1
Poultry: Roasting chickens..... do.....	174.0	152.7	151.2	150.2	159.3	161.5	162.8	178.2	175.2	192.8	225.3	188.9	189.4
Fish.....	236.2	227.3	226.9	227.7	221.3	218.3	219.7	235.2	237.6	237.8	249.7	265.0	267.6
Fish (fresh, frozen) ⁶ pound.....	240.6	232.4	231.7	232.4	224.3	220.7	222.9	240.9	243.6	247.9	263.2	264.7	262.6
Salmon, pink ⁵ 16-ounce can.....	198.2	188.2	188.9	189.9	189.4	188.1	187.0	193.8	195.0	183.3	183.9	237.6	253.7
Dairy products.....	165.1	136.4	136.6	137.0	137.4	138.6	147.8	179.1	180.1	186.6	202.4	198.5	200.9
Butter..... pound.....	194.9	150.2	150.2	150.6	151.1	151.4	167.6	221.2	209.8	227.8	264.6	243.4	251.4
Cheese..... do.....	192.6	142.3	145.2	148.5	149.6	153.1	158.1	196.1	219.8	230.9	249.8	266.3	251.6
Milk:													
Fresh (delivered)..... quart.....	144.9	126.8	126.9	126.9	126.9	128.5	134.7	155.3	158.4	159.0	164.6	164.6	166.7
Fresh (grocery)..... do.....	147.3	127.9	128.0	127.9	128.9	130.3	137.1	158.0	160.0	160.8	167.8	169.8	171.4
Evaporated..... 14½-ounce can.....	160.5	138.6	138.5	138.4	138.2	138.2	145.3	161.8	175.7	177.7	185.1	193.6	195.2
Eggs: Fresh..... dozen.....	168.8	172.4	144.2	139.0	137.7	140.3	147.1	161.0	173.6	193.3	214.6	201.6	201.1
Fruits and vegetables.....	182.4	180.8	181.1	183.4	185.9	185.7	183.5	188.4	178.3	176.4	176.5	184.5	185.0
Fresh fruits and vegetables.....	190.7	192.7	193.0	196.3	199.8	199.6	196.7	202.1	185.8	181.1	178.8	182.3	180.6
Fresh fruits:													
Apples..... pound.....	256.1	274.8	276.3	277.4	281.7	283.9	280.0	268.3	231.4	213.7	218.7	228.9	237.8
Bananas..... do.....	192.0	182.2	180.6	181.8	180.6	180.5	180.3	197.8	187.1	182.9	182.6	226.7	240.4
Oranges, size 200..... dozen.....	176.1	162.2	158.4	157.9	158.7	170.8	179.6	203.4	195.3	202.3	202.3	172.5	150.2
Fresh vegetables:													
Beans, green..... pound.....	180.0	229.4	193.9	185.6	187.9	170.5	154.2	168.4	150.0	160.5	166.8	209.1	184.0
Cabbage..... do.....	155.6	149.6	164.3	198.6	207.8	187.3	144.7	127.3	138.2	141.2	134.3	133.4	140.9
Carrots..... bunch.....	168.1	167.1	162.2	159.3	162.7	166.7	169.8	171.6	160.9	166.3	175.8	176.0	178.8
Lettuce..... head.....	141.6	128.3	133.0	145.2	138.2	129.5	142.2	141.1	139.9	148.0	139.8	160.4	153.6
Onions..... pound.....	166.4	196.4	203.3	212.8	232.9	200.2	203.1	169.7	125.5	114.0	113.0	110.0	115.6
Potatoes..... 15 pounds.....	195.4	194.6	200.9	207.7	217.0	225.9	209.4	212.7	188.4	177.5	169.9	169.8	171.2
Spinach..... pound.....	156.5	172.6	174.9	150.4	140.7	135.2	134.4	166.4	181.5	164.6	149.6	146.4	161.0
Sweetpotatoes..... do.....	213.2	197.7	204.5	213.4	223.0	233.8	242.5	263.2	235.6	186.0	178.9	183.5	196.7
Canned fruits and vegetables.....	140.8	130.5	130.9	129.6	128.7	127.8	127.5	130.9	140.7	148.7	154.6	167.7	172.6
Canned fruits:													
Peaches..... No. 2½ can.....	152.2	146.6	146.3	146.3	145.9	145.3	143.8	153.4	150.9	156.1	160.0	165.2	167.0
Pineapple..... do.....	129.5	129.4	127.5	122.1	122.0	121.3	119.3	125.3	124.4	133.2	135.4	145.6	148.4
Grapefruit juice ⁴ No. 2 can.....	106.2	104.0	103.6	103.4	103.2	104.0	106.1	103.9	110.6	112.5	112.1	108.6	97.2
Canned vegetables:													
Beans, green ⁴ do.....	99.0	95.0	95.1	94.6	95.0	94.2	94.7	96.7	99.1	101.2	103.8	109.0	109.4
Corn..... do.....	124.1	118.5	118.8	118.7	118.9	118.6	118.7	119.8	119.9	123.9	129.9	139.0	143.9
Peas..... do.....	109.3	105.1	105.2	104.4	103.8	103.8	104.3	107.0	110.4	112.7	115.8	119.0	120.3
Tomatoes..... do.....	166.7	144.1	145.8	144.2	141.7	139.8	139.1	141.0	169.1	184.6	194.8	222.0	233.8
Dried fruits and vegetables.....	190.4	169.0	169.8	168.9	169.5	171.9	172.5	175.9	183.0	185.6	198.7	251.6	268.0
Dried fruits: Prunes..... pound.....	188.6	173.8	175.3	173.8	173.6	174.2	172.4	176.1	178.1	181.8	196.8	234.3	252.7
Dried vegetables:													
Navy beans..... do.....	190.0	158.7	158.7	158.8	160.6	165.7	170.0	172.8	187.5	188.3	198.5	273.7	287.0
Beverages.....	139.6	124.9	124.9	124.9	125.1	125.4	126.0	126.0	126.6	162.0	166.5	167.8	176.2
Coffee..... pound.....	137.2	121.7	121.7	121.7	121.9	122.3	122.3	122.9	123.5	160.7	165.5	166.8	175.8
Tea..... ¼ pound.....	138.4	138.0	138.0	138.3	138.2	138.1	138.2	138.6	138.3	139.3	139.4	138.3	138.3

See footnotes on p. 25.

TABLE 6—Indexes of retail prices of principal foods in large cities combined, by month, January 1939 through December 1950—Continued

[1935-39=100]

Article	1946 ¹												
	Average for the year	Jan. 15	Feb. 15	Mar. 15	Apr. 15	May 15	June 15	July 15	Aug. 15	Sept. 15 ¹	Oct. 15	Nov. 15	Dec. 15
Fats and oils.....	152.1	125.5	125.4	125.9	126.1	126.1	126.4	137.9	180.3	151.4	147.9	244.4	207.3
Lard.....pound.....	175.4	124.6	124.5	124.5	124.7	125.2	125.6	156.4	255.8	187.6	171.8	350.3	233.8
Shortening other than lard:													
In cartons.....do.....	166.7	138.2	137.8	137.6	138.0	138.3	138.4	142.7	182.6	157.0	152.5	282.8	254.9
In other containers.....do.....	139.0	119.7	119.9	120.0	119.6	119.7	119.2	121.7	139.9	127.0	130.4	216.8	213.9
Salad dressing.....pint.....	126.1	116.2	115.5	116.6	117.1	115.7	116.6	118.5	129.0	122.7	124.9	158.3	162.4
Margarine.....pound.....	155.7	133.1	132.8	133.1	133.1	133.9	133.0	138.8	167.3	145.6	149.7	233.7	234.1
Peanut butter.....do.....	166.5	158.0	160.4	162.6	163.6	164.9	165.7	167.5	168.1	169.8	171.3	172.7	173.8
Sugar and sweets.....	143.9	126.5	126.9	132.4	135.3	135.9	136.2	138.5	140.3	141.5	167.5	170.5	175.3
Sugar.....pound.....	143.0	125.1	125.5	131.6	134.9	135.3	135.7	138.0	138.8	139.1	167.0	169.8	175.3
Corn sirup ⁴24 ounces.....	111.0	102.4	102.6	101.8	101.4	102.7	102.4	104.1	113.5	121.1	124.7	128.8	126.0

¹ Because of the acute meat shortage during some months of the year the Bureau was unable to secure a sufficient number of quotations for meats to determine price trends. For those cities where this occurred the prices collected during the preceding month were used in the index for the following month. Thus, for the May index meat prices were considered as unchanged from April levels in five cities. In the June index meat prices were considered as unchanged from April or May levels in 23 cities. The July index, based on the usual number of quotations for meats, reflects the correct level of prices and the full price change that occurred between April and July.

The severity of the meat shortage was at its height in September and October and again the Bureau was unable to secure an adequate number of quotations. Prices collected in August for all meats in all cities (except lamb in a few cities) were used in the September index. In mid-October sufficient price quotations were obtained for beef and veal in many cities, but pork

remained so scarce in all cities, and lamb in all but a few cities, that a reliable sample of prices could not be obtained. Where October prices were secured in adequate numbers they were used in the index for October, and compared directly with prices in August, the last preceding month in which a sufficient number of quotations was secured for all meats. Prices of the scarce meats where reliable averages could not be determined in October, were again held unchanged at August levels. The November index, based on the usual number of quotations for meats, reflected the correct level of prices and the full price change that occurred since August.

² Specification changed from 10 pounds to 5 pounds beginning January 1946.

³ Specification changed from 8 ounces to 11 ounces beginning January 1946.

⁴ February 1943=100.

⁵ 1938-39=100.

TABLE 6.—Indexes of retail prices of principal foods in large cities combined, by month, January 1939 through December 1950—Continued

[1935-39=100]

