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Chart 1.

# RETAIL PRICES OF FOODS

## United States, 1913-54

1947-49=100



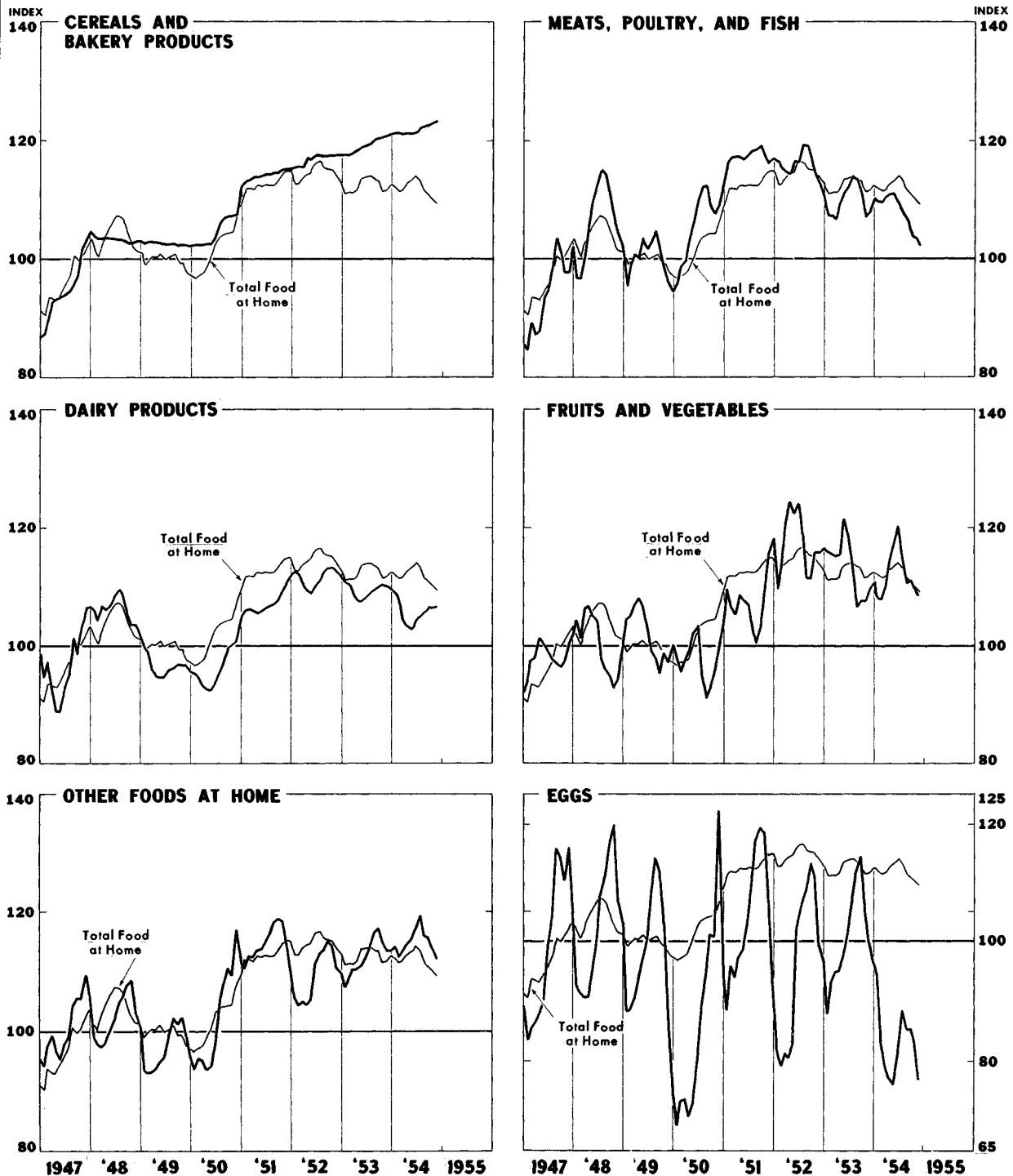
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\* Beginning Jan. 1953, food index includes restaurant meals and other food bought away and eaten away from home.

Chart 2.

# RETAIL PRICES FOR GROUPS OF FOODS United States, 1947-54

1947 - 49 = 100

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Summary

Retail prices of food, like most other retail commodity prices, were relatively stable on the average during 1953 and 1954. However, they were about 12 percent above the 1947-49 average and more than double the average in 1939. During 1953-54, retail food prices, which had been fully decontrolled early in 1953, averaged virtually the same as in 1951, when price controls had been in effect. The removal of price controls in early 1953 had little effect on retail food prices principally because the 1951-52 price ceilings had been imposed at relatively high levels. In addition, ceilings had been gradually raised for some foods.

Food prices fluctuated from month to month during 1953-54, as in previous years. Monthly percent changes ranged from -1.4 to +1.4 percent, with decreases in both years slightly outweighing increases. As a result, some decline from the 1952 peaks was evident for food prices as a whole during the 2-year period, as well as for some important subgroups such as beef, and for individual food commodities such as eggs. This reflected largely the generally ample overall food supply. Food prices in grocery stores declined 4 percent between December 1952 and December 1954, but at a somewhat faster rate in late 1954; total retail food prices decreased 3 percent. However, consumer incomes remained at record levels during this period and continued high purchasing power tended to prevent a more pronounced drop in prices.

Although the food index showed rather small average changes for the years 1953 and 1954, prices of individual foods and food subgroups fluctuated because of unusual supply conditions, including temporary shortages of pork and coffee, and oversupplies of eggs, chickens, dairy products, and beef. There were often contrasting price movements for individual commodities primarily in response to their supply situations. Prices of beef and pork, in particular, frequently moved in opposite directions. In addition, there were the usual sharp fluctuations in prices of fresh fruits and vegetables, depending on seasonal supplies.

Table 1. — Percent Changes in Retail Food Prices in the United States for Selected Periods

Group and subgroup	Aug. 15, 1952 peak to Dec. 15, 1954	Dec. 15, 1952 to Dec. 15, 1953	Dec. 15, 1953 to Dec. 15, 1954	Dec. 15, 1952 to Dec. 15, 1954
Total food-----	- 5.3	- 1.3	- 1.7	- 3.0
Total food at home-----	- 6.3	- 1.8	- 2.2	- 4.0
Cereals and bakery products-----	+ 4.9	+ 2.7	+ 2.0	+ 4.8
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	-14.4	- 4.6	- 5.2	- 9.6
Beef and veal-----	-23.3	-19.7	+ .3	-19.4
Pork-----	- 7.9	+16.6	- 8.0	+ 7.3
Poultry-----	-21.4	-12.2	-14.3	-24.8
Fish-----	- 3.3	- 1.5	0	- 1.5
Dairy products-----	- 3.8	- 2.1	- 3.2	- 5.2
Fruits and vegetables-----	- 8.7	- 5.7	- .7	- 6.4
Frozen-----	- 4.1	+ 2.7	- 4.0	- 1.4
Fresh-----	-14.0	- 9.5	- .7	-10.1
Canned-----	+ 1.5	+ .5	- 1.0	- .5
Dried-----	+14.3	+ 3.5	+ 7.2	+10.9
Other foods at home-----	- 1.0	+ 2.6	- 1.3	+ 1.3
Beverages-----	+18.4	+ 5.2	+12.4	+18.2
Fats and oils-----	+ 5.9	+ 7.0	0	+ 7.0
Sugar and sweets-----	+ 5.4	0	+ 5.1	+ 5.1
Eggs-----	-27.9	+ .7	-22.9	-22.4

\*/ Prepared in the Bureau's Prices and Cost of Living Division by Frances H. Martin.

The most important price changes during 1953 and 1954 occurred for meats, poultry, eggs, and coffee. (See table 1.) Of the major groups, meats, poultry, and fish showed the largest decrease over the 2 years (9.6 percent), followed by fruits and vegetables (6.4 percent), and dairy products (5.2 percent). Partly offsetting these declines were increases of 4.8 percent for cereals and bakery products and 1.3 percent for other foods at home. The price rise for cereals and bakery products was persistent and almost uninterrupted. The increase for other foods was due principally to higher coffee prices, although increases were quite general in this group except for eggs, which declined substantially. Prices of food away from home (restaurant meals), of which services constitute an important element, increased nearly 3 percent. The decline in prices of beef cuts had the greatest influence on the overall decrease in food prices in the 2-year period but the reductions in egg and poultry prices also were important. Price fluctuations for pork and fresh fruits and vegetables contributed substantially to the month-to-month variation.

Percent changes in retail food prices by group and subgroup for selected periods are shown in table 1. Indexes of retail food prices by commodity group and subgroup from 1947 through 1954 are shown in summary table 4 (p. 12). The movement of retail food prices for important groups of commodities from 1947 through 1954 is shown in chart 2.

#### Comparison with 1939

The price movements of 1953 and 1954 were in part a readjustment of price relationships in a free market. Price-wage controls, in effect during World War II and until late 1946, were reimposed in January 1951 and continued through 1952. <sup>1/</sup> During February and March 1953, the Office of Price Stabilization issued five orders completing the decontrol of retail prices of foods, as follows:

- February 6 - Meats, canned fish, soft drinks.
- February 12 - Poultry, eggs, fats and oils (except margarine).
- February 18 - Dairy products, margarine.
- February 25 - Dry groceries included under CPR's 15 and 16 (except coffee).
- March 5 - Bread.
- March 12 - Coffee.

Price movements in 1953 and 1954 tended to reduce the differences in prices of the respective food groups compared with their prewar (1939) price levels. Although meats, poultry, and fish in December 1954 were highest in relation to 1939 (more than 145 percent above 1939), prices of fruits and vegetables and other foods at home were almost as high in comparison with 1939; price advances for cereals and bakery products and dairy products since 1939 were less than for other groups (115 percent), but this spread in price changes among groups was less than at the end of 1952.

The disturbances of World War II affected prices and supplies of food subgroups differently and price controls were not uniformly effective in maintaining firm prices. The impact of the general decontrol of prices, first in June 1946 and again in October 1946, brought sharp price rises which were much greater for some items than for others. Moreover, the time required for readjustment of supplies to new situations is longer for some commodities, notably livestock and meats, than for others.

Livestock producers were generally dissatisfied with wartime ceilings and reduced sizes of herds materially during World War II and the early postwar period. In the spring of 1946, livestock was withheld from the market pending the expiration of the Price Control Act. With temporary elimination of price control in June 1946 and termination of wartime subsidies, meat prices rose rapidly despite unprecedented marketings of livestock. Final rescinding of controls in mid-October 1946 brought even further price increases. Thereafter, meat prices rose rather steadily for several years as supplies failed to meet requirements. At the beginning

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<sup>1/</sup> See Retail Prices of Food, 1951 and 1952, BLS Buil. 1141, (table 3, p. 11).

of 1949 there were fewer livestock on farms than in any year since 1939, and prices continued up despite price controls of 1951-52. Herds gradually increased, however, and by the beginning of 1953 the index for meats, poultry, and fish was down slightly from its postwar peak reached in the late summer of 1952. However it was still nearly double its June 1946 level, whereas food as a whole was not quite 60 percent higher.

The overall declines for meats, poultry, and fish during 1953 and 1954 reflected the better balance of supply and demand. By December 1954, the index was only 2 percent above 1947-49, and not much higher than some of the other food subgroups in relation to prewar (1939) levels.

The history of price movements for cereals and bakery products since World War II is in decided contrast. Price control during the war had been more effective in restraining price increases for these foods than for others. In June 1946 prices were about 30 percent above their 1939 level, less than other food subgroups. From June 1946 to the beginning of 1953, prices for cereals and bakery products rose nearly 6 percent and, unlike meats, poultry, and fish, rose steadily during 1953 and 1954. As a result the index for these items in December 1954 was nearly 25 percent above the 1947-49 average, although still below average in comparison with 1939.

### Changes in Food Prices by City

All 46 cities included in the retail food price index shared in the downward movement from the August 1952 peak. Decreases from December 1952 to December 1954, which averaged 3 percent, ranged from 0.3 to 4.8 percent in the 46 cities.

Table 2. — Retail Food Prices--Percent Changes by City, and by Subgroup, December 1952-December 1954

City	Total food	Food at home	Cereals and bakery products	Meats, poultry, and fish	Dairy products	Fruits and vegetables	Other foods at home
United States-----	- 3.0	- 4.0	+ 4.8	- 9.6	- 5.2	- 6.4	+ 1.3
Atlanta-----	- 2.7	- 4.2	+ 1.7	- 8.4	- 5.1	- 7.6	- .7
Baltimore-----	- 1.9	- 3.1	+ 4.5	- 8.7	- 2.2	- 8.7	+ 3.8
Boston-----	- 3.1	- 4.6	+ 1.4	- 9.8	- 3.4	- 6.5	- .2
Chicago-----	- 3.7	- 5.0	+ 1.0	-10.0	- 7.5	- 5.7	+ 1.3
Cincinnati-----	- 2.1	- 2.9	+ 6.6	- 7.3	- 1.6	- 8.2	+ 1.3
Cleveland-----	- 2.7	- 3.8	+ 5.5	- 9.3	- 8.4	- 6.5	+ 4.5
Detroit-----	- 3.6	- 4.7	+ 3.8	- 9.6	- 6.6	- 7.4	+ 1.3
Houston-----	- 4.0	- 4.9	+ 3.1	-11.2	- 6.6	- 4.0	- .8
Kansas City-----	- 4.5	- 5.8	+ 2.2	-11.9	- 5.7	- 7.2	- 1.3
Los Angeles-----	- 3.3	- 5.2	+ 8.8	-11.5	- 8.6	- 4.9	- 1.8
Minneapolis-----	- 4.1	- 4.8	+ 5.4	- 9.5	- 8.6	- 6.9	+ .8
New York-----	- 2.7	- 3.7	+ 5.1	-11.4	- .4	- 7.5	+ 4.2
Philadelphia-----	- 3.7	- 4.8	+ 2.1	-10.5	- 2.9	- 9.3	+ 2.0
Pittsburgh-----	- 3.0	- 3.7	+ 6.0	- 9.9	- 2.9	-11.0	+ 4.8
Portland, Oreg.-----	- 2.7	- 3.5	+ 9.7	- 8.3	- 7.4	- 3.6	- 2.0
St. Louis-----	- 2.3	- 4.2	+ 6.3	- 7.4	-15.0	- 3.1	+ 1.7
San Francisco-----	- 2.7	- 3.7	+ 6.3	- 7.6	- 6.6	- 5.2	- .5
Scranton-----	- 4.6	- 4.9	+ 2.2	- 8.7	- 3.1	-12.1	+ .5
Seattle-----	- 2.4	- 2.6	+ 7.3	- 7.8	- 4.7	- 2.2	- .4
Washington, D.C.-----	- 2.2	- 3.7	+ 7.3	-12.4	- 2.1	- 7.6	+ 4.1

The uniformity in the direction of price movement among the 20 large cities in the index over the 2 years is shown in table 2. Prices averaged lower in all these cities for meats, poultry, and fish; dairy products; and fruits and vegetables. On the other hand, cereals and bakery products rose in all these cities, and other foods at home rose in 13 of the 20 cities.

Cities which experienced decreases for the other foods subgroup were mainly in western United States, reflecting differential price movements of eggs and coffee. Although the direction of price changes for each food subgroup was generally consistent among cities, there was considerable variation in the magnitude of the changes.

### Monthly Fluctuations

In early 1953, the retail food price index continued the decline started in September 1952. Lower beef prices contributed most to the decline but prices of almost all major food groups also averaged lower in January and February. Pork, in short supply, started a rise that lasted through the middle of the year.

Food prices generally rose until the fall of 1953 when lower prices of meats and poultry and fresh fruits and vegetables, followed by eggs, brought a downturn in prices. Following some fluctuations, prices advanced moderately in the spring of 1954, to reach the highest point for the 2-year period in July 1954. Prices decreased for the remainder of the year, reaching the lowest level since January 1951. Meats and fresh fruits and vegetables led the decline, but prices of most other commodities, except cereals and bakery and dairy products, were also down.

Monthly percent changes for foods as a whole during 1953 and 1954 are shown below:

	<u>Percent Change</u>	
	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
December - January-----	- 0.6	✓ 0.7
January - February-----	- 1.4	- .4
February - March-----	✓ .2	- .4
March - April-----	- .2	✓ .3
April - May-----	✓ .5	✓ .8
May - June-----	✓ 1.4	✓ .4
June - July-----	✓ .1	✓ .7
July - August-----	✓ .3	- .6
August - September-----	- .3	- 1.3
September - October-----	- .2	- .5
October - November-----	- 1.4	- .6
November - December-----	✓ .3	- .6

### Trend of Prices for Major Food Groups

Meats, poultry, and fish. 2/--Greater price declines occurred for meats, poultry, and fish than for other subgroups during the 2-year period. This was the only food subgroup for which prices had returned to pre-Korea levels by the end of 1954.

The meats, poultry, and fish index for December 1954 averaged 9.6 percent below the December 1952 level primarily because of lower prices of beef and poultry. The decrease for this category was the main factor in the relatively small decline in the total food price index in this period. Beef and veal prices, which make up about 6 percent of the weight of the total-food index, declined about 20 percent. Chicken prices, although only about 3 percent of the index weight, also contributed to the index decline with a sizable price drop of

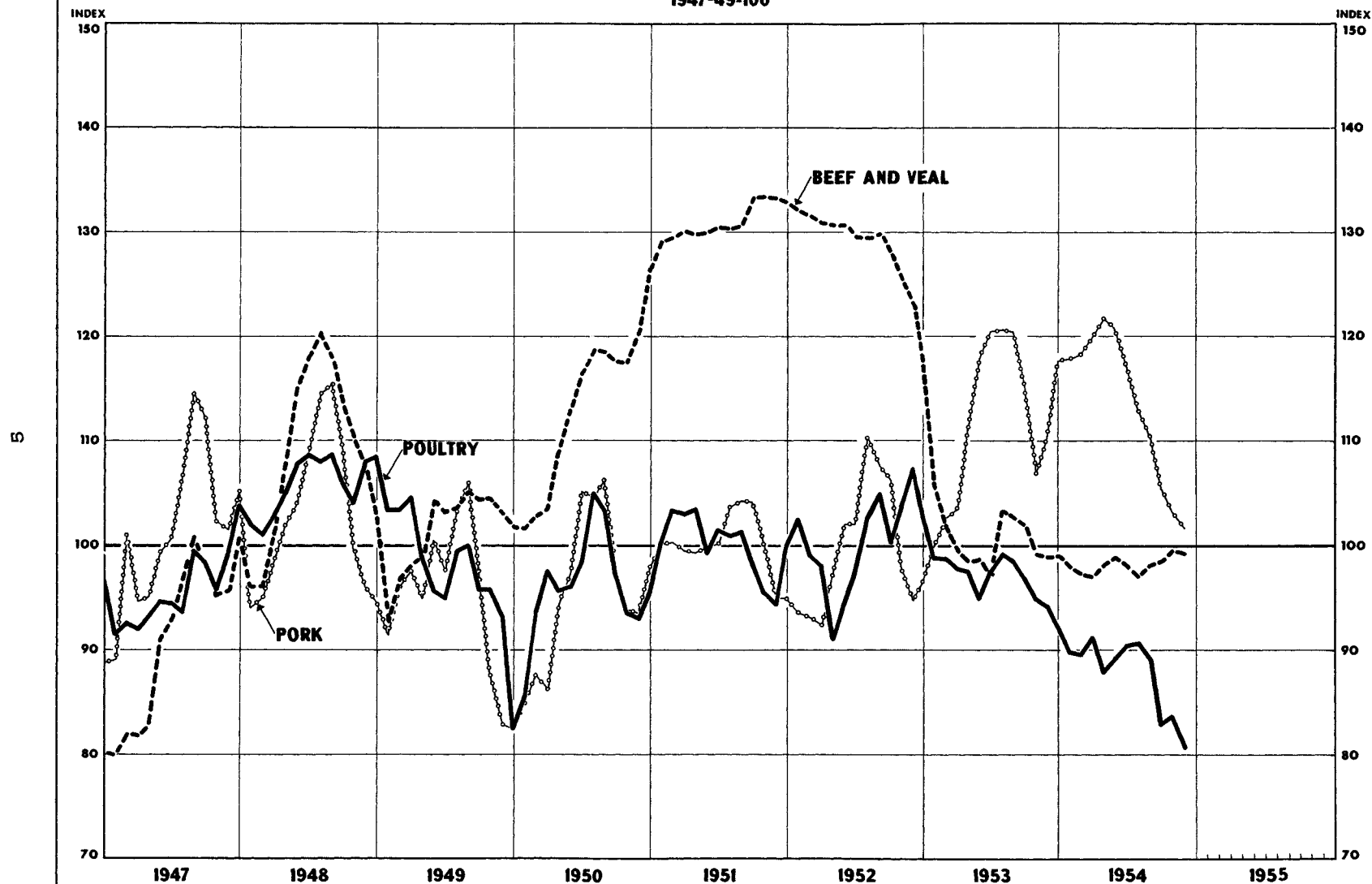
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2/ The OPS decontrolled meats and canned fish on February 6, and poultry on February 12, 1953, without effect on prices. Frozen fish was controlled from January 26, 1951, through May 21, 1951, and fresh fish was not controlled.



Chart 3.

# **RETAIL PRICES FOR SUBGROUPS OF MEAT AND POULTRY, 1947-1954** 1947-49=100



about 25 percent in the 2-year period. In contrast, pork prices rose by more than 7 percent. In several months of 1953, the total-food index would have declined except for the influence of increases in pork prices.

The chart shows the contrasting movements of beef and veal, pork, and poultry during 1953 and 1954. In 1953, beef and veal prices generally decreased whereas pork prices rose. Following a drop at the end of 1953, pork prices advanced again through May 1954, then decreased during the remainder of the year. Beef and veal prices rose only in June and August 1953, then fluctuated during 1954, with prices at a slightly higher level at the end of 1954 than at the end of 1953.

The number of cattle on farms has been increasing since 1949 and marketings of beef in the last 2 years have been sufficient to keep prices relatively low. During 1953 and 1954, beef prices stayed well below the 1951-52 levels, and all individual beef prices temporarily reached the lowest levels in several years, following the movement of fed cattle to market in large numbers and at low prices. Beef prices were high, however, for short periods as in mid-1953, when there was a temporary decrease in beef supplies, with storage stocks declining over 2½ times the average for that time of year. Beef and veal prices decreased 19.7 percent in 1953, and rose only 0.3 percent in 1954, resulting in a total decrease over the 2 years of nearly 19½ percent.

In contrast with beef, pork prices during 1953 at times reached the highest levels ever recorded by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, reflecting the reduction in hog production in 1952 and 1953. Production increased in 1954, however, aided by the large available corn supplies and high hog prices, and pork prices declined substantially after mid-1954. As a result of these changes in supply, pork prices increased about 16½ percent in 1953, then decreased in the second half of 1954, for a total increase of 7 percent for the 2 years.

Although there were some fluctuations, chicken prices moved downward about 25 percent during the 2 years, as supplies of commercial broilers continued to rise to record levels.

Prices of canned fish rose about 1 percent, and fresh and frozen fish declined about 3½ percent.

Dairy products.---Prices of dairy products declined 4.8 percent over 1953 and 1954; all individual items in the group decreased. The decontrol of these commodities on February 18, 1953, had no immediate effect on prices. Butter prices decreased most over the 2 years (15.3 percent). Evaporated milk declined 6.7 percent; cheese and delivered fresh milk, between 5 and 6 percent; and grocery fresh milk, 4 percent.

Most of the decreases in the prices of dairy products occurred in early April 1954, after the U.S. Department of Agriculture on April 1 lowered price supports for dairy products sold by farmers, from 90 percent to 75 percent of parity. Between mid-March and mid-April, the BLS retail price for butter dropped from 78.4 cents to 70.0 cents a pound, and cheese from 58.9 to 57.7 cents a pound. Fresh and evaporated milk, not under direct price supports, declined less than one cent in this period.

Extensive support buying by the Commodity Credit Corporation under this program probably prevented a larger drop in butter prices. CCC bought 683,899,000 pounds of butter during 1953 and 1954. 3/ Storage stocks of cheese were high also.

Production of milk and other dairy products has reached new highs as the result of increases in numbers of dairy cattle and technological advances in dairy farming. From 1952

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3/ Since the passage of the Agricultural Act of 1949 which made price supports for dairy products mandatory, CCC has bought the following amounts of butter: 1949--114,273,000 pounds; 1950--127,905,000 pounds; 1951--221,000 pounds; 1952--16,065,000 pounds; 1953--358,908,000 pounds; and 1954--324,991,000 pounds.

to 1954, production of butter (which has suffered from competition with lower priced margarine) increased more than 18 percent. Consumption of butter increased about 5 percent during 1954 reflecting mainly the reduction in price. However, it is still 5.3 percent below the 1951 level, and only 12.5 percent above margarine consumption for 1954. (Since 1939, per capita consumption of margarine has jumped from 2.3 to 8.0 pounds, whereas butter consumption has decreased from 17.2 to 9.0 pounds).

Fruits and Vegetables.--Prices of fruits and vegetables declined 4.5 percent between December 1952 and December 1954, but as is usual, rose to seasonal peaks in the summers of 1953 and 1954. (See chart 2.) All subgroups of fruits and vegetables declined over the 2-year period except canned and dried fruits and dried vegetables. Lower prices of fresh vegetables in 1953, reflecting the larger crops, accounted for most of the decline in the fruits and vegetables group. Prices of fresh vegetables showed a small increase during 1954.

