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INQUIRIES

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Percentage change between -

	June 78 and July 78 %	July 77 and July 78 %
Weighted average of six State capital cities	+0.9	+9.3
Sydney	+1.1	+10.1
Melbourne	+1.0	+8.8
Brisbane	+0.6	+8.3
Adelaide	+0.8	+9.0
Perth	+0.6	+10.1
Hobart	+1.3	+9.0
Canberra	+0.9	+9.7
Weighted average of seven capital cities	+0.9	+9.4

Main price changes between June 1978 and July 1978.

- Beef prices increased in all cities except Adelaide.
- Milk prices increased in Brisbane, Hobart and Canberra.
- Prices of fresh vegetables fell in all cities except Adelaide.
- Prices for the 'meals out, take away food' sub-group increased in most cities, and particularly in Sydney, Melbourne and Hobart.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This bulletin contains monthly index numbers for the Food Group of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and for component sub-groups 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 sub-groups (including the Food Group) are published in the quarterly bulletin *Consumer Price Index* (6401.0). Detailed information about the CPI is presented in that bulletin.

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

July 1978	234.9
less June 1978	232.7
Change in index points	+2.2

$$\text{Percentage change} = \frac{+2.2}{232.7} \times 100 = +0.9\%$$

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 sub-groups and other groupings within the Food Group. Table 4 also shows the contribution which each sub-group makes to the total CPI. These are expressed in terms of 'All Groups index points'. For instance, in July 1978 the Dairy produce sub-group contributed 5.20 index points out of a total of 53.15 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 sub-groups 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 sub-group 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 53.15 for July 1978, 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)

Average Retail Prices of Selected Items, Six State Capital Cities and Canberra (6403.0)

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

Symbols used

— Nil or less than half the final digit shown.

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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
1975-76	180.2	181.8	177.8	180.8	180.6	180.2	177.5	181.3	180.2
1976-77	201.2	200.2	198.9	201.7	205.8	205.5	201.5	201.5	201.2
1977-78	223.2	220.1	220.9	222.6	229.7	235.6	224.3	221.6	223.2
1976-77									
June	212.9	209.6	212.1	211.5	217.1	223.8	212.1	208.6	212.8
1977-78									
July	214.9	211.1	213.5	213.2	221.3	227.6	216.2	213.2	214.8
August	217.7	213.4	216.9	216.2	224.6	229.4	218.7	215.8	217.7
September	219.8	215.2	219.5	217.6	227.1	231.2	221.8	216.9	219.7
October	222.4	218.8	221.8	218.9	229.0	233.2	223.0	218.9	222.3
November	222.2	219.3	220.7	220.4	227.0	233.5	223.2	218.3	222.1
December	221.7	218.5	220.0	220.3	228.0	232.8	223.8	219.9	221.7
January	222.6	219.9	219.5	223.1	229.6	234.2	225.5	220.3	222.6
February	223.6	222.0	219.0	225.5	229.6	235.1	225.4	224.6	223.6
March	224.4	222.6	220.2	226.7	230.0	236.1	225.6	224.3	224.4
April	227.7	224.8	224.3	229.6	235.1	240.0	226.0	226.2	227.7
May	229.0	225.4	225.6	229.5	236.3	245.4	229.8	229.3	229.0
June	232.7	229.9	229.9	229.6	239.3	248.9	232.6	231.7	232.7
1978-79									
July	234.9	232.4	232.2	230.9	241.3	250.5	235.7	233.8	234.9

