U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR Bureau of Labor Statistics Washington 25, D. C.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR NOVEMBER 1961

Prices of consumer goods and services declined by 0.1 percent between October and November to 128.3 (1947-49=100), according to the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. A further drop in food prices, largely due to seasonal influences, contributed most to the decrease, although prices of nonfood commodities also averaged somewhat lower. Services as a group registered a small increase, partially offsetting the overall downward price movement.

The small price change in November marked a continuation of the overall stability shown by consumer prices during the past year, except for an 0.4 percent rise in July. The stability of average prices since mid-summer results from a reduction of 1.4 percent in food prices from their July seasonal peak balanced against advances for nonfood commodities and for services. In comparison with November 1960, consumer prices have advanced by 0.7 percent, marking the smallest increase for a comparable period since 1955.

Seasonally lower prices for pork products, fresh fruits, and eggs were the dominant influences in the 0.5 percent decline in average food prices between October and November. Moderating the decrease somewhat were higher prices for fresh vegetables, beef and veal products, fresh milk, almost all cereals and bakery products, and restaurant meals. The index for all types of foods combined, at 120.3, was 0.7 percent below year ago levels, largely reflecting substantial price decreases for eggs, poultry, and fresh fruits and vegetables.

Contributing to the 5.2 percent reduction in egg prices from their October peak were increased supplies, reflecting both a record rate and seasonally higher volume of production.

The 1 percent decrease in the meats, poultry, and fish index was due almost entirely to a decline of nearly 4 percent in pork prices as production moved toward a seasonal peak. Poultry prices declined slightly to reach a new low as production continued at record levels. Compared with a year earlier, prices for meats, poultry, and fish averaged 1.2 percent lower with a 15 percent decline in poultry prices causing most of the decrease.

A drop of about 5 percent in average prices of fresh fruits--chiefly due to the continued seasonal decline in prices of oranges and grapefruit, and lower prices for apples--accounted for a large part of the decrease in the overall fruits and vegetables index. In comparison with November 1960, prices of all fruits and vegetables combined averaged 3.6 percent lower, primarily because prices of fresh fruits and vegetables were off by an average of 7 percent.

NONFOOD

Average prices of nonfood commodities fell slightly over the month, as several opposing price movements occurred. This small decrease halted the generally steady upward movement in average nonfood commodity prices which has been in evidence since May. The principal decreases between October and November were for women's and girls' apparel, household durables, and used cars, while prices for gasoline, solid fuels, men's and boys' clothing, and footwear advanced.

The decline of 0.7 percent for women's and girls' apparel was mainly attributable to early seasonal clearance sales of wool coats and lower prices for women's dresses and nylon hose. The rise in men's and boys' clothing was typical for this time of the year. Shoe prices rose as previous selective price increases at the manufacturers' level became more general. Lower prices for household durables were largely the result of competitive decreases and sale prices for some major household items, particularly cooking ranges, sawing machines, and dinnerware.

Lower prices of used cars reflected the expansion in the number of trade-in cars on dealers' hands as a result of the October-November pickup in new car sales. However, used car prices are still almost 19 percent above year ago levels.

SERVICES

An 0.2 percent increase in average prices of services was due primarily to higher charges for major elements of home ownership and for laundry and dry cleaning services. However all of the other principal types of services showed some advance in price.

COST-OF-LIVING More than 130,000 workers will receive increases in cost-of-living allowances on the basis of the November national index. Approximately 20,000 employees of various chemical, and metal working firms will receive 1-cent an hour increases on the basis of a quarterly review. Of the remaining 110,000 workers, about 75,000 employees of major meat packing firms will receive 1-cent an hour increases based on a semiannual review, while 25,000 drivers and other employees of cartage firms in the Chicago area are scheduled to receive 2-cent an hour increases on the basis of an annual adjustment.

TABLE 1: Consumer Frice Index—United States city average
Major group and subgroup indexes, November 1961
and percent changes from selected dates

(1947-49=100 unless otherwise specified)

