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No. 248.—ANNUAL PRICE OF SILVER IN LONDON, PER OUNCE, AND COMMERCIAL RATIO OF SILVER TO GOLD: 1839 TO 1910.

[From the Report of the Director of the Mint on the Production of Precious Metals in the United States.]

Calendar year.	Lowest quotation.	Highest quotation.	Average quotation.	Value of a fine ounce at average quotation.	Commercial ratio.	Calendar year.	Lowest quotation.	Highest quotation.	Average quotation.	Value of a fine ounce at average quotation.	Commercial ratio.
	Pence.	*Pence.*	*Pence.*	*Dollars.*			*Pence.*	*Pence.*	*Pence.*	*Dollars.*	
1839	60	60 5/8	60 3/8	1.323	15.62	1875	55 1/8	57 5/8	56 11/16	1.24233	16.64
1840	60 1/4	60 3/4	60 3/8	1.323	15.62	1876	46 3/4	58 1/8	53 1/8	1.16414	17.75
1841	59 3/4	60 3/8	60 1/16	1.316	15.70	1877	53 1/4	58 1/4	54 13/16	1.20189	17.20
1842	59 1/4	60	59 7/16	1.308	15.87	1878	49 1/4	55 1/4	52 5/8	1.15358	17.92
1843	59	59 5/8	59 9/16	1.297	15.93	1879	48 7/8	53 3/4	51 1/4	1.12392	18.39
1844	59 1/4	59 7/8	59 1/8	1.304	15.85	1880	51 1/8	52 13/16	52 1/4	1.14507	18.05
1845	58 7/8	59 7/8	59 1/4	1.298	15.92	1881	50 7/8	52 7/8	51 5/8	1.13229	18.25
1846	59	60 1/8	59 5/16	1.30	15.90	1882	50	52 3/4	51 13/16	1.13562	18.20
1847	58 7/8	60 3/8	59 11/16	1.308	15.80	1883	50 1/16	51 3/16	50 9/16	1.10874	18.64
1848	58 7/8	60	59 1/8	1.304	15.85	1884	49 1/4	51 1/8	50 1/16	1.11068	18.61
1849	59 1/8	60	59 3/4	1.309	15.78	1885	46 7/8	50	48 9/16	1.06510	19.41
1850	59 5/8	61 1/8	61 1/16	1.316	15.70	1886	42	47	45 5/8	.99467	20.78
1851	60	61 5/8	61	1.337	15.46	1887	43 1/4	47 1/2	44 11/16	.97946	21.10
1852	59 7/8	61 7/8	60 1/2	1.326	15.59	1888	41 5/8	44 9/16	42 7/8	.93974	22.00
1853	60 5/8	61 7/8	61 1/8	1.348	15.33	1889	41 13/16	44 3/8	42 11/16	.93511	22.10
1854	60 7/8	61 7/8	61 1/4	1.348	15.33	1890	43 5/8	54 5/8	47 3/4	1.04634	19.75
1855	60	61 3/8	61 5/16	1.344	15.38	1891	43 1/4	48 3/4	45 1/16	.98800	20.92
1856	60 1/8	62 1/4	61 9/16	1.344	15.38	1892	37 7/8	43 3/4	39 3/4	.87145	23.72
1857	61	62 3/8	61 3/4	1.353	15.27	1893	30 1/2	38 3/4	35 9/16	.78030	26.49
1858	60 3/4	61 7/8	61 5/16	1.344	15.38	1894	27	31 3/4	28 15/16	.63479	32.56
1859	61 3/4	62 3/4	62 1/16	1.36	15.19	1895	27 9/16	31 3/8	29 13/16	.65406	31.60
1860	61 1/4	62 3/8	61 11/16	1.352	15.29	1896	29 3/4	31 15/16	30 13/16	.67565	30.59
1861	60 1/8	61 3/8	60 13/16	1.333	15.50	1897	23 5/8	29 13/16	27 9/16	.60483	34.20
1862	61	62 1/2	61 7/16	1.346	15.35	1898	25	28 3/8	26 15/16	.59010	35.08
1863	61	61 3/4	61 3/8	1.345	15.37	1899	26 5/8	29	27 7/16	.60154	34.36
1864	60 5/8	62 1/4	61 3/8	1.345	15.37	1900	27	30 1/4	28 5/16	.62007	33.33
1865	60 1/8	61 5/8	61 1/16	1.338	15.44	1901	24 15/16	29 9/16	27 3/16	.59595	34.68
1866	60 3/8	62 1/4	61 1/8	1.339	15.43	1902	21 7/16	26 1/16	24 13/16	.52795	39.15
1867	60 3/8	61 1/2	60 9/16	1.328	15.57	1903	21 11/16	28 1/8	24 3/4	.54257	38.10
1868	60 1/8	61 1/8	60 1/2	1.326	15.59	1904	24 7/16	28 9/16	26 13/16	.57876	35.70
1869	60	61	60 7/16	1.325	15.60	1905	25 7/16	30 5/16	27 27/32	.61027	33.87
1870	60 1/4	60 3/4	60 9/16	1.328	15.57	1906	29	33 1/2	30 7/8	.67689	30.54
1871	60 3/16	61	60 1/8	1.326	15.57	1907	24 1/4	32 7/16	30 3/16	.66152	31.24
1872	59 1/4	61 1/4	60 3/16	1.322	15.63	1908	22	27	24 13/16	.53490	38.64
1873	57 7/8	59 13/16	59 3/16	1.29769	15.93	1909	23 1/16	24 7/8	23 23/32	.52016	39.74
1874	57 1/4	59 1/8	58 9/16	1.27883	16.16	1910	23 3/16	26	24 11/32	.54077	38.22

No. 249.—BULLION VALUE OF 371 1-4 GRAINS OF PURE SILVER AT THE ANNUAL AVERAGE PRICE OF SILVER EACH YEAR: 1855 TO 1910.

[Prepared by the Director of the Mint.]

Calendar year.	Bullion value.	Calendar year.	Bullion value.	Calendar year.	Bullion value.	Calendar year.	Bullion value.
	Dollars.		*Dollars.*		*Dollars.*		*Dollars.*
1855	1.039	1869	1.024	1883	0.85754	1897	0.46745
1856	1.039	1870	1.027	1884	.85904	1898	.45640
1857	1.046	1871	1.025	1885	.82879	1899	.46525
1858	1.039	1872	1.022	1886	.76931	1900	.47958
1859	1.052	1873	1.00368	1887	.76755	1901	.46093
1860	1.045	1874	.98909	1888	.72683	1902	.40835
1861	1.031	1875	.96086	1889	.72325	1903	.41960
1862	1.041	1876	.90039	1890	.80927	1904	.44763
1863	1.040	1877	.92958	1891	.76416	1905	.47200
1864	1.040	1878	.89222	1892	.67401	1906	.52353
1865	1.035	1879	.86928	1893	.60351	1907	.51164
1866	1.036	1880	.88564	1894	.49097	1908	.41371
1867	1.027	1881	.87575	1895	.50587	1909	.40281
1868	1.025	1882	.87833	1896	.52257	1910	.41825

No. 250.—MIDDLING COTTON AND STAPLE MANUFACTURES OF COTTON IN THE NEW YORK MARKET: AVERAGE PRICES, 1895 TO 1910.

[Prepared by Mr. Alfred B. Shepperson, of New York.]

Calendar year.	Middling cotton, per pound.[1]	Standard sheetings, per yard.	Standard drillings, per yard.[1]	New York Mills, bleached shirtings, per yard.[2]	Standard prints, per yard.	64 by 64 printing cloths, per yard.
	Cents.	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*
1895	7.44	5.74	5.69	9.85	5.25	2.86
1896	7.93	5.45	5.48	9.50	4.66	2.60
1897	7.00	4.73	4.75	9.25	4.70	2.48
1898	5.94	4.20	4.10	8.00	3.96	2.06
1899	6.88	5.28	5.13	9.50	4.25	2.69
1900	9.25	6.05	5.95	10.75	5.00	3.21
1901	8.75	5.54	5.48	10.25	4.62	2.84
1902	9.00	5.48	5.52	10.50	5.00	3.11
1903	11.18	6.25	6.37	10.75	5.00	3.25
1904	11.75	7.13	7.31	10.50	5.00	3.44
1905	9.80	7.00	7.00	9.00	4.75	3.13
1906	11.50	7.25	7.37	10.93	5.12	3.63
1907	12.10	7.62	7.62	13.00	6.00	4.62
1908	10.62	6.75	7.15	11.54	5.37	3.50
1909	12.68	7.37	7.50	11.45	5.06	3.67
1910	15.11	7.87	8.00	12.00	5.62	3.87

[1] The prices of standard drillings are *net;* raw cotton prices are also *net* for the entire period.
[2] After 1905 the figures represent Wamsutta Mills shirtings.

No. 251.—FINE, MEDIUM, AND COARSE WASHED CLOTHING OHIO FLEECE WOOL IN THE EASTERN MARKETS: PRICES AT THE BEGINNING OF JANUARY, APRIL, JULY, AND OCTOBER, 1895 TO 1910.

[Data furnished by Messrs. Mauger & Avery, New York.]

