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SUMMARY OF RESULTS

	Percentage change between —	
	Apr. 78 and May 78 %	May 77 and May 78 %
Weighted average of six State capital cities	+0.6	+9.8
Sydney	+0.3	+9.4
Melbourne	+0.6	+9.0
Brisbane	..	+9.9
Adelaide	+0.5	+10.9
Perth	+2.3	+13.7
Hobart	+1.7	+9.6
Canberra	+1.4	+10.8
Weighted average of seven capital cities	+0.6	+9.9

Main price changes between April 1978 and May 1978.

- Fresh fruit and vegetable prices increased in most cities, and especially in Perth and Hobart.
- Beef prices increased significantly in Hobart and Canberra.
- Coffee prices fell in all cities.

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 average¹ 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

May 1978	229.0
less April 1978	227.7
Change in index points	1.3

$$\text{Percentage change} = \frac{1.3}{227.7} \times 100 = 0.6\%$$

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 May 1978 the Dairy produce sub-group contributed 5.18 index points out of a total of 51.81 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 51.81 for May 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 *Catalogue of Publications 1977* (1101.0).

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
1974-75	164.0	166.3	161.7	164.8	163.7	160.9	158.6	161.7	163.9
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
1976-77									
May	208.5	206.1	206.9	208.9	213.1	215.8	209.6	206.9	208.4
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

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>									
1974-75	+9.7	+9.8	+8.7	+8.1	+10.4	+13.5	+12.2	+8.8	+9.6
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
<i>Change from corresponding month of previous year -</i>									
1976-77									
May	+11.7	+10.2	+12.8	+10.8	+12.9	+13.7	+13.7	+10.2	+11.6
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	+9.0	+9.3	+10.1
May	+9.8	+9.4	+9.0	+9.9	+10.9	+13.7	+9.6	+10.8	+9.9
<i>Change from previous month -</i>									
1976-77									
May	+0.8	+0.7	+1.4	+1.0	..	+1.7	+1.1	..	+0.7
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	+2.3	+1.7	+1.4	+0.6

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									
January	50.36	50.85	49.11	50.83	50.35	52.30	49.43	43.65	50.20
February	50.58	51.35	49.00	51.38	50.36	52.52	49.41	44.49	50.43
March	50.77	51.48	49.26	51.64	50.45	52.73	49.45	44.45	50.62
March quarter	50.57	51.23	49.12	51.28	50.39	52.51	49.43	44.20	50.41
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