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>									
1975-76	+9.9	+9.3	+10.0	+9.7	+10.3	+12.0	+11.9	+12.1	+9.9
1976-77	+11.7	+10.1	+11.9	+11.6	+14.0	+14.0	+13.5	+11.1	+11.7
1977-78	+10.9	+9.9	+11.1	+10.4	+11.6	+14.6	+11.3	+10.0	+10.9
<i>Change from corresponding month of previous year -</i>									
1976-77									
June	+13.6	+11.8	+15.3	+12.3	+13.6	+16.3	+14.0	+10.6	+13.6
1977-78									
July	+13.5	+11.5	+14.5	+12.9	+13.6	+17.9	+15.1	+12.8	+13.4
August	+13.3	+11.5	+14.2	+12.7	+14.0	+17.6	+14.6	+11.3	+13.3
September	+12.5	+10.3	+13.7	+11.2	+13.3	+18.1	+12.5	+10.7	+12.4
October	+12.2	+10.9	+12.6	+11.1	+12.8	+16.2	+11.9	+9.5	+12.1
November	+11.2	+9.6	+12.0	+10.1	+11.9	+16.0	+10.8	+8.0	+11.2
December	+10.5	+8.7	+11.7	+9.0	+10.9	+14.5	+11.5	+8.2	+10.4
January	+9.7	+8.9	+9.8	+7.3	+11.2	+13.6	+11.0	+8.3	+9.7
February	+10.4	+10.6	+9.2	+10.8	+10.9	+13.2	+10.2	+10.9	+10.4
March	+9.6	+9.3	+9.1	+9.9	+9.9	+12.0	+10.4	+9.3	+9.6
April	+10.1	+9.3	+9.9	+11.0	+10.4	+13.1	+9.6	+9.3	+10.1
May	+9.8	+9.4	+9.0	+9.9	+10.9	+13.7	+9.6	+10.8	+9.9
June	+9.3	+9.7	+8.4	+8.6	+10.2	+11.2	+9.7	+11.1	+9.4
1978-79									
July	+9.3	+10.1	+8.8	+8.3	+9.0	+10.1	+9.0	+9.7	+9.4
<i>Change from previous month -</i>									
1976-77									
June	+2.1	+1.7	+2.5	+1.2	+1.9	+3.7	+1.2	+0.8	+2.1
1977-78									
July	+0.9	+0.7	+0.7	+0.8	+1.9	+1.7	+1.9	+2.2	+0.9
August	+1.3	+1.1	+1.6	+1.4	+1.5	+0.8	+1.2	+1.2	+1.4
September	+1.0	+0.8	+1.2	+0.6	+1.1	+0.8	+1.4	+0.5	+0.9
October	+1.2	+1.7	+1.0	+0.6	+0.8	+0.9	+0.5	+0.9	+1.2
November	-0.1	+0.2	-0.5	+0.7	-0.9	+0.1	+0.1	-0.3	-0.1
December	-0.2	-0.4	-0.3	-	+0.4	-0.3	+0.3	+0.7	-0.2
January	+0.4	+0.6	-0.2	+1.3	+0.7	+0.6	+0.8	+0.2	+0.4
February	+0.4	+1.0	-0.2	+1.1	-	+0.4	-	+2.0	+0.4
March	+0.4	+0.3	+0.5	+0.5	+0.2	+0.4	+0.1	-0.1	+0.4
April	+1.5	+1.0	+1.9	+1.3	+2.2	+1.7	+0.2	+0.8	+1.5
May	+0.6	+0.3	+0.6	-	+0.5	+2.7	+1.7	+1.4	+0.6
June	+1.6	+2.0	+1.9	-	+1.3	+1.4	+1.2	+1.0	+1.6
1978-79									
July	+0.9	+1.1	+1.0	+0.6	+0.8	+0.6	+1.3	+0.9	+0.9

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
1978									
April	51.51	51.98	50.17	52.31	51.57	53.60	49.55	44.81	51.35
May	51.81	52.12	50.48	52.29	51.83	54.80	50.39	45.43	51.65
June	52.65	53.17	51.43	52.31	52.48	55.59	51.00	45.91	52.49
June quarter	51.99	52.43	50.69	52.30	51.96	54.66	50.31	45.38	51.83
July	53.15	53.75	51.94	52.61	52.92	55.95	51.68	46.33	52.98

TABLE 4. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: FOOD GROUP AND COMPONENT SUB-GROUPS