Article	1947												
	Average for the year	Jan. 15	Feb. 15	Mar. 15	Apr. 15	May 15	June 15	July 15	Aug. 15	Sept. 15	Oct. 15	Nov. 15	Dec. 15
All foods.....	193.8	183.8	182.3	189.5	188.0	187.6	190.5	193.1	196.5	203.5	201.6	202.7	206.9
Cereals and bakery products.....	155.4	143.4	144.1	148.1	153.4	154.2	154.6	155.0	155.7	157.8	160.3	167.9	170.5
Cereals:													
Flour, wheat.....5 pounds.....	186.5	161.4	164.2	171.9	187.5	191.5	189.9	187.4	187.0	189.2	194.0	204.8	209.6
Macaroni.....pound.....	(1)	132.1	132.9	133.2	134.1	135.7	135.7	136.4	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Corn flakes.....11 ounces.....	142.6	127.4	128.2	129.4	129.6	132.7	135.3	140.7	144.9	151.7	157.9	164.3	169.3
Corn meal.....pound.....	190.7	178.1	176.3	175.4	177.5	176.6	178.1	182.1	192.4	204.5	211.9	217.5	218.1
Rice ²do.....	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	100.0	106.8	111.5	114.0	116.8	116.9
Rollled oats ³20 ounces.....	132.2	³ 122.1	122.0	122.1	124.5	126.1	127.7	128.3	130.9	135.6	143.4	151.1	152.6
Bakery products:													
Bread:													
White.....pound.....	146.8	136.3	137.0	141.7	146.4	146.1	146.5	146.7	146.8	147.9	149.3	157.5	159.8
Whole wheat.....do.....	(1)	136.9	136.9	142.0	146.8	147.8	150.0	150.3	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Rye.....do.....	(1)	140.4	141.6	147.4	153.2	153.4	153.8	154.0	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Vanilla cookies.....do.....	173.6	168.1	167.1	169.0	172.4	172.2	173.3	174.9	174.9	176.3	176.2	178.7	180.2
Soda crackers.....do.....	(1)	146.4	146.3	146.7	146.8	146.7	146.7	146.5	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Meats, poultry, and fish.....	217.1	199.0	196.7	207.6	202.6	203.9	216.9	220.2	228.4	240.6	235.5	227.0	227.3
Meats:													
Beef and veal.....	214.7	192.1	191.7	204.1	198.7	200.6	216.1	219.7	229.8	241.9	234.9	223.6	223.2
Beef:													
Round steak.....pound.....	223.8	195.4	194.6	201.7	202.3	205.2	230.9	236.7	247.6	256.4	243.8	234.2	236.4
Rib roast.....do.....	215.4	194.4	192.5	196.5	195.7	197.6	216.0	220.4	231.8	241.7	237.0	229.9	231.7
Chuck roast.....do.....	229.5	207.0	201.0	206.7	203.1	204.4	225.7	233.3	248.5	258.9	260.1	253.5	251.5
Liver ⁴do.....	(1)	145.1	146.1	150.7	154.5	159.3	169.5	173.1	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Hamburger ⁴do.....	142.1	133.2	130.0	130.5	129.8	130.7	142.0	145.3	151.3	155.8	154.4	150.3	151.5
Veal: Cutlets.....do.....	204.7	182.5	188.7	195.4	194.0	197.0	211.4	210.2	212.0	222.6	217.7	211.8	213.1
Pork.....	215.9	190.8	191.6	217.2	203.5	204.2	213.6	216.4	229.3	245.9	240.9	219.7	218.2
Chops.....pound.....	219.0	182.1	191.7	219.0	202.0	214.2	225.3	226.4	239.2	257.9	243.8	214.7	206.2
Bacon, sliced.....do.....	203.9	187.8	180.8	202.1	189.9	181.2	189.9	195.5	208.4	224.7	230.4	227.6	228.8
Ham:													
Sliced ⁴do.....	(1)	139.2	140.2	155.7	151.1	150.1	156.1	158.9	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Whole.....do.....	229.6	215.1	210.1	241.2	224.9	217.5	227.7	231.2	245.3	256.7	244.2	218.2	223.3
Salt pork.....do.....	215.7	202.8	185.4	211.5	211.7	192.3	189.5	188.3	194.9	227.7	243.7	265.6	275.3
Lamb.....	220.1	205.3	204.3	209.7	206.5	209.6	226.7	228.6	232.1	244.0	226.2	227.1	221.5
Leg.....pound.....	225.8	216.3	213.7	217.8	212.9	215.0	233.0	232.3	235.8	247.9	229.8	230.7	225.0
Rib chops.....do.....	(1)	192.5	193.0	199.5	198.1	202.0	218.1	222.6	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Poultry: Roasting chickens.....	185.2	185.8	176.5	178.3	177.1	179.6	182.3	181.9	180.5	191.4	189.5	184.6	190.7
Fish.....	271.4	271.3	258.7	296.0	261.0	255.1	254.7	260.6	262.4	275.7	286.5	302.4	302.3
Fish (fresh, frozen) ⁵pound.....	243.4	262.6	242.1	248.2	237.6	227.4	225.1	231.5	231.8	247.7	248.8	262.3	250.7
Salmon, pink ⁶16-ounce can.....	323.8	267.9	279.5	289.2	301.1	303.4	313.8	317.5	323.1	342.2	365.6	386.7	391.0
Dairy products.....	186.2	190.1	183.2	187.5	178.9	171.5	171.5	178.8	183.8	195.2	190.1	198.4	204.9
Butter.....pound.....	221.1	218.4	209.3	227.7	202.2	190.8	194.3	210.6	222.1	251.7	222.4	242.2	262.0
Cheese.....do.....	226.4	242.9	234.9	233.7	234.7	213.9	211.4	215.6	225.6	221.0	226.2	230.9	236.1
Milk:													
Fresh delivered.....quart.....	161.0	165.5	159.5	158.4	156.6	152.9	151.8	155.9	158.8	163.0	167.5	171.0	171.2
Fresh (grocery).....do.....	165.0	170.3	163.9	161.6	160.1	156.4	155.1	159.5	162.4	167.2	171.8	175.2	176.3
Evaporated.....14½-ounce can.....	183.0	195.1	193.9	193.5	186.0	179.8	176.6	175.1	175.2	175.3	177.2	182.3	186.4
Eggs: Fresh.....dozen.....	200.8	181.7	169.9	174.7	178.3	178.9	183.0	203.0	212.3	235.9	232.7	224.7	236.1
Fruits and vegetables.....	199.4	187.9	191.7	199.6	200.4	207.0	205.0	202.0	199.8	198.2	196.6	199.6	205.3
Fresh fruits and vegetables.....	201.5	184.1	189.3	199.4	200.7	209.5	208.0	204.2	202.1	202.4	201.1	205.0	212.1
Fresh fruits:													
Apples.....pound.....	245.4	239.5	246.5	258.0	277.1	286.0	295.9	259.6	209.8	219.7	216.1	214.3	221.8
Bananas.....do.....	249.8	243.1	244.8	246.4	248.2	251.2	250.0	247.1	245.0	252.3	254.6	256.9	257.8
Oranges, size 200.....dozen.....	153.3	133.2	133.6	152.9	155.6	153.5	150.8	151.1	181.0	174.1	172.2	147.9	133.4
Fresh vegetables:													
Beans, green.....pound.....	200.7	172.1	233.1	327.2	262.5	192.7	164.3	138.3	122.2	157.4	215.4	237.1	186.7
Cabbage.....do.....	191.1	164.8	172.8	172.4	167.7	241.7	204.5	168.9	234.8	170.0	165.3	192.9	237.2
Carrots.....bunch.....	201.1	196.6	167.9	171.0	156.8	171.5	170.1	180.2	179.4	205.7	241.8	261.3	311.3
Lettuce.....head.....	165.0	165.8	187.8	154.3	141.0	181.7	139.6	146.3	172.4	189.1	151.6	170.8	179.9
Onions.....pound.....	177.7	119.4	121.7	124.8	158.0	180.3	180.1	184.7	190.2	188.9	194.5	229.3	260.7
Potatoes.....15 pounds.....	210.1	177.8	178.3	189.2	207.4	219.5	244.5	252.2	214.8	202.7	201.7	211.1	222.5
Spinach.....pound.....	175.0	193.9	189.8	206.8	174.2	154.7	151.2	165.7	174.4	195.5	172.2	154.1	167.5
Sweetpotatoes.....do.....	201.4	202.7	203.2	200.1	198.8	200.0	223.8	226.7	234.9	195.8	174.2	173.3	183.9
Canned fruits and vegetables.....	166.2	173.6	172.6	172.9	172.6	172.3	169.7	168.5	165.7	157.3	155.2	156.5	157.3
Canned fruits:													
Peaches.....No. 2½ can.....	166.0	167.6	167.4	167.7	167.9	166.7	168.1	168.6	168.1	163.8	162.4	162.1	161.9
Pineapple.....do.....	153.1	150.8	150.4	150.9	152.1	152.5	150.7	152.0	151.7	152.8	154.6	158.2	160.1
Grapefruit juice ⁴No. 2 can.....	(1)	86.6	82.5	80.7	80.1	79.0	78.5	77.8	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Canned vegetables:													
Beans, green ⁴do.....	(1)	109.7	110.8	114.2	115.2	115.6	115.0	114.8	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Corn.....do.....	147.6	145.0	145.4	145.5	145.6	145.6	145.5	146.5	147.1	146.9	149.8	152.5	155.5
Peas.....do.....	120.0	120.9	121.3	122.6	123.8	123.2	120.0	118.7	118.3	116.9	118.0	117.9	117.9
Tomatoes.....do.....	214.1	236.3	233.6	232.8	230.9	233.4	224.7	220.6	213.2	191.8	183.9	185.4	185.5
Dried fruits and vegetables.....	263.5	269.2	269.9	271.3	269.7	268.1	262.6	263.6	263.4	261.2	255.6	251.7	255.4
Dried fruits: Prunes.....pound.....	243.7	253.8	257.4	259.3	257.9	254.7	245.5	245.4	245.3	236.8	228.7	219.0	219.4
Dried vegetables: Navy beans.....do.....	289.3	288.2	284.5	285.3	283.2	284.2	284.2	285.4	280.6	284.2	282.3	297.5	306.0
Beverages.....	186.8	178.3	182.8	186.9	189.5	188.9	181.3	180.8	181.7	187.0	190.8	184.7	198.5
Coffee.....pound.....	186.6	177.9	182.7	187.0	189.7	189.1	181.1	180.5	181.3	186.6	190.5	194.3	198.1
Tea.....¾ pound.....	(1)	138.5	138.4	138.0	138.6	138.7	139.3	139.6	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Fats and oils.....	197.5	201.9	201.3	219.1	227.8	200.5	188.3	182.0	178.5	176.6	190.0	196.4	208.2
Lard.....pound.....	210.6	216.6	215.7	257.7	258.4	191.8	180.8	170.3	166.8	181.3	215.9	228.6	24

TABLE 6.—Indexes of retail prices of principal foods in large cities combined, by month, January 1939 through December 1950—Continued

[1935-39=100]