The major influence in the fresh vegetable price decline in 1953 was a 36.2-percent drop in potato prices. The potato crop was 25 million bushels larger than the year before, and prices declined almost continuously from August 1952 through January 1954, without the usual rise at mid-year in 1953. In 1954, when the potato crop dropped by 19 million bushels, prices rose 15.4 percent. They were lower than in 1953 through May, but were higher for the remainder of the year and averaged a little lower than in 1953 for the year as a whole.

Onion prices followed a pattern similar to that for potatoes, as supplies were generally ample in 1953 but were sharply reduced in 1954. Beginning in April 1953, prices of sweet-potatoes were lower than a year earlier. The crop in 1953 was 19 percent larger than in 1952. Although supplies were smaller in 1954, demand for sweetpotatoes has been decreasing in recent years.

Supplies of lettuce and green beans were plentiful. Prices for the 2 years averaged about the same for lettuce, and a little lower for green beans. However, sharp fluctuations occurred from time to time, depending on local supplies. Cabbage prices moved lower since the crop in 1953 was larger than in 1952, and there were still large stocks available at the beginning of 1954. By the end of 1954, prices were increasing more than seasonally, as holdings were smaller. Carrot prices moved somewhat higher in view of a reduced crop.

Prices of fresh tomatoes fluctuated with availability of supplies. They started the year 1953 at about a 10-percent higher level than at the beginning of 1952, and ended the year over 20 percent above that of December 1952. By December 1954, prices of fresh tomatoes had moved back to within about 4 percent of the December 1952 level.

Average prices of fresh fruits decreased slightly during 1953 and 1954, primarily because of lower prices of highly seasonal fruits. After sharp fluctuations, oranges were somewhat higher in price at the end of 1954 compared with 1952. In latter 1952, supplies of oranges and stocks of canned orange juice had been smaller than the year before. The 1952-53 orange crop, which was 2 percent larger than the 1951-52 crop, was late in maturing and did not start to market until late October 1952. As a result, prices of fresh oranges decreased sharply from October 1952 through January 1953. However, they rose 24.5 percent from January through June. Canned orange juice rose 14.7 percent from December 1952 to October 1953, the beginning of the new canning season. Prices of frozen orange juice concentrate, in larger supply than a year earlier, were steady from December 1952 through March 1953, then rose 19.6 percent through October 1953, with most of the increase occurring after July.

Following these rises, prices of fresh oranges dropped 14.5 percent from June 1953 through March 1954, as the new crop became available. Frozen orange juice prices dropped 23.0 percent from October 1953 to April 1954 and canned orange juice, 8.4 percent. The 1954 summer crop of oranges was small, however, and prices of fresh oranges rose nearly 50 percent to an alltime high of 68.9 cents per dozen in September and October 1954. Frozen and canned orange juice increased considerably less (5 and 10 percent through July and August, respectively). All types of orange products started a seasonal decline in November, and by December prices of fresh oranges had dropped 30 percent from their peak, canned juice 3 percent, and frozen juice

5 percent, although prices of frozen orange juice were increasing slightly at the end of 1954.

Prices of apples, which had started to rise in November 1952, continued upward through July 1953. The increase was 48.5 percent, more than the usual seasonal rise. Cold-storage holdings of apples on December 31, 1952, were 9 percent smaller than a year earlier, and 22 percent below the 1947-51 average for that month. Although apple prices in the first part of 1953 were higher than in 1952, they were lower during the latter part of the year because of increased production. In 1954, with larger supplies, apple prices moved approximately seasonally.

Prices of bananas rose 3.1 percent during the 2-year period. Imports of bananas were reduced by political disturbances in producing countries, cutting consumption to the lowest level since 1946.

Prices of frozen and canned fruits and vegetables decreased slightly (1.4 and 0.5 percent respectively) over the 2 years. Packs of frozen fruits and vegetables reached new highs, as frozen foods continued to increase in popularity. In 1953-54, 55 percent of the orange crop was sold for processing. However, in 1953, much processing of orange juice was done later in the year than usual, so that its usual seasonal decrease was delayed and prices averaged higher for 1953. Likewise, prices of canned orange juice averaged higher in 1953, and lower in 1954. Prices of prunes and dried beans rose almost without interruption during 1953 and 1954, as surplus supplies were exported.

Cereals and bakery products.--In contrast to the 3.0-percent decrease in food prices as a whole during 1953 and 1954, cereal and bakery products advanced 4.8 percent to new record highs, continuing the persistent increase since mid-1950. After OPS decontrolled prices of cereals and bakery products (except bread) on February 25, 1953, and bread on March 5, 1953, prices rose almost steadily through December 1954.

The most important factor in the subgroup price rise was the substantial advance of 8 percent in bread prices, with higher costs of manufacturing and distribution accounting for the major portion of the increase. Prices of soda crackers increased 5.3 percent, flour 3.0 percent, and vanilla cookies 2.3 percent. Biscuit mix and cornmeal decreased over 3 percent, and rice decreased fractionally.

Other foods at home.--Other foods at home, which include coffee and other beverages, fats and oils, sugar and sweets, eggs, and other miscellaneous foods, were slightly higher (1.3 percent) in December 1954 than in December 1952. A 13.1-percent decline in egg prices was more than offset by increases of 21.5 percent for coffee, 46 percent for lard, and smaller increases for most other items. During 1953, the index for other foods bought to be prepared at home increased 2.6 percent, as practically all component items went up in price. Half of this increase was lost in 1954 when egg prices declined during 9 of the 12 months.

Beverage prices rose 18.2 percent during 1953 and 1954 mostly because of coffee. Coffee prices rose 21.5 percent, tea 11.8, and cola drinks 11.0.

Coffee prices had remained quite steady from the time they were controlled by OPS on January 26, 1951, until after decontrol on March 12, 1953. They rose a little in March and April, declined through June, then spiraled upward through August 1954, with reports of frosts and droughts in Brazil. Coffee prices reached an alltime high of slightly more than \$1.23 per pound in August 1954, 42 percent above the pre-Korea price and more than 5 times the average price in 1935-39.

Because of the high prices, people started using instant coffee, tea, and other substitutes. As a result, tea sales increased markedly, imports of tea increased 10½ million pounds in 1954, and additional export duties were added by producing countries. Coffee prices decreased gradually to about \$1.05 per pound by the end of the year. In December 1954, the retail price of coffee was more than 18 cents higher than in December 1952, tea nearly 4 cents higher, and cola drinks about 3 cents higher.

Prices of fats and oils<sup>4/</sup> as a group increased 7 percent in 1953 and 1954 although they were declining during late 1954; lard and margarine decreased 3.5 and 2.3 percent during 1954. Largest factor in the 2-year average rise was the 46-percent increase in lard prices, most of which occurred prior to September 1953.

At the start of 1953, there were large storage stocks, heavy production, and low exports of lard. The retail price of lard at 16.1 cents a pound in January 1953 was the lowest since January 1942. It continued downward in February. As lighter weight hogs were marketed, and greater use was made of lard in shortening because of the spread between its price and that of vegetable oils, the price of lard rose generally from March through September 1953, when it reached the highest price since December 1948. During 1954, lard supplies were the smallest since 1945 and prices rose even further. From September 1953 through 1954 the price stayed above 25.0 cents per pound.

Over the 2 years, shortening prices rose nearly 8 percent, salad dressing 4 percent, and peanut butter about 3 percent, whereas margarine prices decreased over 2 percent. Helping to hold up prices were the large supplies of cottonseed oil held by CCC, good export demand, and smaller peanut supplies.

Prices of sugar and sweets rose 5.1 percent in 1953-54. Principal cause of this rise was a 17.9-percent increase in prices of chocolate bars, due to the expectation of a short crop of cocoa beans and the marketing of smaller size bars. Grape jelly prices rose 8.4 percent, and corn syrup rose slightly. Sugar prices, which moved within a range of less than 1 cent per 5 pounds during the 2 years, were 1.7 percent lower in December 1954 than in December 1952.

Egg prices<sup>5/</sup> declined 22.1 percent during the 2 years, reflecting abundant supplies. During 1954 egg prices failed to show their normal seasonal pattern. Retail egg prices declined from about 70 cents a dozen in December 1952 to nearly 54 cents in December 1954. This item had a greater single influence on the downtrend of food prices than any other individual commodity in the retail food price index. Following a slight rise in 1953, egg prices in 1954 decreased 22.7 percent to the lowest December price since 1941, and averaged the lowest for any year since 1945. (See chart 2.)

At the beginning of 1953, egg prices were continuing the decline started in November 1952, because of the seasonal increase in production. Although storage stocks were well below those in the previous year, there was still a lack of demand for storage. Processor demand started near Easter when egg processors were caught with unusually low stocks. From the February low of 1953, prices continued up through October, partly as a result of high consumption as consumers resisted high meat prices (particularly pork), the large amount taken by the Armed Forces, diversion to resort areas, low storage holdings, and declining seasonal production.

By November 1953, egg production started to increase. In 1954 record levels were reached as new developments in nutrition and other phases of poultry growing enabled farmers to increase the rate of laying and to even out seasonal changes in output. Total egg production in 1954 nearly doubled the 1935-39 average. The shift from pork to egg consumption ended when pork prices decreased sharply for a brief period in late 1953. Frozen-egg processors were carrying burdensome supplies in contrast to the 1953 shortages. Thus, instead of the usual seasonal rise early in the year, egg prices declined steadily from November 1953 through June 1954, to the lowest level since June 1950.

Following a 16-percent rise in July and August 1954, egg prices decreased contraseasonally from August to September for the first time on record, and continued to decline almost steadily through December, as supplies remained large.

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<sup>4/</sup> The OPS decontrolled fats and oils (except margarine) on February 12, 1953, and margarine on February 18, 1953.

<sup>5/</sup> Egg prices were decontrolled by OPS on February 12, 1953.

Retail prices of eggs increased in only 3 months during 1954. At the year's end, production was increasing so rapidly that January 1955 production was expected to break all records for the month, the U.S. Department of Agriculture was planning to give two million pounds of dried eggs to the National School Lunch Program, and the poultry industry was planning a "January Egg Month" promotion.

Table 3. - Indexes of Retail Prices of Food in the United States, by Year, 1913-54, and by Month, January 1953 to December 1954

[1947-49 = 100]

Year	Total food	Year	Total food	Year	Total food <sup>1</sup> / <sub>1</sub>	Year and month	Total food <sup>1</sup> / <sub>1</sub>	Year and month	Total food <sup>1</sup> / <sub>1</sub>
By year						By month			
						1953		1954	
1913-----	39.6	1927-----	65.5	1941-----	52.2	January-----	113.1	January-----	113.1
1914-----	40.5	1928-----	64.8	1942-----	61.3	February-----	111.5	February-----	112.6
1915-----	40.0	1929-----	65.6	1943-----	68.3	March-----	111.7	March-----	112.1
1916-----	45.0	1930-----	62.4	1944-----	67.4	April-----	111.5	April-----	112.4
1917-----	57.9	1931-----	51.4	1945-----	68.9	May-----	112.1	May-----	113.3
1918-----	66.5	1932-----	42.8	1946-----	79.0	June-----	113.7	June-----	113.8
1919-----	74.2	1933-----	41.6	1947-----	95.9				
1920-----	83.6	1934-----	46.4	1948-----	104.1	July-----	113.8	July-----	114.6
1921-----	63.5	1935-----	49.7	1949-----	100.0	August-----	114.1	August-----	113.9
1922-----	59.4	1936-----	50.1	1950-----	101.2	September-----	113.8	September-----	112.4
1923-----	61.4	1937-----	52.1	1951-----	112.6	October-----	113.6	October-----	111.8
1924-----	60.8	1938-----	48.4	1952-----	114.6	November-----	112.0	November-----	111.1
1925-----	65.8	1939-----	47.1	1953-----	112.8	December-----	112.3	December-----	110.4
1926-----	68.0	1940-----	47.8	1954-----	112.6				

<sup>1</sup>/Beginning January 1953, the food index includes restaurant meals and other food bought and eaten away from home.

Table 4.—Indexes of Retail Prices of Food, in the United States<sup>1</sup>, by Commodity Group, by Year and Month, 1947-54

[1947-49=100 unless otherwise indicated]

Year and month	Total foods 2/	Total foods at home	Cereals and bakery products	Meats, poultry, and fish 3/	Meats				Chick-ens	Fish	Dairy products	Fruits and vegetables					Other foods at home				
					Total 3/	Beef and veal	Pork	Leg of lamb				Total	Frozen 4/	Fresh	Canned	Dried	Total 5/	Bever-ages	Fats and oils	Sugar and sweets	Eggs
By Year, 1947-1954 6/																					
1947-----	95.9	----	94.0	93.5	93.6	89.8	100.5	90.2	95.1	90.6	96.7	97.6	----	95.5	104.5	107.2	100.1	91.5	109.4	101.8	98.6
1948-----	104.1	----	103.4	106.1	106.4	108.7	103.6	101.1	105.5	104.5	106.3	100.5	----	100.7	99.4	100.4	102.5	100.4	108.3	98.4	102.5
1949-----	100.0	----	102.7	100.5	100.0	101.5	95.9	103.1	99.4	104.9	96.9	101.9	----	103.7	96.2	92.5	97.5	108.1	82.2	99.8	98.8
1950-----	101.2	----	104.5	104.9	105.5	111.7	94.6	107.3	95.2	103.0	95.9	97.6	----	97.7	91.8	92.9	101.2	153.0	79.9	101.8	85.3
1951-----	112.6	----	114.0	117.2	119.5	130.5	100.4	120.2	99.7	117.6	107.0	106.7	111.7	105.9	104.3	101.6	114.6	168.7	93.5	105.5	103.8
1952-----	114.6	----	116.8	116.2	118.4	129.5	99.3	118.1	100.1	114.6	111.5	117.2	102.8	123.2	103.0	97.9	109.3	169.8	79.3	106.4	94.8
1953-----	112.8	112.5	119.1	109.9	110.6	102.1	110.5	104.3	97.6	110.3	109.6	113.5	101.2	116.1	105.0	104.0	112.2	174.5	79.6	107.6	100.4
1954-----	112.6	111.9	121.9	108.0	110.0	98.3	113.9	102.5	88.1	110.8	106.1	111.9	99.1	113.9	104.0	108.1	114.8	207.3	83.9	109.8	84.0
By Month, 1947-1954 6/																					
1947																					
January-----	91.0	----	86.8	85.7	83.8	80.3	88.8	84.1	96.5	90.6	98.7	92.0	----	87.3	109.2	109.5	95.7	87.3	111.9	99.7	89.2
February-----	90.2	----	87.2	84.7	83.6	79.9	89.2	83.7	91.6	86.4	95.1	93.9	----	89.8	108.6	109.8	94.2	89.5	111.5	100.7	83.5
March-----	93.8	----	89.6	89.4	89.0	82.0	101.1	85.9	92.6	88.8	97.4	97.7	----	94.5	108.7	110.3	97.6	91.5	121.4	101.0	85.8
April-----	93.1	----	92.8	87.2	86.7	81.8	94.7	84.6	92.0	87.2	92.9	98.1	----	95.2	108.6	109.7	99.3	92.8	126.2	101.4	86.6
May-----	92.9	----	93.3	87.8	87.5	82.9	95.1	85.9	93.3	85.2	89.0	101.4	----	99.3	108.4	109.0	96.5	92.5	111.1	101.4	87.9
June-----	94.3	----	93.5	93.4	94.2	91.0	99.4	92.9	94.7	85.1	89.0	100.4	----	98.6	106.7	106.8	95.1	88.8	104.3	101.6	89.9
July-----	95.6	----	93.8	94.8	95.8	92.9	100.8	93.7	94.4	87.0	92.8	98.9	----	96.8	106.0	107.2	98.0	88.5	100.8	101.6	99.7
August-----	97.3	----	94.2	98.3	100.2	96.9	106.8	95.1	93.7	87.6	95.4	97.8	----	95.8	104.2	107.1	99.4	89.0	98.9	101.7	104.3
September-----	100.7	----	95.5	103.6	105.5	100.8	114.5	100.0	99.4	92.1	101.3	97.1	----	96.0	98.9	106.2	104.3	91.6	97.8	102.4	115.9
October-----	99.8	----	97.0	101.4	102.4	98.2	112.2	92.7	98.4	95.7	98.7	96.3	----	95.4	97.6	103.9	105.7	93.4	105.3	102.8	114.3
November-----	100.3	----	101.6	97.7	97.5	95.2	102.3	93.0	95.8	101.0	103.0	97.7	----	97.2	98.4	102.4	105.6	95.3	108.8	103.6	110.4
December-----	102.4	----	103.1	97.8	97.3	95.7	101.6	90.7	99.0	101.0	106.4	100.5	----	100.6	98.9	103.9	109.5	97.2	115.3	103.9	116.0
1948																					
January-----	103.8	----	104.5	102.2	101.8	100.8	105.2	94.8	103.8	103.8	106.8	102.0	----	102.3	99.4	104.4	105.8	98.9	116.0	103.7	104.9
February-----	101.3	----	103.9	96.8	95.1	96.0	94.1	91.5	102.0	105.2	106.1	104.3	----	105.3	99.2	104.1	98.9	99.9	107.6	100.0	92.9
March-----	100.1	----	103.4	96.7	95.2	96.1	95.1	88.8	101.1	104.7	104.4	101.3	----	101.6	99.2	103.3	97.9	100.1	106.2	98.6	91.5
April-----	102.9	----	103.4	100.6	100.1	101.4	98.8	95.3	103.0	102.6	106.9	106.5	----	108.3	98.4	102.5	97.4	100.1	106.0	98.2	90.7
May-----	104.4	----	103.5	105.1	105.5	107.6	102.0	103.9	104.9	101.9	106.3	106.8	----	108.8	98.4	101.7	98.0	100.2	108.9	97.9	90.8
June-----	106.0	----	103.6	109.8	111.3	115.2	104.1	111.1	107.8	100.0	106.9	105.2	----	106.8	99.0	100.9	100.0	100.4	111.1	96.5	95.4
July-----	107.3	----	103.4	112.7	114.7	118.1	108.8	112.7	108.7	100.7	108.5	104.5	----	105.8	99.2	100.9	102.0	100.5	111.2	96.7	100.3
August-----	107.2	----	103.3	114.9	117.4	120.4	114.6	109.2	107.9	101.7	109.6	97.7	----	97.1	99.2	101.3	104.8	100.5	109.6	97.5	108.2
September-----	106.5	----	103.3	114.2	116.0	118.1	115.4	105.1	108.7	105.2	108.4	95.9	----	94.6	100.0	101.3	106.0	100.7	109.0	98.0	111.3
October-----	104.7	----	102.8	110.2	110.9	113.5	108.9	102.2	105.9	108.9	105.4	94.8	----	93.6	99.9	96.8	107.8	100.8	106.9	97.9	117.4
November-----	102.7	----	102.8	106.2	106.0	110.3	99.8	101.0	104.1	109.6	103.6	92.8	----	91.2	100.3	93.8	108.5	101.1	104.9	98.0	120.0
December-----	101.5	----	103.0	103.9	102.7	107.3	96.0	97.7	108.0	109.6	103.4	94.2	----	93.0	100.3	93.5	103.0	101.8	102.2	97.9	106.7



1949

January	101.4	101.1	101.5	99.5	102.8	94.6	96.0	108.5	110.8	101.8	100.5	101.1	100.1	92.9	100.5	102.2	96.8	98.1	102.9
February	98.9	102.8	95.3	92.6	92.7	91.4	93.6	103.3	109.3	99.9	104.7	106.6	99.7	91.3	93.4	102.4	88.5	98.6	88.2
March	99.8	102.9	98.3	97.0	96.8	96.1	98.5	103.3	108.9	98.8	105.0	107.2	99.4	92.7	93.0	102.1	85.9	99.3	88.5
April	100.4	103.0	100.9	99.7	98.1	97.5	111.0	104.5	107.3	96.0	107.1	109.8	98.8	92.8	93.1	102.0	83.0	99.7	90.3
May	100.2	102.9	100.0	99.4	98.9	94.9	112.9	98.9	105.3	94.8	108.1	111.2	98.3	92.5	93.7	101.5	80.0	99.6	93.8
June	101.1	102.7	103.6	104.4	104.2	100.6	114.1	95.7	104.4	94.5	106.7	109.6	97.7	92.4	94.9	101.7	79.2	99.8	97.2
July	99.9	102.5	101.6	102.2	103.2	97.7	108.8	94.9	102.8	94.6	102.9	104.9	97.0	92.8	95.8	102.0	78.1	99.7	100.2
August	100.3	102.5	103.1	103.5	103.6	103.3	101.5	99.4	103.2	96.0	98.9	100.2	94.2	93.4	99.6	102.3	79.8	99.8	109.1
September	101.1	102.7	104.9	105.5	105.1	106.0	104.3	99.9	104.2	96.2	97.8	99.1	93.1	93.6	102.3	103.3	82.2	100.0	114.2
October	99.3	102.3	101.2	101.7	104.4	96.7	100.8	95.8	102.5	96.9	95.2	95.9	92.5	92.9	101.3	104.7	80.1	100.4	111.9
November	99.4	102.4	98.6	98.7	104.5	88.3	99.1	95.8	100.4	96.8	98.9	100.9	91.9	91.4	102.4	129.9	77.4	101.2	102.1
December	97.7	102.4	96.1	95.9	103.1	83.0	96.7	93.2	99.9	96.7	97.1	98.6	91.3	91.2	99.3	143.2	75.7	101.1	87.4

1950

January	97.0	102.2	94.4	95.0	101.9	82.5	97.5	82.5	100.8	95.6	100.3	103.0	90.1	91.1	95.1	146.7	74.9	101.2	74.8
February	96.5	102.3	95.6	96.0	101.7	85.5	99.3	85.6	98.2	95.3	97.6	99.0	89.7	90.3	93.5	148.5	74.0	100.7	69.2
March	97.3	102.3	98.7	97.7	102.9	87.7	102.6	93.8	100.8	94.7	95.5	95.8	89.7	90.1	95.5	151.1	74.4	100.1	73.4
April	97.7	102.4	99.5	98.0	103.6	86.3	104.8	97.5	99.4	93.3	97.4	98.7	89.5	90.1	95.1	149.6	75.1	99.0	73.6
May	98.9	102.7	103.4	104.0	108.8	94.4	109.1	95.7	98.1	92.6	99.0	101.3	89.3	90.6	93.5	146.5	76.3	98.6	70.6
June	100.5	102.7	106.1	107.6	113.0	97.3	111.6	96.1	98.8	92.3	102.5	106.4	89.7	90.6	94.1	145.2	77.6	98.6	72.9
July	103.1	103.8	110.1	112.3	116.6	105.2	112.0	98.5	99.3	93.8	103.6	108.0	89.7	90.6	97.7	148.4	78.6	99.4	80.2
August	103.9	106.2	112.2	113.2	118.7	104.7	111.1	105.0	101.1	95.7	94.7	93.4	91.6	92.6	105.3	157.3	85.3	105.0	89.5
September	104.0	107.0	112.4	113.5	118.5	106.3	110.0	103.4	104.0	97.0	91.1	87.2	92.8	93.5	107.7	160.3	85.8	104.9	94.4
October	104.3	107.2	109.0	109.9	117.6	97.4	107.9	97.2	109.8	99.6	92.9	89.0	95.3	96.0	110.4	163.2	84.7	104.5	101.3
November	104.4	107.4	107.7	108.9	117.4	93.9	110.0	93.5	112.4	100.1	95.8	92.9	96.4	98.5	109.2	159.3	84.7	104.4	100.9
December	107.1	107.5	109.1	110.7	120.4	93.6	112.0	93.1	113.7	100.7	99.9	98.3	97.7	101.2	117.0	160.4	87.8	104.6	122.5

1951

January	109.9	112.2	113.5	115.8	126.5	97.9	113.8	95.7	115.3	105.2	104.8	113.5	104.3	101.0	103.1	111.2	166.8	95.0	105.0	94.1
February	111.9	113.2	116.3	118.3	129.1	100.2	116.4	100.3	116.2	106.1	109.8	114.2	110.7	103.8	104.4	110.3	167.8	97.8	105.2	88.3
March	112.0	113.4	117.2	118.6	129.5	100.3	116.8	103.3	117.3	106.2	106.3	114.6	104.6	105.0	104.7	112.7	167.8	98.2	105.2	95.9
April	111.7	113.9	117.3	118.8	130.2	99.5	118.3	103.1	117.5	106.0	105.2	113.5	102.4	106.2	104.8	112.4	168.2	98.8	105.1	93.9
May	112.6	113.9	117.4	118.8	129.8	99.3	120.4	103.5	117.9	105.7	108.5	112.8	107.4	106.7	104.4	113.5	169.1	97.9	104.9	97.4
June	112.3	114.0	116.9	119.1	129.9	99.8	121.8	99.3	119.0	105.9	107.7	111.9	106.0	107.2	103.5	113.8	169.0	97.1	105.3	98.8
July	112.7	114.3	117.6	119.6	130.5	100.2	121.6	101.4	118.0	106.5	107.0	111.9	105.2	106.9	102.0	114.8	168.9	93.5	106.3	103.9
August	112.4	114.2	118.4	120.6	130.4	103.6	121.5	100.9	119.0	106.9	102.3	111.0	99.1	104.3	101.1	116.5	169.0	90.1	106.5	110.9
September	112.5	114.6	118.6	121.1	130.7	104.4	121.6	101.3	118.0	107.2	100.4	110.4	96.9	103.3	99.9	118.4	169.0	89.5	106.4	117.5
October	113.5	114.6	119.1	122.5	133.3	104.2	122.2	98.0	118.0	107.9	103.2	110.4	101.7	102.4	97.9	118.9	169.3	89.0	105.8	119.5
November	114.6	115.1	117.7	121.5	133.4	100.5	123.0	95.5	117.3	109.2	109.5	108.6	111.4	102.3	96.8	118.5	169.7	87.8	105.6	118.8
December	115.0	115.2	116.3	119.8	133.3	94.9	124.9	94.4	117.3	110.7	115.8	107.6	121.1	102.7	97.2	114.5	169.8	87.4	105.4	106.4

