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## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MONTHLY FOOD GROUP INDEX, SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA JULY 1981

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### MAIN FEATURES

	Change between	
	June 81 and July 81 %	July 80 and July 81 %
Weighted average of six State capital cities	+0.3	+9.0
Sydney	-0.6	+7.8
Melbourne	+1.1	+9.0
Brisbane	+0.4	+11.6
Adelaide	+0.8	+8.9
Perth	+0.7	+10.7
Hobart	+0.7	+8.3
Canberra	+0.5	+8.3
Weighted average of seven capital cities	+0.3	+8.9

### Main price changes between June 1981 and July 1981:

- Prices of fresh vegetables increased in all cities except Brisbane.
- Prices of meals out and take-away food increased in all cities except Sydney.
- Beef prices fell in all cities except Brisbane and Perth.
- Milk prices increased in Hobart and Canberra.

### EXPLANATORY NOTES

#### Introduction

This publication contains monthly index numbers for the Food Group of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and for component subgroups of the Food Group. The Food Group is the only group of the CPI for which prices are collected monthly. Quarterly index numbers for the All Groups CPI and its groups and subgroups (including the Food Group) are published in the quarterly publication *Consumer Price Index* (6401.0). Detailed information about the CPI is presented in that publication.

2. The Food Group currently contributes approximately 20 per cent to the total CPI (ninth series) aggregate for the weighted average of six State capital cities.

#### Collection of prices

3. Prices for food items are collected as at the middle of each month except in the case of some fresh items (fruit, vegetables and fish) where prices are collected more frequently and averaged to obtain monthly prices.

#### Index points and percentage changes

4. Movements in indexes from one period to another can be expressed either as percentage changes, or as changes in 'index points'. The difference between these two methods of describing movements in indexes is shown by the following example:

#### Food Group: Weighted average of six State capital cities

##### Index numbers

July 1981	327.2
Less: June 1981	326.1
Change in index points	+1.1

$$\text{Percentage change} = \frac{+1.1}{326.1} \times 100 = +0.3\%$$

#### Interpretation of results

5. Month-to-month price changes should not be interpreted in isolation and without reference to changes over longer periods, mainly because prices of fresh food items are subject to large short term fluctuations. Frequently these fluctuations are also the main cause of disparate movements in the indexes for various cities.

6. The capital city indexes measure price movements over time in *each city individually*. They do not measure differences in retail price levels between cities. Average retail prices of selected items in the various capital cities are shown in publication Catalogue No. 6403.0 (see paragraph 10).

7. Table 4 provides a detailed analysis of recent price movements in the Food Group index. It shows index numbers and percentage changes for subgroups and other groupings within the Food Group. Table 4 also shows the contribution which each subgroup makes to the total CPI. These are expressed in terms of 'All Groups index points'. For instance, in July 1981 the Dairy produce subgroup contributed 6.94 index points out of a total of 74.01 index points for the Food Group for the weighted average of six State capital cities. The final column indicates the contributions, to the change in All Groups index points, by each of the subgroups and groupings.

8. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in Table 4 are due to rounding. For similar reasons monthly movements shown by subgroup or group index numbers do not necessarily correspond exactly with those shown by the relevant index points.

9. Table 3 summarises the contributions (in terms of 'All Groups index points') which the Food Group makes to the total CPI in recent months. The figure of 74.01 for July 1981, for the weighted average of six State capital cities, indicates that the Food Group would contribute this amount to the quarterly All Groups CPI if food prices were to stand at this level for each month of the quarter.

#### Related publications

10. Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available on request:

*Consumer Price Index (6401.0)—issued quarterly*  
*Average Retail Prices of Selected Items, Six State Capital Cities and Canberra (6403.0)—issued quarterly*  
*Consumer Price Index Monthly Food Group Index, Darwin (6413.0)—issued monthly*  
*A guide to the Consumer Price Index.*

11. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

#### Symbols and other usages

— nil or rounded to zero.