Article	1948												
	Average for the year	Jan. 15	Feb. 15	Mar. 15	Apr. 15	May 15	June 15	July 15	Aug. 15	Sept. 15	Oct. 15	Nov. 15	Dec. 15
All foods.....	210.2	209.7	204.7	202.3	207.9	210.9	214.1	216.8	216.6	215.2	211.5	207.5	205.0
Cereals and bakery products.....	170.9	172.7	171.8	171.0	171.0	171.1	171.2	171.0	170.8	170.7	170.0	169.9	170.2
Cereals:													
Flour, wheat..... 5 pounds.....	189.9	210.9	197.3	192.4	189.6	189.4	188.4	186.9	185.7	184.9	184.2	184.0	185.7
Corn flakes..... 11 ounces.....	175.9	172.9	172.8	173.3	175.8	175.7	177.2	176.8	177.1	177.1	177.2	177.6	177.8
Corn meal..... pound.....	212.6	219.9	219.9	216.6	216.4	215.7	213.7	215.5	215.2	214.0	210.5	199.5	194.9
Rice ¹ do.....	116.9	117.3	118.4	118.1	118.4	118.6	119.6	120.6	121.5	121.1	112.1	109.4	107.6
Rolled oats ² 20 ounces.....	154.8	153.6	153.4	153.5	154.8	154.8	155.0	155.2	155.4	155.6	155.5	155.2	155.8
Bakery products:													
Bread, white..... pound.....	163.0	162.3	163.1	163.1	163.2	163.5	163.5	163.1	163.1	163.1	162.7	162.8	163.0
Vanilla cookies..... do.....	190.5	183.7	187.7	187.9	189.2	188.8	190.3	192.1	191.7	192.4	193.0	194.1	194.9
Meats, poultry, and fish.....	246.5	237.5	224.8	224.7	233.8	244.2	255.1	261.8	267.0	265.3	256.1	246.7	241.3
Meats:													
Beef and veal.....	243.9	243.4	218.0	218.2	229.5	242.0	255.2	263.0	269.3	265.9	254.3	243.1	235.4
Beef:													
Round steak..... pound.....	258.5	239.7	228.2	228.5	241.2	255.8	273.9	280.9	286.2	280.8	269.8	262.4	255.1
Rib roast..... do.....	267.8	248.4	231.4	234.0	250.7	267.3	287.6	294.4	299.5	292.5	277.3	269.3	261.1
Chuck roast..... do.....	256.0	242.3	227.9	227.0	238.2	249.9	266.7	276.6	283.1	277.6	267.2	262.0	253.1
Hamburger ² do.....	286.8	263.1	250.6	249.6	263.3	283.4	309.6	315.5	322.2	315.0	301.1	291.5	276.8
Veal: Cutlets..... do.....	181.3	159.7	157.3	158.0	166.3	178.6	194.7	199.3	202.5	199.2	193.7	184.6	181.7
Pork.....	245.2	230.0	228.0	226.8	234.9	245.6	252.5	256.1	259.6	258.5	253.6	248.4	248.7
Chops..... pound.....	222.5	225.9	202.2	204.3	212.3	219.1	223.5	233.8	246.1	247.9	233.9	214.4	206.2
Bacon, sliced..... do.....	234.4	219.4	200.1	212.1	223.2	233.5	238.1	252.7	276.5	278.6	254.1	219.7	204.6
Ham, whole..... do.....	201.8	227.7	194.7	185.7	191.3	199.1	201.9	204.5	206.3	207.2	207.0	200.7	195.8
Ham, whole..... do.....	231.2	234.8	212.0	213.6	220.9	223.7	231.2	244.2	251.1	253.3	239.4	227.2	223.3
Lamb.....	210.1	259.6	238.2	214.7	209.9	203.5	196.6	196.0	194.1	196.1	200.2	200.1	211.6
Leg..... pound.....	246.8	231.5	223.4	216.8	232.6	253.5	271.2	275.0	266.6	256.6	249.4	246.5	238.6
Poultry: Roasting chickens..... do.....	250.7	235.2	226.9	220.3	236.3	257.6	275.6	279.4	270.8	260.7	253.4	250.4	242.4
Fish.....	203.2	200.0	196.4	194.7	198.4	202.1	207.6	209.3	207.8	209.4	204.0	200.5	208.0
Fish (fresh, frozen) ³ pound.....	312.8	310.9	315.0	313.6	307.2	305.0	299.3	301.6	304.4	314.9	325.9	328.1	328.1
Salmon, pink ³ 16-ounce can.....	264.9	270.5	276.3	274.4	264.9	261.3	251.8	253.9	254.4	264.0	270.2	268.1	268.5
Dairy products.....	418.7	394.9	393.7	394.1	397.1	399.7	405.2	408.1	417.1	429.2	452.6	467.0	466.0
Butter..... pound.....	204.8	205.7	204.4	201.1	205.8	204.8	205.9	209.0	211.0	208.7	203.0	199.5	199.2
Cheese..... do.....	238.3	258.1	248.4	237.4	255.4	254.2	249.8	252.0	245.6	232.7	212.7	205.7	207.6
Milk:													
Fresh (delivered)..... quart.....	252.1	242.2	247.9	243.7	241.5	248.1	254.6	262.1	268.6	264.1	259.0	246.6	248.8
Fresh (grocery)..... do.....	178.5	173.3	174.3	174.6	174.3	171.5	174.0	177.1	182.0	185.4	186.0	185.3	184.5
Evaporated..... 14½-ounce can.....	183.7	178.5	179.7	179.5	179.0	177.3	179.3	182.1	187.8	189.4	191.1	191.4	189.4
Eggs: Fresh..... dozen.....	206.6	189.6	195.8	197.1	197.2	202.1	210.9	212.8	218.3	220.8	216.9	210.0	208.0
Fruits and vegetables.....	208.7	213.6	189.2	186.3	184.7	184.9	194.2	204.3	220.2	226.6	239.0	244.3	217.3
Fresh fruits and vegetables.....	205.2	208.3	213.0	206.9	217.4	218.0	214.9	213.4	199.6	195.8	193.5	189.4	192.3
Fresh fruits:													
Apples..... pound.....	212.4	215.7	222.0	214.2	228.4	229.4	225.2	223.2	204.8	199.6	197.3	192.4	196.2
Bananas..... do.....	228.2	219.2	208.6	205.6	208.2	229.1	269.2	265.3	225.1	216.7	220.7	229.1	241.5
Oranges, size 200..... dozen.....	263.8	257.9	257.4	255.3	256.3	257.8	261.7	269.3	270.7	269.3	269.9	270.6	269.3
Fresh vegetables:													
Beans, green..... pound.....	158.2	133.5	135.9	145.1	142.9	149.2	155.1	169.2	183.3	187.2	192.1	151.0	153.7
Cabbage..... do.....	198.4	199.9	257.2	191.2	229.5	229.1	185.1	187.7	176.0	172.0	155.1	224.9	173.3
Carrots..... bunch.....	172.4	222.9	191.5	174.8	250.5	202.3	180.1	155.1	139.2	136.5	139.7	133.7	142.5
Lettuce..... head.....	225.0	246.3	261.3	227.8	254.3	310.1	263.2	202.1	183.6	190.8	191.6	184.3	184.2
Onions..... pound.....	165.6	201.0	153.5	138.0	159.9	200.7	164.1	177.8	143.1	156.2	163.0	158.9	170.8
Potatoes..... 15 pounds.....	256.0	285.6	364.8	386.2	440.9	291.0	262.4	251.9	176.3	154.2	147.8	154.6	156.9
Spinach..... pound.....	233.3	234.4	246.9	247.0	253.6	261.7	263.5	248.4	223.5	210.8	202.4	199.1	208.3
Sweetpotatoes..... do.....	174.9	191.4	221.5	171.5	167.4	158.4	145.0	174.7	205.0	183.9	161.2	155.1	163.2
Canned fruits and vegetables.....	216.9	196.4	207.2	208.3	213.1	225.2	273.4	286.9	235.5	196.2	181.1	181.9	198.1
Canned fruits:													
Peaches..... No. 2½ can.....	158.0	158.0	157.7	157.7	156.4	156.4	157.4	157.7	157.8	159.0	158.9	159.4	159.4
Pineapple..... do.....	163.3	162.4	161.5	161.0	160.6	160.8	160.8	161.6	163.0	165.1	166.5	168.2	168.2
Canned vegetables:													
Corn..... No. 2 can.....	169.9	162.1	163.0	164.3	166.3	166.7	168.1	168.5	170.0	174.4	176.2	178.1	181.3
Peas..... do.....	158.4	156.6	157.0	156.9	156.6	157.9	158.2	158.6	158.8	159.3	160.2	159.7	160.4
Tomatoes..... do.....	115.7	118.0	118.0	115.5	113.5	112.3	112.8	113.5	115.8	116.9	116.7	117.5	117.2
Dried fruits and vegetables.....	183.4	185.9	185.0	186.2	183.2	183.0	184.8	184.7	182.6	183.2	181.3	181.4	180.0
Dried fruits: Prunes..... pound.....	246.8	256.8	256.0	253.9	252.1	250.0	248.0	248.0	249.2	249.1	238.1	230.6	229.8
Dried vegetables: Navy beans..... do.....	209.8	217.8	216.0	211.2	208.6	206.9	204.3	204.9	204.7	205.6	209.1	211.6	216.6
Beverages.....	299.2	311.9	312.9	314.9	314.3	311.6	310.5	309.7	312.9	311.5	278.2	255.7	246.2
Coffee..... pound.....	205.0	201.9	204.0	204.4	204.4	204.6	205.1	205.2	205.3	205.6	205.9	206.4	207.8
Fats and oils.....	204.7	201.5	203.6	204.0	204.0	204.2	204.7	204.8	204.9	205.2	205.5	206.0	207.4
Lard..... pound.....	195.5	209.3	194.2	191.7	191.4	196.6	200.5	200.8	197.8	196.8	193.0	189.4	184.4
Hydrogenated shortening ⁴ do.....	198.3	238.8	196.0	191.9	194.1	198.2	198.5	198.1	197.3	198.5	196.1	191.4	181.0
Salad dressing..... pint.....	212.1	225.8	217.6	214.4	207.1	211.4	218.2	220.3	209.6	207.3	205.6	204.9	202.8
Margarine..... pound.....	163.5	156.1	158.8	159.0	159.8	164.4	167.1	168.4	168.3	168.6	165.7	163.7	162.7
Sugar and sweets.....	227.4	230.5	228.8	224.0	223.9	232.6	242.0	240.1	235.3	229.8	220.4	213.4	208.6
Sugar..... pound.....	174.0	183.4	176.8	174.4	173.6	173.0	170.6	170.9	172.3	173.2	173.1	173.3	173.0

¹ July 1947=100.
² February 1943=100.

³ 1938-39=100.
⁴ Formerly published as shortening in other containers.

TABLE 6.—Indexes of retail prices of principal foods in large cities combined, by month, January 1939 through December 1950—Continued.

[1935-39=100]

Article	1949												
	Average for the year	Jan. 15	Feb. 15	Mar. 15	Apr. 15	May 15	June 15	July 15	Aug. 15	Sept. 15	Oct. 15	Nov. 15	Dec. 15
All foods.....	201.9	204.8	199.7	201.6	202.8	202.4	204.3	201.7	202.6	204.2	200.6	200.8	197.3
Cereals and bakery products.....	169.7	170.5	170.0	170.1	170.3	170.1	169.7	169.5	169.4	169.7	169.1	169.2	169.2
Cereals:													
Flour, wheat..... 5 pounds.....	185.5	187.0	186.4	186.3	186.0	186.3	184.9	183.9	183.6	184.2	184.8	186.3	186.6
Corn flakes..... 11 ounces.....	178.0	177.4	177.8	178.0	178.2	178.6	178.7	179.0	178.0	177.8	177.3	177.7	177.9
Corn meal..... pound.....	182.8	189.0	186.4	185.1	184.7	184.6	181.7	181.7	182.4	182.2	179.8	178.2	178.2
Rice ¹ do.....	103.4	107.2	107.4	107.3	107.5	106.6	104.6	104.9	106.1	103.3	98.4	94.1	93.5
Rollod oats ² 20 ounces.....	149.6	155.5	152.2	151.8	150.0	149.3	149.2	149.0	148.4	148.1	148.0	147.4	146.7
Bakery products:													
Bread, white..... pound.....	163.9	163.2	163.3	163.5	164.0	163.8	164.3	164.2	164.1	164.2	164.1	164.1	164.0
Vanilla cookies..... do.....	192.5	195.6	194.3	194.4	194.5	194.0	190.9	190.8	191.3	193.2	190.1	190.4	190.6
Meats, poultry, and fish.....	233.4	235.9	221.4	229.6	234.4	232.3	240.6	236.0	239.5	243.6	235.1	229.1	223.2
Meats:													
Beef and veal.....	229.3	228.2	212.3	222.5	228.5	228.0	239.3	234.4	237.3	242.0	233.1	226.4	220.0
Beef:													
Round steak..... pound.....	241.3	244.5	220.5	230.3	233.3	235.2	247.8	245.3	246.3	249.9	248.2	248.5	245.2
Rib roast..... do.....	252.6	248.3	218.5	234.5	240.7	246.8	264.6	263.1	264.7	269.2	260.8	262.2	257.5
Chuck roast..... do.....	235.0	241.7	213.8	224.1	226.5	228.2	239.6	237.0	237.8	241.7	243.7	244.2	242.1
Hamburger ³ do.....	247.5	257.7	224.3	235.0	237.3	236.6	252.0	249.6	248.1	253.8	261.3	260.3	254.5
Veal: Cutlets..... do.....	165.8	175.9	156.8	161.9	161.8	162.7	168.4	167.2	167.2	168.0	166.8	166.8	165.7
Pork.....	251.1	248.7	251.9	250.0	251.5	248.1	254.7	249.7	252.6	254.6	252.1	250.8	248.3
Chops..... pound.....	205.9	203.1	196.3	206.4	209.5	203.9	216.0	209.8	221.9	227.6	207.7	189.7	178.3
Bacon, sliced..... do.....	225.4	203.4	201.6	223.5	229.6	229.5	252.4	234.6	253.6	264.0	228.3	201.6	182.7
Ham, whole..... do.....	174.7	190.0	179.5	178.8	176.8	166.9	168.4	169.4	173.5	177.6	183.9	170.7	160.8
Salt pork..... do.....	215.8	222.5	213.3	217.2	221.2	211.3	218.6	222.5	232.7	233.0	208.5	195.1	194.2
Lamb.....	171.2	191.6	171.1	169.7	167.5	161.4	161.9	163.1	169.5	171.3	176.1	181.8	169.0
Leg..... pound.....	251.7	234.4	228.4	240.7	271.0	275.5	278.4	265.5	247.8	254.7	246.1	242.0	236.1
Poultry: Roasting chickens ³ do.....	255.7	238.1	232.1	244.5	275.3	279.8	282.8	269.7	251.7	258.7	250.1	245.8	239.9
Fish.....	191.5	208.9	199.0	198.9	201.2	190.5	184.4	182.8	191.5	192.5	184.6	184.5	179.5
Fish (fresh, frozen) ⁴ pound.....	314.1	331.7	327.2	325.9	321.3	315.4	312.6	307.7	308.9	311.9	306.8	300.6	299.0
Salmon, pink ⁴ 16-ounce can.....	261.8	272.4	267.2	266.8	261.4	264.5	252.2	251.1	254.4	260.1	268.4	266.4	267.1
Dairy products.....	432.2	468.3	466.3	462.7	460.7	458.4	454.4	439.0	434.1	428.8	385.7	367.9	359.8
Butter..... pound.....	186.7	196.0	192.5	190.3	184.9	182.6	182.0	182.2	184.9	185.3	186.7	186.4	186.2
Cheese ⁵ do.....	199.3	205.9	203.6	201.8	197.0	194.6	193.2	192.9	198.5	200.1	200.4	201.3	201.9
Milk:													
Fresh (delivered)..... quart.....	231.0	245.8	234.0	230.9	227.5	226.5	226.4	225.8	228.6	230.2	232.2	232.4	232.2
Fresh (grocery)..... do.....	171.9	179.9	177.5	176.2	170.1	168.4	167.9	168.4	169.8	169.8	172.3	171.3	171.1
Evaporated..... 14½-ounce can.....	175.8	185.7	182.4	179.8	174.4	171.6	171.6	172.2	174.6	174.1	175.6	174.2	173.4
Eggs: Fresh..... dozen.....	184.2	204.6	200.2	192.5	186.5	181.9	180.5	179.2	177.5	177.3	176.3	178.1	175.7
Fruits and vegetables.....	201.2	209.6	179.6	180.1	183.8	190.9	198.0	204.1	222.2	232.6	227.8	207.8	178.0
Fresh fruits and vegetables.....	208.1	205.2	213.7	214.5	218.6	220.7	217.9	210.2	201.9	199.8	194.5	202.0	198.2
Fresh fruits:													
Apples..... pound.....	218.8	213.3	224.9	226.0	231.5	234.6	231.1	221.2	211.4	209.0	202.3	212.7	208.0
Bananas..... do.....	239.9	255.7	275.5	289.8	306.2	311.4	309.9	248.1	192.1	184.7	165.0	165.8	174.9
Oranges, size 200..... dozen.....	275.0	267.7	272.7	275.2	272.8	274.1	284.3	280.7	275.0	271.4	273.9	277.9	273.9
Fresh vegetables:													
Beans, green..... pound.....	182.9	168.4	165.7	175.8	173.2	194.2	209.0	215.5	200.1	183.4	195.3	167.3	146.8
Cabbage..... do.....	190.2	234.6	222.0	194.3	209.4	186.8	175.0	168.5	154.1	156.4	137.4	198.1	245.9
Carrots..... bunch.....	175.0	163.7	179.2	211.9	197.8	214.3	170.0	164.2	176.3	168.1	147.9	143.0	164.0
Lettuce..... head.....	195.2	199.9	196.7	184.3	181.0	187.4	188.9	187.2	191.3	197.0	202.0	219.9	206.8
Onions..... pound.....	197.5	185.9	220.2	223.3	243.2	163.6	131.8	156.5	209.3	254.7	199.7	222.9	158.3
Potatoes..... 15 pounds.....	179.1	155.7	153.9	148.1	155.3	187.8	204.3	186.6	160.3	179.3	191.9	204.9	220.9
Spinach..... pound.....	227.3	225.5	237.9	237.2	246.5	271.6	259.7	233.5	222.1	208.4	196.0	194.1	195.3
Sweetpotatoes..... do.....	(6)	202.3	259.4	213.8	190.4	154.2	143.8	177.2	193.0	206.8	(6)	(6)	(6)
Tomatoes ⁷ do.....	244.9	211.4	220.9	234.2	268.5	312.4	330.4	322.6	270.8	206.1	183.0	182.6	195.8
Canned fruits and vegetables.....	(7)	(7)	(7)	(7)	(7)	(7)	(7)	(7)	(7)	(7)	100.0	168.8	175.4
Canned fruits:													
Peaches..... No. 2½ can.....	152.9	159.2	158.6	158.0	157.1	156.3	155.3	154.2	149.7	148.0	147.0	146.2	145.1
Pineapple..... do.....	160.8	169.0	168.4	168.2	168.4	166.8	163.5	161.6	158.3	155.5	152.4	149.8	148.2
Canned vegetables:													
Corn..... No. 2 can.....	181.0	180.4	182.6	182.5	182.5	182.2	182.5	183.7	183.0	180.9	179.4	177.0	175.2
Peas..... do.....	156.0	160.2	159.4	159.8	158.8	156.9	155.7	155.7	155.3	155.1	153.1	152.4	149.8
Tomatoes..... do.....	114.1	117.1	117.0	115.3	115.0	113.8	113.8	113.5	112.9	112.3	112.8	112.6	112.5
Dried fruits and vegetables.....	168.9	170.6	178.3	177.1	175.4	175.2	174.5	171.8	161.4	158.8	158.4	158.4	157.8
Dried fruits: Prunes..... pound.....	227.4	228.4	224.6	227.9	228.3	227.5	227.3	228.1	229.6	230.1	228.5	224.7	224.3
Dried vegetables: Navy beans..... do.....	227.4	218.9	220.9	224.0	226.4	226.2	226.9	228.9	230.2	231.3	232.0	230.7	231.8
Beverages.....	223.7	239.1	226.4	230.0	227.4	225.7	223.9	223.1	224.7	224.4	219.2	211.7	209.0
Coffee..... pound.....	208.7	208.7	209.0	208.5	208.2	207.2	207.6	208.2	208.8	211.0	213.8	265.3	292.5
Fats and oils.....	220.3	208.3	208.6	208.1	207.8	206.8	207.2	207.8	208.4	210.6	213.4	264.8	291.9
Lard..... pound.....	148.4	174.7	159.8	155.1	149.8	144.4	142.9	141.0	144.0	148.3	144.5	139.7	136.7
Hydrogenated shortening..... do.....	128.5	163.2	133.2	131.2	125.0	121.2	121.4	120.1	129.4	133.9	130.4	119.3	114.2
Salad dressing..... pint.....	168.5	197.2	187.1	176.9	174.9	167.1	165.4	163.7	158.9	159.3	159.1	158.5	154.3
Margarine..... pound.....	145.5	159.3	156.1	151.6	149.2	145.9	143.0	140.2	139.3	142.6	140.9	139.3	138.6
Sugar and sweets.....	168.8	199.0	186.7	181.9	170.5	161.3	159.0	157.7	163.0	171.8	161.0	157.9	156.1
Sugar..... pound.....	176.4	173.4	174.3	175.6	176.2	176.1	176.5	176.2	176.5	176.8	177.5	178.9	178.8
Sugar..... do.....	177.3	174.2	175.1	176.5	177.1	176.9	177.4	177.1	177.4	177.7	178.4	179.8	179.7