Year.	January.			April.			July.			October.		
	Fine.	Medium.	Coarse.	Fine.	Medium.	Coarse.	Fine.	Medium.	Coarse.	Fine.	Medium.	Coarse.
	Cents.	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*
1895	17½	20	19	16½	20	18	18	21	19	18	21	19
1896	19	21½	19	19	21	18	17	18	17	18	19	18
1897	19	21	19	21	22½	20	21½	23½	21	27	29	25
1898	29	30	26	29	29½	25½	28	29	24½	28½	30	24½
1899	26½	29	24	25½	28	24	29	31½	27	31	33½	29
1900	35	36½	31½	32½	35½	30½	28½	31½	27½	26½	28½	26½
1901	27	29	26	25	27	24½	25	26	22	25	26½	23
1902	25½	26½	24	25	26½	24	26	26¾	25	28	28½	25½
1903	30	31	27	29½	30½	26	31½	31½	27	32	31½	28
1904	33½	32½	29½	33½	32½	29½	32½	32½	30½	32½	33½	31½
1905	34	35	36	34	36	36	36	39	36	35	35	34
1906	34	38	36	34	38	36	33	37	36	34	38	33
1907	34	39	36	34	38	36	34	36	35	35	38	34
1908	34	38	35	33	35	33	34	38	36	34	37	34
1909	34	38	35	35	40	37	35	40	37	35	40	36
1910	36	40	36	33	36	35	31	34	33	30	33	32

NOTE BY MESSRS. MAUGER & AVERY.—This table exhibits in a concise form the prices of the three grades of a standard domestic fleece wool in the seaboard markets at the beginning of each quarter. In its present shape it is deemed to be intelligible to all interested in wool. In the special features of character and condition, "washed Ohio fleece wool" is less subject to variation than any other description, and thus is more a basis of value than any other class. Wool, owing to its wide variety, difference in character and condition, and liability to shrink in cleaning, is precluded from speculative operations which apply to products which may be dealt in as "futures." For these reasons the prices of wool are not liable to the same changes as cotton, wheat, etc.

No. 252.—LEADING ARTICLES OF GRAIN, GROCERIES, AND PROVISIONS IN THE NEW YORK MARKET: ANNUAL AVERAGE PRICES, 1889 TO 1910.

Calendar year.	Wheat, No. 2, red winter, per bushel.[1]	Corn, No. 2, mixed, per bushel.[1]	Oats, No. 2, mixed, per bushel.[1]	Lard, prime contract, per pound.[1]	Beef, extra mess, per barrel.[1]	Pork, mess, per barrel.[1]	Tallow, prime, per pound.[1]	Coffee.[2]			Sugar.[3]		
								Brazil, fair to prime, per pound.[4]	No. 7, Exchange standard, per pound.	Java, per pound.	Raw, centrifugals, per pound.	Soft, standard A, per pound.	Hard, granulated, per pound.
	Dolls.	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Dolls.*	*Dolls.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*
1889	0.883	43.0	28.8	6.88	6.98	12.58	4.69	18.30	16.90	21.29	6.57	7.59	7.89
1890	.983	48.1	28.9	6.33	6.96	12.13	4.59	19.43	18.03	24.37	5.57	6.00	6.27
1891	1.094	70.4	46.0	6.59	8.35	11.38	4.81	17.80	16.40	24.50	3.92	4.47	4.65
1892	.908	54.0	36.3	7.69	6.86	11.52	4.62	15.83	14.43	26.37	3.32	4.21	4.35
1893	.739	49.9	35.9	10.34	8.17	18.35	5.44	18.82	17.42	24.23	3.69	4.72	4.84
1894	*.611*	*50.9*	*37.2*	*7.75*	*8.16*	*14.13*	*4.81*	*17.81*	*16.41*	*23.25*	*3.24*	*4.00*	*4.12*
1895	.669	47.7	28.9	6.50	8.09	11.91	4.33	17.80	15.80	26.00	3.23	4.00	4.12
1896	.781	34.0	23.3	4.67	7.51	8.95	3.44	15.05	12.15	23.44	3.62	4.41	4.53
1897	.954	31.9	23.2	4.42	7.71	8.85	3.31	11.96	9.80	24.00	3.56	4.38	4.50
1898	.952	37.6	29.7	5.53	9.16	9.82	3.56	8.00	6.80	24.00	4.24	4.84	4.97
1899	.794	41.3	30.7	5.57	9.26	9.35	4.54	7.45	6.25	24.00	4.42	4.80	4.92
1900	.804	45.3	27.3	7.05	9.73	12.48	4.84	9.50	8.30	22.00	4.57	5.12	5.32
1901	.803	56.7	36.6	8.87	9.32	15.62	5.25	8.60	7.38	17.00	4.05	4.85	5.05
1902	.836	68.4	44.9	10.59	11.75	17.94	6.31	6.75	5.65	16.00	3.54	4.27	4.46
1903	.853	57.2	41.1	8.81	9.03	16.50	5.06	6.75	5.50	15.75	3.72	4.48	4.64
1904	1.107	59.4	42.0	7.32	8.82	14.01	4.60	8.80	7.70	15.00	3.97	4.62	4.77
1905	1.028	59.3	35.0	7.44	10.02	14.43	4.50	9.15	8.25	15.00	4.28	5.11	5.26
1906	.865	56.0	38.0	8.88	8.85	17.55	5.31	9.25	8.10	14.50	3.69	4.37	4.52
1907	.963	64.0	49.6	9.20	9.83	17.61	6.25	8.85	6.60	16.50	3.76	4.45	4.65
1908	1.04⅞	78.6	54.5	9.08	13.20	15.93	5.50	7.85	6.25	18.50	4.07	4.76	4.96
1909	1.263	76.7	51.4	11.68	11.09	21.34	6.00	8.75	7.85	18.00	4.00	4.56	4.76
1910	1.118	66.8	.....	12.52	14.64	23.72	7.25	10.15	9.60	18.00	4.19	4.77	4.97

[1] Prices furnished by New York Produce Exchange.
[2] By Louis Seligsberg, New York.
[3] By Messrs. Willett & Gray, of New York.
[4] No. 3, Exchange standard.

No. 253.—ANNUAL AVERAGE PRICE PER TON (2,240 LBS.) OF COAL: PRICES OF ANTHRACITE (SCHUYLKILL WHITE-ASH LUMP) COAL AT PHILADELPHIA, AND BITUMINOUS (CUMBERLAND) COAL AT BALTIMORE, 1854 TO 1910.

[The prices of anthracite are furnished by the American Iron and Steel Association, and are for shipment beyond the Delaware Capes; of bituminous, by Saward's Coal Trade Journal.]

Calendar year.	Anthracite.	Bituminous.	Calendar year.	Anthracite.	Bituminous.	Calendar year.	Anthracite.	Bituminous.
	Dollars.	*Dollars.*		*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*		*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*
1854	5.19	4.05	1873	4.27	4.84	1892	3.97½	[1]2.50
1855	4.49	3.89⅛	1874	4.55	4.50	1893	3.90	[1]2.40
1856	4.11	3.75	1875	4.39	4.35	1894	3.90	[1]2.25
1857	3.87	4.28	1876	3.87	3.87	1895	3.50	[1]2.00
1858	3.43	3.70	1877	2.59	3.15	1896	3.50	[2]2.28
1859	3.25	3.63	1878	3.22	2.86	1897	3.50	[2]1.80
1860	3.40	3.49	1879	2.70	2.79	1898	3.50	[2]1.60
1861	3.39	3.44	1880	4.53	3.75	1899	3.75	[2]2.00
1862	4.14	4.23	1881	4.53	3.75	1900	3.47	2.50
1863	6.06	5.57	1882	4.61	3.50	1901	3.80	2.50
1864	8.39	6.84	1883	4.54	2.90	1902[3]	4.50	2.50
1865	*7.86*	*7.57*	*1884*	*4.42*	*2.50*	*1903*	*4.50*	*3.35*
1866	5.80	5.94	1885	4.10	2.25	1904	4.50	2.25
1867	4.37	4.97	1886	4.00	2.10	1905	4.50	2.60
1868	3.86	4.71	1887	4.05	3.45	1906	4.50	2.75
1869	5.31	4.97	1888	4.21	[1]2.60	1907	[4]4.50	2.80
1870	4.39	4.72	1889	4.04	[1]2.60	1908	[4]4.50	[5]2.70
1871	4.46	4.72	1890	3.92½	[1]2.60	1909	[4]4.50	[5]2.60
1872	3.74	4.66	1891	3.85	[1]2.60	1910	[4]4.50	[6]2.60

[1] The price on board fixed at Baltimore by the Seaboard Coal Association.
[2] Price of soft-coal pool.
[3] Owing to unusual conditions in the coal market the association price for 1902 is not a correct guide as to the actual selling price, Clearfield coal selling as high as $7 at the mines and as high as $9 in New York Harbor. Unsettled conditions lasted until Mar. 1, 1903, or nearly so; then, on Apr. 1, prices were made $3.30 at Baltimore; later on in the year this price was discounted from 10 to 15 per cent.
[4] Shipments nominal. No sales made in 1909 or 1910.
[5] Cumberland coal now includes "thin seam" as well as "big vein" coal, the former selling about 25 cents per ton lower than the latter.
[6] Freight on "big vein" coal to Baltimore having been reduced 15 cents in 1909 or 1910, $2.60 is equivalent to $2.75 in 1908 and previous years.

No. 254.—PIG IRON, ROLLED BAR IRON, IRON AND STEEL RAILS, STEEL BILLETS, PER LONG TON, AND CUT AND WIRE NAILS, PER KEG OF 100 POUNDS: ANNUAL AVERAGE PRICES, 1863 TO 1910.

[Furnished by the American Iron and Steel Association.]

