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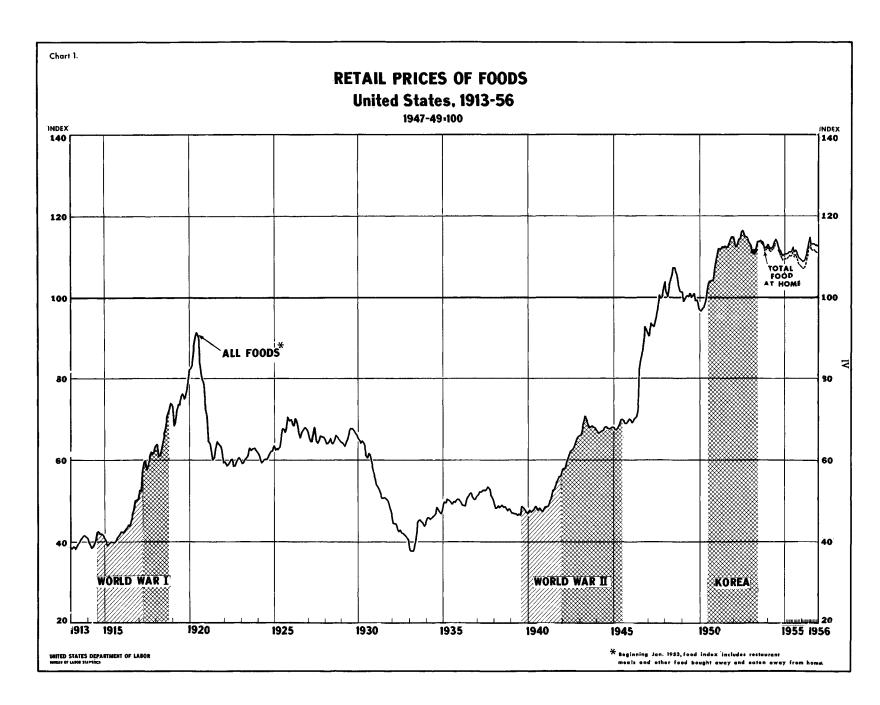
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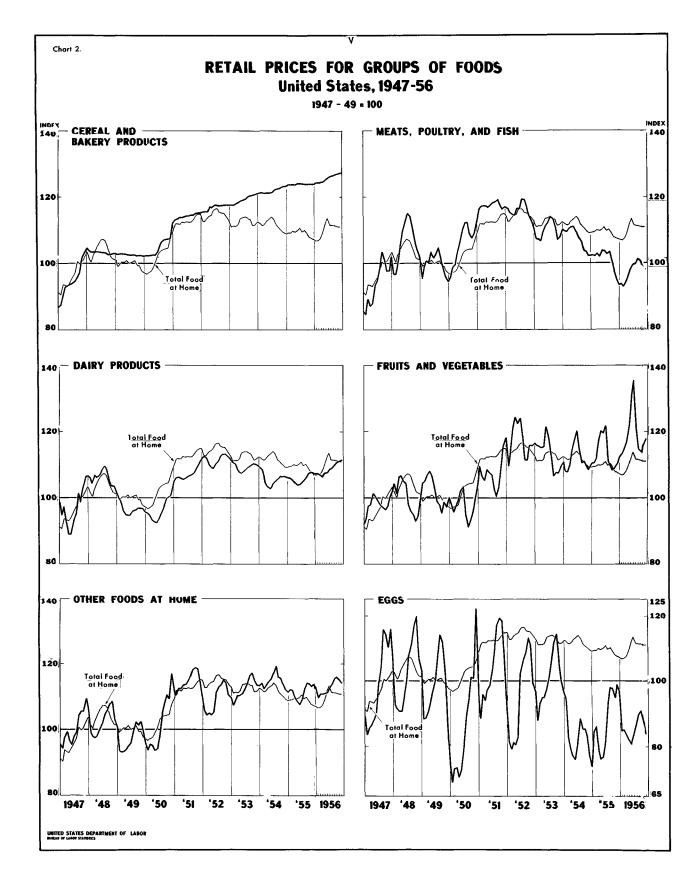


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# Retail Prices of Food, 1955 and 1956\*

#### Summary

As measured by the retail food price index computed by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, retail prices of food in the United States increased 2.3 percent on the average over the 2 years between December 1954 and December 1956. All major food subgroups except meats, poultry, and fish shared in the increase. Food prices, which had been declining from the post-Korean high of August 1952, began to rise in the early months of 1956. A general increase occurred which carried through July, followed by some decrease to the end of the year. (See charts 1 and 2.)

Although food prices registered an increase over the 2 years, the annual average prices were the lowest since 1950, approximately 11 percent and 12 percent above the 1947-49 average.

Prices of foods experienced the usual seasonal movements over the period with a tendency to reach the low point for the year at the beginning of the year and the high point at midyear. Fluctuations from month to month were within the range of \$\frac{1}{2}.0\$ percent and \$-1.5\$ percent, with decreases of greater importance than increases in 1955 and increases predominating in 1956. Starting from the lowest level since the August 1952 peak, the food index rose generally to the year's high in July 1955 and decreased thereafter through the remainder of the year to a new low in February 1956. Monthly increases March through July, with substantial ones in May, June, and July, raised the index to the highest level for the 2 years in July 1956. Following a sharp decrease in August, the index continued virtually unchanged for the remainder of the year. These movements of the all foods index reflected record supplies of beef, particularly in the fall and winter months of both years, and large supplies

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Group and subgroup	Aug. 15, 1952 peak to Dec. 15, 1956	Dec. 15, 1954 to Dec. 15, 1955	Dec. 15, 1955 to Dec. 15, 1956	Dec. 15, 1954 to Dec. 15, 1956
Total food———————————————————————————————————	- 3.2 - 4.6	- 0.8 + 1.5 - 1.2	+ 3.1 + 2.6 + 3.1	+ 2.3 + h.1 + 1.8
Cereals and bakery products  Meats, poultry, and fish  Beef and veal  Pork  Poultry  Fish  Dairy products  Fruits and vegetables  Frozen  Fresh  Canned  Dried  Cther foods at home  Beverages  Fats and oils  Sugar and sweets  Eggs	+ 8.4 -17.9 -23.8 -13.3 -27.3 - 4.1 + .3 - 1.1 - 2.3 - 4.3 + 5.9 +14.8 + 1.0 +18.8 + 8.9 + 3.3 -21.5	+ 0.5 - 7.4 - 4.9 -15.3 + .9 5 + 2.1 + 3.5 + 1.9 + 2.0 + 3.0 + 1.5 - 8.5 - 3.1 - 3.9 + 28.3	+ 2.8 + 3.6 + 4.6 + 11.0 - 8.2 3 + 3.3 + 6.1 - 1.7 + 9.2 + 2.3 - 2.5 + .4 + 9.7 + 6.2 + 1.9 + 15.1	+ 3.3 - 4.1 6 - 5.9 - 7.4 - 1.0 + 4.2 + 8.3 + 1.8 + 11.3 + 4.3 + .4 + 2.0 + 2.9 - 2.0 + 9.0

of hogs in the fall and early winter of 1956, as well as record production of milk and increasing production of eggs. On the other hand, unfavorable weather and growing conditions for some major fruits and vegetables in both years contributed to the sizable increases in the index during the spring and early summer months.

Prices of food away from home (restaurant meals) moved independently of prices of food for use at home in 1955 and 1956. Prices of food away from home advanced month by month with a limited number of exceptions when prices were unchanged or experienced small decreases. The total advance in restaurant meals over the 2 years amounted to 4.1 percent.

#### Changes in Retail Food Prices by City

Retail food prices advanced in all 20 large cities over the period December 1954-December 1956, in contrast to the decreases in the preceding 2 years. Increases ranged from
1.0 percent in Atlanta to 5.2 percent in Portland, Oreg. The smallest increases generally
occurred in southern and midwestern cities while the largest were experienced on the Pacific Coast. Increases were noted in all 20 cities for food at home; cereals and bakery products, fruits and vegetables, and other foods, and for dairy products except for Kansas City
where a fractional decrease occurred. Prices of meats, poultry, and fish decreased in all
20 cities.

Table 2.—Retail Food Prices-Percent Changes by City, and by Subgroup, December 1954-December 1956

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	+ 2.3	+ 1.8	+ 3.3	- 4.1	+ 4.2	+ 8.3	+ 2.0
Atlanta—Baltimore—Beston—Chicago—Cincinnati—Cleveland—Detroit—Houston—Kansas City—Los Angeles—Minneapolis—New York—Philadelphia—Pittsburgh—Portland, Oreg.—St. Louis—San Francisco—Scranton—Seattle—Washington, D.C.	+ 1.0 + 3.1 + 3.1 + 1.7 + 1.7 + 1.5 + 1.5 + 2.2 + 2.3 + 2.3 + 2.3 + 2.0 + 4.0 + 4.0	+ 1.4 + .9 + 2.3 + .9 + .9 + .9 + .7 + 1.8 + 1.8 + 1.9 + 2.6 + 4.3 + 3.8 + 1.3 + 3.8 + 1.3 + 3.8 + 2.8	+ 1.9 + 3.5 + 6.0 + 3.9 + .1 + 1.0 + .3 + 1.4 + 2.9 + 3.1 + 3.0 + 3.0 + 8.2 + .3 + 4.6 + 3.3 + 6.1 + 5.3 + 7.3 + 5.7	- 4.9 - 4.9 - 2.9 - 4.3 - 4.9 - 4.9 - 5.5 - 4.7 - 2.7 - 3.7 - 7.3 - 7.3 - 4.9 - 1.9 - 1.9	+ 3.9 + 3.1 + 4.6 + 5.4 + 2.6 + 5.9 + 3.4 - 2.0 + 5.4 + 2.5 + 3.2 + 3.5 + 11.3 + 8.1 + 9.9 + 4.7	+ 8.8 + 6.3 + 5.3 + 6.4 + 7.9 + 7.4 + 7.0 +10.2 +14.1 + 5.8 + 9.7 + 7.3 +12.4 + 8.9 + 6.1 +10.0 +10.1 + 7.4 + 6.5	+ 2.2 + 1.4 + 2.0 + 2.2 + 1.9 + 1.8 + 2.9 + 1.3 + 3.2 + 3.4 + .6 + .6 + .6 + 1.7 + 6.3 + 1.9 + 2.2 + 1.2 + 1.2 + 2.2 + 1.2 + 2.1

#### Monthly Fluctuations

For 5 successive months at the end of 1954, the index for all foods had declined. This decline was followed by small advances in January and February 1955, as prices of fresh fruits and vegetables and chickens increased, and meat prices continued to decrease. March was characterized by small movements in component series which left the index unchanged. An increase in April, due primarily to higher fruit and vegetable prices, was followed by small changes in May and June and a sharp increase in July to the high point of the year as prices of fruits and vegetables reached the year's high. A sharp drop as large as the July increase occurred in August as increasing supplies of fresh fruits and vegetables, particularly tomatoes and potatoes, came on the market. A temporary upturn followed in September, when meat prices increased. Thereafter, food prices decreased each month through February 1956, as prices for meats declined -- particularly in the late months of 1955 with near record marketings of cattle--and fruit and vegetable prices were seasonally lower. Lower egg prices also contributed to the decline, particularly in February. These successive decreases, which brought the all foods index to the lowest point for the 2 years in February 1956, were followed by monthly increases through July. Recovery of meat prices from the lows at the beginning of the year, sharply higher fruit and vegetable prices induced by cold weather in this country and in Europe, increased exports, high prices for potatoes as supplies ran short and the new crop was delayed, all contributed to the increases in the index for all foods. Arrival of new-crop fruits and vegetables in quantity caused a sharp decrease in the index in August, after which a period of practically no change extended to the end of the year.

Monthly percent changes for all foods in 1955 and 1956 were as follows:

	Perc	ent change
December-January	* .	1956 -0.3 4 / .2
March-April	1	#.6 #1.3 #2.0
June-July July-August August-September	8	≠1.¼ -1.5 0
September-October October-November November-December	9	2 0

#### Trend in Prices of Major Food Subgroups

Meats, poultry, and fish.—Average prices for meats, poultry, and fish continued to decline through 1955 to a low point in March 1956, 92.8 percent of the 1947-49 average. Increases over the following 6 months brought the index to 101.3, the highest point in 1956. Seasonally lower prices, as meat supplies reached a peak, lowered the index in December to a level 4.1 percent below the index in December 1954. Annual average indexes for meats, poultry, and fish in 1955 and 1956 were the lowest since 1949.

Decreases in the meats, poultry, and fish index in the 2 years were due mainly to lower prices for beef and poultry. Meat production reached new record levels in 1956 as the peak in the current cattle cycle was passed. Numbers of cattle attained a cyclical peak in January 1956 and declined somewhat over the year. The reduction in numbers in the Great

Plains region, particularly in the Southwest, through increased slaughter in the latter half of 1956 raised total and per capita meat supplies to a new high for the year. Increasing production of chickens over the 2 years brought prices to new lows by the end of 1956.

The movements of prices of beef and veal, pork, and poultry are depicted on chart 3. Price levels for the three series tended toward similar levels with respect to 1947-49 in early 1955. There were some decreases in prices of beef and veal and pork. There was a sharp rise in prices of chickens following reductions in production and marketings due to the low prices of late 1954. Seasonally higher prices for pork in the spring and summer of 1955 were followed by sharp reductions in the later months of the year as pork production ran well above a year earlier. Prices turned upward in February 1956 and continued to advance sharply through May and more slowly through September. Prices declined seasonally thereafter to December.

Prices of chickens turned downward for 1 month in May 1955, after which they leveled off over the summer months. A sharp drop in prices occurred in the late months of the year as record supplies came to market. Fluctuating prices at or near the level of December 1955 followed through June 1956. Higher prices in July, when meat supplies were at a seasonal low, were followed by substantial decreases for the remaining months of the year as production reached successive new highs.

Beef prices followed a declining trend over the year in 1955, reacting to the increasing supply from the record numbers of cattle. The marketing of record numbers of heavy, high quality cattle in late 1955 and the first months of 1956 carried prices downward through March. Prices recovered with equal rapidity and increased to the highest levels of the 2-year period in October. Reduced marketings of heavy beef and good demand were sufficient to extend the price rise into the period of heavy fall marketing of lower grade cattle. In November and December 1956, the heavy flow of cattle from the drought areas, plus a large supply of fed cattle from the Midwest feed lots, was sufficient to cause sharp decreases in beef and veal prices.

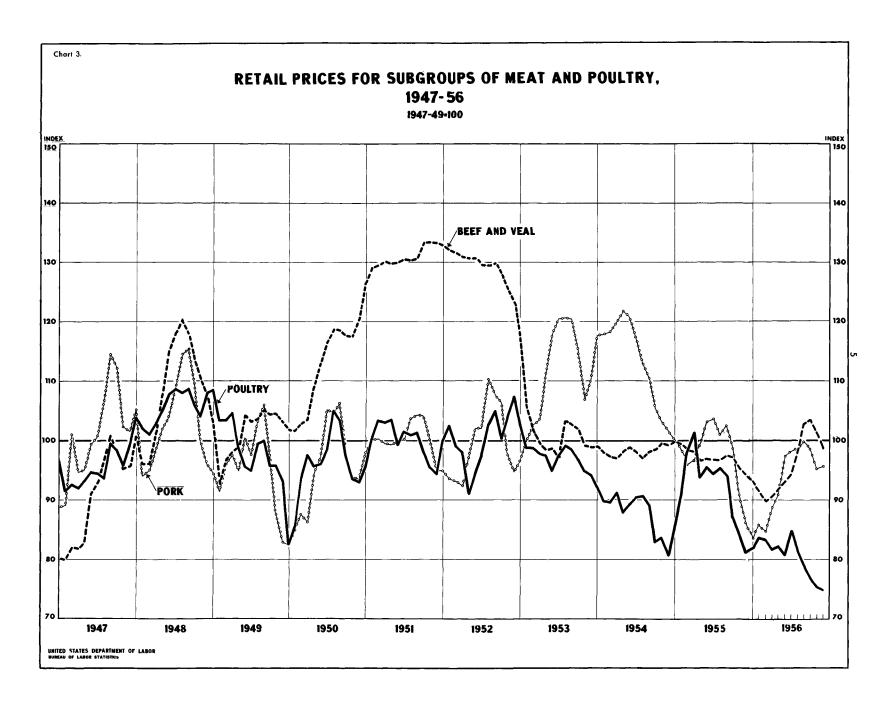
Prices of lamb fluctuated over the 2 years and finished the period at 0.4 percent below prices in December 1954.

Fish prices fluctuated little from month to month, and December 1956 prices averaged 0.8 percent below December 1954. Fresh and frozen fish prices declined 1.1 percent, while canned salmon increased 16.1 percent in response to reduced supplies, and canned tuna was 8.9 percent lower over the 2-year period.

Dairy products.--Prices of dairy products increased 4.2 percent between December 1954 and December 1956, although milk production set new records in both years. Strong demand, increased support prices for butter, and government action in 1956 to increase fluid milk prices over the summer months were contributing factors.

Butter prices averaged 2.1 percent lower in 1955 than in 1954, fluctuating between 88.5 and 90.1 percent of the 1947-49 average. Increases in price after April 1956--when the support price for butter was raised by 1.75 to 2.00 cents per pound--which continued through the end of the year, accounted for a rise of 4.1 percent in the price of butter over the 2 years. Commodity Credit Corporation stocks of butter were reduced to zero during March 1956 and such purchases as were made during the remainder of the year were immediately disposed of, so that there were no government-owned stocks of butter overhanging the market in any of the last 4 months of the year, and stocks in other months were very small. 1/

<sup>1/</sup> Purchases of butter by CCC under the Agricultural Act of 1949 were: 1955--162,300,000 pounds, 1956--164,700,000 pounds.



Milk prices declined seasonally in 1955 from January through May, the low point for the year, and increased thereafter through November. A minor decline in December was followed by seasonal declines through April 1956. Producers' pressure for higher prices resulted in a milk strike in the Detroit area, which was settled with the granting of increased prices in April. Increases also were granted in other milk marketing agreement areas in April and May, producing a contraseasonal rise of 1.5 percent in milk sold in stores and 1.4 percent for milk delivered to homes in May. The general increases were maintained in June and seasonal increases were added thereafter to the end of the year, in spite of record production of milk.

Prices of cheese increased about 1.5 percent in early 1955 and fluctuated within a very narrow range thereafter. By December 1956, cheese prices were 2.0 percent higher than in December 1954. 2/

Ice cream prices fluctuated very little in 1955 and 1956 and were 0.2 percent higher at the end of the period than at the beginning.

Fruits and vegetables.--Prices of fruits and vegetables rose 8.3 percent between December 1954 and December 1956, with the normal seasonal swings somewhat exaggerated and distorted by unusual weather developments and by special supply situations for potatoes. All subgroups of fruits and vegetables increased in price over the 2 years. Changes from December 1954 to December 1955 were relatively small; most of the increases occurred in 1956.

Seasonal increases in prices of fresh fruits and vegetables during the first half of 1955 were larger than usual because of sharp advances in prices of potatoes when the spring crop in Alabama was lost and production in other areas was delayed by cold weather. The March freeze also practically destroyed the peach crop in the southeastern part of the country. Potato prices jumped 50 percent between March and May 1955, and decreases thereafter through July were insufficient to offset higher prices for other fruits and vegetables. As a result, the fresh fruit and vegetable index in July 1955 was at the highest level since July 1952 with one exception. Sharp decreases in prices of potatoes, peaches and tomatoes in August reversed the situation and reduced the index below the March level. Potato prices continued to decrease seasonally through October. In view of the large crop of fall potatoes, a government diversion payment program was initiated in August and contimued into 1956. 3/ By February 1956, prices of potatoes had risen to levels above a year earlier. A freeze in Florida and extensive damage by cold weather in Europe became factors in the increase. Continued exports of potatoes in the ensuing months, plus the usual seasonal upswing in prices, and rain and cold weather in late spring which delayed domestic production of new potatoes, added further upward pressure to potato prices. By June, old supplies were exhausted and new potatoes were moving directly from the field to market at prices 28 percent above the high prices of a year earlier. In July 1956, further increases, as the new crop continued to flow directly into consumption, raised prices of potatoes to the highest levels since the Bureau of Labor Statistics' records began in 1913. Following the appearance of the summer crop in volume in late July and August, potato prices decreased sharply but remained above corresponding months in 1955. With the arrival of the fall crop, about 11 percent above that for 1955, 4/ prices eased further to a minimum for the year, about 15 percent above October 1955, and then advanced seasonally thereafter. Prices in December 1956 were 3.2 percent higher than in December 195h.

<sup>2/</sup> CCC purchases to support cheese prices at the wholesale level were made throughout the 2 years: 1955--150,000,000 pounds; 1956--188,000,000 pounds.

3/ In all, 10,575,000 hundredweight of potatoes were diverted under this program.

<sup>4/</sup> A diversion payment program was announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture on September 21. Diversions to December 31, 1956, amounted to 9,866,000 hundredweight.

Sweet potato prices followed somewhat the pattern for white potatoes. Highest prices occurred in midsummer and lowest prices in October and November of each year. Prices averaged higher in the first half of 1955 than in 1956 and lower in the second half of the year. A relatively large crop was harvested in 1955. The change in prices from December 1954 to December 1956 was an increase of 3.1 percent.

Onion prices were higher in the first half of 1956 than in 1955, partly as a result of lower stocks at the beginning of the year. Smaller production than in 1955 resulted in higher prices in the last half of the year. Lower stocks at the beginning of 1956 and smaller midyear production were accompanied by higher prices in the early part of the year and a shortage with very high prices through the summer. Larger production of late summer onions reduced prices in November 1956 to the lowest point for the 2 years. Onion prices averaged 11.5 percent higher in 1955, and 31.6 percent higher in 1956 than in 1954.

Carrot prices averaged about the same in 1955 and 1956 as in 1954. Monthly price movements were somewhat different in the 2 years as supplies varied. Prices decreased 2.9 percent from December 1954 to December 1956.

Lettuce averaged 7.4 percent higher in price in 1955 and 8 percent higher in 1956 than in 1954. Prices ended the 2-year period more than 45 percent higher than in December 1954 because of a temporary shortage of California supplies, which caused sharp increases in October and November of 1956.

Celery prices rose in the spring of 1955, as unfavorable weather curtailed supplies. Improved growing conditions and large supplies in the summer reduced prices somewhat, but smaller production in the later months of the year again brought higher prices. Generally larger production in 1956, with more even distribution of harvests, brought lower prices, but somewhat above those for 1954.

Low carryover stocks of cabbage at the beginning of 1955 were followed by high prices in the early months of the year. Poor growing conditions extended the period of high prices through midyear, and light production and low stocks at the end of the year and at the beginning of 1956 caused relatively high prices through the middle of 1956. Prices dropped at the end of the year to levels 4.9 percent below those of 1954 as good growing weather provided ample supplies.

Prices of tomatoes were generally higher in 1955 than in 1954. They were at relatively low levels in the summer and fall as favorable growing weather produced large crops. Winter crops in 1956 were damaged by cold weather in January and prices were high, particularly in March when an increase of 29 percent occurred in 1 month. The spring crop, which was sufficient to reduce prices in April and May, was curtailed somewhat by drought, leading to higher prices in June. Prices dropped thereafter to low levels as generally heavy production of the main summer drop followed after midyear. A drastic cut occurred in the late fall crop as compared with that of 1955 and prices were 17.4 percent higher in December 1956 than in December 1954.

Green beans averaged a little lower in price in 1955 than in 1954 but increased to 11.5 percent over the 1954 average in 1956 and finished the year some 23.8 percent above prices in December 1954. Adverse growing conditions in the first half of 1956, particularly the period of cold weather early in the year, brought reduced production and higher prices. Sharp price decreases followed after midyear as more favorable growing conditions produced larger supplies. Prices rose sharply thereafter in October, November, and December, as supplies were reduced by cold weather in Florida.

Oranges averaged lower in price in 1955 and higher in 1956 than in 1954. Starting at relatively low levels in January 1955, prices increased generally to a peak in October, the end of the California Valencia orange season, and decreased in November as Florida oranges came on the market in quantity from a crop of about the same size as in 1954-55.

Prices declined in January 1956 and fluctuated around the same level through April, the end of the main Florida season, and increased irregularly thereafter until the opening of the new Florida season in November. Exports were made to Europe in the spring to replace production losses due to cold winter weather in Spain. Arrival of the new Florida orange crop in November was followed by price decreases to the end of the year. Prices in December 1956 were 18.2 percent above December 1954.

Prices for fresh oranges were affected to some extent by the greater amounts of fresh juice being shipped from Florida over the 2 years, which, with canned and concentrated juice, reduced the supplies available for fresh shipment. Prices of frozen orange juice concentrate moved somewhat similarly to those for fresh fruit, although with smaller swings. Canned orange juice decreased in price through March 1955 but increased steadily thereafter through November 1956, ending the period 12.2 percent higher than in December 1954.

Prices of lemons fluctuated seasonally within narrow limits over most of the 2 years and increased over the last half of 1956, averaging 10.4 percent higher in December 1956 than in December 1954.

Retail prices of apples increased steadily after the peak production month of October 1954 to a seasonal peak in July 1955. The rise in the late spring and early summer was unusually sharp for apples because of the destruction of the southeastern peach crop by the freeze in March. Appearance of new crop apples in July and August was followed by lower prices through the seasonal production peak in October and into November. Prices increased seasonally thereafter through July 1956 and then decreased through October. By December 1956 they were 8.0 percent higher than in December 1954. However, average prices for 1955 and 1956 were 1.4 percent and 1.1 percent lower, respectively, than in 1954.

Prices of bananas were little changed in 1955 and 1956 as compared with 1954. Supplies varied seasonally and prices were generally increasing over the later months of 1956 following some wind damage to the crop after midyear. December 1956 prices were 3.4 percent higher than prices in December 1954.

Frozen fruit and vegetable prices averaged only slightly higher in 1955 than in 1954 but were 4.0 percent higher in 1956, finishing the period up 1.8 percent from December 1954. Prices of frozen strawberries averaged lower in both 1955 and 1956 following record production in each year. The decrease from December 1954 to December 1956 was 6.5 percent.

Orange juice concentrate decreased in price over the first months of 1955 as production rose, and increased thereafter into the new packing season as prices for oranges for juice were raised to obtain fruit for processing. Somewhat lower prices for oranges were accompanied by decreases in concentrate prices in the closing months of 1956 to a level 5.2 percent above December 1954.

Prices for frozen green peas, which increased in the late months of 1955 and the early months of 1956 and turned downward as the record production of 1956 came on the market, increased 4.9 percent over the 2 years. Changes in prices of frozen green beans were gradual over the 2 years, resulting in a decrease of 5.2 percent by December 1956 as production increased to a new high.