	Inde	exes	Percent change to November 1961 from					
Group	November 1961	October 1961	October 1961	August 1961	November 1960	Year 1939		
All items	128.3	128.4	- 0.1	0.2	0.7	116.0		
Food	120.3	120.9	5	7	7	155.4		
Food at home	116.8	117.6	7	- 1.2	- 1.4	148.0		
Campals and heleny modusts	140 9	140.2	.5	.9	1.7	146.3		
Maste, noultry, and fish-	1 108.6	109.7	- 1.0	.2		161.1		
		119.0	.3		.4	139.8		
Fruits and vegetables	1 121.6	122.9	- 1.1	- 8.2	- 3.6	162.6		
Other foods at home	108.2	109.8	- 1.5	.6	- 3.0	123.6		
Food away from home (Jan. 1953=100)	122.7	122.4	.2	1.0	2.6	(1/)		
Rent	132.9	132.7	.2	.5 .4 .1	.6	74.6		
Rent		144.1	.1	.4	1.1	66.5		
Cas and electricity	125.7	125.7 138.4	0	1 , 1	0	19.8		
Solid and petroleum fuels	139.2 103.4	138.4	2	1./	2.1	146.8		
Household operation	139.5	139.2	2	.5	2.1 6 .9	103.9		
A	111 2	111.4	2	1.2	.5	111.8		
Manta and barat	112.3	112.2	.1	1.1	.3	121.1		
Woman's and sirls!	101.7	102.4	7	1.5	.3	86.6		
Pastroom	142.3	141.7	.4	.8	1.4	182.9		
Other apparel	93.0	93.1	1	.1	- 1.2	129.1		
Transportation————————————————————————————————————	150.5	150.3	.1	.8	2.7	114.4		
Public	138.0 20 9 .9	137.9 20 9. 4	.1	.9	2.7	110.7 158.2		
Medical care	162.4	162.3	.1	.6	2.8	123.7		
Personal care	134.3	134.0	.2	.1	.3	125.3		
Reading and recreation	125.2	125,4	2	.6	2.2	98.7		
Other goods and services	133.8	133.8	o	.1	.8	89.5		
special groups:								
All items less food	132.4	132.3	.1	.6	1.2	91.6		
All items less shelter	125.8	126.0	2	.2	.6	127.1		
Commodities	118.5	118.8	3	.1	.2	129.7		
Nondurables Food	120.6	120.9 120.9 121.5 111.2 105.9 130.3 112.7	2 5	2	2	134.6		
Nondurables less food	120.3 121.5	120.9	5	7	/	155.4 107.0		
Apparel	111.0	111 2	2	1 1,2	.3	113.1		
Apparel less footwear-	105.6	105.9	3	1.2	.2	(1/)		
Nondurables less food and apparel-	130.5	130 3	.2	.4	.4	98.0		
Durables ress 1000 and apparen	112.6	112.7	1	. 6	1.7	96.5		
New cars	139.7	139.7	0	2.6	1.4	145.1		
Used cars (Jan. 1953=100)	96.9	97.3		.8	18.6	(1/)		
Durables less cars	102.0	102.1	1	.7 1.2 1.2 .4 .6 2.6 .8	8	78.0		
Commodities less food-	116.9	117.0	1	.7	.9	96.8		
Services	153.7	153.4	.2	.5	1.6	91.2		
Rent	144.2	144.1	.1	.4	1.1	66.5		
Services less rent	156.1	155.8	.2	.5	1.6	112.4		
and electricity	141.2	141.0	.1	.4	.8	62.3		
Transportation services	190.3	190.0	.2	.3	1.8	137.6		
Medical care services	170.8	170.5	.2	•8	3,5	142.3		
Other services 3/	138.6	138.3	.2	.5	1.4	137.7		
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1947-49=\$1.00)	\$0.779	\$0.779	0	3	8	-53.7		

^{1/} Not available.
2/ Includes house purchase, interest, taxes, insurance, and upkeep, not shown separately.
2/ Includes house purchase, interest, taxes, insurance, and upkeep services; shoe repairs, television repairs, barber and beauty shop services, and movies.

		Indexes (19	47-49=100)	Percent change to current month from			
City	November 1961	August 1961	November 1960	Year 1939	August 1961	November 1960	Year 1939
Inited States city average	128.3	128.0	127.4	59.4	0.2	0.7	116.0
lities priced monthly 1/							
Chicago	130.9	130.8	130.5	58.6	.1	.3	123.4
Detreit	125.1	125.8	125.7	59.0	6	5	112.0
Los Angeles	131.9	131.1	130.6	60.4	.6	1.0	118.4
New York	126.8	126.4	126.5	60.1	ll :3	.2	111.0
Philadelphia	128.8	128.0	127.9	59.2	.6	.7	117.6
Cities priced in February, May,	November	August	November	Year	August	November	Year
August, November 2/	1961	1961	1960	1939	1961	1960	1939
leveland	128.1	128.7	127.9	59.2	5	.2	116.4
ouston	128.0	126.3	126.4	59.5	1.3	1.3	115.1
cranton	124.8	124.3	123.9	58.5	4	1 .7	113.3
eattle	132.9	131.8	130.5	59.2	.8	1.8	124.5
ashington, D. C	125.4	125.2	123.8	60.4	.2	1.3	107.6
itias priced in January, April,	October	July	October	Year	July	October	Year
uly, October <u>2</u> /	1961	1961	1960	1939	1961	1960	1939
oston		130.4	129.1	61.0	.2	1.2	114.1
ansas City		129.8	128.2	61.7	3	.9	109.7
inneapolis		129.2	128.5	60.7	0	.5	112.9
ittsburgh		129.6	129.0	58.1	2	.3	122.7
ortland, Oregon	129.6	129.3	127.2	58.3	.2	1.9	122.3
Mities priced in March, June,	September	June	September	Year	June	September	Year
eptember, December 2/	1961	1961	1960	1939	1961	1960	1939
tlanta	128.3	127.4	127.9	58.3	.7	.3	120.1
altimore	129.6	129.8	128.7	57.9	2	.7	123.8
Incinnati	125.4	124.6	124.8	58.4	.6	.5	114.7
			I	1 1 1 1 1 .			
the Louis	129.2	129.0	127.4	59.3	.2	1 1:4	117.9

^{1/} Rents priced bimonthly.
2/ Foods, fusls, and a few other items priced monthly; rente and other commodities and corvices priced quarterly.

TABLE 3: Consumer Price Index--Percent changes from October to November 1961 U.S. city average and five cities priced monthly All items and commodity groups

City	All items	Food	Housing	Apparel	Transpor- tation	Medical care	Personal care	Reading and recreation	Other goods & services
United States city average-	- 0.1	- 0.5	0.2	- 0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	- 0.2	. 0
Chicago Detreit Los Angeles New York Philadelphia	3 2 .2 1	4 6 0 2 3	2 2 0 .1 .6	3 5 0 .3 1	- 1.6 .4 1.3 3 2	1 .1 0 .1	0 .4 3 0 0	.1 1 1.9 5 2	- 0.2 0 0 .1