1952

January	115.0	115.3	117.1	119.4	132.9	94.9	123.6	100.0	117.4	112.0	118.2	107.6	124.8	102.7	97.0	109.1	169.8	86.0	105.1	90.5
February	112.6	115.5	116.7	118.1	132.1	93.6	118.9	102.5	117.4	112.7	109.5	106.7	111.2	102.9	96.9	105.8	170.0	83.6	104.7	81.8
March	112.7	115.7	115.2	117.2	131.5	93.2	115.1	99.0	116.1	112.0	113.7	104.8	117.8	103.1	96.1	104.4	170.0	80.7	104.2	79.2
April	113.9	115.6	114.8	116.9	130.9	92.5	117.9	98.0	115.7	110.4	121.1	103.6	129.4	102.8	96.3	105.0	170.1	79.3	105.3	81.5
May	114.3	117.2	114.5	118.5	130.7	97.1	119.5	91.1	115.3	109.3	124.3	100.5	134.4	103.0	96.3	104.4	169.7	77.5	105.9	80.6
June	114.6	116.9	116.5	120.3	130.7	102.1	121.3	94.4	114.9	108.9	122.4	101.9	131.9	102.1	96.4	105.2	169.7	77.6	106.2	83.1
July	116.3	117.6	116.4	119.5	129.5	102.1	120.8	97.3	114.3	110.2	124.0	102.0	134.2	102.1	97.2	111.5	169.6	77.9	106.8	102.5
August	116.6	117.5	119.4	122.2	129.4	110.3	121.0	102.7	113.5	111.0	118.7	102.8	125.8	102.3	98.2	113.1	169.7	78.3	107.4	106.7
September	115.4	117.4	119.2	121.5	129.8	107.6	120.1	104.9	113.3	112.5	111.5	102.3	114.3	103.3	99.0	113.7	169.7	78.2	107.7	108.7
October	115.0	117.5	116.9	119.5	127.8	106.2	117.2	100.3	112.9	113.2	111.3	100.8	113.9	103.6	99.5	115.1	169.6	78.0	107.9	113.3
November	115.0	117.5	114.3	115.0	125.4	97.9	113.3	103.8	112.2	113.3	115.9	100.8	120.6	104.4	100.9	114.3	169.5	77.7	107.8	111.0
December	113.8	117.7	113.0	112.3	123.1	94.7	108.8	107.3	111.5	112.7	115.8	100.0	120.4	104.3	101.2	110.6	169.9	77.5	107.7	99.1

Table 4.—Indexes of Retail Prices of Food in the United States<sup>1/</sup>, by Commodity Group, by Year and Month, 1947-1954--Continued

[1947-49=100 unless otherwise indicated]

Year and month	Total foods 2/	Total foods at home	Cereals and bakery products	Meats, poultry, and fish 3/	Meats				Chick-ens	Fish	Dairy products	Fruits and vegetables					Other foods at home				
					Total 3/	Beef and veal	Pork	Leg of lamb				Total	Frozen 4/	Fresh	Canned	Dried	Total 5/	Bever-ages	Fats and oils	Sugar and sweets	Eggs
By Month, 1947-1954 6/ - Continued																					
1953																					
January-----	113.1	112.9	117.7	110.9	110.7	117.6	96.6	104.6	102.6	111.4	111.6	116.7	99.9	121.7	104.5	101.4	109.7	169.8	77.2	107.4	96.4
February-----	111.5	111.1	117.6	107.7	107.5	106.1	100.0	102.0	98.8	110.6	110.7	115.9	99.3	120.4	104.7	101.7	107.3	169.8	77.1	107.3	87.9
March-----	111.7	111.3	117.7	107.4	107.0	101.9	102.7	101.6	98.7	110.5	110.3	115.5	98.4	119.9	104.9	102.0	109.1	170.6	77.5	107.2	93.3
April-----	111.5	111.1	118.0	106.8	106.5	99.5	103.7	102.3	97.8	110.5	109.0	115.0	98.6	118.9	104.8	102.8	110.4	174.4	78.2	107.4	95.0
May-----	112.1	111.7	118.4	109.2	109.6	98.4	111.3	107.0	97.5	110.5	107.8	115.2	98.3	119.3	104.7	103.1	110.3	173.9	78.7	107.3	95.0
June-----	113.7	113.7	118.9	111.3	112.9	98.7	117.9	111.1	95.0	110.2	107.5	121.7	98.3	129.8	104.6	103.7	110.9	172.7	78.8	107.5	97.6
July-----	113.8	113.8	119.1	112.0	113.2	97.2	120.5	107.7	97.4	110.3	108.3	118.2	99.3	123.9	104.8	104.9	112.3	173.5	78.9	107.7	101.6
August-----	114.1	114.1	119.5	114.1	115.7	103.3	120.7	108.0	99.1	110.1	109.1	112.7	103.3	114.3	105.3	106.0	114.4	175.7	79.9	107.8	107.0
September-----	113.8	113.5	120.3	113.5	115.0	102.8	120.4	102.9	98.5	110.2	109.6	106.6	105.0	104.1	105.5	106.5	116.7	177.7	82.3	108.0	111.9
October-----	113.6	113.3	120.4	111.1	112.3	101.9	115.2	102.7	96.8	110.2	110.1	107.7	106.1	105.7	105.7	106.1	117.4	178.6	81.7	108.1	114.5
November-----	112.0	111.4	120.6	107.0	107.4	99.2	106.9	101.3	94.9	109.9	110.5	107.4	106.2	105.6	105.2	104.6	114.8	178.5	82.1	107.8	105.0
December-----	112.3	111.7	120.9	107.8	108.7	98.9	110.4	100.0	94.2	109.8	110.3	109.2	102.7	109.0	104.8	104.7	113.5	178.8	82.9	107.7	99.8
1954																					
January-----	113.1	112.6	121.2	110.2	112.1	99.0	117.7	101.4	92.2	110.1	109.7	110.8	102.0	111.7	104.8	105.0	113.5	182.7	83.6	107.7	96.3
February-----	112.6	112.0	121.3	109.7	111.9	98.2	117.9	101.6	89.8	110.6	109.0	108.0	99.0	107.7	104.3	105.2	114.0	189.8	83.0	107.6	94.2
March-----	112.1	111.4	121.2	109.5	111.8	97.3	118.2	101.9	89.6	110.8	108.0	107.8	95.7	108.2	103.5	105.5	112.3	198.0	82.9	107.6	83.2
April-----	112.4	111.8	121.1	110.5	112.6	97.1	119.9	106.9	91.2	111.0	104.6	110.0	95.0	112.1	102.9	106.1	113.6	210.0	83.2	107.7	79.8
May-----	113.3	112.8	121.3	111.0	114.0	98.2	121.8	107.4	87.9	111.5	103.5	114.6	99.0	118.9	102.9	106.8	114.5	217.3	84.1	108.4	77.2
June-----	113.8	113.3	121.3	111.1	113.7	98.8	120.8	106.1	89.2	111.7	102.9	117.1	100.7	122.3	103.8	108.1	115.2	221.8	84.4	109.1	76.1
July-----	114.6	114.2	121.6	109.7	111.7	98.2	117.0	105.0	90.4	111.5	104.3	120.1	100.8	126.8	104.3	109.0	117.3	225.0	84.5	109.7	81.5
August-----	113.9	113.3	122.3	107.6	109.0	97.1	112.9	100.2	90.7	111.0	105.1	114.7	100.6	117.9	104.7	109.5	119.6	225.5	84.9	110.4	88.5
September-----	112.4	111.6	122.6	106.7	108.2	98.1	110.5	100.3	89.1	110.7	105.8	110.5	99.9	111.3	104.5	109.6	116.0	209.2	85.1	111.2	85.4
October-----	111.8	110.9	122.7	103.9	105.8	98.5	105.3	99.5	83.0	110.8	106.7	111.1	99.4	112.2	104.5	109.7	115.7	207.2	84.6	112.1	85.6
November-----	111.1	110.1	123.1	103.5	105.3	99.5	103.3	100.8	83.7	109.8	106.6	109.6	98.2	110.1	104.0	110.9	113.7	200.5	83.1	112.9	83.3
December-----	110.4	109.2	123.3	102.2	104.3	99.2	101.6	99.3	80.7	109.8	106.8	108.4	98.6	108.2	103.8	112.2	112.0	200.9	82.9	113.2	76.9

<sup>1/</sup> 56-city average 1947-52, 46 cities beginning January 1953; Adjusted series 1950-1952, and Revised series beginning 1953. For a more complete description, see appendix, page 28.

<sup>2/</sup> Restaurant meals included in total foods beginning January 1953.

<sup>3/</sup> Other meats included in meats, and meats, poultry, and fish beginning January 1953.

<sup>4/</sup> December 1952=100.

<sup>5/</sup> Partially prepared foods and other miscellaneous foods included in total foods bought to be prepared at home beginning January 1953.

<sup>6/</sup> Indexes for the years 1947-52 have been computed by converting indexes from the 1935-39 base previously published, to the 1947-49 base. See Table C, page 36, for conversion factors.

Table 5.—Classification of Retail Food Items by Percent Change in Price for Selected Periods

Percent Change From December 1952 to December 1954						
+ 10.0% and over	+ 5.0% to + 9.9%	+ 1.0% to + 4.9%	+ 0.9% to - 0.9%	- 1.0% to - 4.9%	- 5.0% to - 9.9%	- 10.0% and over
Lard + 46.8 Coffee + 21.1 Chocolate bar + 15.9 Prunes, dried + 12.7 Orange juice, canned + 11.3 Cola drinks + 11.0 Bacon + 10.7 Tea + 10.6	Navy beans + 9.3 Pork chops + 9.1 Bread + 8.0 Shortening, hydrogenated + 7.8 Grape jelly + 6.8 Soda crackers + 5.3	Tomatoes, fresh + 4.6 Flour + 3.0 Oranges + 3.0 Salad dressing + 3.0 Bananas + 2.9 Vanilla cookies + 2.3 Peanut butter + 2.1 Pickles + 1.6 Fruit cocktail + 1.6 Beans with pork + 1.5 Tuna fish, canned + 1.4 Rolled oats + 1.0 Ham, whole + 1.0	Salmon, pink, canned + 0.8 Corn syrup + 0.8 Corn flakes + 0.5 Pineapple, canned + 0.5 Peas, canned - 0.2 Orange juice, concentrate - 0.4 Luncheon meat, canned - 0.5 Beans, green, frozen - 0.5 Rice - 0.6 Vegetable soup - 0.6	Cabbage - 1.2 Gelatin - 1.3 Sugar - 1.5 Peas, frozen - 1.5 Baby foods - 1.6 Catsup - 2.8 Apples - 2.8 Margarine - 2.9 Milk, fresh, delivered - 3.0 Peaches, canned - 3.0 Corn meal - 3.1 Biscuit mix - 3.4 Milk, fresh, grocery - 3.9 Ice cream - 3.9 Fish, fresh, frozen - 4.1 Carrots - 4.7	Tomatoes, canned - 5.0 Strawberries, frozen - 5.7 Cheese - 7.5 Lamb, leg - 8.7 Milk, evaporated - 8.7 Lettuce - 8.9 Beans, green, fresh - 9.6 Corn, canned - 9.8	Veal cutlets - 10.0 Butter - 11.0 Frankfurters - 11.3 Rib roast - 13.0 Round steak - 14.0 Eggs - 22.4 Chuck roast - 23.3 Sweet potatoes - 24.6 Frying chickens - 24.8 Potatoes - 27.0 Hamburger - 28.8 Onions - 30.0

Percent Change From December 1952 to December 1953						
+ 10.0% and over	+ 5.0% to + 9.9%	+ 1.0% to + 4.9%	+ 0.9% to - 0.9%	- 1.0% to - 4.9%	- 5.0% to - 9.9%	- 10.0% and over
Lard + 50.1 Bacon + 23.5 Tomatoes, fresh + 22.0 Pork chops + 14.7 Orange juice, canned + 11.7 Orange juice, concentrate + 10.4	Ham, whole + 9.9 Cola drinks + 6.0 Soda crackers + 5.6 Coffee + 5.4 Oranges + 5.2 Shortening, hydrogenated + 5.1	Bread + 4.6 Prunes, dried + 3.8 Navy beans + 3.2 Bananas + 3.1 Rice + 3.0 Grape jelly + 2.9 Luncheon meat, canned + 2.5 Salad dressing + 2.5 Pickles + 1.9 Tuna fish, canned + 1.8 Tea + 1.4 Flour + 1.3 Fruit cocktail + 1.3	Eggs + 0.7 Corn flakes + 0.5 Carrots + 0.5 Rolled oats + 0.4 Apples + 0.4 Vanilla cookies + 0.3 Pineapple, canned + 0.3 Milk, fresh, grocery + 0.3 Beans, green, frozen + 0.2 Beans with pork 0 Margarine 0 Peanut butter 0 Vegetable soup - 0.2 Chocolate bar - 0.2 Gelatin - 0.4 Peas, canned - 0.7 Baby foods - 0.7	Sugar - 1.0 Ice cream - 1.4 Biscuit mix - 1.7 Milk, fresh, delivered - 1.7 Butter - 1.9 Corn, canned - 1.9 Milk, fresh, grocery - 2.0 Peaches, canned - 2.2 Corn meal - 2.7 Salmon, pink, canned - 2.7 Cheese - 2.7 Catsup - 2.7 Fish, fresh, frozen - 3.1 Peas, frozen - 3.1 Strawberries - 4.6	Milk, evaporated - 5.0 Tomatoes, canned - 5.7 Lamb, leg - 8.1 Frankfurters - 8.5 Frying chickens - 12.2 Lettuce - 12.2 Cabbage - 14.5 Rib roast - 14.6 Round steak - 15.9 Sweet potatoes - 22.3 Chuck roast - 23.9 Hamburger - 26.0 Potatoes - 36.0 Onions - 43.6	Veal cutlets - 10.0 Beans, green, fresh - 12.0 Frying chickens - 12.2 Lettuce - 12.2 Cabbage - 14.5 Rib roast - 14.6 Round steak - 15.9 Sweet potatoes - 22.3 Chuck roast - 23.9 Hamburger - 26.0 Potatoes - 36.0 Onions - 43.6

Percent Change From December 1953 to December 1954						
+ 10.0% and over	+ 5.0% to + 9.9%	+ 1.0% to + 4.9%	+ 0.9% to - 0.9%	- 1.0% to - 4.9%	- 5.0% to - 9.9%	- 10.0% and over
Onions + 24.1 Chocolate bar + 16.1 Cabbage + 15.5 Coffee + 15.0 Potatoes + 14.1	Tea + 9.1 Prunes, dried + 8.6 Navy beans + 5.9	Cola drinks + 4.7 Lettuce + 3.9 Grape jelly + 3.8 Salmon, pink, canned + 3.6 Bread + 3.2 Beans, green, fresh + 2.6 Shortening, hydrogenated + 2.5 Round steak + 2.2 Peanut butter + 2.1 Vanilla cookies + 2.0 Rib roast + 1.9 Peas, frozen + 1.7 Flour + 1.6 Beans with pork + 1.5 Celery + 1.3	Chuck roast + 0.9 Tomatoes, canned + 0.7 Rolled oats + 0.5 Peas, canned + 0.5 Corn syrup + 0.5 Salad dressing + 0.4 Fruit cocktail + 0.3 Pineapple, canned + 0.2 Corn flakes + 0.1 Veal cutlets 0 Catsup - 0.1 Bananas - 0.2 Soda crackers - 0.3 Pickles - 0.3 Corn meal - 0.4 Tuna fish, canned - 0.4 Orange juice, canned - 0.4 Vegetable soup - 0.4 Sugar - 0.6 Lamb, leg - 0.7 Beans, green, frozen - 0.7 Peaches, canned - 0.8 Baby foods - 0.9 Gelatin - 0.9	Fish, fresh, frozen - 1.0 Strawberries, frozen - 1.2 Milk, fresh, delivered - 1.4 Biscuit mix - 1.7 Milk, fresh, grocery - 1.9 Lemons - 1.9 Oranges - 2.1 Lard - 2.2 Ice cream - 2.5 Margarine - 2.9 Luncheon meat, canned - 2.9 Sweet potatoes - 3.0 Frankfurters - 3.1 Apples - 3.2 Rice - 3.5 Hamburger - 3.8 Milk, evaporated - 3.9 Pork chops - 4.9	Cheese - 5.0 Carrots - 5.2 Corn, canned - 8.0 Ham, whole - 8.1 Butter - 9.3 Orange juice, concentrate - 9.8	Bacon - 10.4 Frying chickens - 14.3 Tomatoes, fresh - 14.3 Eggs - 22.9

Table 6.—Indexes of Retail Prices of All Foods, By City, By Year and Month, 1947-54

1947-49=100 1/7

Year and month	United States 2/	Atlanta, Ga.	Baltimore, Md.	Boston, Mass.	Chicago, Ill.	Cincinnati, Ohio	Cleveland, Ohio	Detroit, Mich.	Houston, Texas	Kansas City, Mo.	Los Angeles, Calif.	Minneapolis, Minn. 3/	New York, N. Y. 4/	Philadelphia, Pa.	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Portland, Ore.	St. Louis, Mo.	San Francisco, Calif.	Scranton, Pa.	Seattle, Wash.	Washington, D. C.
1947: Average	95.9	98.3	95.8	95.5	95.5	96.2	95.6	96.1	95.4	96.8	96.6	95.9	95.5	95.9	96.2	94.6	96.2	95.5	96.5	95.3	96.5
January	91.0	92.8	90.0	92.2	89.3	89.7	89.6	91.3	91.7	91.7	94.5	90.0	90.8	91.1	90.0	89.6	89.5	94.0	89.6	91.0	91.5
February	90.2	92.8	89.2	89.7	88.6	89.9	89.3	88.9	90.4	92.3	94.4	90.3	90.1	89.8	90.2	88.8	90.0	91.6	90.4	89.9	90.3
March	93.8	93.8	93.7	93.5	92.3	94.1	93.2	92.9	93.1	95.3	95.1	93.7	93.8	94.2	93.3	92.1	95.0	93.5	93.5	93.2	94.8
April	93.1	96.3	93.0	91.5	91.2	92.9	93.2	92.8	94.5	95.5	95.2	92.9	92.7	92.2	92.3	93.6	93.3	94.6	93.1	94.2	94.3
May	92.9	94.2	93.4	91.2	92.2	92.4	92.8	92.8	93.5	94.5	95.7	92.6	91.5	93.0	93.5	93.3	92.4	93.7	93.7	93.0	93.5
June	94.3	95.5	95.1	93.3	93.8	94.0	94.7	95.7	93.0	94.1	94.3	94.4	93.0	94.8	95.7	92.8	94.0	92.3	96.5	92.8	95.1
July	95.6	96.2	96.2	95.3	96.0	95.6	95.4	97.2	94.2	94.8	94.3	94.4	94.9	95.7	97.1	94.2	96.0	94.0	97.1	94.6	94.7
August	97.3	98.4	97.3	97.6	98.3	97.5	97.6	99.3	95.2	95.9	95.0	96.9	96.2	97.2	98.2	95.3	97.9	94.0	98.8	96.1	98.2
September	100.7	103.6	100.1	101.4	102.1	101.7	100.8	100.3	97.9	101.2	99.3	102.0	100.5	101.3	101.9	97.5	103.2	98.6	102.3	98.8	101.0
October	99.8	104.5	99.5	99.6	100.2	101.8	99.7	101.1	99.0	101.2	98.2	100.6	99.3	99.4	100.1	97.0	100.0	97.9	98.6	98.6	100.0
November	100.3	102.4	99.6	99.9	100.5	100.4	98.5	99.9	99.7	101.5	100.5	100.2	100.9	100.1	99.7	99.5	100.3	100.5	100.4	99.6	100.6
December	102.4	104.5	102.4	101.6	101.8	104.1	101.4	102.6	103.4	103.1	102.7	103.1	102.0	102.3	101.8	101.8	102.8	101.1	104.0	102.4	103.3
1948: Average	104.1	103.1	104.0	104.3	104.1	104.7	104.5	104.1	104.3	104.4	103.4	104.8	104.2	104.1	103.8	105.2	103.9	103.5	103.9	104.4	103.7
January	103.8	104.8	103.6	104.0	103.1	104.8	104.0	104.2	105.0	104.2	103.2	104.8	103.8	104.2	103.4	103.6	103.8	102.6	105.5	104.8	104.3
February	101.3	101.7	100.9	101.2	99.1	102.8	101.5	101.3	103.4	100.6	102.6	102.0	102.3	101.0	99.8	101.9	101.7	101.0	100.6	103.0	100.6
March	100.1	99.5	99.9	99.8	98.8	101.4	100.0	100.4	102.4	100.9	101.6	102.4	99.6	99.5	99.5	102.4	100.8	100.9	99.9	102.0	99.1
April	102.9	101.3	102.4	102.9	102.7	103.3	101.8	103.6	104.0	103.5	104.0	105.0	103.3	102.8	101.9	103.7	102.1	102.9	103.4	103.4	102.1
May	104.4	102.9	104.2	103.4	105.7	105.0	104.2	105.6	103.4	105.7	103.4	106.5	104.0	103.9	103.8	106.6	104.3	104.7	105.0	106.2	104.4
June	106.0	103.9	106.0	106.0	107.1	106.4	106.9	107.3	104.3	106.8	103.2	106.6	105.9	106.1	106.7	106.0	106.1	103.9	107.0	105.7	107.3
July	107.3	105.1	107.1	109.1	108.7	108.4	108.1	108.3	105.3	106.8	103.6	107.7	107.2	106.9	108.0	108.6	107.1	104.6	108.0	107.2	107.1
August	107.2	106.7	107.7	108.4	108.2	107.3	109.4	106.7	106.1	107.4	103.5	108.2	107.4	107.7	107.3	108.8	107.6	105.2	107.6	106.5	107.0
September	106.5	106.0	107.6	107.6	107.1	107.2	107.8	105.4	106.1	106.8	103.2	106.5	107.0	107.5	106.7	107.5	106.5	105.1	105.5	106.0	106.0
October	104.7	103.1	105.6	105.2	105.5	105.5	105.5	103.8	104.7	105.1	103.6	104.6	104.7	105.6	104.5	105.8	103.9	104.5	103.6	104.4	104.2
November	102.7	101.9	102.9	103.4	102.5	103.0	103.7	101.5	103.2	103.8	103.9	102.3	103.3	102.4	102.5	103.6	101.8	102.9	100.4	102.4	101.3
December	101.5	100.6	100.9	100.8	100.7	100.9	101.8	100.9	103.4	101.8	104.5	101.1	101.1	101.0	101.1	103.6	101.4	103.7	99.6	101.6	100.5
1949: Average	100.0	98.6	100.1	100.2	100.3	99.1	99.9	99.8	100.3	98.7	100.1	99.3	100.3	100.1	100.0	100.2	99.8	100.9	99.7	100.2	99.9
January	101.4	100.0	100.4	100.8	100.3	101.1	101.7	100.2	102.3	101.7	104.8	101.0	101.6	101.6	101.1	104.2	101.5	104.6	99.8	102.9	100.8
February	98.9	96.3	98.9	97.5	98.1	98.2	99.0	98.8	98.6	98.9	102.5	98.3	99.0	98.8	98.3	102.4	98.9	102.8	97.0	102.5	97.2
March	99.8	98.1	100.1	99.1	99.6	99.3	100.4	99.1	99.4	99.2	102.7	99.5	100.2	99.7	99.4	103.4	99.2	101.4	99.6	102.4	99.0
April	100.4	97.7	99.9	99.3	100.9	100.0	100.0	100.1	100.8	99.2	103.2	99.8	100.8	100.3	100.1	103.0	99.1	104.1	100.1	102.1	99.7
May	100.2	97.5	100.2	99.9	100.1	98.5	99.4	101.6	100.2	98.8	101.5	100.1	100.1	100.4	101.1	101.7	99.3	100.9	100.3	100.4	100.2
June	101.1	99.2	101.7	101.7	102.4	100.4	100.9	102.2	100.4	99.6	100.5	100.5	100.7	100.7	101.5	102.0	101.7	101.0	100.0	100.0	100.7
July	99.9	98.1	99.5	100.8	100.3	98.6	99.8	100.5	100.0	98.5	98.4	98.6	101.0	98.9	99.8	99.3	98.8	99.7	100.3	98.8	99.8
August	100.3	100.9	101.3	101.0	101.2	99.2	100.5	100.2	100.3	97.9	98.1	98.3	101.0	100.5	101.0	98.3	100.6	98.4	102.0	98.6	101.2
September	101.1	102.4	101.8	102.3	102.6	101.0	100.9	100.2	100.6	99.7	98.6	99.7	101.9	101.3	101.1	101.1	100.2	103.1	99.8	101.5	101.5
October	99.3	98.9	99.5	100.6	99.9	98.2	100.0	97.7	100.7	97.2	97.6	98.8	99.5	100.3	99.5	97.4	99.1	99.9	99.5	98.4	99.7
November	99.4	97.8	99.7	100.3	100.8	97.7	98.4	99.3	100.9	97.7	97.5	99.3	99.8	99.7	99.8	96.6	99.7	99.8	98.1	99.5	100.9
December	97.7	96.3	97.9	98.4	97.8	97.0	97.1	98.2	99.8	96.4	95.9	97.6	98.4	98.1	97.6	95.9	98.5	98.5	95.6	97.5	97.7
1950: Average	101.2	99.7	101.3	101.6	101.3	101.4	101.0	103.4	101.7	99.9	100.0	100.9	101.3	102.0	101.1	102.9	102.1	100.9	100.3	101.6	100.9
January	97.0	95.2	97.2	96.9	96.7	97.1	96.8	97.4	98.5	96.0	98.0	97.8	97.0	97.0	97.0	97.8	97.8	100.5	95.2	98.8	96.8
February	96.5	94.1	96.4	96.3	96.1	96.9	96.4	96.9	97.7	95.6	96.7	96.9	97.0	96.4	96.4	98.6	96.9	99.3	94.8	98.5	96.6
March	97.3	96.8	97.4	97.6	97.3	97.5	96.4	97.9	99.2	95.9	97.0	96.8	97.6	98.0	96.5	98.2	97.8	98.7	96.4	98.1	97.0
April	97.7	96.0	97.4	97.9	97.3	97.2	97.0	99.0	98.0	96.5	98.1	96.7	98.4	98.1	97.7	98.9	96.8	98.8	96.0	98.7	96.8
May	98.9	95.9	98.8	99.0	99.7	99.4	98.3	100.9	97.8	97.9	98.9	99.2	99.1	99.7	100.7	99.0	98.6	98.8	98.8	99.3	98.1
June	100.5	96.7	101.4	101.8	100.8	100.9	100.9	103.0	98.7	98.9	98.1	100.4	100.8	102.1	100.8	101.8	100.4	99.0	101.1	100.1	100.5
July	103.1	100.0	103.7	104.9	103.9	103.4	103.5	105.6	100.9	101.9	99.4	101.8	103.6	104.4	102.6	104.2	105.2	101.2	103.7	101.4	102.5
August	103.9	104.0	104.4	105.3	105.0	104.9	104.3	106.0	105.2	101.9	101.5	103.8	102.6	105.5	103.6	105.7	105.5	101.9	103.9	103.0	103.3
September	104.0	104.0	104.3	103.9	103.9	105.4	103.9	106.5	105.9	102.4	101.1	102.9	104.3	105.8	104.3	106.2	105.3	100.5	103.4	102.7	103.1
October	104.3	103.2	104.0	104.8	104.0	104.6	104.7	107.9	105.4	102.6	102.6	103.8	104.1	105.4	104.9	106.3	105.2	101.7	102.6	104.6	104.0
November	104.4	103.1	103.7	104.6	103.9	103.6	104.1	108.4	105.3	103.6	104.5	104.6	104.8	104.8	104.9	107.2	105.7	102.8	102.5	106.4	104.0
December	107.1	107.4	106.5	106.0	107.2	106.2	105.5	110.3	107.9	106.2	106.0	106.9	107.0	107.9	105.9	109.2	109.7	107.4	105.0	108.3	107.9

