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Item	Unit	Sydney			Melbourne			Brisbane			Adelaide			Perth			Hobart			Canberra		
		July	Aug.	Sept.	July	Aug.	Sept.	July	Aug.	Sept.	July	Aug.	Sept.	July	Aug.	Sept.	July	Aug.	Sept.	July	Aug.	Sept.
- Cents -																						
Groceries, etc. -																						
Bread, ordinary white, delivered	2 lb	24.0	24.0	24.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	21.0	21.0	21.0	22.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	
Flour, plain	2 lb pkt	21.3	21.0	21.0	21.0	20.8	20.8	17.5	17.5	17.5	16.5	16.7	16.5	17.4	17.4	18.2	18.1	18.1	23.7	23.8	23.6	
" self-raising	2 lb pkt	22.6	22.5	22.2	23.3	23.3	23.3	19.8	19.7	19.8	18.1	17.9	17.9	20.8	20.8	21.4	24.9	24.6	24.8	23.7	23.8	
Tea	1/2 lb pkt	32.6	32.6	32.6	32.9	32.9	31.5	32.4	32.4	32.6	32.1	31.9	31.6	32.5	32.5	32.5	33.9	32.9	32.4	33.1	33.3	
Sugar	4 lb pkt	42.1	42.8	42.8	42.3	41.7	(b)45.9	42.0	42.0	42.0	40.9	41.5	40.8	39.9	39.9	39.9	44.0	43.5	44.2	44.8	44.8	
Rice	1 lb pkt	15.2	15.2	16.3	15.3	16.5	17.4	15.0	16.5	16.7	14.5	15.9	16.6	15.2	15.6	16.6	15.6	16.7	17.0	16.2	16.5	
Jam, apricot	1 1/2 lb	33.1	32.4	32.4	36.6	36.6	36.6	36.0	36.0	36.8	37.2	36.8	37.4	41.1	41.1	40.1	38.8	38.8	33.4	36.6	36.6	
Oats, rolled	2 lb pkt (c)	40.4	40.7	40.7	32.3	32.2	31.4	45.1	45.1	45.8	23.1	23.1	22.8	29.6	30.0	29.6	31.2	31.3	31.6	40.9	41.8	
Peaches, canned	29 oz	33.3	32.9	32.5	31.7	32.8	33.2	33.2	35.6	35.2	30.8	30.0	31.1	36.9	36.9	36.0	30.8	34.6	32.1	33.4	35.0	
Pears, canned	29 oz	32.3	32.3	31.8	33.0	32.1	33.2	33.2	35.6	34.4	31.2	30.6	31.2	35.5	35.7	35.5	34.8	34.6	34.8	42.8	43.7	
Potatoes	7 lb	44.1	45.2	52.3	38.5	39.0	39.5	35.6	37.1	41.2	34.3	37.7	44.2	43.0	49.6	44.7	46.7	47.0	46.4	42.8	43.7	
Onions, brown	1 lb	11.5	12.5	12.1	11.3	11.7	11.9	11.5	11.9	10.4	11.2	11.6	11.8	9.9	12.1	12.7	10.1	10.1	10.5	14.0	14.4	
Soap, laundry	20 oz pkt	34.5	34.4	34.4	37.0	34.7	36.9	37.6	37.0	37.3	30.5	29.9	30.6	36.2	35.5	37.3	36.1	36.7	37.6	35.8	35.6	
Dairy Produce, etc. -																						
Butter	1 lb	58.0	58.0	58.0	55.8	55.8	55.8	56.1	56.3	55.9	55.4	55.0	54.8	55.4	55.5	55.5	58.0	58.0	58.0	58.6	58.6	
Cheese, processed	8 oz pkt	25.8	26.2	26.6	27.9	27.9	27.6	29.8	29.6	30.0	28.4	28.3	28.3	28.5	28.8	29.2	28.4	27.3	28.8	26.9	26.6	
Eggs - 60 g.	doz	66.0	62.0	62.0	58.6	59.5	60.7	62.3	58.1	52.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	68.2	68.2	68.2	..	..	..	65.5	61.5
" 55 g.	" (d)	62.0	59.0	59.0	55.7	58.2	58.6	60.6	55.3	50.4	53.2	53.2	57.7	62.6	62.3	62.4	72.0	72.4	72.4	61.6	59.1	
" 50 g.	"	51.0	55.0	55.0	51.7	55.6	55.7	58.3	54.3	45.9	50.5	51.5	55.3	55.9	56.3	56.2	..	..	..	50.6	54.1
