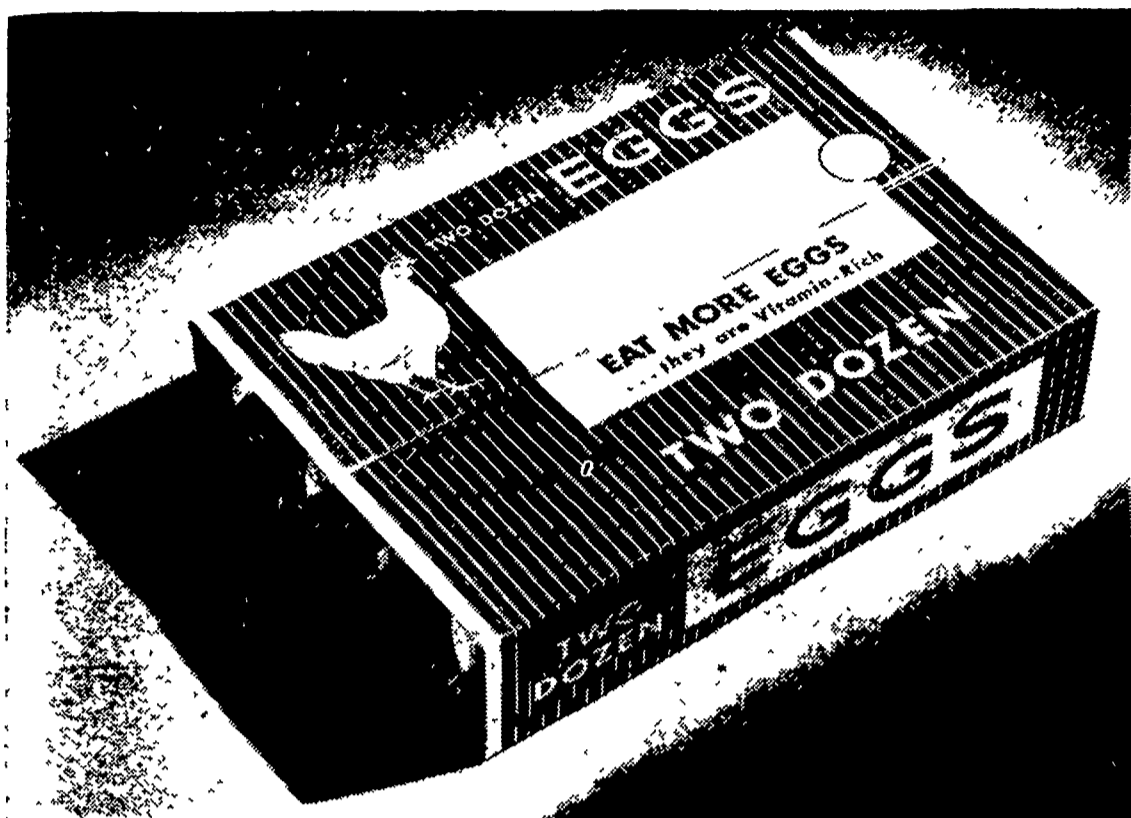


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The Index of Prices Received by farmers for agricultural products in mid-March decreased from mid-February but was higher than a year ago, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. The crop price index fell only slightly while the livestock price decreased by 2 percent from February.

Crop prices are mixed, with four crops advancing, four declining and four unchanged from mid-February. Corn shows the biggest increase with a 3 cent boost from last February and 2 cents above the March 1964 figure. Barley and soybeans are also up from February, however, barley is on the same price level as in March 1964 while soybeans are 15 cents a bushel higher. Wheat price fell one cent from last month and is 46 cents under the price received for wheat a year ago. Potatoes remained at the high level of \$430 per cwt. which was reached in February and are \$1.85 higher than a year earlier. This price is a record high for potatoes for the month of March.

Livestock prices are also mixed with the big difference being the prices received for calves. March calf prices per cwt are down \$3.00 from mid-February and \$1.70 lower than a year ago. Steers and heifers remained at last month's level, but 80 cents above March 1964. Cows for slaughter increased 20 cents per cwt. Hogs are down slightly from February's price but are \$2.10 higher than a year ago. Lamb prices started reflecting the Easter market and rose \$1.00 per cwt. over last month but are 40 cents below March 1964. March broiler and roaster prices are up one cent from last month as were the prices received for farm chickens. Egg prices declined one cent from February and are three cents per dozen under the price received a year ago. Wholesale milk continued its decline as the price fell 15 cents per cwt to \$4.70.

The Index of Prices Received, which is a measure of the trend and change of prices received by farmers, was 228 percent of its 1910-14 equals 100 base. This com-

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