1951: Average	112.6	113.1	112.1	111.6	112.9	112.1	112.3	116.5	112.6	111.3	112.8	112.9	112.0	113.4	112.0	115.8	114.1	111.9	111.4	112.5	111.7
January	109.9	110.5	109.0	108.6	108.9	110.0	108.6	113.6	111.9	109.0	110.1	110.5	109.4	110.3	108.1	113.1	111.8	111.6	107.8	110.5	110.2
February	111.9	110.8	111.5	111.0	112.7	111.6	111.2	115.9	111.7	110.0	110.4	112.7	112.4	112.6	110.5	115.0	114.7	110.3	110.7	111.2	111.2
March	112.0	110.9	111.4	110.7	112.0	111.1	111.5	116.2	113.1	110.6	111.8	112.6	111.2	112.2	110.4	116.3	114.4	113.3	110.2	112.4	110.8
April	111.7	113.1	111.1	110.5	111.8	111.2	110.8	115.4	113.0	111.0	111.3	112.5	111.3	112.7	110.7	115.5	113.5	111.8	109.6	112.5	110.7
May	112.6	113.2	112.4	111.3	112.7	111.7	112.6	116.4	112.4	111.7	112.3	112.8	112.1	113.4	112.0	117.1	113.9	113.1	111.5	113.5	111.7
June	112.3	112.9	112.4	111.6	112.9	111.6	112.9	116.5	111.5	111.2	112.3	113.4	111.1	112.6	111.9	116.9	113.8	111.3	111.7	111.8	111.7
July	112.7	113.5	111.5	112.5	113.8	112.7	113.1	116.4	111.5	111.7	113.2	113.2	112.1	113.3	113.2	116.7	113.7	111.5	111.6	112.2	110.5
August	112.4	114.5	111.9	111.9	112.9	112.3	112.6	116.3	112.5	110.7	113.0	112.5	111.6	113.1	112.7	115.0	113.3	109.9	111.8	111.7	110.9
September	112.5	114.8	112.1	111.1	112.4	112.6	112.4	116.0	113.5	110.9	113.5	111.5	111.9	113.6	112.2	115.2	114.1	110.1	111.7	112.5	111.6
October	113.5	113.8	113.4	113.1	114.3	113.0	113.3	117.1	112.7	111.8	114.1	113.2	112.8	115.1	113.5	114.7	114.3	110.5	112.5	112.7	113.5
November	114.6	114.8	114.0	113.4	115.0	114.1	114.2	118.6	112.8	113.1	115.3	114.4	114.3	115.9	114.3	117.0	115.7	112.8	113.8	114.3	113.6
December	115.0	114.2	114.1	113.9	115.2	113.3	114.0	119.1	114.4	114.0	117.1	115.8	114.2	116.0	114.0	117.7	116.5	116.5	113.8	115.1	114.0
1952: Average	114.6	113.6	114.6	113.8	114.7	115.3	114.9	118.1	113.4	113.2	114.5	115.5	113.7	116.5	114.0	115.8	116.3	114.5	114.4	114.9	113.6
January	115.0	114.2	114.7	113.3	114.9	114.7	115.1	119.3	114.5	113.9	116.4	115.4	114.0	116.3	114.5	118.4	116.6	116.7	114.9	116.8	113.9
February	112.6	112.5	112.2	111.4	111.9	112.2	113.3	116.4	111.9	111.3	113.9	113.8	112.0	113.7	111.7	114.7	114.0	112.8	111.7	114.3	111.1
March	112.7	110.8	112.7	111.4	112.9	112.4	112.7	116.2	111.9	111.4	114.1	113.9	111.5	113.7	111.4	115.4	113.9	115.0	111.0	115.0	111.6
April	113.9	111.3	114.1	111.7	113.6	114.1	113.8	117.4	112.8	112.1	115.3	114.9	113.5	115.0	112.4	116.4	114.9	117.0	112.8	115.9	113.4
May	114.3	110.4	114.4	113.6	115.8	115.2	114.8	117.6	111.9	112.7	114.6	115.9	112.6	115.6	113.2	116.8	116.4	115.8	114.4	115.0	112.9
June	114.6	112.1	114.0	114.2	115.7	116.5	115.9	118.9	112.5	113.3	114.5	117.2	112.3	116.0	113.2	116.2	118.2	116.0	114.3	114.1	113.1
July	116.3	116.8	116.9	117.3	116.1	117.6	117.3	120.5	113.7	115.1	114.6	117.1	115.4	119.2	115.3	116.4	118.8	113.9	117.7	114.8	115.6
August	116.6	117.8	117.5	117.1	117.0	117.9	117.3	119.5	115.1	115.3	114.4	116.3	115.1	119.3	117.1	116.9	119.0	113.3	117.7	114.7	116.1
September	115.4	115.9	116.1	114.9	115.4	116.8	116.5	118.3	114.2	113.6	114.1	115.7	114.7	117.7	115.2	116.0	116.7	112.9	116.2	115.5	115.6
October	115.0	113.9	114.6	115.2	115.4	116.9	115.4	118.4	113.9	114.4	113.7	116.2	114.5	117.3	115.2	115.1	116.8	112.5	114.9	114.4	114.1
November	115.0	114.3	114.5	113.8	115.2	115.2	114.1	117.8	113.7	113.5	114.3	115.4	115.8	117.2	115.4	115.1	116.2	113.5	114.3	114.3	113.4
December	113.8	113.0	113.5	112.0	112.3	114.4	111.9	117.2	114.4	112.2	114.5	114.6	113.2	116.9	114.2	112.7	114.9	114.9	113.3	113.5	112.2
1953: Average	112.8	113.2	113.2	110.5	111.3	115.0	110.2	115.4	112.3	110.5	113.1	112.7	111.4	114.7	113.6	113.0	114.4	113.6	112.3	112.1	111.4
January	113.1	112.5	112.7	111.3	111.2	113.6	110.8	115.9	113.8	110.2	114.1	113.9	112.4	115.5	113.0	112.6	113.5	114.3	112.2	113.3	111.5
February	111.5	111.6	111.1	109.5	109.6	112.2	107.9	113.7	111.6	109.5	112.4	112.8	110.9	113.2	112.0	111.3	112.8	112.2	111.0	110.8	110.1
March	111.7	112.3	111.7	109.6	109.7	112.7	108.8	113.8	111.9	109.5	113.2	112.6	110.5	113.5	112.3	112.5	112.4	112.6	111.3	111.7	110.0
April	111.5	111.7	112.3	108.4	110.2	113.1	108.5	114.0	111.9	109.3	112.8	112.0	109.8	112.9	111.8	112.9	111.6	113.7	110.9	111.7	110.2
May	112.1	112.8	112.2	108.8	110.8	114.1	109.2	115.0	111.9	110.2	112.2	112.7	110.3	113.3	112.5	113.4	112.9	113.9	111.5	112.0	110.8
June	113.7	114.5	114.6	111.2	112.4	116.9	110.5	116.7	112.6	110.7	112.3	112.6	112.0	115.8	114.8	114.0	115.0	114.1	113.7	113.2	113.1
July	113.8	113.8	114.2	111.7	112.7	117.0	111.4	117.2	112.6	111.9	112.8	112.7	111.9	115.8	114.8	113.9	116.6	113.2	114.0	112.7	112.1
August	114.1	115.2	114.5	112.6	112.3	117.1	112.2	116.7	112.8	112.0	113.3	113.2	112.1	116.5	115.4	114.5	117.2	113.4	113.6	113.3	113.3
September	113.8	114.7	114.7	111.9	112.5	116.9	111.3	116.7	112.2	111.5	113.8	112.8	112.6	115.7	115.7	113.8	115.7	114.1	113.2	112.6	112.6
October	113.6	114.6	114.0	111.6	112.8	116.4	111.5	116.1	112.4	111.1	113.8	113.4	112.2	115.8	115.0	113.6	115.5	114.4	113.3	112.0	111.9
November	112.0	112.1	113.1	110.0	110.4	114.6	110.5	114.4	111.9	110.2	112.7	111.9	110.7	114.1	113.5	111.5	114.5	112.8	111.6	110.8	110.6
December	112.3	112.7	112.9	109.3	110.5	114.8	110.3	114.4	112.4	109.4	113.4	111.8	110.9	114.7	112.9	112.0	115.1	114.2	111.8	111.0	110.7
1954: Average	112.6	112.9	114.1	110.1	110.8	114.4	110.9	115.4	112.0	108.9	112.7	112.3	111.4	115.0	113.5	112.5	115.3	113.9	111.5	112.1	111.8
January	113.1	113.2	113.6	109.9	111.4	115.8	111.3	115.2	113.1	109.9	114.2	112.9	110.9	115.3	113.4	113.1	116.2	114.1	112.2	111.9	111.6
February	112.6	112.5	113.6	109.5	111.2	114.9	110.5	114.7	112.9	108.3	114.3	112.8	110.6	114.5	113.4	113.5	115.2	113.4	112.5	112.1	110.9
March	112.1	112.2	113.6	109.3	110.7	114.1	110.3	114.7	112.7	108.4	113.4	112.4	109.9	113.7	113.2	112.7	114.9	113.2	111.2	112.2	110.3
April	112.4	112.8	113.9	109.3	110.4	113.7	110.2	116.1	112.1	109.0	113.1	112.1	111.0	114.3	113.3	112.2	114.9	113.9	111.8	112.6	111.0
May	113.3	114.1	114.9	110.1	111.7	114.8	111.4	116.2	112.2	108.6	113.4	112.7	111.8	115.6	114.8	112.9	115.8	114.7	112.8	113.1	112.9
June	113.8	114.7	116.0	110.8	111.6	114.9	112.4	117.5	112.1	109.4	113.1	113.0	111.6	116.5	115.5	114.3	116.6	115.3	113.3	113.3	113.4
July	114.6	115.3	116.6	112.9	112.6	116.1	113.2	118.5	112.8	109.9	112.3	113.5	113.6	117.7	115.6	114.1	117.0	115.2	114.0	113.2	113.8
August	113.9	114.8	115.8	111.4	111.9	115.5	111.8	116.4	112.3	110.6	112.3	113.4	113.1	117.2	114.2	113.5	117.0	114.3	112.1	112.8	114.5
September	112.4	113.3	114.2	110.3	110.2	114.3	110.8	114.2	111.5	108.9	112.3	112.2	111.8	115.2	113.4	112.1	115.4	114.1	110.7	111.7	112.1
October	111.8	111.5	112.9	110.2	110.0	114.1	110.5	113.8	111.6	108.5	112.0	111.8	111.3	114.5	113.0	111.6	115.2	113.7	109.9	111.4	111.4
November	111.1	110.5	112.4	108.9	109.6	113.0	109.7	113.9	110.3	107.9	110.9	110.8	111.0	113.4	111.8	109.8	113.5	112.6	109.8	110.6	110.1
December	110.4	110.0	111.4	108.5	108.2	112.0	108.9	113.0	109.8	107.1	110.7	109.9	110.1	112.6	110.8	109.7	112.3	111.8	108.1	110.8	109.7

1/Indexes for the years 1947-52 have been computed by converting indexes from the 1935-39 base previously published, to the 1947-49 base.

2/56-city average 1947-52, 46 cities beginning January 1953 including 26 cities not shown separately; adjusted series 1950 through 1952, and revised series beginning 1953. For more complete information, see Appendix, page 28.

3/Minneapolis, Minn.-St. Paul, Minn., beginning January 1953.

4/New York, N. Y.-Newark, N. J., January 1953 through June 1953; New York, N. Y.-Northeastern, N. J., beginning July 1953.

Table 7.—Indexes of Retail Prices of Principal Foods in the United States, by Month, 1953 and 1954

(1947-49=100 unless otherwise specified)

Article or group	1953													
	Dec. 1/ 1952	Average	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
All foods -----	113.8	112.8	113.1	111.5	111.7	111.5	112.1	113.7	113.8	114.1	113.8	113.6	112.0	112.3
Food at home -----	113.8	112.5	112.9	111.1	111.3	111.1	111.7	113.7	113.8	114.1	113.5	113.3	111.4	111.7
Cereals and bakery products-----	117.7	119.1	117.7	117.6	117.7	118.0	118.4	118.9	119.1	119.5	120.3	120.4	120.6	120.9
Cereals:														
Flour, wheat-----	107.8	108.3	108.4	108.4	108.3	108.5	108.6	108.6	107.8	107.5	107.5	107.8	108.5	109.2
Biscuit mix 2/-----	100.0	99.4	99.8	99.3	99.6	99.8	99.8	99.7	99.8	99.8	99.7	99.0	98.3	98.3
Corn meal-----	114.6	114.9	115.2	115.5	115.5	116.0	115.9	116.2	116.4	116.6	116.0	113.2	111.6	111.5
Rice-----	94.5	99.7	94.1	95.2	97.3	98.9	101.0	102.9	104.8	106.1	102.6	99.0	97.4	97.3
Rolled oats-----	113.3	113.6	113.5	113.3	113.3	113.5	113.5	113.5	113.5	113.7	113.8	113.8	113.9	113.8
Corn flakes-----	127.3	127.7	127.3	127.5	127.7	127.7	127.6	127.7	127.4	127.5	127.9	127.7	127.9	127.9
Bakery products:														
Bread-----	120.6	122.7	120.5	120.3	120.6	121.1	121.2	121.7	122.2	123.0	125.0	125.5	125.8	126.2
Soda crackers 2/-----	100.0	103.2	99.6	99.9	99.9	99.9	101.4	104.7	105.4	105.5	105.9	105.5	105.6	105.6
Vanilla cookies-----	119.6	119.4	119.4	118.8	118.5	118.3	119.0	119.6	119.8	119.9	119.9	119.9	119.9	120.0
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	113.0	109.9	110.9	107.7	107.4	106.8	109.2	111.3	112.0	114.1	113.5	111.1	107.0	107.8
Meats-----	112.3	110.6	110.7	107.5	107.0	106.5	109.6	112.9	113.2	115.7	115.0	112.3	107.4	108.7
Beef and veal-----	123.1	102.1	117.6	106.1	101.9	99.5	98.4	98.7	97.2	103.3	102.8	101.9	99.2	98.9
Round steak-----	129.0	110.0	123.6	110.0	106.4	104.8	104.0	106.4	106.4	114.7	113.7	112.3	108.3	108.5
Chuck roast-----	122.5	94.8	113.5	99.2	93.5	90.6	89.0	89.6	87.6	94.9	96.0	96.0	94.1	93.2
Rib roast-----	122.6	104.3	118.5	105.7	102.5	100.8	99.4	100.2	98.1	105.5	105.9	105.8	104.7	104.7
Hamburger-----	115.2	92.6	110.5	101.1	97.4	93.9	92.4	89.9	87.4	90.7	89.2	88.1	86.0	85.2
Veal outlets-----	129.9	122.6	129.6	130.9	125.0	124.1	124.0	122.9	120.0	121.2	120.1	119.3	117.1	116.9
Pork-----	94.7	110.5	96.6	100.0	102.7	103.7	111.3	117.9	120.5	120.7	120.4	115.2	106.9	110.4
Pork chops, center cut-----	96.8	113.3	99.5	103.8	107.2	107.5	119.8	122.3	124.1	119.4	121.6	114.7	108.6	111.0
Bacon, sliced-----	87.5	107.0	89.0	93.0	95.4	97.4	103.5	113.9	116.9	120.4	121.4	119.3	106.1	108.1
Ham, whole-----	98.1	107.3	99.9	101.3	103.4	103.7	107.6	113.1	115.9	117.0	112.0	104.4	101.2	107.8
Lamb, leg-----	108.8	104.3	104.6	102.0	101.6	102.3	107.0	111.1	107.7	108.0	102.9	102.7	101.3	100.0
Other meats:														
Frankfurters 2/-----	100.0	95.0	98.4	96.6	96.2	95.9	95.8	95.7	94.4	95.1	93.8	93.5	92.1	91.5
Lunch meat, canned 2/-----	100.0	101.5	99.5	99.2	99.7	100.2	100.9	102.8	103.1	102.5	102.4	102.6	102.5	102.5
Poultry, frying chickens-----	107.3	97.6	102.6	98.8	98.7	97.8	97.5	95.0	97.4	99.1	98.5	96.8	94.9	94.2
Fish-----	111.5	110.3	111.4	110.6	110.5	110.5	110.5	110.2	110.3	110.1	110.2	110.2	109.9	109.8
Fish, fresh or frozen-----	112.5	109.9	112.2	111.1	111.0	110.6	110.2	109.1	109.4	109.0	109.1	109.5	109.0	109.0
Canned fish:														
Salmon, pink, canned-----	110.2	109.4	110.4	110.1	109.9	110.2	110.4	110.6	110.1	109.6	108.8	107.8	107.5	107.2
Tuna fish, canned 2/-----	100.0	100.9	100.0	99.4	99.5	99.7	100.4	101.2	101.4	101.4	102.1	101.9	101.8	101.8
Dairy products-----	112.7	109.6	111.6	110.7	110.3	109.0	107.8	107.5	108.3	109.1	109.6	110.1	110.5	110.3
Milk, fresh, (grocery)-----	116.3	112.4	114.9	113.7	112.8	111.2	109.3	109.2	110.8	112.2	113.0	113.6	114.2	114.0
Milk, fresh, (delivered)-----	118.7	115.1	117.1	116.2	115.6	113.8	112.0	111.6	113.5	114.8	115.9	116.7	117.2	116.7
Ice cream 2/-----	100.0	99.1	100.2	100.1	99.6	99.4	99.1	99.1	98.7	98.8	99.0	98.8	98.9	98.6
Butter-----	102.1	99.4	101.0	100.0	99.8	99.0	98.5	98.3	98.4	98.4	98.7	99.4	100.6	100.2
Cheese, American process-----	115.4	113.1	114.5	113.6	111.2	113.9	113.5	113.0	112.9	112.5	112.2	112.8	112.0	112.3
Milk, evaporated-----	110.0	107.1	110.1	110.2	110.2	108.7	107.9	107.8	106.0	105.3	105.2	104.8	104.7	104.5
All fruits and vegetables-----	115.8	113.5	116.7	115.9	115.5	115.0	115.2	121.7	118.2	112.7	106.6	107.7	107.4	109.2
Frozen fruits and vegetables2/-----	100.0	101.2	99.9	99.3	98.4	98.6	98.3	98.3	99.3	103.3	105.0	106.1	106.2	102.7
Frozen fruits:														
Strawberries 2/-----	100.0	96.7	99.7	98.5	97.2	96.3	96.2	95.6	94.9	95.8	96.2	96.8	96.8	95.4
Orange juice concentrate2/-----	100.0	106.1	100.0	99.7	99.1	99.1	99.7	100.4	102.8	111.8	115.6	117.7	117.7	110.4
Frozen vegetables:														
Peas, green 2/-----	100.0	97.3	99.2	98.2	96.7	97.3	95.8	95.9	95.6	96.8	97.5	98.5	98.8	96.9
Beans, green 2/-----	100.0	100.4	100.8	100.7	100.8	101.1	100.3	99.5	100.5	100.5	100.1	100.0	99.9	100.2
Fresh fruits and vegetables-----	120.4	116.1	121.7	120.4	119.9	118.9	119.3	129.8	123.9	114.3	104.1	105.7	105.6	109.0
Fresh fruits:														
Apples-----	117.7	133.9	121.7	129.1	132.3	138.6	149.0	166.3	168.9	137.8	117.8	111.1	115.6	118.2
Bananas-----	101.1	104.0	100.5	104.1	104.3	104.0	103.3	104.1	104.0	104.9	104.3	104.8	105.0	104.2
Oranges, size 200-----	100.7	105.3	93.1	97.1	99.8	99.3	104.1	116.0	115.6	110.7	110.6	108.2	103.3	105.9
Lemons 3/-----	(4/)	103.5	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	100.0	101.2	104.5	98.4	117.4	103.1	101.8
Grapefruit 4/ 5/-----	(4/)	97.6	(4/)	96.2	95.7	98.6	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)
Peaches 6/ 8/-----	(4/)	94.3	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)
Strawberries 10/-----	(4/)	91.1	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)
Grapes, seedless 8/-----	(4/)	94.0	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)
Watermelons 11/-----	(4/)	87.7	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)
Fresh vegetables:														
Potatoes-----	134.3	102.2	131.9	123.7	113.0	108.7	105.1	102.5	100.1	93.1	88.1	87.9	87.0	86.0
Sweetpotatoes-----	115.9	148.8	155.9	158.5	163.1	171.4	174.0	180.0	180.0	162.6	114.0	105.4	107.7	113.4
Onions-----	129.2	101.0	129.1	148.6	153.1	113.4	96.4	96.8	96.4	85.1	75.8	71.7	72.8	72.9
Carrots-----	118.3	108.0	112.0	100.6	98.0	94.6	99.5	105.3	104.7	106.6	113.3	120.3	122.0	118.9
Lettuce-----	109.5	105.2	106.0	94.0	104.3	92.2	99.4	100.0	98.1	140.1	101.8	124.0	106.8	96.1
Celery 5/-----	(4/)	99.2	100.0	93.3	88.7	94.6	103.1	134.4	112.0	100.3	92.3	91.8	90.6	89.0
Cabbage-----	114.0	105.1	110.2	99.7	103.0	103.1	97.8	132.7	115.4	101.8	102.2	101.5	96.3	97.5
Tomatoes 2/-----	100.0	99.2	114.1	106.8	111.0	110.7	98.4	135.2	108.0	75.0	55.6	70.4	83.4	122.0
Beans, green-----	116.2	113.1	150.7	131.0	111.4	118.2	121.4	132.0	102.7	88.3	93.7	100.9	104.2	102.3
Canned fruits and vegetables-----	104.3	105.0	104.5	104.7	104.9	104.8	104.7	104.6	104.8	105.3	105.5	105.7	105.2	104.8
Canned fruits:														
Orange juice 2/-----	100.0	107.8	99.1	102.4	104.3	105.8	106.0	106.5	107.9	110.4	112.7	113.9	113.2	111.7
Peaches-----	107.5	107.6	108.3	107.8	108.4	108.3	108.4	108.8	108.7	109.0	107.3	106.1	105.4	105.1
Pineapple-----	104.5	104.8	104.5	104.5	104.5	104.6	104.9	104.8	104.9	105.1	105.1	105.1	105.1	104.8
Fruit cocktail 2/-----	100.00													