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TABLE 1. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX : FOOD GROUP  
 INDEX NUMBERS  
 (Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

	Weighted average of six State capital cities	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Weighted average of seven capital cities
1978-79	248.8	247.7	245.8	245.7	253.0	260.2	251.2	249.0	248.8
1979-80	283.6	284.3	278.8	284.6	285.5	290.7	286.8	283.9	283.6
1980-81	312.9	314.0	307.7	316.9	314.1	317.1	313.0	312.7	312.9
1979-80— June	298.9	299.8	293.7	299.7	302.4	304.9	300.4	297.6	298.9
1980-81— July	300.2	301.1	296.3	299.0	302.5	305.9	302.6	300.8	300.3
August	302.6	302.1	299.8	301.8	303.7	309.2	305.8	301.0	302.5
September	304.4	304.7	300.4	306.4	305.1	310.4	305.5	306.6	304.4
October	307.4	308.5	303.6	308.6	306.9	312.0	307.4	305.8	307.4
November	310.5	312.4	306.1	314.5	308.2	311.6	310.8	310.8	310.5
December	314.3	315.2	310.1	318.5	314.1	317.3	314.8	315.5	314.4
January	317.8	318.6	313.9	321.9	318.0	320.2	315.8	317.1	317.8
February	316.2	316.3	310.3	323.1	319.6	321.7	315.5	316.1	316.2
March	316.8	319.4	309.0	323.1	321.0	319.3	313.6	316.0	316.7
April	317.7	321.5	308.5	326.4	321.2	318.5	317.0	318.6	317.8
May	320.6	322.0	314.8	326.9	321.3	322.9	321.9	320.3	320.6
June	326.1	326.7	319.3	332.3	327.0	326.0	325.3	324.1	326.0
1981-82— July	327.2	324.7	322.9	333.6	329.5	338.5	327.7	325.7	327.1

TABLE 2. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: FOOD GROUP  
PERCENTAGE CHANGES

	Weighted average of six State capital cities %	Sydney %	Melbourne %	Brisbane %	Adelaide %	Perth %	Hobart %	Canberra %	Weighted average of seven capital cities %
<i>Change from previous year</i>									
1978-79	+11.5	+12.5	+11.3	+10.4	+10.1	+10.4	+12.0	+12.4	+11.5