Calendar year.	Pig iron.				Bar iron, rolled.		Steel billets.[2]	Rails.[4]		Nails.	
	No. 1 foundry.[1]	Gray forge.[1]	Gray forge lake ore.[2]	Bessemer.[2]	Best refined.[3]	Best refined.[2]		Iron standard sections.	Steel standard sections.[5]	Cut.[6]	Wire.[7]
	Dollars.	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*
1863	35.24	.....	.....	.....	91.04	.....	.....	76.88	.....	5.13	(Not made in commercial quantities in the United States before 1887.)
1864	59.22	.....	.....	.....	146.46	.....	.....	126.00	.....	7.85	
1865	46.08	.....	.....	.....	106.46	.....	.....	98.63	.....	7.08	
1866	46.84	.....	.....	.....	98.13	.....	.....	86.75	.....	6.97	
1867	44.08	.....	.....	.....	87.08	.....	.....	83.13	166.00	5.92	
1868	39.25	.....	.....	.....	85.63	.....	.....	78.88	158.46	5.17	
1869	40.61	.....	.....	.....	81.67	.....	.....	77.25	132.19	4.85	
1870	33.23	.....	.....	.....	78.96	.....	.....	72.25	106.79	4.40	
1871	35.08	.....	.....	.....	78.54	.....	.....	70.38	102.52	4.52	
1872	48.94	.....	.....	.....	97.63	.....	.....	85.13	111.94	5.46	
1873	42.79	.....	35.80	.....	86.43	.....	.....	76.67	120.58	4.90	
1874	30.19	.....	27.16	.....	67.95	.....	.....	58.75	94.28	3.99	
1875	25.53	.....	23.67	.....	60.85	.....	.....	47.75	68.75	3.42	
1876	22.19	.....	21.74	.....	52.08	.....	.....	41.25	59.25	2.98	
1877	18.92	.....	20.60	.....	45.55	.....	.....	35.25	45.58	2.57	
1878	17.67	.....	18.09	.....	44.24	.....	.....	33.75	42.21	2.31	
1879	21.72	.....	22.15	.....	51.85	.....	.....	41.25	48.21	2.69	
1880	28.48	.....	27.98	.....	62.04	.....	.....	49.25	67.52	3.68	
1881	25.17	.....	22.94	.....	58.05	.....	.....	47.13	61.08	3.09	
1882	25.77	22.60	23.84	.....	61.41	54.51	.....	45.50	48.50	3.47	
1883	22.42	19.33	19.04	.....	50.31	44.24	.....	(Since 1882 superseded by the manufacture of steel rails.)	37.75	3.06	
1884	19.81	17.71	17.17	.....	44.05	38.45	.....		30.75	2.39	
1885	17.99	15.58	15.27	.....	40.32	36.59	.....		28.52	2.33	
1886	18.71	16.40	16.58	18.96	43.12	38.08	31.75		34.52	2.27	
1887	20.93	17.79	19.02	21.37	49.37	43.59	32.55		37.08	2.30	3.15
1888	18.88	16.21	15.99	17.38	44.99	39.67	28.78		29.83	2.03	2.55
1889	17.76	15.48	15.35	18.00	43.40	38.30	29.45		29.25	2.00	2.49
1890	18.41	15.82	15.78	18.87	45.83	41.25	30.32		31.78	2.00	2.51
1891	17.52	14.52	14.06	15.95	42.56	38.38	25.33		29.92	1.86	2.04
1892	15.75	13.54	12.81	14.37	41.81	36.79	23.63		30.00	1.83	1.70
1893	14.52	12.73	11.77	12.87	38.08	33.53	20.44		28.12	[8] 1.44	1.49
1894	12.66	10.73	9.75	11.38	29.96	26.88	16.58		24.00	[8] 1.08	1.11
1895	13.10	11.49	10.94	12.72	32.29	28.09	18.48		24.33	[8] 1.56	1.69
1896	12.95	11.09	10.39	12.14	31.36	27.22	18.83		28.00	[8] 2.36	2.54
1897	12.10	10.48	9.03	10.13	29.40	24.73	15.08		18.75	[8] 1.47	1.46
1898	11.66	10.23	9.18	10.33	28.65	23.93	15.31		17.62	[8] 1.31	1.45
1899	19.36	16.60	16.72	19.03	46.29	43.75	31.12		28.12	2.21	2.60
1900	19.98	16.49	16.90	19.49	44.00	48.12	25.06		32.29	2.46	2.76
1901	15.87	14.08	14.20	15.93	41.16	40.38	24.13		27.33	2.29	2.41
1902	22.19	19.20	19.49	20.67	47.79	43.53	30.57		28.00	2.29	2.15
1903	19.92	17.13	17.52	18.98	44.83	39.59	27.91		28.00	2.36	2.13
1904	15.57	13.67	12.89	13.76	38.49	33.17	22.18		28.00	2.01	1.96
1905	17.88	15.58	15.62	16.36	42.97	41.89	24.03		28.00	2.00	1.93
1906	20.98	17.79	18.19	19.54	44.28	43.21	27.45		28.00	2.13	1.98
1907	23.89	21.06	21.52	22.84	47.30	43.49	29.25		28.00	2.36	2.18
1908	17.70	15.72	15.23	17.07	38.12	35.75	26.31		28.00	2.20	2.17
1909	17.81	16.13	15.55	17.41	39.33	36.40	24.62		28.00	2.05	2.00
1910	17.36	15.72	15.24	17.19	41.37	36.87	25.38		28.00	2.10	1.96

[1] At Philadelphia. [2] At Pittsburg. [3] Net price from store at Philadelphia. [4] At mills in Pennsylvania. [5] First made in commercial quantities in the United States in 1867. [6] Wholesale base prices at store, Philadelphia. [7] Base prices from factory, f. o. b. Chicago, in carload lots. [8] Prices based on a new classification adopted in 1893, the base price and schedule of extras being changed to correspond with the wire-nail schedule. In Dec., 1896, the schedule for cut and wire nails was again changed.

No. 255.—ANNUAL AVERAGE EXPORT PRICES OF LEADING ARTICLES OF DOMESTIC PRODUCTION EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES: 1884 TO 1910.

[The values of the goods are their market value at the port and time of exportation. "Ton" signifies long ton of 2,240 pounds.]