Cereals and bakery products.--The rise in prices for cereals and bakery products, begun in 1950, continued with only a minor pause in the last half of 1955. The increase for the 2 years amounted to 3.3 percent. Bread prices, the major cause of the increase, either advanced each month from the month before, or showed no change in price, in all months but one, for a net rise of 5.5 percent.

Among other cereals and bakery products, soda crackers increased 3.2 percent; vanilla cookies, 2.4 percent; rolled oats, 5.1 percent; corn flakes, 3.6 percent; and corn meal, 0.4 percent. Flour prices decreased 1.0 percent by December 1955, but increased

again to 0.2 percent above the December 1954 price by the end of 1956. Biscuit mix prices averaged just under 1954 levels in 1955 and decreased 1.0 percent in price by the end of 1956. Prices for rice declined 1.8 percent between December 1954 and December 1956. A Government purchase program for rice tended to maintain stable prices over the 2 years.

Other foods at home. This group, which includes partially prepared foods, condiments and sauces, nonalcoholic beverages, fats and oils, sugar and sweets, eggs, and miscellaneous foods, averaged 2.0 percent higher in price in December 1956 than in December 1954. Increases of 2.9 percent for fats and oils, 9.0 percent for eggs, and 0.3 percent for beverages accounted for the advance. A 2.0-percent decrease in prices of sugar and sweets was the only decrease of any importance. Coffee prices declined 1.3 percent while tea increased 10.2 percent and cola drink, 3.0 percent.

Coffee prices dropped 8.3 percent in February 1955 and by smaller amounts over the following months through July, continuing the decreases from the alltime high average price of \$1.23 per pound in August 1954. Prices fell from \$1.06 per pound in Jamuary 1955 to \$0.89 per pound in June and August. These reductions in price came following more favorable crop reports and were strengthened by consumer resistance to the high prices preceding the decline. The February decrease came after Brazil raised export subsidies for green coffee. Increases in price in the late summer, when reports of frost in Brazil and the threat of a dock strike in New York occurred, were succeeded by 3 months of lower prices as prospects of a larger world supply appeared. Beginning in February 1956, however, coffee prices started a new series of monthly increases which continued through November. Doubts as to the size of the Brazilian crop, and a developing shortage in good quality mild coffees, which were damaged by heavy rains, were followed by new threats of a dock strike in New York. Price increases at retail were held down somewhat by greater use of cheaper African coffees in coffees sold in paper bags. As a result of price rises in 1956, the reduction in coffee prices from December 1954, which amounted to 12.9 percent to the end of 1955, amounted to a decrease of only 1.3 percent to December 1956.

Tea prices, which had been increasing since April 1954 as coffee reached its highest levels, turned downward in May 1955 and declined slightly in price until October 1956. Lower coffee prices and larger production of tea contributed to the decline.

Fats and oils increased in price an average of 2.9 percent during 1955 and 1956. A general reduction in prices of fats and oils except for peamut butter during 1955, including a decrease of nearly one-fifth in the price of lard, was followed by higher prices in 1956 for all items except peamut butter.

Lard prices, which had reached a peak in May 1954, decreased 13.7 percent in the first 3 months of 1955 as supplies were increased by heavy slaughter of hogs, and drifted lower during the remainder of the year. A further buildup of supplies in early 1956 brought prices to a low for the 2 years in March. Improved demand and higher exports through the remainder of the year, particularly in the late months when the international situation became tense, resulted in rising prices; but at the end of the period, prices were 11.1 percent under December 1954.

Shortening, margarine, and salad dressing decreased slightly in price during the year 1955 in response to ample supplies of vegetable oils, and increased in 1956 as larger proportions of the supply went to the export market. Peamut butter prices, under the influence of a reduced crop in 1954, increased 11.2 percent between December 1954 and September 1955 when a new crop of peamuts became available. After an initial decrease by January 1956 to 8 percent above December 1954, prices howered around that figure to the end of the year.

Sugar and sweets averaged 2.0 percent lower in price in December 1956 than in December 1954. Prices for sugar increased 3.0 percent in 1955 and 1956. Sugar prices were stable over the year 1955 and advanced appreciably only after the end of the first quarter

of 1956 as increased consumption in the United States pressed on the quota for the year, and finally required additions to the quota. A change in the weight of chocolate bars in 1954 had resulted in an increase of 16 percent in the prices of candy bars in the last half of 1954. Higher prices for cocoa beans forced the change in weight. Chocolate bars were returned to the former weight in the later months of 1955, when cocoa prices were reduced following receipt of new crop beans. Prices then returned approximately to the level preceding the increase. Prices for corn syrup rose gradually over the 2 years to levels 2.9 percent above December 1954. Grape jelly prices increased 6.2 percent.

Egg prices increased 9.0 percent between December 1954 and December 1956, but experienced some unusual fluctuations which resulted in annual average prices only 3.3 percent higher in 1955 and only 2.7 percent higher in 1956 than in 1954. Average prices at retail ranged from a low of 52 cents per dozen in January 1955 to a high of 69 cents per dozen in December 1955. Heavy production of eggs in the last half of 1954, which eliminated the usual seasonal rise in late summer and early fall, continued into 1955 and caused the lowest price of the period in January. Some reaction to the extremely low prices of late 1954 and the cold weather in January and February followed, with higher prices in February and March, after which some seasonal decline occurred through May 1955. Prices experienced a more normal seasonal increase over the period of hot weather in the summer and the period of small supplies of large eggs in early fall. The usual seasonal decline was delayed by an increase in prices in December when supplies of large eggs were light. Seasonal decreases in egg prices were small from February through May 1956, as supplies ran somewhat lighter than in 1955. Seasonal advances in prices of eggs in the summer and fall of 1956 were followed by very heavy production and lower prices toward the end of the year.

Table 3.—Indexes of Retail Prices of Food in the United States, by Year, 1913-56, and by Month, January 1955 to December 1956

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Year	Total food	Year	Total food	Year	Total food 1/	Year and month	Total food <u>l</u> /	Year and month	Total food <u>l</u> /
		By year		_			By month		
1913	39.6 40.5 40.0 45.0 57.9 66.5 74.2 83.6 63.6 63.6 61.4 60.8 65.8 68.0 65.5	1928 1929 1930 1931 1933 1935 1936 1938 1939 1940 1941 1942	64.8 65.6 62.4 51.4 42.8 41.6 49.7 50.1 48.4 47.1 47.8 52.2 61.3	1943 1945 1946 1947 1948 1950 1951 1953 1954 1955 1956	68.3 67.4 68.9 79.0 95.9 104.1 100.0 101.2 112.6 114.6 112.6 112.6	1955  January——— February—— March———— April———— June——— July———— September——— October——— November——— December————	110.6 110.8 110.8 111.2 111.1 111.3 112.1 111.6 110.8 109.8	1956  January February March  April May June July September  October November December	109.2 108.8 109.0 109.6 111.0 113.2 114.8 113.1 113.1 112.9

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

Wasan or d	Total	Foods	Total	Cereals	Meats		Me	ats					] 1	Fruits a	and vege	tables			Other f	oods a	t home		
Year and month	foods	from home 2/	foods	and bakery products	poultry, and fish 3/	Total 3/	Beef and veal	Pork	Leg of lamb	Chick- ens	Fish	Dairy products	Total	Frozen	Fresh	Canned	Dried	Total <u>5</u> /	Bever- ages	Fats and oils	Sugar and sweets	Eggs	
									Ву	Year, 19	23-56	6/											
1923 1924 1925 1926	61.4 60.8 65.8 68.0 65.5			63.8 64.9 70.2 70.0 68.5	43.6 14.1 4 <b>7.9</b> 50.7 49.9							67.2 64.4 66.5 66.1 67.9	83.0 78.1 90.6 103.2 90.0		82.3 77.1 91.7 107.3 92.2	78.5 76.9 83.2 77.3 76.0	71.3 64.9 64.7 62.0 59.3		64.4 72.3 83.4 83.4 80.0	69.9 74.3 82.6 80.3 73.6	70.5	66.8 68.3 74.3 69.6 65.4	
1928 1929 1930 1931 1932	64.8 65.6 62.4 51.4 42.8			66.6 65.1 63.1 55.3 50.0	53.0 54.7 51.3 43.5 34.1							68.2 68.0 62.8 53.4 44.1	79.0 82.8 86.9 61.6 50.7		78.9 32.3 88.1 61.0 50.2	75.8 78.2 74.6 65.0 57.3	62.6 69.5 <b>64.5</b> 48.3 37.1		30.9 80.7 70.2 61.0 55.1	71.1 70.5 66.0 53.2 39.4	69.6 64.6 60.7 56.1 50.7	67.4 70.6 59.6 47.0 40.4	
1933 1934 1935 1936	41.6 46.4 49.7 50.1 52.1			51.2 59.5 61.6 60.9 62.5	29.7 34.0 43.0 42.6 45.5	43.9 13.0 16.1	41.5 39.8 44.8	48.7 48.1 49.6	39.5 41.4 43.1	49.6 52.5 54.5	32.8 32.9 33.7	13.0 147.2 50.6 52.8 51.7	55.7 58.3 48.8 51.3 52.8		56.4 58.0 46.8 50.4 51.5	55.3 65.3 66.8 63.5 64.9	35.9 41.1 41.0 39.3 47.2		50.1 52.7 50.9 48.7 50.7	36.8 42.3 61.1 57.0 58.6	53.3 55.4 57.0 56.3 57.2	38.3 43.5 51.2 50.7 49.7	
1938 1939 1940 1941	48.4 47.1 47.8 52.2 61.3			60.4 57.2 58.6 59.2 63.6	14.6 14.6 14.6 142.6	42.7 42.1 41.2 46.4 53.4	42.5 42.5 43.2 46.6 52.0	44.8 41.4 37.8 46.6 56.1	40.1 40.8 40.8 43.7 50.8	54.3 48.7 49.2 53.0 63.7	33.8 33.7 36.9 41.6 54.4	51.7 49.8 52.6 58.2 65.1	45.6 46.3 47.3 50.5 64.1		43.7 45.1 46.1 49.4 63.0	61.3 58.1 58.1 61.6 76.5	37.9 37.9 40.9 43.4 55.4		47.8 46.8 45.3 49.7 59.8	51.8 48.6 45.5 52.1 66.3	55.4 56.9 54.8 60.2 71.5	49.3 44.7 46.1 55.1 67.0	
1943 1944 1945 1946	68.3 67.4 68.9 79.0 95.9			65.1 65.6 65.9 75.6 94.0	57.6 55.9 56.5 69.4 93.5	54.2 51.4 51.5 65.8 93.6	52.4 49.9 49.8 63.3 89.8	55.8 52.2 52.4 69.0 100.5	56.1 55.1 55.7 67.1 90.2	75.9 78.4 80.2 90.3 95.1	69.0 69.3 72.5 78.9 90.6	69.9 69.4 69.5 85.7 96.7	82.7 82.4 86.7 89.3 97.6		84.4 84.0 89.2 90.4 95.5	82.1 81.4 81.9 88.6 104.5	64.6 66.9 68.4 77.4 107.2	100.1	61.1 60.9 61.1 68.4 91.5	69.9 68.3 68.7 84.3 109.4	71.9 71.5 71.5 81.4 101.8	79.5 75.6 80.7 82.9 98.6	
1948 1949 1950 1951	104.1 100.0 101.2 112.6 114.6			103.4 102.7 104.5 114.0 116.8		105.5	108.7 101.5 111.7 130.5 129.5	103.6 95.9 94.6 100.4 99.3	101.1 103.1 107.3 120.2 118.1	105.5 99.4 95.2 99.7 100.1	104.9 103.0 117.6	106.3 96.9 95.9 107.0 111.5	100.5 101.9 97.6 106.7 117.2	111.7	100.7 103.7 97.7 105.9 123.2	99.4 96.2 91.8 104.3 103.0	100.4 92.5 92.9 101.6 97.9	102.5 97.5 101.2 114.6 109.3	108.1 153.0 168.7	108.3 82.2 79.9 93.5 79.3	98.4 99.8 101.8 105.5 106.4	102.5 98.8 85.3 103.8 94.8	
1953 1954 1955 1956	112.8 112.6 110.9 111.7	100.6 102.3 103.4 105.4	112.5 111.9 109.7 110.2	119.1 121.9 123.9 125.6	108.0	110.6 110.0 101.2 97.9	102.1 98.3 97.2 95.7	110.5 113.9 98.1 93.1	104.3 102.5 98.2 99.8	97.6 88.1 91.7 80.4	110.8	109.6 106.1 105.9 108.7	113.5 111.9 113.5 119.0	99.1 99.5	116.1 113.9 116.0 122.8	105.0 104.0 104.0 107.9	104.0 108.1 116.3 114.6	112.2 114.8 111.5 112.8	174.5 207.3 185.6 194.0	79.6 83.9 81.3 83.1	107.6 109.8 112.2 109.6	100.4 84.0 86.8 86.3	

1955				<del></del>					Ву	Month,	1955-50	3 7/					<del></del>					
January February March April May July August October November December	110.8 111.2 111.1	103.0 103.2 102.9 103.3 103.5 103.6	109.4 109.6 109.7 110.1 110.0 110.3 111.1 110.0 110.4 109.4 108.2 107.9	123.4 123.8 123.9 123.9 123.8 124.0 124.1 124.0 123.9 123.9	102.5	103.7 102.6 100.9 101.1 101.4 103.3 103.4 102.1 103.2 101.4 97.1 94.3	99.7 99.4 98.4 98.1 96.5 96.8 96.7 96.5 97.0 95.3 94.3	100.1 98.5 95.8 96.6 99.3 103.1 .103.6 101.0 102.5 98.9 91.1 86.1	98.9 98.8 98.2 99.0 97.2 100.2 98.9 97.9 98.4 98.2 96.8	85.1 90.8 97.8 101.3 93.9 95.5 94.4 95.3 94.1 86.9 81.4	109.3 109.2 108.5 108.6 103.5 108.0 108.2 108.2 108.3 109.4	106.4 106.1 105.4 104.6 104.0 104.1 104.7 106.5 107.5 107.8	110.6 110.7 112.0 117.5 120.2 119.5 121.9 111.3 110.2 108.5 109.0 110.7	98.5 96.8 97.4 97.9 98.1 98.6 100.9 101.7 102.1 102.3 102.1	111.8 112.4 114.5 123.2 127.5 126.1 129.6 112.2 109.9 107.1 107.6 110.3	103.6 102.8 102.6 102.6 103.0 103.4 103.7 104.1 104.7 105.1 105.9	113.2 114.4 115.5 115.9 116.4 117.1 117.6 118.4 118.0 117.0 116.3 115.6	112.1 111.9 109.4 108.4 107.7 109.2 112.6 114.1 113.9	184.9 180.1	82.5 82.1 81.8 91.6 90.9 90.7 81.1 81.5 81.3 80.6 80.3	113.3 113.3 113.3 113.2 113.2 113.0 113.0 113.0 113.0 110.2 109.1 108.8	73.9 84.6 86.3 78.7 76.2 76.9 81.9 93.4 97.6 94.9 93.7
1956								i														
January	109.2 108.8 109.0 109.6 111.0 113.2 114.8 113.1 113.1 112.9 112.9	104.1 104.4 104.8 105.0 104.9 105.3 105.7 106.0	111.8 111.7 111.7	123.9 124.3 124.1 124.5 124.7 125.8 126.3 126.6 126.6 127.0	93.3 93.6 92.8 94.0 95.5 98.0 99.3 100.3 100.8 98.8 98.0	92.5 92.7 91.6 93.6 95.5 99.1 99.8 101.3 103.5 101.3 100.3	93.1 91.5 89.9 90.5 91.8 93.1 94.4 98.0 102.7 103.5 101.2 98.6	83.57 84.75 84.75 890.99 97.42 98.68 998.85 998.52 95.6	93.1 93.5 92.6 94.9 103.5 103.5 102.2 103.0 101.4 102.3 98.9	81.9 83.7 83.3 81.6 82.1 80.7 81.4 78.7 76.7 75.1 74.7	109.6 108.8 109.2 108.5 108.4 108.0 107.6 108.0 108.3 108.3	107.3 107.3 106.9 106.k 107.5 107.7 108.7 109.2 109.8 110.7 111.1	112.6 113.3 114.8 116.7 121.5 131.4 135.2 120.7 114.8 113.9 115.8 117.4	102.3 102.9 103.9 103.6 103.5 104.1 104.5 104.1 102.5 101.1	113.3 114.1 116.3 119.3 126.8 142.5 146.4 124.9 115.5 114.1 117.4 120.4	106.1 106.5 106.9 107.3 107.6 108.0 103.6 108.3 108.7 108.9	114.7 114.7 114.5 114.5 114.6 114.9 115.4 115.3 114.6 113.6	109.6 110.7 11c.8 110.9 111.1 112.8 113.9 115.4 115.8	182.9 183.3 188.0 188.9 189.3 191.7 196.9 197.8 201.5 202.8 202.8 201.6	79.6 79.6 80.4 32.2 83.9 84.6 84.4 84.2 84.2 84.6 85.3	108.8 109.8 109.9 109.0 109.0 109.6 109.7 109.9 110.3 110.9	96.8 84.9 85.1 83.52 80.8 83.4 86.9 90.7 87.7 83.8

<sup>1/ 51-</sup>city average January 1923 - February 1943, 56-cities March 1943 - December 1952, 46 cities beginning January 1953. For a more complete description see appendix,

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2/ January 1953=100. Restaurant meals included in total foods beginning January 1953.

3/ Only total meats, poultry, and fish available through 1934. Other meats included in meats, and in meats, poultry, and fish beginning January 1953.

4/ December 1952 = 100.0.

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

5/ Indexes for the years 1923-52 have been computed by converting indexes from the 1935-39 base, previously published, to the 1947-49 base. (See table C, p.37.) for conversion factors.

<sup>7/</sup> Indexes by month 1947-54 may be found in Retail Prices of Food, 1953-54, BLS Bull. 1183, (table 4, pp. 12-14).

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Table 5.—Indexes of Retail Prices of Food by Commodity Group, by City for 20 Large Cities, by Year and Month, 1955-56

Year and month	United States 1/	At- lanta, Ga.	Balti- more, Md.	Boston, Mass.	Chi- cago, Ill.	Cin- cin- nati, Ohio	Cleve- land, Ohio	De- troit, Mich.	Houston, Texas	Kansas City, Mo.	Los Angeles, Calif.	Minne- apolis, Minn.	New York, N.Y. 2/	Phila- delphia, Pa.	Pitts- burgh, Pa.	Port- land, )reg.	St. Louis, Mo.	San Fran- cisco, Calif.	Scran- ton, . Pa.	Seattle, Wash.	Wash- ington, D.C.
										All	Foods 3/										
January February March April June July August September- October December	110.9 110.6 110.8 111.2 111.1 111.3 112.1 111.6 110.8 109.8 109.5	110.2 110.2 110.1 110.0 110.8 111.1 111.0 110.8 110.6 111.1 110.1 108.1 108.3	111.7 111.6 111.3 112.2 112.1 113.3 112.5 111.4 110.3 110.4	109.5 108.2 109.4 109.0 109.0 108.8 109.5 110.8 110.3 111.0 109.9 109.2	109.0 109.2 109.2 110.5	112.5 112.9 113.8 111.5 112.4 112.1 110.3	108.9 109.0 108.8 108.6 109.6 109.7 109.6 109.6 109.5 107.4	113.2 112.7 113.3 113.0 113.3 114.4 113.9 114.4 113.5 113.6 112.7 111.9 111.5	109.9 109.4 110.2 110.7 111.1 110.7 110.2 110.7 110.2 109.4 108.1	106.8 106.9 107.3 106.9 107.0 107.1 107.4 107.7 105.8 107.2 107.1 105.5	111.8 111.2 111.1 112.0 113.0 112.1 111.4 112.2 110.7 112.1 112.4 111.4 111.4	111.6 110.2 111.1 111.3 111.5 111.4 111.7 112.1 111.4 112.4 112.3 111.6 111.7	110.8 110.6 111.1 111.0 111.6 110.5 110.8 111.6 111.1 111.9 110.5 109.9 108.7	113.0 112.7 113.2 113.3 113.4 112.9 113.1 114.2 114.1 113.8 112.8 111.4 110.6	111.2 111.0 111.0 111.5 111.3 112.5 112.3 111.8 112.3 111.1 109.8 109.3	110.6 109.5 109.2 109.7 110.0 110.1 110.7 111.7 111.9 111.2 112.1	112.3 112.2 111.7 111.8 112.5 112.5 112.4 113.4 113.7 112.8 111.5 110.2	112.9 112.3 113.0 113.1 113.5 113.4 113.4 113.0 111.9 113.0 112.7 111.9	108.3 108.3 108.7 108.7 109.0 108.6 108.9 110.2 109.1 109.1 107.5 106.0 105.9	112.1 111.2 112.1 112.4 111.9 113.2 113.0 113.4 112.2 111.9 111.6 110.9 111.6	111.2 111.0 110.9 110.9 111.5 111.3 112.0 111.7 112.7 111.3 109.9
Josér Average January- February- March April May June August September November December	111.7 109.2 108.8 109.0 109.6 111.0 113.2 114.8 113.1 113.1 113.1 112.9	110.2 108.2 107.9 107.9 107.8 108.9 111.3 113.5 112.1 111.7 110.4 111.1	112.9 110.5 109.9 110.2 111.0 114.2 115.1 114.1 114.5 114.1	111.0 108.4 107.6 107.6 107.9 109.7 112.1 114.2 112.8 114.1 113.2 111.9	109.3 106.5 106.8 106.3 107.1 108.8 110.6 112.8 110.9 110.9 110.4 109.8	113.2 110.3 109.5 109.6 111.3 112.6 115.3 117.2 114.7 115.5 114.6 114.4 113.9	109.9 107.1 106.6 106.6 107.7 109.2 111.9 111.6 111.8 111.7 110.9	114.2 110.6 110.4 111.0 112.2 113.9 116.5 119.0 115.6 115.7 115.1 115.9 114.7	108.8 107.0 106.7 106.6 107.5 108.7 110.1 110.2 110.1 110.3 110.6 111.4	108.1 104.9 104.7 105.9 107.6 110.1 111.0 109.9 109.7 109.5 109.5	113.5 111.5 111.5 111.5 112.7 113.0 114.2 114.2 114.3 113.4 113.7 114.6 115.6 116.0	112.6 111.2 111.2 111.2 112.0 112.9 114.1 115.3 113.0 112.2 113.2 112.9 112.3	111.5 109.1 108.6 103.8 108.9 110.6 112.7 114.0 112.6 113.4 113.6 113.3 112.6	113.8 110.5 110.3 111.1 111.1 112.9 114.6 117.5 115.9 116.0 114.8 115.2	113.0 109.4 109.2 109.5 110.5 111.9 115.2 115.8 114.8 115.0 114.6	113.8 110.2 110.2 110.8 112.1 113.5 116.1 116.7 115.9 115.2 115.0	112.8 110.2 109.7 110.7 110.5 111.5 113.8 115.4 113.3 114.5 114.5	114.1 112.3 111.7 112.1 112.8 113.2 114.5 115.3 114.7 115.3 115.7 115.3	109.1 106.2 105.4 106.1 106.7 108.3 112.0 113.1 110.5 110.6 110.5	113.2 110.7 110.9 111.6 111.8 113.6 115.0 114.9 114.5 115.5	112.6 110.4 109.9 110.0 110.0 112.0 114.2 115.9 113.7 115.0 113.7 112.8 113.1
		·		T	,		,			Food	ls at Home			r		,,		<b>_</b>	<del> </del>		
1955: Average- January February March April June	109.7 109.4 109.6 109.7 110.1 110.0 110.3 111.1 110.0 110.4 108.2 107.9	108.5 108.3 108.2 109.1 109.5 109.6 109.3 109.0 109.7 108.5 106.2	110.1 110.2 110.3 110.3 110.1 109.7 110.6 112.0 111.0 109.8 108.4 107.8	107.9 106.5 107.9 107.5 107.5 108.0 109.6 109.8 108.0 107.1 106.0	107.5 107.1 107.3 106.6 107.6 107.7 107.6 109.0 108.9 107.2 105.9	110.9 110.8 111.1 110.7 111.6 111.5 112.0 113.0 110.4 111.3 111.0 109.0 108.7	107.5 107.8 107.7 107.1 106.8 108.6 108.3 108.1 108.1 108.1 108.0 105.6	111.8 111.4 112.0 111.6 111.9 113.2 112.8 113.3 112.1 112.2 111.2 110.4	108.7 108.4 108.9 109.5 110.0 109.6 108.9 109.5 109.0 109.1 106.9 106.3	105.1 105.2 105.7 105.2 105.5 105.5 105.9 106.2 104.0 105.7 105.3 103.4	109.3 109.4 109.4 110.2 110.7 109.6 109.2 109.7 107.5 109.3 109.4 108.3 109.0	110.8 109.h 110.5 110.7 110.8 110.6 111.0 111.3 110.5 111.6 111.5 110.6 110.8	109.7 109.6 110.2 110.0 110.7 109.3 109.7 110.6 110.4 110.9 109.2 108.4 106.9	111.8 111.5 112.1 112.1 112.3 111.7 111.9 113.3 113.1 112.9 111.6 110.1	110.5 110.1 110.1 110.7 110.5 112.0 111.7 111.1 111.7 110.3 108.9 108.3	109.8 108.8 108.4 109.0 109.6 109.7 110.1 111.1 109.5 109.9 110.4 109.6	110.0 110.0 109.4 109.2 110.1 110.1 110.1 110.2 111.6 110.5 108.9	112.0 111.2 112.1 112.3 112.8 112.6 112.9 113.1 111.0 112.0 111.3	108.0 109.0 108.6 108.6 108.9 108.8 110.3 108.8 107.0 105.1	111.4 110.9 111.4 111.9 111.3 112.3 112.1 112.5 111.6 111.3 110.9 109.9 110.6	109.6 109.8 109.5 109.5 110.2 109.7 110.5 110.1 111.3 109.6 107.8 107.6
1956: Average- January February March April May June July August October November December	110.2 107.5 107.1 107.3 107.9 109.5 112.1 113.8 111.8 111.7 111.7	108.7 106.2 105.9 105.6 106.0 107.3 110.0 112.6 111.2 110.9 110.4 108.9	110.2 107.9 107.2 107.4 108.3 109.5 112.0 113.1 111.9 111.9 111.4 111.2	108.6 105.8 104.8 104.9 105.3 107.1 110.2 112.7 110.9 111.9 110.9 109.3	104.4	111.8 108.6 107.7 108.0 109.9 111.4 114.3 116.5 113.7 113.9 112.9 112.7 112.1	108.1 105.3 104.4 104.5 105.6 107.3 110.4 111.9 109.9 110.2 110.1 108.9 108.7	112.7 108.8 108.6 109.1 110.5 112.4 115.4 118.3 114.3 114.4 113.6 114.2	107.2 105.5 105.3 104.5 104.5 104.8 105.4 107.4 108.8 108.9 108.7 108.7 108.7	106.2 102.9 102.7 102.9 103.7 105.7 108.7 109.6 108.3 108.1 107.8 107.4	110.2 108.3 108.2 108.2 109.4 109.6 111.6 109.9 110.2 110.9 111.9	111.9 110.4 110.4 111.3 112.4 113.9 115.3 112.5 111.6 112.1 111.8	109.9 107.3 106.6 106.9 106.9 109.0 111.6 112.9 110.9 111.9 112.2 111.7 111.0	112.2 109.0 108.7 109.2 109.5 111.2 113.2 116.2 114.4 114.3 114.3 113.0 113.4	111.7 108.3 108.0 108.8 109.0 110.5 114.4 114.7 113.1 113.9 113.1 113.3 112.9	112.4 108.9 108.8 109.6 110.4 112.1 115.3 116.0 114.7 113.8 113.2 113.0 113.5	110.1 107.8 107.3 108.2 108.0 109.1 111.9 111.4 111.5 111.5 110.4	112.9 111.0 110.3 110.7 111.5 112.0 113.2 114.2 114.1 114.1 114.8 114.6 114.9	108.5 105.3 104.5 105.3 106.1 107.3 1:1.6 1:2.9 110.0 1:0.1 109.9 109.6 109.2	112.4 109.5 109.0 109.8 110.6 111.1 113.2 115.0 114.4 113.6 114.0 113.8 114.3	110.7 108.5 107.8 107.9 107.9 109.9 112.7 114.7 112.0 113.5 112.0 110.7