1979-80	+14.0	+14.8	+13.4	+15.8	+12.8	+11.7	+14.2	+14.0	+14.0
1980-81	+10.3	+10.4	+10.4	+11.3	+10.0	+9.1	+9.1	+10.1	+10.3
<i>Change from corresponding month of previous year</i>									
1979-80— June	+11.8	+12.7	+10.7	+14.1	+12.0	+8.9	+10.6	+9.6	+11.7
1980-81— July	+10.1	+10.5	+9.7	+11.7	+10.3	+8.2	+10.0	+9.9	+10.1
August	+11.7	+11.7	+11.8	+13.3	+11.2	+9.5	+11.5	+9.9	+11.6
September	+12.1	+12.4	+11.8	+14.4	+11.0	+10.8	+10.7	+11.8	+12.1
October	+11.7	+12.4	+11.6	+13.2	+9.6	+10.6	+9.6	+10.1	+11.7
November	+12.4	+13.2	+12.4	+14.5	+10.3	+9.6	+9.1	+11.4	+12.4
December	+11.8	+12.0	+11.9	+12.8	+11.6	+9.8	+10.1	+12.3	+11.8
January	+10.8	+9.9	+12.7	+9.2	+11.1	+9.1	+9.1	+10.4	+10.8
February	+9.7	+9.1	+10.7	+8.9	+10.7	+8.8	+8.6	+10.1	+9.7
March	+8.7	+9.0	+8.4	+9.3	+9.6	+7.1	+6.8	+9.3	+8.7
April	+8.3	+8.9	+7.2	+9.4	+9.2	+7.5	+7.7	+9.1	+8.3
May	+8.2	+8.2	+8.0	+9.6	+7.6	+7.6	+8.8	+9.1	+8.2
June	+9.1	+9.0	+8.7	+10.9	+8.1	+10.2	+8.3	+8.9	+9.1
1981-82— July	+9.0	+7.8	+9.0	+11.6	+8.9	+10.7	+8.3	+8.3	+8.9
<i>Change from previous month</i>									
1979-80— June	+0.9	+0.8	+0.8	+0.5	+1.2	+1.6	+1.5	+1.3	+0.9
1980-81— July	+0.4	+0.4	+0.9	-0.2	—	+0.3	+0.7	+1.1	+0.5
August	+0.8	+0.3	+1.2	+0.9	+0.4	+1.1	+1.1	+0.1	+0.7
September	+0.6	+0.9	+0.2	+1.5	+0.5	+0.4	-0.1	+1.9	+0.6
October	+1.0	+1.2	+1.1	+0.7	+0.6	+0.5	+0.6	-0.3	+1.0
November	+1.2	+0.9	+1.3	+1.3	+1.9	+1.8	+1.3	+1.5	+1.3
December	+1.1	+1.1	+1.2	+1.1	+1.2	+0.9	+0.3	+0.5	+1.1
January	-0.5	-0.7	-1.1	+0.4	+0.5	+0.5	-0.1	-0.3	-0.5
February	+0.2	+1.0	-0.4	—	+0.4	-0.7	-0.6	—	+0.2
March	+0.3	+0.7	-0.2	+1.0	+0.1	-0.3	+1.1	+0.8	+0.3
April	+0.9	+0.2	+2.0	+0.2	—	+1.4	+1.5	+0.5	+0.9
May	+1.7	+1.5	+1.4	+1.7	+1.8	+4.1	+1.1	+1.2	+1.7
1981-82— July	+0.3	-0.6	+1.1	+0.4	+0.8	+0.7	+0.7	+0.5	+0.3