Year ended June 30—	Breadstuffs.				Coal.			Cotton, and manufactures of.					Iron and steel, manufactures of.				Leather, and mfrs. of.			Meat and dairy products.						Oils.				
								Unmanufactured.	Manufactures. Cloths.																	Mineral.	Vegetable.			
	Corn, per bushel.	Wheat, per bushel.	Wheat flour, per barrel.	Cattle, each.	Anthracite, per ton.	Bituminous, per ton.	Copper: Pigs, ingots, bars, plates, and old, per pound.	Upland, per pound.	Colored, per yard.	Uncolored, per yard.	Eggs, per dozen.	Wire, per pound.	Cut nails, per pound.	Wire nails, per pound.	Locomotives, each.	Leather, sole, per pound.	Boots and shoes, per pair.	Lumber: Boards, deals, and planks, per M feet.	Bacon and hams, per pound.	Lard, per pound.	Pork, salted or pickled, per pound.	Beef, salted or pickled, per pound.	Butter, per pound.	Cheese, per pound.	Illuminating, per gallon.	Cotton seed, per gallon.	Starch, per pound.	Sugar, refined, per pound.	Tobacco, leaf, per pound.
	Dolls.	Dolls	Dolls	Dolls.	Dolls	Dolls	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.	Dolls.	Cts.	Dolls.	Dolls.	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
1884	0.611	1.07	5.59	93.72	4.70	3.06	14.8	10.5	7.3	7.5	21.2	6.4	.....	.....	10,000	20.6	1.21	17.06	10.2	9.5	7.9	7.6	18.2	10.3	9.2	43.6	4.5	7.1	9.1
1885	.540	.86	4.90	94.98	4.40	2.91	11.9	10.6	6.8	6.9	21.5	4.8	.....	.....	8,617	19.8	1.20	15.93	9.2	7.9	7.2	7.5	16.8	9.3	8.7	41.1	4.0	6.4	9.9
1886	.498	.87	4.70	92.04	3.96	2.78	10.3	9.9	6.1	6.5	18.3	4.2	.....	.....	6,411	19.9	1.17	15.20	7.5	6.9	5.9	6.0	15.6	8.3	8.7	33.9	4.1	6.7	9.6
1887	.479	.89	4.51	86.16	4.15	2.65	9.9	9.5	5.9	5.8	16.3	4.0	.....	.....	6,635	18.7	1.17	15.38	7.9	7.1	6.6	5.4	15.8	9.3	7.8	38.8	3.8	6.0	8.7
1888	.550	.85	4.58	82.47	4.26	2.91	14.6	9.8	6.5	6.7	15.9	3.7	2.6	.....	7,268	17.3	1.16	16.39	8.6	7.7	7.4	5.3	18.3	9.9	7.9	43.2	3.5	6.3	8.3
1889	.474	.90	4.83	80.75	4.47	2.94	15.0	9.9	7.1	7.2	13.9	3.6	2.5	.....	8,522	16.6	1.13	16.99	8.6	8.6	7.4	5.5	16.5	9.3	7.8	48.3	3.8	7.6	8.8
1890	.418	.83	4.66	79.18	4.17	3.11	10.9	10.1	6.8	7.2	15.4	3.6	2.5	.....	7,954	16.0	1.13	16.28	7.7	7.1	6.0	5.4	14.4	9.0	7.4	39.5	4.1	7.0	8.7
1891	.574	.93	4.82	81.25	4.11	3.12	12.8	10.0	6.6	6.8	17.7	3.4	2.4	.....	8,816	16.4	1.18	16.17	7.6	6.9	5.9	5.6	14.5	9.0	7.0	36.1	3.7	5.7	6.8
1892	.55	1.03	4.96	88.95	4.23	3.12	12.3	8.7	6.1	6.1	18.0	3.3	2.2	.....	8,719	16.0	1.23	16.32	8.1	7.2	6.0	5.7	16.0	9.4	5.9	35.9	3.1	4.6	8.4
1893	.53	.80	4.54	90.68	4.52	2.90	11.1	8.5	6.5	6.2	23.2	2.8	2.1	.....	9,204	15.0	1.20	15.32	9.1	9.5	7.8	5.4	19.0	9.4	4.9	41.5	3.2	4.7	9.0
1894	.46	.67	4.11	93.45	4.63	2.41	19.9	7.8	6.3	6.1	16.9	2.4	2.0	.....	7,242	15.1	1.20	16.27	9.6	9.0	8.0	5.7	17.6	9.7	4.2	40.2	3.2	4.4	8.5
1895	.53	.56	3.38	92.98	4.24	2.18	9.4	5.8	5.9	5.6	16.8	2.1	1.7	.....	9,443	15.3	1.23	15.05	8.7	7.8	7.1	5.7	16.4	9.1	4.9	32.2	3.2	4.6	8.7
1896	.38	.65	3.56	93.29	4.10	2.19	.6	8.1	5.8	5.7	14.7	2.1	2.1	.....	9,626	17.9	1.39	14.56	8.3	6.6	5.7	5.6	15.2	8.4	6.8	28.2	2.7	4.9	8.5
1897	.31	.75	3.84	93.45	4.46	2.24	11.0	7.4	5.7	5.4	13.8	2.1	2.0	.....	9,544	16.9	1.39	14.91	7.5	5.1	4.9	5.2	14.3	9.1	6.3	25.4	2.1	4.7	8.0
1898	.36	.98	4.51	93.50	4.45	2.15	11.1	5.9	5.2	4.8	16.3	1.9	1.9	2.0	8,299	17.5	1.39	15.28	7.7	5.6	5.6	5.5	15.0	8.6	5.7	25.2	1.9	5.0	8.7
1899	.39	.75	4.04	91.57	4.12	2.06	13.5	5.4	4.8	4.5	19.1	1.8	1.8	1.9	9,147	16.8	1.40	15.49	7.9	6.0	5.8	5.3	16.3	8.6	5.6	23.9	2.0	4.4	9.3
1900	.41	.72	3.62	92.46	4.26	2.26	16.7	7.7	5.5	5.0	16.6	2.5	2.6	2.5	10,652	18.9	1.42	16.94	8.4	6.3	6.2	5.7	17.2	10.2	7.8	30.1	2.1	4.5	8.7
1901	.46	.73	3.72	93.82	4.41	2.41	16.3	9.4	5.7	5.6	18.3	2.5	2.2	2.2	9,548	18.7	1.58	18.25	9.0	7.6	7.2	5.7	17.3	9.9	6.3	33.5	2.0	5.0	9.0
1902	.68	.73	3.70	95.15	4.53	2.53	13.6	8.3	5.0	5.2	19.5	2.4	2.1	2.0	8,726	18.0	1.56	18.01	9.9	9.4	8.7	6.2	18.0	10.1	6.3	39.3	2.3	4.1	9.2
1903	.54	.77	3.74	95.97	4.85	2.78	12.6	8.9	5.0	5.2	21.5	2.3	2.2	2.0	11,141	18.5	1.59	19.67	11.4	10.4	10.5	7.2	18.0	11.9	6.7	39.9	3.0	3.4	9.8
1904	.54	.81	4.05	93.34	4.93	2.75	13.0	12.0	6.0	5.9	22.3	2.3	2.1	2.1	10,439	18.9	1.56	20.05	10.51	8.3	8.5	5.7	16.5	10.5	7.8	36.9	2.3	3.5	9.6
1905	.53	.89	4.55	93.80	4.99	2.63	13.8	8.8	5.7	6.0	21.9	2.2	2.0	2.2	7,985	21.4	1.52	19.08	10.1	7.7	7.9	5.5	16.4	10.7	6.8	29.4	2.3	4.1	9.0
1906	.53	.82	4.25	93.17	4.93	2.58	16.6	11.0	5.9	6.1	21.0	2.2	2.0	2.1	9,630	20.2	1.61	21.34	10.07	8.1	8.2	5.8	18.0	11.7	6.3	31.2	2.3	3.8	9.5
1907	.53	.79	3.99	81.73	4.90	2.56	21.4	10.6	6.2	6.7	22.1	2.3	2.1	2.3	9,356	22.0	1.83	24.55	10.91	9.2	9.1	6.0	19.4	11.6	6.3	40.8	2.2	3.9	10.0
1908	.65	.99	4.61	84.02	4.88	2.58	14.3	11.4	7.2	6.7	20.3	2.5	2.3	2.5	11,456	21.1	1.75	23.00	10.94	9.1	8.9	6.8	21.8	12.9	6.8	42.0	2.4	3.8	10.6
1909	.70	1.02	4.86	86.96	4.97	2.55	13.19	9.4	5.9	5.9	23.0	2.3	2.2	2.2	9,908	20.9	1.67	21.40	10.83	10.0	8.8	7.7	21.2	12.6	6.6	40.8	2.3	3.5	10.9
1910	.69	1.02	5.27	87.50	4.94	2.49	13.08	13.99	6.18	6.7	23.7	2.4	2.1	2.1	7,757	21.7	1.71	21.83	12.1	11.9	11.1	7.5	25.0	15.5	6.2	66.1	2.5	4.3	10.8

No. 256.—ANNUAL AVERAGE IMPORT PRICES OF LEADING ARTICLES OF MERCHANDISE IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED STATES: 1886 TO 1910.

[The values are of the goods in the foreign markets whence exported to the United States. "Ton" signifies long ton of 2,240 pounds.]

Year ended June 30—	Cement, per 100 pounds.	Cheese, per pound.	Coal, bituminous, per ton.	Coffee, per pound.	Copper: Pigs, ingots, bars, etc.	Cotton cloth.		Fibers, unmanufactured.				Cylinder, crown, and common window glass, unpolished, per pound.	Hops, per pound.	India rubber and gutta-percha, crude, per pound.[1]	Iron.			
						Not bleached, etc., per square yard.	Bleached, per square yard.	Flax, per ton.	Hemp, per ton.	Jute and jute butts, per ton.	Manila, per ton.				Bar iron, per pound.	Pig iron, per ton.	Sheet, plate, and taggers iron, per pound.	Tin plates, terne-plates, or taggers tin, per pound.
	Cents.	*Cents.*	*Dollars.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Dollars.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*
1886	28.0	13.6	3.10	7.6	7.7	10.3	11.7	283.70	133.22	27.30	[2]131.11	2.5	16.6	40.6	1.9	15.50	4.2	3.1
1887	25.7	13.3	3.00	10.7	5.7	10.0	12.2	269.21	123.45	29.56	[2]118.72	2.3	18.4	48.0	1.8	15.59	3.6	3.0
1888	23.6	13.9	3.24	14.0	7.7	7.7	12.7	316.66	144.64	29.33	[2]140.89	1.9	18.2	43.9	1.6	15.49	3.3	3.0
1889	24.0	13.8	3.40	13.0	8.2	7.8	13.0	262.25	168.96	32.19	[2]164.66	2.0	27.7	38.0	1.6	16.19	3.0	3.0
1890	25.1	14.0	3.30	16.0	6.6	8.6	13.0	271.87	200.63	35.95	[2]215.65	2.0	16.1	44.0	1.7	25.09	3.0	3.0
1891	35.8	15.3	3.40	[3]19.0	8.0	9.5	14.0	261.69	150.76	27.26	176.11	3.0	44.7	[3]53.0	1.9	24.65	3.0	3.0
1892	35.9	14.9	3.28	[3]20.0	8.7	8.9	14.0	251.43	131.45	34.09	149.94	2.3	35.3	[3]49.3	1.9	21.87	2.6	2.9
1893	33.4	14.0	3.28	14.0	8.1	8.1	13.0	230.64	142.30	30.01	139.32	2.4	40.3	42.9	1.8	23.83	2.2	2.8
1894	32.2	14.3	3.23	16.4	8.8	8.3	12.5	307.18	146.74	34.30	113.99	2.0	58.5	44.7	1.9	22.74	2.0	2.6
1895	32.2	14.1	3.05	14.7	7.8	8.2	12.0	284.71	138.93	24.88	80.77	2.0	19.1	46.2	1.7	27.27	2.0	2.4
1896	32.1	13.9	2.86	14.6	8.9	8.4	12.0	230.36	126.57	22.49	76.37	2.0	21.7	45.1	1.8	23.05	2.2	2.3
1897	31.7	13.5	2.76	11.1	8.7	8.6	12.2	206.53	123.00	23.93	73.68	2.1	20.9	49.1	2.0	23.50	2.4	2.3
1898	32.3	13.4	2.67	7.5	7.6	7.9	12.3	215.88	139.49	22.65	64.44	2.4	27.3	55.2	2.0	26.36	3.1	2.2
1899	33.3	13.2	2.82	6.5	12.0	8.3	13.0	201.81	121.06	27.61	116.76	2.6	44.9	62.1	2.0	29.87	4.3	2.3
1900	34.7	13.1	2.62	6.7	14.7	11.7	13.2	236.30	132.43	38.53	168.28	3.0	27.6	63.5	2.2	34.53	2.9	3.2
1901	34.4	13.8	2.72	7.4	16.2	12.2	15.1	273.44	153.52	42.78	162.69	3.3	32.6	51.5	2.6	34.46	5.4	3.2
1902	34.9	14.9	2.74	6.5	14.6	11.2	15.3	269.55	167.48	34.49	186.97	3.6	29.7	49.4	2.2	21.20	3.3	3.0
1903	31.9	15.4	2.93	6.5	12.4	11.18	15.0	248.68	166.95	42.14	192.80	2.8	30.1	55.3	1.9	17.60	2.7	2.9
1904	32.7	14.5	2.59	7.0	12.8	11.24	16.28	251.10	148.06	42.43	173.96	2.7	49.8	68.3	2.0	21.20	2.2	2.7
1905	33.3	14.6	2.44	8.8	13.6	11.89	16.86	279.44	160.10	45.82	195.99	3.5	45.6	74.2	1.9	24.30	4.6	2.8
1906	33.1	15.8	2.40	8.6	15.1	11.54	16.10	266.62	170.55	62.05	187.90	3.8	23.0	78.0	1.9	28.60	4.4	2.8
1907	32.7	16.9	2.48	7.9	19.8	11.65	15.86	260.41	176.00	85.66	199.51	3.3	31.8	76.6	1.9	27.72	4.1	3.3
1908	34.4	17.2	2.59	7.6	16.8	9.56	15.92	263.93	174.92	60.49	171.05	3.2	23.4	58.8	2.0	30.39	5.8	3.0
1909	37.0	16.5	2.85	7.5	13.3	11.43	15.04	257.57	153.45	46.06	115.60	3.3	18.1	69.8	1.8	33.53	6.5	2.7
1910	37.0	17.3	2.75	7.9	12.5	10.37	15.02	277.10	161.89	54.70	112.78	3.0	46.8	99.4	1.8	26.47	3.7	2.8