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Table 7.—Indexes of Retail Prices of Principal Foods in the United States, by Month, 1953 and 1954--Continued

(1947-49=100 unless otherwise specified)

Article or group	1953													
	Dec. 1/ 1952	Average	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
All fruits and vegetables-Con.														
Dried fruits and vegetables-	101.2	104.0	101.4	101.7	102.0	102.8	103.1	103.7	104.9	106.0	106.5	106.1	104.6	104.7
Prunes-----	117.0	120.6	117.9	118.8	119.5	120.3	120.3	121.1	121.4	121.8	121.5	121.5	121.1	121.4
Navy beans-----	83.6	85.7	83.4	83.2	83.4	84.2	84.6	84.9	86.6	88.1	89.0	88.5	86.3	86.3
Other foods at home-----	110.6	112.2	109.7	107.3	109.1	110.4	110.3	110.9	112.3	114.4	116.7	117.4	111.8	113.5
Partially prepared foods:														
Vegetable soup 2/-----	100.0	99.8	100.0	99.9	99.9	99.8	99.7	99.7	99.7	99.9	99.9	99.8	99.7	99.8
Beans with pork 2/-----	100.0	100.0	100.3	100.0	100.1	99.9	98.7	99.4	100.3	100.8	100.5	100.5	99.8	100.0
Condiments and sauces:														
Pickles, sweet 2/-----	100.0	101.5	100.1	100.8	101.6	101.9	101.1	101.7	101.7	101.9	101.6	102.0	102.2	101.9
Catsup, tomato 2/-----	100.0	97.8	99.9	98.8	98.0	97.7	97.7	97.6	97.8	97.4	97.0	97.3	97.2	97.3
Beverages, nonalcoholic-----	169.9	174.5	169.8	169.8	170.6	174.4	173.9	172.7	173.5	175.7	177.7	178.6	178.5	178.8
Coffee-----	168.8	173.5	168.2	168.1	168.9	174.0	173.0	171.4	172.3	174.9	177.1	178.0	177.7	177.9
Tea 2/-----	100.0	100.2	100.0	99.7	99.8	100.1	100.1	100.3	100.2	100.1	100.1	100.0	100.5	101.4
Cola drinks 2/-----	100.0	103.5	101.0	101.2	102.0	102.2	102.5	102.6	103.0	104.0	105.0	105.9	106.0	106.0
Fats and oils-----	77.5	79.6	77.2	77.1	77.5	78.2	78.7	78.8	78.9	79.9	82.3	81.7	82.1	82.9
Shortening, hydrogenated--	79.8	82.8	79.8	80.7	82.2	83.3	84.2	84.0	84.0	83.2	82.9	82.7	82.8	83.9
Margarine-----	78.2	76.7	78.1	77.8	76.3	76.6	76.6	75.5	76.0	76.5	76.1	75.6	77.5	78.2
Lard-----	60.7	72.7	58.2	56.5	58.7	60.4	62.3	65.9	65.8	71.7	96.0	92.4	90.1	91.1
Salad dressing-----	90.8	91.4	90.6	90.4	90.8	91.1	91.4	91.3	91.4	91.6	91.7	91.5	92.2	93.1
Peanut butter 2/-----	100.0	99.9	99.8	99.9	99.7	100.0	99.8	99.8	99.7	100.0	100.0	99.7	100.0	100.0
Sugar and sweets-----	107.7	107.6	107.4	107.3	107.2	107.4	107.3	107.5	107.7	107.8	108.0	108.1	107.8	107.7
Sugar-----	110.0	109.3	109.5	108.7	108.4	108.8	109.1	109.3	109.5	109.7	110.0	110.2	109.6	108.9
Corn syrup 2/-----	100.0	100.2	100.1	100.0	100.2	100.3	100.2	100.0	100.2	100.3	100.3	100.3	100.3	100.3
Grape jelly 2/-----	100.0	101.4	99.9	100.6	100.6	100.7	100.9	100.7	101.3	101.7	102.2	102.3	102.4	102.9
Chocolate bar 2/-----	100.0	99.9	99.8	100.3	100.1	100.0	99.6	99.9	100.1	99.7	99.8	99.7	99.6	99.8
Eggs, grade A, large-----	99.1	100.4	96.4	87.9	93.3	95.0	95.0	97.6	101.6	107.0	111.9	114.5	105.0	99.8
Miscellaneous foods:														
Gelatin, flavored 2/-----	100.0	99.7	100.2	100.1	100.3	99.9	98.9	99.9	99.9	100.1	99.2	98.6	99.5	99.6
1954														
All foods-----	112.6	113.1	112.6	112.1	112.4	113.3	113.8	114.6	113.9	112.4	111.8	111.1	110.4	110.4
Foods at home-----	111.9	112.6	112.0	111.4	111.8	112.8	113.3	114.2	113.3	111.6	110.9	110.1	109.2	109.2
Cereals and bakery products-----	121.9	121.2	121.3	121.2	121.1	121.3	121.3	121.6	122.3	122.6	122.7	123.1	123.3	123.3
Cereals:														
Flour, wheat-----	110.3	109.8	110.1	110.5	110.7	110.6	110.4	110.0	109.9	109.8	110.1	110.6	111.0	111.0
Biscuit mix 2/-----	92.2	98.0	97.9	97.9	97.3	97.4	97.1	97.1	97.2	96.9	96.6	96.5	96.6	96.6
Corn meal-----	111.4	111.5	111.1	111.4	111.4	111.4	111.7	112.0	111.2	111.9	111.7	111.1	111.0	111.0
Rice-----	96.2	97.1	97.6	97.6	97.5	97.3	97.0	96.8	96.6	96.6	94.1	93.6	93.9	93.9
Roller oats-----	114.1	113.9	114.0	113.9	113.9	113.9	114.0	114.1	114.2	114.2	114.2	114.1	114.4	114.4
Corn flakes-----	127.9	128.0	128.0	127.8	127.7	127.9	127.8	127.9	128.0	127.9	127.8	128.0	128.0	128.0
Bakery products:														
Bread-----	127.8	126.5	126.7	126.1	126.0	126.3	126.5	127.1	128.9	129.3	129.5	130.1	130.3	130.3
Soda crackers 2/-----	105.4	105.5	105.4	105.0	105.2	105.3	105.3	105.6	105.4	105.5	105.4	105.4	105.4	105.4
Vanilla cookies-----	121.3	120.4	120.6	120.8	120.9	120.9	121.0	121.2	121.3	121.6	122.1	122.4	122.4	122.4
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	108.0	110.2	109.7	109.5	110.5	111.0	111.1	109.7	107.6	106.7	103.9	103.5	102.2	102.2
Meats:														
Beef and veal-----	98.3	99.0	98.2	97.3	97.1	98.2	98.8	98.2	97.1	98.1	98.5	99.5	99.2	99.2
Round steak-----	108.9	109.0	106.4	106.0	105.8	107.8	109.0	109.8	109.5	110.4	110.6	111.1	110.9	110.9
Chuck roast-----	91.6	92.1	92.9	90.7	91.2	92.0	92.1	89.9	87.7	90.3	91.6	91.6	91.0	91.0
Rib roast-----	104.0	105.0	103.3	102.8	102.1	103.6	103.7	103.9	102.5	103.8	104.1	106.3	106.7	106.7
Hamburger-----	83.4	84.5	84.3	84.1	83.6	84.1	84.5	84.0	83.0	82.6	82.5	82.2	82.0	82.0
Veal cutlets-----	118.9	121.7	123.2	121.3	120.0	120.1	119.6	117.2	115.6	116.4	116.9	117.4	116.9	116.9
Pork-----	113.9	117.7	117.9	118.2	119.9	121.8	120.8	117.0	112.9	110.5	105.3	103.3	101.6	101.6
Pork chops, center cut-----	118.0	119.9	116.0	117.2	121.1	123.6	126.9	125.8	120.2	119.2	109.7	111.1	105.6	105.6
Bacon, sliced-----	111.0	115.6	119.9	119.7	120.3	121.7	117.9	110.9	106.1	103.9	102.2	97.1	96.9	96.9
Ham, whole-----	108.1	112.8	111.7	111.6	112.4	114.2	112.6	110.4	109.2	105.0	99.8	98.4	99.1	99.1
Lamb, leg-----	102.5	101.4	101.6	101.9	106.9	107.4	106.1	105.0	100.2	100.3	99.5	100.8	99.3	99.3
Other meats:														
Frankfurters 2/-----	90.9	92.0	91.9	91.8	91.8	91.6	91.9	91.7	90.5	90.3	89.6	89.2	88.7	88.7
Lunch meat, canned 2/-----	103.3	102.6	103.5	105.1	105.8	106.8	106.7	105.5	102.6	101.3	100.5	99.9	99.5	99.5
Poultry, frying chickens-----	88.1	92.2	89.8	89.6	91.2	87.9	89.2	90.4	90.7	89.1	83.0	83.7	80.7	80.7
Fish-----	110.8	110.1	110.6	110.8	111.0	111.5	111.7	111.5	111.0	110.7	110.8	109.8	109.8	109.8
Fish, fresh or frozen-----	109.6	109.5	109.9	110.1	110.3	110.1	110.5	110.1	109.9	109.5	109.7	107.9	107.9	107.9
Canned fish:														
Salmon, pink, canned-----	107.8	107.1	106.8	106.2	105.9	106.5	107.0	107.4	107.8	108.5	109.0	110.2	111.1	111.1
Tuna fish, canned 2/-----	103.3	101.9	102.8	103.5	103.8	104.7	104.9	105.0	103.5	102.9	102.6	102.0	101.4	101.4
Dairy products-----	106.1	109.7	109.0	108.0	104.6	103.5	102.9	104.3	105.1	105.8	106.7	106.6	106.8	106.8
Milk, fresh, (grocery)-----	110.1	113.2	112.1	110.3	108.2	106.8	105.9	108.6	110.1	111.0	111.9	111.7	111.8	111.8
Milk, fresh, (delivered)-----	113.1	115.9	114.8	114.5	111.0	109.6	109.0	111.3	112.6	113.8	114.7	115.0	115.1	115.1
Ice cream 2/-----	97.3	98.6	98.1	97.8	97.4	97.3	97.1	97.1	97.4	97.4	97.3	96.8	96.1	96.1
Butter-----	91.1	99.9	99.5	98.6	88.0	87.5	87.1	87.1	87.1	87.2	90.0	89.8	90.9	90.9
Cheese, American process-----	108.0	112.1	111.6	110.6	108.1	107.4	106.7	106.5	106.5	106.6	106.7	106.6	106.7	106.7
Milk, evaporated-----	101.8	104.4	104.7	104.1	102.3	101.4	101.2	100.9	100.8	100.8	100.8	100.4	100.4	100.4
All fruits and vegetables-----	111.9	110.8	108.0	107.8	110.0	114.6	117.1	120.1	114.7	110.5	111.1	109.6	108.4	108.4
Frozen fruits and vegetables 2/-----	99.1	102.0	99.0	95.7	95.0	99.0	100.7	100.8	100.6	99.9	99.4	98.2	98.6	98.6
Frozen fruits:														
Strawberries 2/-----	94.7	96.0	96.2	95.2	94.8	95.0	94.2	94.2	94.0	94.0	94.0	93.9	94.3	94.3
Orange juice concentrate 2/-----	100.5	107.2	100.1	91.5	90.3	99.6	104.0	105.1	104.2	102.7	102.4	99.5	99.6	99.6

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Table 7.—Indexes of Retail Prices of Principal Foods in the United States, by Month, 1953 and 1954—Continued  
(1947-49=100 unless otherwise specified)

Article or group	1954												
	Average	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
All fruits and vegetables—Con.													
Frozen fruits and vegetables 2/—Con.													
Frozen vegetables:													
Peas, green 2/-----	98.2	98.6	97.7	98.4	97.7	98.5	98.3	97.5	98.3	98.1	97.5	98.0	98.5
Beans, green 2/-----	100.2	100.6	100.4	100.5	100.5	100.8	100.5	100.6	100.1	100.2	99.6	98.6	99.5
Fresh fruits and vegetables-----	113.9	111.7	107.7	108.2	112.1	118.9	122.3	126.8	117.9	111.3	112.2	110.1	108.2
Fresh fruits:													
Apples-----	130.3	121.4	125.5	129.2	135.7	143.7	157.6	153.7	140.2	121.4	109.5	111.3	114.4
Bananas-----	104.1	102.8	103.4	103.5	101.0	99.4	111.3	110.5	99.9	102.0	104.1	107.8	104.0
Oranges, size 200-----	119.1	103.5	99.9	99.1	107.6	112.9	117.7	129.4	145.6	148.1	148.2	113.0	103.7
Lemons 3/-----	98.2	102.6	100.8	99.0	97.4	99.2	94.9	96.7	94.0	93.6	99.8	101.0	99.9
Grapefruit 4/ 6/-----	7/95.1	97.8	93.5	96.0	93.2	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)
Peaches 4/ 8/-----	9/96.7	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	115.7	84.9	88.5	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)
Strawberries 4/ 10/-----	12/96.2	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	93.2	99.2	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)
Grapes, seedless 4/ 8/-----	13/84.4	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	113.8	79.1	78.3	77.5	81.1	(4/)
Watermelons 4/ 11/-----	9/71.6	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	77.2	68.8	68.7	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)	(4/)
Fresh vegetables:													
Potatoes-----	99.3	84.8	85.9	81.3	84.3	93.7	119.1	128.8	117.4	103.8	96.0	98.1	98.1
Sweetpotatoes-----	121.1	117.5	115.4	116.9	120.1	130.1	144.1	156.7	129.6	109.8	100.9	101.2	110.0
Onions-----	85.4	72.3	72.0	68.7	77.2	90.3	97.3	96.8	95.5	89.5	85.2	89.7	90.5
Carrots-----	108.4	113.7	99.3	97.2	100.9	109.8	117.6	112.8	107.6	107.7	111.0	110.2	112.7
Lettuce-----	105.9	122.0	92.0	97.6	104.8	125.3	95.3	89.0	95.9	99.5	129.0	119.9	99.8
Celery 6/-----	90.2	96.6	94.5	91.5	83.8	84.8	96.4	97.1	87.7	83.6	85.9	90.4	90.2
Cabbage-----	99.1	101.9	98.4	107.2	106.8	109.7	95.3	94.0	93.4	88.0	86.8	94.3	112.6
Tomatoes 2/-----	94.7	117.2	105.7	109.6	102.4	122.3	87.2	93.8	73.8	59.3	71.3	89.4	104.6
Beans, green-----	107.2	128.5	122.0	127.2	120.5	144.1	84.9	104.0	86.5	82.9	90.9	120.4	105.0
Canned fruits and vegetables-----	104.0	104.6	104.3	103.5	102.9	102.9	103.8	104.3	104.7	104.5	104.5	104.0	103.8
Canned fruits:													
Orange juice 2/-----	110.5	110.6	108.9	105.6	103.7	104.5	109.6	113.0	115.4	114.9	114.9	113.0	111.3
Peaches-----	104.0	105.0	104.9	104.5	104.3	104.2	104.1	104.0	103.7	103.2	103.1	103.5	104.3
Pineapple-----	104.9	104.8	105.1	104.8	104.6	104.8	105.1	104.6	104.9	104.9	104.9	105.1	105.0
Fruit cocktail 2/-----	101.7	101.6	101.9	101.9	102.0	101.9	101.8	101.5	101.5	101.6	101.5	101.6	101.6
Canned vegetables:													
Corn, cream style-----	106.1	111.9	111.6	110.6	109.2	108.2	107.8	107.6	107.5	107.3	106.3	105.0	103.4
Peas, green-----	101.1	101.5	100.9	100.6	100.9	100.9	101.5	101.4	100.9	101.0	101.2	101.5	101.3
Tomatoes-----	99.4	100.2	99.5	99.3	98.9	99.0	98.8	99.6	99.0	99.2	99.5	99.5	100.4
Baby foods 2/-----	99.2	99.6	99.7	99.6	99.5	99.4	99.1	98.9	99.1	99.3	99.3	98.5	98.4
Dried fruits and vegetables-----	108.1	105.0	105.2	105.5	106.1	106.8	108.1	109.0	109.5	109.6	109.7	110.9	112.2
Prunes-----	126.5	122.2	122.5	122.9	123.7	124.8	126.0	126.8	128.4	128.7	129.3	130.7	131.9
Navy beans-----	88.5	86.3	86.3	86.7	87.0	87.6	88.8	89.6	89.4	89.4	89.2	90.1	91.4
Other foods at home-----	114.8	113.5	114.0	112.3	113.6	114.5	115.2	117.3	119.6	116.0	115.7	113.7	112.0
Partially prepared foods:													
Vegetable soup 2/-----	99.6	99.9	99.7	99.9	99.8	99.5	99.4	99.4	99.4	99.5	99.5	99.5	99.4
Beans with pork 2/-----	100.9	100.4	100.4	100.0	100.3	100.9	101.0	101.2	101.2	101.0	101.2	101.1	101.5
Condiments and sauces:													
Pickles, sweet 2/-----	102.0	101.8	101.4	101.9	102.0	101.3	101.7	102.1	102.7	102.5	102.2	102.7	101.6
Catsup, tomato 2/-----	97.2	97.1	97.3	97.0	97.1	97.3	97.4	97.6	97.6	97.3	96.9	96.9	97.2
Beverages, nonalcoholic-----	207.3	182.7	189.8	198.0	210.0	217.3	221.8	225.0	225.5	209.2	207.2	200.5	200.9
Coffee-----	215.2	183.4	193.0	204.3	220.6	229.0	234.7	238.8	239.4	216.7	213.6	204.1	204.5
Tea 2/-----	104.7	101.5	101.6	101.6	102.0	103.8	104.7	105.2	105.4	105.8	106.5	108.2	110.6
Cola drinks 2/-----	109.7	105.9	106.6	106.6	107.2	110.1	110.9	111.4	111.5	111.5	111.9	111.8	111.0
Fats and oils-----	83.9	83.6	83.0	82.9	83.2	84.1	84.4	84.5	84.9	85.1	84.6	83.1	82.9
Shortening, hydrogenated-----	85.5	84.7	84.1	84.0	84.0	84.4	85.5	86.2	86.8	87.1	87.2	86.0	86.0
Margarine-----	77.4	78.4	77.5	76.9	76.4	77.1	78.1	78.4	78.8	78.4	78.0	75.4	75.9
Lard-----	95.0	93.7	92.4	93.1	96.8	101.7	98.4	95.5	96.2	97.7	94.0	91.9	89.1
Salad dressing-----	94.4	93.8	94.0	94.0	94.0	94.1	94.4	94.7	95.4	95.5	95.4	94.1	93.5
Peanut butter 2/-----	100.1	99.7	99.9	99.8	99.8	99.6	99.6	99.8	100.0	99.9	99.9	100.7	102.1
Sugar and sweets-----	109.8	107.7	107.6	107.6	107.7	108.4	109.1	109.7	110.4	111.2	112.1	112.9	113.2
Sugar-----	108.8	108.8	108.8	108.7	108.7	108.9	109.0	109.1	109.1	109.1	108.6	108.3	108.3
Corn syrup 2/-----	100.7	100.5	100.5	100.5	100.5	100.6	100.8	100.8	100.8	100.9	101.0	100.9	100.8
Grape jelly 2/-----	105.0	103.4	103.4	103.2	103.5	104.4	104.4	105.0	105.7	106.8	106.7	106.8	106.8
Chocolate bar 2/-----	105.4	99.6	99.5	99.6	99.7	101.1	103.3	104.8	106.4	108.6	112.0	114.8	115.9
Eggs, grade A, large-----	84.0	96.3	94.2	83.2	79.8	77.2	76.1	81.5	88.5	85.4	85.6	83.3	76.9
Miscellaneous foods:													
Gelatin, flavored 2/-----	98.9	99.7	99.6	99.6	98.6	98.7	98.6	98.7	99.0	98.5	98.6	98.3	98.7

- 1/ Indexes for December 1952 computed by converting indexes from the 1935-39 base previously published to the 1947-49 base. See table C, page 36, for conversion factors.
- 2/ December 1952 = 100.
- 3/ May 1953 = 100.
- 4/ Not available.
- 5/ Average for 8 months.
- 6/ January 1953 = 100.
- 7/ Average for 4 months.
- 8/ July 1953 = 100.
- 9/ Average for 3 months.
- 10/ April 1953 = 100.
- 11/ June 1953 = 100.
- 12/ Average for 2 months.
- 13/ Average for 5 months.
- \*/ Priced only in season.



Table 8.—Average Retail Prices of Principal Foods in the United States<sup>1</sup>, by Month, 1953 and 1954

(In cents)