U.S. city average and 10 cities priced in November 1961

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Cleve- land	Detroit	Houston	Los Angeles	New York	Phila- delphia		Seattle	Washington D. C.
					Indexes (1947-49.	100)				
All items	128.3	130.9	128.1	125.1	128.0	131.9	126.8	128.8	124.8	132.9	125.4
Food	120.3	118.3	114.1	118.5	116.6	126.8	122.1	122.7	116.5	124.5	120.5
Foed at home	116.8	115.2	110.6	115.2	112.3	120.4	117.2	118.8	114.5	120.6	117.1
Cereals and bakery products	140.9 108.6	134.0 103.5	133.4 103.2	130.6 103.1	129.1 102.8	160.5	150.3	140.4	138.3	152.5	141.0
Meats, poultry, and fish	119.4	124.2	110.1	120.9	110.1	109.0	122.4	108.6 124.3	108.6 114.1	111.8 125.2	106.2 121.9
Fruits and vegetables	121.6	117.4	111.0	122.3	127.0	135.1	117.7	124.4	113.7	128.7	118.5
Other foods at home	108.2	115.3	107.6	108.6	105.6	104.2	107.1	109.1	107.1	105.9	111.4
Rousing	132.9	141.9	131.2	125.3	132.9	140.8	132.6	127.3	126.5	136.5	124.3
Boat	144.2	169.5	161.3		138.2	152.2		133.3	136.0	153.4	135.8
Gas and electricity	125.7	130.0	124.1	122.5	136.4	148.3	122.7	106.7	124.9	86.7	133.1
Solid and petroleum fuels	139.2	141.7	146.3	129.4	100.5	101.1	144.8	143.1	141.1	139.2	146.3
Housefurnishings	103.4 139.5	103.0 140.7	98.0 126.1	107.3 124.3	103.5 146.3	101.1	107.5 139.6	108.7 148.5	97.3 123.7	103.2 142.1	99.6 143.9
Apparel	111.2	113.6	111.6	108.7	115.1	111.7	111.2	112.7	113.3	114.7	108.7
Man's and boys'	112.3	116.8	116.7	112.1	111.3	114.6	113.4	111.9	115.6	115.9	112.2
Women's and girls'	101.7	101.6	99.1	97.7	109.4	102.3	99.4	105.0	103.5	105.8	99.4
Footwer	142.3	146.3	140.7	137.3	147.2	142.5	147.1	141.8	146.3	146.4	136.7
Other apparel	93.0	95.4	97.2	87.3	92.1	84.3	98.1	95.9	94.2	90.1	92.2
Transportation	150.5	157.3	148.0	138.8	151.5	151.5	149.2	160.7	149.2	157.6	149.4
Pel setanoscomo como como como como como como com	138.0	138.0	137.0	131.3	142.9	142.2	130.9	137.9	135.9	143.4	141.5
Public	209.9	205.4	201.4	179.1	214.9	216.3	191.0	211.6	191.3	217.0	178.3
Medical care		173.2	185.1	171.9	140.9	154.1	150.9	170.7	138.0	159.2	161.5
Personal care	134.3	139.6	133.2	142.7	144.2	134.7	123.4	143.9	149.8	142.2	133.5
Reading and recreation Other goods and services	125.2 133.8	123.2	133.6 136.6	119.1	124.6 137.9	106.0	129.2	123.0 134.1	174.3	121.1 150.9	127.1 138.1
		i	ľ				1		r .		
			Per	ent char	<u></u>	August 1	961 to N	ovember 1	961	_	
All items	0.2	0.1	Per - 0.5	ent char	<u></u>		961 to N	ovember 1	961	0.8	0.2
	1 _	1	- 0.5	- 0.6	ge from	August 1	0.3	0.6	0.4		
700d	7	- 1.0	- 0.5 - 2.1	- 0.6 - 1.8	1.3 - 0.3	August 1	0.3	0.6	0.4	3	- 1.1
Food at home	7	1	- 0.5	- 0.6	ge from	August 1	0.3	0.6 6 7	0.4	3	
700d	7 - 1.2	- 1.0 - 1.4	- 0.5 - 2.1 - 2.4	- 0.6 - 1.8 - 2.2	1.3 - 0.3 - 1.1	August 1 0.6 1.2 1.3	0.3	0.6	0.4	3	- 1.1 - 1.4
Food at home	7 - 1.2 .9 .2	- 1.0 - 1.4 .6 3	- 0.5 - 2.1 - 2.4 .6 6 2	- 0.6 - 1.8 - 2.2 .7 3	1.3 - 0.3 - 1.1 .5 - 1.0 - 4.9	August 1 0.6 1.2 1.3 5.3 1.2 1.8	0.3 1 9 .8 .3 2.7	0.6 6 7 .9 .2 2.0	0.4 2 3 1.2 .7 2.5	3 3 4 0	- 1.1 - 1.4 1.8 - 1.1