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1955: Average- January February March April June July August September November December	123.9 123.4 123.8 123.9 123.8 124.0 124.2 124.1 124.0 123.9 123.9	117.4 117.6 117.7 117.9 117.6 118.4 117.9 117.8 117.2 116.6 116.2	121.9 122.0 122.2 122.0 121.9 121.9 121.9 121.9 121.9 121.9 121.9	120.0 119.1 119.0 119.1 119.1 119.1 119.1 119.1 119.1 112.1 122.1	119.1 116.9 120.7 119.2 118.9 118.8 118.7 119.3 119.6 119.3 118.8 119.0 119.5	124.5 124.9 124.8 125.1 126.4 124.9 124.7 124.6 124.1 124.1 124.0 123.3 123.6	119.8 120.b 120.6 120.4 120.5 120.1 120.1 120.1 119.8 119.b 119.b 118.9 119.1 119.2	119.6 119.6 120.0 120.0 120.2 120.0 119.9 119.7 119.7 119.7 119.3 119.2 119.1 118.9	118.2 118.5 118.7 113.8 118.7 118.1 118.1 118.2 118.2 117.8 117.8 117.8	120.7 120.7 120.6 120.7 120.8 120.9 120.7 120.8 120.9 120.7 120.9 120.9 120.7	127.9 127.7 127.8 127.8 127.9 127.9 127.9 128.0 127.9 128.0 127.9 127.8 127.9 128.0	125.9 125.7 125.8 125.9 126.1 126.1 126.2 126.1 126.2 126.1 126.0 125.9 125.5 125.4	128.5 127.3 128.3 128.2 128.2 128.2 128.0 123.7 128.9 129.0 123.8 128.7 128.7 128.7	121.8 120.3 121.0 121.0 121.0 120.9 119.9 122.9 123.0 122.1 123.0 122.8 123.2	124.6 124.3 124.5 124.5 124.5 123.9 124.3 124.5 125.1 125.1 125.0 125.0	124.2 124.5 123.9 124.3 124.1 124.9 124.8 123.5 124.0 123.9 124.0 123.9	118.9 118.7 118.8 118.9 118.9 118.8 118.5 118.7 118.8 119.1 119.0 119.1	130.7 130.5 130.2 130.7 130.9 130.9 130.9 130.9 130.9 130.9 130.8 130.6 130.7	118.9 119.1 118.5 118.6 117.4 119.6 119.5 119.4 119.6 119.2 113.8 119.0	127.7 127.4 127.4 127.5 127.3 127.8 127.8 127.7 128.0 127.7 128.0 127.9 127.4	122.1 122.5 122.5 122.3 122.2 122.0 121.9 121.9 122.0 122.0 122.1 121.7 121.6
1956: Average January February March April May June August September October November December	125.6 123.9 124.3 124.4 124.5 125.8 126.3 126.8 127.0	118.1 117.8 118.8 118.9 117.7 118.3 117.7 117.6 117.6 117.8 117.9	122.5 121.2 121.3 121.3 121.3 121.6 121.8 121.9 121.8 122.0 126.9 126.6	123.1 122.1 121.9 122.1 122.1 122.2 122.3 122.9 123.6 123.4 123.7 124.1 126.3	120.1 118.9 118.9 119.0 119.8 120.0 120.1 120.3 120.7 120.6 120.6 120.5 121.3	124.5 123.8 123.8 124.2 124.6 124.6 124.9 124.9 124.8 124.8 124.8	119.6	119.7 119.1 119.6 119.2 119.4 119.8 119.6 119.9 120.0 120.0 119.9 119.1 120.2	118.1 117.6 117.6 117.1 117.6 117.1 117.6 117.6 117.6 117.6 117.6 117.6 119.7	121.4 120.3 120.5 120.5 120.5 120.7 121.2 121.1 121.0 123.5 123.8 123.8	129.9 128.0 128.5 128.5 128.2 128.3 130.9 131.1 131.0 130.8 131.2 131.4	127.0 125.4 125.9 125.8 126.5 126.4 126.3 126.3 126.4 128.4 128.5 129.2	129.8 128.7 129.0 129.1 128.8 129.2 129.4 130.3 130.5 130.6 131.1	126.7 123.1 123.5 123.7 121.5 121.6 121.7 121.7 129.9 130.0 129.9 130.6	125.3 124.9 125.3 125.5 125.6 125.6 125.6 125.6 125.1 124.9 124.9 125.4 125.0	128.1 124.6 125.1 125.0 125.7 125.3 130.2 130.1 130.1 130.0 130.3 130.3	120.1 118.8 119.2 119.1 119.5 119.5 119.4 120.1 120.3 120.6 120.9 121.0	133.7 130.7 130.5 130.6 130.8 130.8 131.1 137.4 137.4 137.7 137.9 138.2	123.1 119.3 119.5 119.1 123.9 124.0 123.8 124.3 124.1 124.1 124.7 124.7	133.8 127.6 131.5 131.5 131.4 131.2 132.0 136.8 136.8 136.7	122.7 121.6 121.3 121.6 121.5 121.9 122.3 123.0 122.5 123.0 122.7 123.0 123.0
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1955: Average- January February March April May June July August September- October November December	101.6 102.4 102.5 103.3 103.0 102.1 103.8 103.7 102.9 103.5 100.9 97.1 94.6	105.0 105.8 106.3 105.3 107.0 106.0 107.6 107.5 105.7 107.1 105.3 99.1	102.4 104.6 104.2 103.7 103.3 101.7 104.2 104.6 103.8 104.0 101.3 97.2 95.7	99.3 99.6 100.6 100.0 100.6 99.7 101.2 101.4 100.2 101.1 98.1 95.2 93.7	96.1 97.8 96.9 95.4 97.2 96.9 98.2 98.4 97.0 98.9 95.3 91.8 88.8	102.4 103.7 103.9 102.8 103.9 105.2 105.4 102.9 104.7 101.9 96.8 94.1	99.0 99.9 99.7 99.7 98.8 100.8 101.1 101.1 101.3 98.9 93.5 91.6	100.1 101.0 101.3 100.1 100.7 100.3 102.3 101.6 101.6 102.3 99.8 96.0 93.6	99.4 97.6 99.7 100.8 101.2 101.3 101.5 102.2 101.9 100.5 99.6 95.0 91.9	96.5 97.5 97.0 96.9 98.7 98.5 99.8 98.9 97.5 98.1 90.5 87.9	101.2 101.8 101.1 101.6 102.1 101.8 102.7 103.6 102.1 102.3 101.7 97.6 96.0	97.5 97.4 98.3 97.5 98.7 98.1 100.0 99.7 99.3 96.4 93.8 92.0	103.9 104.8 106.2 106.4 106.6 104.0 105.9 104.8 105.0 101.9 99.5 97.4	104.4 106.5 106.4 106.3 107.0 104.9 106.7 106.3 105.6 106.6 102.3 98.6 96.1	98.7 98.5 98.6 98.3 99.3 98.8 101.5 100.8 100.5 101.2 99.4 94.4	102.2 104.0 102.1 101.6 102.1 102.0 103.5 105.0 103.1 103.9 102.6 99.5 97.0	101.0 102.2 102.2 101.3 102.5 102.3 103.6 103.7 102.8 102.9 100.9 95.8 91.7	105.9 106.0 105.7 106.2 107.4 106.7 107.7 106.7 107.4 105.7 102.8 101.2	100.5 101.8 102.0 100.9 102.0 103.9 103.5 101.5 103.1 98.9 94.2 92.7	101.7 102.5 101.9 101.7 100.5 101.6 102.1 103.9 104.1 103.8 102.4 99.5 95.9	99.2 101.4 100.1 100.1 100.5 99.3 101.7 101.2 100.5 101.1 94.2 92.6
1956: Average January February March April June July August September October November December	97.1 93.3 93.6 92.8 94.0 95.5 98.0 99.3 100.8 98.8 98.0	99.1 95.2 94.3 95.6 97.3 100.0 102.5 103.5 102.0 99.5 99.7	98.1 94.8 95.0 93.7 95.4 96.2 98.4 100.1 101.0 102.7 101.5 99.4 99.3	96.6 93.8 92.5 91.1 92.2 94.2 97.3 99.3 100.5 103.4 101.0 97.3 97.0	90.5 87.6 87.6 86.2 86.4 89.1 91.3 93.0 93.2 95.4 94.7 91.8 90.8	98.2 93.1 93.9 93.1 94.4 95.8 99.6 101.5 101.3 103.4 102.0 100.8 99.8	94.8 90.9 91.1 89.7 92.4 93.2 95.3 97.2 100.3 98.7 96.4 95.7	95.6 91.5 91.9 91.2 92.0 93.5 97.1 99.1 100.2 98.2 95.1	92.3 88.9 89.6 89.2 90.3 90.8 92.6 93.3 94.5 96.2 95.6 93.2	92.2 86.9 88.7 87.2 88.1 89.6 93.5 91.2 95.9 96.6 97.4 94.4 93.8	97.8 94.6 94.7 93.8 94.9 96.2 97.7 99.0 99.9 100.7 101.0 100.0	93.7 91.1 92.2 91.1 92.1 93.0 95.0 94.8 95.3 96.3 95.7 94.0 93.2	99.9 96.6 96.3 95.6 96.6 99.1 99.6 100.9 101.8 104.3 104.0	99.4 95.0 96.0 95.3 96.6 98.3 90.4 102.6 103.2 103.2 103.2	96.0 90.6 91.4 91.2 92.3 93.6 97.3 98.2 99.2 101.4 100.1 98.7 97.4	98.2 93.4 93.6 92.8 95.7 97.3 100.0 101.2 102.5 103.1 101.0 99.1 98.3	94.6 90.6 91.4 91.8 92.0 93.1 96.2 96.7 97.1 98.1 95.8 94.6	102.8 100.1 100.7 100.0 101.5 101.9 103.7 104.8 105.1 104.6 102.5 103.5	96.1 90.8 91.2 91.1 93.5 93.4 98.5 99.3 100.8 99.7 97.5 97.7	97.3 93.9 93.5 93.1 94.7 95.9 98.0 99.0 100.4 101.5 100.9 98.8 97.7	95.2 91.6 93.0 90.6 91.2 93.0 95.3 97.0 97.1 100.4 99.3 96.9

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1955: Average- January February March April Juny August September- October December	105.9 106.4 106.1 105.4 104.6 104.0 104.1 104.7 105.7 106.5 107.5 107.8 107.7	108.3 108.3 108.4 108.4 108.0 108.9 108.1 108.0 108.2 108.3 108.2 108.2	108.6 108.9 108.5 108.3 108.2 108.1 108.1 109.1 109.0 109.1 108.9 108.9	109.3 109.9 110.7 108.0 105.3 104.1 105.2 106.4 107.7 111.6 114.2 114.1 114.3	105.9 105.3 105.3 105.5 105.5 103.4 104.6 106.4 109.5 106.0 106.2 105.5 107.1	107.8 110.5 110.3 106.5 106.4 106.4 106.4 106.2 106.1 109.1 109.8 110.0	100.8 103.2 103.0 99.6 96.7 96.5 96.5 96.1 102.2 101.5 104.7 104.5	105.2 106.4 106.9 102.8 102.1 105.8 105.6 105.3 105.7 105.5 105.5	109.1 108.6 108.7 108.8 108.7 108.6 108.6 109.6 109.7 109.8 109.7	105.3 108.4 108.6 108.0 104.5 104.4 103.8 94.8 104.2 107.4 107.3 107.5	103.0 103.6 103.0 102.9 102.9 103.2 103.0 102.9 103.0 102.9 103.0	105.8 102.7 102.4 103.1 102.9 102.6 102.5 104.2 105.9 110.8 110.9 110.6 110.7	104.7 106.1 106.1 104.2 104.1 101.6 101.5 102.7 105.1 105.9 106.9 107.3 105.3	109.1 109.5 109.2 109.2 106.3 106.0 106.1 108.8 108.7 108.9 111.3 112.8 112.8	108.4 110.0 109.7 109.7 106.9 106.8 106.7 106.5 106.6 109.4 109.4	104.4 102.5 103.5 103.5 103.5 103.9 103.3 103.2 103.2 103.2 108.1 108.5	95.8 98.3 93.9 91.5 90.3 91.3 91.1 95.1 95.5 100.9	105.0 104.8 105.0 104.9 104.6 104.9 105.0 105.0 105.0 105.3 105.4 105.3	106.6 108.0 108.0 107.7 105.1 104.9 105.0 105.0 105.1 107.8 107.9 107.5	108.3 105.9 106.2 108.2 108.4 108.2 108.6 108.2 108.3 108.1 109.9	111.0 111.1 110.9 111.0 110.1 109.5 109.1 109.3 109.4 112.8 112.9
January February February March April June July September- October December	108.7 107.3 107.3 106.9 106.4 107.5 107.7 109.2 109.8 110.7 111.1	110.7 108.8 108.7 109.0 108.9 108.9 109.5 112.2 112.7 112.6 112.6 112.1	109.4 108.8 108.9 108.9 108.9 109.1 109.2 109.2 109.4 109.7 109.9 112.5	110.2 108.9 108.9 107.6 106.4 105.2 105.0 110.0 111.4 111.4 116.3 116.5	109.8 107.6 107.6 107.6 109.1 110.3 110.7 109.5 110.2 111.4 112.0 111.2	112.8 110.3 110.7 110.9 110.9 113.8 113.6 113.7 113.9 114.1 114.2 114.2	104.6 105.0 102.2 101.7 101.0 104.2 104.3 104.1 107.6 108.2 108.3	109.3 105.1 104.8 104.7 108.7 108.9 109.1 110.7 112.2 112.1 112.7 112.8	108.9 109.9 109.7 104.3 104.1 108.7 108.8 109.0 109.1 109.5 109.4 112.2 112.4	109.0 107.5 107.5 107.3 107.2 110.6 110.6 110.8 111.2 111.0 108.0 108.3 108.2	103.9 102.7 102.8 102.9 103.0 103.3 103.6 103.5 105.5 105.5	110.5 110.7 111.2 110.7 110.5 111.9 111.0 110.9 111.4 110.6 108.6	105.7 104.6 104.5 104.3 102.2 102.6 103.3 106.0 106.8 107.1 108.0 109.5	111.1 110.1 110.1 109.7 107.2 107.5 107.7 111.4 111.4 111.9 114.6 116.1	109.5 109.5 110.0 109.9 107.2 107.3 107.7 107.6 111.9 111.3	112.1 108.6 108.9 108.9 109.2 112.5 113.4 113.7 113.9 114.0 113.8		107.9 105.4 105.7 105.7 105.6 105.7 105.8 105.9 106.1 110.5 112.4 113.2	106.9 107.7 107.7 107.6 105.0 105.2 105.3 105.4 105.2 107.9 108.1 108.5 108.8	113.3 110.8 111.1 111.1 112.6 112.9 113.0 113.0 113.1 116.0 116.2	114.2 113.1 113.3 112.4 112.3 115.5 115.3 115.6 115.8 115.9 116.0
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1955: Average- January February March April June July September October December	113.5 110.6 110.7 112.0 117.5 120.2 119.5 121.9 111.3 110.2 108.5 109.0 110.7	113.1 112.4 108.9 110.0 117.2 120.6 118.7 115.7 112.8 111.0 107.1 110.6	112.4 108.0 108.7 110.0 114.6 116.9 118.6 115.8 118.9 111.0 109.6 109.0	109.7 105.0 107.5 107.8 112.0 114.5 115.9 120.7 111.2 111.3 103.8 104.7 102.1	112.4 109.3 108.4 108.5 114.1 118.6 116.0 120.0 114.2 111.7 108.6 109.0 110.9	112.6 107.2 106.9 109.5 115.6 118.8 120.2 123.5 108.9 109.9 110.0 109.3 110.8	109.1 105.2 105.7 105.9 111.0 119.3 116.5 119.1 108.5 104.3 106.1 103.3 104.7	125.9 121.5 122.2 124.9 131.6 137.2 132.9 135.3 121.9 118.2 118.0 122.1 124.4	114.6 113.1 113.1 116.6 119.8 119.2 116.8 118.5 112.9 113.2 109.6 110.8 112.0	106.4 102.7 103.4 103.0 108.0 109.9 111.2 114.3 105.8 103.0 103.0 104.2 108.3	112.6 112.6 111.6 121.6 121.6 113.4 114.5 102.7 107.9 107.7 111.7	118.6 115.0 116.6 118.3 123.1 124.8 125.6 123.1 112.6 111.7 115.2 117.3 119.8	107.5 106.0 105.1 105.4 111.4 113.4 111.6 115.3 104.9 107.0 103.8 104.1 101.7	116.4 111.3 113.6 114.3 119.9 124.4 123.1 123.6 117.8 115.5 113.9 110.4 109.2	111.1 107.3 108.5 107.5 115.6 118.2 122.1 120.0 110.9 108.5 103.4 105.8	113.9 110.5 111.7 114.4 117.5 119.0 120.1 118.7 110.7 107.5 107.3 111.5	121.3 117.0 117.4 118.5 125.9 127.2 126.7 128.6 120.4 119.5 118.0 117.5 118.9	117.1 114.1 115.6 118.2 121.8 121.9 123.5 122.7 109.5 111.3 112.7 115.2 118.1	108.5 104.5 107.4 108.5 115.2 117.0 114.3 120.2 108.2 103.1 101.2 100.0 102.2	119.0 118.2 119.4 122.0 124.2 126.7 125.2 123.4 114.2 110.3 110.9 113.1 120.1	111.1 106.1 108.5 107.8 115.2 117.7 114.7 117.5 110.4 112.2 109.0 105.7 106.3
1956: Average- January February March April June July August September- October December	119.0 112.6 113.3 114.8 116.7 121.5 131.4 135.2 120.7 114.8 113.9 115.8 117.4	120.4 113.6 113.9 114.7 114.7 118.6 130.1 137.8 125.5 121.5 119.2 115.9 119.8	117.3 112.5 111.4 112.7 115.0 120.0 129.9 130.3 121.4 115.5 113.3 113.4 112.1	115.6 106.6 108.2 108.9 110.4 118.5 130.6 134.2 118.7 115.8 111.5 111.6	115.8 108.6 112.6 110.3 113.9 117.8 124.4 133.7 111.8 109.6 114.2 114.1	118.0 112.8 110.2 110.9 118.3 122.3 131.6 137.8 119.7 114.5 111.0 112.9	113.8 107.0 107.8 109.3 111.2 116.7 127.9 131.5 116.0 110.0	132.6 123.6 124.8 127.6 129.5 138.9 146.7 159.6 122.6 123.6 129.3 128.1	116.7 113.0 113.4 113.9 111.4 120.2 125.5 121.5 115.9 114.4 116.5 120.9	114.1 108.3 107.3 108.6 111.0 115.7 124.2 127.5 115.5 111.4 111.0 113.6 114.5	118.5 114.3 115.8 118.6 122.5 121.8 126.3 125.1 113.3 111.8 111.8 118.6	125.6 120.9 122.8 123.8 127.2 130.5 136.3 144.1 125.1 115.9 117.6 121.6 120.9	114.5 107.4 108.4 109.5 110.3 116.6 128.7 128.5 113.7 112.0 113.4 111.2 113.7	121.9 115.0 116.0 118.7 119.3 125.3 135.0 140.0 123.5 118.7 117.2 115.9 118.2	119.9 109.9 110.1 114.1 116.0 122.0 139.0 134.9 123.6 117.7 114.4 118.2 118.6	119.5 115.4 117.0 119.1 120.0 124.8 132.2 131.9 117.0 110.2 111.6 115.5 118.8	124.5 121.5 120.6 122.5 125.0 125.3 135.1 140.7 124.4 118.8 116.5 120.6	122.5 119.1 120.1 121.5 124.8 127.2 130.5 130.0 119.6 117.8 120.0 121.4	115.7 108.1 107.9 111.1 109.9 117.2 134.3 137.4 118.0 109.7 110.4 111.9 112.3	122.3 119.3 119.8 122.3 123.1 123.6 130.4 133.3 122.9 115.1 114.1 119.7 123.5	118.7 114.6 113.6 114.7 122.3 133.0 136.6 120.5 119.4 113.0 110.6 111.9

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Year and month	United States	At- lanta, Ga.	Balti- more, Md.	Boston, Mass.	Chi- cago, Ill.	Cin- cin- nati, Chio	Cleve- land, Ohio	De- troit, Mich.	llouston, Texas	Kansas City, Mo.	Los Angeles, Calif.	Minne- apolis, Minn.		Phila- delphia, Pa.	Pitts- burgh, Pa.	Port- land, Creg.	St. Louis, Mo.	San r'ran- cisco, Calif.	Scran- ton, Pa.	Seattle, Wash.	Wash- ington, D.C.
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1955: Average- Jamuary February March April June July September- October November- December-	111.5 111.3 112.1 111.9 109.4 108.4 107.7 109.2 112.6 114.1 113.9 113.1 113.7	104.0 103.2 104.1 103.9 101.5 101.3 102.4 105.4 105.4 105.9 106.9	111.2 111.6 112.2 112.1 108.9 107.7 107.4 108.5 112.5 113.7 113.0 113.0 113.2	106.6 103.9 106.2 107.2 105.1 104.0 103.9 105.8 110.4 109.4 109.4 108.2 107.9	113.9 112.8 113.9 117.9 119.8 119.7 119.3	116.6 116.5 117.4 117.9 115.3 113.7 112.6 114.4 117.6 118.7 118.8 117.8	115.1 115.9 115.2 116.4 113.4 112.3 111.0 113.1 115.7 117.7 117.2 116.5 116.8	113.1 112.1 113.2 114.3 110.6 110.0 108.8 110.4 114.6 116.9 116.5 115.5	109.5 111.8 111.1 109.6 109.3 108.2 106.9 107.0 108.5 110.5 110.0 110.2	104.9 104.7 106.6 105.5 103.1 102.2 101.3 101.7 106.0 107.4 106.1	110.1 109.2 111.4 111.2 108.1 107.0 107.5 109.1 112.3 113.5 111.1	119.7 119.0 121.5 121.9 117.2 116.2 114.4 116.7 120.2 121.8 122.7 121.4 123.0	113.3 112.3 113.2 113.3 111.5 109.5 109.6 111.3 117.0 116.9 115.5 114.6 114.6	112.0 111.9 112.9 112.8 110.8 108.0 107.7 110.2 114.6 114.3 113.8 113.6 113.1	120.2 120.4 119.3 120.9 118.4 116.7 110.2 117.8 121.6 123.2 123.4 122.5 122.4	111.5 109.3 109.3 109.4 109.3 108.9 110.9 113.3 115.3 115.8 112.7	120.8 118.3 117.2	110.3 109.6 112.3 110.4 108.4 108.4 108.3 110.7 112.9 112.7 109.9 112.0	109.9 109.7 110.3 111.1 108.2 105.6 105.4 108.5 113.4 111.6 111.7 111.2	110.6 109.9 111.7 110.5 108.2 108.9 108.7 109.0 111.8 113.3 113.3 110.1 112.0	111.7 111.3 111.9 112.1 110.0 107.7 109.3 113.5 114.2 114.4 113.5
1956: Average— January— February— March—— April—— June——— July——— August—— September— October—— November—— December——	112.8 112.8 109.6 110.7 110.8 110.9 111.1 112.8 113.9 115.4 115.8 115.2 114.2	105.3 105.5 102.4 102.8 103.7 104.1 104.0 105.0 106.0 107.0 108.1 107.6	112.8 111.9 109.4 110.7 110.7 111.1 111.4 113.3 113.6 115.4 116.1 115.2 114.2	106.8 106.8 103.2 105.5 105.6 105.7 105.9 107.5 108.1 110.9 110.1 107.0 105.8	119.1 118.4 116.0 117.1 117.1 117.8 118.3 119.6 120.0 121.4 122.6 121.5 119.2	118.8 118.0 114.7 116.1 116.9 116.6 116.8 119.1 120.8 122.4 122.3 121.7 119.6	116.7 115.8 113.0 114.0 114.4 114.3 115.1 117.1 118.5 120.2 120.0 119.4 118.2	115.2 113.9 111.6 112.8 113.5 112.8 113.4 115.2 117.3 119.1 118.4 118.2 116.4	111.2 111.0 108.9 109.3 109.4 109.7 110.9 112.2 112.7 113.6 113.6	106.6 105.3 102.8 104.8 105.1 105.8 107.1 107.3 108.0 109.4 108.5 108.4 107.0	111.7 112.7 110.7 109.9 110.5 110.1 109.3 110.9 111.8 112.0 114.4 114.2 114.0	120.9 121.8 118.2 119.5 119.5 120.0 120.7 121.2 121.9 123.9 123.2 121.5	113.2 113.5 109.7 111.3 111.1 111.5 113.6 114.2 116.7 116.2 115.4 113.6	112.6 112.4 108.5 110.1 110.6 111.0 110.8 113.2 114.0 116.4 116.5 115.2 112.8	121.9 121.9 118.7 119.6 119.8 120.0 119.9 122.4 122.8 124.8 125.5 124.7 123.0	115.5 113.4 111.4 114.1 113.0 112.6 114.3 115.8 119.3 119.6 118.5 117.0	121.4 121.2 118.5 120.5 119.3 119.6 120.1 121.8 121.9 124.0 124.3 123.1 122.9	110.4 111.5 107.0 108.3 107.4 107.1 107.5 110.3 111.9 112.5 114.4 114.0 112.7	110.4 110.6 106.3 108.1 108.5 108.5 110.4 111.0 114.0 113.6 113.8 111.1	111.4 110.7 106.6 108.7 108.6 109.4 111.0 114.1 114.9 116.0 114.0	113.4 112.9 109.1 111.8 111.6 112.1 112.5 113.7 114.3 116.9 116.9 115.8

1/ 46-city average, including 26 cities not shown separately.
2/ Includes New York, N. Y. — Northern New Jersey.
3/ Indexes for all foods by month, 1957-54 appear in Retail Prices of Foods, 1953-54, BLS Bull. 1183 (table 6, pp. 16-17).