Articles	Average for the year	1953											
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Cereals and bakery products:													
Cereals:													
Flour, wheat-----5 pounds	52.3	52.3	52.3	52.2	52.3	52.4	52.4	52.1	52.0	52.0	52.1	52.5	52.8
Biscuit mix-----20 ounces	28.1	28.2	28.1	28.2	28.2	28.2	28.2	28.2	28.2	28.1	27.9	27.7	27.7
Corn meal-----pound	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.4	12.6	12.6	12.7	12.6	12.6	12.4	12.4
Rice-----do	20.0	18.8	19.0	19.4	19.8	20.6	20.6	21.1	21.3	20.6	19.9	19.6	19.6
Roller oats-----20 ounces	18.3	18.3	18.3	18.3	18.3	18.2	18.3	18.4	18.4	18.4	18.4	18.4	18.4
Corn flakes-----12 ounces	21.7	21.7	21.7	21.7	21.7	21.4	21.8	21.7	21.8	21.8	21.8	21.8	21.8
Bakery products:													
Bread, white-----pound	16.4	16.2	16.1	16.2	16.2	16.3	16.3	16.3	16.4	16.7	16.8	16.8	16.9
Soda crackers-----do	26.6	25.7	25.8	25.8	25.8	26.2	27.0	27.2	27.2	27.3	27.2	27.2	27.2
Vanilla cookies-----7 ounces	23.4	23.5	23.4	23.3	23.3	23.5	23.6	23.3	23.4	23.4	23.4	23.4	23.4
Meats, poultry, and fish:													
Meats:													
Beef and veal:													
Round steak-----pound	91.5	103.0	91.6	88.6	87.3	86.6	88.7	88.2	95.2	94.4	93.4	2/90.4	90.2
Chuck roast-----do	52.9	63.6	55.5	52.3	50.7	49.8	50.1	48.7	52.7	53.4	53.5	52.5	51.9
Rib roast-----do	70.0	80.0	71.3	69.1	68.0	67.0	67.6	65.4	70.2	70.5	70.6	69.8	69.9
Hamburger-----do	45.0	53.8	49.2	47.4	45.7	45.0	43.8	42.3	44.0	43.2	42.7	41.6	41.2
Veal cutlets-----do	113.9	120.6	121.9	116.5	115.6	115.5	114.5	111.2	112.2	111.2	110.6	108.5	108.3
Pork:													
Pork chops-----do	82.7	72.5	75.7	78.2	78.4	87.4	89.2	90.6	87.2	88.8	83.8	79.3	81.1
Bacon, sliced-----do	78.5	65.2	68.1	69.9	71.3	75.8	83.4	85.8	88.3	89.1	87.5	77.8	79.3
Ham, whole-----do	69.7	65.1	66.0	67.3	67.5	69.9	73.5	75.3	76.1	72.7	67.8	65.7	70.0
Lamb, leg-----do	72.2	72.3	70.5	70.2	70.7	74.0	76.8	2/74.8	2/75.0	2/71.4	2/71.3	70.3	69.4
Other meats:													
Frankfurters-----do	57.7	59.8	58.7	58.5	58.3	58.3	58.2	57.4	57.8	57.1	56.8	56.0	55.7
Luncheon meat-----12-oz. can	49.5	48.6	48.4	48.7	48.9	49.3	50.2	2/50.3	2/50.0	2/50.0	2/50.1	50.0	50.0
Poultry, frying chickens:													
Dressed 3/-----pound	47.2	49.9	48.3	48.0	47.0	46.9	45.6	2/47.3	48.0	47.8	46.8	45.8	45.5
Ready-to-cook 4/-----do	59.7	62.6	59.9	60.2	60.3	60.1	58.6	59.3	60.5	60.1	59.3	58.3	57.7
Fish:													
Fresh and frozen:													
Ocean perch, fillet, frozen-----do	44.0	44.5	44.7	44.5	44.4	44.3	44.3	44.2	44.0	43.5	43.4	43.2	43.3
Haddock, fillet, frozen 5/-----do	49.1	50.9	49.4	49.5	49.2	48.9	48.3	48.5	48.2	48.9	49.3	49.3	49.1
Canned:													
Salmon, pink-----16-oz. can	52.8	53.3	53.1	53.0	53.2	53.3	53.4	53.2	52.9	52.6	52.1	51.9	51.8
Tuna fish-----7-oz. can	38.2	37.9	37.7	37.7	37.8	38.1	38.4	38.2	38.3	38.5	38.4	38.4	38.4
Dairy products:													
Milk, fresh, (grocery)-----quart	22.3	22.8	22.6	22.4	22.1	21.7	21.7	22.0	22.3	22.5	22.6	22.7	22.7
Milk, fresh, (delivered)-----do	23.4	23.8	23.6	23.5	23.1	22.8	22.7	23.1	23.3	23.5	23.7	23.8	23.7
Ice cream-----pint	30.1	30.4	30.4	30.2	30.2	30.1	30.1	29.9	29.9	30.0	30.0	29.9	29.9
Butter-----pound	79.0	80.3	79.5	79.3	78.8	78.4	78.2	78.1	78.1	78.3	78.9	79.9	79.5
Cheese, American process-----do	59.8	60.5	60.0	60.4	60.2	60.0	59.7	59.8	59.6	59.4	59.7	59.3	59.5
Milk, evaporated-----14-oz. can	44.5	45.0	45.0	45.0	44.8	44.7	44.7	44.5	44.4	44.4	44.3	44.3	44.3
All fruits and vegetables:													
Frozen fruits and vegetables:													
Frozen fruits:													
Strawberries-----12 ounces	37.3	38.5	38.1	37.6	37.2	37.2	37.0	36.7	37.0	37.2	37.4	37.4	36.8
Orange juice concentrate-----6 ounces	19.5	18.5	18.5	18.3	18.4	18.5	18.6	19.0	20.6	21.4	21.7	21.7	20.4
Frozen vegetables:													
Peas, green-----12 ounces	22.9	23.4	23.1	22.8	22.9	22.6	22.6	22.5	22.8	22.9	23.2	23.2	22.8
Beans, green-----10 ounces	24.2	24.3	24.3	24.3	24.4	24.2	24.0	24.3	24.3	24.2	24.2	24.2	24.2
Fresh fruits and vegetables:													
Fresh fruits:													
Apples-----pound	15.7	14.2	15.1	15.4	16.2	17.4	19.4	19.9	16.2	13.9	13.1	13.6	13.9
Bananas-----do	16.8	16.2	16.8	16.8	16.8	16.6	16.8	16.8	16.9	16.8	16.9	17.0	16.8
Oranges, size 200-----dozen	49.0	43.3	45.1	46.4	46.2	48.4	53.9	53.8	51.6	51.5	50.4	48.1	49.4
Lemons (May-Dec.)-----pound	6/19.7	---	---	---	---	18.6	18.9	20.0	18.9	22.5	19.8	19.5	19.5
Grapefruit (Jan.-April)-----each	5/10.1	10.3	9.9	9.9	10.2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Peaches (July-Sept.)-----pound	5/15.1	---	---	---	---	---	---	15.9	14.1	15.2	---	---	---
Strawberries (April-June)-----pint	5/30.8	---	---	---	35.8	29.3	27.2	---	---	---	---	---	---
Grapes, seedless (July-Sept.)-----pound	5/26.8	---	---	---	---	---	---	28.5	31.3	20.6	---	---	---
Watermelons (June-Aug.)-----do	5/ 5.4	---	---	---	---	---	6.1	5.5	4.5	---	---	---	---
Fresh vegetables:													
Potatoes-----15 pounds	80.7	104.3	97.8	89.3	85.9	83.1	81.0	78.8	73.3	69.4	69.3	68.5	67.7
Sweet potatoes-----pound	16.6	17.5	17.8	18.3	19.2	19.5	20.2	20.1	18.1	12.7	11.8	12.0	12.6
Onions-----do	8.6	11.0	12.7	13.0	9.7	8.2	8.2	8.2	7.2	6.4	6.1	6.2	6.2
Carrots-----do 7/	12.2	12.3	11.0	10.7	10.3	11.1	11.7	12.2	12.4	13.2	14.0	14.2	13.8
Lettuce-----head	15.1	15.3	13.6	15.1	13.3	14.3	14.4	14.1	20.1	14.6	17.8	15.3	13.8
Celery-----pound	14.6	14.4	13.3	12.5	13.5	14.9	19.9	16.9	14.9	13.8	13.8	13.5	13.3
Cabbage-----do	7.2	7.6	6.9	7.1	7.1	6.7	9.1	8.0	7.0	7.1	7.0	6.6	6.7
Tomatoes-----do	27.5	31.6	29.6	30.7	30.7	27.2	37.4	30.0	20.9	15.5	19.6	23.2	33.9
Beans, green-----do	23.9	32.4	28.0	23.6	25.1	25.9	28.2	21.5	18.3	19.5	21.0	21.7	21.2
Canned fruits and vegetables:													
Canned fruits:													
Orange juice-----16-oz. can	33.9	31.2	32.3	32.9	33.3	33.4	33.5	34.0	34.7	35.5	35.8	35.6	35.1
Peaches-----No. 2 1/2 can	33.8	34.0	33.8	34.0	34.0	34.0	34.1	34.2	34.3	33.8	33.4	33.1	33.1
Pineapple-----do	38.6	38.4	38.4	38.4	38.5	38.6	38.5	38.6	38.7	38.7	38.7	38.7	38.6
Fruit cocktail-----do	40.3	40.3	40.2	40.1	40.2	40.2	40.1	40.1	40.2	40.4	40.6	40.7	40.8
Canned vegetables:													
Corn, cream style-----No. 303 can	19.0	19.2	19.1	19.1	19.0	19.0	19.1	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	18.9	18.9
Peas, green-----do	21.3	21.5	21.4	21.3	21.3	21.2	21.2	21.3	21.3	21.3	21.2	21.3	21.2
Tomatoes-----No. 2 can	17.6	18.5	18.3	18.0	17.7	17.5	17.3	17.3	17.2	17.3	17.4	17.3	17.2
Baby foods-----4-5 ounces	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
See footnotes at end of table.													

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Table 8.—Average Retail Prices of Principal Foods in the United States<sup>1</sup> by Month, 1953 and 1954--Continued

(In cents)

Article	Average for the year	1953											
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
All fruits and vegetables--Con.													
Dried fruits and vegetables:													
Prunes-----pound	29.1	28.4	28.5	28.8	29.0	29.0	29.2	29.3	29.3	29.3	29.3	29.2	29.3
Navy beans-----do	17.0	16.5	16.5	16.5	16.7	16.8	16.8	17.2	17.5	17.6	17.5	17.1	17.1
Other foods at home:													
Partially prepared foods:													
Vegetable soup-----11-oz. can	14.3	14.3	14.3	14.3	14.3	14.3	14.3	14.3	14.3	14.3	14.3	14.3	14.3
Beans with pork-----16-oz. can	14.3	14.3	14.3	14.3	14.3	14.1	14.2	14.3	14.4	14.4	14.4	14.3	14.3
Condiments and sauces:													
Pickles, sweet 8/------7½ ounces	29.8	29.3	29.5	29.9	29.9	29.7	29.8	29.6	29.7	29.6	30.0	30.0	29.9
Catsup, tomato-----14 ounces	22.4	22.8	22.5	22.4	22.3	22.3	22.3	22.4	22.3	22.2	22.3	22.3	22.3
Beverages, nonalcoholic:													
Coffee-----pound	89.2	86.4	86.3	86.7	89.3	88.9	88.0	88.6	90.0	91.1	91.6	91.4	91.5
Tea-----½ pound	32.4	32.3	32.2	32.2	32.3	32.3	32.4	32.5	32.5	32.5	32.5	32.6	32.9
Cola drinks-----carton of 6, 6 ounces	30.0	29.3	29.4	29.6	29.7	29.8	29.8	30.0	30.2	30.4	30.7	30.7	30.7
Fats and oils:													
Shortening, hydrogenated-----pound	34.0	32.8	33.2	33.8	34.2	34.6	34.5	34.5	34.2	34.1	34.0	34.1	34.5
Margarine, colored 2/------do	29.4	29.9	29.8	29.2	29.2	29.3	28.9	29.2	29.4	29.2	29.0	29.8	30.0
Lard-----do	20.2	16.1	15.6	16.2	16.7	17.2	18.2	18.3	20.8	26.8	25.7	25.1	25.4
Salad dressing-----pint	34.5	34.2	34.1	34.2	34.4	34.5	34.4	34.6	34.6	34.7	34.6	34.9	35.2
Peanut butter-----pound	49.0	49.0	49.0	48.9	49.1	49.0	49.0	49.0	49.1	49.1	49.0	49.1	49.1
Sugar and sweets:													
Sugar-----5 pounds	52.8	52.9	52.5	52.4	52.6	52.7	52.8	52.9	53.0	53.1	53.2	53.0	52.6
Corn syrup-----24 ounces	23.5	23.5	23.5	23.5	23.5	23.5	23.4	23.5	23.5	23.5	23.5	23.5	23.5
Grape jelly-----12 ounces	24.3	23.9	24.0	24.1	24.1	24.1	24.1	24.4	24.5	24.6	24.6	24.6	24.8
Chocolate bar-----1 ounce	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
Eggs, Grade A, large 10/------dozen	69.8	66.9	61.0	64.8	66.0	66.0	67.8	70.6	74.4	77.8	79.5	73.0	69.3
Miscellaneous foods:													
Gelatin, flavored-----3-4 ounces	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.5	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.6	8.6

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Cereals and bakery products:													
Cereals:													
Flour, wheat-----5 pounds	53.6	53.3	53.5	53.6	53.8	53.7	53.6	53.5	53.4	53.4	53.6	53.8	54.0
Biscuit mix-----20 ounces	27.5	27.7	27.6	27.7	27.5	27.5	27.4	27.6	27.6	27.5	27.4	27.4	27.4
Corn meal-----pound	12.6	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.7	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6
Rice-----do	11/19.6	19.6	19.8	19.7	19.7	19.7	19.6	19.6	19.5	19.3	19.0	12/17.6	17.6
Rolls oats-----20 ounces	18.5	18.5	18.5	18.5	18.5	18.5	18.5	18.5	18.5	18.6	18.6	18.5	18.6
Corn flakes-----12 ounces	21.9	21.9	21.9	21.8	21.8	21.9	21.9	21.9	21.9	21.9	21.9	22.0	22.0
Bakery products:													
Bread, white-----pound	17.2	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.1	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.5	17.6
Soda crackers-----do	27.2	27.2	27.2	27.1	27.1	27.1	27.2	27.2	27.2	27.2	27.2	27.2	27.2
Vanilla cookies-----7 ounces	23.6	2/23.5	2/23.5	2/23.6	23.6	23.6	23.6	23.6	23.7	23.7	23.7	23.8	23.8
Meats, poultry, and fish:													
Meats:													
Beef and veal:													
Round steak-----pound	90.7	91.1	88.9	88.4	88.3	89.9	91.0	91.4	91.1	91.9	92.0	92.4	92.3
Chuck roast-----do	51.4	51.9	52.3	51.0	51.2	51.7	51.8	50.3	49.1	50.6	51.3	53.0	52.7
Rib roast-----do	70.3	71.2	70.1	69.6	69.1	70.0	70.1	70.0	69.2	70.2	70.3	71.8	72.1
Hamburger-----do	40.6	41.1	41.0	40.9	40.7	40.9	41.1	41.0	40.5	40.3	40.2	40.0	40.0
Veal cutlets-----do	109.8	112.5	113.9	112.1	110.9	110.9	110.5	108.2	106.7	107.5	107.9	108.4	107.9
Pork:													
Pork chops-----do	86.3	87.6	84.8	85.7	88.5	90.3	92.7	92.0	87.8	87.2	80.2	81.2	77.2
Bacon, sliced-----do	81.7	85.0	88.2	88.0	88.4	89.5	86.7	81.6	78.1	76.5	75.2	71.4	71.3
Ham, whole-----do	70.0	73.0	72.3	72.2	72.8	73.9	72.9	71.5	70.7	68.0	64.6	63.7	64.1
Lamb, leg-----do	71.1	70.3	70.5	70.7	74.1	74.4	73.6	72.9	69.5	69.6	69.1	69.9	68.9
Other meats:													
Frankfurters-----do	55.5	56.1	56.1	56.1	56.0	55.9	56.1	56.0	55.3	55.1	54.7	54.4	54.1
Luncheon meat-----12-oz. can	50.5	50.1	50.6	51.4	51.7	52.2	52.2	51.6	50.1	49.5	49.1	48.8	48.7
Poultry, frying chickens:													
Dressed 13/------pound	43.3	44.9	44.3	43.9	45.4	43.5	44.0	44.1	44.1	43.8	40.5	41.4	39.9
Ready-to-cook 14/------do	53.8	56.4	54.2	54.5	54.6	53.1	54.1	55.7	56.1	54.9	51.3	51.5	49.6
Fish:													
Fresh and frozen:													
Ocean perch, fillet, frozen-----do	43.9	43.5	43.5	43.6	44.0	44.3	44.5	44.2	44.1	44.2	44.3	43.4	43.7
Haddock, fillet, frozen 5/------do	49.5	49.5	49.9	50.0	49.8	49.6	49.6	49.7	49.9	49.6	49.6	48.9	48.3
Canned:													
Salmon, pink-----16-oz. can	52.1	51.7	51.6	51.3	51.2	2/51.5	51.7	52.0	52.2	52.5	52.7	53.3	53.8
Tuna fish-----7-oz. can	39.1	38.6	38.9	39.2	39.3	39.6	39.7	39.7	39.1	38.9	38.8	38.5	38.3
Dairy products:													
Milk, fresh, (grocery)-----quart	21.9	22.5	22.3	21.9	21.5	21.2	21.1	21.6	21.9	22.1	22.3	22.2	22.3
Milk, fresh, (delivered)-----do	23.0	23.5	23.3	23.3	22.5	22.2	22.1	22.6	22.8	23.1	23.3	23.3	23.4
Ice cream-----pint	29.6	30.0	29.8	29.7	29.6	29.6	29.5	29.5	29.6	29.6	29.6	29.4	29.2
Butter-----pound	72.4	79.4	79.1	78.4	70.0	69.6	69.3	69.2	69.2	69.3	71.5	71.4	72.2
Cheese, American process-----do	57.6	59.8	59.5	58.9	57.7	57.3	56.9	56.7	56.7	56.8	56.8	56.8	56.8
Milk, evaporated-----14½-oz. can	13.9	14.3	14.3	14.3	14.0	13.9	13.9	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.7	13.7
All fruits and vegetables:													
Frozen fruits and vegetables:													
Frozen fruits:													
Strawberries-----12 ounces	15/36.8	37.2	37.2	36.9	36.7	36.8	36.5	36.5	36.5	36.5	15/30.6	15/30.6	15/30.7
Orange juice concentrate-----6 ounces	18.6	19.8	18.5	17.0	16.7	18.5	19.3	19.5	19.3	19.0	19.0	18.4	18.5

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 8.—Average Retail Prices of Principal Foods in the United States<sup>1/</sup>, by Month, 1953 and 1954--Continued

(In cents)

Article	Average for the year	1954											
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
All fruits and vegetables--Con.													
Frozen fruits and vegetables--Con.													
Fresh vegetables:													
Peas, green-----10 ounces	16/19.3	16/23.3	19.2	19.4	19.2	19.4	19.4	19.2	19.3	19.3	19.2	19.3	19.4
Beans, green-----do	24.4	24.5	24.4	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.4	24.4	24.2	24.0	24.2
Fresh fruits and vegetables:													
Fresh fruits:													
Apples-----pound	15.3	14.2	14.7	15.1	15.9	16.8	18.5	18.1	16.5	14.3	12.9	13.1	13.5
Bananas-----do	16.8	16.6	16.7	16.7	16.3	16.0	18.0	17.9	16.1	15.5	16.8	17.4	16.8
Oranges, size 200-----dozen	55.4	48.2	46.5	46.1	50.1	52.6	54.8	60.2	67.7	68.9	68.9	52.5	48.2
Lemons-----pound	18.2	19.0	18.7	18.3	18.0	18.4	17.6	18.0	17.5	17.4	18.5	18.8	18.5
Grapefruit (Jan.-April)-----each	6/9.8	10.0	9.6	9.9	9.6	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Peaches (July-Sept.)-----pound	5/15.6	---	---	---	---	---	---	18.9	13.7	14.3	---	---	---
Strawberries 17/(April-June)-----pint	5/34.2	---	---	---	38.7	31.0	32.8	---	---	---	---	---	---
Grapes, seedless (July-Nov.)-----pound	5/24.0	---	---	---	---	---	---	32.7	22.4	19.9	22.0	23.1	---
Watermelons (June-Aug.)-----do	5/4.5	---	---	---	---	---	4.8	4.3	4.3	---	---	---	---
Fresh vegetables:													
Potatoes-----15 pounds	78.9	67.2	68.1	64.5	66.9	74.3	94.4	102.7	93.5	82.7	76.5	78.2	78.1
Sweetpotatoes-----pound	13.6	13.1	12.9	13.1	13.4	14.6	16.1	17.6	14.6	12.4	11.4	11.4	12.4
Onions-----do	7.3	6.2	6.2	5.9	6.6	7.8	8.4	8.2	8.1	7.6	7.3	7.6	7.7
Carrots-----do	13.4	13.8	12.1	11.8	12.4	13.4	14.4	13.9	13.4	13.5	14.0	13.9	14.2
Lettuce-----head	15.3	17.5	13.3	14.1	15.1	18.1	13.8	12.8	13.8	14.4	18.6	17.3	14.4
Celery-----pound	13.5	14.5	14.1	13.6	12.6	12.7	14.5	14.5	13.1	12.5	12.8	13.5	13.5
Cabbage-----do	6.9	7.0	6.8	7.4	7.4	7.6	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.1	6.0	6.5	7.8
Tomatoes-----do	26.4	32.7	29.5	30.6	28.6	34.1	24.3	26.1	20.5	16.5	19.9	24.9	29.1
Beans, green-----do	22.4	26.9	25.5	26.6	25.2	23.8	17.7	21.7	18.0	17.2	18.9	25.1	21.8
Canned fruits and vegetables:													
Canned fruits:													
Orange juice-----46-oz. can	34.9	35.0	34.4	33.4	32.8	33.0	34.7	35.7	36.4	36.3	36.3	35.7	35.2
Peaches-----No. 2 1/2 can	32.8	33.1	33.1	32.9	32.9	32.8	32.8	32.8	32.7	32.6	32.5	32.7	32.9
Pineapple-----do	38.7	38.7	38.8	38.7	38.6	38.7	38.8	38.6	38.7	38.7	38.7	38.7	38.7
Fruit cocktail-----do	41.0	41.0	41.1	41.1	41.1	41.1	41.1	40.9	40.9	41.0	40.9	41.0	41.0
Canned vegetables:													
Corn, cream style-----No. 303 can	18.2	18.9	18.8	18.6	18.4	18.2	18.2	18.2	18.2	18.1	18.0	17.7	17.5
Peas, green-----do	21.4	21.4	21.3	21.3	21.3	21.3	21.4	21.4	21.3	21.4	21.4	21.5	21.4
Tomatoes-----19/No. 2 can	18/17.3	17.3	17.3	17.3	17.2	17.3	17.3	17.5	17.4	17.4	17/14.7	14.7	14.8
Baby foods-----4 1/2-5 ounces	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.7
Dried fruits and vegetables:													
Prunes-----pound	30.8	29.6	29.7	29.8	30.0	30.3	30.6	30.9	31.3	31.3	31.5	31.9	32.1
Navy beans-----do	17.6	17.2	17.2	17.3	17.3	17.4	17.7	17.9	17.8	17.8	17.8	17.9	18.2
Other foods at home:													
Partially prepared foods:													
Vegetable soup-----11-oz. can	14.3	14.3	14.3	14.3	14.3	14.3	14.3	14.3	14.3	14.3	14.3	14.3	14.3
Beans with pork-----16-oz. can	14.5	14.4	14.4	14.4	14.3	14.4	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5
Condiments and sauces:													
Pickles, sweet 8/-----7 1/2 ounces	29.7	30.1	29.9	30.1	30.1	29.8	30.0	29.7	29.6	29.5	29.4	29.5	29.2
Catsup, tomato-----14 ounces	22.3	22.2	22.3	22.2	22.2	22.3	22.3	22.4	22.4	22.3	22.2	22.2	22.3
Beverages, nonalcoholic:													
Coffee-----pound	110.8	94.5	99.4	105.2	113.6	118.0	120.9	123.0	123.3	111.6	110.0	105.1	105.3
Tea-----1/2 pound	34.2	33.2	33.2	33.2	33.4	33.9	34.2	34.4	34.5	34.6	34.8	35.4	36.1
Cola drinks-----carton of 6, 6 ounces	31.8	30.7	30.9	30.9	31.1	31.9	32.2	32.3	32.3	32.3	32.4	32.4	32.2
Fats and oils:													
Shortening, hydrogenated-----pound	35.2	34.8	34.6	34.5	34.5	34.7	35.2	35.5	35.7	35.8	35.9	35.4	35.4
Margarine, colored 2/-----do	29.9	30.3	29.9	29.7	29.5	29.8	30.1	30.3	30.4	30.2	30.1	29.1	29.3
Lard-----do	26.2	25.8	25.4	25.6	26.7	28.0	27.1	26.3	26.5	26.9	25.9	25.3	24.5
Salad dressing-----pint	35.9	35.7	35.8	35.8	35.8	35.8	35.9	36.1	36.3	36.4	36.3	35.8	35.6
Peanut butter-----pound	49.3	49.1	49.2	49.2	49.1	49.0	49.1	49.3	49.4	49.3	49.3	49.7	50.4
Sugar and sweets:													
Sugar-----5 pounds	52.6	52.6	52.6	52.6	52.5	52.7	52.7	52.7	52.7	52.7	52.4	52.3	52.3
Corn syrup-----24 ounces	23.7	23.6	23.6	23.6	23.6	23.6	23.7	23.7	23.7	23.7	23.7	23.7	23.7
Grape jelly-----12 ounces	25.5	25.1	25.1	25.0	25.1	25.3	25.3	25.5	25.6	25.9	25.9	25.9	25.9
Chocolate bars-----1 ounce	4.8	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.9	5.1	5.2	5.3
Eggs, Grade A, large 10/-----dozen	58.5	67.1	65.5	57.9	55.5	53.8	53.0	56.9	61.7	59.6	59.7	58.1	53.6
Miscellaneous foods:													
Gelatin, flavored-----3-lb ounces	8.5	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5

1/In most cases prices are weighted averages of the 46 cities included in the Bureau's revised Consumer Price Index. (See appendix, table A, for a list of cities and the population weights used in combining cities). However, local variations in size and quality limit the number of cities for which comparable prices are available. In such cases averages are based on slightly less than 46 cities. All cases in which the averages are based on considerably less than 46 cities are indicated by footnote.

2/Revised. 3/12 cities. 4/34 cities. 5/36 cities. 6/Average of months shown. 7/Published as bunch through May 15, 1953.

8/Formerly published as gherkins.

9/United States average for colored margarine has been computed for varying numbers of cities since July 1950, when the repeal of Internal Revenue taxes on it caused it to replace uncolored margarine gradually. From January through June 1953, prices are for 43 cities; from July 1953, for 44 cities. United States prices for uncolored margarine have not been computed since June 1952, but they are included in the margarine index.

10/The United States average for eggs includes prices for all 46 cities. Prices are for grade A, large eggs with the following exceptions: grade AA, large, in Seattle, beginning December 1953; Portland, Oreg., beginning February 1954; San Francisco, beginning May 1954; and ungraded eggs in some small cities.

11/Average for 10 months.

12/Beginning November 1954, prices are an average of short grain rice only, priced in 33 cities.

13/12 cities January through April 1954; 11 cities May and June; 9 cities in July; and 8 cities beginning August 1954.

14/34 cities January through April 1954; 35 cities May and June; 37 cities in July; 38 cities August through October; and 37 cities, beginning November 1954. Prices of chickens for Houston (with feet on) included in the United States price through October 1954, and excluded beginning November 1954.

15/Prices for 10 ounces, beginning October 1954. For the annual average price, all prices were converted to 12-oz. size.

16/Prices for 12 ounces, in January 1954. For the annual average price, January price was converted to 10-oz. size.

17/23 cities in April 1954; 36 cities in May; and 38 cities in June 1954.

18/Average for 9 months.

19/Prices for No. 303 can, beginning October 1954, when specification was changed from No. 2 to No. 303 can.