TABLE 3. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: FOOD GROUP  
CONTRIBUTION OF FOOD GROUP TO ALL GROUPS INDEX  
(in terms of All Groups index points)

	Weighted average of six State capital cities	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Weighted average of seven capital cities
1981— April	71.88	74.35	69.01	74.34	70.45	71.14	69.50	63.11	71.66
May	72.52	74.47	70.42	74.47	70.47	72.13	70.57	63.46	72.29
June	73.76	75.56	71.42	75.70	71.73	75.04	71.32	64.21	73.52
June quarter	72.72	74.80	70.28	74.84	70.89	72.77	70.46	63.60	72.49
July	74.01	75.09	72.24	75.99	72.28	75.59	71.84	64.52	73.78

TABLE 4. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: FOOD GROUP AND COMPONENT SUBGROUPS

	Reference base period	Change between				Contribution to total CPI (expressed as All Groups index points)			Change between June 1981 and July 1981
		Index numbers		June 1981	July 1980	June 1981	July 1981	July 1981	
		June 1981	July 1981	July 1981	July 1981				
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES									
Dairy produce	1966-67 = 100.0	273.9	274.5	+0.2	+12.5	6.93	6.94	+0.01	
Cereal products	"	347.8	347.9	—	+13.9	7.62	7.63	+0.01	
Meat and seafoods	"	354.2	350.4	-1.1	+0.3	20.29	20.07	-0.22	
Beef and veal	"	347.6	342.1	-1.6	-2.4	9.62	9.47	0.15	
Lamb and mutton	"	379.8	378.4	-0.4	-6.1	3.50	3.49	-0.01	
Pork	"	317.4	320.2	+0.9	+7.4	0.81	0.81	—	
Poultry	Dec. Qtr. 1968 = 100.0	229.2	222.1	-3.1	+13.4	1.60	1.55	-0.05	
Other meat	1966-67 = 100.0	338.5	338.0	-0.1	+8.8	3.24	3.23	-0.01	
Fish	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	175.1	174.2	-0.5	+1.6	1.52	1.51	-0.01	
Fruit and vegetables	"	169.4	173.3	+2.3	+22.0	10.18	10.42	+0.24	
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	182.4	187.5	+2.8	+26.3	7.61	7.83	+0.22	
Processed fruit and vegetables	1966-67 = 100.0	238.5	240.8	+1.0	+10.8	2.57	2.59	+0.02	
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	"	386.8	391.5	+1.2	+11.2	7.17	7.25	+0.08	
Meals out and take-away food	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	161.7	162.8	+0.7	+9.6	14.73	14.83	+0.10	
Other food	1966-67 = 100.0	255.4	256.6	+0.5	+6.3	6.84	6.87	+0.03	
Food group	"	326.1	327.2	+0.3	+9.0	73.76	74.01	+0.25	
SYDNEY									
Dairy produce	1966-67 = 100.0	254.8	254.5	-0.1	+14.3	6.42	6.41	-0.01	