Table 6.—Indexes of Retail Prices of Principal Foods in the United States, by Year, 1939-56

[T917-19=100 unless otherwise indicated]

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Article or group	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
All foods 1/	47.1	47.8	52.2	61.3	68.3	67.4	68.9	79.0	95.9	104.1	100.0	101.2	112.6	114.6	112.8	112.6	110.9	111.7
Foods at home	' '														112.5	111.9	109.7	110.2
Cereals and bakery products	57.2	58.6	59.2	63.6	65.1	65.6	65.9	75.6	94.0	103.4	102.7	104.5	114.0	116.8	119.1	121.9	123.9	125.6
Cereals: Flour, wheat	45.8	49.2	51.3	58.4	63.7	66.3	65.9	73.1	99.6	101.4	99.0	101.7	107.4	108.3	108.3	110.3	110.8	110.7
Biscuit mix 2/	45.0	47.4											101.4	100.	99.4	97.2	96.3	95.4
Corn meal	46.8	47.4	48.3	52.9	59.1	63.2	64.9	75.0	97.6	108.8	93.6	96.8	104.0	112.9	114.9	111.4	111.4	111.0
Rice									3/100.5	105.9	93.7	85.9	90.1	90.9	99.7	96.2	95.2	92.8
Rolled oats	~~~	74.0		50.0	4/67.8	73.5	80.5	82.1	90.9	106.4	102.8	103.5	130.0	112.9	113.6	114.1	117.6	119.1
Corn flakesBakery products:	56.7	56.8	57.4	59.2	58.9	57.5	58.5	66.3	86.2	106.3	107.6	109.2	121.0	126.9	127.7	127.9	128.0	128.9
Bread	59.6	61.1	61.5	65.7	65.9	65.3	65.4	77.1	93.0	103.2	103.8	106.0	116.1	119.3	122.7	127.8	131.6	134.7
Soda crackers 2/															103.2	105.4	104.9	107.3
Vanilla cookies 5/	55.1	56.4	57.3	62.5	64.6	65.7	65.8	74.7	93.6	102.7	103.8	105.2	116.6	120.6	119.4	121.3	122.4	124.0
Meats, poultry, and Fish 6/ Meats 6/	41.6	41.2	46.3	54.2	57.6	55.9	56.5	69.4	93.5	106.1	100.5	104.9	117.2	116.2	109.9	108.0	101.6	97.1
Beef and veal	42.1	41.2 43.2	46.4	53.4 52.0	54.2 52.4	51.4 49.9	51.5 49.8	65.8	93.6 89.8	106.4	100.0	105.5	119.5 130.5	118.4	110.6 102.1	110.0 98.3	97.2	97.9 95.7
Round steak	41.2	42.6	45.7	50.9	51.4	48.7	48.4	62.2	90.2	107.9	101.8	111.6	130.4	132.7	110.0	108.9	108.7	107.1
Chuck roast	39.6	10.3	43.9	50.5	52.0	50.0	49.6	64.0	90.1	112.6	97.2	107.1	128.9	127.8	94.8	91.6	89.5	87.2
Rib roast	42.3	42.7	45.6	49.7	51.2	49.2	49.1	63.5	91.5	108.7	99.8	109.5	125.3	126.3	104.3	104.0	105.3	104.7
Hamburger	12.0	11. 2	10 7	55.5	4/57.4	54:3 48.0	54.4	67.6	87.1	111.2	101.7	112.4	133.0	126.9	92.6	83.4	81.0	79.3
Veal cutlets	13.9	44.1 37.8	ц8.7 ц6.6	56.1	52.4 55.8	52.2	47.8 52.4	60.1	87.6 100.5	104.9	107.4 95.9	116.1 94.6	134.9	137.0 99.3	122.6 110.5	118.9 113.9	119.4 98.1	120.8 93.1
Pork chops	39.6	36.8	45.2	54.8	53.4	49.7	49.8	65.0	96.8	103.6	99.6	100.8	106.3	107.4	113.3	118.0	108.5	107.6
Bacon, sliced	43.8	38.3	48.2	55.4	57.8	55.0	55.3	72.3	105.4	104.3	90.3	86.4	91.1	87.9	107.0	111.0	89.7	79.0
Ham, whole	41.4	36.9	46.3	57.0	56.9	53.6	53.8	72.1	101.8	102.5	95.7	93.5	100.4	98.5	107.3	108.1	93.8	92.4
Lamb, leg	10.1	10.11	43.1	51.3	58.0	57.9	58.4	70.₺	90.2	101.1	103.1	107.3	120.2	118.1	104.3	102.5	98.2	99.8
Other meats: Frankfurters 2/		·			i		<b>-</b>								95.0	90.9	87.1	85.4
Luncheon meat, canned 2/															101.5	103.3	89.9	84.4
Poultry, frying chickens 77	48.7	49.2	53.0	63.7	75.9	78.4	80.2	90.3	95.1	105.5	99.4	95.2	99.7	100.1	97.6	88.1	91.7	80.4
Fish	33.7	36.9	11.6	54.4	69.0	69.3	72.5	78.9	90.6	104.5	104.9	103.0	117.6	114.6	110.3	110.8	108.6	108.5
Fish, fresh or frozen	38.9	41.6	146.14	62,3	81.4	81.7	85.9	93.7	94.8	103.2	102.0	105.9	112.9	114.4	109.9	109.6	105.4	105.5
Canned fish: Salmon, pink, canned	25.5	30.2	34.7	42.2	46.9	47.7	48.0	50.6	82.7	106.9	110.4	97.9	127.5	115.4	109.4	107.8	115.7	125.5
Tuna fish, canned 2/8/															100.9	103.3	99.6	94.6
Dairy products	49.8	52.6	58.2	65.1	69.9	69.4	69.5	85.7	96.7	106.3	96.9	95.9	107.0	111.5	109.6	106.1	105.9	108.7
Milk, fresh, (grocery) 9/10/	56.2	58.0	63.2	68.2	72.4	73.2	73.2	84.3	94.4	105.1	100.6	97.8	108.4	113.8	112.4	110.1	110.3	113.6
Milk, fresh, (delivered) 107 Ice cream 2/	58.1	60.6	64.9	71.5	74.3	74.4	74.4	85.0	94.4	104.7	100.8	98.8	110.2	115.8	115 <b>.</b> 1	113.1 97.3	113 <b>.</b> 9	118.4
Butter	40.5	45.0	51.5	59.3	65.4	62.1	62.9	88.8	100.7	108.5	90.8	91.3	102.4	107.0	99.6	91.1	89.2	95.5
Cheese, American process 11/	40.0	41.4	48.0	55.8	60.2	61.1	60.6	81.4	95.7	106.6	97.7	96.9	110.4	113.4	113.1	108.0	108.0	108.4
Milk, evaporated		51.2	57.4	65.1	73.2	72.8	73.0	83.9	95.7	108.0	96.3	92.8	105.7	109.4	107.1	101.8	100.2	103.4
All fruits and vegetables	46.3	47.3	50.5	64.1	82.7	82.4	86.7	89.3	97.6	100.5	101.9	97.6	106.7	117.2	113.5	111.9	113.5	119.0
Frozen fruits and vegetables 2/ Frozen fruits:					~										101.2	99.1	99.5	103.1
Strawberries 2/						l									96.7	94.7	93.7	91.2
Orange juice concentrate 2/															106.1	100.5	99.2	107.0
Frozen vegetables:			Į				ŀ	j			j		Į					١.
Peas, green 2/															97.3	98.2	102.7	107.5
Beans, green 2/ Fresh fruits and Vegetables	45.1	46.1	49.4	63.0	84.4	84.0	89.2	90.4	95.5	100.7	103.7	97.7	105.9	123.2	100.4	113.9	98.9 116.0	95.9 122.8
Fresh fruits:	4,,,,	40.1	47.4	0,.0	04.4	1 54.5	",	~~~	""	100,	1000	//•	107.7	147.4	110.1	11,000	.110.0	122.0
Apples	38.6	41.2	42.5	55.9	84.7	88.6	101.5	107.7	103.2	96.0	100.9	95.6	87.6	118.6	133.9	130.3	128.5	128.9
Bananas	38.0	39.3	14.1	64.1	75.4	74.1	68.9	73.0	95.0	100.3	104.6	102.4	102.8	103.0	104.0	104.1	105.0	104.4
Oranges, size 200	54.3	54.2	57.8	67.2	88.2	93.0	100.7	106.9	93.0	96.0	111.0	105.8	104.0	107.9	105.3	119.1	113.8	126.7
Lemons 12/															103.5 97.6	98.2 95.1	97 <b>.1</b> 97 <b>.</b> 5	101.9
Peaches */ Ili/															94.3	96.7	133.0	97.4
Strawberries */ 15/															91.1	96.2	95.3	99.7
Grapes, seedless */ 16/															94.0	84.4	79.4	80.8
Watermelons */ 177															37.7	71.6	80.2	79.5
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Deltates	Fresh vegetables:	1	1	1	1	1	- 1	1	. 1	1 1				1					
Sweetpotatoes		10.5	1,3.0	1,2.3	62.1	81.3	85.7	91.2	87.1	91,.0	10/3	101.7	85.4	93.5	120-0	102.2	99.3	107.2	127.8
Carrotes   \$\frac{\mu}{\mu} \cdots_1 \frac{\mu}{\mu} \frac{\mu}{\mu} \cdots_1 \frac{\mu}{\mu} \frac{\mu}{\mu} \cdots_1 \f																			
Carrote																			
Letture																			
Cabbage																			
Cabbage   Sl. 0   50.7   62.7   65.1   10.6   76.6   89.0   88.7   106.5   96.0   97.5   87.5   127.3   106.5   105.1   199.1   119.9   111.5						- 1			- 1										
Beans, green																			
Beans, green   15-3   50.5   57.9   64.7   80.3   84.5   91.4   91.6   102.2   101.0   96.8   101.6   105.7   112.5   113.1   107.2   105.1   119.5   107.9		- 1		- 1				1											
Canned fruits and vegetables   \$3.1   \$9.1   \$6.6   76.5   82.1   \$1.1   \$81.9   \$8.6   \$101.5   \$97.1   \$96.2   \$91.8   \$101.3   \$103.0   \$105.0   \$101.0   \$101.0   \$107.9   \$101.0   \$107.9   \$101.0   \$107.9   \$101.0   \$107.9   \$101.0   \$107.9   \$101.0   \$107.0	Tomatoes 2/					_													
Canned fruits:  Orange juice 2	Deans, green																		
Peaches 56.6 57.2 62.7 79.6 87.6 90.1 90.4 93.1 101.6 99.9 84. 91.2 107.3 107.3 107.5 107.6 107.6 107.6 107.6 107.6 107.6 107.6 107.6 107.6 107.6 107.6 107.6 107.6 107.6 107.6 107.6 107.6 107.7 107.6 107.7 107.6 107.8 107.6 107.6 107.7 107.8 107.8 107.6 107.7 107.8 107.		20.1	20.1	01.0	10.5	02.1	01.4	01.9	99.6	104.5	99.4	90.2	91.0	104.5	100.0	105.0	104.0	104.0	101.9
Peaches						l										107 4	330 €	107 L	3.200.0
Pineapple 57.h 57.8 59.2 7h.6 78.7 77.0 76.5 77.1 91.1 101.1 107.7 103.6 106.0 10h.9 10h.8 10h.9 106.1 103.8 Canned vegetables:    Corn, cream style 19/	Orange Juice 2/				,														
Canned regetables:																			
Carmed vegetables   Sa.h   58.h   58.7   63.5   72.5   75.9   76.0   76.9   80.6   95.8   102.9   91.01.3   92.6   106.7   112.7   113.h   108.1   101.5   106.8   Peas, green 20/											1 1								
Corn, cream style 19/															}	100.2	101.7	101.3	100.8
Peas, green 20/		ا , ا	ا ء ء				ا ء ، د ا	<b>5</b> (5)	00.	~~ ^	300 -	3.03.5		30/5	ا ا	.,,,,	200 -		10/ 0
Tomatoes — 19.1	Corn, cream style 19/																		
Baby foods 2/																			
Dried fruits and vegetables   37.9   10.9   12.1   15.1   55.1   56.5   66.9   68.1   77.1   107.1   92.1   100.2   106.6   101.3   111.6   111.6     Dried beans 21/		49.4	48.9	52.5	69.5	75-7	74.7	75.5	88.3	113.4	97.1	89.5		111.2	103.8				
Prunes						- 1			1					1	. 1				
Dried beans 21/ 32.7 3i.9 39.3 k8.6 5h.0 56.h 56.1 76.h 106.9 110.5 82.6 77.1 83.2 80.6 85.7 88.5 93.7 85.7 12.8 Soop, vegetable 2/ 23/ 100.1 102.5 97.5 101.2 11i.6 109.3 112.2 11i.8 111.5 12.8 Soop, vegetable 2/ 23/ 100.1 102.5 97.5 101.2 11i.6 109.3 112.2 11i.8 111.5 12.8 Soop, vegetable 2/ 23/ 100.1 102.5 97.5 101.2 11i.6 109.3 112.2 11i.8 111.5 12.8 Soop, vegetable 2/ 23/																			
Other foods at home 22/ Partially prepared Toods: Soup, regetable 2/ 23/ Beans with pork 2/  Pickles, sweet 2/  Pickles, sweet 2/  Partially prepared Toods:  Soup, regetable 2/ 23/  Pickles, sweet 2/  Pickles, sweet 2/  Partially prepared Toods:  Soup, regetable 2/ 23/  Pickles, sweet 2/  Pickles, sweet 2/  Partially prepared Toods:  Soup, regetable 2/ 23/  Pickles, sweet 2/  Pickles, sweet 2/  Partially prepared Toods:  Soup, regetable 2/ 23/  Pickles, sweet 2/  P																			
Partially prepared Tools:   Soup, vegetable 2/ 23/   Soup, vegetable 2/   Soup, vegetable		32.7	34.9	39.3	48.6	54.0	56.4	58.1	70.2										
Soup, vegetable 2/23/										100.1	102.5	97.5	101.2	114.6	109.3	112.2	114.8	111.5	112.8
Beans with pork \$\frac{7}{						- 1									l			_	
Condiments and sauces:  Pickles, sweet 2/ Cataup, tomato 2/ Correct 21/ Correc	Soup, vegetable 2/23/																		
Pickles, sweet 2/																100.0	100.9	103.9	103.0
Catsup, tomato Z/		l	l	- 1		l	į				[			- 1					
Beverages, non-alcoholic	Pickles, sweet 2/							]											
Coffee 24/								- 1			ı						97.2		
Tes 2/75/ Cola drinks 2/ Fats and oils																			
Cola drams 2/		46.0	43.9	148 <b>∙</b> 8	59.0	59.7	59.4	59.6	67.3	91.5	100.4	108.0	154.8	169.1	169.2				
Shortening, hydrogenated 26/	Tea 2/ 25/																104.7		
Shortening, hydrogenated 26/	Cola drinks 2/																		
Margarine, colored	Fats and oils																		
Lard	Shortening, hydrogenated 26/																		
Salad dressing 27/																			
Peamut butter 27																			
Sugar and sweets 56.9		63.6	61.1	63.9	73.9	74.5	74.5	74.7	80.9	101.9	104.9	93.3	92.1	102.9	92.8				
Sugar						1	. 1				ı								
Corn syrup 2/			54.8		71.5		71.5												
Grape jelly 2/		56.6	54.4	59.9	71.2	70.8	70.4	70.4	80.5	101.9	98.4	99.8	102.2	106.2	108.2		108.8		
Chocolate bars 2/ 99.9 105.4 112.6 100.0 Eggs, grade A, large 44.7 46.1 55.1 67.0 79.5 75.6 80.7 82.9 98.6 102.5 98.8 85.3 103.8 94.8 100.4 84.0 86.8 86.3 Miscellaneous foods:														<b></b>					
Eggs, grade A, large 44.7 46.1 55.1 67.0 79.5 75.6 80.7 82.9 98.6 102.5 98.8 85.3 103.8 94.8 100.4 84.0 86.8 86.3 Miscellaneous foods:	Grape jelly 2/													<b></b>					
Miscellaneous foods:	Chocolate bars 2/	)	)																
Miscellaneous foods:	Eggs, grade A, large	44.7	46.1	55.1	67.0	79.5	75.6	80.7	82.9	98.6	102.5	98.8	85.3	103.8	94.8	100.4	84.0	86.8	86.3
Gelatin, flavored 2/ 99.7 98.9 96.8 99.3	Miscellaneous foods:	ł	- 1								}								
-	Gelatin, flavored 2/															99.7	98.9	98.8	99.3
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1/ Restaurant meals included in all foods beginning January 1953.

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Z becember 1952-100.

J Average for 6 months.

L Average for 11 months.

J Average for 11 months.

J Odding replaced pound cake in October 1939.

J Other meats included in Meats, and Meats, poultry and fish, beginning January 1953.

7/ Frying chickens replaced roasting chickens in April 1949.

Specification revised to chunk style tune in h2 cities and continued as solid pack tune in 4 cities, beginning August 1955; chunk style in 43 cities and solid pack in 3 cities. beginning November 1955.

2/ Specification revised to include Vitamin D milk and milk in half-gallon containers, beginning November 1950.

10/ Milk specifications revised to standard specification by city, beginning August 1956.

II/ American process cheese replaced number 1 mild cheddar cheese in July 1919. IZ/ May 1953-100. 1953 average for 8 months.

13/ January 1953=100. 1953 and 1954 averages for 4 months, 1955 and 1956 averages for 7 months. 11/ July 1953=100. 1953-56 averages for 3 months.

15/ April 1953=100. 1953-56 averages for 3 months. 15/ July 1953-100. 1953 average for 3 months, 1954 and 1955 averages for 5 months, 1956 average for 4 months.

June 1953=100. 1953-56 averages for 3 months.

18/ January 1953=100.

19/ Cream style corn replaced cream style and whole kernel corn in April 1939.

20/ No. 303 can fancy grade replaced No. 2 can standard grade peas in April 1950. 21/ Navy beans through June 1955. Specification revised to include Great Northern Beans beginning July 1955. Published as dried beans beginning August 1955.

22/ Partially prepared foods and miscellaneous foods were added to the list of foods bought to be prepared at home in January 1953.

Tomato soup replaced vegetable soup in August 1956.

Specification revised to include prices for tinned coffee in 211 stores and coffee in bags in chain stores and supermarkets only, beginning January 1956.

Tea bags replaced loose tea in August 1955.

25/ Published as shortening in other containers prior to August 1947.
27/ Salad dressing replaced mayonnaise in January 1950.

\*/ Priced only in season.

Table 7.—Indexes of Retail Prices of Principal Foods in the United States, by Wonth, 1955 and 1956