¹ July 1947=100.² February 1943=100.³ Specification changed from roasting chickens to frying chickens beginning April 1949.⁴ 1938-39=100.⁵ Specification changed from No. 1 Mild Cheddar cheese to American Process cheese beginning July 1949.⁶ Not priced after September 1949.⁷ First priced October 1949 (October 1949=100).

TABLE 6.—Indexes of retail prices of principal foods in large cities combined, by month, January 1939 through December 1950—Continued

[1935-39=100]

Article	1950												
	Average for the year	Jan. 15	Feb. 15	Mar. 15	Apr. 15	May 15	June 15	July 15	Aug. 15	Sept. 15	Oct. 15	Nov. 15	Dec. 15
All foods.....	204.5	196.0	194.9	196.6	197.3	199.8	203.1	208.2	209.9	210.0	210.6	210.8	216.3
Cereals and bakery products.....	172.7	169.0	169.1	169.1	169.3	169.8	169.8	171.5	175.5	176.9	177.2	177.6	177.7
Cereals:													
Flour, wheat..... 5 pounds.....	190.5	187.3	187.7	188.1	189.2	190.2	190.5	190.6	192.6	192.9	192.4	191.9	192.5
Corn flakes ¹ 11 ounces.....	180.8	177.8	177.4	177.0	176.9	177.0	176.5	177.1	177.2	182.7	187.4	190.9	191.7
Corn meal..... pound.....	189.2	177.7	176.2	176.3	176.6	179.9	181.9	190.9	205.8	205.4	204.0	197.9	197.8
Rice ² do.....	94.8	92.2	92.4	92.4	92.8	93.0	93.1	92.4	95.5	96.8	97.5	98.6	101.0
Rolled oats ³ 20 ounces.....	147.6	146.4	146.2	146.2	145.9	145.9	145.8	145.8	146.1	146.8	150.3	152.5	153.4
Bakery products:													
Bread, white..... pound.....	167.4	163.8	163.9	163.9	164.1	164.1	163.9	166.2	171.1	171.5	171.9	171.9	172.0
Vanilla cookies..... do.....	195.1	189.9	190.1	189.8	189.8	191.6	191.7	193.3	197.0	201.6	201.3	202.8	201.8
Meats, poultry, and fish.....	243.6	219.4	222.0	229.3	231.1	240.2	246.5	255.7	260.7	261.0	253.3	250.3	253.4
Meats:													
Beef and veal.....	242.0	217.9	220.2	224.1	224.6	238.4	246.7	257.4	259.6	260.2	252.0	249.6	253.8
Beef:													
Round steak..... pound.....	265.7	242.3	241.8	244.6	246.4	258.7	268.6	277.2	282.2	281.7	279.6	279.2	286.3
Chuck roast..... do.....	276.9	252.1	250.1	253.4	256.6	274.7	287.9	295.9	293.3	288.2	287.1	286.4	297.6
Hamburger ³ do.....	257.9	238.5	237.5	239.3	241.4	255.3	264.1	272.1	271.7	270.2	265.3	266.0	273.3
Veal: Cutlets..... do.....	272.8	245.1	246.0	249.2	247.4	262.6	279.2	290.1	291.3	289.7	287.4	286.9	298.1
Pork..... do.....	183.3	164.6	164.8	166.3	167.8	176.3	181.8	189.3	197.5	197.4	196.5	196.6	201.0
Chops..... pound.....	271.4	255.8	261.4	262.5	258.5	265.1	271.2	275.3	277.8	280.1	281.0	281.1	286.7
Bacon, sliced..... do.....	203.2	177.3	183.6	188.3	185.4	202.8	209.1	225.9	225.0	228.3	209.3	201.8	201.0
Ham, whole..... do.....	228.1	186.9	200.7	210.0	206.6	238.0	243.5	268.6	253.5	261.2	229.9	221.8	216.6
Salt pork..... do.....	167.2	154.7	154.7	155.1	154.1	157.4	161.9	171.4	181.7	184.3	183.9	174.8	171.9
Lamb..... do.....	210.8	192.5	195.3	198.0	193.6	206.6	215.8	229.7	236.4	233.6	210.7	204.9	212.7
Leg..... pound.....	257.8	234.3	238.6	246.5	251.9	262.1	268.1	269.0	266.9	264.2	259.4	264.1	269.0
Poultry: Frying chickens..... do.....	262.0	238.1	242.4	250.5	255.9	266.2	272.4	273.3	271.2	268.4	263.5	268.4	273.3
Fish.....	183.3	158.9	164.9	180.6	187.8	184.4	185.1	189.8	202.3	199.2	187.2	180.1	179.3
Fish (fresh, frozen) ⁴ pound.....	308.5	301.9	294.1	301.8	297.5	293.7	295.9	297.3	302.8	311.4	328.8	336.6	340.3
Salmon, pink ⁴ 16-ounce can.....	271.8	272.2	259.1	273.6	269.4	264.9	268.4	270.0	272.8	276.2	277.1	278.5	279.5
Dairy products.....	383.2	355.9	365.4	351.5	347.4	346.4	344.1	344.8	357.9	381.1	446.9	473.1	484.5
Butter..... pound.....	184.7	184.2	183.6	182.4	179.6	178.3	177.8	180.7	184.3	186.9	191.9	192.8	194.0
Cheese..... do.....	200.4	201.8	201.6	200.7	197.6	196.0	195.4	195.6	197.9	198.9	204.1	205.0	209.7
Milk:													
Fresh (delivered)..... quart.....	229.1	231.1	230.6	230.1	229.0	228.0	226.2	226.3	228.2	229.0	228.5	230.3	232.4
Fresh (grocery) ⁵ do.....	168.4	167.9	167.0	165.3	162.0	160.8	160.4	164.2	167.5	170.6	177.4	178.3	179.0
Evaporated..... 14½-ounce can.....	170.8	170.2	169.7	168.4	165.1	162.9	162.0	165.7	170.0	174.2	180.3	181.1	180.6
Eggs: Fresh..... dozen.....	177.5	175.1	174.9	175.1	174.5	174.3	174.2	173.9	177.8	181.1	182.8	183.0	183.7
Fruits and vegetables.....	173.6	152.3	140.8	149.5	149.8	143.7	148.4	163.3	182.2	192.1	206.2	205.4	249.4
Fresh fruits and vegetables.....	199.2	204.8	199.3	195.1	198.9	202.2	209.3	211.5	193.4	186.0	189.8	195.7	203.9
Fresh fruits:													
Apples..... pound.....	206.1	217.2	208.7	202.0	208.1	213.6	224.3	227.7	196.9	183.9	187.7	195.9	207.3
Bananas..... do.....	227.4	178.6	187.5	204.9	220.1	256.3	301.1	340.6	237.5	229.5	190.3	187.0	195.3
Oranges, size 200..... dozen.....	269.1	273.1	278.2	278.2	274.7	274.6	271.9	268.6	263.8	247.1	261.4	266.4	271.0
Fresh vegetables:													
Beans, green..... pound.....	174.3	156.5	176.5	177.8	173.9	168.0	172.8	182.9	174.0	175.4	191.0	176.3	166.5
Cabbage..... do.....	199.5	274.9	215.2	180.2	199.5	210.0	151.0	165.6	143.7	160.1	154.5	228.4	310.6
Carrots..... do.....	157.1	173.9	169.6	178.7	168.6	174.0	174.3	158.7	142.5	134.3	126.5	125.6	158.5
Lettuce..... bunch.....	186.7	202.6	184.9	177.3	175.3	178.3	181.7	195.1	181.2	180.2	177.0	203.1	203.8
Onions..... head.....	167.6	220.1	172.2	156.5	159.5	189.6	167.3	138.9	150.7	155.8	159.2	173.3	167.6
Potatoes..... 15 pounds.....	164.3	216.9	187.1	157.4	145.2	161.9	187.1	197.4	174.0	148.7	133.8	128.9	133.1
Sweetpotatoes..... pound.....	190.9	196.5	195.2	194.9	198.4	207.7	219.3	216.3	202.0	178.8	163.5	154.0	163.8
Tomatoes ⁶ do.....	196.6	205.6	206.0	210.4	211.7	219.0	209.4	198.5	216.0	184.8	159.3	161.2	177.5
Canned fruits and vegetables.....	159.6	165.3	156.9	142.3	175.8	154.1	208.3	215.4	117.5	86.1	131.6	167.9	193.6
Canned fruits:													
Peaches..... No. 2½ can.....	146.0	143.3	142.7	142.6	142.3	142.0	142.7	142.7	145.7	147.6	151.6	153.2	155.3
Pineapple..... do.....	149.1	141.8	140.1	139.1	138.4	138.2	140.1	142.4	151.5	158.3	164.6	166.7	168.2
Canned vegetables:													
Corn..... No. 2 can.....	174.1	174.2	173.6	173.7	173.1	171.9	172.0	172.7	174.8	175.0	175.7	176.0	176.1
Peas ⁷ do.....	142.6	144.1	142.2	139.7	138.9	137.3	138.4	137.5	139.5	141.4	147.8	150.5	154.3
Tomatoes..... do.....	115.0	113.1	114.0	114.8	114.6	113.5	114.3	112.9	114.8	116.0	117.3	117.2	117.8
Dried fruits and vegetables.....	163.8	158.2	157.9	159.4	160.1	161.7	161.6	161.5	163.9	164.4	169.1	172.0	176.3
Dried fruits: Prunes..... pound.....	228.5	223.9	222.1	221.5	221.6	222.9	222.9	222.9	227.6	229.8	236.1	242.2	248.8
Dried vegetables: Navy beans..... do.....	241.9	232.5	232.1	233.3	235.3	236.7	237.8	235.7	238.2	242.0	253.4	261.4	264.6
Beverages.....	208.8	206.9	204.5	203.1	202.1	203.4	202.7	203.9	209.4	210.7	214.0	218.8	226.7
Coffee..... pound.....	312.5	299.5	303.3	308.5	305.5	299.1	296.5	303.0	321.3	327.3	333.3	325.3	327.5
Fats and oils.....	315.7	298.9	304.0	310.9	306.9	298.4	294.9	303.6	328.1	336.1	343.2	332.5	331.4
Lard..... pound.....	144.3	135.2	133.6	134.3	135.6	137.7	140.1	141.8	153.9	154.8	152.9	152.9	158.5
Hydrogenated shortening..... do.....	128.1	113.1	109.7	110.3	109.3	112.5	116.0	118.7	157.9	156.1	142.6	142.0	149.5
Salad dressing..... pint.....	158.6	148.8	146.2	147.2	148.4	151.8	155.6	157.2	166.1	168.2	169.0	169.4	175.1
Margarine..... pound.....	143.6	138.3	138.0	137.6	138.8	140.2	142.1	142.4	146.9	148.1	148.4	148.9	152.9
Sugar and sweets.....	165.6	155.3	154.5	156.4	160.1	160.5	161.1	164.2	173.7	174.5	173.8	173.0	179.9
Sugar ⁸ 5 pounds.....	179.9	178.9	178.0	177.0	175.1	174.4	174.3	175.7	185.6	185.4	184.8	184.6	184.9
Sugar..... 5 pounds.....	181.5	179.8	178.9	177.8	176.1	175.5	175.3	177.0	188.7	188.5	187.3	186.8	186.5

