

**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
MONTHLY FOOD GROUP INDEX
SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA
Catalogue No. 6402.0**

MARCH 1980

AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS Canberra

CATALOGUE NO. 6402.0

NOON 23 APRIL 1980

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MONTHLY FOOD GROUP INDEX, SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA MARCH 1980

INQUIRIES

If you want to know more about these statistics ring Mr Phil Meere on Canberra (062) 525537 or our State office, or write to Information Services, ABS, P.O. Box 10, Belconnen, A.C.T. 2616.

For copies of this publication contact Information Services, Canberra (062) 526627 or State offices.

MAIN FEATURES

	Change between	
	Feb. 80 and Mar. 80	Mar. 79 and Mar. 80
	%	%
Weighted average of six State capital cities	+1.1	+15.7
Sydney	+1.0	+16.8
Melbourne	+1.7	+14.5
Brisbane	-0.4	+18.3
Adelaide	+1.5	+14.3
Perth	+0.8	+13.5
Hobart	+1.1	+15.2
Canberra	+0.8	+14.2
Weighted average of seven capital cities	+1.1	+15.6

Main price changes between February 1980 and March 1980:

Prices of meals out and take-away food increased in all cities.

Beef and lamb prices increased in all cities except Brisbane.

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

March 1980	29.4
Less: February 1980	288.2
Change in index points	+3.2

$$\text{Percentage change} = \frac{+3.2}{288.2} \times 100 = +1.1\%$$

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. 6402.0 (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 March 1980 the Dairy produce subgroup contributed 5.88 index points out of a total of 65.92 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 65.92 for March 1980, 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)

Consumer Price Index Monthly Food Group Index, Darwin (6413.0)

A guide to the Consumer Price Index.

11. All current 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 and other usages

- nil or rounded to zero.

R. J. CAMERON
Australian Statistician

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
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
1978-79	248.8	247.7	245.8	245.7	253.0	260.2	251.2	249.0	248.8
1978-79									
February	251.9	251.6	249.0	249.3	254.8	259.7	255.8	251.1	251.9
March	251.9	250.7	248.9	249.8	256.1	262.5	254.9	253.3	252.0
April	259.6	260.6	255.6	255.8	261.8	268.3	262.8	263.9	259.7
May	263.3	262.7	259.7	259.1	265.0	278.1	266.5	267.5	263.4
June	267.4	265.9	265.3	262.6	270.0	280.0	271.5	271.5	267.5
1979-80									
July	272.6	272.4	270.2	267.6	274.2	282.6	275.0	273.7	272.7
August	270.9	270.4	268.1	266.3	273.2	282.4	274.3	274.0	271.0
September	271.5	271.1	268.7	267.8	274.9	280.1	276.0	274.3	271.6
October	275.1	274.5	272.1	272.6	279.9	282.0	280.6	277.7	275.2
November	276.2	275.9	272.3	274.7	279.5	284.3	285.0	279.1	276.2
December	281.2	281.4	277.1	282.3	281.5	288.9	285.8	281.0	281.2
January	286.9	289.8	278.6	294.7	286.1	293.4	289.5	287.3	286.9
February	288.2	290.0	280.4	296.8	288.6	295.6	290.5	287.0	288.2
March	291.4	292.9	285.1	295.5	292.8	298.0	293.6	289.2	291.4