Cereal products	"	343.1	343.5	+0.1	+13.4	7.43	7.43	—	
Meat and seafoods	"	372.4	362.3	-2.7	-2.1	21.21	20.63	-0.58	
Beef and veal	"	382.6	367.8	-3.9	-6.0	10.22	9.83	-0.39	
Lamb and mutton	"	423.3	413.4	-2.3	-10.4	4.00	3.90	-0.10	
Pork	"	325.5	324.2	-0.4	+13.0	0.74	0.74	—	
Poultry	Dec. Qtr. 1968 = 100.0	224.4	217.0	-3.3	+18.9	1.60	1.55	-0.05	
Other meat	1966-67 = 100.0	327.2	329.0	+0.6	+10.9	3.01	3.03	+0.02	
Fish	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	165.3	165.3	—	+5.7	1.63	1.58	-0.05	
Fruit and vegetables	"	179.0	179.8	+0.4	+20.3	10.86	10.91	+0.05	
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	196.5	197.5	+0.5	+22.2	8.22	8.26	+0.04	
Processed fruit and vegetables	1966-67 = 100.0	227.8	227.9	—	+14.2	2.64	2.64	—	
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	"	393.5	396.0	+0.6	+10.4	7.07	7.12	+0.05	
Meals out and take-away food	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	157.0	157.0	—	+8.8	15.01	16.01	+1.00	
Other food	1966-67 = 100.0	246.7	247.2	+0.2	+7.0	6.27	6.58	+0.01	
Food group	"	326.7	324.7	-0.6	+7.8	75.56	75.09	-0.47	
MELBOURNE									
Dairy produce	1966-67 = 100.0	285.8	287.2	+0.5	+10.7	7.21	7.25	+0.04	
Cereal products	"	352.9	351.6	-0.4	+16.2	7.77	7.74	-0.03	
Meat and seafoods	"	327.8	327.6	-0.1	+0.5	19.79	19.78	-0.01	
Beef and veal	"	296.3	295.7	-0.2	-2.0	8.79	8.77	-0.02	
Lamb and mutton	"	327.0	332.2	+1.6	-6.1	3.44	3.50	+0.06	
Pork	"	301.5	309.3	+2.6	+3.0	0.89	0.91	+0.02	
Poultry	Dec. Qtr. 1968 = 100.0	228.6	219.6	-3.9	+10.4	1.68	1.62	-0.06	
Other meat	1966-67 = 100.0	368.7	364.5	-1.1	+9.9	3.50	3.46	-0.04	
Fish	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	195.7	199.9	+2.1	+0.6	1.49	1.52	+0.03	
Fruit and vegetables	"	159.2	167.2	+5.0	+23.9	9.64	10.12	+0.48	
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	165.8	176.2	+6.3	+29.6	7.27	7.73	+0.46	
Processed fruit and vegetables	1966-67 = 100.0	251.2	254.4	+1.3	+8.5	2.36	2.39	+0.03	
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	"	387.9	394.2	+1.6	+11.0	6.69	6.80	+0.11	
Meals out and take-away food	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	161.1	163.6	+1.6	+8.8	13.30	13.50	+0.20	
Other food	1966-67 = 100.0	264.1	265.1	+0.4	+5.6	7.03	7.05	+0.02	
Food group	"	319.3	322.9	+1.1	+9.0	71.42	72.24	+0.82	

