

Price Spread For Beef and Pork

Preliminary weekly estimates of U.S. average prices and farm-to-retail price spreads for Choice beef and pork are now available on request, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced today.

Weekly release of this information was recommended recently by a special task force on meat marketing margins appointed by Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz, to permit more timely analysis of data on meat price margins.

The weekly estimates,

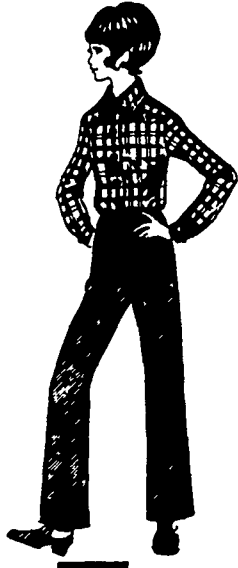
derived by the Department's Economic Research Service, are preliminary and subject to revision as more data become available. They do, however, give an indication of changes in prices and price spreads on a more current basis than the monthly data already being published.

Average monthly prices and price spreads for Choice beef and pork are published in Price Spreads for Farm Foods, a monthly supplement to the Marketing and Transportation Situation, and this report will

continue to be the "official USDA series.

The weekly working estimates can be obtained from the Commodity Economics Division, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 361, 500 12th St., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250.

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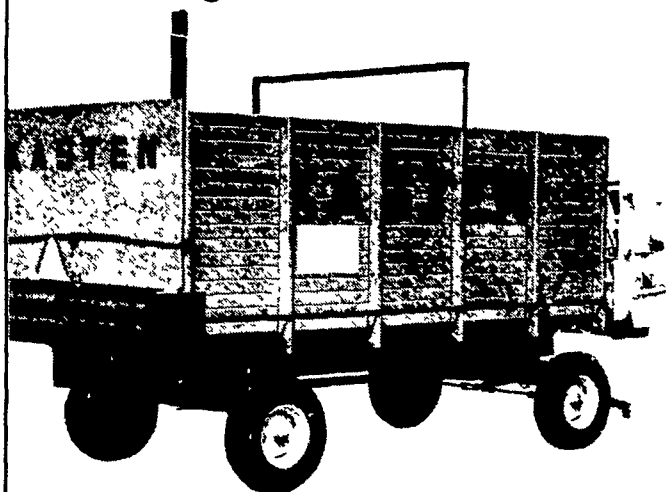
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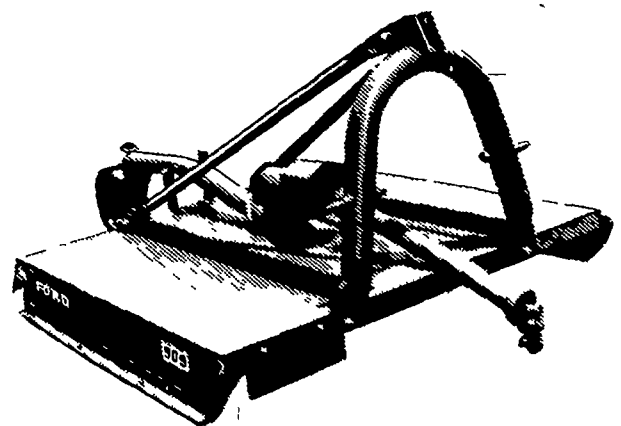
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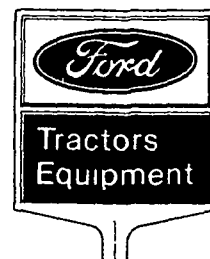
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