

FARM-RETAIL PRICE SPREADS, 2001 - 2003 AND SELECTED MONTHS: 2004

COMMODITY	Annual			2003	2004					
	2001	2002	2003	Oct	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
<b>Market basket <sup>1/</sup></b>										
Retail cost (1982-84=100)	177.2	180.3	185.3	188.0	195.2	196.4	196.6	195.6	193.7	195.9
Farm value (1982-84=100)	106.2	104.3	110.4	116.0	131.1	128.7	124.0	121.3	120.3	122.9
Farm-retail spread (1982-84=100)	215.4	221.2	225.6	226.7	229.7	232.9	235.8	235.6	233.2	235.1
Farm value-retail cost (%)	21	20.3	20.9	21.6	23.5	22.9	22.1	21.7	21.8	22.0
<b>Meat products</b>										
Retail cost (1982-84=100)	159.3	160.3	169	174.6	182.1	184.2	185.8	185.7	185.9	185.0
Farm value (1982-84=100)	97.4	102.6	108.4	111.2	116.4	117.4	117.6	118.4	119.0	119.3
Farm-retail spread (1982-84=100)	222.8	219.5	231.1	239.7	249.5	252.7	255.7	254.8	254.5	252.4
Farm value-retail cost (%)	31	32.4	32.5	32.2	32.4	32.3	32.1	32.3	32.4	32.7
<b>Dairy products</b>										
Retail cost (1982-84=100)	167.1	168.1	167.9	171.8	185.9	188.8	187.7	184.9	181.6	182.1
Farm value (1982-84=100)	118.5	97.6	99.1	116.9	156.5	145.1	126.3	117.5	119.8	121.2
Farm-retail spread (1982-84=100)	211.8	233.1	231.3	222.4	213.0	229.1	244.3	247.0	238.6	238.2
Farm value-retail cost (%)	34	27.8	28.3	32.7	40.4	36.9	32.3	30.5	31.7	31.9
<b>Poultry</b>										
Retail cost (1982-84=100)	164.9	167.0	169.1	172.5	181.6	182.6	184.9	186.8	186.4	186.9
Farm value (1982-84=100)	126.2	102.0	113	119.0	155.1	161.3	162.1	146.7	130.9	129.1
Farm-retail spread (1982-84=100)	209.3	242.0	233.7	234.1	212.1	207.1	211.2	233.0	250.3	253.4
Farm value-retail cost (%)	41	32.7	35.8	36.9	45.7	47.3	46.9	42	37.6	37.0
<b>Eggs</b>										
Retail cost (1982-84=100)	136.4	138.2	157.3	165.4	170.1	163.7	159.0	156.4	146.3	144.9
Farm value (1982-84=100)	74.3	72.1	102	120.8	80.4	85.2	68.6	57.4	60.3	52.1
Farm-retail spread (1982-84=100)	248	256.9	256.5	245.5	331.2	304.6	321.5	334.3	300.8	311.7
Farm value-retail cost (%)	35	33.5	41.7	46.9	30.4	33.5	27.7	23.6	26.5	23.1
<b>Cereal and bakery products</b>										
Retail cost (1982-84=100)	193.8	198.0	202.8	203.1	206.0	206.8	207.2	207.2	206.4	207.0
Farm value (1982-84=100)	78.8	86.4	93.5	96.6	109.1	108.2	103.4	98.4	98.4	96.8
Farm-retail spread (1982-84=100)	209.9	213.6	218	218	219.5	220.6	221.7	222.4	221.5	222.4
Farm value-retail cost (%)	5	5.3	5.6	5.8	6.5	6.4	6.1	5.8	5.8	5.7
<b>Fresh fruit</b>										
Retail cost (1982-84=100)	291.7	298.0	309	310.0	327.9	337.7	334.7	318.4	301.1	318.9
Farm value (1982-84=100)	145.7	154.4	163.2	159.3	198.1	193.5	192.1	193.1	211.1	229.6
Farm-retail spread (1982-84=100)	359.1	364.2	376.3	379.6	387.8	404.3	400.6	376.3	342.6	360.1
Farm value-retail cost (%)	15.8	16.4	16.7	16.2	19.1	18.1	18.1	19.2	22.1	22.7
<b>Fresh vegetables</b>										
Retail cost (1982-84=100)	230.6	245.4	250.5	251.5	251	247.2	244.6	245.6	248.4	270.7
Farm value (1982-84=100)	129.9	145.8	149.9	132.5	137.8	124.6	125.8	149.5	124.5	163.4
Farm-retail spread (1982-84=100)	282.4	296.6	302.2	312.7	309.2	310.2	305.7	295	312.1	325.9
Farm value-retail cost (%)	19.1	20.2	20.3	17.9	18.6	17.1	17.5	20.7	17	20.5
<b>Processed fruits and vegetables</b>										
Retail cost (1982-84=100)	159.3	166.2	171.9	173.3	184.5	183.6	185.6	186.5	183.9	184.8
Farm value (1982-84=100)	107.9	110.5	108.4	108.9	122.3	121.8	122.3	125.7	127.2	127.9
