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RETAIL FOOD PRICES OVER A ONE-YEAR PERIOD

Retail food prices which have been under OPA control since 1942 have been held down to a rise of only 5.4 percent over the one-year period from March 1942 to March 1943. Food prices which did not come under control until October 1942 rose 28 percent, while food still free from Federal regulation on February 15, 1943, jumped nearly 50 percent.

Attached is a table showing the percentage changes in U. S. average retail food prices from March 17, 1942, to March 16, 1943, separating the food items between those controlled as of May 1942, those controlled as October 1942 and those uncontrolled as of February 15, 1943.

Percentage Changes in U. S. Average Retail Food Prices

from March 17, 1942, to March 16, 1943

Commodity	Per- cent in- crease	Commodity	Per- cent in- crease
PRICES CONTROLLED AS OF MAY, 1942		PRICES CONTROLLED AS OF OCTOBER, 1942	
All items, weighted average	5.4	All items, weighted average	28.0
Lard	16.3	Potatoes	44.7
Corn meal	14.9	Oranges	36.3
Canned peaches	14.3	Butter	33.2
Bacon	12.5	Roasting chickens	29.7
Canned pineapple	11.4	Lamb rib chops	29.1
Canned corn	10.9	Eggs	27.0
Chuck roast	9.8	Leg of lamb	25.8
Rib roast	9.8	Evaporated milk	15.9
Bananas	9.2	Wheat flour	15.6
Pork chops	8.8	Cheese	9.5
Round steak	8.6	Dried navy beans	8.9
Canned salmon	7.9	Onions	-6.6
Coffee	7.9		
Canned tomatoes	7.6		
Soda crackers	7.3	PRICES UNCONTROLLED AS OF FEBRUARY 15, 1943	
Veal cutlets	6.3		
Oleomargarine	5.9		
Ham, whole	5.7	All items, weighted average	49.2
Salt pork	5.7		
Shortening other than lard (in cartons)	3.6	Cabbage	126.8
Fresh milk, delivered	3.3	Sweetpotatoes	94.0
Macaroni	2.8	Spinach	84.3
Whole wheat bread	2.1	Lettuce	44.9
Rye bread	2.1	Apples	43.5
Salad dressing	2.0	Carrots	39.4
White bread	1.1	Green beans	25.4
Sugar	0	Fresh fish	17.9
Tea	-0.5		
Canned peas	-0.6		
Shortening other than lard (in containers other than cartons)	-3.2		
Corn flakes	-4.1		