FARM-RETAIL PRICE SPREADS, 1998 - 2000 AND SELECTED MONTHS

COMMODITY	Annual			2000	2001					
	1998	1999	2000	Oct	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
Market basket 1/										
Retail cost (1982-84=100)	163.1	167.3	170.6	172.3	176.5	177.2	177.7	177.9	178.3	179.3
Farm value (1982-84=100)	103.3	98.3	96.9	97.3	107.0	107.5	107.9	110.3	110.6	112.3
Farm-retail spread (1982-84=100)	195.4	204.5	210.3	212.7	214.0	214.8	215.3	214.3	214.8	215.4
Farm value-retail cost (%)	22.2	20.6	19.9	19.8	21.2	21.2	21.3	21.7	21.7	21.9
Meat products										
Retail cost (1982-84=100)	141.6	142.3	150.4	152.9	158.9	160.2	160.8	160.7	161.5	161.8
Farm value (1982-84=100)	84.8	81.6	88.4	89.9	98.2	98.8	99.4	99.5	100.2	100.6
Farm-retail spread (1982-84=100)	200.0	204.7	214.0	217.5	221.2	223.2	223.8	223.5	224.4	224.6
Farm value-retail cost (%)	30.3	29.0	29.8	29.8	31.3	31.2	31.3	31.4	31.4	31.5
Dairy products										
Retail cost (1982-84=100)	150.8	159.6	160.7	161.9	164.7	166.9	168.3	168.9	169.4	170.8
Farm value (1982-84=100)	113.0	107.9	98.8	101.2	121.4	127.4	126.4	129.1	133.8	136.1
Farm-retail spread (1982-84=100)	185.6	207.2	217.7	217.9	204.6	203.3	206.9	205.6	202.3	202.8
Farm value-retail cost (%)	36.0	32.4	29.5	30.0	35.4	36.6	36.0	36.7	37.9	38.2
Poultry										
Retail cost (1982-84=100)	157.1	157.9	159.8	162.1	162.3	164.5	166.6	167.5	165.4	169.6
Farm value (1982-84=100)	126.1	119.0	117.4	111.6	127.0	129.8	132.5	132.6	136.1	132.4
Farm-retail spread (1982-84=100)	192.9	202.7	208.7	220.2	203.0	204.5	205.8	207.6	199.1	212.4
Farm value-retail cost (%)	42.9	40.3	39.3	36.9	41.9	42.2	42.6	42.4	44.0	41.8
Eggs										
Retail cost (1982-84=100)	137.1	128.1	131.9	136.1	131.1	130.8	129.6	133.0	131.4	132.3
Farm value (1982-84=100)	89.6	74.9	80.6	88.9	61.5	61.5	60.2	66.0	64.6	76.6
Farm-retail spread (1982-84=100)	222.5	223.7	223.9	220.9	256.1	255.2	254.4	253.4	251.4	232.3
Farm value-retail cost (%)	42.0	37.6	39.3	42.0	30.2	30.2	29.8	31.9	31.6	37.2
Cereal and bakery products										
Retail cost (1982-84=100)	181.1	185.0	188.3	190.1	193.2	194.2	194.9	195.9	195.1	195.2
Farm value (1982-84=100)	94.4	82.5	75.2	76.5	81.5	77.7	78.1	79.1	79.2	78.7
Farm-retail spread (1982-84=100)	193.2	199.2	204.0	205.9	208.8	210.5	211.2	212.2	211.3	211.5
Farm value-retail cost (%)	6.4	5.5	4.9	4.9	5.2	4.9	4.9	4.9	5.0	4.9
Fresh fruit										
Retail cost (1982-84=100)	258.2	294.3	284.3	289.7	302.2	295.4	289.2	283.7	293.0	296.3
Farm value (1982-84=100)	141.3	153.7	141.3	140.4	134.6	128.7	127.2	142.5	136.3	172.1
Farm-retail spread (1982-84=100)	312.2	359.3	350.3	358.6	379.6	372.4	364.0	348.9	365.3	353.7
Farm value-retail cost (%)	17.3	16.5	15.7	15.3	14.1	13.8	13.9	15.9	14.7	18.3
Fresh vegetables										
Retail cost (1982-84=100)	215.8	209.3	219.4	218.6	226.4	226.4	226.3	224.9	228.2	229.1
Farm value (1982-84=100)	124.5	118.1	121.4	109.2	152.0	135.7	133.1	144.0	124.9	110.8
Farm-retail spread (1982-84=100)	262.7	256.2	269.8	274.9	264.3	273.0	274.2	266.5	281.3	289.9