	Reference base period	Index numbers		Change between June 1978 and July 1978 %	Contribution to total CPI (expressed as All Groups index points)			Change between June 1978 and July 1978
		June 1978	July 1978		June 1978	July 1978		
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES								
Dairy produce	1966-67 = 100.0	205.1	205.7	+0.3	5.19	5.20		+0.01
Cereal products	"	261.1	262.6	+0.6	5.72	5.76		+0.04
Meat and seafoods	"	222.0	228.2	+2.8	12.72	13.07		+0.35
Beef and veal	"	187.9	195.7	+4.2	5.20	5.42		+0.22
Lamb and mutton	"	278.0	282.3	+1.5	2.86	2.90		+0.04
Pork	"	237.7	242.4	+2.3	0.60	0.62		+0.02
Poultry	Dec. Qtr. 1968 = 100.0	169.9	174.1	+2.5	1.19	1.22		+0.03
Other meat	1966-67 = 100.0	208.7	212.9	+2.0	2.00	2.04		+0.04
Fish	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	134.5	136.2	+1.3	1.17	1.18		+0.01
Fruit and vegetables	"	125.7	122.8	-2.3	7.55	7.38		-0.17
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	130.7	126.4	-3.3	5.46	5.28		-0.18
Processed fruit and vegetables	1966-67 = 100.0	194.6	195.6	+0.5	2.10	2.11		+0.01
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	"	281.8	284.8	+1.1	5.22	5.28		+0.06
Meals out, take-away food	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	118.3	119.5	+1.0	10.78	10.88		+0.10
Other food	1966-67 = 100.0	204.2	208.3	+2.0	5.47	5.58		+0.11
Food Group	"	232.7	234.9	+0.9	52.65	53.15		+0.50
SYDNEY								
Dairy produce	1966-67 = 100.0	194.4	194.3	-0.1	4.90	4.90		-
Cereal products	"	262.6	264.1	+0.6	5.68	5.72		+0.04
Meat and seafoods	"	228.8	235.4	+2.9	13.03	13.40		+0.37
Beef and veal	"	204.5	213.2	+4.3	5.46	5.70		+0.24
Lamb and mutton	"	295.8	302.4	+2.2	2.79	2.86		+0.07
Pork	"	239.8	244.5	+2.0	0.85	0.86		+0.01
Poultry	Dec. Qtr. 1968 = 100.0	163.1	166.5	+2.1	1.16	1.19		+0.03
Other meat	1966-67 = 100.0	202.2	203.9	+0.8	1.86	1.88		+0.02
Fish	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	121.8	124.3	+2.1	1.20	1.23		+0.03
Fruit and vegetables	"	127.6	124.4	-2.5	7.74	7.55		-0.19
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	134.7	129.7	-3.7	5.64	5.43		-0.21
Processed fruit and vegetables	1966-67 = 100.0	181.7	182.9	+0.7	2.11	2.12		+0.01
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	"	282.0	286.3	+1.5	5.07	5.15		+0.08
Meals out, take-away food	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	113.8	115.0	+1.1	11.60	11.73		+0.13
Other food	1966-67 = 100.0	193.4	199.7	+3.3	5.15	5.32		+0.17
Food Group	"	229.9	232.4	+1.1	53.17	53.75		+0.58
MELBOURNE								
Dairy produce	1966-67 = 100.0	212.5	212.2	-0.1	5.36	5.36		-
Cereal products	"	258.6	260.3	+0.7	5.69	5.73		+0.04
Meat and seafoods	"	207.7	213.9	+3.0	12.54	12.91		+0.37
Beef and veal	"	160.5	168.7	+5.1	4.76	5.00		+0.24
Lamb and mutton	"	250.3	251.9	+0.6	2.63	2.65		+0.02
Pork	"	229.2	235.5	+2.7	0.67	0.69		+0.02
Poultry	Dec. Qtr. 1968 = 100.0	171.1	173.4	+1.3	1.26	1.28		+0.02
Other meat	1966-67 = 100.0	214.8	222.3	+3.5	2.04	2.11		+0.07
Fish	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	154.1	154.6	+0.3	1.17	1.18		+0.01
Fruit and vegetables	"	119.0	116.6	-2.0	7.20	7.06		-0.14
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	120.0	116.7	-2.8	5.27	5.12		-0.15
Processed fruit and vegetables	1966-67 = 100.0	205.9	206.2	+0.1	1.94	1.94		-
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	"	287.9	290.0	+0.7	4.96	5.00		+0.04
Meals out, take-away food	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	121.8	123.3	+1.2	10.65	10.18		+0.13
Other food	1966-67 = 100.0	210.9	214.6	+1.8	5.61	5.71		+0.10
Food Group	"	229.9	232.2	+1.0	51.43	51.94		+0.51

TABLE A. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: FOOD GROUP AND COMPONENT SUB-GROUPS continued