¹ Specification changed from 11 ounces to 13 ounces beginning December 1950.

² July 1947=100.

³ February 1943=100.

⁴ 1938-39=100.

⁵ Specification revised in November 1950, to include Vitamin D milk and milk in half-gallon containers, when they are volume sellers.

⁶ October 1949=100.

⁷ Specification changed from No. 2 can standard grade peas to No. 303 can fancy grade peas in April 1950.

⁸ Specification changed from 1 pound to 5 pounds beginning January 1950.

Appendix

Brief Description of Retail Food Price Index

The Retail Food Price Index, a component of the Consumers' Price Index, measures average changes in retail prices of a fixed list of foods of constant quantity and quality, bought by moderate-income families in large cities. This is in line with the general purpose of the Consumers' Price Index of measuring how much more or less it costs at one time than at another to purchase a fixed list of goods.¹ The index is not designed to measure how much more it costs to live in one city than in another.²

Retail food prices were first collected in 1903, when the Bureau's representatives obtained prices for the years 1890 through 1903 from grocers' records. At that time, 30 foods were priced in 171 representative cities in 33 States. Since then changes in the lists of foods and in the number of cities have been made, with the number of foods varying between 16 and 87 and the number of cities between 39 and 171. The base period, collection and computation methods, and techniques have also changed from time to time.

Currently the Bureau publishes retail prices of 59 foods in 56 cities. Each month about 80,000 quotations are collected from 1,650 independent stores and 150 chain organizations representing 6,500 chain stores, or a total of about 8,150 stores.

Store Sample Selection

In selecting the sample of stores for food price reports, the Bureau has taken into account type of store in terms of foods handled, size of store as measured by sales volume, and geographic location within the city.

¹ A detailed discussion of the Consumers' Price Index is presented in the bulletin, *Consumers' Prices in the United States, 1942-48* (Bull. 966). The index as it was computed through 1941 is described in *Changes in Cost of Living in Large Cities in the United States 1913-41* (Bull. 699).

² A special study of differences in costs between cities is presented in *The City Worker's Family Budget in the Monthly Labor Review*, February 1948 (also reprinted as Serial No. R. 1909).

³ See *Store Samples for Retail Food Prices in Monthly Labor Review for January 1947*; also reprinted as Serial No. R. 1878.

Revisions in store samples are made from time to time, to maintain the accuracy of the Bureau's food price index. The latest complete sample revision took place between September 1945 and June 1946.³ At that time the size of the sample of independent stores in each city was changed so as to be equal to the square root of the total number of independent food stores operating in the city. This relationship was employed since the ratio necessary to obtain stable average prices in a small city is higher than is necessary for a large metropolitan area.

A complete listing of all independent stores in each of the 56 cities was classified according to type of commodities handled—combination stores (groceries and meats), groceries only, meats only, produce markets, etc. The listing for each store type was further classified by sales volume class—under \$50,000, \$50,000 and under \$250,000, and \$250,000 and over annual sales volume. Stores were further distributed within city areas and a random selection then made within each area to fulfill the sample requirements. The result was a self-weighting sample of independent stores based on current distribution of total independent store sales in each city. The Bureau continued to include all important chain stores in each city.

Collection of Prices

The Bureau collects retail prices of 59 foods in each of the 56 large cities included in its Retail Food Price Index, during the first 3 days of the week containing the fifteenth of the month. Local Bureau representatives collect retail food prices from grocers who report voluntarily. The representatives are provided with a description (specification) of the quality for which price quotations are desired. Within the range of each specification, they are instructed to secure a price for the type, brand, etc. that is sold in greatest volume in each store. Specifications are defined precisely

enough to insure a meaningful average price and avoid movement in the index because of shifts in the quality priced from one period to the next. They are also broad enough, within limitations, to provide an adequate number of quotations and to allow for city and regional differences in grades, types, package sizes, etc.

Prices were obtained for items found to be most important in wage earners' family budgets as shown by a comprehensive study in 1934-36, until the interim adjustment of 1950, when more recent 1947-49 data were available. The selection of the index items also takes into account similarity of price changes, since it is impossible for the Bureau to collect prices for all of the many foods purchased by families. Price movements of foods not included in the monthly surveys are imputed to those of other foods or food groups showing similar price trends, by means of allocation of weights.

Processing

Each month, the Bureau's field representatives return their pricing schedules to the Washington office, where they are edited carefully for conformance to the required specifications; conversions to uniform quantity unit are made as necessary, and weighting factors are entered in preparation for machine tabulation. The data are then processed by machine tabulation.

The Retail Food Price Index is a fixed-base-weighted-aggregate index. Weighting factors are used to maintain appropriate relationships, (1) among chain stores (outlet weights), (2) between chain and independent stores (chain-independent ratio), (3) among foods in each city (consumption weights), and (4) among cities (population weights).

Average prices for each food in each city are computed separately for chain and independent stores. Weighting factors (called outlet weights) based on annual volume sales of retail reporters are used in calculating average prices for chain stores within each city. A simple average of independent store prices is obtained, since the sample was selected to be a self-weighting sample. Chain and independent average prices for a city are combined by use of chain-independent ratios to obtain average prices for the city. This chain-independent ratio is based on the percentage of

total food sales in a city made by chains and by independent stores.

Consumption weights (called quantity weighting factors) for each city are applied to the individual food prices to give them their correct proportions in the city's group and all-foods indexes. These weights were based on consumer expenditure data obtained in 1934-36 until the interim adjustment of the index in 1950, when more recent 1947-49 data were available. The resulting weighted aggregates are combined to obtain indexes for the major food groups and for all foods combined.

City population weights are employed in obtaining average prices and indexes for 56 cities combined. These weights are based on the population of the metropolitan area containing the city in which prices are collected and that of cities in the same region and size class. Adjustments in these population weights were made in February 1943 in accordance with Census Bureau estimates of changes in population from April 1940 to May 1942, based on the registrations for the sugar-ration book; and again in 1950, using the 1950 Decennial Census data. Table A shows the population weights before and after the adjustment of the index in 1950.

Relative Importance

The relative importance⁴ of the individual foods in the over-all index is computed and released by the Bureau once each year.

These relative importance figures are percentage distributions of the values of the individual foods in the index as of a certain date. The values are obtained by multiplying the quantity consumption weights by the average prices for the specified date. Thus, the relative importance figures are not weights in themselves. They change from time to time as prices for the various foods change at different rates, since the consumption weights used in their computation remain constant. Table B presents a tabulation of foods priced individually and by groups, and relative importance (percentage) of each in the all-foods index for 56 large cities combined, for the base period (1935-39), December 1949, and December 1950,

⁴ See Consumers' Price Index: Relative Importance of Components, in the Monthly Labor Review for August 1948; also reprinted as Serial No. R. 1933.

before and after the interim adjustment of the index.

Revisions

In order to maintain the accuracy of the index, special tests and surveys from which revisions may develop, are made from time to time. As procedures change and revisions are made, indexes are linked (made equal in a given month) so that changes arising from the mechanics of revisions do not alter the level of the index and it continues to reflect price movements only. Some of the more important recent revisions are described below.

Adjustments to wartime and then to postwar conditions were made in March 1943 and February 1946. In March 1943,⁵ quantity weights of 27 foods were reduced in line with anticipated 1943 supplies available to consumers under rationing regulations, and weights of 26 less scarce commodities were increased. At the same time 7 foods were added to the index. The chain-independent store ratio was revised on the basis of latest available estimates of changes in volume of food sold through chains and independent stores. Five cities were added to the index, increasing the total number from 51 to 56. The population weights were changed to take into account the marked shifts in population during wartime.

In February 1946,⁶ the Retail Food Price Index was again revised to eliminate the special wartime adjustments. Prewar consumption weights were restored, with minor adjustments to retain the 7 items added to the index in 1943, and outlet weights within cities were changed, using the latest sales volume data available.

The computation of average prices for chain and independent stores, separately, was initiated at this time. Formerly the ratio between the two types of stores was used in computing city averages but the computation procedure did not maintain the fixed ratio when the number of quotations varied from period to period. The re-

vised procedure was an improvement in that the stability of the averages would be affected less by short supplies, since the chain-independent ratio would remain fixed, even though some reporters were unable to furnish price quotations every collection date because of food shortages.

