

# April farm prices down 1% on Index

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Prices Received Index is down, the first decline in five months. USDA's Crop Reporting Board said the April index of Prices Received by Farmers decreased 2 points (1 pct.) to 244 pct. of its Jan. - Dec. 1967 average.

—Though both cattle and calf prices continued to hit new record highs, lower prices for hogs, oranges, eggs, lettuce and milk combined to bring the index down.

Hog prices came down from \$49.40 per hundredweight in March to \$44.30, milk from \$11.80 per hundredweight to \$11.60; and eggs from 64.3 cents per

dozen to 60.2 cents. Lettuce, which had been at \$20.90 per hundredweight in February and had dropped to \$11.50 in March, was down to \$7.84 per hundredweight last month.

The over-all index was still 36 points (17 pct.) above a

year earlier and the second highest on record.

Meanwhile, the index of Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates moved up 2 points (¼ of 1 pct.) to a new record high of 245. It was up 29 points (13 pct.) from a year earlier.

With the Prices Received Index down and the Prices Paid Index up, the Ratio of Prices Received to Prices Paid declined one point to 100. It had been at 96 a year earlier.

Under the old 1910-14 formulas, Prices Received moved down six points to 609, Prices Paid (the Parity Index) moved up 8 points to 834 and the Parity Ratio declined for the second straight month. It had been at 75 in February, dropped to 74 in March and stood at 73 for April. A year ago, it had been 71.

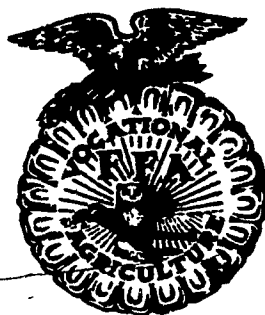
The Index of Prices Received by Farmers may have had sustained increases before over the years, but none as dramatic as that in the past few months. At 218 and what was then the second highest on

record last October, it declined two points — to 216 — in November.

From then on, it moved up steadily on a record high course that was uninterrupted until this past month. While it had moved up dramatically from 182 in July 1973 to 221 in August —

one of the sharpest month-to-month increases in history — the 1979 climb was sure and steady, USDA reports.

First it moved up just six points to a new record high 222 in December. Then to 232 in January. To 241 in February and finally to 246 in March.



## PUBLIC SALE

**CARS, BOLENS TRACTORS, GUNS  
ANTIQUES, TOOLS & HOUSEHOLD GOODS  
SATURDAY, MAY 26**

9:00 A.M.

Located just off Route 30 North of Avalong Dairy at 1924 Mt. Zion Road near Stony Brook, East of York, Pa. Watch for Signs.

### CARS, TRACTOR AND GUNS

1976 Vega station wagon, (15,000 miles), like new; 1974 Buick LeSabre, 46,000 miles, in very good cond.; 10 HP Bolens 1050 tractor w/36" mower, roto-tiller, cultivators, snow blower and 2 wheel trailer; Ithica 12 ga. double barrel shotgun, 12 ga. single barrel shotgun, 12 ga. single barrel shotgun, Springfield 410 ga. shotgun, Mossberg 22 rifle w/clip.

### ANTIQUES

3 pc. bedroom suite with canopy bed with top cherry corner cupboard w/glass doors, walnut drop leaf table, marble top stand, round front oak china closet w/lion head & claw feet, rope bed, oak bed, beds, 4 oak cane seat chairs, 6 cane seat chairs, dresser, 3 loaf trunks, dough tray, high chair, oak stand, oak comb case w/mirror, spinning wheel rocker, stand w/drawer, night stand w/drawer, farm table, picture frames, victrola, ukelele, feed chest, apple peeler, coffee grinder, 2 brass buckets, brass shakers, sleigh bells, jugs w/flue railroad lantern, oil lamp, stained glass table light, 5 pc. water set, depression glass, compote, Ironstone blue pottery pitcher and bowl, some antique dishes, crock, milk stool, dovetailed oak boxes, cast iron bull dog, 5 Ford magnetoes, flatirons, shot lathe, wooden plane, baskets, griddles, small anvil; old Chev shop manuals, 1933 to 1942.