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

	Reference base period	Index numbers		Change between April 1978 and	Contribution to total CPI (expressed as All Groups Index points)		
		April 1978	May 1978	May 1978 %	April 1978	May 1978	Change between April 1978 and May 1978
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES							
Dairy produce	1966-67 = 100.0	203.8	204.7	+0.4	5.16	5.18	+0.02
Cereal products	"	238.0	259.1	+0.4	5.66	5.68	+0.02
Meat and seafoods	"	213.9	214.2	+0.1	12.25	12.26	+0.01
Beef and veal	"	174.9	176.1	+0.7	4.84	4.87	+0.03
Lamb and mutton	"	262.2	262.7	+0.2	2.42	2.42	..
Pork	"	228.1	229.3	+0.5	0.58	0.58	..
Poultry	"	180.1	175.9	-2.3	1.26	1.23	-0.03
Other meat	Dec. Qtr. 1968 = 100.0	207.0	208.6	+0.8	1.98	2.00	+0.02
Fish	1966-67 = 100.0	135.4	133.9	-1.1	1.18	1.16	-0.02
Fruit and vegetables	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	117.1	120.7	+3.1	7.04	7.25	+0.21
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	118.9	123.5	+3.9	4.96	5.15	+0.19
Processed fruit and vegetables	1966-67 = 100.0	192.9	195.2	+1.2	2.08	2.10	+0.02
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	"	278.5	280.9	+0.9	5.16	5.20	+0.04
Meals out, take-away food	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	117.3	117.9	+0.5	10.68	10.74	+0.06
Other food	1966-67 = 100.0	207.8	205.1	-1.3	5.57	5.49	-0.08
Food Group	"	227.7	229.0	+0.6	51.51	51.81	+0.30
SYDNEY							
Dairy produce	1966-67 = 100.0	193.2	193.6	+0.2	4.87	4.88	+0.01
Cereal products	"	257.0	257.3	+0.1	5.56	5.57	+0.01
Meat and seafoods	"	218.2	217.8	-0.2	12.42	12.40	-0.02
Beef and veal	"	187.7	188.2	+0.3	5.02	5.03	+0.01
Lamb and mutton	"	274.1	275.1	+0.4	2.59	2.60	+0.01
Pork	"	223.7	225.4	+0.8	0.51	0.51	..
Poultry	Dec. Qtr. 1968 = 100.0	178.0	169.3	-4.9	1.27	1.21	-0.06
Other meat	1966-67 = 100.0	199.0	202.5	+1.8	1.83	1.86	+0.03
Fish	"	122.3	120.4	-1.6	1.21	1.19	-0.02
Fruit and vegetables	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	120.3	123.8	+2.9	7.30	7.51	+0.21
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	123.9	128.6	+3.8	5.18	5.38	+0.20
Processed fruit and vegetables	1966-67 = 100.0	182.7	183.8	+0.6	2.12	2.13	+0.01
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	"	279.1	280.9	+0.6	5.02	5.05	+0.03
Meals out, take-away food	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	112.9	113.3	+0.4	11.51	11.56	+0.05
Other food	1966-67 = 100.0	196.9	193.8	-2.6	5.30	5.16	-0.14
Food Group	"	224.8	228.4	+0.3	51.98	52.12	+0.14
MELBOURNE							
Dairy produce	1966-67 = 100.0	211.8	212.6	+0.4	5.38	5.37	+0.02
Cereal products	"	257.6	258.3	+0.3	5.67	5.69	+0.02
Meat and seafoods	"	199.1	200.0	+0.5	12.02	12.07	+0.05
Beef and veal	"	146.9	149.5	+1.8	4.36	4.43	+0.07
Lamb and mutton	"	233.8	236.1	+1.0	0.65	0.65	..
Pork	"	221.4	222.6	+0.5	0.65	0.65	..
Poultry	Dec. Qtr. 1968 = 100.0	179.6	175.4	-2.3	1.32	1.29	-0.03
Other meat	1966-67 = 100.0	216.7	215.7	-0.5	2.06	2.05	-0.01
Fish	"	154.0	152.5	-1.0	1.17	1.16	-0.01
Fruit and vegetables	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	109.3	112.0	+2.5	6.61	6.78	+0.17
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	107.2	110.5	+3.1	4.70	4.85	+0.15
Processed fruit and vegetables	1966-67 = 100.0	203.0	205.3	+1.1	1.91	1.93	+0.02
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	"	283.8	287.5	+1.3	4.89	4.96	+0.07
Meals out, take-away food	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	120.4	121.2	+0.7	9.94	10.00	+0.06
Other food	1966-67 = 100.0	213.7	210.9	-1.3	5.69	5.61	-0.08
Food Group	"	224.3	225.6	+0.6	50.17	50.48	+0.31