		Index numbers		Change between June 1978 and July 1978 %	Contribution to total CPI (expressed as All Groups Index points)		
Reference base period		June 1978	July 1978	July 1978 %	June 1978	July 1978	Change between June 1978 and July 1978
BRISBANE							
Dairy produce	1966-67 = 100.0	214.5	220.9	+3.0	5.85	6.03	+0.18
Cereal products	"	251.6	253.9	+0.5	5.76	5.79	+0.03
Meat and seafoods	"	213.0	219.4	+3.0	11.62	12.17	+0.35
Beef and veal	"	190.7	199.2	+4.5	5.51	5.75	+0.24
Lamb and mutton	"	245.6	255.7	+4.1	1.53	1.60	+0.07
Pork	"	229.5	232.2	+1.2	0.69	0.70	+0.01
Poultry	Dec. Qtr. 1968 = 100.0	177.5	179.6	+1.2	1.05	1.06	+0.01
Other meat	1966-67 = 100.0	185.4	190.3	+1.0	1.97	1.99	+0.02
Fish	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	127.4	128.6	+0.9	1.06	1.07	+0.01
Fruit and vegetables	"	126.8	120.9	-4.7	7.73	7.38	-0.35
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	134.5	125.8	-6.5	5.50	5.15	-0.35
Processed fruit and vegetables	1966-67 = 100.0	191.7	191.3	-0.2	2.23	2.23	-
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	"	265.7	267.7	+0.8	5.70	5.75	+0.05
Meals out, take-away food	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	116.8	117.2	+0.3	9.74	9.77	+0.03
Other food	1966-67 = 100.0	203.3	204.3	+0.5	5.70	5.73	+0.03
Food Group	"	229.6	230.9	+0.6	52.31	52.61	+0.30
ADELAIDE							
Dairy produce	1966-67 = 100.0	203.3	203.7	+0.2	4.70	4.71	+0.01
Cereal products	"	249.3	270.7	+8.5	5.61	5.94	+0.03
Meat and seafoods	"	237.2	239.2	+0.8	12.99	13.10	+0.11
Beef and veal	"	200.3	199.4	-0.4	4.86	4.84	-0.02
Lamb and mutton	"	310.1	312.0	+0.6	2.90	2.92	+0.02
Pork	"	259.2	264.0	+1.9	0.43	0.44	+0.01
Poultry	Dec. Qtr. 1968 = 100.0	190.5	196.2	+3.0	1.11	1.14	+0.03
Other meat	1966-67 = 100.0	210.4	214.7	+2.0	2.33	2.38	+0.05
Fish	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	132.6	135.2	+2.0	1.36	1.39	+0.03
Fruit and vegetables	"	117.9	119.5	+1.4	6.71	6.80	+0.09
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	119.9	121.4	+1.3	4.37	4.42	+0.05
Processed fruit and vegetables	1966-67 = 100.0	199.3	202.2	+1.5	2.34	2.38	+0.04
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	"	278.9	282.6	+1.3	6.00	6.08	+0.08
Meals out, take-away food	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	120.1	121.1	+0.8	10.43	10.53	+0.09
Other food	1966-67 = 100.0	213.0	214.5	+0.7	5.73	5.77	+0.04
Food Group	"	239.3	241.3	+0.8	52.48	52.92	+0.44
PERTH							
Dairy produce	1966-67 = 100.0	206.1	206.0	-	5.33	5.33	-
Cereal products	"	266.8	267.6	+0.3	5.76	5.77	+0.01
Meat and seafoods	"	239.7	248.2	+3.5	12.70	13.15	+0.45
Beef and veal	"	200.7	208.6	+3.9	5.71	5.94	+0.23
Lamb and mutton	"	319.5	324.3	+1.5	2.07	2.10	+0.03
Pork	"	248.2	257.5	+3.7	0.61	0.63	+0.02
Poultry	Dec. Qtr. 1968 = 100.0	158.3	172.8	+9.2	1.29	1.41	+0.12
Other meat	1966-67 = 100.0	239.8	243.1	+2.2	2.07	2.12	+0.05
Fish	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	135.5	136.6	+0.8	0.95	0.95	-
Fruit and vegetables	"	151.9	148.0	-2.6	8.93	8.71	-0.22
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	166.6	160.6	-3.6	6.79	6.54	-0.25
Processed fruit and vegetables	1966-67 = 100.0	205.1	209.9	+0.9	2.15	2.16	+0.01
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	"	285.5	287.2	+0.6	5.45	5.48	+0.03
Meals out, take-away food	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	125.8	126.0	+0.2	11.83	11.85	+0.02
Other food	1966-67 = 100.0	211.6	214.4	+1.3	5.59	5.66	+0.07
Food Group	"	248.9	250.5	+0.6	55.59	55.95	+0.36

TABLE 4. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: FOOD GROUP AND COMPONENT SUB-GROUPS - continued