During this revision some changes in editing were also introduced. The sample of stores was considered large enough that minor changes in the sample of stores or shifts from one brand to another within specification did not require adjustment for comparability in computing indexes. Index numbers for individual items which were begun at this time are used in obtaining percentage changes, rather than prices, since major differences in the sample and in specifications are still taken care of in the index by linking.

After February 1946, sales taxes were no longer included in the published average prices, but were incorporated in the index for each city. Average prices in cities having sales taxes were reduced by the amount of tax formerly included.

In August 1947,⁷ the list of foods included in the index was reduced from 62 to 50, a new subgroup for meats (excluding poultry and fish) was added, and the number of quotations from independent stores for dry groceries and staples was reduced. This reduction did not materially affect the accuracy of the average prices because of the small amount of price variation from store to store for these foods.

In 1949, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began a 3-year revision of its Consumers' Price Index, calling for a review of the entire structure of the Consumers' Price Index.

Expenditure surveys were conducted to secure information for use in bringing the market basket of foods and other commodity groups up to date, by determining what kinds of commodities are consumed currently and in what amounts. Previously expenditure data for 1947 were secured for Manchester, Richmond, and Washington, D. C., and 1948 data for Denver, Detroit, and Houston. In 1950, a survey of 1949 expenditures was made in Memphis, and planning was completed for surveys in 91 additional cities.

⁵ See Bureau of Labor Statistics Cost-of-Living Index in Wartime, in the Monthly Labor Review for July 1943; also reprinted as Serial No. R. 1545.

⁶ See Store Samples for Retail Food Prices, in the Monthly Labor Review for January 1947; also reprinted as Serial No. R. 1878.

⁷ See Revision of Retail Food Price Index in August 1947, in the Monthly Labor Review, October 1948; also reprinted as Serial No. R. 1941.

In the selection of these cities, the Bureau is attempting to arrive at a good national sample of cities for inclusion in the United States index, and a sample from which index weights can be made for any city in the United States. For this purpose all cities of above 2,500 population are classified and arranged according to characteristics which are known to be related to expenditure distributions.⁸

Special price studies were also undertaken to determine the adequacy of the city coverage and of the store samples, as well as how many foods must be priced regularly to measure changes accurately.

Specifically, the four special price studies included in the Bureau's revision program are:

Project I. The *Item Survey* is a study of relationships of prices and price movements among the goods and services to be represented in the revised CPI. During 1950, prices of approximately 150 foods were collected experimentally in retail grocery stores, in order to identify "price families," i. e., groups of foods, with homogenous price-determining characteristics, for which prices fluctuate similarly. Based on the analysis of price movements of items within "price families," the sample of items necessary to represent price changes for all items, within the limits of permissible statistical error, will be chosen.

Project II. The *Outlet Survey* is a study of relationships of prices and price movements among different types of retailers and among retailers in different sections of the city. Surveys were conducted in Chicago in September 1950, and in Youngstown, Ohio, in November 1950.⁹ The purpose of this study is to learn in what kinds of stores and from what sections of a city prices should be collected in order to get a sufficiently precise measure of price changes representing all kinds of stores in all sections of a city.

Project III. The *Intercity Survey* is a study of relationships of prices and price movements among different cities. Prices collected in a large number of cities for a selected list of foods will yield estimates of similarities and differences in price move-

ments among cities of different characteristics, such as size, location, climate, average income, etc.

Project IV. The *Pricing Techniques Survey* is being made to determine the necessary changes in price-collection procedures in order to improve the accuracy of the index.

Interim Adjustment of the Retail Food Price Index.—During the summer of 1950, world conditions made necessary certain immediate revisions in the Consumers' Price Index, including the Retail Food Price Index.

With the publication of the September 15, 1950, index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics announced its intention to publish an interim adjustment of the index. In this temporary adjustment, the following revisions were introduced in the Retail Food Price Index as of January 1950, and published with the January 1951 index:

1. City population weights were revised, using the 1950 Decennial Census Data. See table A.

2. Ten new food items were added to the list priced in the index. Food items added because of their increased importance in family spending were frozen strawberries, frozen orange juice concentrate, frozen peas, and canned baby food. Food items added because they were necessary to improve measurement of price movements were layer cake in 46 cities and jelly roll in 10 cities, frankfurters, ice cream, cola drinks, and grape jelly.

3. Commodity weights were revised to reflect current family spending habits, based on recent expenditure surveys. In arriving at these weights the Bureau made use of its most recent expenditure surveys in seven cities since 1947, similar surveys by the United States Department of Agriculture in four cities, and trade and official sources on production, marketing, sales, and other facts pertinent to consumption and expenditures. See table B for changes in relative importance brought about by the interim adjustment of the index.

The new *Adjusted Indexes* were computed back to January 1950. These will now replace the "old index series" and until the final index revision, all figures published will refer to the adjusted series, unless otherwise indicated. For the convenience of those who still use the old index series, it will be continued for a time. See tables C, D, and E for "old index series" for cities, commodity groups, and individual foods, 1950.

⁸ See Selection of Cities for Consumer Expenditures Survey, 1950, in the Monthly Labor Review, April 1951.

⁹ See Effects of Outlet Type and Location on Price, in the Monthly Labor Review, July 1951.

The new Adjusted Retail Food Price Index was linked to the "old index series" in January 1950 to form a continuous series since 1913. The retail food price indexes originally published for January 1950 and earlier dates have not been changed.

In this quick adjustment of the index, no changes were made in the basic index formula, calculation procedures, or price collection methods. Work is being continued on the comprehensive revision which will include any major changes necessary.

Publications

Retail food price data are issued regularly as follows:

1. Consumers' Price Index and Retail Food Prices (monthly—mimeographed).
2. Retail Food Prices by Cities (monthly—mimeographed).
3. Retail Food Prices by Cities—Annual Averages (annually—mimeographed).
4. Monthly Labor Review (monthly).
5. Retail Prices of Food (annually).

TABLE A.—Population weights used in computing retail food prices and indexes for 56 cities combined

City	Weight		City	Weight		City	Weight	
	Old index series	Ad-justed index series		Old index series	Ad-justed index series		Old index series	Ad-justed index series
	Percent 100.0	Percent 100.0		Percent	Percent		Percent	Percent
56 cities combined			Indianapolis, Ind	1.2	1.0	Peoria, Ill	0.4	.6
Atlanta, Ga	1.3	1.6	Jackson, Miss	.2	.2	Philadelphia, Pa	7.2	7.1
Baltimore, Md	1.8	1.6	Jacksonville, Fla	1.1	1.5	Pittsburgh, Pa	4.2	4.1
Birmingham, Ala	1.7	1.6	Kansas City, Mo	1.3	1.2	Portland, Maine	.2	.2
Boston, Mass	4.9	3.8	Knoxville, Tenn	.3	.4	Portland, Oreg	.7	.9
Bridgeport, Conn	.6	.5	Little Rock, Ark	.2	.2	Providence, R. I.	.8	.9
Buffalo, N. Y	1.6	1.6	Los Angeles, Calif	5.6	6.0	Richmond, Va	.8	.9
Butte, Mont	.1	.1	Louisville, Ky	1.0	.9	Rochester, N. Y	2.3	2.2
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	.1	.1	Manchester, N. H.	.1	.1	St. Louis, Mo	2.5	2.2
Charleston, S. C	.4	.4	Memphis, Tenn	.5	.6	St. Paul, Minn	.6	.6
Chicago, Ill	8.1	7.2	Milwaukee, Wis	1.7	1.5	Salt Lake City, Utah	.3	.3
Cincinnati, Ohio	1.8	1.6	Minneapolis, Minn	1.1	1.1	San Francisco, Calif	3.1	3.8
Cleveland, Ohio	3.6	3.3	Mobile, Ala	.3	.3	Savannah, Ga	.2	.2
Columbus, Ohio	1.3	1.3	Newark, N. J	1.6	4.2	Scranton, Pa	.9	.8
Dallas, Tex	1.8	2.1	New Haven, Conn	2.1	1.4	Seattle, Wash	1.3	1.5
Denver, Colo	.8	.8	New Orleans, La	1.1	1.1	Springfield, Ill	.6	.3
Detroit, Mich	6.1	5.6	New York, N. Y	11.8	12.0	Washington, D. C	1.9	1.8
Fall River, Mass	.4	.2	Norfolk, Va	.7	.7	Wichita, Kans	.3	.3
Houston, Tex	2.1	2.3	Omaha, Nebr	1.1	1.0	Winston-Salem, N. C	.2	.2

TABLE B.—List of foods and relative importance of individual foods and groups of foods included in the Retail Food Price Index, in the base period (1935-39), December 1949, and December 1950

Food	1935-39	December	December	December	Food	1935-39	December	December	December
	average	1949	1950	1950		average	1949	1950	1950
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent		Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All foods	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	Fruits and vegetables	21.6	20.9	19.51	19.10
Cereals and bakery products	15.6	14.4	13.83	11.12	Frozen fruits and vegetables	(2)	(2)	(2)	.74
Cereals:					Frozen fruits:				
Flour, wheat	1.8	2.3	2.17	1.68	Strawberries	(2)	(2)	(2)	.24
Macaroni	1.0	(2)	(2)	(2)	Orange juice concentrate	(2)	(2)	(2)	.13
Corn flakes	1.4	.5	.52	.43	Frozen vegetables: Peas	(2)	(2)	(2)	.37
Corn meal	.3	.3	.35	.12	Fresh fruits and vegetables	16.5	16.6	15.29	12.23
Rice	(1)	.3	.36	.22	Fresh fruits:				
Rollled oats	(2)	.7	.64	.23	Apples	2.1	1.8	1.86	.82
Bakery products:					Bananas	1.4	1.9	1.77	1.44
Bread, whole	6.7	8.5	8.11	6.10	Oranges	3.4	2.3	2.41	2.06
Bread, white wheat	.8	(2)	(2)	(2)	Fresh vegetables:				
Bread, rye	1.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	Beans, green	.8	1.0	1.16	1.06
Vanilla cookies	1.8	1.8	1.78	2.34	Cabbage	.7	.6	.50	.41
Soda crackers	.6	(2)	(2)	(2)	Carrots	.9	1.0	.92	.74
Meats, poultry, and fish	28.2	31.7	32.87	33.07	Lettuce	1.7	1.3	1.27	1.10
Meats:					Onions	1.1	1.2	.64	.55
Beef:	22.4	25.4	26.74	24.39	Potatoes	3.2	3.0	2.37	1.91
Round steak	3.8	4.8	5.11	4.40	Spinach	.5	(2)	(2)	(2)
Rib roast	4.6	4.3	4.46	1.38	Sweetpotatoes	.4	.5	.39	.31
Chuck roast	1.7	1.9	2.05	1.88	Tomatoes	(2)	2.0	2.00	1.83
Frankfurters	(2)	(2)	(2)	2.85	Canned fruits and vegetables	4.1	3.0	2.91	5.45
Hamburger	(2)	(2)	(2)	3.75	Canned fruits:				
Veal: Outlets	1.9	2.3	2.41	1.02	Peaches	.6	.4	.44	.96
Pork:					Pineapple	.4	.4	.36	.69
Chops	3.5	3.2	3.47	2.98	Canned vegetables:				
Bacon, sliced	1.9	1.7	1.66	1.56	Corn	.7	.6	.53	1.00
Ham, whole	2.2	2.1	2.12	1.90	Tomatoes	1.5	1.2	1.18	1.30
Salt pork	.3	.3	.31	.28	Peas	.9	.4	4.00	.83
Lamb:					Baby foods	(2)	(2)	(2)	.67
Leg	1.2	3.0	3.11	2.39	Dried fruits and vegetables	1.0	1.3	1.31	.68
Rib chops	1.3	(2)	(2)	(2)	Dried fruits: Prunes	.6	.8	.84	.26
Poultry:					Peas	.4	.5	.47	.42
Roasting chickens	3.3	(2)	(2)	(2)	Dried vegetables: Navy beans	3.4	4.4	4.60	7.02
Frying chickens	(2)	2.9	2.63	5.66	Beverages	2.6	4.4	4.60	5.32
Fish:					Coffee	.8	(2)	(2)	(2)
Fish (fresh, frozen)	1.7	2.3	2.26	1.92	Tea	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Salmon, pink	.8	1.1	1.24	1.10	Cola drinks	(2)	(2)	(2)	1.70
Dairy products	19.1	18.2	17.29	17.44	Fats and oils	3.2	2.4	2.60	2.93
Butter	5.4	5.6	5.34	2.41	Lard	1.1	.7	.80	.42
Cheese	1.6	1.8	1.62	1.57	Other shortening	.7	(2)	(2)	(2)
Milk, fresh (delivered)	11.1	5.9	5.46	6.28	Hydrogenated shortening	(2)	.4	.46	1.08
Milk, fresh (grocery)	(2)	4.0	3.98	4.72	Mayonnaise	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Ice cream	(2)	(2)	(2)	1.59	Salad dressing	(2)	.8	.78	.74
Milk, evaporated	1.0	.9	.89	.87	Margarine	.3	.5	.56	.69
Eggs, fresh	5.5	4.9	6.38	6.39	Peanut butter	.2	(2)	(2)	(2)
					Sugar and sweets	3.4	3.1	2.92	2.93
					Sugar	3.4	3.1	2.92	2.08
					Grape jelly	(2)	(2)	(2)	.85

¹ Not included in index.