Bacon, rashers, pre-pack	1/2 lb	48.5	47.1	47.4	55.8	55.8	55.8	52.6	49.6	52.9	50.3	48.7	47.9	44.9	44.3	44.4	51.7	51.7	51.7	47.3	47.0	
Milk, evaporated	14 1/2 oz tin	17.8	17.6	17.6	19.7	20.4	19.5	20.3	20.1	19.6	19.6	19.1	19.5	19.8	20.2	20.2	19.9	18.6	20.0	17.7	17.9	
Milk, fresh, bottled, delivered	quart (e)	27.0	27.0	27.0	21.0	21.0	21.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	24.0	24.0	
		Sept. Qtr. 1972			Sept. Qtr. 1972			Sept. Qtr. 1972			Sept. Qtr. 1972			Sept. Qtr. 1972			Sept. Qtr. 1972			Sept. Qtr. 1972		
Meat -																						
Beef, rib (without bone)	lb	63.7			71.0			62.1			66.2			62.5			57.4			62.3		
" steak, rump	"	120.7			122.4			101.8			115.4			125.4			105.0			123.2		
" " T-bone, without fillet (f)	"	103.1			93.0			91.3			98.4			104.9			92.2			99.0		
Beef, steak, chuck	"	57.3			57.0			64.4			65.2			67.6			59.2			60.4		
" sausages	"	30.7			33.0			34.6			28.4			25.1			32.0			33.0		
" silverside, corned	"	63.3			73.4			67.4			71.7			70.1			68.7			70.6		
" brisket, corned	"	46.1			47.1			49.3			48.8			47.6			45.2			48.9		
Mutton, leg	"	35.2			31.4			39.9			33.6			37.3			30.9			37.4		
" chops, loin	"	29.7			29.6			38.8			32.7			30.7			29.3			37.1		
" " leg	"	29.8			31.6			39.1			35.7			33.9			30.8			31.7		
" " forequarter	"	29.1			25.1			36.3			27.3			25.8			23.9			27.9		
Lamb, leg	"	49.7			49.6			57.5			51.8			56.7			52.7			55.9		
" chops, loin	"	51.1			55.0			59.7			58.6			60.8			53.4			65.2		
" " leg	"	53.3			57.7			59.7			61.3			61.8			56.3			63.0		
" " forequarter	"	39.6			40.5			54.3			49.1			52.3			44.5			48.7		
Pork, leg	"	64.8			67.5			70.5			68.4			66.9			68.7			66.9		
" loin	"	62.9			69.7			72.0			68.2			67.8			69.5			66.5		
" chops	"	62.5			70.2			72.0			68.2			68.1			69.5			66.1		

(a) The prices shown in this bulletin are the averages of prices for specified grades, qualities, brands etc. charged by a number of retailers selected as representative to measure price change over time. The prices are published as approximate indicators of price levels and changes therein at a detailed level. They do not purport to be the actual averages of all sales of these items. In some cases the averages shown are price relatives. (b) From September unit of quantity is 2 kg. (c) Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Hobart 1 1/2 lb pkt. (d) Not comparable with previous series for all capitals except Hobart where prices are for dozen of "2 oz". (e) Price for 2 x 1 pint bottles. (f) Sydney, Brisbane and Perth with fillet. n.a. not available.