	Reference base period	Index numbers		Change between June 1978 and July 1978 %	Contribution to total CPI (expressed as All Groups index points)			Change between June 1978 and July 1978
		June 1978	July 1978	June 1978	July 1978			
HOBART								
Dairy produce	1966-67 = 100.0	205.0	211.3	+2.6	5.38	5.51		+0.13
Cereal products	"	206.2	205.7	-0.2	5.37	5.36		-0.01
Meat and seafoods	"	216.6	223.8	+3.3	12.83	13.26		+0.43
Beef and veal	"	185.8	199.6	+7.4		5.98		+0.41
Lamb and mutton	"	248.0	249.1	+0.4		2.90		+0.01
Pork	"	247.8	244.6	-1.3		0.61		-0.01
Poultry	Dec. Qtr. 1968 = 100.0	171.4	171.3	-0.1		1.03		-
Other meat	1966-67 = 100.0	213.3	218.7	+2.5		1.79		-
Fish	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	143.5	144.8	+0.9		0.93		+0.01
Fruit and vegetables	"	121.9	119.0	-2.4	6.75		6.59	-0.16
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	125.5	120.8	-3.7		4.33		-0.16
Processed fruit and vegetables	1966-67 = 100.0	200.4	200.4	-		2.43		-
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	"	270.6	273.3	+1.0		4.62		+0.04
Meats out, take-away food	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	123.3	125.1	+1.5		10.41		+0.16
Other food	1966-67 = 100.0	220.5	224.0	+1.6		5.64		+0.09
Food Group	"	232.6	235.7	+1.3		51.00		+0.65
CANBERRA								
Dairy produce	1966-67 = 100.0	185.4	190.2	+2.6	4.20		4.31	+0.11
Cereal products	"	255.8	256.6	+0.3	4.61		4.62	+0.01
Meat and seafoods	"	213.6	224.6	+5.2	12.58		12.89	+0.31
Beef and veal	"	213.0	218.7	+2.7		5.63		+0.15
Lamb and mutton	"	320.8	335.5	+4.6		2.55		+0.12
Pork	"	258.0	246.9	-4.3		0.51		-0.03
Poultry	Dec. Qtr. 1968 = 100.0	157.2	168.0	+6.9		0.84		+0.06
Other meat	1966-67 = 100.0	195.7	194.5	-0.6		1.84		-0.01
Fish	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	136.2	138.5	+1.7		1.18		+0.02
Fruit and vegetables	"	116.0	113.4	-2.2	6.04		5.91	-0.13
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	115.3	108.9	-5.6		3.69		-0.20
Processed fruit and vegetables	1966-67 = 100.0	185.5	190.7	+2.8		2.35		+0.07
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	"	279.6	284.0	+1.6		4.40		+0.07
Meats out, take-away food	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	117.8	117.8	-		9.14		-
Other food	1966-67 = 100.0	204.2	206.2	+1.0		4.94		+0.05
Food Group	"	231.7	233.8	+0.9		45.91		+0.42
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Dairy produce	1966-67 = 100.0	204.7	205.5	+0.4	5.16		5.18	+0.02
Cereal products	"	261.0	262.5	+0.6	5.69		5.73	+0.04
Meat and seafoods	"	222.4	228.5	+2.7	12.72		13.07	+0.35
Beef and veal	"	188.5	196.3	+4.1		5.21		+0.22
Lamb and mutton	"	278.6	283.1	+1.6		2.56		+0.04
Pork	"	237.4	242.4	+2.1		0.60		+0.01
Poultry	Dec. Qtr. 1968 = 100.0	169.6	173.9	+2.5		1.18		+0.03
Other meat	1966-67 = 100.0	208.5	212.6	+2.0		1.99		+0.04
Fish	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	134.5	136.2	+1.3		1.17		+0.01
Fruit and vegetables	"	125.4	122.6	-2.2	7.51		7.35	-0.16
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	130.4	126.1	-3.3		5.41		-0.18
Processed fruit and vegetables	1966-67 = 100.0	194.5	194.6	+0.6		2.10		+0.02
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	"	281.8	284.5	+1.1	5.20		5.25	+0.05
Meats out, take-away food	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	118.3	119.4	+0.9	10.74		10.84	+0.10
Other food	1966-67 = 100.0	204.3	208.3	+2.0		5.46		+0.11
Food Group	"	233.7	234.9	+0.5	52.49		52.98	+0.49