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

	Reference base period	Index numbers		Change between April 1978 and May 1978 %	Contribution to total CPI (expressed as All Groups Index points)		
		April 1978	May 1978		April 1978	May 1978	Change between April 1978 and May 1978
BRISBANE							
Dairy produce	1966-67 = 100.0	212.7	213.7	+0.5	5.80	5.83	+0.03
Cereal products	"	251.4	252.4	+0.4	5.76	5.78	+0.02
Meat and seafoods	"	211.2	209.2	-0.9	11.72	11.61	-0.11
Beef and v. a	"	185.5	184.7	-0.4	5.36	5.34	-0.02
Lamb and mutton	"	242.5	237.9	-1.9	1.51	1.49	-0.02
Pork	"	225.1	223.7	-0.6	0.68	0.68	..
Poultry	Dec. Qtr. 1968 = 100.0	185.5	181.0	-2.4	1.09	1.07	-0.02
Other meat	1966-67 = 100.0	186.3	187.1	+0.4	1.95	1.95	..
Fish	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	134.2	129.9	-3.2	1.12	1.08	-0.04
Fruit and vegetables	"	129.8	129.9	+0.1	7.92	7.92	..
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	139.8	139.1	-0.5	5.72	5.69	-0.03
Processed fruit and vegetables	1966-67 = 100.0	188.6	191.4	+1.5	2.19	2.23	+0.04
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	"	264.2	264.7	+0.2	5.67	5.68	+0.01
Meals out, take-away food	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	115.5	116.1	+0.5	9.63	9.69	+0.06
Other food	1966-67 = 100.0	207.4	206.3	-0.5	5.81	5.78	-0.03
Food Group	"	229.6	229.5	..	52.31	52.29	-0.02
ADELAIDE							
Dairy produce	1966-67 = 100.0	201.8	203.4	+0.8	4.67	4.70	+0.03
Cereal products	"	266.7	268.4	+0.6	5.85	5.89	+0.04
Meat and seafoods	"	233.6	232.7	-0.4	12.80	12.75	-0.05
Beef and veal	"	190.9	191.4	+0.3	4.63	4.64	+0.01
Lamb and mutton	"	310.4	300.7	-3.1	2.90	2.81	-0.09
Pork	"	257.9	257.5	-0.2	0.43	0.43	..
Poultry	Dec. Qtr. 1968 = 100.0	196.0	198.1	+1.1	1.14	1.15	+0.01
Other meat	1966-67 = 100.0	208.9	209.7	+0.4	2.32	2.33	+0.01
Fish	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	134.0	135.2	+0.9	1.38	1.39	+0.01
Fruit and vegetables	"	109.2	110.9	+1.6	6.22	6.31	+0.09
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	107.3	109.1	+1.7	3.91	3.98	+0.07
Processed fruit and vegetables	1966-67 = 100.0	196.8	198.8	+1.4	2.31	2.34	+0.03
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	"	275.7	277.8	+0.8	5.93	5.98	+0.05
Meals out, take-away food	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	119.0	119.8	+0.7	10.33	10.40	+0.07
Other food	1966-67 = 100.0	214.8	215.3	+0.2	5.78	5.79	+0.01
Food Group	"	235.1	236.3	+0.5	51.57	51.93	+0.26
PERTH							
Dairy produce	1966-67 = 100.0	203.8	205.2	+0.7	5.27	5.31	+0.04
Cereal products	"	261.5	266.2	+1.8	5.64	5.74	+0.10
Meat and seafoods	"	233.4	236.1	+1.2	12.37	12.51	+0.14
Beef and veal	"	193.1	193.2	+0.1	5.50	5.50	..
Lamb and mutton	"	306.7	312.8	+2.0	1.98	2.02	+0.04
Pork	"	248.7	251.6	+1.2	0.61	0.62	+0.01
Poultry	Dec. Qtr. 1968 = 100.0	165.8	169.0	+1.9	1.36	1.38	+0.02
Other meat	1966-67 = 100.0	229.6	236.7	+3.1	1.98	2.04	+0.06
Fish	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	134.5	135.0	+0.4	0.94	0.94	..
Fruit and vegetables	"	129.7	142.7	+10.0	7.63	8.39	+0.76
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	136.2	152.2	+12.5	5.55	6.24	+0.69
Processed fruit and vegetables	1966-67 = 100.0	201.5	208.8	+3.6	2.08	2.15	+0.07
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	"	280.0	283.9	+1.4	5.35	5.42	+0.07
Meals out, take-away food	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	125.0	125.4	+0.3	11.76	11.80	+0.04
Other food	1966-67 = 100.0	211.4	213.3	+0.9	5.58	5.63	+0.05
Food Group	"	240.0	245.4	+2.3	53.60	54.80	+1.20