Farm-retail spread (1982-84=100)	175.3	183.6	191.8	193.4	203.9	202.9	205.4	205.5	201.6	202.5
Farm value-retail cost (%)	16.1	15.8	15	14.9	15.8	15.8	15.7	16.0	16.5	16.5
<b>Fats and oils</b>										
Retail cost (1982-84=100)	155.7	155.4	157.4	159.7	169.4	171.3	171.9	169.7	170.4	170.2
Farm value (1982-84=100)	76.9	91.7	113.4	142.4	137.4	136.9	135.1	117.5	113.4	106.7
Farm-retail spread (1982-84=100)	184.7	178.9	173.5	166.1	181.2	184.0	185.4	188.9	191.4	193.6
Farm value-retail cost (%)	13.3	15.9	19.4	24	21.8	21.5	21.1	18.6	17.9	16.9
		Annual			2003	2004				
	2001	2002	2003	Oct	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
<b>Beef, all fresh retail value (cents/lb.)</b>	300.5	305.2	331	340	362.5	368.7	368.5	363.6	361.8	361.1
<b>Beef, Choice</b>										
Retail value (cents/lb.) <sup>2/</sup>	337.7	331.5	374.6	393.3	405.5	417.3	417.9	411.3	408.2	402.1
Wholesale value (cents/lb.) <sup>3/</sup>	192.1	180.0	222.9	271.5	241.3	229.6	216.3	213.9	207.5	212.7
Net farm value (cents/lb.) <sup>4/</sup>	154.5	144.6	181.3	216.0	192	194	182.3	182.1	178.5	184.9
Farm-retail spread (cents/lb.)	183.2	186.9	193.3	177.3	213.5	223.3	235.6	229.2	229.7	217.2
Wholesale-retail (cents/lb.) <sup>5/</sup>	145.6	151.5	151.7	121.8	164.2	187.7	201.6	197.4	200.7	189.4
Farm-wholesale (cents/lb.) <sup>6/</sup>	37.6	35.4	41.6	55.5	49.3	35.6	34	31.8	29	27.8
Farm value-retail value (%)	45.8	43.6	48.4	54.9	47.3	46.5	43.6	44.3	43.7	46
<b>Pork</b>										
Retail value (cents/lb.) <sup>2/</sup>	269.4	265.7	265.8	270.5	276.2	283	284.7	288.5	289.8	288.7
Wholesale value (cents/lb.) <sup>3/</sup>	117.8	100.7	107.4	108.1	134.8	136	135.8	134.1	133.7	131.7
Net farm value (cents/lb.) <sup>4/</sup>	81.3	61.9	69.6	67.3	103.3	102.2	102.2	98.3	96.5	93.7
Farm-retail spread (cents/lb.)	188.1	203.8	196.2	203.2	172.9	180.8	182.5	190.2	193.3	195
Wholesale-retail (cents/lb.) <sup>5/</sup>	151.6	165.0	158.4	162.4	141.4	147	148.9	154.4	156.1	157
Farm-wholesale (cents/lb.) <sup>6/</sup>	36.5	38.8	37.8	40.8	31.5	33.8	33.6	35.8	37.2	38
Farm value-retail value (%)	30.2	23.3	26.2	24.9	37.4	36.1	35.9	34.1	33.3	32.5

<sup>1/</sup> Retail costs are based on CPI-U of retail prices for domestically produced farm foods, published monthly by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Farm value is the payment for the quantity of farm equivalent to the retail unit, less allowance for by-product. Farm values are based on prices at first point of sale, and may include marketing charges such as grading and packing for some commodities. The farm-retail spread, the difference between the retail value and farm value, represents charges for assembling, processing, transporting, and distributing.

<sup>2/</sup> Weighted-average value of retail cuts from pork and Choice yield grade 3 beef. Prices from BLS.

<sup>3/</sup> Value of wholesale (boxed beef) and wholesale cuts (pork) equivalent to 1 pound of retail cuts adjusted for transportation costs and by-product values.

<sup>4/</sup> Market value to producer for live animal equivalent to 1 lb. of retail cuts, minus value of by-products.

<sup>5/</sup> Charges for retailing and other marketing services such as wholesaling and in-city transportation.

<sup>6/</sup> Charges for livestock marketing, processing, and transportation. Information contacts: Veronica Jones (202) 694-5387, William F. Hahn (202) 694-5175.