Food at home	7 - 1.2 .9 .2	- 1.0 - 1.4 .6 3	- 0.5 - 2.1 - 2.4 .6 6	- 0.6 - 1.8 - 2.2 .7 3	1.3 - 0.3 - 1.1 .5 - 1.0	August 1 0.6 1.2 1.3 5.3 1.2	0.3 1 9 .8	0.6 6 7 .9	0.4 2 3 1.2	3 3 .3 4 0 - 2.1	- 1.1 - 1.4 1.8 - 1.1
Food at home	7 - 1.2 .9 .2 .8 - 8.2	- 1.0 - 1.4 6 3 5 - 9.8 2.0	- 0.5 - 2.1 - 2.4 6 6 2 -11.1 6	- 0.6 - 1.8 - 2.2 .7 3 .4 -12.1	1.3 - 0.3 - 1.1 .5 - 1.0 - 4.9 - 3.2 2.2	August 1 0.6 1.2 1.3 5.3 1.2 1.87 .4	0.3 1 9 .8 .3 2.7 - 9.0 .8	0.667 .9 .2 2.0 - 7.9 1.1	0.4 2 3 1.2 .7 2.5 - 8.9 1.6	3 3 4 0 - 2.1	- 1.1 - 1.4 1.8 - 1.1 0 - 7.7
Food at home	7 - 1.2 .9 .2 .8 - 8.2	- 1.0 - 1.4 .6 3 .5 - 9.8 2.0	- 0.5 - 2.1 - 2.4 .6 6 2 -11.1	- 0.6 - 1.8 - 2.2 .7 3 .4 -12.1	1.3 - 0.3 - 1.1 5 - 1.0 - 4.9 - 3.2	August 1 0.6 1.2 1.3 5.3 1.2 1.87	0.3 1 9 .8 .3 2.7 - 9.0 .8	0.667 .9 .2 2.0 - 7.9 1.1	0.4 2 3 1.2 .7 2.5 - 8.9 1.6	3 3 .3 4 0 - 2.1 .5	- 1.1 - 1.4 1.8 - 1.1 0 - 7.7 .3
Food	7 - 1.2 .9 .2 .8 - 8.2 .6	- 1.0 - 1.4 .6 3 .5 - 9.8 2.0 .5 1/ 0 1	- 0.5 - 2.1 - 2.4662 -11.1633 0	- 0.6 - 1.8 - 2.2 .73 .4 -12.1 .315	1.3 - 0.3 - 1.1 - 5 - 1.0 - 4.9 - 3.2 2.2	August 1 0.6 1.2 1.3 5.3 1.2 1.8 7 .4 .2	0.319 .8 .3 2.7 - 9.0 .8	0.667 .9 .2 2.0 - 7.9 1.1	0.4 2 3 1.2 .7 2.5 - 8.9 1.6 .8 .8	3 3 .3 4 0 - 2.1 .5	- 1.1 - 1.4 1.8 - 1.1 0 - 7.7 .3
Food	7 - 1.2 .9 .2 .8 - 8.2 .6	- 1.0 - 1.4 .6 3 .5 - 9.8 2.0 .5 1/ 0 1 .6	- 0.5 - 2.1 - 2.4 .6 6 2 -11.1 6 .3 3 0 3.0	- 0.6 - 1.8 - 2.2734 -12.1315 1.5	1.3 - 0.3 - 1.1 - 5 - 1.0 - 4.9 - 3.2 2.2 1.1 .4 2.0	August 1 0.6 1.2 1.3 5.3 5.2 1.87 .4 2 1/ .1 .1	0.319 .8 .3 2.7 - 9.0 .8 .4	0.667 .9 .2 2.0 - 7.9 1.1 1/ .3 0 11.7	0.423 1.2 .7 2.5 - 8.9 1.6 .8 .8 .8 0 2.9	3 3 .3 4 0 - 2.1 .5 1.2 .5 0	- 1.1 - 1.4 1.8 - 1.1 0 - 7.7 .3 .6 .4 4
Food at home	7 - 1.2 .9 .2 .8 - 8.2 .6 .5 .4 .1	- 1.0 - 1.4 .6 3 .5 - 9.8 2.0 .5 1/ 0 1	- 0.5 - 2.1 - 2.4662 -11.1633 0	- 0.6 - 1.8 - 2.2 .73 .4 -12.1 .315	1.3 - 0.3 - 1.1 .5 - 1.0 - 4.9 - 3.2 2.2 1.1 .4	August 1 0.6 1.2 1.3 5.3 1.2 1.87 .4 .2 1/ .1	0.319 .8 .3 2.7 - 9.0 .8	0.66792 - 2.0 - 7.9 - 1.1 1.1 1/ .3 0	0.4 2 3 1.2 .7 2.5 - 8.9 1.6 .8 .8	3 3 .3 4 0 - 2.1 .5	- 1.1 - 1.4 1.8 - 1.1 0 - 7.7 .3
Food at home	7 - 1.2 .9 .2 .8 - 8.2 .6 .5 .4 .1 1.7	- 1.0 - 1.4 .6 3 .5 - 9.8 2.0 .5 1/ 0 1 .6 1.5	- 0.5 - 2.1 - 2.4662 -11.16 .333 0 3.0 0 .4	- 0.6 - 1.8 - 2.2 - 3 - 4 -12.1 - 315 1.5 1.2	1.3 - 0.3 - 1.1 .5 - 1.0 - 4.9 - 3.2 2.2 1.1 .4 2.0	August 1 0.6 1.2 1.3 5.3 1.2 1.87 .4 2 1/ .15 .5	0.319 .8 .3 2.7 - 9.0 .8 .42 .7 .4	0.667 .9 .2 2.0 - 7.9 1.1 1/ .3 0 11.7 .9 .3	0.4 2 3 1.2 .7 2.5 - 8.9 1.6 .8 .8 .8 .0 2.9 .2	3 3 .3 4 0 - 2.1 .5 1.2 .5 0 0 1.6	- 1.1 - 1.4 1.8 - 1.1 0 - 7.7 .3 .6 .4 4 1.4 1 2.4
Food at home	7 - 1.2 .9 .2 .8 - 8.2 .6 .5 .4 .1 1.7 .2	- 1.0 - 1.4 .6 3 .5 - 9.8 2.0 .5 1/ 0 1 .6 1.5 1.7	- 0.5 - 2.1 - 2.4 - 662 -11.1633 0 3.0 0	- 0.6 - 1.8 - 2.2 - 734 -12.1315 1.5	1.3 - 0.3 - 1.1 .5 - 1.0 - 4.9 - 3.2 2.2 1.1 .4 2.0 2.8 .5	August 1 0.6 1.2 1.3 5.3 1.2 1.87 .4 .2 1/ .1 .15	0.31983 2.7 - 9.084274	0.66792 - 7.9 1.1 1.1 1/ .3 0 11.7 .9	0.4 2 3 1.2 .7 2.5 - 8.9 1.6 .8 .8 0 2.9 .2	3 3 .3 4 0 - 2.1 .5 1.2 .5 0 0	- 1.1 - 1.4 1.8 - 1.1 0 - 7.7 .3 .6 .4 4 1.4
