

U.S. agriculture illustrated graphically

Editor's Note: Charts used in this article are from the 1978 Handbook of Agricultural Charts, which has just been released.

After rising sharply in the early 1970's, prices received by farmers weakened in mid-1977, recovering later in the year. For 1978, prices are expected to average about 15 percent above 1977.

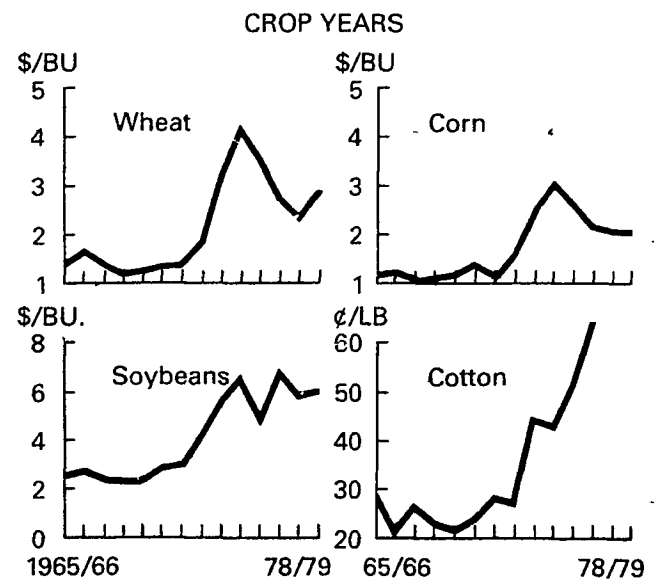
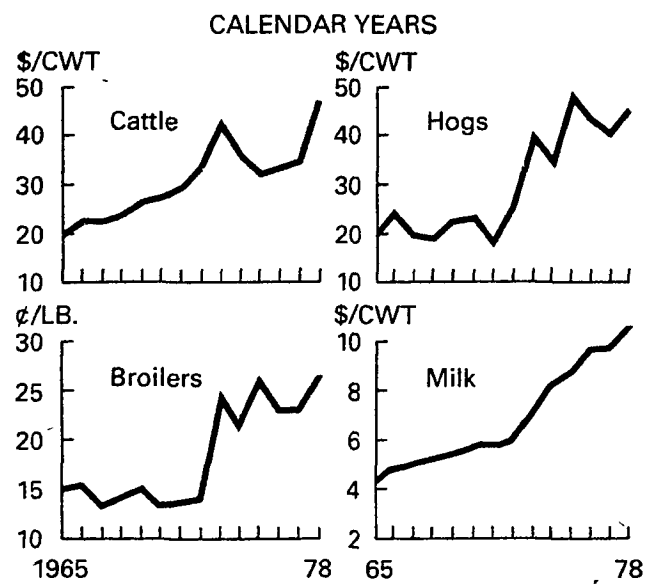
As for prices paid by farmers, they have more than doubled during the past decade. The rate of gain is likely to accelerate in 1978, but remain below 1973-74 levels.

Other news on the homefront includes:

- U.S. farm population numbered about 1.9 million in 1977, down 20 percent from 1970 and 50 percent from 1960.

- Farm operator families, and a largely overlapping group defined as "people living on farms," earned nearly 60 percent of their income from off-farm sources during the past 2 years.

Prices Received By Farmers For Major Commodities



1978 and 1978/79 preliminary

• Crop production in 1978 is near last year's level, while cropland used for

crops is down 3 percent, after 5 years of increase. Crop production per acre is at a record level.

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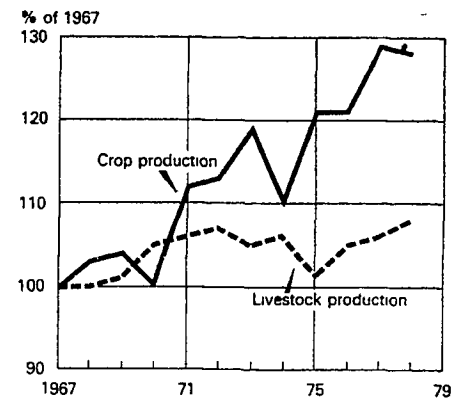
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