/I9h7-h9=100 unless otherwise indicated/

Article or group	Aver-	<del></del>			<del></del>	<del>,</del>	1955		<del></del>			γ	·
	age	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec
All foods	110.9	110.6	110.8	110.8	111.2	111.1	111.3	112.1	111.2	111.6	110.8	109.8	1.09.
Poods at home	109.7 123.9	109.4	109.6 123.8	109.7	110.1	110.0	110.3	111.1	110.0	110.4	109.4	108.2	107.9
		12,04	123.0	123.9	123.9	123.8	124.0	124.2	124.1	124.0	123.9	123.9	123.9
Flour, wheat	110.8	111.4	111.4	111.2	111.3	110.9	111.0	110.9	110.7	110.3	110.0	110.0	109.9
Corn meal	96.3	96.8	96.6	96.7 111.5	96.7	96.6 111.5	96.7 111.5	96.7	96.0 112.7	96.0	95.9 111.2	95.7	95•7
Rice	95.2	94.4	94.5	95.2	95.5	95.2	95.8	96.4	97.1	95.9	94.3	94.0	93.7
Rolled cats	117.6	115.3	116.4	116.9	117.1	117.3	118.0	118.2	118.4	117.9	117.9	118.5	118.
Corn flakes	128.0	128.1	128.1	128.1	127.9	128.0	127.8	127.7	128.0	128.1	128.3	128.1	128.2
Bakery products:  Bread Soda crackers 1/	131.6	130.4	131.3	131.3	131.3	131.3	131.7	131.9	131.7	131.9	132.1	132.2	132.
Soda crackers 1/	104.9	105.3	104.8	104.9	104.7	105.0	104.9	104.6	104.8	105.1	104.9	104.5	104.9
Vanilla cookies	122.4	122.3	122.3	122.4	122.6	122.3	122.3	122.6	122.6	122.5	122.2	122.1	122.
Meats	101.0	102.4	102.5	102.3	103.0	102.1 101.4	103.d 103.3	103.7 103.4	102.9	103.5	100.9	97.1 97.1	94.0
Beef and veal	97.2	99.7	99.4	98.4	98.1	96.5	96.8	96.7	96.5	97.4	97.0	95.3	94.
Round steak	108.7	111.5	110.7	109.3	108.9	107.1	108.3	108.5	109.4	110.3	109.0	106.2	105.9
Pib roset	105 3	93.7 108.6	93.6 107.6	92.7 106.2	91.9	88.8 105.1	88.8 105.3	88.0 105.2	86.5 104.1	88.3 105.0	88.4 104.5	87.2	102.
Hamburger	81.0	82.2	61.5	81.4	81.8	81.3	80.9	81.0	80.8	60.7	60.8	60.1	79.
Veal cutlets	119.4	119.0	122.8	120.2	119.7	119.2	119.1	118.7	118.3	120.1	119.6	118.4	118.
Pork chops	98.1 108.5	100.1	98.5	95.8	96.6	99•3	103.1	103.6	101.0	102.5	98.9	91.1	86.
Bacon, sliced	89.7	103.6 96.1	103.6 94.0	101.7 90.8	106.4 89.7	113.h 89.2	122.9 89.4	119.2 91.8	111.5 91.8	116.8 91.6	110.9 90.6	100.2 83.0	92. 78.
Ham, whole	93.8	97.3	94.7	92.0	91.0	93•5	95.8	97.9	97.8	97.3	92.9	88.4	86.
Bacon, sliced	98.2	98.9	98.8	98.2	99.0	97.2	100.2	98.9	97.9	98.4	98.2	96.8	95.
	87.1	88.3	87.5	87.5	87.4	86.9	86.7	86.7	87.0	87.4	87.2	86.7	85.9
Frankfurters 1/	89.9	98.5	94.7	93.0	90.7	89.5	88.8	88.1	87.6	87.3	87.0	86.9	86.
Poultry, frying chickens	91.7	85.1	90.8	97.8	101.3	93.9	95.5	94.4	95•3	94.1	86.9	84.0	81.1
Fish, fresh or frozen	108.6	109.3	109.2	108.5	108.6	108.5	103.0	108.2	108.2	108.3	108.4	108.6	109.2
		107.2	107.1	105.8	106.0	105.9	104.8	105.1	105.3	104.9	103.9	104.2	105.1
Canned fish: Salmon, pink, canned	115.7	111.3	112.0	112.8	113.5	114.2	114.8	114.6	115.2	117.0	120.ls	120.9	121.7
Tuna fish, canned 1/2/	99.6	101.0	100.6	100.2	99.6	99.4	99.1	99•4	98.8	98.8	99•4	99.1	99.0
Wilk fresh (mosery)	105.9	106.4	106.1	105.4	104.6	104.0	104.1 107.5	104.7	105.7 110.7	106.5 111.1	1.07.5 112.4	107.8	107.7
Wilk, fresh, (delivered)	113.9	114.5	114.1	112.6	111.2	110.5	110.7	111.7	113.1	115.4	117.3	117.9	117.7
Ice cream 1/	95.6	96.2	96.2	96.0	95.8	95.7	95.6	95.6	95.4	95•3	95.1	94.9	94.8
Butter	89.2	90.1	89.5	89.4	89.1	83.6 108.1	88.6	88.5 108.2	88.8 108.5	89.L	89.7 108.1	89.5 108.3	69.6
Wilk, evaporated	100.0	106.7	107.4 100.2	108.3 100.3	108.0	100.0	108.4 100.1	100.2	100.0	108.1	100.1	100.0	108.1
All fruits and vegetables	113.5	110.6	110.7	112.0	117.5	120.2	119.5	121.9	111.3	110.2	108.5	109.0	110.7
Frozen fruits and vegetables 1/	99•5	98.5	96.8	با 97	97.8	97•9	98.1	98.6	100.9	101.7	102.1	102.3	102.1
Frozen fruits:	93.7	94.1	94.2	94.4	93.8	94.4	94.1	93•3	92.9	93.2	92.9	93.6	93.2
Strawberries 1/ Orange juice concentrate 1/	99.2	98.7	95.1	95.7	96.7	97 .lı	97.8	99.0	101.2	101.7	102.2	102.4	102.1
Frozen vegetables:		ſ	ĺ		ľ				201.0	Ì			300
Peas, green I/	102.7 98.9	99.1	98.5 99.5	99•3 99•7	99.9 99.5	99.4	99•5 98•9	100.1 98.6	104.9 98.8	107.0 98.8	108.0 98.3	108.7	97.5
Prozen vegetables:  Peas, green l/  Presh fruits and vegetables  Presh fruits:	116.0	111.8	112.4	114.5	123.2	127.5	126.1	129.6	112.2	109.9	107.1	107.6	110.
Fresh fruits:					1					1			
Apples	128.5	116.9	121.0	122.0 105.0	130.9 105.1	146.3 104.8	160.0 105.2	174.2	135.2 106.7	120.6 106.3	103.9 106.2	102.9	100.1
Oranges, size 200	113.8	98.0	96.0	103.8	107.6	112.4	114.0	119.9	124.3	127.7	131.0	115.6	115.7
Lemons 3/	97.1	100.3	99.1	97.5	98.5	96.7	94.2	93•9	94.5	96.0	94.5	97.3	102.7
Grapefruit 4/	97.5	94.9	93.1	92.6	96.2	101.1	* *	* 191.1	* 113.2	* 94•7	*	103.6	100.8
Strawberries 8/	7 95.3	*	*	*	107.6	90.3	88.1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Grapes, seedless 6/	/ 79.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	117.5	81.4	61.5	61.9	74.5	*
Presh fruits:  Apples	/ 80.2	*	*	*	*	*	103.6	75.7	61.4	*	*	*	*
Fresh vegetables: Potatoes Sweetpotatoes Onions Carrots Lettuce Celery L/ Cabbace	107.2	100.1	102.8	103.8	134.3	154.0	136.5	112.7	91.9	85.3	84.7	89.4	90.7
Sweetpotatoes	123.1	118.5	127.9	134.1	136.3	141.2	141.4	145.8	128.8	107.5	96.8	97.1	102.1
Onions	108.8	90.9	90.3 104.2	86.9 102.5	99•3 100•3	100.1 98.5	99.6 102.3	101.7	91.7 103.5	92.9 112.3	94.2 117.4	96.8 116.2	98.3 133.3
Lettuce	113.7	120.8	117.8	120.7	121.9	105.6	92.4	109.9	120.7	127.4	104.1	104.0	118.
Celery 4/	98.9	95.8	100.3	103.3	98.9	95.2	92.8	98.2	93.9	107.2	105.0	98.6	97.1
Cabbage	119.9	129.4	126.0	113.2	135.5	150.8	116.2	100.8	100.0	105.0	110.0 81.9	99.8	98.9
Tomatoes 1/Beans, green	105-1	107.0 134.8	109.7	122.8 109.0	116.0 116.k	108.7 119.7	96.8 87.4	100.9 72.5	89.0	75.4 95.6	99.7	102.5	104.
Canned fruits and vegetables	104.0	103.6	102.8	102.6	102.8	103.0	103.4	103.7	104.1	104.7	105.1	105.8	105.9
Canned fruits:			l					1 ,,,	100.0		,,,,,	١,,,,	,,,,
Orange juice 1/	107.4	106.7	104.7	103.4 105.8	103.7	104.6 106.9	105.6 107.4	106.1 107.7	107.7 109.1	109.3 110.4	110.9 110.5	112.1	111.
Pineapple	106.1	105.4	105.5	105.7	105.6	105.5	105.6	106.0	106.0	106.4	106.8	107.1	107.
Fruit cocktail 1/	101.3	101.3	101.4	101.0	101.0	100.7	100.6	101.2	101.6	101.8	101.9	101.7	101.
Canned vegetables:			1 ,,,, ,	3.00 <b>-</b>	1200 (	100.0	00.0	00.7	300.2	101.2	102.0	104.3	300
Corn, cream style	101 8	103.0 101.7	101.5	100.7 101.5	100.6	100.0	99.9 101.6	99 <b>.7</b> 10 <b>1.</b> 7	100.2	101.2 101.9	102.0	102.3	105.
Tomatoes	103.0	100.9	101.2	101.7	102.2	102.9	103.6	104.0	103.2	102.9	102.6	103.կ	103.
Tomatoes	98.6	98.7	98.4	98.5	98.7	98.3	98.5	98.6	98.4	98.8	98.7	98.8	98.
Dried fruits and Vegetables	110.5	113.2	114.4	115.5	115.9	116.4	117.1	117.6	118.4	118.0	117.0	116.3	115.
Prunes Dried beans 11/		132.5 92.6	133.3 94.0	134.4 95.0	135.0 95.2	137.4 94.6	138.6 94.7	139.1 95.3	140.2 95.8	140.8 94.8	142.0 92.6	143.5 90.6	89.
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Article or group	Aver-	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Other foods at home	age	<b></b>	ļ		<del> </del>		<del></del>			<del></del>	<u> </u>		113.7
Partially prepared foods:	111.5	111.3	112.1	111.9	109.4	108.4	107.7	109.2	112.6	114.1	113.9	113.1	11,.,
Soup, vegetable $1/$ Beans with pork $\overline{1}/$	98.7	99•3	98.8	98.7	98.4	98.4	98.5	98.5	99.0	99.1	98.6	98.7	98.9
	103.9	102.4	103.1	103.6	104.1	103.8	104.4	104.7	104.8	104.8	104.8	103.1	103.2
Condiments and sauces: Pickles, sweet 1/ Catsup, tomato 1/ Everages, nonalcoholic Coffee Tea 1/ 13/	99.4	100.5	100.1	99•7	99.7	99.6	99.3	99.3	99.0	98.9	98.7	98.9	99.3
Catsup, tomato 1/	98.1	97.4	97.0	97.3	97.3	97.6	97.8	97.9	98.4	98.4	98.9	99.6	100.1
Coffee	185.6 180.7	202.2	190.7 188.4	187.3 183.0	185.5 179.7	184.9 179.1	180.1 172.9	180.3 173.0	180.3 173.0	182.1 175.8	184.7 179.4	185.7 180.7	183.8 178.1
Tes 1/ 13/	122.5	113.5	119.0	122.9	125.6	124.9	123.3	123.2	123.3	123.5	123.4	123.5	123.4
Cola drinks 1/	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.0	112.3	112.1	111.9 80.7	112.1 81.1	112.1	111.5 81.3	111.7 80.8	80.6	111.7 80.3
Fats and oils  Shortening, hydrogenated  Margarine  Lard  Salad dressing  Peanut butter 1/  Sugar and sweets  Sugar  Corn symp 1/  Chacolate bar 1/  Eggs, grade A, large  Miscellaneous Foods:	31.3 84.7	82.5 85.8	82.1 85.8	81.8 85.6	81.6 85.1	80.9 83.5	83.6	84.3	81.5 85.1	85.3	34.1	84.1	84.0
Margarine	75.0	76.3	76.0	75.9	75.7	74.7	74-3	74.7	75.1	74.6	74.5	74.4	74.0
Lard	76.0 92.8	84.1 93.3	79.9	76.9 93.1	75.9 93.0	75.5 92.7	75.8 92.8	75.4 92.7	74.4 93.2	73.5 92.7	73.6 92.7	73•3 92•4	72.0 92.4
Peanut butter 1/	110.4	103.7	93.1 106.7	108.4	11.0.1	110.5	110.5	111.8	112.9	113.5	112.9	111.9	111.5
Sugar and sweets	112.2	113.3	113.3	11.3.3	113.2	113.2	113.0	113.0	113.0	113.0	110.2	109.1	108.5
Sugar	108.0	108.3	108.3 101.0	108.1	108.0	107.3	107.7 101.0	107.6	107.6 101.0	107.8	107.8 100.8	108.4	100.6
Grape jelly 1/	107.8	106.9	106.6	107.1	107.0	107.4	107.2	107.5	108.2	109.0	108.9	108.7	109.0
Chocolate bar 1/	112.6	116.1	115.2	116.1	116.1	116.1	115.8	115.6	115.4	114.9	106.2	102.0	100.9
Eggs, grade A, large	86.8	73.9	84.6	86.3	78.8	76.2	76.9	81.9	93.4	97.9	97.6	94.9	98.7
Miscellaneous foods: Gelatin, flavored 1/	98.8	98.9	98.9	98.9	98.6	98.5	99.0	98.9	99.0	98.3	98.7	99.0	99.1
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All foodsFood at home	111.7	107.2	108.9	109.0 107.3	109.6	111.0	113.2	1114.8 113.8	113.1	113.1	113.1 111.7	112.9	112.9 111.2
Cereals and bakery products	125.6	107.5	107.1	124.4	124.5	109.5 124.7	125.2	125.8	126.3	126.6	126.8	127.0	127.4
Compaint					1				ŀ				ļ
Riscuit mix 1/	110.7 95.4	110.2 95.8	110.2 95.8	95.6	110.5 95.4	111.0 95.1	111.5 95.2	111.1 95.2	110.9 95.2	95.3	110.5 95.5	95.6	111.2 95.6
Corn meal	111.0	110.3	110.5	110.5	110.6	110.3	111.3	111.9	111.8	111.4	iii.i	111.0	111.4
Flour, wheat	92.8	93.3	93.3	93.2	92.9	92.7	92.9	93.0	93.1	92.9	92.2	92.1	92.2
Corn flakes	119.1	118.7	118.7 128.1	118.7	118.9	119.0 128.2	119.0 128.2	119.0 128.4	119.3 128.5	119.2	119.2	119.5	120.2
Bakery products:	l .	1	l .	l								l	
Bakery products: Bread Soda crackers 1/ Vanilla cookies Meats, poultry, and fish	134.7	132.3	132.5	132.6	132.9	133.0 106.8	133.7	134.9 107.7	136.0	136.6	137.1 107.8	137.2	137.5
Vanilla cookies	121.0	104.6	122.9	123.0	123.6	123.7	123.8	124.1	124.6	124.8	125.0	125.1	125.3
Meats, poultry, and fish	97.1	93.3	93.6	92.8	94.0	95•5	98.0	99.3	99•9	101.3	100.8	98.8	98.0
Meats	97.9 95.7	92.5 93.1	92.7 91.5	91.6 89.9	93.6	95.5 91.8	99 <b>.</b> 1 9 <b>3.</b> 1	99•8	101.3 98.0	103.8	103.5	101.3	100.3 98.6
Beef and veal	107.1	103.0	100.9	98.8	100.2	102.1	10/,.2	106.7	111.8	117.5	117.2	113.3	109.0
Chuck roast	87.2	83.7	81.3	79.8	80.1	82.1	83.1	83.6	89.0	96.1	98.1	96.2	93.0
Hamburger	104.7 79.3	101.1 79.2	99.3 77.8	97•3 77•2	97•7 77•5	98 <b>.</b> 9 77 <b>.</b> 7	100.9 78.1	102.8 79.0	106.4 79.9	113.8 81.1	115.1 82.3	81.4	110.2 80.6
Round steak	120.8	119.8	122.0	119.4	118.9	119.9	120.2	120.0	120.7	122.6	122.6	122.0	122.0
Pork chops	93.1	83.5	85.7	84.7	88.5	90.9	97.4	98.2	98.6	99.8	98.5	95.2	95.6
Bacon, sliced	107.6	89.2 75.0	95.2 74.4	92.6 72.8	74.2	106.3 74.6	118.7 78.0	118.1 80.6	117.3 81.9	120.9 83.3	116.9 84.9	109.1 63.5	106.9 84.4
Ham, whole	92.4	85.5	87.0	88.9	91.4	92.4	96.6	96.5	96.7	95.1	92.6	91.8	94.3
Lamb, leg	99.8	93.1	93.5	72.6	94.9	103.5	108.5	103.5	102.2	103.0	101.4	102.3	98.9
Frankfurters 1/	85.4	85.5	84.6	84.7	84.7	84.9	85.2	85.4	85.2	85.9	86.1	86.2	86.0
Luncheon meats, canned 1/	84.4	85.1	84.3	84.2	83.8	83.6	83.6	83.5	83.6	83.6	84.9	85.9	86.8
Poultry, frying chickens	108.5	81.9 109.6	108.8	83.3 109.2	108.5	32.1 108.4	80.7 106.0	84.7 107.6	81.4 108.9	78.7 108.1	76.7 108.3	75.1	108.9
Fish, fresh or frozen	105.5	106.0	105.4	105.3	104.9	105.5	105.1	104.7	105.3	105.6	105.7	105.8	106.7
Canned fish:	125.5	122.6	122.6	122 8	122 4	101. 3	325.2	125.0	124 F	126.0	120 0	120 4	1200
Salmon, pink canned Tuna fish, canned 1/	94.6	98.4	97.1	122.8 98.4	123.6 96.5	124.3 9b.9	125 <b>.</b> 2 93 <b>.</b> 9	125.9 93.1	126.5 92.9	126.9 92.7	128.0 92.6	128.6 92.2	129.0
	108.7	107.3	107.3	106.9	106.4	107.5	107.7	108.7	109.2	109.8	110.7	111.1	111.3
Milk, fresh, (grocery) 14/	113.6	112.1	111.9	111.3	110.2	111.8	112.0	113.6	114.2	115.3	116.5	117.0	117.2
Milk, fresh, (delivered) 14/	95.5	96.8	95.2	95.0	95.1	94.9	95.2	118.6 95.5	119.0 95.7	96.0	120.9 95.9	96.2	121.5 96.3
Eutter	91.3	89.6	89.6	89.5	89.4	90.7	90.9	90.9	91.1	91.5	92.9	94.3	94.6
Milk, evaporated	108.4	108.0	108.1	108.1	108.2	108.5	108.4 103.h	108.5	108.9	108.7	108.5	108.5	108.8
All fruits and vegetables	119.0	112.6	113.3	114.8	116.7	121.5	131.4	135.2	120.7	114.8	113.9	115.8	117.4
Frozen fruits and vegetables 1/	103.1	102.3	102.9	103.9	103.6	103.5	104.1	104.7	104.5	104.1	102.5	101.1	100.4
Frozen fruits: Strawberries 1/	91.2	93.2	92.6	92.3	92.6	92.6	93.3	92.3	90.4	89.5	88.8	88.0	88.2
Orange juice concentrate 1/	107.0	102.9	105.7	107.6	106.4	106.4	107.0	109.0	109.7	109.8	108.0	106.3	104.8
Frozen vegetables:	107.5	109 6	102 1	108 1	109 4	100.0	100 5	110.0	100.0	l .	ļ	i	
Peas, green 1/Beans, green 1/	95.9	108.6 97.3	107.4 96.7	108.1 96.9	108.6 96.6	109.0 95.8	109.5 96.3	110.0 95.5	109.2 95.2	108.2 95.0	104.5 96.5	103.8 94.2	103.3
Fresh fruits and vegetables	122.8	113.3	114.1	116.3	119.3	126.8	142.5	148.4	124.9	115.5	114.1	117.4	120.4
Fresh fruits: Apples	128.9			i		1		l	ĺ	ł		l	
Rananas	104.4	113.5	116.9	119.0	129.2 96.1	141.9 105.1	155.0 106.5	157.0 101.2	136.9 103.2	128.0 104.8	111.5	113.9	123.5
Omangae eigo 200	1 126 7	108.9	109.5	108.7	109.4	118.9	130.8	142.7	139.5	148.1	151.0	130.1	122.6
Lemons 3/	1 101.9	104.9	99.1	95.9	96.0	94.8	94.1	102.3	100.4	106.6	108.3	109.8	110.3
Lemons 3/	7/ 97.4	97.0	95.0 *	93.9	96.6	109.0	*	* 111.4	89.6	91.2	*	121.6	114.6
Strawberries 8/	7/ 99.7	*	*	*	122.2	85.2	91.7	*	*	*	*	*	*
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Table 7. - Indexes of Retail Prices of Principal Foods in the United States, by Month, 1955 and 1956-Continued [1947-49=100 unless otherwise specified]

							1956						
Article or group	Aver-	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
All fruits and vegetables-Con.													
Fresh fruits and vegetables-Con.	1		l				ļ						
Fresh fruits-Con.	1,						l .					l	
Grapes, seedless 6/	9/ 80.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	104.9	75.6	68.4	74.5	*	*
Watermelons 10/	<u>7</u> / 79•5	*	*	*	*	*	99•0	77.1	62 <b>.</b> lı	*	*	*	*
Fresh vegetables:			l									1	
Potatoes	127.8	98.3	1.03.7	108.2	126.3	150.6	174.4	218.6	1464	108.9	97.6	99.4	101.2
Sweetpotatoes	114.9	106.3	105.7	107.2	106.9	112.5	121.8	138.4	136.1	117.6	106.9	105.5	113.4
Carrots	112.4	97.4	93.5	92.0	94.2	107.8	17/8*5	186.4	159.6	106.0	89.2	84.6	89.9
Lettuce	108.1	124.0	110.8	102.4	97.8	101.8	107.9	108.5	108.8	110.9	106.2	108.3	109.4
Celery 4/	114.4	95.1	96.2 89.8	103.2	106.4	111.1	112.0	96.9	102.8	111.0	125.4	167.8	145.4
Cabbage	92.7	89.7		90.1	96.7	90.6	99•6	99.6	92.8	86.0	84.7	92.0	101.3
Tamatana 3/	114.5	170°ft	119.9	115.6	124.3	115.9	125.6	116.3	107.4	104.1	100.3	97.1	107.1
Tomatoes 1/Beans, green	105.4	120.0	116.9	151.1	121.1	101.7	118.8	106.9	77.2	59.2	74.8	94.5	122.8
Canned fruits and vegetables	119.5	149.9	157.3	126.4	121.4	132.3	134.0	101.5	81.4	86.3	102.1	110.9	130.0
Canned fruits:	107.9	106.1	106.5	1.06.9	107.3	107.6	108.0	108.6	108.8	108.7	108.9	108.8	108.3
Orange juice 1/	120.0	111.7	113.5	114.9	116.6	117.5	118.6	121.4	123.1	124.2	126.4	126.4	124.9
Peaches	111.C	111.2	111.2	110.9	111.3	111.6	111.8	112.1	111.1	110.5	110.1	109.9	109.7
Pineapple	108.8	107.8	107.9	108.3	108.7	108.7	109.1	109.1	108.9	109.0	109.1	109.3	109.8
Fruit cocktail 1/	100.8	101.5	101.0	100.7	100.7	100.6	100.5	100.8	100.9	101.1	101.0	100.7	100.2
Canned vegetables:	100.5	101.5	101.0	100.1	100.1	100.0	100.9	100.0	100.7	101.1	101.0	100.1	100.2
Corn, cream style	106.8	106.0	106.և	106.8	106.7	107.3	107.8	108.1	108.4	108.4	106.9	105.3	103.6
Peas, green	102.1	102.5	102.6	102.6	102.5	102.5	102.3	102.5	101.8	101.4	101.5	101.5	101.8
Tomatoes	104.1	103.6	104.5	104.7	105.2	104.3	104.5	104.0	104.2	103.6	103.5	103.9	103.3
Baby foods 1/	100.9	98.7	99.0	29.1	99.2	100.5	101.4	101.8	101.9	102.1	102.2	102.3	102.2
Dried fruits and vegetables	114.6	114.7	114.7	114.5	114.5	114.6	114.9	115.4	115.4	115.3	114.6	113.6	112.7
Prunes	147.2	14.5	146.0	146.7	147.6	148.1	143.6	149.5	149.7	11.9.9	147.5	145.0	143.6
Dried beans	85.7	87.6	86.6	85.9	85.3	85.2	85.3	85.5	85.5	85.3	85.7	85.6	85.1
Other foods at home	112.8	112.8	109.6	110.7	110.8	110.9	111.1	112.8	113.9	115.4	115.8	115.2	11/1.2
Partially prepared foods:	11111	11111	1 .07.0	11.001	11000	1100)			12,007	127.4	22,00		
Soup, vegetable 1/12/	98.3	98.7	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.5	98.6	98.7	99.0	97.7	97.3	97.6	97.8
Beans with pork I/	103.0	103.2	103.0	103.1	102.2	102.5	103.3	103.4	103.2	103.2	102.8	102.4	103.2
Condiments and sauces:	1-0500	150-	]510	]	20000			1	50-				
Pickles, sweet 1/	98.8	99.1	98.7	98.6	98.8	98.7	98.4	98.5	99.0	99.4	98.6	98.5	99.0
Catsup, tomato 1/	101.6	100.0	100.3	101.0	101.4	101.5	101.9	102.0	102.2	102.4	102.1	102.3	102.4
Beverages, nonalcoholic	194.0	182.9	183.3	188.0	1.88.9	189.3	191.7	196.9	197.8	201.5	202.8	202.8	201.6
Coffee 15/	192.0	176.9	178.1	184.6	185.4	185.9	189.1	195.8	196.9	202.1	203.7	203.7	201.8
Tea 1/	121.2	123.4	120.6	120.7	121.1	120.8	120.7	120.8	121.0	121.0	120.9	121.1	121.9
Cola drinks 1/	113.0	111.4	111.4	111.6	112.3	112.4	112.7	113.6	113.8	113.9	114.2	114.2	114.3
Fats and oils	83.1	79.6	79.6	80.4	82.2	83.9	84.6	84.4	84.4	84.2	8և.2	84.6	85.3
Shortening, hydrogenated	90.5	84.0	84.1	86.0	89.5	92.4	94.2	93.6	93.3	92.4	92.2	92.2	92.6
Margarine	75.6	72.8	73.1	73.7	75.6	76.5	76.2	76.2	76.4	76-4	76.2	76.6	77.3
Lard	73.1	69.8	69.2	69.1	69.8	73.2	73.5	72.9	73.6	74.4	75.9	76.9	79.2
Salad dressing	94.3	92.2	92.2	92.5	93.1	94.1	94.9	95.5	95.4	94.8	94.6	95.6	96.4
Peanut butter 1/	110.0	110.6	110.0	110.1	1.09.7	109.7	109.8	110.1	109.9	109.9	110.0	109.9	109.9
Peanut butter 1/	109.6	108.8	108.8	103.9	109.0	109.0	109.3	109.6	109.7	109.9	110.3	110.6	110.9
Sugar	109.8	108.8	109.0	109.0	109.3	109.3	1.09+8	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.2	110.7	111.5
Corn syrup 1/	101.5	100.7	100.5	100.5	100.5	100.5	100.6	100.9	101.5	102.5	103.1	103-4	103.7
Grape jelly 1/	111.4	109.2	109.5	110.0	110.5	110.8	110.7	111.6	111.6	112.2	113.4	113.8	113.4
Chocolate bar 1/	100.0	100.4	100.1	100.0	99.9	99.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.1	100.0	100.0
Corn syrup 1/	86.3	96.8	84.9	85.1	83.5	82.2	80.8	83.4	86.5	89.9	90.7	87.7	83.8
Miscellaneous foods:	1 .	1		1					١ ١	-0.6		100 (	
Gelatin, flavored 1/	99.3	99.1	99.0	98.9	98.1	99.0	99.2	99.3	99.4	98.8	99.0	100.6	101.3

1/ December 1952=100.

2/ Specification revised to chunk style tuna in 1/2 cities and continued as solid pack tuna in 1/4 cities, beginning August 1955; chunk style in 1/3 cities and solid pack in 3 cities, beginning November 1955.

3/ May 1953=100.

4/ Average for 7 months.

4/ July 1953=100.

5/ Average for 3 months.

5/ April 1953=100.

7/ Average for 5 months in 1955; average for 1/4 months in 1956.

10/ June 1953=100.

11/ Specification revised to include Great Northern beans in addition to navy beans, beginning July 1955.

11/ Posato soup replaced vegetable soup in August 1956.

12/ Tomato soup replaced vegetable soup in August 1956.

13/ Tea bags replaced loose tea in August 1955.

14/ Wilk specification changed to standard specification by city, beginning August 1956.

15/ Specification revised to include prices for timed coffee in all stores and coffee in bags in chain stores and super markets only, beginning January 1956.

\* Priced in season only.

Table 8.—Classification of Retail Food Items by Percent Change in Price for Selected Periods, 1955-56

				Percent Change	From December 1954 to De	cember 1956		
+10.0% and o	ver	+5.0% to +9.99	\$	+ 1.0% to + 4.9%	+ 0.9% to - 0.9%	-1.0% to -4.9%	- 5.0% to - 9.9%	- 10.0% and over
Lettuce Beans, green fresh Oranges Tomatoes, fresh Salmon, pink, canned Celery Orange juice, canned Lemons Tea	+ 15.7 + 23.8 + 18.2 + 17.1 + 16.1 + 12.3 + 12.2 + 10.1 + 10.2	Eggs Prunes, dried Apples Stortening, hydrogenated Peanut butter Grape jelly Kilk, fresh, delivered Bread Catsup Crenge juice, concentrate Peaches, canned Rolled oats	+ 9.0 + 8.9 + 8.0 + 7.7 + 7.6 + 6.2 + 5.6 + 5.5 + 5.2 + 5.2 + 5.2	Peas, frozen		Biscuit mix - 1.0 Fish, fresh, frozen - 1.1 Coffee - 1.3 Fruit cocktail, canned - 1.6 Ficular - 1.6 Fruit cocktail, canned - 1.7 Rice - 1.6 Carnots - 1.8 Frankfurters - 2.9 Hamburger - 1.8 Cabbage - 1.8	frozen Strawberries, frozen - 6.5 Dried beans - 6.9 Frying chickens - 7-h Tuns fish, canned - 8.9	Lard - 11.1 Luncheon meat, canned - 12.8 Bacom - 12.9 Chocolate bar - 13.7
				Percent Change	From December 1954 to De	ecember 1955		
Eggs Cabbago Lettuce Carrots Oranges Tea Peas, frozen	+ 28.3 + 20.5 + 18.7 + 18.1 + 11.6 + 11.6 + 10.2	Salmon, pink, canned Prunes, dråed Pesnut butter Cnions Celery Peaches, canned	+ 9.5 + 9.2 + 9.2 + 8.0 + 6.3	Rolled oats	Milk, fresh, grocory  Milk, evaporated + .7  Milk, evaporated + .7  Cola drinks  Crange juice, canned + .1  Baby foods + .1  Sugar3  Corn flakes + .2  Fruit cocktail, canned + .1  Manilla cookies1  Rice2  Corn syrup2	Ice cream - 1.4 Butter - 1.4 Beans, fresh, frozen - 2.0 Tuna fish, canned - 2.2 Pickles - 2.3 Shortening, hydrogenated - 2.3	Tomatoes - 5.1 Apples - 5.5 Sweetpotatoes - 7.2 Potatoes - 7.5 Chuck roast - 8.9	Ham, whole
				Percent Change	From December 1955 to De	ecember 1956		
Beans, green fresh Tomatoes, fresh Lettuce Pork chops ixples Trapefruit, fresh Coffee Crange Juice, canned Potatoes Sweetpotatoes Shortening, hydrogenated Lard	+ 22.7 + 16.2 + 14.2 + 13.7 + 13.3 + 11.8 + 11.6	Ham, whole Chuck roast Bacon Rib roast Lemons Salmon, pink, canned Oranges Bananas Butter	+ 9.1 + 8.6 + 7.7 + 7.6 + 7.4 + 6.0 + 5.9 + 5.6	Margarine	Fickles - 3 Tomatoes, canned - 4 Peas, canned6 Chocolate bar9	Peaches, canned - 1.1 Soup - 1.1 Tea - 1.2 Corn, canned - 1.4 Peanut butter - 1.4 Prutt cocktail, canned - 1.5 Pice - 1.6 Beans, green, frozen - 3.3 Dried beans - 4.6 Peas, frozen - 4.8	Strawberries, frozen - 5.4 Tuna fish, canned - 6.9 Frying chickens - 8.2 Onions - 8.5	Eggs - 15.1 Carrots - 17.5 Cabbage - 21.1