² Not priced.

³ Not given separately for delivered and grocery milk.

TABLE C.—Indexes of retail prices of food (old series),¹ by city² and by month, 1950

[1935-39=100]

Region and city	A ver- age for the year	1950											
		Jan. 15	Feb. 15	Mar. 15	Apr. 15	May 15	June 15	July 15	Aug. 15	Sept. 15	Oct. 15	Nov. 15	Dec. 15
United States	204.1	196.0	194.8	196.0	196.6	200.3	204.6	210.0	209.0	208.5	209.0	209.5	215.4
<i>New England</i>													
Boston	195.7	186.6	184.8	187.7	188.4	191.7	198.4	204.2	202.2	199.6	200.9	200.8	203.6
Bridgeport	204.6	195.5	192.5	197.0	197.8	201.8	206.8	212.6	210.0	206.9	209.8	209.2	215.3
Fall River	200.9	191.9	190.7	192.3	193.7	197.2	203.4	210.0	205.8	204.0	206.1	205.1	210.7
Manchester	200.5	191.6	189.9	193.1	192.1	197.5	200.9	207.1	206.2	207.1	207.1	205.5	208.3
New Haven	198.8	190.6	189.6	191.1	191.5	195.7	201.3	206.3	203.2	202.1	203.6	202.4	207.9
Portland, Maine	193.9	187.3	186.7	190.8	187.8	189.7	193.5	199.1	197.1	197.0	197.9	197.1	202.8
Providence	209.1	198.3	197.4	199.4	200.2	204.9	210.6	216.5	215.7	215.1	215.1	215.0	220.6
<i>Middle Atlantic</i>													
Buffalo	199.7	189.8	189.6	193.0	193.3	195.9	203.2	208.0	206.3	203.7	203.1	204.3	206.4
Newark	200.0	192.4	190.3	192.0	193.4	197.2	203.2	206.5	202.2	201.8	204.0	205.3	211.9
New York	203.4	195.9	195.3	195.7	197.1	200.1	204.3	209.9	203.5	207.3	207.2	208.9	215.4
Philadelphia	199.9	191.3	189.5	191.9	191.5	194.6	201.5	205.9	206.1	206.5	205.0	204.3	210.5
Pittsburgh	207.9	199.7	198.8	198.7	200.5	205.9	209.1	213.2	212.5	213.0	214.1	212.2	216.8
Rochester	197.5	190.7	190.0	191.0	189.6	195.1	198.8	204.5	200.8	200.5	202.8	201.5	205.3
Seranton	201.6	192.4	191.0	193.5	192.6	199.6	205.1	211.0	207.4	205.8	204.7	205.3	210.4

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE C.—Indexes of retail prices of food (old series),¹ by city² and by month, 1950—Continued

Region and city	Average for the year	1950											
		Jan. 15	Feb. 15	Mar. 15	Apr. 15	May 15	June 15	July 15	Aug. 15	Sept. 15	Oct. 15	Nov. 15	Dec. 15
<i>East North Central</i>													
Chicago	210.4	199.9	198.6	201.5	201.5	208.2	211.1	218.0	218.6	215.2	215.2	214.9	222.4
Cincinnati	206.2	197.4	196.8	197.9	196.7	202.9	206.9	212.9	213.2	213.3	211.6	209.9	215.4
Cleveland	211.4	202.6	201.8	201.6	203.1	206.3	213.7	219.4	218.1	215.9	218.3	216.7	219.9
Columbus, Ohio	187.1	177.2	177.7	179.0	179.1	183.3	186.3	192.9	194.2	193.4	192.7	191.2	198.2
Detroit	201.8	191.8	190.4	190.8	194.2	198.7	205.2	210.6	205.2	202.7	206.8	210.2	214.6
Indianapolis	202.5	192.3	191.2	193.0	192.6	197.1	199.5	205.5	211.6	211.4	209.5	210.0	216.3
Milwaukee	206.1	196.3	196.6	198.2	197.6	203.9	207.6	213.8	212.6	210.3	209.7	211.3	215.7
Peoria	218.5	205.9	206.9	208.2	208.8	214.3	220.4	226.2	226.8	225.5	226.3	225.2	227.8
Springfield, Ill.	213.8	200.9	201.4	201.5	202.0	209.0	214.3	223.5	222.6	220.0	220.6	220.4	228.9
<i>West North Central</i>													
Cedar Rapids ³	213.2	200.3	201.0	201.9	202.3	208.6	212.1	215.6	222.3	221.3	223.1	222.1	227.5
Kansas City	190.9	183.6	182.7	183.2	184.0	187.3	190.1	196.1	194.4	195.0	194.9	197.2	202.6
Minneapolis	196.3	189.1	188.3	188.1	187.9	192.2	194.9	198.3	201.4	201.0	202.5	203.8	208.0
Omaha	198.4	189.8	188.9	190.4	190.8	197.3	199.1	201.6	204.4	203.3	201.9	203.5	210.1
St. Louis	214.3	204.6	202.9	204.5	202.5	208.4	212.4	223.8	221.9	220.5	220.0	221.1	229.1
St. Paul	193.0	186.4	186.8	187.5	186.9	190.4	192.7	194.3	195.8	195.8	197.5	198.7	202.9
Wichita ³	213.4	205.9	205.1	206.8	204.2	207.6	210.4	216.6	220.2	217.0	217.7	217.8	231.1
<i>South Atlantic</i>													
Atlanta	202.2	192.5	190.0	193.8	192.6	194.7	197.5	205.0	212.3	211.6	209.7	209.1	218.2
Baltimore	215.4	206.6	205.0	206.5	206.1	211.0	218.7	223.9	221.2	221.1	220.1	219.3	225.5
Charleston, S. C.	192.0	185.3	183.3	188.1	185.2	186.7	189.4	193.5	199.3	198.6	196.9	195.9	203.4
Jacksonville	206.5	200.7	198.7	201.2	200.0	202.7	207.0	213.5	218.3	218.8	214.6	214.9	223.1
Norfolk	206.3	194.8	195.0	197.9	197.0	202.2	207.0	211.7	217.3	215.9	211.5	210.7	214.7
Richmond	197.3	188.3	188.5	190.5	188.2	192.0	197.0	201.7	204.2	204.3	201.8	200.9	210.6
Savannah	210.2	197.0	197.1	200.9	200.5	205.5	209.6	214.8	221.6	219.3	216.8	215.5	224.2
Washington, D. C.	201.9	194.4	193.6	193.6	193.3	198.4	204.1	207.0	206.0	204.7	205.4	206.9	215.3
Winston-Salem ³	199.6	191.0	188.6	191.8	191.5	192.9	197.5	200.7	206.3	207.2	207.4	205.8	214.5
<i>East South Central</i>													
Birmingham	197.4	186.4	184.5	189.8	189.6	193.1	195.0	201.9	204.9	206.9	202.6	202.0	211.5
Jackson ³	204.9	199.9	196.1	196.7	198.0	199.7	200.0	205.5	212.2	212.5	212.4	209.9	215.5
Knoxville ³	227.3	216.7	216.1	217.3	217.5	220.5	223.7	228.8	238.8	237.5	234.9	233.3	242.6
Louisville	193.1	183.7	183.1	184.2	183.4	188.9	194.1	198.8	199.2	199.9	198.0	198.8	204.1
Memphis	211.0	203.1	202.2	202.7	201.3	204.3	206.4	212.0	220.2	220.6	218.9	216.9	223.4
Mobile	204.3	196.4	194.8	198.6	199.1	199.5	201.1	205.3	212.4	211.2	209.5	210.1	213.5
<i>West South Central</i>													
Dallas	206.0	198.4	197.6	196.3	196.3	199.8	202.0	207.9	213.8	214.5	212.2	212.4	220.6
Houston	213.4	207.7	205.6	208.3	205.1	205.5	207.3	212.1	219.2	220.7	220.2	221.3	227.8
Little Rock	203.6	196.4	194.5	194.5	194.6	197.4	201.0	205.5	211.9	211.7	209.5	210.1	216.3
New Orleans	215.7	209.6	206.9	207.9	209.3	209.3	211.6	218.3	225.6	223.3	219.8	219.3	227.7
<i>Mountain</i>													
Butte	206.1	194.1	194.8	195.9	198.5	201.3	206.9	209.1	212.5	212.6	214.5	214.9	217.9
Denver	205.8	196.8	196.2	198.9	198.6	203.8	207.0	208.6	210.9	205.5	209.5	213.3	220.7
Salt Lake City	203.8	198.7	199.4	196.5	195.1	198.4	201.8	201.3	207.9	208.3	209.8	211.8	217.0
<i>Pacific</i>													
Los Angeles	202.9	201.4	198.3	197.7	200.6	199.8	200.3	204.1	203.8	202.2	205.2	208.0	213.7
Portland, Oreg.	220.9	210.4	211.8	211.1	213.0	217.2	219.4	225.0	226.1	226.3	227.0	229.4	233.6
San Francisco	217.7	214.3	212.2	211.6	212.9	213.2	214.3	217.1	219.9	218.6	222.2	223.5	232.5
Seattle	210.6	205.8	205.6	204.2	205.2	206.8	208.6	211.3	212.6	210.6	214.5	219.0	223.5

¹ Adjusted series given in table 2.² Aggregate costs of foods in each city, weighted to represent total purchases by families of wage earners and lower-salaried workers, have been combined

for the United States with the use of population weights.

³ June 1940=100.TABLE D.—Indexes of retail prices of food (old series),¹ in large cities combined,² by commodity group, for the year 1950, and by month, January to December 1950

[1935-39=100]

Year and month	All foods	Cereals and bakery products	Meats, poultry, and fish	Meats				Chickens	Fish	Dairy products	Eggs	Fruits and vegetables				Beverages	Fats and oils	Sugar and sweets
				Total	Beef and veal	Pork	Lamb					Total	Fresh	Canned	Dried			
Average 1950	204.1	172.6	242.2	241.9	264.7	203.8	258.2	183.1	308.3	183.9	174.4	200.5	210.3	146.3	230.4	316.4	145.3	180.6
Jan. 15	196.0	169.0	219.4	217.9	242.3	177.3	234.3	158.9	301.9	184.2	152.3	204.8	217.2	143.3	223.9	299.5	135.2	178.9
Feb. 15	194.8	169.0	221.6	220.5	241.9	184.0	238.6	165.1	293.7	183.6	141.1	199.1	210.0	142.6	222.4	304.5	133.5	178.0
Mar. 15	196.0	169.0	227.3	224.5	244.5	188.9	246.7	180.4	302.5	182.4	150.2	195.2	204.8	142.8	222.5	311.6	134.2	176.9
Apr. 15	196.6	169.3	227.9	224.8	245.8	185.9	252.1	187.5	297.4	179.3	150.5	200.5	211.8	142.6	223.4	307.6	135.2	175.2
May 15	200.3	169.6	239.5	239.9	260.0	204.2	262.7	183.8	293.2	177.8	144.4	206.5	219.6	142.6	224.7	299.2	137.3	174.6
June 15	204.6	169.6	246.7	248.4	270.5	210.4	268.6	184.6	295.3	177.1	149.1	217.2	233.4	143.2	225.1	295.6	139.6	174.3
July 15	210.0	171.3	256.0	259.0	278.7	227.7	269.3	189.4	296.6	179.5	164.3	220.8	238.3	143.0	224.6	304.4	141.3	176.0
Aug. 15	209.0	175.5	257.5	258.5	279.4	225.7	267.5	202.2	302.5	182.7	183.1	194.7	202.9	146.0	228.5	328.8	158.9	187.7
Sept. 15	208.5	176.5	257.8	258.5	277.6	229.2	264.9	199.2	311.4	185.2	193.0	184.6	188.9	148.0	231.8	336.7	159.0	187.5
Oct. 15	209.0	177.1	250.9	250.0	275.7	229.9	260.2	187.2	328.8	190.6	207.2	187.0	190.5	151.9	239.8	343.9	154.6	186.3
Nov. 15	209.5	177.3	248.8	247.7	275.7	201.7	264.5	180.0	336.5	191.5	206.5	193.3	197.8	153.7	246.2	333.3	154.6	185.8
Dec. 15	215.4	177.5	252.9	252.6	284.2	201.2	269.2	179.0	339.8	193.4	250.7	201.9	208.1	156.2	251.6	332.3	160.6	185.5

¹ Adjusted series given in table 3.² 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.

