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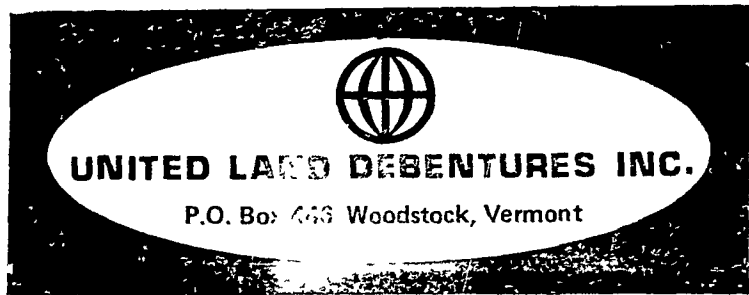
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Farm Prices Are Down, Costs Up

Lower prices for lettuce hogs and milk were mainly responsible for a one cent decline in the Index of Prices received by Farmers during the month ended April 15. At 111 (per cent of its 1967 average), the index was unchanged from a year earlier, according to the USDA.

Meanwhile, higher wage rates, seed and fertilizer prices helped push the Index of Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities and Services up one per cent to 119 per cent of its 1967 average. This index was up five points or four per cent from a year earlier.

As a result of the combination of lower prices received and higher prices paid, the new Prices Received Prices Paid Ratio stood at 93, down two points from a month earlier, four points below a year earlier.

Under the old system, based on the 1910-14 averages, Prices Received declined two points from a month earlier, but was up one point from a year earlier. But, Prices Paid advanced three points to 407, up 18 points from a year earlier and the Parity Ratio dropped one point—to 69. It had stood at 72 a year earlier, the USDA said.

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