Food	7 - 1.2 .9 .2 .8 - 8.2 .6 .5 .4 .1 1.7 .2 .5	- 1.0 - 1.4 .6 3 .5 - 9.8 2.0 1 .6 1.5 1.7 1.8 1.0 3.3	- 0.5 - 2.1 - 2.4662 - 11.1633 0 3.0 04	- 0.6 - 1.8 - 2.2 .73 .4 -12.1 .31 5 1.5 1.2 .2 .7 2.1	1.3 - 0.3 - 1.1 .5 - 1.0 - 4.9 - 3.2 2.2 1.1 .4 2.0 2.8 .5 2.7	August 1 0.6 1.2 1.3 5.3 1.2 1.87 .4 .2 1/ .1 .15 .5 .2	0.319 .8 .3 2.7 - 9.0 .8 .4 2.7 .4 .2 2.0	0.667 .9 .2 2.0 - 7.9 1.1 1.1 1/ .3 0 11.7 .9 .3 3.3	0.4 2 3 1.2 .7 2.5 - 8.9 1.6 .8 .8 .0 2.9 .2 .4	3 3 .3 4 0 - 2.1 .5 1.2 .5 0 0 1.6 1.6	- 1.1 - 1.4 1.8 - 1.1 0 - 7.7 3 .6 .4 4 4 1.4 1 2.4
Food at home	7 - 1.2 .9 .2 .8 - 8.2 .6 .5 .4 .1 1.7 .2 .5	- 1.0 - 1.4 .6 3 - 5 - 9.8 2.0 1 .6 1.5 1.7 1.8 1.0 3.3 .8	- 0.5 - 2.1 - 2.4666333 0 3.0 0 .4 .1 .87 .8	- 0.6 - 1.8 - 2.2 - 3 - 4 -12.1 - 315 1.5 1.27 2.1 .1 .3	1.3 - 0.3 - 1.1 - 5 - 1.0 - 4.9 - 3.2 2.2 1.1 - 4 2.0 2.8 - 5 2.7 1.9 4.2 2.8 2.8	August 1 0.6 1.2 1.3 5.3 1.2 1.7 .4 .2 1/.1 .15 .5 .2 1.854	0.319 .8 .3 2.7 - 9.0 .8 .42 .7 .4 .2 2.0 1.0 3.1 1.4	0.667 .92 2.0 - 7.9 1.1 1/ .3 11.7 .9 .3 3.3 .4.6 6.9 .4	0.423 1.27 2.5 - 8.9 1.6 .8 .8 .0 2.9 .2 .44 .9 - 1.5	3 3 .3 4 0 - 2.1 .5 5 0 0 1.6 1.6 2.1 5 3.7 2.4	- 1.1 - 1.4 1.8 - 1.1 0 - 7.7 .3 .6 .4 4 1 2.4 2.4 1.6 2.3 3.7
Food	7 - 1.2 .9 .2 .8 - 8.2 .6 .5 .4 .1 1.7 .2 .5	- 1.0 - 1.4 .6 3 .5 - 9.8 2.0 1 .6 1.5 1.7 1.8 1.0 3.3	- 0.5 - 2.1 - 2.4662 -11.1633 0 3.0 0418	- 0.6 - 1.8 - 2.2 .73 .4 -12.1 .31 5 1.5 1.2 .2 .7 2.1	1.3 - 0.3 - 1.1 .5 - 1.0 - 4.9 - 3.2 2.2 1.1 .4 2.0 2.8 .5 2.7 1.9 4.2	August 1 0.6 1.2 1.3 5.3 1.2 1.87 .4 .2 1/ .15 .5 .2 1.87	0.319 .8 .3 2.7 - 9.0 .8 .4 2 2.0 1.0 3.1	0.667 .9 .2 2.0 - 7.9 1.1 1/ .3 0 11.7 .9 .3 3.3 .4 6.9	0.423 1.2 .7 2.5 - 8.9 1.6 .8 .8 .0 2.9 .2 .44 .9 - 1.5	3 3 .3 4 0 - 2.1 .5 0 0 1.6 2.1 5 3.7	- 1.1 - 1.4 1.8 - 1.1 0 - 7.7 3 .6 4 4 1.4 1 2.4 1.6 2.3
Food at home	7 - 1.2 .9 .2 .8 - 8.2 .6 .5 .4 .1 1.7 .2 .5	- 1.0 - 1.4 .6 3 - 5 - 9.8 2.0 1 .6 1.5 1.7 1.8 1.0 3.3 .8	- 0.5 - 2.1 - 2.4666333 0 3.0 0 .4 .1 .87 .8	- 0.6 - 1.8 - 2.2 - 3 - 4 -12.1 - 315 1.5 1.27 2.1 .1 .3	1.3 - 0.3 - 1.1 - 5 - 1.0 - 4.9 - 3.2 2.2 1.1 - 4 2.0 2.8 - 5 2.7 1.9 4.2 2.8 2.8	August 1 0.6 1.2 1.3 5.3 1.2 1.7 .4 .2 1/.1 .15 .5 .2 1.854	0.319 .8 .3 2.7 - 9.0 .8 .42 .7 .4 .2 2.0 1.0 3.1 1.4	0.667 .92 2.0 - 7.9 1.1 1/ .3 11.7 .9 .3 3.3 .4.6 6.9 .4	0.423 1.27 2.5 - 8.9 1.6 .8 .8 .0 2.9 .2 .44 .9 - 1.5	3 3 .3 4 0 - 2.1 .5 5 0 0 1.6 1.6 2.1 5 3.7 2.4	- 1.1 - 1.4 1.8 - 1.1 0 - 7.7 .3 .6 .4 4 1.4 1 2.4 2.4 1.6 2.3 3.7
Food at home	7 - 1.2 .9 .2 .8 - 8.2 - 6 .1 1.7 .2 .5 1.2 1.1 1.5 .8	- 1.0 - 1.4 .6 3 .5 - 9.8 2.0 1 .6 1.5 1.7 1.8 1.0 3.3 .8	- 0.5 - 2.1 - 2.6662 -11.1633 0 3.0 0 41878	- 0.6 - 1.8 - 2.73 .4 -12.1 .315 1.5 1.2 .2 .7 2.1 .1 .3 .1	1.3 - 0.3 - 1.1 .5 - 1.0 - 4.9 - 3.2 2.2 1.1 .4 2.0 2.8 .5 2.7 1.9 4.2 .5 2.2	August 1 0.6 1.2 1.3 5.3 1.2 1.87 .4 .2 1/ .15 .5 1.8549	0.319 .8 .3 2.7 - 9.0 .8 .42 .7 .4 .2 2.0 1.0 3.1 1.4 1.3	0.667 .9 .2 2.0 - 7.9 1.1 1.1 1/ .3 0 11.7 .9 .3 3.3 .4 6.9 .4 .8	0.4 23 1.2 .7 2.5 - 8.9 1.6 .8 .8 .0 2.9 .44 .9 - 1.5 .44	3 3 4 0 0 - 2.1 5 0 0 1.6 2.1 5 3.7 2.4 2.2	- 1.1 - 1.4 1.8 - 1.1 0 - 7.7 .3 .6 .4 4 1.4 1 2.4 2.4 1.6 2.3 3.7 1.7