Table 9.--Annual Average Retail Prices of Principal Foods by City, 1953 and 1954  
(In Cents)

Article	Atlanta, Ga.		Baltimore, Md.		Boston, Mass.		Chicago, Ill.		Cincinnati, Ohio		Cleveland, Ohio		Detroit, Mich.		Houston, Texas		Kansas City, Mo.		Los Angeles, Calif.	
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
Cereals and bakery products:																				
Cereals:																				
Flour, wheat-----5 pounds	53.1	53.8	51.5	54.1	50.9	51.6	50.0	52.0	53.3	54.3	52.5	54.9	51.0	53.0	52.4	53.5	49.1	48.5	53.6	54.4
Biscuit mix-----20 ounces	27.8	26.9	27.6	27.7	28.2	27.5	27.9	27.2	28.3	27.9	28.5	28.3	28.9	28.6	28.0	26.8	28.4	28.0	27.6	26.9
Corn meal-----pound	8.0	7.1	12.1	12.1	11.9	11.7	12.2	12.4	12.6	12.6	12.5	12.6	12.5	12.4	12.4	12.1	12.5	12.1	12.7	12.6
Rice, short grain-----do	19.0	18.6	19.3	19.1	19.5	19.7	19.3	17.7	20.2	20.6	19.8	18.0	19.2	17.7	---	---	18.4	17.2	---	---
Rice, long grain-----do	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	19.8	17.4	---	---	19.7	20.5
Rolls oats-----20 ounces	18.1	18.3	18.2	18.5	18.2	18.3	17.6	17.9	18.0	18.6	18.1	18.7	18.2	18.6	18.0	18.5	17.6	17.5	19.2	19.3
Corn flakes-----8 ounces	15.6	16.0	---	---	15.9	15.9	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	16.5	16.6	16.3	16.1	16.2
Corn flakes-----12 ounces	---	---	22.0	22.3	---	---	---	21.2	21.4	21.6	22.0	21.7	22.0	21.7	22.2	---	---	---	---	---
Bakery products:																				
Bread, white-----pound	16.2	17.1	15.9	17.1	16.3	16.7	15.2	16.1	15.6	16.1	15.5	16.9	15.8	16.7	14.0	14.5	16.5	17.0	17.3	18.5
Soda crackers-----do	26.6	27.0	26.0	26.7	27.8	28.6	26.6	27.1	26.5	27.3	26.6	27.4	27.0	27.8	26.3	27.1	26.5	27.1	26.2	26.1
Vanilla cookies-----7 ounces	---	---	22.9	23.6	22.3	23.2	25.4	26.2	---	---	---	24.4	24.0	24.2	23.4	24.0	23.1	23.1	23.8	24.2
Vanilla cookies-----12 ounces	35.2	35.3	---	---	---	---	---	---	27.7	28.9	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Meats, poultry, and fish:																				
Meats:																				
Beef and veal:																				
Round steak-----pound	90.7	92.0	99.4	98.6	104.5	103.9	82.4	81.8	91.3	88.6	86.2	85.3	89.8	88.8	93.0	90.0	83.1	83.8	90.5	89.4
Chuck roast-----do	53.7	53.2	53.5	51.4	53.2	52.4	50.3	49.7	57.6	54.7	54.9	54.2	53.5	52.2	(3/)	4/55.6	52.8	50.1	56.0	55.0
Rib roast-----do	74.0	77.7	73.7	71.8	64.7	64.7	66.2	66.7	72.0	73.1	72.7	71.2	71.1	71.5	(3/)	80.5	68.3	68.6	79.0	79.2
Hamburger-----do	42.7	37.5	1/52.5	51.1	45.2	42.6	43.2	40.3	49.1	42.6	39.7	39.2	42.8	40.0	45.2	43.3	43.0	39.1	45.2	40.3
Veal cutlets-----do	101.7	98.4	130.8	127.4	110.2	104.0	105.9	114.2	109.4	110.0	108.3	109.5	110.1	83.9	81.0	---	---	94.6	112.4	109.1
Pork:																				
Pork chops-----do	73.6	78.7	82.1	85.7	83.4	86.5	84.8	88.4	84.9	88.4	89.3	93.2	89.2	93.5	80.1	81.1	81.1	35.0	94.4	96.8
Bacon, sliced-----do	80.0	82.2	79.4	86.0	77.9	81.0	77.3	80.8	81.7	85.0	74.9	79.0	77.6	82.4	77.7	81.2	77.6	78.3	81.0	85.4
Ham, whole-----do	69.2	69.0	70.7	72.1	72.5	73.9	67.7	68.0	71.9	72.4	69.8	70.7	70.8	71.9	72.2	73.4	67.2	68.2	71.1	70.8
Lamb, leg-----do	77.9	76.0	72.6	71.7	72.1	70.6	67.9	67.8	85.7	85.5	74.7	73.7	75.6	75.3	36.6	1/85.7	(3/)	(3/)	73.2	70.3
Other meats:																				
Frankfurters-----do	57.0	53.3	58.2	56.0	58.7	55.8	54.0	53.4	61.6	60.7	59.3	57.7	55.8	52.1	55.8	54.2	57.6	54.7	55.6	53.8
Luncheon meat-----12-oz. can	49.1	50.2	48.6	50.5	47.9	49.0	48.8	50.1	50.1	51.5	49.5	51.5	51.1	51.9	49.1	50.5	49.5	48.8	49.4	49.9
Poultry, frying chickens:																				
Dressed-----pound	---	---	48.5	44.2	47.3	43.3	46.6	(5/)	---	---	---	---	47.9	(6/)	---	---	---	---	2/57.7	(6/)
Ready-to-cook-----do	54.3	47.3	---	---	---	---	---	(5/)	61.3	54.6	59.2	54.2	---	(8/)	56.7	7/50.3	61.0	52.7	---	(8/)
Fish:																				
Fresh and frozen:																				
Ocean perch, fillet, frozen-----do	36.2	39.0	44.6	44.8	---	---	42.3	43.2	(3/)	(3/)	43.2	45.0	43.8	45.2	47.2	46.6	42.3	(8/)	---	---
Haddock, fillet, frozen-----do	(3/)	(3/)	1/47.8	47.9	---	---	43.2	43.6	(3/)	(3/)	49.1	50.5	48.1	50.4	---	---	49.9	(8/)	---	---
Haddock, fillet, fresh-----do	---	---	---	---	47.4	47.7	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Salmon, fresh or frozen-----do	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	74.0	77.5
Cod, fillet, frozen-----do	---	---	---	---	42.1	41.4	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sea trout, fresh, dressed-----do	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Halibut, fresh or frozen-----do	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	61.0	55.0	---	---	61.0	63.9
Canned:																				
Salmon, pink-----16-oz. can	50.6	52.0	51.6	51.2	51.1	50.8	51.6	52.3	54.4	53.3	52.8	52.2	54.2	53.8	52.1	50.3	52.8	51.3	52.8	51.4
Tuna fish-----7-oz. can	38.7	40.2	38.6	39.6	33.3	33.9	39.0	40.3	40.5	43.6	38.6	40.6	39.3	42.5	39.7	40.6	37.8	39.2	38.5	38.8
Dairy products:																				
Milk, fresh, (grocery)-----quart	26.1	25.7	23.9	23.7	23.1	23.6	21.7	21.1	21.8	22.1	19.6	18.9	21.8	21.0	23.2	22.3	19.4	18.7	21.2	20.0
Milk, fresh, (delivered)-----do	25.8	25.3	23.9	23.5	25.5	26.1	25.0	24.9	23.3	23.1	20.9	20.3	23.0	22.2	25.0	24.4	21.4	20.7	22.9	21.7
Ice cream-----pint	(3/)	25.9	36.6	36.9	34.9	32.9	30.3	25.1	30.7	30.6	30.0	30.6	31.3	34.0	27.8	29.2	27.7	27.5	25.9	25.3
Butter-----pound	38.3	37.6	32.2	76.0	79.4	72.7	77.2	71.6	78.8	71.2	79.2	73.7	78.2	72.2	83.5	75.7	78.1	70.7	80.7	72.0
Cheese, American process-----do	(3/)	(3/)	63.9	63.0	56.3	52.9	59.6	58.0	60.7	59.8	57.7	59.1	59.6	(3/)	64.4	62.5	59.6	55.5	60.8	57.8
Milk, evaporated-----14-oz. can	15.2	13.4	14.6	14.1	14.6	13.9	14.6	14.2	14.6	14.0	14.8	14.4	14.5	14.0	14.5	13.8	14.4	13.6	14.4	13.7
All fruits and vegetables:																				
Frozen fruits and vegetables:																				
Frozen fruits:																				
Strawberries-----12 ounces	35.4	9/34.9	41.1	9/42.0	35.0	9/36.0	35.1	9/35.2	1/37.4	9/36.8	38.7	9/37.5	40.4	9/39.3	35.4	9/34.3	34.7	9/34.1	35.3	9/33.6
Orange juice concentrate-----6 ounces	20.5	19.2	20.6	19.5	18.1	17.2	18.3	17.9	19.8	18.7	21.2	19.7	21.2	19.5	18.7	17.9	15.6	16.7	19.4	18.6
Frozen vegetables:																				
Peas, green-----12 ounces	24.2	---	23.7	---	20.9	---	21.1	---	---	---	22.5	---	22.7	---	22.2	---	22.0	---	21.9	---
Peas, green-----10 ounces	---	10/19.8	---	10/20.9	---	10/17.7	---	10/13.8	---	10/19.0	---	10/19.5	---	10/19.7	---	10/18.5	---	10/18.1	---	10/18.0
Beans, green-----do	25.3	25.2	25.2	25.3	23.6	24.0	23.3	24.2	23.8	24.1	26.0	25.3	26.8	26.6	24.6	24.8	23.9	23.6	21.3	22.2
Fresh fruits and vegetables:																				
Fresh fruits:																				
Apples-----pound	2/16.1	1/16.1	15.3	1/14.7	15.3	13.7	16.5	16.3	15.2	14.3	15.5	16.2	1/14.7	15.3	21.2	1/20.4	1/17.2	15.9	15.9	16.6
Bananas-----do	14.4	14.2	16.0	15.6	16.7	16.5	18.6	18.8	18.0	17.7	16.6	17.0	17.9	15.5	15.2	15.2	17.1	17.1	17.7	17.2
Oranges, size 200-----dozen	37.5	41.0	42.8	48.2	46.2	51.1	51.0	53.4	41.7	46.3	50.0	56.0	53.6	63.9	52.4	57.1	50.9	61.7	36.8	45.9
Lemons 11/-----pound	13.4	16.7	12/20.3	18.0	20.9	18.3	19.6	19.4	18.6	17.2	19.1	19.3	20.9	20.3	19.5	18.1	19.0	17.9	16.1	16.0
Grapefruit (Jan.-Apr.)-----each	13/6.8	6.6	9.1	8.9	13/10.3	10.2	9.6	9.1	9.8	9.0	9.4	10.2	10.8	11.4	13/8.9	10.4	10.4	9.5	8.9	8.8
Peaches (July-Sept.)-----dozen	14/12.0	15.1	14.7	14.9	17.4	18.5	16.6	17.3	13.7	15.4	13.6	15.7	16.3	17.5	22.1	21.5	15.1	14.8	16.9	16.1
Strawberries (Apr.-June)-----pint	(3/)	(3/)	30.8	14/37.2	14/38.8	14/31.9	27.3	35.5	15/31.3	14/32.3	32.1	27.6	32.6	14/33.8	15/37.6	29.4	35.0	28.6	31.1	31.5
Grapes, seedless 16/-----pound	23.8	21.6	27.6	17/23.1	28.0	25.2	28.4	17/26.6	21.0	17/24.4	29.4	27.7	17/27.3	23.5	17/23.5	25.4	17/23.7	19.2	17/47.5	47.5
Watermelons (June-Aug.)-----do	3.2	2.7	4.1	4.0	6.5	5.8	5.8	4.8	4.9	3.6	6.2	5.0	6.0	4.9	3.2	11/3.0	5.5	11/4.2	5.3	3.8



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Fresh vegetables:																			
Potatoes-----	15 pounds	92.8	85.6	71.6	69.7	83.4	80.9	83.6	80.5	77.2	88.1	90.3	92.4	89.9	67.4	66.9	84.6	80.6	76.9
Sweetpotatoes-----	1/14.5	2/17.3	1/14.5	2/15.0	12.3	1/15.0	1/11.9	16.4	1/13.3	(3/)	2/15.8	17.1	13.4	(3/)	2/17.1	14.9	10.7	(3/)	16.1
Onions-----	do	9.2	8.1	8.2	6.6	9.0	7.9	9.0	7.6	7.8	7.0	9.1	7.7	7.9	7.0	7.6	6.6	8.4	7.2
Carrots-----	18/ do	11.8	(8/)	12.6	(8/)	15.6	15.2	13.1	8/	10.0	10.8	1/13.0	(8/)	9.3	9.7	(3/)	13.5	10.8	11.5
Lettuce-----	head	16.8	16.7	1/17.3	17.0	16.9	17.6	15.6	16.3	13.7	14.5	16.0	15.9	10.6	12.5	1/15.0	15.0	13.9	1/15.3
Celery-----	1/13.3	(3/)	15.3	(3/)	13.8	14.7	14.7	(3/)	(3/)	13.6	12.9	(3/)	1/13.3	11.4	10.7	(3/)	13.4	12.5	11.8
Cabbage-----	do	7.8	7.3	6.9	6.5	7.6	7.4	8.0	7.9	7.6	7.2	8.2	7.9	6.8	7.1	6.4	6.2	8.5	8.6
Tomatoes-----	do	26.3	25.5	27.4	25.9	27.2	25.8	29.3	26.8	28.1	29.2	27.9	28.4	27.2	26.8	28.2	24.7	33.4	31.0
Beans, green-----	do	(3/)	25.6	22.8	22.1	24.3	23.1	24.8	23.4	(3/)	(3/)	26.6	24.7	(3/)	30.7	23.2	22.3	(3/)	(3/)
Canned fruits and vegetables:																			
Canned fruits:																			
Orange juice-----	16-oz. can	36.0	36.6	32.3	33.7	32.0	33.7	33.2	33.7	37.6	38.4	33.0	34.8	37.7	40.0	31.6	33.0	37.3	39.1
Peaches-----	No. 2 1/2 can	33.6	33.2	34.5	33.4	32.7	32.0	35.4	34.3	31.5	29.7	33.6	33.0	31.7	30.7	35.6	34.9	33.0	31.9
Pineapple-----	do	40.1	40.3	38.4	38.1	36.2	36.5	38.4	38.1	36.2	36.5	39.5	39.9	37.7	37.7	39.6	40.1	36.4	36.6
Fruit cocktail-----	do	40.6	41.5	40.9	41.2	39.4	40.4	41.2	41.9	38.9	40.3	41.3	42.7	37.3	38.2	41.6	42.2	39.1	40.0
Canned vegetables:																			
Corn, cream style-----	No. 303 can	18.3	17.3	19.2	18.6	18.7	17.8	18.5	17.9	19.4	18.0	18.7	18.0	20.3	19.5	18.7	18.3	18.7	17.6
Peas, green-----	do	22.4	21.9	21.2	21.2	21.0	21.0	20.8	21.6	20.4	20.0	21.2	21.2	22.3	22.4	21.6	21.1	20.7	20.8
Tomatoes-----	No. 2 can	20.4	19/19.7	17.6	19/17.6	17.5	19/17.4	17.2	19/17.1	---	---	---	19/19.0	---	---	16.4	19/16.4	---	---
Tomatoes-----	No. 2 1/2 can	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	23.7	22.4	---	---	22.1	20.8	---	23.7	22.1	---
Baby foods-----	1 1/2-5 ounces	9.4	9.9	10.4	10.3	9.9	9.9	10.4	10.5	9.0	8.8	9.6	9.7	9.3	9.3	10.2	10.0	1/ 9.1	9.1
Dried fruits and vegetables:																			
Prunes-----	1-pound	29.3	31.3	28.0	29.7	28.7	30.4	29.6	31.7	27.6	29.3	29.8	31.9	27.6	28.8	1/29.5	30.4	27.0	28.8
Navy beans-----	do	17.3	17.9	17.6	18.0	16.7	17.7	16.2	17.0	18.6	20.5	16.2	17.0	18.1	19.5	19.9	19.9	19.2	20.5
Other foods at home:																			
Partially prepared foods:																			
Vegetable soup-----	11-oz. can	14.4	14.3	14.5	14.5	13.5	13.5	14.2	14.3	14.5	14.3	14.2	14.1	14.6	14.3	14.2	14.1	14.0	14.0
Beans with pork-----	16-oz. can	16.0	15.9	14.2	14.3	14.2	14.4	14.6	15.2	14.1	13.7	14.5	14.4	14.6	14.2	13.9	14.1	14.6	14.7
Condiments and sauces:																			
Pickles, sweet 20/-----	7 1/2 ounces	25.5	25.3	30.4	30.7	28.0	26.6	28.6	30.2	(3/)	(3/)	1/27.9	29.1	31.1	31.9	30.2	29.9	(3/)	(3/)
Catsup, tomato-----	1 1/4 ounces	24.2	24.0	22.7	22.7	21.0	20.9	24.2	24.6	23.8	22.5	22.7	22.0	18.7	18.7	23.5	23.7	26.4	26.2
Beverages, nonalcoholic:																			
Coffee-----	1-pound	91.2	111.3	89.9	113.0	87.2	111.2	90.4	110.2	90.4	104.5	88.8	112.2	93.9	113.1	85.2	108.3	92.7	111.9
Tea-----	1-pound	34.8	36.8	31.1	32.8	31.8	35.2	32.4	34.0	35.1	35.9	34.8	36.1	34.3	35.6	29.4	32.5	34.2	35.5
Cola drinks-----	carton of 6, 6 ounces	29.9	33.9	30.9	35.6	31.7	33.9	(27/)	39.8	30.7	34.7	31.9	35.4	30.4	33.3	1/31.7	32.4	29.6	32.2
Fats and oils:																			
Shortening, hydrogenated-----	1-pound	34.7	36.1	34.1	34.9	33.4	34.8	34.3	35.0	34.4	34.9	33.5	35.1	34.7	35.8	33.4	34.4	33.3	34.5
Margarine, colored-----	do	28/43.0	28/43.0	31.2	31.5	29.0	29.4	31.1	31.0	30.7	30.3	28.9	29.5	31.6	32.7	29.8	30.2	1/31.3	31.7
Lard-----	do	17.8	24.6	19.6	25.8	19.2	25.5	18.9	26.3	23.0	29.1	18.5	24.9	23.9	29.1	18.3	24.3	22.3	28.4
Salad dressing-----	1-pint	34.3	34.9	35.5	35.8	34.5	35.9	34.4	37.1	36.4	37.4	34.4	36.9	35.9	38.3	33.4	34.3	34.1	36.4
Peanut butter-----	1-pound	47.6	48.1	48.4	48.8	49.1	49.0	48.1	49.0	52.5	52.3	50.3	49.6	51.7	51.9	47.5	48.3	51.3	51.3
Sugar and sweets:																			
Sugar-----	5 pounds	56.2	56.1	49.7	50.0	49.7	49.8	53.5	53.7	57.1	54.8	52.5	53.1	52.6	51.8	51.8	52.0	54.9	54.0
Corn syrup-----	24 ounces	22.0	22.4	24.6	24.7	24.0	23.8	23.1	23.8	24.8	25.1	21.5	21.6	25.1	25.2	24.2	24.5	25.1	25.2
Grape jelly-----	12 ounces	26.3	28.2	22.1	22.8	21.9	22.7	24.9	26.2	25.4	26.9	26.5	28.2	26.3	27.5	22.2	23.0	24.4	26.0
Chocolate bar-----	1 ounce	4.6	5.0	4.5	4.7	4.5	4.8	4.5	4.7	4.4	4.8	4.7	5.0	4.8	5.2	4.4	4.6	1/4.3	4.6
Eggs, Grade A, large-----	dozen	62.9	52.1	78.2	67.2	76.9	65.8	76.8	65.7	1/70.9	29/60.5	61.0	57.5	71.5	(30/)	73.7	62.6	(3/)	31/63.6
Miscellaneous foods:																			
Gelatin, flavored-----	3-4 ounces	8.9	8.9	8.4	8.4	8.6	3.6	8.7	8.7	9.0	8.7	8.9	8.7	8.7	8.9	8.2	8.3	8.7	8.9

1/ Average for 11 months.

2/ Average for 10 months.

3/ Not available; insufficient number of reports during year.

4/ Average for 9 months.

5/ Not available; specification changed from dressed to ready-to-cook frying chickens, Aug. 15, 1954.

6/ Not available; specification changed from dressed to ready-to-cook frying chickens, July 15, 1954.

7/ Chickens with feet on.

8/ Not available; prices not comparable throughout the year.

9/ Prices for 10 ounces, beginning Oct. 1954, when specification was changed from 12 to 10 ounces. For the annual average price, all prices were converted to 12 ounce size.

10/ Prices for 10 ounces, beginning Feb. 1954, when specification was changed from 12 to 10 ounces. For the annual average price, Jan. price was converted to 10-ounce size.

11/ Priced May through Dec. 1953; monthly, Jan. through Dec. 1954.

12/ Average for 7 months.

13/ Average for 3 months.

14/ Average for 2 months.

15/ April only.

16/ Season, July through Sept. 1953; July through Nov. 1954.

17/ Average for 4 months.

18/ Published as bunch through May 15, 1953.

19/ Average for 9 months; specification changed from No. 2 to No. 303 can, Oct. 15, 1954.

20/ Formerly published as gherkins.

21/ New York, N. Y.-Newark, N. J., Jan. through June 1953, and New York, N. Y.-N.E. New Jersey, beginning July 1953.

22/ Not available; specification changed from 12 ounces to 7 ounces, Aug. 1954.

23/ Not available; specification changed from tenderized to ready-to-eat ham, Oct. 15, 1954.

24/ Not available; specification changed from dressed to ready-to-cook frying chickens, May 15, 1954.

25/ Average for 6 months.

26/ June only.

27/ Not available; specification changed from 12 to 6 ounce bottles, Sept. 15, 1953.

28/ Uncolored margarine.

29/ Average for 11 months; specification changed from Grade A, large, to Grade AA, large, eggs, Feb. 15, 1954.

30/ Not available; specification changed from Grade A, large, to Grade AA, large, eggs, May 15, 1954.

31/ Grade AA, large eggs.

## Appendix

### The Revised Retail Food Price Index <sup>6/</sup>

The Bureau of Labor Statistics published its revised retail food price index, which comprises about 30 percent<sup>7/</sup> of the CPI<sup>8/</sup>, beginning in January 1953. Briefly, the main changes were as follows:

#### Index Base Period

The index base period was changed from 1935-39 to 1947-49 on the advice of the American Statistical Association, and the Division of Statistical Standards of the United States Bureau of the Budget. These were relatively normal postwar years when price controls on most commodities were not in effect. Conversion factors for converting former food indexes to the current base period are given in appendix table C. <sup>9/</sup> Indexes for major subgroups are shown from 1947 to date in summary table 4.

#### Sample of Cities

The sample of cities was changed from 56 large cities to 46 cities selected to represent the 3,000 towns, cities, and suburbs of the United States ranging in population from small cities of 2,500 people to New York City. Following are listed the cities included in the former and revised food indexes:

Cities included in old and adjusted and revised retail food price indexes

City	Old and adjusted series	Revised
Large cities, over 240,000 in 1950		
Atlanta, Ga-----	Priced	Priced
Baltimore, Md-----	Priced	Priced
Birmingham, Ala-----	Priced	Discontinued
Boston, Mass-----	Priced	Priced
Buffalo, N.Y-----	Priced	Discontinued
Chicago, Ill-----	Priced	Priced
Cincinnati, Ohio-----	Priced	Priced
Cleveland, Ohio-----	Priced	Priced
Columbus, Ohio-----	Priced	Discontinued
Dallas, Texas-----	Priced	Discontinued
Denver, Colo-----	Priced	Discontinued
Detroit, Mich-----	Priced	Priced
Houston, Texas-----	Priced	Priced
Indianapolis, Ind-----	Priced	Discontinued
Jacksonville, Fla-----	Priced	Discontinued
Kansas City, Mo-----	Priced	Priced
Los Angeles, Calif-----	Priced	Priced
Louisville, Ky-----	Priced	Discontinued

<sup>6/</sup> For a brief description of the retail food price index, see Retail Prices of Food, 1951 and 1952, BLS Bull. 1141 (p. 32).

<sup>7/</sup> See table B for relative importance of individual foods in the Retail Food Price Index.

<sup>8/</sup> See Consumer Prices in the United States, 1949-52, BLS Bull. 1165; The Revised Consumer Price Index, Outline of Main Features of the Revised Index - December 1952 (mimeographed); and The Consumer Price Index - A Layman's Guide, BLS Bull. 1140.

<sup>9/</sup> See also the Revised Consumers' Price Index - A Summary of the Changes in the Index and Suggestions for Transition from the "Interim Adjusted" and "Old Series" Indexes to the Revised Index - December 1952 (mimeographed).