Year ended June 30—	Fish, pickled or salted.		Hides and skins.		Rice, per pound.	Silk, raw or as reeled from the cocoon, per pound.	Still wines in casks, per gallon.	Sugar and molasses.		Tea, per pound.	Tin, bars, blocks, or pigs, grain, or granulated, per pound.	Leaf tobacco, per pound.		Lumber, boards, planks, deals, and other sawed, per M feet.	Wool.			Woolen manufactures.		
	Herring, per barrel (200 lbs.).	Mackerel, per barrel (200 lbs.).	Goatskins, per pound.	Hides of cattle, per pound.				Sugar, not above No. 16 D. S., per pound.	Molasses, per gallon.			Suitable for cigar wrappers.	Other leaf.		Clothing, per pound	Combing, per pound	Carpet, per pound	Carpets and carpeting of wool, per sq. yard.	Cloths, per pound.	Dress goods, per square yard.
	Dollars.	*Dollars.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Dollars.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Dollars.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Cents.*
1886	6.31	6.05	.....	.....	2.0	3.62	66.5	2.87	14.3	19.6	21.0	[2]84.4	49.8	11.67	16	22	11	1.35	1.18	21.5
1887	6.96	8.09	.....	.....	2.0	4.06	69.3	2.37	14.1	18.7	23.4	[2]91.9	49.7	12.26	19	24	12	1.46	1.14	22.1
1888	6.40	9.46	.....	.....	1.8	3.70	68.6	2.75	15.4	16.8	27.6	[2]89.6	58.4	12.35	20	24	12	1.46	1.12	21.4
1889	7.08	13.57	.....	.....	2.0	3.48	69.0	3.21	18.0	16.0	21.0	[2]90.0	55.0	12.07	20	23	12	1.21	1.07	21.3
1890	7.04	14.35	.....	.....	2.0	3.92	70.0	3.27	16.0	15.0	20.0	[2]92.8	61.0	11.79	23	25	12	1.23	.958	20.7
1891	7.20	11.95	.....	.....	2.0	3.66	68.0	3.03	16.0	17.0	20.0	94.0	58.0	11.11	23	23	11	2.09	.994	21.1
1892	7.71	9.62	.....	.....	2.0	3.23	71.0	2.93	13.0	16.0	20.0	71.5	43.0	11.37	21	23	9	2.06	.924	21.0
1893	7.09	11.22	.....	.....	1.7	3.90	71.0	3.08	12.8	16.0	20.0	95.0	40.9	11.10	18	22	9	2.30	.830	20.0
1894	6.60	11.53	.....	.....	1.5	3.16	70.0	2.91	10.1	15.1	15.7	114.0	38.7	11.93	16	26	9	2.28	.906	20.6
1895	7.14	10.45	20.2	.....	1.7	2.76	69.7	2.02	8.6	13.5	14.2	127.1	35.9	11.42	15	20	9	1.95	.681	.....
1896	7.13	14.27	22.0	.....	1.5	3.28	68.8	2.26	15.7	13.5	13.5	107.4	39.4	10.82	17	22	10	1.43	.595	[4]7.56
1897	6.97	11.35	22.7	.....	1.9	2.84	94.0	1.99	15.8	13.1	12.9	93.5	50.6	10.27	17	22	11	1.66	.610	[4]7.61
1898	7.52	12.23	24.3	10.8	2.1	3.05	72.13	2.24	15.10	14.17	13.73	98.11	55.10	9.94	18	20	10	3.04	.783	20.7
1899	6.76	13.99	26.5	10.4	2.1	3.19	68.28	2.38	18.96	13.02	15.95	104.9	55.56	9.91	15	28	9	2.74	.955	21.8
1900	8.67	13.77	26.8	11.8	2.0	3.96	68.86	2.49	11.12	12.44	27.23	92.11	58.14	10.99	21	21	9	3.04	1.04	23.2
1901	7.50	9.55	27.9	11.3	2.1	3.21	69.72	2.26	9.8	12.27	27.10	90.36	51.04	12.96	16	20	10	3.15	1.05	21.2
1902	6.91	10.60	28.9	11.8	2.1	2.31	64.95	1.80	7.2	12.42	24.53	88.74	42.73	13.93	12	18	9	3.45	1.01	19.5
1903	7.37	14.73	29.3	12.3	2.2	3.59	61.08	1.70	6.5	14.42	26.83	73.96	45.36	14.80	18	19	10	3.48	1.02	18.1
1904	6.58	13.86	27.8	12.9	2.5	3.52	59.56	1.94	5.4	16.15	26.60	76.36	47.52	15.07	19	22	12	3.31	1.03	18.7
1905	6.50	12.12	27.6	13.2	2.5	3.34	59.20	2.64	5.8	15.80	27.55	74.13	48.77	15.35	23	25	13	3.51	1.00	19.1
1906	7.47	12.19	28.6	14.0	2.5	3.64	57.28	2.14	4.3	15.57	33.32	96.17	52.16	15.60	24	28	14	3.93	1.06	19.0
1907	7.50	12.28	31.3	15.3	3.0	4.20	56.89	2.11	3.7	16.11	39.70	113.74	54.55	17.40	26	30	15	4.15	1.07	19.7
1908	6.78	13.74	27.2	12.2	2.9	4.13	55.27	2.37	3.8	17.32	32.72	106.20	63.41	19.23	22	27	15	4.07	1.09	20.7
1909	6.80	10.47	25.0	12.4	2.7	3.38	49.39	2.30	4.2	16.15	28.54	94.59	65.58	18.85	21	21	11	3.87	1.06	19.5
1910	6.96	10.43	26.6	14.8	2.6	3.21	49.68	2.60	4.4	15.97	30.52	97.63	52.91	18.35	24	25	13	3.81	1.03	19.4

[1] India rubber only after 1890. [2] Prices of imports for consumption. [3] Overvalued by reason of depreciation of Brazilian paper milreis. [4] Price per pound.

No. 257.—RELATIVE WHOLESALE PRICES OF RAW AND OF MANUFACTURED COMMODITIES, 1890 TO 1909, AND PER CENT OF INCREASE IN PRICES FOR 1909 OVER PRICES FOR EACH PRECEDING YEAR.

[From reports of the Bureau of Labor, Department of Commerce and Labor. This table summarizes wholesale prices of 257 staple commodities. The commodities designated as "Raw" are such as are marketed in their natural state, and also such as have been subjected to only a preliminary manufacturing process; this group includes 50 articles from 1890 to 1907 and 54 articles in 1908 and 1909. The commodities designated as "Manufactured" are such as have been subjected to more than a preliminary factory manipulation and in which the manufacturing labor cost constitutes an important element in the price; this group includes 208 articles from 1890 to 1907, 204 articles in 1908, and 203 articles in 1909. A relative price, or index number, as it is technically called, of any article is the per cent which the price of that article at any date is of the price of the same article at a date or period which has been selected as the base or standard. The base selected by the Bureau of Labor for this compilation is the average price for the ten-year period 1890 to 1899. The relative prices shown under each group are simple averages of the relatives of all articles included within the group. Average price for 1890-1899=100.]

Calendar year.	Raw commodities.		Manufactured commodities.		All commodities.	
	Relative price.	Per cent of increase in 1909 over each preceding year.	Relative price.	Per cent of increase in 1909 over each preceding year.	Relative price.	Per cent of increase in 1909 over each preceding year.
1890	115.0	19.0	112.3	10.3	112.9	12.0
1891	116.3	17.6	110.6	12.0	111.7	13.2
1892	107.9	26.8	105.6	17.3	106.1	19.2
1893	104.4	31.0	105.9	17.0	105.6	19.8
1894	93.2	46.8	96.8	28.0	96.1	31.6
1895	91.7	49.2	94.0	31.8	93.6	35.1
1896	84.0	62.9	91.9	34.8	90.4	39.9
1897	87.6	56.2	90.1	37.5	89.7	41.0
1898	94.0	45.5	93.3	32.8	93.4	35.4
1899	105.9	29.2	100.7	23.0	101.7	24.4
1900	111.9	22.3	110.2	12.4	110.5	14.5
1901	111.4	22.8	107.8	14.9	108.5	16.6
1902	122.4	11.8	110.6	12.0	112.9	12.0
1903	122.7	11.5	111.5	11.1	113.6	11.4
1904	119.7	14.3	111.3	11.3	113.0	11.9
1905	121.2	12.9	114.6	8.1	115.9	9.1
1906	126.5	8.1	121.6	1.9	122.5	3.3
1907	133.4	2.5	128.6	[1] 3.7	129.5	[1] 2.3
1908	125.5	9.0	122.2	1.4	122.8	3.0
1909	136.8	.....	123.9	.....	126.5	.....