Food st home	7 - 1.2 .9 .2 .8 - 8.2 .6 .5 .4 .1 1.7 .2 .5 1.2 1.1 1.5 .8	- 1.0 - 1.4 .6 3 .5 - 9.8 2.0 1 .6 1.5 1.7 1.8 1.0 3.3 .8 .1	- 0.5 - 2.1 - 2.4662 -11.1633 0 3.0 0418781	- 0.6 - 1.8 - 2.234 -12.1315 1.5 1.27 2.1318	1.3 - 0.3 - 1.1 - 5 - 1.0 - 4.9 - 3.2 2.2 1.1 - 4 2.0 - 2.8 - 5 2.7 1.9 4.2 - 5 2.2 6.2	August 1 0.6 1.2 1.3 5.3 1.2 1.87 .15 .2 1.8549 .5	0.319 .8 .3 2.7 - 9.0 .8 .4 2 .7 .4 .2 2.0 1.0 3.1 1.4 1.3	0.667 .9 .2 2.0 - 7.9 1.1 1/ .3 0 11.7 .9 .3 3.3 .4 6.9 .4 .8	0.423 1.2 .7 2.5 - 8.9 1.6 .8 .8 .0 2.9 .2 .4444	3 3 .3 4 0 - 2.1 .5 1.2 .5 0 0 1.6 1.6 2.1 5 3.7 2.4 2.2	- 1.1 - 1.4 1.8 - 1.1 0 - 7.7 3 .6 4 4 1.4 1 2.4 1.6 2.3 3.7 1.7
Pood at home	7 - 1.2 .9 .2 .8 - 8.2 .6 .5 .4 .1 1.7 .2 .5 1.2 1.1 1.5 8.1	- 1.0 - 1.4 .6 3 8 2.0 1 .6 .6 3 2.0 1 .6 .6 1.5 1.7 1.8 1.0 3.3 .8 .1 3 .3	- 0.5 - 2.1 - 2.4662 - 11.1633 0 3.0 041878134 0	- 0.6 - 1.8 - 2.2 - 7315 - 1.527118 - 1.0 0	1.3 - 0.3 - 1.1 - 5 - 1.0 - 4.9 - 3.2 2.2 1.1 - 4 2.0 2.8 - 5 2.7 1.9 4.2 2.8 -5 2.7 5.9 5.5	August 1 0.6 1.2 1.3 5.3 1.2 1.8 7 .4 .2 1/ .1 -1 5 .5 .2 1.8549 .5 .6 0 .3	0.31983 2.7 - 9.042 2.0 1.0 3.1 1.4 1.356 0	0.6 67 .9 .2 2.0 - 7.9 1.1 1.1 1/ .3 0 11.7 .9 .3 3.3 .4 6.9 .4 .8 .5 .7 0	0.423 1.2 .7 2.5 - 8.9 1.6 .8 .8 .0 2.9 .2 .4444 1.7 2.0 0	3 3 .3 4 0 0 - 2.1 .5 0 0 1.6 1.6 2.1 5 3.7 2.4 2.2	- 1.1 - 1.4 1.8 - 1.1 0 - 7.7 .3 .6 .4 4 1.4 1 2.4 2.4 1.6 2.3 3.7 1.7
Food at home	7 - 1.2 .9 .2 .8.2 .6 .5 .4 .1 1.7 .2 .5 1.2 1.1 1.5 .8 .1 .8 .9 .4	- 1.0 - 1.4 .6 3 .5 - 9.8 2.0 1 .6 1.5 1.7 1.8 1.0 3.3 .8 .1 3 3 3	- 0.5 - 2.1 - 2.466633 0 3.0 0 .4 .1 .87 .8 1 .3 .4 0	- 0.6 - 1.8 - 2.2 .7 3 1 5 1.5 1.2 .7 2.1 .1 .3 1 8 - 1.0 0 0 .4	1.3 - 0.3 - 1.1 - 5 - 1.0 - 4.9 - 3.2 2.2 1.1 - 4 2.0 2.8 - 5 2.7 1.9 4.2 - 5 2.2 6.2 6.3 5.9 - 5 1.2	August 1 0.6 1.2 1.3 5.3 1.2 1.87 .4 .2 1/.1 .15 .5 .2 1.8549 .5 .6 0 .32	0.319 .8 .3 2.7 - 9.0 .8 .42 .7 - 4 .2 2.0 1.0 3.1 1.4 1.3 .5 6 0	0.6 6 7 .9 .2 2.00 - 7.9 1.1 1.1 1/ .3 0 11.7 .9 .3 3.3 .4 6.9 .4 .8 .5 .7 0 .4 4	0.423 1.2 .7 2.5 - 8.9 1.6 .8 .8 0 2.9 .2 .44 .9 - 1.5 .44 1.7 2.0 0	3 3 .3 4 0 0 - 2.1 .5 0 0 1.6 1.6 2.1 5 3.7 2.4 2.2 2.6 2.9 0	- 1.1 - 1.4 1.8 - 1.1 0 - 7.7 - 3 .6 .4 4 1.4 1 2.4 2.4 1.6 2.3 3.7 1.7
Feed at home Cereals and bakery products Meats, peultry, and fish Dairy products Fraits and vegetables Other foods at home Beasing Beas and electricity Solid and petroleum fuels Bousefurnishings Heme's and bays' Weem's and bays' Weem's and personal fuels Transpertation Private Public Hedical core	7 - 1.2 .9 .2 .8 - 8.2 .6 .5 .4 .1 1.7 .2 .5 1.2 1.1 1.5 8.1	- 1.0 - 1.4 .6 3 8 2.0 1 .6 .6 3 2.0 1 .6 .6 1.5 1.7 1.8 1.0 3.3 .8 .1 3 .3	- 0.5 - 2.1 - 2.4662 - 11.1633 0 3.0 041878134 0	- 0.6 - 1.8 - 2.2 - 7315 - 1.527118 - 1.0 0	1.3 - 0.3 - 1.1 - 5 - 1.0 - 4.9 - 3.2 2.2 1.1 - 4 2.0 2.8 - 5 2.7 1.9 4.2 2.8 -5 2.7 5.9 5.5	August 1 0.6 1.2 1.3 5.3 1.2 1.8 7 .4 .2 1/ .1 -1 5 .5 .2 1.8549 .5 .6 0 .3	0.31983 2.7 - 9.042 2.0 1.0 3.1 1.4 1.356 0	0.6 67 .9 .2 2.0 - 7.9 1.1 1.1 1/ .3 0 11.7 .9 .3 3.3 .4 6.9 .4 .8 .5 .7 0	0.423 1.2 .7 2.5 - 8.9 1.6 .8 .8 .0 2.9 .2 .4444 1.7 2.0 0	3 3 .3 4 0 0 - 2.1 .5 0 0 1.6 1.6 2.1 5 3.7 2.4 2.2	- 1.1 - 1.4 1.8 - 1.1 0 - 7.7 .3 .6 .4 4 1.4 1 2.4 2.4 1.6 2.3 3.7 1.7