# Table 9.—Average Retail Prices of Principal Foods in the United States $\frac{1}{2}$ , by Month, 1955 and 1956 $\sqrt{1}$ n cents/ $\sqrt{1}$

				ents/									
							1955						
Article or group	Aver-	Jan.	Feb.	Mer.	Apr.	Мау	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Cereals and bakery products: Cereals:													
Ylour, wheat	53.8	54.1	54.1	54.1	54.1.	53.9	53.9	53.9	53.8	53.6	53.4	53.4	53.4
Corn meal 3/	27.3 12.6	12.6	27.4 12.6	27.4 12.6	27.4 12.6	27.4 12.6	27.4	27.4 12.6	27.2	12.6	27.1 12.6	12.6	27.1
Rice, short grain L/do	17.7	17.6	17.6	17.8	17.8	17.8	17.9	18.0	18.1	17.8	17.6	17.5	17.4
Rolled oats20 ounces	19.1 22.0	18.7	18.9	19.0	19.0	19.1	19.2	19.2	19.2	19.2	19.2	19.3	19.3
bakery products:		22.00	1.2.0	1	22.00	1 22.0	1	2107	21.07	22.0	22.0	22.00	22.0
Breadpound Soda crackersdo	17.7	17.6	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.8	17.7	17.7	17.8	17.8	17.8
Vanilla ccokies 6/7 ounces	27.0	27.2 23.8	27.0	27.0	27.0 23.8	27.1	27.C 23.8	26.9	27.0	27.1	27.0	26.9	27.0 23.8
Meats, poultry, and fish:								1	-2	-500	-50,	1	1
Meats: Beef and weal:	1	ì		ĺ			ł		1	ļ		1	
Recurd steak 7	90.3	92.8	92.1	91.0	90.8	89.2	90.1	89.9	90.6	91.5	90.5	88.1	87.1
Chuck roast 8/do	50.1	52.6	52.6	52.1	51.6	49.8	49.8	49.1	48.3	49.2	49.3	48.6	47.7
Rib roast //do	70.5 39.5	73.2 40.1	72.4 39.7	71.5 39.7	71.6	70.7 39.5	70.8 39.4	70.4 39.4	69.5 39.3	69.9 39.3	69.6 39.3	68.7 39.0	68.2 38.8
Veal cutlets 2/do	109.9	109.4	113.0	110.5	11c.1	109.6	109.5	109.4	109.C	110.5	110.1	109.0	108.9
Pork: Pork chopsdo	70.3	75.7	75.7	71.3	77 0	82.9	90.0	07.	32.1	95.3	0.0	22.0	(7.0
Becon sliceddo	79.3	70.6	75.7	74.3	77.8 65.9	65.5	89.8 65.7	87.1 67.4	67.3	85.3 67.2	81.0	73.2	67.2 57.5
Ham, whole 9/do Lamb, leg 9/do	60.5	62.8	61.3	59.4	56.9	60.4	61.9	63.0	62.9	62.6	59.8	56.9	55.7
Lamb, leg 9/do Other meats:	68.1	68.6	68.6	68.1	68.7	67.4	69.5	68.8	68.0	68.4	68.1	67.2	66.2
Frankfurtersdo	53.1	53.8	53.4	53.4	53.3	53.0	52.8	52.9	53.1	53.3	53.2	52.9	52.L
Luncheon meat12-oz. can	43.9	48.1	46.3	45.11	44.3	43.7	43.4	43.0	42.7	42.6	L2.5	42.4	75.0
Poultry, frying chickens:	11/46.9	42.8	46.3	48.9	50.3	46.c	46.5	47.1	47.6	46.4	12/	12/	12/
Pressed 10/pound Ready-to-cook 13/do	正/57.4	51.6	54.6	59.4	61.7	57.5	58.6	57.5	57.9	57.6	53.3	51.2	12/
Fish:	_	1		)		}	)	)	Ì	ľ		1	
Fresh and frozen: Ocean perch, fillet, frozen 6/do	42.8	h3.5	43.4	1:2.7	42.9	43.0	42.5	42.6	12.8	42.7	42.2	42.6	42.5
Haddock, fillet, frozen 15/do	46.7	48.C	40.1	47.5	47.3	47.0	46.6	46.2	46.3	45.9	45.6	45.5	46.0
Canned: Salmon, pink16-cz. can	55.9	53.9	54.2	54.6	54.9	55.3	55.5	55.4	55.6	56.5	59.1	53.4	69.7
Tuna fish, solid pack 16/7-oz. can	17/	38.2	38.0	37.9	37.7	37.6	37.5	37.5		20.2	20.1	55-4	58.7
Tuna fish, chunk style 16/6-62-oz. can	17/								35.3	35.3	35.4	35.3	35.2
Dairy products: Milk, fresh, (grocery)quart	21.9	22.2	22.1	21.8	21.6	21.4	21.4	21.6	22.0	22.1	22.3	22.4	22.4
Milk, fresh, (delivered) 18/do	23.1	23.2	23.2	22.9	22.6	22.5	22.5	22.7	23.0	23.4	23.8	23.9	23.9
Milk, fresh, (delivered) 18/do Ice creampint Butter	29.0 70.9	29.2 71.6	29.2	29.2	29.1 70.8	70.4	29.0 70.4	70.2	29.0 70.5	28.9 71.0	28.9	28.8	28.8
Cheese, American processdo	57.7	56.8	57.8	57.8	57.6	57.7	57.8	57.8	57.9	57.7	71.2 57.7	71.0 57.8	71.1 57.7
Milk, evaporatedl42-oz. can	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.8
All fruits and vegetables: Frozen fruits and vegetables:				ļ			1					1	
Frozen fruits:		l .		1 .								1	
Strawberries10 ounces Orange juice concentrate6 ounces	30.6 16.3	30.6 18.3	30.7 17.6	30.8	30.6 17.9	30.8 18.0	30.7 18.1	30.6 18.3	30.4 18.7	30.5 18.8	30.5 18.9	30.7 18.9	30.6 1d.9
Frozen vegetables:	i	i	İ	i	i i			1000	10.,		100,	10.7	1000
Pass, green	20.2 24.1	19.5	19.4	19.5	19.6 21;.2	19.5	19.6	19.7	20.6 24.1	21.0	21.3	21.4	21./
Fresh fruits and vegetables:	24.1	24.5	24.2	24.2	21402	214.2	24.2	24.0	24°T	21;.1	24.0	23.8	23.8
Fresh fruits:	] ,,,		1				-0.0	00.6					
Applespound Bananasdo	15.1 17.0	13.7	16.8	17.0	15.3 17.0	17.2 16.9	18.8 17.0	20.6 17.3	16.0 17.2	14.3 17.2	12.3 17.1	16.9	12.5
Oranges, size 200dozen	52.8	45.5	44.6	48.2	49.9	52.2	52.9	55.6	57.6	59.2	60.7	53.6	53.6
Lemonspound	18.0	18 <b>.7</b> 9.8	18.5	18.1	18.3	18.0	17.5	17.4	17•5	17.8	17.5	18.0	19.0
Grapefruit NovMay)each Peaches (Jul lept.)pound	11/21.5	*	*	9.5 *	9.9 *	10.4	*	30.9	18.3	15.3	*	10.6 *	10.3
Strawberries (April-June)pint	11/31.5	*	*	*	35.8	29.7	29.1	* "	*	*	*	*	*
Grapes, seedless 2/(July-Nov.)pound Watermelons (June-Aug.)do	11/19.8	*	*	*	*	*	6.4	29.5 4.7	20.3 3.8	15.3	15./4	18.6	*
Fresh vegetables:													
Potatoes	13.8	52.6 13.4	54.0 14.4	54.5 15.1	70.5 15.4	80.9 15.9	71.7 16.0	59.5 16.3	48.5 14.4	45.0 12.0	10.8	47.1 10.9	47.8
Onionsdo	8.1	7.8	7.7	7.4	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.6	7.8	7.9	8.0	8.2	8.4
Carrotsdo Lettucehead	13.9	11:.2	13.2	13.0	12.7	12.5	13.0	13.2	13.1	14.4	15.1	11:.9	17.1
Celerypound	15.4	17.4	17.0 15.1	17.4 15.5	17.6 14.9	15.2 14.3	13.4	15.9 14.8	17.4 14.1	18.4 16.1	15.0 15.8	15.0 14.8	17.1 14.6
Cabbagedo	8.3	9.0	8.7	7.8	9.4	10.5	6.5	7.0	6.9	7.3	7.6	8.0	9.4
Tomatoesdo Beans, greendo	27.4	29.9	30.5	34.2 22.8	32.3 24.4	30.2	26.9 18.3	28.1	17.9	21.0	22.8	27.8	27.6
Canned fruits and vegetables:	22.00	28.3	27.1	22.0	24.4	25.1	10.0	15.1	18.5	19.9	20.8	21.4	21.8
Canned fruits:							1						
Orange juice	33.9 34.1	34.3 33.1	33.1 33.2	32.7 33.4	32.8 33.5	33.0 33.7	33.4 33.9	33.5 34.0	34.0 34.4	34.8 34.8	35.0 34.9	35.4 34.9	35.2 35.0
Dimenuals 10/	14/33。0 2	0/38.9 2	0/38.9 2	0/39.0	32.8	32.8	32.8	32.9	32.9	33.0	33.2	33.3	33.4
Fruit cocktail 21/No. 303 can	<u>D./26.6</u> 2	0/40.8 2	0/40.9 2	0/40.7	26.5	26.4	26.4	26.5	26.6	26.7	26.7	26.6	26.6
Canned vegetables: Corn, cream styleNo. 303 can	17.1	17.4	17.2	17.0	17.0	16.9	16.9	16.8	16.9	17.1	17.2	17.6	17.7
Peas, greendo	21.5	21.5	21.5	21.4	21.5	21.5	21.5	21.5	21.5	21.5	21.5	21.6	21.6
Tomatoes 22/do	15.1	14.9	14.9	15.0	15.1	15.2	15.3	15.3	15.2	15.1	15.1	15.2	15.3
Baby foods	9.7	9•7	9.7	9•7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9•7	9•7	9.7	9.7	9•7	9•7
Primage and a second and	33.7	32.2	32.5	32.7	32.9	33.4	33.7	33.9	34.1	34.3	34.6	34.9	35.0
Dried beans 23/do	17/	18.4	18.6	18.8	18.9	18.8	18.8	18.3	18.4	18.1	17.7	17.4	17.1
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Article or group	Aver- age	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Cct.	Nov.	Dec.
Other foods at home:  Partially prepared foods:  Soup, vegetablell-oz. can  Eeand with pork15-oz. can	14.2 14.9	16.2 14.7	以.2 14.8	14.2 14.8	14.1 14.9	14.1 14.8	14.1 14.9	14.1 15.0	14.2 15.0	14.2 15.0	14.1 15.0	14.1 14.8	14.2 1k.8
Condiments and sauces:  Pickles, sweet	27.7 22.5	28.4 22.3	28.3 22.2	28.2 22.3	28.2 22.3	28.1 22.4	28.0 22.4	27.4	27.3 22.6	27.2 22.6	27.2 22.7	27.3 22.9	27.3 23.0
bevorages, nonalcoholic:  Coffee	93.0 11/39.8  32.5	105.8 37.1  32.5	97.0 38.9  32.5	94.2 40.2  32.5	92.5 41.1  32.6	92.2 40.8  32.5	89.0 40.3  32.4	89.1 40.3  32.5	89.0 24.2 32.5	90.5 24.2 32.4	92.3 24.2 32.4	23.0 24.2 32.4	91.6  24.2 32.4
Fats and oils: Snortening, hydrogenated1bb. can Shortening, hydrogenated3-1b. can	11/34.9	35.3	35.3	35.2	35.0	344	34.4	34.6	89.9	90.1	88.8	38.9	88.7
Margarine, colored 9/pound Lardpound Salad dressingprint Peanut butterpound	28.9 20.8 35.3 5h.h	29.4 23.1 35.5 51.1	29.3 21.9 35.4 52.6	29.2 21.1 35.5 53.4	29.1 20.8 35.4 54.3	28.8 21.0 35.3 54.4	28.6 20.8 35.3 54.4	28.8 20.5 35.3 55.1	28.9 20.2 35.4 55.6	28.9 20.0 35.2 55.9	28.9 20.0 35.3 55.6	28.8 19.9 35.2 55.2	25.5 19.7 35.2 54.9
Sugar and sweets:       5 pounds         Sugar	52.1 23.7 26.1 5.2 60.6	52.3 23.7 25.9 5.3 51.6	52.3 23.7 25.8 5.3 59.0	52.2 23.7 25.9 5.3 60.2	52.1 23.7 25.9 5.3 54.9	52.1 23.7 26.0 5.3 53.2	52.0 23.7 26.0 5.3	51.9 23.7 <b>25.9</b> 5.3 57.3	51.9 23.7 26.1 5.3 65.3	52.0 23.7 26.3 5.3 68.5	52.0 23.7 26.3 4.8 68.2	52.3 23.7 26.2 4.7 66.4	52.4 23.6 26.3 4.6 69.0
Miscellaneous foods:  Galatin, flavored3-4 ounces	3.5	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.5	8.5	53.6 8.6	3.6	8.6	8.5	8.5	3.6	8.6
		L	L	L	l	L	1956	L	L	L		L	<b>!</b>
Cereals and bakery products:													
Plour, wheat	53.3 26.8 12.6 17.2 19.3 22.0	53.5 27.1 12.6 17.3 19.3 22.0	53.0 26.9 12.5 17.2 19.2 21.8	53.1 26.8 12.5 17.2 19.2 21.8	53.2 26.8 12.5 17.1 19.3 21.8	53.4 26.7 12.5 17.1 19.3 21.8	53.6 26.7 12.5 17.1 19.3 21.8	53.5 26.6 12.6 17.2 19.3 21.9	53.4 26.6 12.6 17.2 19.3 21.9	53.2 26.7 12.6 17.2 19.3 21.9	53.1 26.7 12.6 17.2 19.3 22.0	53.3 26.8 12.6 17.2 19.4 22.2	53.5 26.8 12.6 17.2 19.5 22.6
Bread	17.9 27.6 24.0	17.8 26.9 23.7	17.6 27.5 23.8	17.7 27.6 23.8	17.7 27.1 23.9	17.7 27.4 23.9	17.8 27.6 23.9	18.0 27.7 24.0	18.1 27.7 24.2	18.2 27.7 24.2	18.3 27.7 21.2	18.3 27.9 24.2	18.3 28.0 24.3
Meats, poultry, and fish:         Meats:         Beef and veal:         Round steak 2/	38.2 48.4 25/70.1 38.5 25/111.2	85.5 46.7 67.4 38.5 110.4	83.0 h5.0 65.9 37.8 112.h	81.3 44.2 64.6 37.5 110.1	82.4 44.4 64.9 37.6 109.6	84.0 45.5 65.7 37.7 110.6	85.7 46.1 67.0 37.9 110.8	88.0 1,6.4 68.8 38.4 110.4	92.1 19.4 71.2 38.8 111.1	96.9 53.4 76.2 39.4 112.8	96.6 54.5 77.0 40.0	93.5 53.4 75.8 39.5 112.3	89.9 51.6 73.7 39.2 112.2
Pork chopsdo Bacon, sliceddo Ham, whole 26/do Lamb, leg 9/do	78.2 57.3 17/ 68.7	65.1 55.0 55.1 64.6	69.2 53.9 55.9 64.4	67.3 52.8 57.1 63.8	73.0 53.8 58.8 65.4	77.3 54.2 59.4 71.3	86.3 56.6 62.1 74.7	85.8 58.6 62.0 71.2	85.2 59.5 62.1 70.3	87.9 60.5 61.4 70.9	84.9 61.7 59.8 69.7	79.3 60.6 59.1 70.4	77.6 61.3 61.0 68.0
Other meats: Prankfur tersdo Luncheon meat12-oz. can Poultry, frying chickens; Ready-to-cook 27/pound	51.8 40.8	52.2 41.5 50.0	51.3 40.7 50.3	51.h 40.7 50.0	51.4 40.5 48.9	51.5 40.4 49.1	51.7 40.4 48.8	51.8 40.4 50.6	51.7 40.4 48.5	52.0 40.4 47.0	52.2 41.1 46.0	52.2 կ1.5 կև.9	52.1 42.0
Fish:  Fresh and frozen:  Ocean perch, fillet, frozen 6/do  Haddock, fillet, frozen 28/do	42.0 45.4	42.6 46.6	41.8 46.3	41.8 46.0	41.8 45.3	41.8 45.4	41.9 45.2	41.6 44.8	41.8 45.1	42.0 45.0	1,2.2 45.0	42.3 45.1	42.4 45.8
Canned: Salmon, pink	60.3 32.7	59.2 34.8	58.9 34.0	59.0 34.2	59 <b>•3</b> 33 <b>•</b> 5	59.7 32.8	60.1 32.3	60.4 32.0	50.7 31.9	60.9 31.8	61.4 31.8	61.7 31.6	61.9
Dairy products: Milk, fresh, (grocery) 30/	25/22.6 25/21.2 28.9 72.1 57.2 14.0	22.3 23.7 28.8 71.1 57.7 13.9	22.2 23.6 28.8 70.8 57.0 13.8	22.1 23.5 28.7 70.8 57.1 13.8	21.9 23.4 28.7 70.7 57.0 13.8	22.2 23.7 28.7 71.7 57.2 13.8	22.2 23.6 28.8 71.9 57.2 14.0	22.5 24.0 28.8 71.9 57.2 14.1	22.7 24.3 28.9 72.0 57.4 14.2	23.0 24.5 29.0 72.3 57.3 14.3	23.2 24.7 29.0 73.4 57.2 14.3	23.3 24.8 29.1 74.5 57.2 14.3	23.3 24.6 29.1 74.8 57.3 14.3
Frozen fruits and vegetables: Frozen fruits: Stræmberries	29 <b>.7</b> 19 <b>.</b> 6	30.6 19.0	30.2 19.4	30.2 19.8	30.2 19.6	30.2 19.6	30.4 19.7	30.3. 20.0	29.5 20.1	29 <b>.</b> 2 20 <b>.</b> 1	29.0 19.8	28.7 19.5	28.7 19.2
Frozen wegetables:  Peas, green10 ounces  Beans, green10 ounces  Fresh fruits and wegetables:	21.0 23.1	21.L 23.7	21.0 23.4	21.1 23.4	21.2 23.3	21.3 23.1	21.4 23.2	21.5 23.1	21.4 23.0	21.2	20.4 23.3	20.3 22.7	20.2
Fresh fruits: Apples	15.1 16.8 25/58.3 18.9	13.4 16.8 50.4 19.4	13.7 17.2 50.1 18.4	13.9 16.6 49.8 17.8	15.1 15.5 50.0 17.8	16.6 16.9 54.4 17.6	18.1 17.1 59.9 17.5	18.5 16.3 65.7 19.0	16.1 16.6 64.2 18.7	15.1 16.9 68.2 19.8	13.2 17.1 69.5 20.1	13.4 17.4 59.9 20.4	14.6 17.3 56.4 20.5
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Table 9.--Average Retail Prices of Principal Foods in the United States 1/, by Wonth, 1955 and 1956--Continued

#### /In cents/

							1956					<del></del>	
Article or group	Aver-	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Kay	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
All fruits and vegetablesCon.													
Fresh fruits and vegetablesCon.	1	1		1		Ì	1	ļ		i	İ	1	1
Fresh fruitsCon.	1	1	l .					1					
Crapefruit (NovMay)cach	11/10.5	9.9	9.6	9.5	9.7	11.0	*	*	*	*	*	12.2	11.5
Peaches (July-Sept.)pound	11/15.7	*	*	*	*	*	*	17.9	14.4;	14.7	*	*	*
Strawberries (April-June)32/pint	17/	*	*	#	40.4	28.8	31,1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Grapes, seedless (July-Nov.)pound Watermelons (July-Aug.)do	22.7	*	*	*	*	*	*	59.1	21.2	19.2	20.9	<u>33</u> /	*
Fresh vegetables:	11/ 4.9	*	*	*	*	*	6.1.	4.8	3.9	*	*	*	*
Fotatoes10 pounds	67.7	51.9	54.8	57.3	66.9	79.7	00.0	115.8	22.6				1
Sweetpotatoespound	12.8	11.9	11.8	11.9	11.9	12.5	92.3	15.4	77.6	57.7	51.7	52.7	53.6
Onionsdo	9.5	8.3	7.9	7.8	8.0	9.1	12.5	15.7	15.2	13.1	11.9	11.8	12.7
Carrotsdo	13.7	15.9	14.1	13.0	12.4	12.9	13.7	13.8	13.8	14.1	13.5	7.1	13.9
Lettucehead	16.4	13.7	13.7	14.7	15.2	15.9	16.0	13.9	14.7	15.9	17.9	24.0	20.8
Celerypound	13.5	13.5	13.1	13.2	14.1	13.2	14.6	14.5	13.5	12.6	12.4	13.4	14.8
Cabbagedo	7.9	9.7	8.2	7.9	8.5	7.9	8.6	8.6	7.4	7.2	6.9	6.7	7.4
Tomatoesdo	29.5	33.4	32.6	1,2.2	33.8	28.4	33.2	30.0	21.6	16.6	21.0	26.5	34.4
Beans, greendo	25/25.2	31.3	32.8	26.4	25.3	27.6	28.0	21.4	17.2	18.2	21.6	23.4	27.4
Canned fruits and vegetables:	1	1				ŀ	l	1		ł	ŀ		1
Canned fruits:	1	1 .					1	1	]	1			
Orange juice	37.5	35.3	35.5	36.0	36.5	36.8	37.1	38.0	38.6	38.8	39.5	39.5	39.1
PeachesNo. 2½ can	34.8	35.1	34.9	34.8	34.9	35.0	35.1	35.2	34.9	34.7	34.5	34.5	34.4
PineappleNo. 2 can	33.7	33.5	33.4	33.5	33.6	33.6	33.7	33.8	33.7	33.7	33.8	33.8	34.0
Fruit cocktailNo. 303 can	26.2	26.6	26.2	26.2	26.2	26.1	26.1	26.2	26.2	26.3	25.2	26.1	26.0
Canned vegetables: Corn, cream styleNo. 303 can	17.9	17.9	17.6	17.9	17.0	18.0	18.1	18.1	18.2	100	17.0	32.2	1
Peas, greendo	21.5	21.6	21.6	21.6	17.9 21.6	21.6	21.6	21.6	21.4	18.2	17.9 21.4	17.7	17.4 21.4
Tomatoes 3/do	15.2	1.5.2	15.2	15.3	15.4	15.2	15.2	15.1	15.2	15.0	15.1	15.2	15.1
Baby foods	2.9	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Dried fruits and vegetables:	/*/	/*'	/*/	/*!	/•'	J.,	707	'*'	13.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Prunespound	35.7	35.2	35.5	35.6	35.8	35.9	36.1	36.1	36.2	36.2	35.5	35.0	34.7
Dried beansdo	16.3	16.7	16.4	16.3	16.2	16.1	16.2	16.2	16.2	16.2	16.3	16.2	16.1
Other foods at home:				-	ŀ		1						
Partially prepared foods:		1			ł	ļ	į		[	j		1	İ
Soup, vegetable 34/11-oz. can	17/	177-1	11.0	14.0	14.0	1/1.0	14.0	14.1					
Soup, tomato 34/11-oz. can	17/								12.4	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.2
Beans with pork16-oz. can	1 <u>E.6</u>	11.8	1!1.6	14.6	14.5	14.5	14.6	1.4.6	U1.6	10,.6	14.6	14.5	14.6
Condiments and sauces:	07.0	07.3	2/ 2	0/0			0/ 0	01.0					١
Pickles, sweet	27.0	27.3	26.9	26.9	27.0	27.0	26.9	26.9	27.0	27.1	26.9	26.9	27.0
Beverages, nonalcoholic:	23.0	22.9	22.7	22.9	23.0	23.0	23.1	23.1	23.2	23.2	23.1	23.2	23.2
	25/103.4	96.2	96.2	22.4	100.1	1.00.3	101.8	105.0	105.9	108.0	109.0	109.3	108.9
Tea bags	1 23.3	21.3	23.1	23.2	22.2	23.2	23.2	23.2	23.2	23.2	23.2	23.2	23.1.
Cola drinkcarton = 36 oz.	32.7	32.3	32.3	32.3	32.5	32.5	32.6	32.9	32.2	32.9	33.0	33.0	33.1
Fats and oils:	1				1 /	1			^=-,		,,,,,	ردرر	,,,,,,
Shortening, hydrogenated3-lb. can	95.4	88.7	88.6	20.6	94.3	97.3	99.2	98.6	98.3	97.3	97.2	97.1	97.5
Margarine, colored 2/pound Larddo	28.9	28.2	28.0	28.2	28.9	29.3	29.2	29.1	29.2	29.2	29.1	29.2	29.5
Larddo	19.8	19.0	18.7	18.7	18.8	19.8	19.8	19.7	19.9	20.1	20.6	20.8	21.4
Salad dressingpint	35.3	35.1	34.6	34.7	34.9	35.3	35.6	35.7	35.7	35.5	35.4	35.8	36.1
Peanut butterpound	53.6	54.5	53.6	53.6	53.4	53.4	53.5	53.7	53.6	53.6	53.6	53.6	53.6
Sugar and sweets:	1 500	ا دی د	רח ו	CO 1.	ra 4	72.4	L2 C	50.0	ra c	ا در م	<b>52.</b>		1 1
Sugar5 pounds Corn syrup24 ounces	52.8	52.5	52 · li	52.4	52.6 23.5	52.6 23.5	52.9 23.5	52.9	52.9	52.9	53.1	53.3	53.6
Grape jelly12 ounces	23.8	23.7 26.3	23.5 26.1	23.5 26.2	26.3	26.4	26.4	23.6	23.8 26.6	24.0	24.1	24.2	24.3
Chocolate barl ounce	14.5	14.6	4.5	4.5	14.5	4.5	11.5	4.5	4.5	26.7 4.5	27.0 4.5	27.1	27.0
Eggs, Grade A, largedozen	60.2	67.7	59.2	59.3	58.2	57.3	56.3	58.2	60.4	62.7	63.3	61.2	58.5
Miscellaneous foods:	~~~	"""	J70L	27.43	_~~-	رەار	````	1	0004	02.07	دەرن	01.02	2002
Gelatin, flavored3-4 ounces	8.5	8.6	8.5	8.4	8.11	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.1	8.5	8.6	8.6
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l/ Except as indicated in footnotes prices are averages for the M6 cities included in the Consumer Price Index. (see appendix, table A for a list of the cities and the population weights used in combining the city average prices). Due to local variations in size and quality, averages may be based on less than M6 cities which reported comparable prices.

2/ N5 cities.

3/ 39 cities.

4/ 33 cities January through October 1955; 31 cities November 1955 through December 1956.

5/ 37 cities.

6/ N2 cities.

6/ N2 cities.

10/ 8 cities July and August; N5 cities September through December.

9/ Nh cities January through June; N5 cities July and August 1955; Nh cities September 1955 through December.

11/ Average for 9 months. Prices not comparable for all months of the year.

15/ Specification changed from solid pack to chunk style tuna in N2 cities August through November; No cities January through July; No cities January through September.