[1] Decrease.

No. 258.—RELATIVE WHOLESALE PRICES OF COMMODITIES, 1890 TO 1909, AND PER CENT OF INCREASE IN PRICES FOR 1909 OVER PRICES FOR EACH PRECEDING YEAR: BY GROUPS OF COMMODITIES.

[From reports of the Bureau of Labor, Department of Commerce and Labor. The group farm products includes 20 commodities; food, etc., 57; cloths and clothing, 65; fuel and lighting, 13; metals and implements, 38; lumber and building material, 28; drugs and chemicals, 9; house furnishing goods, 14; and the miscellaneous group, 13. Average price for 1890-1899=100.]

Calendar year.	Farm products.		Food, etc.		Cloths and clothing.		Fuel and lighting.		Metals and implements.	
	Relative price.	Per cent of increase in 1909 over each preceding year.	Relative price.	Per cent of increase in 1909 over each preceding year.	Relative price.	Per cent of increase in 1909 over each preceding year.	Relative price.	Per cent of increase in 1909 over each preceding year.	Relative price.	Per cent of increase in 1909 over each preceding year.
1890	110.0	39.2	112.4	10.9	113.5	5.4	104.7	23.5	119.2	4.7
1891	121.5	26.0	115.7	7.8	111.3	7.5	102.7	25.9	111.7	11.7
1892	111.7	37.1	103.6	20.4	109.0	9.7	101.1	27.9	106.0	17.7
1893	107.9	41.9	110.2	13.2	107.2	11.6	100.0	29.3	100.7	23.9
1894	95.9	59.6	99.8	24.9	96.1	24.5	92.4	39.9	90.7	37.6
1895	93.3	64.1	94.6	31.8	92.7	29.0	98.1	31.8	92.0	35.7
1896	78.3	95.5	83.8	48.8	91.3	31.0	104.3	24.0	93.7	33.2
1897	85.2	79.7	87.7	42.2	91.1	31.3	96.4	34.1	86.6	44.1
1898	96.1	59.3	94.4	32.1	93.4	28.1	95.4	35.5	86.4	44.4
1899	100.0	53.1	98.3	26.9	96.7	23.7	105.0	23.1	114.7	8.8
1900	109.5	39.8	104.2	19.7	106.8	12.0	120.9	6.9	120.5	3.6
1901	116.9	31.0	105.9	17.8	101.0	18.4	119.5	8.2	111.9	11.5
1902	130.5	17.3	111.3	12.0	102.0	17.3	134.3	[1]3.7	117.2	6.5
1903	118.8	28.9	107.1	16.4	106.6	12.2	149.3	[1]13.4	117.6	6.1
1904	126.2	21.3	107.2	16.3	109.8	8.9	132.6	[1]2.5	109.6	13.9
1905	124.2	23.3	108.7	14.7	112.0	6.8	128.8	.4	122.5	1.9
1906	123.6	23.9	112.6	10.7	120.0	[1].3	131.9	[1]2.0	135.2	[1]7.7
1907	137.1	11.7	117.8	5.9	126.7	[1]5.6	135.0	[1]4.2	143.4	[1]13.0
1908	133.1	15.0	120.6	3.4	116.9	2.3	130.8	[1]1.1	125.4	[1].5
1909	153.1	.....	124.7	.....	119.6	.....	129.3	.....	124.8	.....

Calendar year.	Lumber and building materials.		Drugs and chemicals.		House furnishing goods.		Miscellaneous.		All commodities.	
	Relative price.	Per cent of increase in 1909 over each preceding year.	Relative price.	Per cent of increase in 1909 over each preceding year.	Relative price.	Per cent of increase in 1909 over each preceding year.	Relative price.	Per cent of increase in 1909 over each preceding year.	Relative price.	Per cent of increase in 1909 over each preceding year.
1890	111.8	23.8	110.2	2.0	111.1	0.5	110.3	14.1	112.9	12.0
1891	108.4	27.7	103.6	8.5	110.2	1.4	109.4	15.1	111.7	13.2
1892	102.8	34.6	102.9	9.2	106.5	4.9	106.2	18.5	106.1	19.2
1893	101.9	35.8	100.5	11.8	104.9	6.5	105.9	18.9	105.6	19.8
1894	96.3	43.7	89.8	25.2	100.1	11.6	99.8	26.2	96.1	31.6
1895	94.1	47.1	87.9	27.9	96.5	15.8	94.5	33.2	93.6	35.1
1896	93.4	48.2	92.6	21.4	94.0	18.8	91.4	37.7	90.4	39.9
1897	90.4	53.1	94.4	19.1	89.8	24.4	92.1	36.7	89.7	41.0
1898	95.8	44.5	106.6	5.4	92.0	21.4	92.4	36.3	93.4	35.4
1899	105.8	30.8	111.3	1.0	95.1	17.5	97.7	28.9	101.7	24.4
1900	115.7	19.6	115.7	[1]2.9	106.1	5.3	109.8	14.7	110.5	14.5
1901	116.7	18.6	115.2	[1]2.4	110.9	.7	107.4	17.2	108.5	16.6
1902	118.8	16.5	114.2	[1]1.6	112.2	[1].4	114.1	10.3	112.9	12.0
1903	121.4	14.0	112.6	[1].2	113.0	[1]1.2	113.6	10.8	113.6	11.4
1904	122.7	12.8	110.0	2.2	111.7	(2)	111.7	12.7	113.0	11.9
1905	127.7	8.4	109.1	3.0	109.1	2.4	112.8	11.6	115.9	9.1
1906	140.1	[1]1.2	101.2	11.1	111.0	.6	121.1	4.0	122.5	3.3
1907	146.9	[1]5.8	109.6	2.6	118.5	[1]5.7	127.1	[1].9	129.5	[1]2.3
1908	133.1	4.0	110.4	1.8	114.0	[1]2.0	119.9	5.0	122.8	3.0
1909	138.4	.....	112.4	.....	111.7	.....	125.9	.....	126.5	.....

[1] Decrease.

[2] Same as average price for 1909.

No. 259.—RELATIVE RETAIL PRICES OF THE PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF FOOD: 1890 TO 1907.

[From reports of the Bureau of Labor, Department of Commerce and Labor. The statements of prices collected by the Bureau of Labor in 1907 were from 1,014 retail merchants. The number has varied somewhat from year to year. The 1,014 merchants were located in 68 principal industrial centers. For each of the 30 articles the prevailing price each month was secured. As previously explained under the title of wholesale prices, the relative price of any article is the per cent which the price of that article at any date is of the price of the same article at a date or period which has been selected as the base or standard. The base selected by the Bureau of Labor for retail as well as for wholesale prices is the average price for the ten-year period 1890 to 1899. Average price for 1890-1899=100.]

Calendar year.	Apples, evaporated.	Beans, dry.	Beef, fresh, roasts.	Beef, fresh, steaks.	Beef, salt.	Bread, wheat.	Butter.	Cheese.	Chickens (full grown), dressed.	Coffee.
1890	109.0	103.3	99.5	98.8	97.5	100.3	99.2	98.8	101.3	105.4
1891	110.3	106.2	100.0	99.4	98.3	100.3	106.4	100.3	104.0	105.2
1892	99.3	102.4	99.6	99.3	99.5	100.3	106.8	101.5	103.8	103.8
1893	107.0	105.0	99.0	99.6	100.3	100.1	109.9	101.8	104.2	104.8
1894	*105.8*	*102.8*	*98.3*	*98.2*	*98.9*	*99.9*	*101.7*	*101.6*	*98.6*	*103.3*
1895	97.4	100.5	98.6	99.1	99.6	99.7	97.0	99.2	98.4	101.7
1896	88.6	92.7	99.1	99.5	99.8	99.9	92.7	97.9	97.1	99.6
1897	87.8	91.5	100.3	100.2	100.9	100.0	93.1	99.0	94.0	94.6
1898	95.4	95.9	101.7	102.0	102.1	99.8	95.1	97.5	96.8	91.1
1899	99.5	99.7	103.7	103.9	103.2	99.6	97.7	102.4	101.8	90.5
1900	95.2	110.0	106.5	106.4	103.7	99.7	101.4	103.9	100.8	91.1
1901	96.8	113.9	110.7	111.0	106.1	99.4	103.2	103.3	103.0	90.7
1902	104.4	116.8	118.6	118.5	116.0	99.4	111.5	107.3	113.2	89.6
1903	100.8	118.1	113.1	112.9	108.8	100.2	110.8	109.4	118.5	89.3
1904	99.2	116.8	112.8	113.4	108.3	103.9	109.0	107.4	120.7	91.8
1905	106.0	116.3	112.2	112.9	107.9	104.5	112.7	110.9	123.6	93.6
1906	115.6	115.2	115.7	116.5	110.8	102.3	118.2	115.5	129.1	94.7
1907	124.6	118.8	119.1	120.6	114.1	104.5	127.6	123.2	131.4	95.0