 $[\]underline{1}/$ Change from September 1961 to November 1961.

TABLE 5: Consumer Price Index -- Food and its subgroups November 1961 indexes and percent changes, October 1961 to December 1961 U.S. city average and 20 large cities (1947-49=100)

City	Total	food	Tot food a			ls and products		fish	Dai prod			ables	Oti foods	
	Index	Percent change	Index	Percent change	Index	Percent change	Index	Percent change	Index	Percent change	Index	Percent change	Index	Percent change
U.S. city average	120.3	- 0.5	116.8	- 0.7	140.9	0.5	108.6	- 1.0	119.4	0.3	121.6	- 1.1	108.2	- 1.5
Atlanta	117.3 121.2 120.4 118.3 120.1 114.1 118.5	- 1.6 8 1 4 9 - 1.3	115.1 115.6 115.9 115.2 116.8 110.6 115.2	- 1.9 9 3 4 - 1.2 - 1.5 8	127.4 136.5 134.6 134.0 140.5 133.4 130.6	.2 .7 .3 .4 1	110.8 109.2 110.5 103.5 110.5 103.2 103.1	- 1.6 - 1.2 - 0.4 8 7 9 - 1.6	117.1 117.2 113.1 124.2 117.0 110.1 120.9	3 1.1 2 1 5	124.6 118.5 126.0 117.4 121.3 111.0 122.3	- 4.7 - 1.7 - 1.4 - 0.6 - 3.1 - 3.0	105.6 108.0 103.7 115.3 109.6 107.6 108.6	- 2.2 - 1.6 - 1.0 - 0.7 - 1.8 - 3.2 - 2.0
HoustonKansas CityLos Angeles	116.6 114.2 126.8	2 1 0	112.3 110.5 120.4	8 1 1	129.1 138.1 160.5	1.2 3.5	102.8 101.2 109.0	- 1.8 - 1.9 5	110.1 115.3 117.2	.1	127.0 112.8 135.1	- 1.4 .9 3	105.6 101.8 104.2	.1 - 1.6 - 2.0
Minneapolis New York Philadelphia Pittsburgh Portland, Oreg	116.7 122.1 122.7 121.3 123.2	- 1.0 2 3 4 5	112.7 117.2 118.8 119.3 119.2	- 1.2 4 3 6 7	132.3 150.3 140.4 143.3 144.2	- 3.8 .5 .5 .6	101.9 108.1 108.6 112.3 112.6	- 1.1 - 1.0 - 1.1 0 - 1.1	109.3 122.4 124.3 115.3 123.8	1.7 3 .1 4	123.0 117.7 124.4 117.6 119.0	.1 - 1.3 .7 - 2.0	112.2 107.1 109.1 119.6 111.1	- 2.0 - 1.7 - 1.0 - 1.6 - 1.2
St. Louis San Francisco Scranton Seattle Washington, D.C	119.9 125.1 116.5 124.5 120.5	7 - 1.0 .2 6	113.9 121.3 114.5 120.6 117.1	- 1.0 - 1.1 .1 7	125.8 153.0 138.3 152.5 141.0	1.4 1 1.1 .3	104.2 114.2 108.6 111.8 106.2	- 2.3 5 .3 - 1.6	111.1 121.7 114.1 125.2 121.9	2 .2 2	125.4 133.2 113.7 128.7 118.5	2.6 .9 1.3	114.4 104.9 107.1 105.9 111.4	- 1.5 - 1.7 - 1.5 - 1.9