### HOUSEHOLD GOODS & TOOLS

Approx. 10x10 screen house with canopy. Speed Queen auto. washer, Kenmore elec. dryer, Coldspot refrigerator w/freezer on top, Zenith color TV, Sony port. TV, Coldspot freezer, Kelvinator refrig., GE stereo & speakers, stereo radio, love seat, sofa, 2 living room chairs, stuffed chairs, box spring & mattress, end table w/drawer, maple breakfast set w/4 chairs, cedar wardrobe, sewing stand, medicine cabinet, magazine rack, beds, wrought iron patio set, smoke stand, clothes hamper, folding table, Gulbransen piano & bench, Kelvinator humidifier, Singer port. sewing machine, Electrolux sweeper, GE radio, Hoover floor polisher, air conditioner, table lights, floor lights, whatnot shelf, binoculars, rinse tubs, Argus slide projector, movie screen, fireplace fixtures & screen, 7 card tables, game table, picnic table & bench, wheelbarrow, 5 hp Yardman vac sweep, Hahn 3 hp roto-tiller, Lawn Boy weed eater, B&D edger, B&D hedge cutter, McKissic mulcher, lime spreader, lawn roller, 25 gal. sprayer; Remington 18" chain saw, like new; B&D circle saw, sabre saw, ¼" drill, grinder & motor, 16 ft. double alum. ladder, stepladder, garden tools, crosscut saw, vise, lots of small tools, nuts, bolts, broiler oven, ice crusher, toaster, set of silverware for 8, bone china service for 8, 50 pcs. of glassware, lawn chairs, garden hose, lawn sprinkler, 2 jack stands, ext. cords, books, National Geographic magazines, canning jars, bottles, serving trays, luggage, sled, 2 croquet sets, food grinders, ice chest, fishing rod, Christmas dec., dry goods, ½" plywood sheets, insulation, lots of pots, pans, dishes, and misc. items.

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**TUES.,  
MAY 22  
8 P.M.  
D.S.T.**



Smoketown, Pa., Rt. 340, 5 miles E. of Lancaster, 5 miles West of Intercourse, Penna.

### COMPLETE HERD DISPERSAL OUT OF CANADA FANCY RED & WHITE SHOW COW DUE SEPT.

40 head of Hi-Grade Holstein Cows. 23 out of the 40 head are 2 and 3 year old, averaging 50 lbs. of milk per day. There are 22 cows due from Aug. to Nov. There are 12 fresh cows and 6 springers due May, June and July. The creamery test runs 3.9T to 4.1T. This is a sharp herd of cows with good udder placement. This herd is being sold due to a farm accident that enabled him to keep his herd going. These top herds are hard to find. If you want good cows for your herd replacement and good foundation come to this sale. These cows were never pushed and were on a home grown feed mix. T.B. and Blood Tested withing 30 days.

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## PUBLIC SALE

**OF REAL ESTATE  
ANTIQUES,  
HOUSEHOLD GOODS,  
LOTS OF TOOLS & GUNS  
SATURDAY, MAY 26**

At 10:00 A.M.

Loc. at 1624 Butter Road, Manheim Twp., Lanc. Co., Pa. (take Rt. 23 about 3 miles east of Lancaster or 1 block east of Eden traffic light; turn left; onto Butter Road).

REAL ESTATE: 1 story, 8 room & full bath frame house. Sep. 1 story frame 2 car garage. Lot size: 50' frontage by 217' depth more or less. Property open for inspection: May 5 - 12 - 19 from 1 till 2. Real Estate to be sold at 2:00.

GE refrig., Norge auto. washer, low dry sink. Furniture in: walnut, oak, magh., uph., metal, etc. Lots of old RR pictures, books & papers. Other books, post cards, crocks, judgs, brass, copper, agate & tin articles. Glassware & China in: German, Nippon, depression, English, pressed, milk glass, etc. Household articles. Rotary & reel mowers. Lots of power, hand & garden tools. Guns: Winchester model 94 32 rifle, Winchester 22 pump. Guns to be sold at 2:30. Other misc. articles not listed. NO OUT OF STATE CHECKS ACCEPTED. Food served.

Sale by,  
**MRS. J. ROY BRIAN**

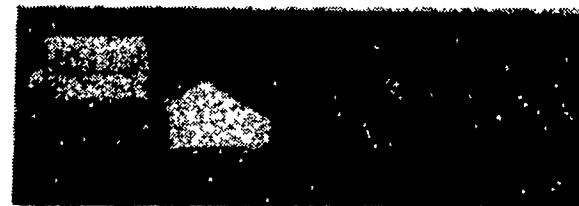
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THURSDAY, MAY 31**

AT 6:30 P.M.



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