Farm value-retail cost (%)	19.6	19.2	18.8	17.0	22.8	20.4	20.0	21.7	18.6	16.4
Processed fruits and vegetables										
Retail cost (1982-84=100)	150.6	154.8	153.6	155.7	158.2	159.5	160.6	161.1	160.8	161.6
Farm value (1982-84=100)	115.1	113.5	106.4	106.6	106.2	106.6	107.0	107.7	110.0	110.1
Farm-retail spread (1982-84=100)	161.7	167.7	168.3	171.0	174.4	176.0	177.3	177.8	176.6	177.7
Farm value-retail cost (%)	18.2	17.4	16.5	16.3	16.0	15.9	15.8	15.9	16.3	16.2
Fats and oils										
Retail cost (1982-84=100)	146.9	148.3	147.4	149.7	154.7	156.7	157.8	158.5	158.5	159.5
Farm value (1982-84=100)	118.9	89.0	80.9	76.6	73.1	74.4	86.7	88.9	78.3	74.6
Farm-retail spread (1982-84=100)	157.2	170.0	171.9	176.6	184.7	187.0	184.0	184.1	188.0	190.7
Farm value-retail cost (%)	21.8	16.2	14.8	13.8	12.7	12.8	14.8	15.1	13.3	12.6
	Annual			2000	2001					
	1998	1999	2000	Oct	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
Beef, all fresh retail value (cents/lb.)	253.3	260.5	275.3	280.6	301.4	304.7	302.9	301.7	301.9	305.8
Beef, Choice										
Retail value (cents/lb.) 2/	277.1	287.8	306.4	311.8	343.8	347.6	345.4	339.3	337.6	338.0
Wholesale value (cents/lb.) 3/	153.8	171.6	182.3	174.4	204.3	198.3	185.9	188.1	186.6	180.4
Net farm value (cents/lb.) 4/	130.8	141.1	149.0	143.6	160.1	156.2	150.5	148.8	147.2	141.8
Farm-retail spread (cents/lb.)	146.3	146.7	157.4	168.2	183.7	191.4	194.9	190.5	190.4	196.2
Wholesale-retail (cents/lb.) 5/	123.3	116.2	124.1	137.4	139.5	149.3	159.5	151.2	151.0	157.6
Farm-wholesale (cents/lb.) 6/	23.0	30.5	33.3	30.8	44.2	42.1	35.4	39.3	39.4	38.6
Farm value-retail value (%)	47.2	49.0	48.6	46.1	46.6	44.9	43.6	43.9	43.6	42.0
Pork										
Retail value (cents/lb.) 2/	242.7	241.5	258.2	262.1	266.9	270.9	270.5	276.3	278.1	276.4
Wholesale value (cents/lb.) 3/	97.3	99.0	114.5	114.3	126.0	128.4	126.2	129.2	123.9	113.5
Net farm value (cents/lb.) 4/	61.2	60.4	79.4	76.3	93.0	97.0	95.2	92.6	82.7	73.1
Farm-retail spread (cents/lb.)	181.5	181.1	178.8	185.8	173.9	173.9	175.3	183.7	195.4	203.3
Wholesale-retail (cents/lb.) 5/	145.4	142.5	143.7	147.8	140.9	142.5	144.3	147.1	154.2	162.9
Farm-wholesale (cents/lb.) 6/	36.1	38.6	35.1	38.0	33.0	31.4	31.0	36.6	41.2	40.4
Farm value-retail value (%)	25.2	25.0	30.8	29.1	34.8	35.8	35.2	33.5	29.7	26.4

1/ 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. 2/ Weighted-average value of retail cuts from pork and Choice yield grade 3 beef. Prices from BLS. 3/ Value of wholesale (boxed beef) and wholesale cuts (pork) equivalent to 1 lb. of retail cuts adjusted for transportation costs and by-product values. 4/ Market value to producer for live animal equivalent to 1 lb. of retail cuts, minus value of by-products. 5/ Charges for retailing and other marketing services such as wholesaling and in-city transportation. 6/ Charges for livestock marketing, processing, and transportation. Information contact: Veronica Jones (202) 694-5387, William F. Hahn (202) 694-5175