12/ Specification changed from No. 2½ can to No. 2 can beginning April 1955.

21/ Specification changed from No. 2½ can to No. 303 can beginning April 1955.

22/ No cities January through July; November and December.

12/ Specification changed from No. 2½ can to No. 303 can beginning April 1955.

22/ No cities January through July; November were published for 7/8 oz. bar; November and December for al oz. bar. Nonthly and average prices shown here are for bars converted to 1 oz. size.

25/ Partly estimated.

26/ Mi cities January through August; No cities September and Cotober; November and December.

25/ Partly estimated.

26/ Mi cities January; November and November and December.

27/ 39 cities January through August; No cities September and Cotober; November and December.

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30/ Specification changed from volume selling grade and type to homogenized, vitamin 5 milk to dicties beginning in rugust. No cities analytimough July; blothies August through December.

31/ Specification changed from volume selling grade and type to homogenized, Vitamin 5 milk beginning in August. No cities January through July; though December.

32/ Specification changed from vegetable soup to tomato soup beginning August 1956

35/ Specification changed from cans, bags or glass jars to cans only January 1956. Comparable price, December 1955, 96.8.

\* Priced only in season.

Table 10.—Annual Average Retail Prices of Principal Foods by City, 1955 and 1956 /In cents7

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Article		lanta, Ga.	)	imore,	Ma	ston,	I	cago,	Ol-	nnati,		reland, Dhio	Mi	croit,	Tex		Mo		Los Ar	if.
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
Cereals and bakery products:			ŀ								}									
Cereals:		ح ر م			٠		ا د	3 /50 12						0/50 0	·	500	امما	170	55.7	CC 7
Flour, wheat5 pounds Biscuit mix20 ounces	54.2	54.7	54.4	53.6	51.3	50.9	51.4	1/50.7	54.5	53.0	54.6	52.9	52.5	2/50.9	53.6	52.8 26.3	49.0 27.7	47.9 26.6	26.8	55.7 26.8
Corn mealpound	27.3	26.4	27.6	27.1	27.4	27.0	27.1	I/26.5	27.5	26.5 12.7	27.7	27.2	27.9	$\frac{2}{2}/27.9$	26.7	11.9	12.2	12.2	12.8	12.8
Rice, short graindo	19.0	7.1	12.2	12.4	11.9	12.1	12.4		20.8	20.1	12.5	12.3	12.5 17.7		11.8	11.7	17.1	16.1	16.0	12.0
Rice, long graindo	19.0	17.6	17.7	17.5	1/18.8	20.1	16.0	I/15.0	20.0	20.1	17.7	17.4	11.1	2/17.3	17.3	16.8	1104	10.1	21.3	20.8
Rolled oats20 ounces	19.1	19.0	18.7	19.1	13.8	18.7	18.7	1/18.8	19.3	19.2	19.0	19.2	19.4	2/19.6	19.1	19.3	18.1	17.8	19.8	19.9
Corn flakes ounces	15.9	15.8	10.1	17.1	16.0	15.3	10.1	1/10.5	17.7	17.2	17.0	17.2	-7.4	5/1/10	16.4	16.6	16.0	16.1	16.3	16.5
Corn flakes12 ounces			22.3	22.1			21.4	1/21.5	22.0	22.0	22.2	22.1	22.3	2/22.1						
Bakery products:	<b>i</b>					1		2//	]		1	1		=/		1 1	1			
Breadpound	17.5	17.4	17.1	17.3	16.9	17.4	16.7	1/17.0	16.4	16.2	17.4	17.8	17.2	2/17.1	14.5	14.7	17.1	16.8	19.3	19.7
Soda crackersdo	26.7	28.7	26.9	27.2	28.3	28.4	27.0	I/27.3	27.0	27.6	27.2	28.6	27.7	2/27.9	27.2	27.3	26.5	27.2	26.0	28.2
Vanilla cookies7 ounces			23.7	23.9	23.7	23.8	25.9	I/26.6			24.2	23.8	24.3	2/24.2	24.0	24.0	23.3	23.4	24.3	24.5
Vanilla cookies12 ounces	34.8	35.5						~,	32.9	33.7										
Meats, poultry, and fish:	1							i	1							1 1			1	
Meats:		]		!							ŀ	l :				l I	ĺ			
Beef and veal:							_	- 4				ا ۔ ا							ا ۔	01.
Round steakpound	92.1	89.0	97.8	96.7	106.1	104.6	79.7	1/76.5	87.5	86.2	85.5	82.2	38.7	2/36.9	(3/) (3/) (3/)	4/83.1	83.1	80.9	87.2	36.9
Chuck roastdo	52.8	50.1	49.4	19.2	49.1	48.0	47.8	I/45.4	53.1	50.5		48.9	50.6	2/49.4	(3/,)	5/48.7	1,3.2	15.2	52.4	51.3
Rib roastdo	75.6	76.8	71.2	71.2	65.1	64.8	69.1	I/68.0 I/38.4	72.0	71.1	80.4	78.3	70.6	2/70.5 2/39.0	(3/) 42.4	5/72.6	74.4	72.7	80.0 39.3	80.3
Hamburgerdo	35.7	34.9	19.0	148.2	10.5	41.1	39.0	1/30.4	39.4	39.2	37.6	38.1	39.7			39.7	39.4	39.4	107.5	
Veal cutletsdo	95.6	98.0	127.7	129.2	103.9	102.7	103.4	17102.9	110.6	112.8	110.5	110.2	Titel	27111.3	91.7	79.1	97.9	100.1	107.6	109.3
Pork: Pork chopsdo	73.1	70.1	78.6	77.6	76.8	78.4	80.9	1/20 6	80.7	79.3	83.1	82.1	3 r o	2/85.4	75.2	73.0	77.8	77.5	89.9	59.5
Bacon, sliceddo	65.9	58.7	65.9	58.3	65.7	56.5	64.4	1/79.6 T/55.5	68.7	60.5		57.5	85.2 67.0		66.7	73.0 57.0	61.5	51.8	70.0	62.4
Ham, whole, tenderizeddo	59.8	58.1	62.4	61.1	64.3	62.9	58.4	I/58.9	62.7	61.0	05.5	21.2	62.2	2/37/	64.8	60.3	58.3	57.4	61.3	60.7
Ham, whole, ready-to-eatdo	37.0	50.1	02.4	01.1		02.7	50.4	1/30.9	02.,		6/64.4	63.2		2//	04.0	00.5	50.5	71.4	01.5	
Lamb, legdo	74.4	76.0	70.6	71.3	68.9	69.5	65.2	1/66.6	83.5	83.4	72.8	73.0	73.2	2/73.2	2/80.2	(3/)	83.4	(3/)	67.9	69.5
Other meats:	'4.4	,0,0	10.0	1200	,	",•,	0,	=/ 00.0	0,00	٠,٠٩	12.55	,,,,,,	,,,,,,	=/ ,500	2/0012	'2'	0,5.4	(2//	*,*/	-,-,
Frankfurtersdo	49.5	47.8	53.6	52.5	54.9	53.3	51.8	1/50.6	57.4	55.9	55.0	54.8	50.0	2/48.9	53.9	52.7	50.3	և8.և	52.3	49.9
Luncheon meatl2-oz. can	13.8	41.4	45.8	41.2	6/42.2	40.0	44.1	I/10.3	45.6	41.9	45.6	42.8	45.4	2/42.5	43.7	40.6	41.8	38.5	42.7	40.1
Poultry, frying chickens:	1				-							1								
Dressedpound			6/46.5		6/48.3	10.0										<b></b>				
Ready-to-cookdo	50.1	42.7		49.4			6/55.4	1/44.0	55.7	49.1	6/57.3	47.5	6/57.3	2/45.8	8/52.8	8/45.6	54.3	46.7	65.8	57.6
Fish:		' ' '					_,						_,		_, -	- "			· ·	
Fresh or frozen:	l .															ll				
Ocean perch, fillet, frozendo	38.1	36.7	44.8	44.4			42.5	1/10.2	43.4	42.4	43.4	42.8	44.8	2/44.0	44.9	42.8	39.7	39.4		
Haddock, fillet, frozendo	10.9	45.5	46.1	45.6			45.6	I/W.8	45.4	44.5	45.7	45.6	47.8	2/46.1			44.1	141.0		
Cod, fillet, frozendo					2/10.6	40.5														
Salmon, fresh or frozendo									[										82.9	90.2
Haddock, fillet, freshdo					46.0	Щ.8										55-5				
Sea trout, freshdo															53.0	53.6			62.2	40.0
Halibut, fresh or frozendo Sole, fillet, fresh or frozendo																			61.1	68.9
Canned:									) ]					l i	1					
Salmon, pink16-oz. can	57.2	57.8	54.3	57.9	6/53.7	(3/)	55.7	1/60.1	56.5	61.7	56.0	59.8	58.3	2/62.9	54.7	60.3	54.7	57.7	56.7	59.7
Tuna fish, solid pack 9/7-oz. can	10/38.7	7,.0	39.8	38.0	6/32.8	37.3	10/38.8	Ξ/ω	10/42.9		10/37.6	77.0	10/39.6	2/02.7	10/39.8	00.5	10/40.1		10/37.6	
Tuna fish, chunk style 9/6-62-oz. can		30.3			2,52.0			1/31.9		34.6		33.1		2/33.0		32.9		31.6	==/ /	31.6
Dairy products:	1	, ,,,,						=,,,,,,	1	, ,,,,,		,,,,-		-/		1 7-1/		,		, , , , ,
Milk, fresh, (grocery) 11/quart	25.7	12/26.5	23.6	13/23.7	24.3	12/24.6	21.1	1/21.7	22.4	12/23.5	18.7	12/19.5	20.9	2/22.4	23.0	12/22.8	19.5	12/20.5	20.0	12/20.2
Milk, fresh, (delivered) 11/do	25.5	12/26.5	23.7	13/24.1	26.8	12/26.4	26.2	I/27.8	23.5	12/25.6	20.4	12/21.5	22.4		25.7	12/25.5	21.5	12/22.7	21.5	TL/21.7
Ice creampint	25.8	26.6	36.5	35.2	32.5	<b>—</b> 30.4	27.5			28.0		— 30 <b>.</b> 2	34.1	<b>2</b> /32.3	28.6	IT 29.3	27.7	27.1	25.2	<b>—</b> 25.7
Butterpound	75.9	76.3	74.1	74.8	71.1	72.5	70.3	I/72.0	70.8	72.0			70.8	2/71.2	75.1		69.4	71.3	70.3	71.6
Cheese, American processdo	(3/) 13.0	(3/)	61.8	62.0	(3/)	(3/)	58.0	I/58.0	59.9	58.2		57.9	(3/)	2/55.5	61.2	61.1	54.7	52.9	57.6	56.9
Milk, evaporatedlb2-oz. can	13.0	13.6	13.9	14.3	13.8	14.0	13.8	I/14.3	13.9	14.2	14.3	14.5	13.9	2/14.2	13.6	14.0	13.3	13.4	13.5	13.7
All fruits and vegetables:									l I					_	[ ]			1	- 1	
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Strawberries10 ounces Orange juice concentrate6 ounces	28.8 19.1	25.8 21.2	33.7 19.3	2/32.8	30.2 17.5	29.0	30.3	1/27.8	30.1	29.1	31.3	30.7	32.7 19.6	2/31.7	29.6	29.5 18.1	28.7	27.1 18.1	28.4 18.4	27.5 20.7
Frozen vegetables:	179.1	21.2	17.2	21.4	11.05	18.8	17 - և	I/19.0	18.0	19.2	18.8	20.6	19.0	2/20.9	17.5	10.1	16.6	10.1	10.4	20.1
Peas, green10 ounces	20.6	21.5	22.0	22.9	19.3	20.4	19.5	1/20.0	19.8	21.2	20.2	21.9	21 €	2/22.5	19.5	20.9	19.1	19.5	19.1	20.4
Beans, greendo	23.8	22.5	25.4	24.6	23.7	22.7	24.2		24.0	23.8	25.1	23.9	26.8	2/25.5	23.6		23.5	22.7	21.6	22.1
Fresh fruits and vegetables:	ا"،رء	****	-2.4	-4.0	23.1	26.1	64.6	1/22.6	24.0	2).0	62.1	23.9	20.0	2/ 20.0	٥٠٠٠		20.0	1	-1.0	
Fresh fruits:	1				- 1							i							- 1	
Applespound	2/15.9	16.2	2/14.3	1/14.7	13.0	14.0	16.4	(3/)	14.2	13.7	2/15.3	1/15.3	15.4	2/15.6	20.6	19.3	2/15.4	2/15.6	15.8	15.6
Bananasdo	14.6	14.6	15.3	1/14.7	16.3	16.2	19.0	1/18-6	17.7	16.9	17.6	17.3	18.6		15.1	15.2	16.7	17.2	17.5	17.6
Oranges, size 200dozen	38.8	45.8	14.6	49.3	50.0	54.6	54.9	1/18.6 1/58.5	11.9	47.3		56.7	64.1	2/71.0	54.5		57.8	65.2	14.6	46.8
Lemonspound	16.1	16.6	17.8	18.4	18.7	19.5	18.9	I/18.9	1 16.5	18.0	19.1	20.2	19.9	7/20.6	17.7	18.4	17.6	18.6	16.0	17.3
Grapefruit (NovMay)each	10/6.6	15/ 7.5	10/8.6	10/9.0	10/10.2	10/10.8	10/ 9.6	15/10.0	10/ 9.7	10/10.1	10/10.4	10/10.6	10/11.0	16/11.7	20/ 9.5	10/ 9.9	10/ 9.1	10/ 9.5	10/ 9.7	10/10.2
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Watermelons (June-Aug.)do	17/16.9	18/14.9 (3/)	17/15.3 17/30.0	18/14.8 18/36.9	18/22.2 17/29.7	18/15.6 17/34.7 19/23.7	18/24.4 18/33.2 15/23.1	18/17.9 18/34.3	18/23.0 17/24.1	18/15.0 18/26.6	18/23.1 17/25.9	18/16.1 18/31.8	18/24.1 18/33.7	18/18.1 18/30.2	18/26.4 18/37.7 19/22.4 17/ 3.3	18/20.5 17/34.0	18/21.1 18/34.1	18/16.7 18/32.4	18/18.5 18/34.0	18/16.1 18/30.3
Fresh vegetables:     Potatoes	52.1 2/12.1 7.8 14.2 15.4	65.7 10.6 8.9 13.6 15.5	8.4 15.4 17.7	69.8 2/10.6 9.6 15.3 16.9	56.1 (3/) 8.3 15.2 18.7	(3/) 9.6 14.5 18.5	13.9 16.3	I/12.4 I/ 9.6 I/13.2 I/16.7	13.3 9.1 15.8 18.1	75.5 11.5 10.4 16.1 18.5	14.1 8.7 15.5 17.6	12.9 10.1 14.9 17.2	15.7	7/18.5	12.7	92.6 10.2 9.8 13.6 16.1	13.8 8.3 14.1 16.0	72.8 12.7 10.1 13.6 15.9	12.7	85.0 19.6 8.2 9.5 12.6
Celery	13.1 7.0 24.2 17.6	26.8	2/17.4 8.5 22.4 19.4	16.2 7.3 23.7 21.6		8.0 27.3	31.5	I/ 7.7 I/31.5	11.8 9.6 29.6 19.4	(3/) 10.0 31.3 23.4	14.5 3.9 33.6 2/23.0	- 8.7 35.6	16.2 9.2 30.9 25.0	$\frac{2}{8.8}$	7.3 26.3	15.1 7.2 27.5 25.5	7.6 25.2	13.7 7.6 28.8 25.7	10.5 7.2 27.3 28.5	10.1 6.4 27.2 2/32.0
Orange juice	29.1 3h.2 6/32.1 5/26.3	33.6 34.9 33.1 25.9	6/31.9	36.4 34.8 32.4 26.6	6/31.8	35.0 31.9 26.5	6/33.1	T/35.2	6/33.3	36.5 34.9 34.1 26.6	35.5 6/31.14	31.3	35.9 35.4 6/34.8 <u>6</u> /27.8	$\frac{7}{2}$	34.4 6/31.9 <u>3</u> /26.3	37.8 35.1 33.0 26.5	33.3 6/32.4 <u>6</u> /26.6		<u> </u>	32.8 24.3
Corn, cream styledo Peas, greendo Tomatoesdo Baby foods	23.0 13.3 10.1	23.0 13.7 10.1 36.0	21.9 15.8 2/10.5	22.1 15.4 10.6	22.6 15.5 10.1 32.9	22.2 15.2 10.1 34.0	20.7 15.5 9.9	T/20.6 T/14.5 T/10.0	22.0 15.3 10.3	22.6 15.6 10.5	22.5 15.9 10.3	21.7 16.6 10.6 36.9	21.9 15.3 10.5	2/19.0 2/21.6 2/16.0 2/10.4 2/39.3	22.2 13.4 9.0 35.0	18.b 21.8 13.4 9.1 36.b	20.5 14.9 9.0 33.4	17.2 20.1 14.7 9.2 36.3	17.2 21.5 20/19.6 8.6 31.5	9,2 33,6
Dried beansdo Other foods at home: Partially prepared foods: Soup, vegetable 22/ll-oz. can Beans with porkl6-oz. can Condiments and sauces:	14.3 14.9	(3/)	21/18.2 14.2 14.5	(3/) 14.6	19.3 14.4 16.3	(3/)	21/18.4 14.1 14.9	1/17.6 (3/) 1/14.9	14.3 15.1	16.2 (3/) 14.7	19.4 14.4 15.1	17.5 (3/) 15.0	14.1 15.3	2/16.5 (3/) 2/14.6	20.3 14.1 1h.5	16.9 (3/) 14.0	13.5	(3/) -3.7	19.3 13.9 15.8	16.3 (3/) 15.5
Pickles, sweet	27.5 22.3 90.7	23.0	97.2	31.6 23.7  107.1	94.9	23.1	93.0	1/25.2 1/22.8 1/104.3	93.9	24.8 22.0  103.8	27.0 23.5 94.1		25.3 26.lı 91.7	2/26.1 2/25.7 2/103.2	32.2 21.5 92.0	32.3 22.2 102.7	24.5 91.9	24.4 24.1  101.2	28.7 19.0 92.5	28.1 21.3  99.6
Tea bags 2h/	10/38.6 24.5 10/34.4	23.8 25.0	30.7 10/35.4	23.7	10/39.8 25.0 10/35.0	21.0 25.0	10/39.8	1/23.0 1/32.1	29.8 10/35.1	23.9 31.5	34.9 10/35.8	23.14 314.2	34.1 10 35.2	2/24.2 2/37.2	10/3/14	23.5	10/41.5	23.7 25.0	10/41.5 45.0	24.9 45.0
Shortening, hydrogenated 25/3-lb. can Margarine, colored	24.7 20.1 33.7 53.5	95.8 25.1 19.3 32.8 53.2	30.7 19.6 35.8 53.4	95.6 31.8 19.0 36.2 55.7	28.1 21.1 35.1 52.h	97.0 27.6 20.0 34.4 51.3	28.6 19.8 33.1 53.4	1/96.3 1/29.0 1/19.0 1/34.0 1/52.3		95.3 28.8 20.3 38.2 53.4	28.7 23.7 34.7 55.1	96.5 29.6 22.5 35.1 52.7	37.71	2/95.8 2/23.3 2/19.3 2/37.0 2/55.0	29.6 21.6 35.7 50.6	93.8 30.4 20.4 36.0 50.4	26.7 18.3 34.2	94.3 25.7 19.0 33.9 51.3	28.2 22.9 34.4 55.8	96.5 27.4 21.5 35.1 55.4
Sugar	49.0 24.1 24.6 5.0 61.0	50.5 24.4 25.4 4.5 60.7	50.9 211.8 22.2 5.4 65.4	51.8 24.7 23.3 4.9 64.9	50.8 26.4 25.5 5.1 68.2	24.5 24.6 4.5	52.5 21.1 25.5 5.1 59.6	1/51:.1 1/21.1 1/25.7 T/ 1:.5 1/53.9	52.9 22.1 27.5 5.3 60.8	52.9 22.3 27.5 4.6 59.3	55.3 24.2 27.0 5.3 64.6	55.0 24.0 27.3 4.7 63.4	29.0 5.3	2/51,.0 2/23.5 2/27.3 7/1.6 2/60.7	hβ.9 2h.b 27.9 5.0 62.0	19.0 24.5 28.6 4.5 64.0	21.1 27.0 5.0	53.3 21.2 26.5 4.4 54.6	51.6 24.1 25.2 5.0 57.5	52.4 24.3 26.0 4.5 56.5
Gelatin, flavored3-4 ounces	8.4	8.3	8.8	8.3	8•Ħ	3.1	9.4	1/8.5	8.9	3.8	3.3	8.7	8.7	<b>2</b> / 8.6	8.3	8.8	8.0	8.0	3.6	8.6
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Table 10.—Annual Average Retail Prices of Principal Foods by City, 1955 and 1956--Continued  $\sqrt{\text{Tn cents}}/$ 

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ereals and bakery products:																				
Cereals:	ļ	ļ		1	ļ											1				l
Flour, wheat5 pounds	56.2	56.1	53.0		53.1	52.9	53.4	52.0	55.4	58.0	53.2	53.3	2/58.9	59.6	51.8	50.9	56.6	56.2	54.9	52
Biscuit mix20 ounces	27.9	28.0	27.1		26.8	26.3	27.0	26.2	26.0	25.0	27.3	27.5	2/27.7	27.6	26.8	26.3	26.9	26.7	27.3	25
Corn mealpound	12.5	12.7	15.0		11.7	11.5	12.4	12.4	14.1	14.0	12.5	12.5	2/13.4	13.4	11.7	11.9	13.8	14.0		10
Rice, short graindo Rice, long graindo	18.5	18.4	19.7	19.0	18.3	17.9	18.1	17.9	24.2	23.5	18.0	17.6	2/24.4	23.8	17.4	16.7	24.2	22 -	1/19.1	20
Rolled oats20 ounces	19.5	19.8	18.5		18.3	18.4	18.8	19.0	20.1	21.2	18.7	19.0	2/20.7	20.8	18.9	18.6	20.7	23.6		18
Corn flakes8 ounces	1,,,,		16.1	15.8			20.0						2/201	20.0				21.0	16.4	
Corn flakes12 ounces	22.2	22.5			21.2	21.2	22.1	22.3	21.9	22.5	21.5	21.6	2/22.6	22.6	21.8	21.2	22.0	21.7		1
Bakery products:	[	1	l										-						ļ	1
Breadpound	17.2	17.2	19.1	18.8	18.7	19.7	18.3	17.8	19.4	20.1	17.5	17.6	2/20.8	21.5	17.2	18.2	18.5	20.4	16.5	16
Soda crackersdo	27.3	28.5	27.3	26.8	27.8	27.9	28.6	29.4	26.6	28.8	26.7	28.0	2/27.8	28.5	26.5	26.6	27.0	27.8	26.5	20
Vanilla cookies7 ownces	23.7	24.3	23.2		22.6	22.6	24.3	24.4	25.1	25.3	23.4	23.5	2/24.7	24.8	23.3	24.1	24.4	24.2		2
Vanilla cookies																				-
its, poultry, and fish:				İ																
Beef and veal:	1	i	1				1				1					1				l
Round steakpound	84.5	80.9	96.5	94.7	105.4	104.2	90.8	87.6	87.7	84.0	90.7	88.6	96.L	95.4	93.5	90.7	94.0	91.0	94.8	90
Chuck roastdo	56.0	54.9	49.1	18.3	50.3	1,8.8	55.6	51.9	51.4	46.9	49.3	47.6	49.6	47.6	51.1	50.L	51.2		18.0	Ĺ
Rib roastdo	72.2	70.8	70.2		76.8	75.3	72.6	72.5	73.7	72.6	67.1	66.2	78.2	79.6	68.9	69.3	74.8	73.1	73.9	7
Hamburgerdo	37.6	38.1	40.4	37.8	43.0	41.6	41.9	40.3	38.6	38.7	42.7	41.6	41.1	39.6	38.1	35.6	39.2	38.5	42.7	1
Veal cutletsdo	101.8	102.6	124.6	126.0	136.3	137.8	115.2	114.2	96.0	1/99.4	107.1	106.8	115.31	2/114.0	105.3	111.5	110.3	111.1	123.1	⊥2
Pork:	1				i															
Pork chopsdo	78.3	77.0	80.8	78.1	84.4	83.3	86.2	82.5	80.5	78.9	80.7	77.0	92.4	91.9	79.8	79.7	82.6	80.8	78.4	1 7
Bacon, sliceddo	66.5	57.9	71.1	61.0	71.7	63.2	64.2	55.3	67.7	59.4	64.2	55.0	74.7	66.7	66.2	58.3	69.1		66.4	5
Ham, whole, tenderizeddo	58.3	(7/)	62.1		62.1	60.5	60.1	58.6	59.5	58.5	///			12/67.0	58.5	58.5	61.5			6
Ham, whole, ready-to-e.tdo Lamb, legdo	71.4	72.8	42.0	64.4	70.0	69.3	71.6	72.2	72.6		6/60.5	59.6 74.8	71.1	10/22.0	۷۳.۵	65.8	69.4	20.0	71.3	_
Other meats:	11.44	12.0	63.9	04.4	10.0	09.7	11.0	12.2	12.0	71.6	76.5	14.0	LT.T.	12/73.2	65.9	05.0	09.4	70.8	71.3	7
Frankfurtersdo	50.6	49.9	58.8	56.7	52.5	51.8	53.5	51.8	49.2	49.5	52.9	50.2	56.9	54.4	54.0	52.3	55.8	53.4	51.1	1
Luncheon meat12-oz. can	6/42.6		45.4	41.9	42.1	38.4	45.4	41.7	6/40.4	40.5	45.6	39.8	6/46.1	43.6	43.8	40.6	43.6	10.5	42.4	, 3
Poultry, frying chickens:	2,4	1		4-1/		/***	47.4	-4	=, 4***	4-47	4510	27.00	2, 4000	4,10	40.00	4.10	45.0	40.0		_
Dressedpound			6/46.1		6/46.1								59.2	54.6	6/13.9	44.6			<b></b> -	-
Ready-to-cookdo	57.1	50.2		(3/)	~	(3/)	54.6	46.9	63.9	55.9	6/56.0	46.2					6/65.4	60.7	6/56.6	1
Fish:	1			_		_					·								_	
Fresh or frozen:		12.2		101	10.0	20 (	10.0	20. 2			12.5	12.0		e2 2	12.0					١,
Ocean perch, fillet, frozendo Haddock, fillet, frozendo	44.4	13.3	43.4		40.3	39.6	40.2	39.3			13.7	43.2	52.2	51.3	11.2	17.1			11.1	1
Cod, fillet, frozendo	52.2	53.1	48.2	46.3	43.8	42.4	42.0	42.1			47.5	47.2			45.5	8.بلبا			42.9	4
Salmon, fresh or frozendo									(3/)								78.1	81.5		]
Haddock, fillet, freshdo									2//	(3/)							10.1			
Sea trout, freshdo																				Ι.
Halibut, fresh or frozendo									(3/)	( <u>3</u> /)						]				Ι.
Sole, fillet, fresh or frozendo										==			1/66.0	12/67.6			21/60.7	61.4		
Canned:											1									
Salmon, pinkl6-oz. can	6/58.0		55.8	59.6	54.4	57.7	56.2	59.5	6/51.1	60.5	57.3	59.4	(3/)	60.6	2/54.6	59.3	53.5	1/58.9	55.2	,
Tuna fish, solid pack 9/7-oz. can	(3/)	22.0	34.0		10/38.6		10/40.7	22.2	(3/)	30.0	10/40.3	22.	(3/)	21.2	<u>I</u> /36.7		<u>10</u> /38.7	2 /22 0	10/38.5	:
Tuna fish, chunk style $\frac{9}{6-6\frac{1}{2}}$ -oz. can iry products:		33.9				31.4		33.3		30.8		33.4		34.7		31.1		1/31.2		] 3
filk, fresh, (grocery) ll/quart	17.7	12/19.1	23 0	12/24.1	23.6	12/25.9	24.1	12/25.0	20.1	12/21.5	18.6	12/20.7	2/20.5	21.1	24.8	12/25.6	20.6	12/22.0	22.4	12/2
filk, fresh, (delivered) ll/do		12/20.6		12/26.5		12/25.3		12/25.7		12/23.7		12/22.8	2/21.5			12/26.1		12/23.1		
Ice creampint	26.6	28.1	31.2		27.8	= 27.L	31.7	31.6	27.4	29.9	29.4	28.3	2/29.5	29.7	2/29.7	29.2	35.0	34.6	34.3	== 3
Butterpound	66.7	68.6	72.2	72.5	71.4	72.4	73.4	74.8	69.7	71.5	73.6	75.9	2/73.9	75.3	63.7	70.0	75.4	72.0	73.6	7
Cheese, American processdo	58.2	58.5	59.4	59.4	60.5	60.0	59.2	58.3	57.8	58.7	58.4	57.3	2/60.8	61.5	55.5	54.4	59.7	55.2	58.4	5
Milk, evaporatedluoz. can	14.5	15.0	14.0	14.1	13.8	14.0	14.0	14.2	12.9	13.8	13.2	13.6	2/14.3	14.6	13.4	13.7	13.7	14.0	14.2	1
l fruits and vegetables:			1			]	1				1		-							
Frozen fruits and vegetables:	l .						ĺ				1									
Frozen fruits:		20.0	30.0														-2 -			١.
Strawberries	29.2 18.8	28.9 20.2	30.7 18.1	29.4 19.0	30.6 17.0	29.L	31.4	30.3	27.4 18.6	26.7	33.0	32.4	2/33.2	33.2	28.7	27.4	28.7	27.7	31.1	2
Frozen vegetables:	13.0	20.2	10.1	19.0	17.0	10.0	19.5	20.0	10.0	20.9	18.7	20.2	2/19.5	21.5	17.3	18.7	19.6	20.5	13.6	2
Peas, greenl0 ounces	20.0	1.0	20.1	19.9	19.3	20.1	20.9	21.1	19.4	20.7	20.6	22.2	2/21.6	22.7	19.2	20.0	19.3	20.6	19.9	2
Beans, green10 ounces	25.4	25.2	23.7	22.4	23.5	22.4	26.2	24.2	22.2	20.6	25.1	24.4	2/23.7	24.0	24.2	23.2	23.4	22.1	24.0	2
resh fruits and vegetables:	•/•4	-,	-5.1		2000	22.4	20.2	24.2	١٠٠٠	20.0	1 - 20.1	44.4	=/ => • 1	24.0	44.6	2.02	4. رے	24.1	24.0	l '
Fresh fruits:	1							ļ	l				1						)	1
Applespound	17.7	2/17.2	1/14.0	1/15.7	2/15.8	1/15.2	12.6	13.6	15.8	15.0	16.7	15.3	2/14.2	14.9	11.5	2/12.4	16.5	16.3	2/15.6	1
Bananasdo	20.3	20.0	15.5	15.6	15.6	15.1	17.3	17.0	19.3	1.9.5	13.2	18.2	2/18.7	19.0	15.4	14.9	19.6	19.3	16.4	i
Oranges, size 200dozen	59.5	65.4			47.4	52.2	49.0	57.4	63.4	67.1	52.7	58.0		59.7	45.1	46.2	63.6			2
Lemonspound	19.0		18.7	19.7	15.6	18.9	17.0	18.1	18.9	19.2	17.3		2/18.0	19.4	15.0	18.4	18.6	13.9	19.3	ĺ á
Grapefruit (NovMay)each															10/ 8.7	10/9.1				10/
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18/ Average for 3 months. 21/ Average for 8 months. Average for 6 months. 17/ Average for 20/ No. 23 can. Average for 2 months. 19/ Average for 4 months.