Cities included in old and adjusted and revised retail food price indexes—Continued

City	Old and adjusted series	Revised
Large cities, over 240,000 in 1950		
Memphis, Tenn-----	Priced	Discontinued
Milwaukee, Wis-----	Priced	Discontinued
Minneapolis, Minn-----	Priced	Minneapolis, Minn.--St. Paul, Minn.
Newark, N.J.-----	Priced	Included with New York.
New Haven, Conn-----	Priced	Discontinued
New Orleans, La-----	Priced	Discontinued
New York, N.Y.-----	Priced	New York, N.Y.--Newark, N.J.-- January through June 1953. New York, N.Y.--Northeastern N.J.-- beginning July 1953.
Norfolk, Va-----	Priced	Discontinued
Omaha, Nebr-----	Priced	Discontinued
Philadelphia, Pa-----	Priced	Priced
Pittsburgh, Pa-----	Priced	Priced
Portland, Oreg-----	Priced	Priced
Providence, R.I-----	Priced	Discontinued
Richmond, Va-----	Priced	Discontinued
Rochester, N.Y-----	Priced	Discontinued
St. Louis, Mo-----	Priced	Priced
St. Paul, Minn-----	Priced	Included with Minneapolis.
San Francisco, Calif--	Priced	Priced
Scranton, Pa-----	Priced	Priced
Seattle, Wash-----	Priced	Priced
Washington, D.C-----	Priced	Priced
Youngstown, Ohio-----	Not priced	Priced
Medium cities, 30,000 to 240,000 in 1950		
Bridgeport, Conn-----	Priced	Discontinued
Butte, Mont-----	Priced	Discontinued
Canton, Ohio-----	Not priced	Priced
Cedar Rapids, Iowa----	Priced	Discontinued
Charleston, S.C-----	Priced	Discontinued
Charleston, W. Va-----	Not priced	Priced
Evansville, Ind-----	Not priced	Priced
Fall River, Mass-----	Priced	Discontinued
Huntington, W. Va.--		
Ashland, Ky-----	Not priced	Priced
Jackson, Miss-----	Priced	Discontinued
Knoxville, Tenn-----	Priced	Discontinued
Little Rock, Ark-----	Priced	Discontinued
Lynchburg, Va-----	Not priced	Priced
Madison, Wis-----	Not priced	Priced
Manchester, N.H-----	Priced	Discontinued
Middletown, Conn-----	Not priced	Priced
Mobile, Ala-----	Priced	Discontinued
Newark, Ohio-----	Not priced	Priced
Peoria, Ill-----	Priced	Discontinued
Portland, Maine-----	Priced	Discontinued
Salt Lake City, Utah--	Priced	Discontinued
San Jose, Calif-----	Not priced	Priced
Savannah, Ga-----	Priced	Discontinued
Springfield, Ill-----	Priced	Discontinued
Wichita, Kans-----	Priced	Discontinued
Winston-Salem, N.C.---	Priced	Discontinued

Cities included in old and adjusted and revised retail food price indexes—Continued

City	Old and adjusted series	Revised
Small cities, under 30,000 in 1950		
Anna, Ill-----	Not priced	Priced
Camden, Ark-----	Not priced	Priced
Garrett, Ind-----	Not priced	Priced
Glendale, Ariz-----	Not priced	Priced
Grand Forks, N.D-----	Not priced	Priced
Grand Island, Nebr----	Not priced	Priced
Leconia, N.H-----	Not priced	Priced
Lodi, Calif-----	Not priced	Priced
Madill, Okla-----	Not priced	Priced
Middlesboro, Ky-----	Not priced	Priced
Pulaski, Va-----	Not priced	Priced
Ravenna, Ohio-----	Not priced	Priced
Rawlins, Wyo-----	Not priced	Priced
Sandpoint, Idaho-----	Not priced	Priced
Shawnee, Okla-----	Not priced	Priced
Shenandoah, Iowa-----	Not priced	Priced

Food Away from Home

Prices of food away from home (restaurant meals) were included for the first time in the revised retail food price index. Formerly, restaurant meals were estimated to have the same price movement as food bought to be consumed at home.

Sample of Food Items

The sample of items was changed by adding 22 foods and dropping 3 foods. Seasonal foods available only for short periods of the year were included for the first time. Some changes were made in the grouping of items for subgroup indexes. Food items included in the old series, adjusted, and revised retail food indexes are shown below:

List of foods included in old, adjusted, and revised retail food price indexes

Item	Old series	Adjusted	Revised
Cereals and bakery products:			
Cereals:			
Flour, wheat-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Corn flakes-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Corn meal-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Rice-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Rolled oats-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Bakery products:			
Bread, white-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Vanilla cookies-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Soda crackers-----	Not priced	Not priced	Priced
Layer cake and jelly roll 10/-	Not priced	Priced	Not priced
Meats, poultry, and fish:			
Beef:			
Round steak-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Rib roast-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Chuck roast-----	Priced	Priced	Priced

List of foods included in old, adjusted, and revised retail food price indexes—Continued

Item	Old series	Adjusted	Revised
Meats, poultry, and fish--Con.			
Beef--Con.			
Frankfurters-----	Not priced	Priced	Priced
Hamburger-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Luncheon meat, canned-----	Not priced	Not priced	Priced
Veal:			
Veal cutlets-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Pork:			
Pork chops-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Bacon, sliced-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Ham, whole-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Salt pork-----	Priced	Priced	Not priced
Lamb:			
Lamb, leg-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Chickens:			
Frying chickens-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Fish:			
Fish, fresh and frozen-----	Included in index but average prices not published.	Prices of specific varieties of fresh and frozen fish published beginning Feb. 1952. 11/	Priced
Salmon, pink, canned-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Tuna fish, canned-----	Not priced	Not priced	Priced
Dairy products:			
Butter-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Cheese-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Milk, fresh (delivered)-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Milk, fresh (grocery)-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Ice cream-----	Not priced	Priced	Priced
Milk, evaporated-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Eggs:			
Eggs, fresh-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Frozen fruits and vegetables:			
Strawberries-----	Not priced	Priced	Priced
Orange juice concentrate-----	Not priced	Priced	Priced
Peas-----	Not priced	Priced	Priced
Green beans-----	Not priced	Not priced	Priced
Fresh fruits and vegetables:			
Fresh fruits:			
Apples-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Bananas-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Oranges-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Lemons-----	Not priced	Not priced	Priced
Grapefruit-----	Not priced	Not priced	Priced
Peaches-----	Not priced	Not priced	Priced
Strawberries-----	Not priced	Not priced	Priced
Grapes-----	Not priced	Not priced	Priced
Watermelons-----	Not priced	Not priced	Priced
Fresh vegetables:			
Beans, green-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Cabbage-----	Priced	Priced	Priced

List of foods included in old, adjusted, and revised retail food price indexes--Continued

Item	Old series	Adjusted	Revised
Fresh fruits and vegetables--Con.			
Fresh vegetables--Con.			
Carrots-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Celery-----	Not priced	Not priced	Priced
Lettuce-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Onions-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Potatoes-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Sweetpotatoes-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Tomatoes-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Canned fruits and vegetables:			
Canned fruits:			
Fruit cocktail-----	Not priced	Not priced	Priced
Orange juice-----	Not priced	Not priced	Priced
Peaches-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Pineapple-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Canned vegetables:			
Baby foods-----	Not priced	Priced	Priced
Corn-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Peas-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Tomatoes-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Dried fruits and vegetables:			
Prunes-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Navy beans-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Partially prepared foods:			
Vegetable soup-----	Not priced	Not priced	Priced
Beans with pork-----	Not priced	Not priced	Priced
Pickles, sweet-----	Not priced	Not priced	Priced
Catsup, tomato-----	Not priced	Not priced	Priced
Beverages:			
Coffee-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Tea-----	Not priced	Not priced	Priced
Cola drinks-----	Not priced	Priced	Priced
Fats and oils:			
Lard-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Shortening, hydrogenated-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Salad dressing-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Margarine-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Peanut butter-----	Not priced	Not priced	Priced
Sugar and sweets:			
Sugar-----	Priced	Priced	Priced
Corn syrup-----	Not priced	Not priced	Priced
Grape jelly-----	Not priced	Priced	Priced
Chocolate bar-----	Not priced	Not priced	Priced
Miscellaneous foods:			
Gelatin, flavored-----	Not priced	Not priced	Priced

10/ Layer cake priced in 46 cities, and jelly roll in 10 cities.

11/ For specific varieties of fresh and frozen fish priced in various cities, see Retail Prices of Food, February 15, 1952 (p. 46).

## Commodity Weights

Commodity weights were revised, based on the Bureau's 1950 consumer expenditure survey in 91 cities, adjusted to reflect 1952 expenditure patterns.<sup>12/</sup>

Although the Bureau had begun its planned 3-year revision of the Consumer Price Index<sup>13/</sup> in 1949, the sudden development of the Korean crisis during the summer of 1950 made necessary certain immediate revisions. As a result, the adjusted retail food price index<sup>14/</sup> was computed retroactive to January 1950, with a revised set of weights representing estimated 1950 expenditure patterns, and continued through December 1952<sup>15/</sup>, in addition to the old series index.

At the end of 1952, the Bureau dropped the old series index, but reinstated it in February 1953<sup>16/</sup> (retroactive to January 1953) and continued its calculation through June 1953<sup>17/</sup> by direction of President Eisenhower and the Secretary of Labor. The action was in response to requests by members of Congress and by major labor and management groups which had collective bargaining agreements with wage-escalator clauses based on the old series index.

The revised index beginning January 1953 was linked to the adjusted series index at December 1952, after conversion to the new base period, to form a continuous series. These are the indexes shown in this bulletin. The methods of calculating the revised index are essentially the same as for the adjusted and old series indexes previously calculated and described in earlier bulletins.

## Publications

Retail food price data are issued regularly as follows:

1. Consumer Price Index (monthly multilithed).
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 or biennially).

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<sup>12/</sup> See Selection of Cities for Consumer Expenditures Survey, 1950, Monthly Labor Review, April 1951 (p. 430); and Family Income, Expenditures, and Savings in BLS Bull. 1097 (Revised), 1950, June 1953.

<sup>13/</sup> See The Consumer Price Index - A Short Description of the Index, as Revised, 1953 - January 1953 (multilithed); and The Revised Consumer Price Index, Monthly Labor Review, February 1953 (p. 161).

<sup>14/</sup> See Interim Adjustment of Consumers' Price Index, BLS Bull. 1039.

<sup>15/</sup> In this temporary revision, city population weights were revised using the 1950 Decennial Census data, ten new food items were added, and commodity weights were revised in line with recent expenditure surveys.

<sup>16/</sup> "Old Series" Consumers' Price Index for January and February 1953 (mimeographed).

<sup>17/</sup> "Old Series" Consumers' Price Index, June 1953 (mimeographed).

Table A. - Relative Population Weights <sup>1/</sup> Used in Computing Retail Food Prices and Indexes for 46 Cities Combined Beginning January 1953

City <sup>2/</sup>	Weight	City <sup>2/</sup>	Weight	City <sup>2/</sup>	Weight
	Percent	Population 240,000-1,000,000:	Percent	Population 30,000-240,000-Con.	Percent
46 cities combined	100.0	Atlanta, Ga. -----	2.36	Newark, Ohio -----	2.20
Population over 1,000,000:		Cincinnati, Ohio -----	2.35	San Jose, Calif. -----	2.37
Baltimore, Md. -----	1.17	Houston, Texas -----	2.36		20.01
Boston, Mass. -----	1.73	Kansas City, Mo. -----	2.35	Population under 30,000:	
Chicago, Ill. -----	5.17	Minneapolis -		Anna, Ill. -----	1.21
Cleveland, Ohio -----	1.57	St. Paul, Minn. -----	2.33	Camden, Ark. -----	1.41
Detroit, Mich. -----	2.99	Portland, Oreg. -----	2.36	Garrett, Ind. -----	1.31
Los Angeles, Calif. -----	4.43	Scranton, Pa. -----	2.33	Glendale, Ariz. -----	1.41
New York, N. Y. -		Seattle, Wash. -----	2.35	Grand Forks, N. Dak. -----	1.14
Northeastern New Jersey -----	12.56	Youngstown, Ohio -----	2.33	Grand Island, Neb. -----	1.31
Philadelphia, Pa. -			21.12	Laconia, N. H. -----	1.14
Camden, N. J. -----	2.81	Population 30,000-240,000:		Lodi, Calif. -----	1.41
Pittsburgh, Pa. -----	1.59	Canton, Ohio -----	2.10	Madill, Okla. -----	1.41
St. Louis, Mo. -----	1.52	Charleston, W. Va. -----	2.20	Middlesboro, Ky. -----	1.21
San Francisco, Calif. -----	1.69	Evansville, Ind. -----	2.37	Pulaski, Va. -----	1.21
Washington, D. C. -----	1.36	Huntington, W. Va. -		Ravenna, Ohio -----	1.31
	38.59	Ashland, Ky. -----	2.20	Rawlins, Wyo. -----	1.14
		Lynchburg, Va. -----	2.37	Sandpoint, Idaho -----	1.14
		Madison, Wis. -----	2.10	Shawnee, Okla. -----	1.21
		Middletown, Conn. -----	2.10	Shenandoah, Iowa -----	1.31
					20.28

<sup>1/</sup> Total weight, according to 1950 Census, of sample city and all others represented in the index by the sample city.

<sup>2/</sup> Urbanized area (Census definition).

Table B. - List of Foods and Relative Importance of Individual Foods and Groups of Foods Included in the Retail Food Price Index, December 1952 (Before and After Revision), December 1953, and December 1954

Article	Ad-justed index Dec. 1952	Revised index			Article	Ad-justed index Dec. 1952	Revised index		
		Dec. 1952	Dec. 1953	Dec. 1954			Dec. 1952	Dec. 1953	Dec. 1954
All foods-----	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	All fruits and vegetables-Con.				
Foods at home-----	100.00	84.72	84.25	83.79	Fresh fruits and vegetables-Con.				
Cereals and bakery products-----	11.45	10.33	10.75	11.15	Fresh fruits-Con.				
Cereals:					Grapefruit-----	(1/)	.21	.20	.18
Flour, wheat-----	1.66	1.84	1.89	1.96	Peaches-----	(1/)	.34	.40	.31
Biscuit mix-----	(1/)	.54	.53	.53	Strawberries-----	(1/)	.25	.21	.25
Corn meal-----	.12	.15	.15	.15	Grapes-----	(1/)	.24	.24	.27
Rice-----	.22	.29	.30	.29	Watermelons-----	(1/)	.53	.42	.37
Rolled oats-----	.23	.24	.25	.25	Fresh vegetables:				
Corn flakes-----	.44	.32	.33	.33	Potatoes-----	3.29	1.86	1.20	1.41
Bakery products:					Sweetpotatoes-----	.51	.23	.18	.18
Bread-----	6.36	4.82	5.11	5.38	Onions-----	1.04	.38	.22	.28
Soda crackers-----	(1/)	.50	.53	.54	Carrots-----	.83	.33	.34	.33
Vanilla cookies-----	.79	1.63	1.66	1.72	Lettuce-----	1.19	.60	.53	.56
Layer cake and jelly roll-----	1.63	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	Celery-----	(1/)	.34	.31	.32
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	32.21	25.79	24.93	24.04	Cabbage-----	.50	.14	.12	.14
Meats	23.28	19.77	19.36	18.92	Tomatoes-----	1.64	.75	.92	.81
Beef and veal:					Beans, green-----	.73	.42	.38	.39
Round steak-----	4.44	3.09	2.64	2.74	Canned fruits and vegetables-----	5.48	3.97	4.04	4.06
Chuck roast-----	1.85	1.95	1.50	1.54	Canned fruits:				
Rib roast-----	1.37	.57	.50	.51	Orange juice-----	(1/)	.67	.76	.77
Hamburger-----	3.30	2.05	1.53	1.50	Peaches-----	.94	.57	.56	.57
Veal cutlets-----	1.02	.67	.61	.62	Pineapple-----	.64	.33	.34	.34
Pork:					Fruit cocktail-----	(1/)	.29	.30	.30
Pork chops-----	2.83	2.44	2.83	2.74	Canned vegetables:				
Bacon, sliced-----	1.45	2.80	3.50	3.21	Corn-----	1.08	.46	.46	.43
Ham, whole-----	1.86	2.22	2.47	2.31	Peas, green-----	.79	.53	.53	.55
Salt pork-----	.26	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	Tomatoes-----	1.38	.66	.63	.64
Lamb, leg-----	2.18	.62	.58	.59	Baby foods-----	.65	.46	.46	.46
Other meats:					Dried fruits and vegetables-----	.64	.55	.57	.62
Frankfurters-----	2.72	2.49	2.30	2.27	Prunes-----	.24	.25	.26	.29
Luncheon meat, canned-----	(1/)	.87	.90	.89	Navy beans-----	.40	.30	.31	.33
Poultry, frying chickens-----	6.14	4.12	3.68	3.20	Other foods at home-----	17.14	19.33	20.11	20.18
Fish-----	2.79	1.90	1.89	1.92	Partially prepared foods:				
Fresh and frozen-----	1.87	1.02	1.01	1.01	Vegetable soup-----	(1/)	1.26	1.27	1.29
Canned:					Beans with pork-----	(1/)	.51	.52	.54
Salmon, pink-----	.92	.30	.29	.31	Condiments and sauces:				
Tuna fish-----	(1/)	.58	.59	.60	Pickles, sweet-----	(1/)	.79	.82	.83
Dairy products-----	18.36	14.02	13.90	13.70	Catsup, tomato-----	(1/)	.34	.33	.34
Milk, fresh, (grocery)-----	5.00	4.33	4.31	4.31	Beverages, nonalcoholic-----	7.00	5.26	5.61	6.41
Milk, fresh, (delivered)-----	6.67	4.18	4.16	4.18	Coffee-----	5.20	3.76	4.02	4.69
Ice cream-----	1.58	1.12	1.12	1.11	Tea-----	(1/)	.40	.41	.46
Butter-----	2.43	1.66	1.65	1.52	Cola drinks-----	1.80	1.10	1.18	1.26
Cheese, American process-----	1.74	1.75	1.72	1.66	Fats and oils-----	2.43	2.97	3.22	3.26
Milk, evaporated-----	.94	.98	.94	.92	Shortening, hydrogenated-----	.91	.96	1.02	1.06
All fruits and vegetables-----	20.84	15.25	14.56	14.72	Margarine-----	.58	.82	.83	.82
Frozen fruits and vegetables-----	.62	.89	.94	.91	Lard-----	.29	.28	.43	.42
Frozen fruits:					Salad dressing-----	.65	.59	.61	.62
Strawberries-----	.20	.10	.10	.10	Peanut butter-----	(1/)	.32	.33	.34
Orange juice concentrate-----	.09	.35	.40	.36	Sugar and sweets-----	2.84	3.03	3.07	3.30
Frozen vegetables:					Sugar-----	2.05	1.29	1.29	1.31
Peas, green-----	.33	.27	.26	.27	Corn syrup-----	(1/)	.42	.43	.44
Beans, green-----	(1/)	.17	.18	.18	Grape jelly-----	.79	.42	.44	.47
Fresh fruits and vegetables-----	14.10	9.84	9.01	9.13	Chocolate bar-----	(1/)	.90	.91	1.08
Fresh fruits:					Eggs, fresh-----	4.87	4.81	4.91	3.85
Apples-----	1.10	1.13	1.15	1.13	Miscellaneous foods:				
Bananas-----	1.34	.79	.82	.83	Gelatin, flavored-----	(1/)	.36	.36	.36
Oranges-----	1.93	1.13	1.20	1.20	Food away from home:				
Lemons-----	(1/)	.17	.17	.17	Restaurant meals-----	(1/)	15.28	15.75	16.21

1/ Not priced.

Table C.--Conversion Factors for Conversion of Retail Price Indexes for Individual Items and Groups of Items from the Previous Base Period to the Base Period Currently Used

Article or group	Previous base period	Base period currently used	Conversion factor	Article or group	Previous base period	Base period currently used	Conversion factor
All foods-----	1935-39	1947-49	$\frac{1}{.4950495}$	All fruits and vegetables-Con.			
Foods at home-----	1935-39	1947-49	$\frac{1}{.4950495}$	Fresh fruits and vegetables-Con.			
Cereals and bakery products---	1935-39	1947-49	.6049607	Fresh fruits-Con.			
Cereals:				Grapefruit-----	---	Jan.'53	---
Flour, wheat-----	1935-39	1947-49	.5339028	Peaches-----	---	July'53	---
Biscuit mix-----	---	Dec.'52	---	Strawberries-----	---	Apr.'53	---
Corn meal-----	1935-39	1947-49	.5117707	Grapes, seedless-----	---	July'53	---
Rice-----	July'47	1947-49	.9057971	Watermelons-----	---	June'53	---
Rolled oats-----	Feb.'43	1947-49	.6872852	Fresh vegetables:			
Corn flakes-----	1935-39	1947-49	.6042296	Potatoes-----	1935-39	1947-49	.4472272
Bakery products:				Sweetpotatoes-----	1935-39	1947-49	.4710316
Bread, white-----	1935-39	1947-49	.6333122	Onions-----	1935-39	1947-49	.4894763
Soda crackers-----	---	Dec.'52	---	Carrots-----	1935-39	1947-49	.4828585
Vanilla cookies-----	1935-39	1947-49	.5390836	Lettuce-----	1935-39	1947-49	.5681818
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	1935-39	1947-49	.4304778	Celery-----	---	Jan.'53	---
Meats-----	1935-39	1947-49	.4361099	Cabbage-----	1935-39	1947-49	.5571031
Beef and veal-----	1935-39	1947-49	.4205214	Tomatoes-----	Oct.'49	Dec.'52	.5417118
Round steak-----	1935-39	1947-49	.4030633	Beans, green-----	1935-39	1947-49	.5091650
Chuck roast-----	1935-39	1947-49	.3927730	Canned fruits and vegetables---	1935-39	1947-49	.6289308
Rib roast-----	1935-39	1947-49	.4246284	Canned fruits:			
Hamburger-----	Feb.'43	1947-49	.6131208	Orange juice-----	---	Dec.'52	---
Veal cutlets-----	1935-39	1947-49	.4278990	Peaches-----	1935-39	1947-49	.6119951
Pork-----	1935-39	1947-49	.4655493	Pineapple-----	1935-39	1947-49	.5952381
Pork chops, center cut---	1935-39	1947-49	.4418913	Fruit cocktail-----	---	Dec.'52	---
Bacon, sliced-----	1935-39	1947-49	.5167959	Canned vegetables:			
Ham, whole-----	1935-39	1947-49	.4434590	Corn, cream style-----	1935-39	1947-49	.6493506
Lamb, leg-----	1935-39	1947-49	.4096682	Peas, green-----	1935-39	1947-49	.8576329
Other meats:				Tomatoes-----	1935-39	1947-49	.5296610
Frankfurters-----	Dec.'50	Dec.'52	.9881423	Baby foods-----	Dec.'50	Dec.'52	.9813513
Luncheon meat, canned-----	---	Dec.'52	---	Dried fruits and vegetables---	1935-39	1947-49	.4066694
Poultry, frying chickens-----	1935-39	1947-49	.5192108	Prunes-----	1935-39	1947-49	.4405286
Fish-----	1935-39	1947-49	.3340013	Navy beans-----	1935-39	1947-49	.3694126
Fresh and frozen-----	1938-39	1947-49	.3895598	Other foods at home-----	---	1947-49	---
Canned:				Partially prepared foods:			
Salmon, pink-----	1938-39	1947-49	.2553626	Vegetable soup-----	---	Dec.'52	---
Tuna fish-----	---	Dec.'52	---	Beans with pork-----	---	Dec.'52	---
Dairy products-----	1935-39	1947-49	.5192108	Condiments and sauces:			
Milk, fresh, (grocery)-----	1935-39	1947-49	.5720824	Pickles, sweet-----	---	Dec.'52	---
Milk, fresh, (delivered)-----	1935-39	1947-49	.5865103	Catsup, tomato-----	---	Dec.'52	---
Ice cream-----	Dec.'50	Dec.'52	.9469697	Beverages, nonalcoholic-----	1935-39	1947-49	.4897160
Butter-----	1935-39	1947-49	.4553734	Coffee-----	1935-39	1947-49	.4904365
Cheese, American process---	1935-39	1947-49	.4228330	Tea-----	---	Dec.'52	---
Milk, evaporated-----	1935-39	1947-49	.5227392	Cola drinks-----	Dec.'50	Dec.'52	.8873114
All fruits and vegetables-----	1935-39	1947-49	.4897160	Fats and oils-----	1935-39	1947-49	.5540166
Frozen fruits and vegetables-	Dec.'50	Dec.'52	1.132503	Shortening, hydrogenated-----	1935-39	1947-49	.5045409
Frozen fruits:				Margarine-----	1935-39	1947-49	.4833253
Strawberries-----	Dec.'50	Dec.'52	1.153403	Lard-----	1935-39	1947-49	.5583473
Orange juice concentrate-	Dec.'50	Dec.'52	1.280410	Salad dressing-----	1935-39	1947-49	.6444368
Frozen vegetables:				Peanut butter-----	---	Dec.'52	---
Peas, green-----	Dec.'50	Dec.'52	1.076426	Sugar and sweets-----	1935-39	1947-49	.5656109
Beans, green-----	---	Dec.'52	---	Sugar-----	1935-39	1947-49	.5627462
Fresh fruits and vegetables-	1935-39	1947-49	.4741584	Corn syrup-----	---	Dec.'52	---
Fresh fruits:				Grape jelly-----	Dec.'50	Dec.'52	1.014199
Apples-----	1935-39	1947-49	.4205214	Chocolate bar-----	---	Dec.'52	---
Bananas-----	1935-39	1947-49	.3803728	Eggs, fresh-----	1935-39	1947-49	.4911591
Oranges, size 200-----	1935-39	1947-49	.6067961	Miscellaneous foods:			
Lemons-----	---	May '53	---	Gelatin, flavored-----	---	Dec.'52	---

NOTE: Indexes published prior to December 1952 on the previous base period may be converted to the base period currently used and shown in this publication by multiplying by the conversion factor in the last column. The factor is computed by dividing 100 by the average index for the new base period on the previous base.

<sup>1</sup>/Indexes for all foods and food at home are identical prior to December 1952; only food at home priced prior to December 1952; food away from home added beginning January 1953.