TABLE 4. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: FOOD GROUP AND COMPONENT SUBGROUPS—continued

	Reference base period	Change between				Contribution to total CPI (expressed as All Groups index points)			Change between June 1981 and July 1981
		Index numbers		July 1980 and July 1981	July 1980 and July 1981	June 1981	July 1981	July 1981	
		June 1981	July 1981	%	%				
<b>BRISBANE</b>									
Dairy produce	1966-67 = 100.0	297.4	297.3	—	+14.4	8.11	8.11	—	—
Cereal products	"	342.7	343.7	+0.3	+12.0	7.85	7.87	+0.02	—
Meat and seafoods	"	363.9	364.2	+0.1	+5.4	20.19	20.20	+0.01	—
Beef and veal	"	375.4	376.3	+0.2	+5.0		10.85	10.87	+0.02
Lamb and mutton	"	370.3	372.8	+0.7	+1.9		2.31	2.33	+0.02
Pork	"	328.8	327.8	-0.3	+4.4		1.00	0.99	-0.01
Poultry	Dec. Qtr. 1968 = 100.0	217.7	214.5	-1.5	+5.8		1.28	1.26	-0.02
Other meat	1966-67 = 100.0	312.5	312.3	-0.1	+7.2		3.26	3.26	—
Fish	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	177.9	177.8	-0.1	+10.6	1.48	1.48	—	—
Fruit and vegetables	"	173.4	174.2	+0.5	+24.8	10.58	10.63	10.63	+0.05
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	192.6	192.1	-0.3	+30.5		7.88	7.86	-0.02
Processed fruit and vegetables	1966-67 = 100.0	231.6	237.6	+2.6	+11.0		2.69	2.76	+0.07
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	"	366.9	372.9	+1.6	+13.5	7.87	8.00	8.00	+0.13
Meals out and take-away food	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	167.9	168.4	+0.3	+12.5	14.00	14.04	14.04	+0.04
Other food	1966-67 = 100.0	253.4	254.5	+0.4	+5.4	7.10	7.13	7.13	+0.03
Food group	"	332.3	333.6	+0.4	+11.6	75.70	75.99	75.99	+0.29
<b>ADELAIDE</b>									
Dairy produce	1966-67 = 100.0	272.4	272.1	-0.1	+10.0	6.30	6.29	6.29	-0.01
Cereal products	"	354.9	356.3	+0.4	+12.1	7.78	7.82	7.82	+0.04
Meat and seafoods	"	348.8	348.4	-0.1	+0.6	19.11	19.09	19.09	-0.02
Beef and veal	"	343.4	341.5	-0.6	-1.9		8.33	8.28	-0.05
Lamb and mutton	"	381.6	384.8	+0.8	-0.9		3.57	3.60	+0.03
Pork	"	335.9	336.5	+0.2	+5.3		0.56	0.56	—
Poultry	Dec. Qtr. 1968 = 100.0	262.5	258.1	-1.7	+13.4		1.53	1.50	-0.03
Other meat	1966-67 = 100.0	312.4	314.2	+0.6	+3.1		3.47	3.49	+0.02
Fish	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	161.7	161.4	-0.2	+0.4		1.66	1.66	—
Fruit and vegetables	"	159.4	164.1	+2.9	+23.8	9.07	9.34	9.34	+0.27
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	169.7	177.2	+4.4	+30.3		6.18	6.45	+0.27
Processed fruit and vegetables	1966-67 = 100.0	245.4	245.4	—	+11.3		2.89	2.89	—
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	"	381.5	388.2	+1.8	+11.6	8.21	8.35	8.35	+0.14
Meals out and take-away food	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	162.7	163.7	+0.6	+9.4	14.13	14.21	14.21	+0.08
Other food	1966-67 = 100.0	265.1	267.0	+0.7	+7.8	7.13	7.18	7.18	+0.05
Food group	"	327.0	329.5	+0.8	+8.9	71.73	72.28	72.28	+0.55
<b>PERTH</b>									
Dairy produce	1966-67 = 100.0	272.8	274.8	+0.7	+13.8	7.05	7.10	7.10	+0.05
Cereal products	"	345.3	346.9	+0.5	+11.9	7.45	7.49	7.49	+0.04
Meat and seafoods	"	368.0	367.1	-0.2	+4.4	19.50	19.45	19.45	-0.05
Beef and veal	"	445.2	444.0	-0.3	+5.6		10.00	10.00	—
Lamb and mutton	"	312.8	314.7	+0.6	+14.3		2.88	2.87	-0.01
Pork	"	218.2	213.2	-2.3	+11.4		0.77	0.77	—
Poultry	Dec. Qtr. 1968 = 100.0	341.7	342.0	+0.1	+6.2		1.78	1.74	-0.04
Other meat	1966-67 = 100.0	160.7	159.5	-0.7	+0.4		2.95	2.95	—
Fish	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	179.0	182.4	+1.9	+19.9	10.53	11.12	11.11	-0.01
Fruit and vegetables	"	197.8	201.2	+1.7	+25.3		8.06	8.20	+0.20
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	197.0	182.4	+1.7	+25.3		2.47	2.53	+0.06
Processed fruit and vegetables	1966-67 = 100.0	239.7	245.4	+2.4	+5.3				
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	"	392.5	395.1	+0.7	+11.7	7.50	7.54	7.54	+0.04
Meals out and take-away food	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	175.2	177.0	+1.0	+12.6	16.48	16.64	16.64	+0.16
Other food	1966-67 = 100.0	247.5	251.3	+1.5	+5.9	6.53	6.62	6.62	+0.10
Food group	"	336.0	338.5	+0.7	+10.7	75.04	75.59	75.59	+0.55