Average for 10 months. 2/ Average for 11 months.

Not available; insufficient reports during the year.

Includes U.S. Choice and U.S. Good baby beef. Includes U.S. Choice and U.S. Good baby beef. Average for 11 months.

Average for 9 months.

Not available. Specification changed from tenderized to ready-to-eat ham beginning with September 1956.

Frying chickens with feet on through August 1956; feet removed beginning with September 1956.

Specification changed from solid pack to chunk style tuna beginning August 1955. 10/ Average for 7 months.

II/ Beginning with August 1956, specification changed from volume selling grade and type to Homogenized vitamin D milk for all cities except Baltimore.

<sup>12/</sup> Partly estimated. 13/ Cream top, without added vitamin D. Average for 10 months.

IL/ Includes delivery charge, May through December.

<sup>15/</sup> Average for 5 months.

Specification changed from vegetable soup to tomato soup beginning August 1956. Prices for coffee in cans, bags or glass jars through December 1955. Prices for coffee

in cans only beginning January 1956.

Specification changed from loose tea to tea bags August 1955.

<sup>25/</sup> Specification changed from 26/ Minneapolis-St. Paul. Specification changed from 1-lb. can to 3-lb. can beginning August 1955. Minneapolis-St. Paul. 27/ New York-Northeastern New Jersey.

<sup>28/</sup> No. 22 can. Average for 11 months.

<sup>29/</sup> Uncolored margarine.

<sup>30/</sup> Grade AA large. 31/ Grade AA large. Average for 11 months.

#### Appendix

#### The Retail Food Price Index

#### A Brief Description of the Retail Food Price Index

The retail food price index, a component of the Consumer Price Index, measures average changes from time to time in retail prices of a fixed list of foods of constant quantity and quality, bought by moderate-income wage earner families in cities of all sizes. This conforms with the general purpose of the Consumer Price Index to measure changes over time in the purchase price of a fixed list of goods and services. The index is not designed to measure how much more it costs to live in one city than in another.

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

The revised retail food price index, which comprised about 29 percent 5/ of the weight of items in the CPT in December 1956, 6/ has been published monthly since January 1953.

#### Collection of Prices

The Bureau collects retail prices of approximately 80 foods in each of the 46 cities included in the retail food price index, during the first 3 days of the week containing the 15th of the month. Local Bureau representatives obtain the prices from grocers through personal interviews in the place of business. The representatives are provided with a description (specification) of the quality for which price quotations are desired. Within the range of each specification, they are instructed to secure a price for the type, brand, etc., sold in greatest volume in each store at the time of institution of pricing and to continue to price the same item so long as it is sold in quantity. Specifications are defined precisely enough to insure a meaningful average price and to avoid movement in the index because of shifts in the quality priced from one period to the next. They are detailed, but represent a compromise between the technical and the nontechnical. They define the quality level as rigidly as is consistent with the practicability of collecting retail price data. This consideration leads to the necessity for a range of qualities in each specification rather than for a single point in the quality scale. 7/ A series of alternate specifications has been developed to provide an adequate number of quotations and to allow for city and regional differences in grades, types, package sizes, etc.

#### Processing

Each month, the Bureau's field representatives send the price reports to the Washington office, where the schedules are edited for conformance to the required specifications and conversions to uniform quantity units are made as necessary. The data are then proc-

<sup>5/</sup> See table B for the relative importance of individual foods in the retail food price index.

<sup>6/</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.

graphed); and The Consumer Price Index — A Layman's Guide, BLS Bull. 1140.

7/ See Average Retail Prices: Collection and Calculation Techniques and Problems,
BLS Bull. 1182, June 1955 (pp. 7-13).

essed by machine tabulation.

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

Average prices for each food in each city are computed separately for chain and independent stores. Weighting factors (called outlet weights) based on annual volume sales of reporters are used in calculating average prices for chain stores within each city. A simple average of independent store prices is obtained, since the sample was selected to be a self-weighting sample. Chain and independent average prices for a city are combined by the use of the chain-independent ratios to obtain average prices for the city. These chain-independent ratios are based on the percentage of total food sales in the city made by chains and independent stores. In the small cities, comparable samples of reporting outlets are used in the index calculation. In effect, only those outlets for which prices for the preceding and the current month are available are used in the computation of the monthly percent changes.

Consumption weights (or family expenditure weights) for each city are applied to the monthly price changes for the individual foods to give them their correct proportions in the city's group and all foods indexes. Until the interim adjustment of the index in 1950, when 1947-49 data were available, these weights were based on consumer expenditure data obtained in 1934-36. A further revision of these weights was made in the revised index beginning January 1953, based on the consumer expenditure survey of 1950. 8/

City population weights are employed in obtaining U.S. average prices and indexes for all cities combined. These weights are based on the population of the metropolitan area containing the city in which prices are collected and that of cities of like characteristics represented by the sample cities. Adjustments in these population weights were made in February 1943 in accordance with Census Bureau estimates of changes in population from April 1940 to May 1942, based on the registration for the sugar-ration books; again in 1950 for the 56 cities surveyed, using the 1950 Decennial Census data; and in January 1953, when the number of cities was reduced from 56 to the current 46 cities, in accordance with the 1950 Census. Relative population weights currently in use appear in table A.

#### Relative Importance

The relative importance of the individual foods in the overall index is computed and released by the Eureau once each year. These relative importance figures are percentage distributions of the value weights of the individual foods in the index as of a given date. The values for each current month are obtained by multiplying the previous month's value weights by the price changes over the month. Thus, the relative importance figures are not weights in themselves; they change from time to time as prices for the various foods change at different rates, although the physical quantity weights implicit in them remain constant. Table B presents the list of foods included in the index, and the relative importance (percentage) of each in the all foods index for 46 cities combined for December 1955 and December 1956. 9/

### Index Base Period

The index base period was changed for the revised index from 1935-39 to 1947-49 on advice of the American Statistical Association and the Division of Statistical Standards of

<sup>8/</sup> See Selection of Cities for Consumer Expenditures Survey, 1950, Monthly Labor Review, April 1951 (p. 430); and Family Income, Expenditures, and Savings, BLS Bull. 1097 (Revised), 1950. June 1953.

<sup>9/</sup> See Retail Prices of Food 1951 and 1952, BLS Bull. 1141, Appendix, for relative importances before the revision of January 1953.

the United States Bureau of the Budget. These were relatively normal postwar years when price controls were not in effect on most commodities. Conversion factors for converting former food price indexes to the current base period are given in appendix table C. 10/Indexes for major subgroups are shown from 1923 to date in summary table 4.

#### Sample of Cities

The sample of cities was changed in January 1953 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. 11/ The revised sample includes the 12 largest cities, 9 other large cities, 9 medium-size cities, and 16 small cities.

#### Food Away from Home

Prices of food away from home (restaurant meals) were included for the first time in the revised retail food 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 priced in food stores was increased to about 80 items by adding 22 foods and dropping 3 foods, beginning in January 1953. Seasonal foods available only for short periods of the year were included for the first time.

The sample of items in the index includes those items found to be most important in wage earners' family budgets as shown by comprehensive consumer expenditure surveys. The selection of the index items also takes into account similarity of price changes, since it is impossible for the Bureau to collect prices for all of the many foods purchased by families. Price movements of foods not included in the monthly surveys are imputed to those of other foods or food groups showing similar price trends, by means of allocation of weights. 12/

#### Selection of Store Sample

In selecting the sample of independent stores for food price reports, the Bureau has taken into account type of store in terms of food handled, size of store as measured by sales volume, and geographic location within the city. All important chainstore systems are included in the sample for each city. Revisions in store samples are made from time to time, to maintain the accuracy of the food price index. The latest complete sample revision for the large cities contained in the index was made between September 1945 and June 1946. 13/ At that time, the size of the sample of independent stores in each city was changed so as to be equal to the square root of the total number of independent food stores operating in the city. This relationship was employed since the proportion of stores necessary to obtain stable average prices is higher for a small city than for a large metropolitan area.

All independent stores in each of the large cities previously included in the

<sup>10/</sup> See also the Revised Consumer's Price Index - A Summary of Changes in the Index and Suggestions for Transition from the "Interim Adjusted" and "Old Series" Indexes to the Revised Index December 1952 (mimeographed).

<sup>11/</sup> For lists of cities in the old and adjusted and revised retail food price indexes, see Retail Prices of Food 1953-54, BLS Bull. 1183 (pp. 28-30).

<sup>12/</sup> For lists of foods included in the old and adjusted and revised retail food price indexes, see Retail Prices of Food, 1953-54, BLS Bull. 1183 (pp. 30-32).

<sup>13/</sup> See Store Samples for Retail Food Prices, Monthly Labor Review, January 1947; also reprinted as Serial No. R. 1878.

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

Inclusion of small cities in the revised index beginning in Jamuary 1953 required some revision in the method of selecting the sample of independent stores for food price reports. As random sampling methods could not be applied effectively in these small cities, the stores were selected by reference to their importance in the buying pattern as revealed by the consumer expenditure surveys.

#### Outlet Weights

Beginning in February 1956, weighting factors used in each city in combining chain store average prices with independent store average prices were revised. Pending the availability of 1954 Census of Business data, the adjustment was based on estimates from trade sources. It was believed to be a conservative estimate of the relative increase in chainstore sales which had actually taken place.

Weighting factors used in combining prices of individual chainstore organizations also were revised at that time. This was a regular biennial revision based upon 1954 sales volumes reported by each chain. As part of the revision, a number of large independent supermarkets were transferred to the chainstore category with appropriate weights, since for the most part they operate like, and are competitive with, chains. These revisions were linked into the calculation of the Consumer Price Index so as not to affect the movement of the index from January to February. 14/

#### Revisions

For a description of the revisions of the retail food price indexes and references describing the revisions in greater detail, see Retail Prices of Food 1953-54, BLS Bull. 1183, Appendix; and Retail Prices of Food, 1951 and 1952, BLS Bull. 1141, Appendix.

#### Publications

Retail food prices are issued regularly as follows:

- 1. Consumer Price Index (monthly, multilithed).
- 2. Retail Food Prices by Cities (monthly, multilithed).
- 3. Retail Food Prices by Cities Annual Averages (annually, multilithed).
- 4. Monthly Labor Review (monthly).
- Retail Prices of Food (bulletins annually or biennially).

<sup>14/</sup> For details see Retail Food Prices by Cities, February 1956, p.14 (multilithed).

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

City 2/	Weight	City <u>2</u> /	Weight	City <u>2</u> /	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 2.35 2.36	Newark, Ohio	2.20 2.37 20.01
Population over 1,000,000;  Baltimore, Md	1 17	Kansas City, Mo Minneapolis- St. Paul, Minn	2.35 2.33 2.36	Population under 30,000:	1.21
Boston, Mass.	1 72	Portland, Oreg	2.33	Camden, Ark	
Chicago, Ill		Seattle, Wash	2.35	Garrett, Ind	
Cleveland, Ohio	1.57		2.33	Glendale, Ariz	
Detroit, Mich	2.99		21.12	Grand Forks, N. Dak	
Los Angeles, Calif	4.43	<b>1</b>		Grand Island, Neb	1.31
New York, N. Y	4040	Population 30,000-240,000:	1 1	Laconia, N. H	
Northeastern New Jersey	12.56		1 1	Lodi, Calif	
Philadelphia, Pa		Canton, Ohio	2.10	Madill, Okla	
Camden, N. J	2.81	Charleston, W. Va	2.20	Middlesboro, Ky	
Pittsburgh, Pa		Evansville, Ind	2.37	Pulaski, Va	1.21
St. Louis, Mo		Huntington, W. Va	"	Ravenna, Ohio	
San Francisco, Calif	1.69		2,20	Rawlins, Wyo	1.14
Washington, D. C		Lynchburg, Va	2.37	Sandpoint, Idaho	
	38.59	Madison, Wis	2.10	Shawnee, Okla	
		Middletown, Conn	2,10	Shenandoah, Iowa	1.31
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<sup>1/</sup> Total weight, according to 1950 Census of sample city and all others represented in the index by the sample city.
2/ Urbanized area (Census definition).

Table B.-List of Foods and Pelative Importance of Individual Foods and Groups of Foods Included in the Retail Food Price Index,
December 1955 and December 1956

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Article	Dec. 1955	Dec. 1956	Article	Dec. 1955	Dec. 1956
All foods	100.00	100.00	All fruits and vegetables-Con.		
Foods at home	83.14	83.50	Fresh fruits and vegetables-Con.		
Cereals and bakery products	11.30	11.27	Fresh fruits-Con. Grapefruit	0.22	0.21
Cereals:	11.50	11.21	Peaches	.37	.34
Flour, wheat	1.95	1.91	Strawberries	.22	.23
Biscuit mix	.53	.52	Grapes	.26	•27
Corn meal	.15	.15	Watermelons	•35	.37
Rice	.29	•28	Fresh vegetables:		
Polled oats	.27	.26	Potatoes	1.30	1.42
Corn flakes	.34	•314	Sweetpotatoes	•17	.18
Bakery products:	5.50	5.54	Carrots	.30 .39	.27 .31
Soda crackers	•54	•55	Lettuce	.67	.80
Vanilla cookies	1.73	1.72	Celery	.35	.36
Meats, poultry, and fish	22.13	22.56	Cabbage	.17	.13
Meats	17.26	17.79	Tomatoes	.77	.92
Beef and veal:	l		Beans, green	.39	.48
Round steak	2.62	2.64	Canned fruits and vegetables	4.18	4.11
Chuck roast	1.42	1.49	Canned fruits:	_	
Rib roast	.50	•52	Orange juice	.78	.81
Hamburger	1.47	1.44	Peaches	.61	•58
Veal cutlets	.63	.63	Pineapple Fruit cocktail	•35	•35
Pork: Pork chops	2.41	2.71	Canned vegetables:	•30	.29
Bacon, sliced	2.61	2.73	Corn	.44	.42
Ham, whole	2.03	2.15	Peas, green	.56	.51
Lamb, leg	.57	.57	Tomatoes	.67	.69
Other meats:	,	1	Baby foods	.47	.47
Frankfurters	2.22	2.15	Dried fruits and vegetables	.65	.61
Luncheon meat, canned	.78	.76	Prunes	.32	.31
Poultry, frying chickens	3.24	2.90	Dried beans	•33	.30
Fish	1.93	1.87	Other foods at home	20.65	20.12
Fresh or frozen	1.00	•98	Partially prepared foods:		
Canned: Salmon, pink	1 31	ا ہو ا	Vegetable soup	1.29	1.2
Tuna fish	•34 •59	.35 .54	Beans with pork	•55	•53
Dairy products	13.92	13.96	Pickles, sweet	.82	.79
Milk, fresh, (grocery)	4.33	4.38	Catsup, tomato	.35	39
Milk, fresh, (delivered)	4.34	4.34	Beverages, nonalcoholic	5.92	6.31
Ice cream	1.11	1.09	Coffee	4.12	4.51
Butter	1.51	1.55	Tea	•52	.50
Cheese, American process	1.70	1.66	Cola drinks	1.28	1.27
Milk, evaporated	.93	.94	Fats and oils	3.20	3.29
All fruits and vegetables	15.14	15.59	Shortening, hydrogenated	1.05	1,12
Frozen fruits and vegetables Frozen fruits:	.96	.91	Margarine	.80	.81
Strawberries	.10	.09	Salad dressing	.35 .62	.37
Orange juice concentrate	38	.37	Peanut butter	.38	.36
Frozen vegetables:	1	"	Sugar and sweets	3.18	3.19
Peas, green	.30	.28	Sugar	1.32	1.32
Beans, green	.18	.17	Corn syrup	.44	.41
Fresh fruits and vegetables	9.35	9.93	Grape jelly	.118	.48
Fresh fruits:	,	,	Chocolate bar	.94	. 9
Apples	1.08	1.20	Eggs, fresh	4.97	4.10
Bananas	-82	-84	Miscellaneous foods:		١
Owen 700					
Oranges Lemons	1.35	1.39	Gelatin, flavoredFood away from home:	•37	.36

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

	1	Base	i i			Base	
	Previous		Con-		Previous	period	Con-
Article or group	base	cur-	ver-		base	cur-	ver-
	period	rently	sion		period	rently	sion
		used	factor			used	factor
All foods	3025 30	201.2 1.0	1/	177 Accepts and accepts 2.2			
All loods	1935-39	1947-49	.4950495	All fruits and vegetables-Con.		- 1	
Foods at home	1935-39	1947-49	4950495	Fresh fruits and vegetables-Con. Fresh fruits-Con.			
Cereals and bakery products	1935-39	1947-49	.6049607	Grapefruit		Jan. '53	
Cereals:	1737-37	1241-42	*5045007	Peaches		July 53	
Flour, wheat	1935-39	1947-49	.5339028	Strawberries		Apr • '53	
Biscuit mix		Dec. 152	•3339020	Grapes, seedless		July 53	
Corn meal	1935-39	1947-49	.5117707	Watermelons		June 53	
Rice	July 47	1947-49	.9057971	Fresh vegetables:	l	ا در ست	
Rolled oats	Feb. 43	19147-149	.6872852	Potatoes	1935-39	191,7-1,9	.4472272
Corn flakes	1935-39	1947-49	.6042296	Sweetpotatoes	1935-39		.4710316
Bakery products:	-/2/ //	-/-/-/	, , , , , , , ,	Onions	1935-39	1947-49	.4894763
Bread, white	1935-39	1947-49	.6333122	Carrots	1935-39	1947-49	.4828585
Soda crackers		Dec. '52		Lettuce	1935-39	1947-49	.5681818
Vanilla cookies	1935-39	1947-49	.5390836	Celery		Jan. '53	
Meats, poultry, and fish	1935-39	1947-49	.4304778	Cabbage	1935-39		.5571031
Meats	1935-39	1947-49	.4361099	Tomatoes	Oct. 1/19		.5417118
Beef and veal	1935-39	1947-49	.4205214	Beans, green	1.935-39	1947-49	.5091650
Round steak	1935-39	1947-49	.li030633	Canned fruits and vegetables	1935-39	1947-49	.6289308
Chuck roast		1947-49	.3927730	Canned fruits:			
Rib reast		1947-49	ا 1،246284	Orange juice		Dec. 152	
Hamburger		1947-49	.6131208	Peaches	1935-39	1947-49	.6119951
Veal cutlets	1935-39	1947-49	·1278990	Pineapple		1.947-49	.5952381
Pork	1935-39	1947-49	.4655493	Fruit cocktail		Dec. '52	
Pork chops, center cut		1947-49	.4418913	Canned vegetables:		!	
Bacon, sliced		1947-49	•5167959	Corn, cream style		1947-49	•6493506
Ham, whole	1935-39	1947-49	•1434590	Peas, green	1935-39	1947-49	.8576329
Lamb, leg	1935-39	1947-49	•11096682	Tomatoes	1935-39		•5296610
Other meats:			200-102	Baby foods		Dec. 152	.9813543
Frankfurters		Dec. 152	.9881423	Dried fruits and vegetables		1947-49	.4066694
Luncheon meat, canned	3005 30	Dec. '52		Prunes	1935-39	1947-49	.4405286
Poultry, frying chicken	1935-39	1947-49	.5192108	Dried beans	1935-39	1947-49	.3694126
	1935-39	1947-49	.3340013	Other foods at home		1947 <b>-</b> 49	
Fresh and frozen	1938-39	1947-49	•3895598	Partially prepared foods:		D 153	
Canned:	1938-39	1947-49	.2553626	Vegetable soup Beans with pork		Dec.'52 Dec.'52	
Salmon, pink Tuna fish	1930-39	Dec. 152	.2553020	Condiments and sauces:	ļ	Dec. 32	
Dairy products		1947-49	.5192108	Pickles, sweet		Dec. 152	
Milk, fresh, (grocery)	1935-39	1947-49	.5720824	Catsup, tomato		Dec 152	
Wilk, fresh, (delivered)	1935-39	1947-49	.5865103	Beverages, nonalcoholic	1035-30	1947-49	.և897160
Ice cream	Dec. '50	Dec.'52	.9469697	Coffee	1935-39	1947-49	.4904365
Butter	1935-39	1947-49	4553734	Tea		Dec. 152	
Cheese, American process	1935-39	1947-49	.4228330	Cole drinks		Dec. 152	.8873114
Milk, evaporated	1935-39	1947-49	.5227392	Fats and oils	1935-39	1947-49	.5540166
All fruits and vegetables	1935-39	1947-49	.4897160	Shortening, hydrogenated	1935-39	1947-49	.5045409
Frozen fruits and vegetables-		Dec. 152	1.132503	Margarine	1935-39	1947-49	.4833253
Frozen fruits:				Lard	1935-39	1947-49	.5583473
Strawberries	Dec. '50	Dec.'52	1.153403	Salad dressing	1935-39	1947-49	.6414368
Orange juice concentrate-	Dec. 150	Dec.'52	1.280410	Peanut butter		Dec. '52	
Frozen vegetables:		l !		Sugar and sweets	1935-39	1947-49	-5656109
Peas, green	Dec . 150	Dec. '52	1.076426	Sugar	1935-39	1947-49	.5627462
Beans, green		Dec. 152		Corn syrup	7	Dec. 152	7 031200
Fresh fruits and vegetables -	1935-39	1947-49	.4741584	Grape jelly	Dec. '50	Dec. 152	1.014199
Fresh fruits:	3000 0-		1005051	Chocolate bar	1005 00	Dec. 152	1.023 503
Apples	1935-39	1947-49	.4205214	Eggs, fresh	1935-39	1947-49	.4911591
Bananas	1935-39	1947-49	.3803728	Miscellaneous foods:	1	D 170	
Oranges, size 200	1935-39	1947-49	.6067961	Gelatin, flavored	1	Dec. 152	
Lemons		May'53			1		

NOTE: Indexes published prior to December 1952 on the previous base periodmay 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.