TABLE E.—Indexes of retail prices of principal foods (old series),¹ in large cities combined, by month, 1950

[1935-39=100]

Article	1950												
	Average for the year	Jan. 15	Feb. 15	Mar. 15	Apr. 15	May 15	June 15	July 15	Aug. 15	Sept. 15	Oct. 15	Nov. 15	Dec. 15
All foods.....	204.1	196.0	194.8	196.0	196.6	200.3	204.6	210.0	209.0	208.5	209.0	209.5	215.4
Cereals and bakery products.....	172.6	169.0	169.0	169.0	169.3	169.6	169.6	171.3	175.5	176.5	177.1	177.3	177.5
Cereals:													
Flour, wheat.....5 pounds.....	190.5	187.3	187.7	188.2	189.2	190.1	190.4	190.6	192.5	192.8	192.3	192.0	192.6
Corn flakes ²11 ounces.....	180.6	177.8	177.3	176.7	176.6	176.7	176.3	176.9	177.0	182.5	187.3	190.8	² 190.7
Corn meal.....pound.....	188.0	177.7	175.8	175.8	175.9	178.7	180.6	188.5	202.9	203.3	202.4	197.0	196.9
Rice ³do.....	94.4	92.2	92.4	92.2	92.5	92.6	92.8	91.9	95.1	96.2	97.3	98.2	100.0
Rolled oats ⁴20 ounces.....	147.4	146.4	146.2	146.2	145.8	145.8	145.5	145.6	145.9	146.6	149.8	152.0	152.9
Bakery products:													
Bread, white.....pound.....	167.3	163.8	163.9	163.9	164.1	164.1	163.9	166.1	171.0	171.3	171.8	171.8	171.9
Vanilla cookies.....do.....	194.8	189.9	190.0	189.6	189.6	191.1	191.1	192.8	196.8	201.4	201.0	202.6	201.4
Meats, poultry, and fish.....	242.2	219.4	221.6	227.3	227.9	239.5	246.7	256.0	257.5	257.8	250.9	248.8	252.9
Meats:													
Beef and veal.....	241.9	217.9	220.5	224.5	224.8	239.9	248.4	259.0	258.5	258.5	250.0	247.7	252.6
Round steak.....pound.....	264.7	242.3	241.9	244.5	245.8	260.0	270.5	278.7	279.4	277.6	275.7	275.7	284.2
Rib roast.....do.....	277.1	252.1	249.2	252.9	256.1	275.3	288.7	297.1	293.8	287.8	287.4	286.6	298.4
Chuck roast.....do.....	258.1	238.5	237.0	239.4	241.4	255.2	264.4	272.5	272.0	270.8	266.0	266.7	273.7
Hamburger ⁴do.....	274.6	245.1	245.7	248.9	249.9	265.1	281.1	292.2	293.0	292.6	290.3	290.2	301.1
Veal cutlets.....do.....	182.9	164.6	164.6	166.2	167.4	176.1	181.5	188.8	197.0	196.6	195.8	196.0	200.6
Pork.....do.....	271.3	255.8	261.4	262.1	258.4	264.8	271.3	275.3	277.8	280.4	280.8	280.9	286.4
Chops.....pound.....	203.8	177.3	184.0	188.9	185.9	204.2	210.4	227.7	225.7	229.2	209.6	201.7	201.2
Bacon, sliced.....do.....	228.8	186.9	201.4	210.6	207.3	239.4	244.8	270.3	254.0	262.1	230.6	221.6	216.9
Ham, whole.....do.....	167.2	154.7	154.6	155.0	154.2	157.5	162.1	171.6	181.9	184.5	183.9	174.7	172.0
Salt pork.....do.....	210.9	192.5	192.5	198.0	193.5	206.9	216.0	230.4	236.7	233.9	210.7	204.5	212.6
Lamb.....do.....	165.8	153.2	149.9	152.2	148.3	152.5	160.3	164.5	178.4	181.7	183.2	182.0	182.8
Leg.....pound.....	258.2	234.3	238.6	246.7	252.1	262.7	268.6	269.3	267.5	264.9	260.2	264.5	269.2
Poultry: Frying chickens.....do.....	262.3	238.1	242.4	250.6	256.2	266.9	272.9	273.6	271.7	269.1	264.4	268.7	273.5
Fish.....do.....	183.1	158.9	165.1	180.4	187.5	183.8	184.6	189.4	202.2	199.2	187.2	180.0	179.0
Fish (fresh, frozen) ⁵pound.....	308.3	301.9	302.3	302.5	297.4	293.2	295.3	296.6	302.5	311.4	328.8	336.5	339.8
Salmon, pink ⁶16-ounce can.....	278.0	272.2	265.1	281.2	276.0	270.6	274.1	275.8	279.4	283.4	285.2	286.5	287.1
Dairy products.....	363.4	355.9	345.6	332.1	328.2	327.8	325.3	325.5	337.5	359.8	420.6	445.9	456.4
Butter.....pound.....	183.9	184.2	183.6	182.4	179.3	177.8	177.1	179.5	182.7	185.2	190.6	191.5	193.4
Cheese.....do.....	200.3	201.8	201.5	200.6	197.5	196.0	195.4	195.5	197.8	198.8	204.1	205.0	209.8
Milk:													
Fresh (delivered).....quart.....	229.2	231.1	230.7	230.1	228.9	227.7	226.2	226.3	228.3	229.3	228.7	230.8	232.9
Fresh (grocery) ⁶do.....	168.2	167.9	166.9	165.4	161.7	160.5	160.1	164.1	167.4	170.4	177.1	178.0	178.8
Evaporated.....14½-ounce can.....	170.7	170.2	169.7	168.4	165.0	162.5	161.6	165.5	169.8	174.0	179.8	⁶ 182.7	181.0
Eggs: Fresh.....dozen.....	177.4	175.1	174.8	174.9	174.4	174.1	174.1	173.8	177.6	180.8	182.6	182.7	183.4
Fruits and vegetables.....	174.4	152.3	141.1	150.2	150.5	144.4	149.1	164.3	183.1	193.0	207.2	206.5	250.7
Fresh fruits and vegetables.....	200.5	204.8	199.1	195.2	200.5	206.5	217.2	220.8	194.7	186.6	187.0	193.3	201.9
Fresh fruits:													
Apples.....pound.....	210.3	217.2	210.0	204.8	211.8	219.6	233.4	238.3	202.9	188.9	190.5	197.8	208.1
Bananas.....do.....	229.9	178.6	187.7	206.0	221.9	290.0	307.5	347.0	240.7	231.1	191.4	189.0	197.5
Oranges, size 200.....dozen.....	269.2	273.1	278.3	278.5	274.8	274.8	272.2	268.4	263.2	247.1	261.9	267.0	271.2
Fresh vegetables:													
Beans, green.....pound.....	173.8	156.5	176.3	177.1	173.2	167.9	172.6	181.8	173.1	173.9	190.1	176.4	167.1
Cabbage.....do.....	199.5	274.9	219.2	180.4	201.8	211.4	153.9	164.3	142.6	157.1	153.3	225.7	309.9
Carrots.....bunch.....	155.3	173.9	169.6	178.2	167.8	172.4	173.0	157.1	140.0	131.0	123.1	122.4	155.3
Lettuce.....head.....	186.5	202.6	184.3	177.0	175.5	178.3	181.5	195.2	180.2	179.4	177.2	202.7	204.3
Potatoes.....pound.....	167.7	220.1	170.9	155.8	158.8	189.5	167.5	140.7	151.7	155.7	159.4	174.8	167.5
Onions.....pound.....	163.6	216.9	184.8	155.5	143.8	161.2	186.3	197.0	174.8	148.7	133.5	127.9	132.4
Potatoes.....15 pounds.....	191.8	196.5	195.6	195.4	199.5	208.9	220.6	217.4	204.2	179.9	164.6	155.2	164.4
Sweetpotatoes.....pound.....	195.7	205.6	205.5	209.5	210.2	218.5	207.4	196.4	216.0	183.6	158.4	161.1	176.4
Tomatoes ⁷do.....	160.0	165.3	157.4	141.4	177.2	153.8	212.8	217.9	116.0	82.6	133.4	170.1	191.5
Canned fruits and vegetables.....	146.3	143.3	142.6	142.8	142.6	142.6	143.2	143.0	146.0	148.0	151.9	153.7	156.2
Canned fruits:													
Peaches.....No. 2½ can.....	149.1	141.8	140.1	139.4	138.6	138.4	140.0	142.4	151.4	158.4	164.5	166.5	168.0
Pineapple.....do.....	174.2	174.2	173.6	173.9	173.1	171.9	171.9	172.8	174.9	175.2	176.1	176.5	176.6
Canned vegetables:													
Corn.....No. 2 can.....	142.6	144.1	142.1	139.7	138.8	137.3	138.4	137.6	139.3	141.6	147.8	150.5	154.3
Peas ⁸do.....	115.0	113.1	114.0	114.8	⁸ 114.5	113.6	114.3	112.7	114.9	116.0	117.4	117.2	117.8
Tomatoes.....do.....	163.6	158.2	157.7	159.3	159.9	161.7	161.7	161.2	163.5	164.3	168.9	171.5	175.6
Dried fruits and vegetables.....	230.4	223.9	222.4	222.5	223.4	224.7	225.1	224.6	228.5	231.8	239.8	246.2	251.6
Dried fruits: Prunes.....pound.....	241.9	232.5	231.7	232.9	234.9	236.6	237.5	236.0	238.5	242.6	253.5	261.1	264.8
Dried vegetables: Navy beans.....do.....	208.8	206.9	204.3	202.9	201.9	202.7	202.4	203.4	209.3	211.3	214.8	219.2	227.0
Beverages.....	316.4	299.5	304.5	311.6	307.6	299.2	295.6	304.4	328.8	336.7	343.9	333.3	332.3
Coffee.....pound.....	315.8	298.9	303.9	311.0	307.0	298.6	295.1	303.9	328.2	336.1	343.2	332.7	331.6
Fats and oils.....	145.3	135.2	133.5	134.2	135.2	137.3	139.6	141.3	158.9	159.0	154.6	154.6	160.6
Lard.....pound.....	128.2	113.1	110.0	110.6	109.5	112.6	115.9	118.8	157.7	155.9	142.4	142.0	149.8
Hydrogenated shortening.....do.....	158.4	148.8	146.3	147.4	148.6	151.7	155.2	156.9	165.7	167.7	168.6	169.1	174.8
Salad dressing.....pint.....	143.5	138.3	138.0	137.7	139.1	140.5	142.2	142.2	146.7	147.9	148.2	148.7	152.6
Margarine.....pound.....	165.3	155.3	154.4	156.6	160.2	160.8	161.3	163.7	173.8	173.8	173.0	172.1	178.7
Sugar and sweets.....	180.6	178.9	178.0	176.9	175.2	174.6	174.3	176.0	187.7	187.5	186.3	185.8	185.5
Sugar ⁹5 pounds.....	181.5	⁹ 179.8	178.8	177.8	176.1	175.4	175.2	176.9	188.6	188.4	187.3	186.8	186.4

¹ A adjusted series given in table 6.
² Specification changed from 11 ounces to 13 ounces beginning December 1950.
³ July 1947=100.
⁴ February 1943=100.
⁵ 1938-39=100.

⁶ Specification revised in November 1950, to include Vitamin D milk and milk in half-gallon containers, when they are volume sellers.
⁷ October 1949=100.
⁸ Specification changed from No. 2 can standard grade to No. 303 can fancy grade peas in April 1950.
⁹ Specification changed from 1 pound to 5 pounds beginning January 1950.