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

	Reference base period	Index numbers		Change between April 1978 and May 1978 %	Contribution to total CPI (expressed as All Groups index points)		
		April 1978	May 1978		April 1978	May 1978	Change between April 1978 and May 1978
		HOBART					
Dairy produce	1966-67 = 100.0	203.3	206.2	+1.4	5.31	5.38	+0.07
Cereal products	"	263.8	266.2	+0.9	5.32	5.37	+0.05
Meat and seafoods	"	204.8	210.5	+2.8	12.13	12.47	+0.34
Beef and veal	"	173.5	179.3	+3.3			
Lamb and mutton	"	226.4	230.5	+1.8	5.20	5.37	+0.17
Pork	"	242.4	247.1	+1.9	2.64	2.69	+0.05
Poultry	Dec. Qtr. 1968 = 100.0	162.8	179.9	+10.5	0.61	0.62	+0.01
Other meat	1966-67 = 100.0	217.3	218.6	+0.6	0.97	1.08	+0.11
Fish	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	143.4	141.7	-1.2	1.78	1.79	+0.01
Fruit and vegetables	"	110.2	116.8	+6.0	6.11	6.47	+0.36
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	107.4	117.5	+9.4			
Processed fruit and vegetables	1966-67 = 100.0	198.4	199.8	+0.7	3.70	4.05	+0.35
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	"	270.9	273.1	+0.8	2.40	2.42	+0.02
Meals out, take-away food	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	122.3	123.0	+0.6	4.63	4.66	+0.04
Other food	1966-67 = 100.0	224.0	220.8	-1.4	10.33	10.39	+0.06
Food Group	"	226.0	229.8	+1.7	5.73	5.65	-0.08
					49.55	50.39	+0.84
CANBERRA							
Dairy produce	1966-67 = 100.0	184.3	185.2	+0.5	4.17	4.19	+0.02
Cereal products	"	252.2	254.8	+1.0	4.55	4.59	+0.04
Meat and seafoods	"	232.7	236.6	+1.7	12.27	12.47	+0.20
Beef and veal	"	206.6	212.2	+2.7	5.46	5.61	+0.15
Lamb and mutton	"	311.9	304.2	-2.5	2.51	2.44	-0.07
Pork	"	254.5	257.1	+1.0	0.50	0.50	
Poultry	Dec. Qtr. 1968 = 100.0	162.7	178.9	+10.0	0.87	0.96	+0.09
Other meat	1966-67 = 100.0	190.6	192.4	+0.9	1.79	1.81	+0.02
Fish	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	131.3	132.1	+0.6	1.14	1.15	+0.01
Fruit and vegetables	"	106.7	110.2	+3.3	5.56	5.74	+0.18
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	101.1	105.8	+4.6			
Processed fruit and vegetables	1966-67 = 100.0	182.9	185.6	+1.5	2.32	2.35	+0.03
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	"	274.5	278.7	+1.5	4.32	4.38	+0.06
Meals out, take-away food	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	115.2	117.2	+1.7	8.94	9.10	+0.16
Other food	1966-67 = 100.0	206.9	204.5	-1.2	5.01	4.95	-0.06
Food Group	"	226.2	229.3	+1.4	44.81	45.45	+0.62
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Dairy produce	1966-67 = 100.0	203.5	204.3	+0.4	5.13	5.15	+0.02
Cereal products	"	257.9	259.0	+0.4	5.63	5.65	+0.02
Meat and seafoods	"	214.3	214.6	+0.1	12.26	12.28	+0.02
Beef and veal	"	175.7	177.0	+0.7			
Lamb and mutton	"	263.0	263.3	+0.1	4.86	4.90	+0.04
Pork	"	228.6	229.7	+0.5	0.55	0.58	..
Poultry	Dec. Qtr. 1968 = 100.0	179.8	175.9	-2.2	1.25	1.22	-0.03
Other meat	1966-67 = 100.0	206.8	208.4	+0.8	1.98	1.99	+0.01
Fish	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	135.9	135.9	-1.0	1.18	1.16	-0.02
Fruit and vegetables	"	116.9	120.4	+3.0	7.00	7.22	+0.22
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	118.6	123.1	+3.8	4.92	5.11	+0.19
Processed fruit and vegetables	1966-67 = 100.0	192.7	195.1	+1.2	2.09	2.11	+0.02
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	"	278.4	280.9	+0.9	5.14	5.18	+0.04
Meals out, take-away food	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	117.2	117.8	+0.5	10.64	10.69	+0.05
Other food	1966-67 = 100.0	207.8	205.1	-1.3	5.55	5.48	-0.07
Food Group	"	227.7	229.0	+0.6	51.35	51.65	+0.30