Calendar year.	Corn meal.	Eggs.	Fish, fresh.	Fish, salt.	Flour, wheat.	Lard.	Milk, fresh, unskimmed.	Molasses.	Mutton.	Pork, fresh.
1890	100.0	100.6	99.3	100.7	109.7	98.2	100.5	104.7	100.7	97.0
1891	109.7	106.9	99.6	101.7	112.5	99.8	100.5	101.7	100.6	98.7
1892	105.2	106.8	100.1	102.2	105.1	103.6	100.6	101.2	101.0	100.5
1893	103.1	108.1	100.1	103.4	96.1	117.9	100.4	100.6	99.9	107.0
1894	102.2	96.3	100.4	101.5	88.7	106.9	100.2	100.3	97.8	101.8
1895	100.8	99.3	99.8	98.9	89.0	100.1	100.0	99.0	98.7	99.7
1896	95.0	92.8	100.2	97.5	92.7	92.5	99.9	98.7	98.7	97.4
1897	93.7	91.4	99.8	95.2	104.3	89.8	99.7	97.7	99.6	97.6
1898	95.0	96.2	100.5	98.8	107.4	93.9	99.4	97.9	100.4	98.6
1899	95.1	101.1	100.2	100.2	94.6	97.1	98.9	98.2	102.6	101.7
1900	97.4	99.9	100.4	99.1	94.3	104.4	99.9	102.2	105.6	107.7
1901	107.1	105.7	101.4	100.9	94.4	118.1	101.1	101.3	109.0	117.9
1902	118.8	119.1	105.0	102.8	94.9	134.3	103.3	102.1	114.7	128.3
1903	120.7	125.3	107.3	108.4	101.2	126.7	105.8	103.8	112.6	127.0
1904	121.5	130.9	107.9	111.7	119.9	117.3	106.3	104.0	114.1	124.0
1905	122.2	131.6	109.9	113.8	119.9	116.6	107.0	104.4	117.8	126.6
1906	123.2	134.2	116.2	116.8	108.1	128.0	108.9	105.3	124.1	137.7
1907	131.6	137.7	120.6	121.6	117.7	134.2	116.8	107.7	130.1	142.5

Calendar year.	Pork, salt, bacon.	Pork, salt, dry or pickled.	Pork, salt, ham.	Potatoes, Irish.	Prunes.	Rice.	Sugar.	Tea.	Veal.	Vinegar.
1890	95.8	95.3	98.7	109.3	116.8	101.3	118.6	100.0	98.8	102.9
1891	96.6	98.9	99.3	116.6	116.5	102.5	102.7	100.4	99.6	105.5
1892	99.1	100.5	101.9	95.7	113.5	101.3	96.2	100.2	100.0	102.7
1893	109.0	108.7	109.3	112.3	115.6	98.4	101.5	100.1	100.0	99.5
1894	103.6	103.4	101.9	102.6	100.9	99.0	93.8	98.7	98.7	99.8
1895	99.4	99.2	98.8	91.8	94.2	98.8	91.8	98.5	98.5	98.9
1896	96.7	95.5	97.6	77.0	86.8	96.7	96.6	98.8	99.5	97.2
1897	97.4	97.3	98.2	93.0	84.3	97.9	95.7	98.5	99.9	97.4
1898	100.2	99.1	95.1	105.4	86.3	101.7	101.3	100.7	101.2	97.9
1899	102.9	101.8	99.2	96.1	85.1	102.4	101.7	101.4	103.7	98.3
1900	109.7	107.7	105.3	93.5	83.0	102.4	104.9	105.5	104.9	98.5
1901	121.0	117.5	110.2	116.8	82.6	103.5	103.0	106.7	108.8	98.9
1902	135.6	132.5	119.4	117.0	83.4	103.5	96.0	107.2	115.2	99.5
1903	139.8	129.0	121.3	114.8	80.2	103.9	96.1	106.0	114.9	99.1
1904	137.9	125.8	118.4	121.3	79.6	101.6	101.9	105.8	115.5	98.9
1905	138.8	126.0	118.5	110.2	81.4	102.6	103.9	105.7	117.7	100.3
1906	150.4	136.9	127.2	114.4	85.1	105.7	98.2	105.5	123.2	102.6
1907	157.3	141.2	130.7	120.6	88.4	108.5	99.6	105.3	125.0	104.5

No. 260.—RELATIVE RETAIL PRICES OF FOOD, SIMPLE AND WEIGHTED AVERAGES: BY GEOGRAPHICAL DIVISIONS,[1] 1890 TO 1907.

[From reports of the Bureau of Labor, Department of Commerce and Labor. This table summarizes for each of the 5 geographical divisions and for the United States the relative retail prices of food for each year from 1890 to 1907. In the first column under each division is shown the simple average of the relative prices of the 30 articles. In the second column under each division is shown the relative prices computed by giving to the relative price of each article its proper weight as determined by the average consumption in 2,567 families of workingmen investigated by the Bureau of Labor in 1901. *Average price for 1890-1899=100.*]

Calendar year.	North Atlantic division.		South Atlantic division.		North Central division.		South Central division.		Western division.		United States.	
	Simple.	Weighted.	Simple.	Weighted.	Simple.	Weighted.	Simple.	Weighted.	Simple.	Weighted.	Simple.	Weighted.
1890	101.9	102.3	100.7	101.2	102.3	102.3	101.1	102.1	105.4	107.7	102.1	102.4
1891	102.9	103.2	101.5	102.1	104.1	104.5	102.9	103.6	106.2	108.7	103.4	103.8
1892	102.0	102.1	100.6	101.1	101.7	101.8	100.6	100.7	104.4	105.2	101.8	101.9
1893	104.3	104.4	102.1	103.2	105.0	105.4	102.9	103.5	102.7	102.9	104.1	104.4
1894	99.9	99.2	100.3	100.0	100.9	100.6	99.9	100.0	99.4	99.3	100.3	99.7
1895	98.2	97.7	99.5	98.7	98.3	98.0	98.2	98.1	97.3	96.7	98.2	97.8
1896	96.2	97.0	97.5	96.8	94.9	94.6	96.2	96.1	93.9	93.2	95.8	95.5
1897	96.9	96.9	97.8	97.1	95.3	95.6	97.2	97.3	94.2	92.7	96.3	96.3
1898	98.3	98.8	99.4	99.3	98.1	98.4	99.9	98.8	96.7	95.2	98.5	98.7
1899	99.3	99.5	100.6	100.5	99.4	98.9	101.0	99.9	99.8	98.5	99.6	99.5
1900	101.3	101.2	102.2	102.4	101.7	100.8	103.3	101.1	100.1	98.1	101.5	101.1
1901	104.4	104.7	106.6	106.9	106.7	106.1	108.1	106.9	102.0	99.9	105.5	105.2
1902	110.0	110.5	110.8	111.8	112.1	111.7	114.1	113.5	106.9	104.4	110.9	110.9
1903	110.4	110.1	110.1	111.2	112.0	111.0	114.0	113.5	108.1	103.7	110.9	110.3
1904	111.2	111.7	110.2	111.9	112.6	112.1	115.0	115.0	109.4	104.9	111.6	111.7
1905	111.8	112.1	111.2	113.0	114.0	113.1	115.9	115.9	110.0	105.7	112.5	112.4
1906	115.2	114.8	115.9	116.2	117.8	116.5	118.9	119.0	113.6	110.1	116.2	115.7
1907	119.4	119.4	120.3	122.3	121.8	121.2	124.6	124.6	119.1	116.2	120.7	120.6

[1] For States and Territories included in each division, see note 5, p. 43.

No. 261.—PER CENT OF INCREASE (+) OR DECREASE (—) IN RETAIL PRICES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF FOOD, CALENDAR YEAR *1907 COMPARED WITH* PREVIOUS YEARS.

[From reports of the Bureau of Labor, Department of Commerce and Labor.]

Article.	Per cent of increase or decrease, in 1907 compared with—								
	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898
Apples, evaporated	+14.3	+13.0	+25.4	+16.4	+17.8	+27.9	+40.6	+41.9	+30.6
Beans, dry	+15.0	+11.9	+16.0	+13.1	+15.6	+18.2	+28.2	+29.8	+23.9
Beef, fresh, roasts	+19.7	+19.1	+19.6	+20.3	+21.2	+20.8	+20.2	+18.7	+17.1
Beef, fresh, steaks	+22.1	+21.3	+21.5	+21.1	+22.8	+21.7	+21.2	+20.4	+18.2
Beef, salt	+17.0	+16.1	+14.7	+13.8	+15.4	+14.6	+14.3	+13.1	+11.8
Bread, wheat	+ 4.2	+ 4.2	+ 4.2	+ 4.4	+ 4.6	+ 4.8	+ 4.6	+ 4.5	+ 4.7
Butter	+28.6	+19.9	+19.5	+16.1	+25.5	+31.5	+37.6	+37.1	+34.2
Cheese	+24.7	+22.8	+21.4	+21.0	+21.3	+24.2	+25.8	+24.4	+26.4
Chickens (year or more old), dressed	+29.7	+26.3	+26.6	+26.1	+33.3	+33.5	+35.3	+39.8	+35.7
Coffee	— 9.9	— 9.7	— 8.5	— 9.4	— 8.0	— 6.6	— 4.6	+ .4	+ 4.3
Corn meal	+31.6	+20.0	+25.1	+27.6	+28.8	+30.6	+38.5	+40.4	+38.5
Eggs	+36.9	+28.8	+28.9	+27.4	+43.0	*+38.7*	*+48.4*	*+50.7*	*+48.1*
Fish, fresh	+21.5	+21.1	+20.5	+20.5	+20.1	+20.8	+20.4	+20.8	+20.0
Fish, salt	+20.8	+19.6	+19.0	+17.6	+19.8	+23.0	+24.7	+27.7	+23.1
Flour, wheat	+ 7.3	+ 4.6	+12.0	+22.5	+32.7	+32.2	+27.0	+12.8	+ 9.6
Lard	+36.7	+34.5	+29.5	+13.8	+25.5	+34.1	+45.1	+49.4	+42.9
Milk, fresh, unskimmed	+16.2	+16.2	+16.1	+16.3	+16.6	+16.8	+16.9	+17.2	+17.5
Molasses	+ 2.9	+ 5.9	+ 6.4	+ 7.1	+ 7.4	+ 8.8	+ 9.1	+10.2	+10.0
Mutton	+29.2	+29.3	+28.8	+30.2	+33.0	+31.8	+31.8	+30.6	+29.6
Pork, fresh	+46.9	+44.4	+41.8	+33.2	+40.0	+42.9	+46.3	+46.0	+44.5
Pork, salt, bacon	+64.2	+62.8	+58.7	+44.3	+51.8	+58.2	+62.7	+61.5	+57.0
Pork, salt, dry or pickled	+48.2	+42.8	+40.5	+29.9	+36.6	+42.3	+47.9	+45.1	+42.5
Pork, salt, ham	+32.4	+31.6	+28.3	+19.6	+28.3	+32.3	+33.9	+33.1	+37.4
Potatoes, Irish	+10.3	+ 3.4	+26.0	+ 7.4	+17.5	+31.4	+56.6	+29.7	+14.4
Prunes	—24.3	—24.1	—22.1	—23.5	—12.4	— 6.2	+ 1.8	+ 4.9	+ 2.4
Rice	+ 7.1	+ 5.9	+ 7.1	+10.3	+ 9.6	+ 9.8	+12.2	+10.8	+ 6.7
Sugar	—16.0	— 3.0	+ 3.5	— 1.9	+ 6.2	+ 8.5	+ 3.1	+ 4.1	— 1.7
Tea	+ 5.3	+ 4.9	+ 5.1	+ 5.2	+ 6.7	+ 6.9	+ 6.6	+ 6.9	+ 4.6
Veal	+26.5	+25.5	+25.0	+25.0	+26.6	+26.9	+25.6	+25.1	+28.5
Vinegar	+ 1.6	— .9	+ 1.8	+ 5.0	+ 4.7	+ 5.7	+ 7.5	+ 7.3	+ 6.7
All food, simple averages	+18.2	+16.7	+18.6	+15.9	+20.3	+22.9	+26.0	+25.3	+22.5
All food, weighted according to family consumption	+17.8	+16.2	+18.4	+15.5	+21.0	+23.3	+26.3	+25.2	+22.2