TABLE 6: Consumer Price Index -- Average retail prices of selected foods
U.S. city average

Food and unit	November	October	Food and unit	November	October	
	1961	1961		1961	1961	
Cereals and bakery products:	Cents	Cents		Cents	Cents	
The same of the same		l	FreshContinued			
Flour, wheat 5 1b.	55.7	55.5	Grapefruiteach	13.1	16.7	
Biscuit mix40 es.	47.8	47.9	Peaches * 1b.	*	*	
Macaroni 16 es.	24.2	23.7	Strawberries * pt.	*	*	
Corn meal 1b.	13.4	13.4	Grapes, seedless * 1b.	26.7	24.6	
Rolled oats 18 es.	22.5	22.5	Watermelons * 1b.	*	*	
Corn flakes12 es.	26.8	26.8	Potatoes 10 1b.	55.4	56.6	
Rice, short grain 1b.	18.6	18.6	Sweet potatoes 1b.	14.1	14.3	
Rice, long grain 1b.	20.9	20.7	Corn * doz. ears	*) *	
Bread, white 1b.	21.0	21.0	Onions 1b.	9.9	9.9	
Soda crackers 1b.	30.5	29.3	Carrots 1b.	14.4	14.7	
Sandwich cookies 16 oz.	52.2	51.9	Lettuce head	17.4	16.9	
Meats, poultry, and fish:	i	1 4	Celery 1b.	13.6	13.4	
Round steak 1b.	103.6	102.7	Cabbage 1b.	7.7	7.9	
Sirloin steak 1b.	107.1	106.2	Tomatoes 1b.	27.1	22.7	
Chuck romst 1b.	59.1	58.2	Beans, green 1b.	22.5	21.5	
Rib roast 1b.	80.3	79.5	Canned:	1	i i	
Hamburger 1b.	51.0	50.6	Orange juice 46-ez. eam	48.8	48.8	
Veal cutlets 1b.	142.1	142.3	Pineapple juice 46 es. eam	32.3	32.5	
Pork chops, center cut 1b.	87.9	90.2	Peaches #24 eam	32.6	32.5	
Pork roast 1b.	62.9	64.5	Pineapple #2 eam	38.6	38.6	
Bacon, sliced 1b.	71.2	76.5	Fruit cocktail #303 eam	26.2	26.3	
Ham, whole 1b.	60.7	60.6	Corn, cream style #303 eam	20.4	20.7	
Lamb, leg 1b.	68.8	69.1	Peas, green #303 ean	22.1	22.2	
Frankfurters 1b.	63.3	63.4	Tomatoes #303 eam	15.8	15.9	
Luncheon meat, canned 12 es.	50.8	50.7	Tomato juice 46 ez. Cam	32.4	32.4	
Frying chickens, ready-to-cook - 1b.	35.5	35.8	Baby foods 4 to 5 es.	10.5	10.5	
Ocean perch, fillet, frozen 1b.	48.3	47.9	Dried:	1	1	
Haddock, fillet, frozen lb.	54.5	54.4	Prunes 1b.	41.8	41.9	
Salmon, pink, canned16 ez.	76.6	76.1	Beans 15.	17.2	17.2	
Tuna fish, canned 6 to 64 oz.	32.9	32.5	Other foods at home:	1	1 - /	
Dairy products:	,	1 1	Tomato soup 10% to 11-es, ean	12.3	12.4	
Milk, fresh, (grocery) qt.	24.8	24.7	Beans, with pork 15-es, ean	14.8	14.8	
Milk, fresh, (delivered) qt.	26.6	26.4	• •	-:	26.6	
Ice cream gal.	86.3	86.1	Pickles, sliced 15 ex.	26.6		
Butter 1h.	76.2	76.3	Catsup, tomato 14 ex.	22.9	22.8	
Cheese, American process } 1b.	36.3	36.3	Potato chips 4 eze	27.7	27.7	
Milk, evaporated 149-es, can	15.8	15.8	Coffee 1b. egm	71.8	72.7	
Fruits and vegetables:	15,0	1]	Coffee 1b. bag	57.5	57.8	
Frozen:	l	1 11	Coffee, instant 6 oz.	92.7] 93.1	
Strawberries 10 es.	27.1	27.1	Tea pags pkg. of 16		24.5	
Orange juice concentrate 6 es.	24.2	24.2	Cola drink, carton 36 ez.	30.9	31.0	
Lemonade concentrate 6 es.		13.8	Shortening, hydrogenated 3 15.	90.4	91.0	
	13.8	20.3	Margarine, colored 1b.	29.0	28.9	
Peas, green 10 ez.	20.6	1	Lard 1b.	20.3	20.4	
Beans, green 9 es.	22.5	22.6	Salad dressing pt.	38.3	38.3	
Potatoes, french fried 9 es.	19.6	19.6	Peanut butter 1b.	56.0	55.8	
Fresh:		1 1	Sugar 5 1b.	58.1	58.4	
Apples1b.	13.0	13.6	Corn syrup 24 es.	27.1	27.1	
Bananas1b.	16.1	15.7	Grape jelly 12 es.	29.4	29.3	
Oranges, size 200 des.	75.9	81.8	Chocolate bar 1 as.	4.5	4.5	
Lemonslb.	19.1	19.1	Eggs, Grade A, large des.	58.5	61.8	
		. "	Gelatin, flavored 3 to 4 es.	9.6	9.7	

^{*} Priced only in season.