TABLE 4. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: FOOD GROUP AND COMPONENT SUBGROUPS—continued

Reference base period	Change between				Contribution to total CPI (expressed as All Groups index points)				
	Index numbers		June 1981	July 1980 and July 1981	June 1981		July 1981	Change between June 1981 and July 1981	
	June 1981	July 1981	July 1981 %	July 1981 %	June 1981	July 1981			
<b>HOBART</b>									
Dairy produce	1966-67 = 100.0	274.1	279.5	+2.0	+11.4	7.15	7.29	+0.14	
Cereal products	"	351.6	353.1	+0.4	+10.7	7.09	7.12	+0.03	
Meat and seafoods	"	354.6	349.4	-1.5	+2.6	21.00	20.69	-0.31	
Beef and veal	"	362.3	354.1	-2.3	+0.1		10.85	10.61	-0.24
Lamb and mutton	"	335.9	330.1	-1.7	-0.4		3.92	3.85	-0.07
Pork	"	355.3	359.4	+1.2	+9.2		0.89	0.90	+0.01
Poultry	Dec. Qtr. 1968 = 100.0	243.0	236.6	-2.6	+26.8		1.45	1.42	-0.03
Other meat	1966-67 = 100.0	330.7	333.9	+1.0	+4.8		2.71	2.74	+0.03
Fish	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	181.1	181.6	+0.3	+2.9		1.18	1.18	
Fruit and vegetables	"	150.3	158.9	+5.7	+13.1	8.33	8.80	+0.47	
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	157.6	168.9	+7.2	+15.8		5.43	5.82	+0.39
Processed fruit and vegetables	1966-67 = 100.0	239.1	246.0	+2.9	+8.1		2.89	2.98	+0.09
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	"	369.0	372.1	+0.8	+11.1	6.30	6.35	+0.05	
Meals out and take-away food	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	173.0	174.1	+0.6	+12.8	14.61	14.70	+0.09	
Other food	1966-67 = 100.0	267.4	269.1	+0.6	+3.3	6.84	6.89	+0.05	
Food group	"	325.3	327.7	+0.7	+8.3	71.32	71.84	+0.52	
<b>CANBERRA</b>									
Dairy produce	1966-67 = 100.0	241.6	260.0	+7.6	+12.6	5.47	5.89	+0.42	
Cereal products	"	344.7	345.2	+0.1	+12.4	6.21	6.22	+0.01	
Meat and seafoods	"	367.0	360.0	-1.9	-2.7	19.35	18.98	-0.37	
Beef and veal	"	365.3	350.8	-4.0	-8.3		9.65	9.27	-0.38
Lamb and mutton	"	434.2	428.3	-1.4	-4.7		4.77	4.70	-0.07
Pork	"	345.8	358.8	+3.8	+14.7		0.68	0.70	+0.02
Poultry	Dec. Qtr. 1968 = 100.0	198.7	208.4	+4.9	+20.7		1.07	1.12	+0.05
Other meat	1966-67 = 100.0	319.6	321.9	+0.7	+7.8		3.01	3.03	+0.02
Fish	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	167.8	163.3	-2.7	-2.0		1.46	1.42	-0.04
Fruit and vegetables	"	153.3	155.0	+1.1	+20.1	7.98	8.07	+0.09	
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	155.8	158.6	+1.8	+26.6		4.99	5.08	+0.09
Processed fruit and vegetables	1966-67 = 100.0	236.2	235.9	-0.1	+10.3		2.99	2.99	
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	"	388.5	394.9	+1.6	+13.2	6.11	6.21	+0.10	
Meals out and take-away food	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	163.5	164.4	+0.6	+13.1	12.69	12.75	+0.06	
Other food	1966-67 = 100.0	264.6	264.2	-0.2	+9.6	6.40	6.40		
Food group	"	324.1	325.7	+0.5	+8.3	64.21	64.52	+0.31	
<b>WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SEVEN CAPITAL CITIES</b>									
Dairy produce	1966-67 = 100.0	273.3	274.3	+0.4	+12.5	6.89	6.92	+0.03	
Cereal products	"	347.8	347.9	+0.1	+13.8	7.59	7.59		
Meat and seafoods	"	354.4	350.5	-1.1	+0.3	20.27	20.04	-0.23	
Beef and veal	"	348.0	342.2	-1.7	-2.5		9.62	9.47	-0.15
Lamb and mutton	"	380.5	379.1	-0.4	-6.0		3.50	3.49	-0.01
Pork	"	317.9	320.9	+0.9	+7.6		0.80	0.81	+0.01
Poultry	Dec. Qtr. 1968 = 100.0	228.5	221.8	-2.9	+13.5		1.59	1.54	-0.05
Other meat	1966-67 = 100.0	338.3	337.8	-0.1	+8.8		3.23	3.23	
Fish	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	174.9	173.9	-0.6	+1.5		1.52	1.51	-0.01
Fruit and vegetables	"	169.0	172.9	+2.3	+22.0	10.12	10.36	+0.24	
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	181.8	186.9	+2.8	+26.3		7.54	7.75	+0.21
Processed fruit and vegetables	1966-67 = 100.0	238.7	240.9	+0.9	+10.8		2.58	2.61	+0.03
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	"	386.9	391.6	+1.2	+11.3	7.14	7.23	+0.09	
Meals out and take-away food	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	161.7	162.8	+0.7	+9.7	14.68	14.78	+0.10	
Other food	1966-67 = 100.0	255.7	256.8	+0.4	+6.3	6.83	6.86	+0.03	
Food group	"	326.0	327.1	+0.3	+8.9	73.52	73.78	+0.26	