Article.	Per cent of increase or decrease, in 1907 compared with—							
	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906
Apples, evaporated	+25.2	+30.9	+28.7	+19.3	+23.6	+25.6	+17.5	+ 7.8
Beans, dry	+19.2	+ 8.0	+ 4.3	+ 1.7	+ .6	+ 1.7	+ 2.1	+ 3.1
Beef, fresh, roasts	+14.9	+11.8	+ 7.6	+ .4	+ 5.3	+ 5.6	+ 6.1	+ 2.9
Beef, fresh, steaks	+16.1	+13.3	+ 8.6	+ 1.8	+ 6.8	+ 6.3	+ 6.8	+ 3.5
Beef, salt	+10.6	+10.0	+ 7.5	— 1.6	+ 4.9	+ 5.4	+ 5.7	+ 3.0
Bread, wheat	+ 4.9	+ 4.8	+ 5.1	+ 5.1	+ 4.3	+ .6	(1)	+ 2.2
Butter	+30.6	+25.8	+23.6	+14.4	+15.2	+17.1	+18.2	+ 8.0
Cheese	+20.3	+18.6	+19.3	+14.8	+12.6	+14.7	+11.1	+ 6.7
Chickens (year or more old), dressed	+29.1	+30.4	+27.6	+16.1	+10.9	+ 8.9	+ 6.3	+ 1.8
Coffee	+ 5.0	+ 4.3	+ 4.7	+ 6.0	+ 6.4	+ 3.5	+ 1.5	+ .3
Corn meal	+38.4	+35.1	+22.9	+10.8	+ 9.0	+ 8.3	+ 7.7	+ 6.8
Eggs	+36.2	+37.8	+30.3	+15.6	+ 9.9	+ 5.2	+ 4.6	+ 2.6
Fish, fresh	+20.4	+20.1	+18.9	+14.9	+12.4	+11.8	+ 9.7	+ 3.8
Fish, salt	+21.4	+22.7	+20.5	+18.3	+12.2	+ 8.9	+ 6.9	+ 4.1
Flour, wheat	+24.4	+24.8	+24.7	+24.0	+16.3	— 1.8	— 1.8	+ 8.9
Lard	+38.2	+28.5	+13.6	— .1	+ 5.9	+14.4	+15.1	+ 4.8
Milk, fresh, unskimmed	*+18.1*	*+16.9*	*+15.6*	*+13.1*	*+10.4*	*+ 9.9*	*+ 9.2*	*+ 7.3*
Molasses	+ 9.7	+ 5.4	+ 6.3	+ 5.5	+ 3.8	+ 3.6	+ 3.2	+ 2.3
Mutton	+26.8	+23.2	+19.4	+13.4	+15.5	+14.0	+10.4	+ 4.8
Pork, fresh	+40.1	+32.3	+20.9	+11.1	+12.2	+14.9	+12.6	+ 3.5
Pork, salt, bacon	+52.9	+43.4	+30.0	+16.0	+12.5	+14.1	+13.3	+ 4.6
Pork, salt, dry or pickled	+38.7	+31.1	+20.2	+ 6.6	+ 9.5	+12.2	+12.1	+ 3.1
Pork, salt, ham	+31.8	+24.1	+18.6	+ 9.5	+ 7.7	+10.4	+10.3	+ 2.8
Potatoes, Irish	+25.5	+29.0	+ 3.3	+ 3.1	+ 5.1	— .6	+ 9.4	+ 5.4
Prunes	+ 3.9	+ 6.5	+ 7.0	+ 6.0	+10.2	+11.1	+ 8.6	+ 3.9
Rice	+ 6.0	+ 6.0	+ 4.8	+ 4.8	+ 4.4	+ 6.8	+ 5.8	+ 2.6
Sugar	— 2.1	— 5.1	— 3.3	+ 3.8	+ 3.6	— 2.3	— 4.1	+ 1.4
Tea	+ .9	— .2	— 1.3	— 1.8	— .7	— .5	— .4	— .2
Veal	+20.5	+19.2	+14.9	+ 8.5	+ 8.8	+ 8.2	+ 6.2	+ 1.5
Vinegar	+ 6.3	+ 6.1	+ 5.7	+ 5.0	+ 5.4	+ 5.7	+ 4.2	+ 1.9
All food, simple averages	+21.2	+18.9	+14.4	+ 8.8	+ 8.8	+ 8.2	+ 7.3	+ 3.9
All food, weighted according to family consumption	+21.2	+19.3	+14.6	+ 8.7	+ 9.3	+ 8.0	+ 7.3	+ 4.2

[1] No change.

No. 262.—AVERAGE FOOD COST PER WORKINGMAN'S FAMILY: BY GEOGRAPHICAL DIVISIONS,[1] 1890 TO 1907.

[From reports of the Bureau of Labor, Department of Commerce and Labor. This table is based on the average food cost per family in 1901, as reported by the workingmen's families investigated in each geographical division, and the course of retail prices of food as indicated by the relative prices, weighted according to family consumption in that division. In each of the geographical divisions and in the United States as a whole it is considered in this table that the expenditure for each of the various articles bore the same relation to the total expenditure for food in each of the other years of the seventeen-year period covered by this investigation as in 1901.]

Calendar year.	North Atlantic division, 1,415 families.	South Atlantic division, 219 families.	North Central division, 721 families.	South Central division, 122 families.	Western division, 90 families.	United States, 2,567 families.
	Dollars.	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*
1890	330.35	282.72	310.08	279.54	332.61	318.20
1891	333.26	285.23	316.75	283.64	335.72	322.55
1892	329.70	282.44	308.57	275.71	324.90	316.65
1893	337.13	288.30	319.48	283.37	317.80	324.41
1894	320.34	279.36	304.93	273.79	306.68	309.81
1895	315.50	275.73	297.05	268.59	298.65	303.91
1896	313.23	270.42	286.74	263.11	287.84	296.76
1897	312.91	271.26	289.77	266.40	286.29	299.24
1898	319.05	277.41	298.26	270.50	294.01	306.70
1899	321.31	280.76	299.78	273.51	304.21	309.19
1900	326.80	286.07	305.54	276.80	302.97	314.16
1901	338.10	298.64	321.60	292.68	308.53	326.90
1902	356.83	312.33	338.57	310.75	322.43	344.61
1903	355.54	310.65	336.45	310.75	320.27	342.75
1904	360.70	312.61	339.79	314.86	323.97	347.10
1905	362.00	315.68	342.82	317.32	326.44	349.27
1906	370.72	324.62	353.12	325.81	340.03	359.53
1907	385.57	341.66	367.37	341.14	358.87	374.75

[1] For States and Territories included in each division, see note 5, p. 43.

No. 263.—RELATIVE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL PRICES OF FOOD: 1890 TO 1907.

[From reports of the Bureau of Labor, Department of Commerce and Labor. The wholesale prices are simple averages of the relative prices of 53 articles from 1890 to 1892 and 1904 to 1906, and of 54 articles from 1893 to 1903. The retail prices are simple averages of the relative prices of 30 articles. Average price for 1890-1899 = 100.]

Calendar year.	Relative wholesale prices of food.	Relative retail prices of food.	Calendar year.	Relative wholesale prices of food.	Relative retail prices of food.
1890	112.4	102.1	1899	98.3	99.6
1891	115.7	103.4	1900	104.2	101.5
1892	103.6	101.8	1901	105.9	105.5
1893	110.2	104.1	1902	111.3	110.9
1894	99.8	100.3	1903	107.1	110.9
1895	94.6	98.2	1904	107.2	111.6
1896	83.8	95.8	1905	108.7	112.5
1897	87.7	96.3	1906	112.6	116.2
1898	94.4	98.5	1907	117.8	120.7