**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>									
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
1978-79	+11.5	+12.5	+11.3	+10.4	+10.1	+10.4	+12.0	+12.4	+11.5
<i>Change from corresponding month of previous year</i>									
1978-79									
February	+12.7	+13.3	+13.7	+10.6	+11.0	+10.5	+13.5	+11.8	+12.7
March	+12.3	+12.6	+13.0	+10.2	+11.3	+11.2	+13.0	+12.9	+12.3
April	+14.0	+15.9	+14.0	+11.4	+11.4	+11.8	+16.3	+16.7	+14.1
May	+15.0	+16.5	+15.1	+12.9	+7.1	+13.3	+16.0	+16.7	+15.0
June	+14.9	+15.7	+15.4	+14.4	+12.8	+12.5	+16.7	+17.2	+15.0
1979-80									
July	+16.0	+17.2	+16.4	+15.9	+13.6	+12.8	+16.7	+17.1	+16.1
August	+14.8	+15.9	+14.9	+14.4	+13.0	+12.4	+14.9	+15.9	+14.8
September	+13.7	+13.9	+14.6	+12.8	+12.2	+12.4	+14.8	+15.8	+13.8
October	+13.4	+13.8	+13.4	+14.2	+12.4	+11.7	+15.2	+15.5	+13.5
November	+13.2	+13.4	+13.2	+14.0	+12.6	+11.8	+16.3	+15.6	+13.2
December	+14.6	+15.1	+14.2	+16.8	+13.1	+12.7	+16.0	+15.5	+14.6
January	+14.7	+16.7	+12.5	+18.1	+12.9	+13.2	+14.2	+15.6	+14.7
February	+14.4	+15.3	+12.6	+19.1	+13.3	+13.8	+13.6	+14.3	+14.4
March	+15.7	+16.8	+14.5	+18.3	+14.3	+13.5	+15.2	+14.2	+15.6
<i>Change from previous month</i>									
1978-79									
February	+0.7	+1.3	+0.5	-0.1	+0.5	+0.2	+0.9	+1.0	+0.7
March	-	-0.4	-	-	+0.5	+1.1	-0.4	+0.9	-
April	+3.1	+3.9	+2.7	+2.4	+2.2	+2.2	+3.1	+4.2	+3.1
May	+1.4	+0.8	+1.6	+1.3	+1.2	+3.7	+1.4	+1.4	+1.4
June	+1.6	+1.2	+2.2	+1.4	+1.9	+0.7	+1.9	+1.5	+1.6
1979-80									
July	+1.9	+2.4	+1.8	+1.9	+1.6	+0.9	+1.3	+0.8	+1.9
August	-0.6	-0.7	-0.8	-0.5	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3	+0.1	-0.6
September	+0.2	+0.3	+0.2	+0.6	+0.6	-0.8	+0.6	+0.1	+0.2
October	+1.3	+1.3	+1.3	+1.3	+1.8	+0.7	+1.7	+1.2	+1.3
November	+0.4	+0.5	+0.1	+0.8	-0.1	+0.8	+1.6	+0.5	+0.4
December	+1.8	+2.0	+1.8	+2.8	+0.7	+1.6	+0.3	+0.7	+1.8
January	+2.0	+3.0	+0.5	+4.4	+1.6	+1.6	+1.3	+2.2	+2.0
February	+0.5	+0.1	+0.6	+0.7	+0.9	+0.7	+0.3	-0.1	+0.5
March	+1.1	+1.0	+1.7	-0.4	+1.5	+0.8	+1.1	+0.8	+1.1

**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
1979									
December quarter	62.77	64.12	61.25	63.00	61.48	63.67	62.22	55.33	62.59
1980									
January	64.91	67.03	62.33	67.14	62.76	65.54	63.47	56.92	64.71
February	65.20	67.07	62.72	67.61	63.30	66.01	63.68	56.87	65.00
March	65.92	67.74	63.79	67.32	64.23	66.56	64.36	57.29	65.71
March quarter	65.34	67.20	62.95	67.36	63.43	66.03	63.84	57.03	65.14

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)		
		Index numbers		Feb. 1980	Mar. 1979	Feb. 1980	Mar. 1980	Change between Feb. 1980 and Mar. 1980
		Feb. 1980	Mar. 1980	Mar. 1980 %	Mar. 1980 %			
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES								
Dairy produce	1966-67 = 100.0	230.9	232.6	+0.7	+6.6	5.84	5.88	+0.04
Cereal products	"	296.5	299.7	+1.1	+9.8	6.50	6.57	+0.07
Meat and seafoods	"	342.1	345.5	+1.0	+27.9	19.59	19.79	+0.20
Beef and veal	"	346.8	349.8	+0.9	+38.4	9.60	9.68	+0.08
Lamb and mutton	"	374.5	384.1	+2.6	+21.5	3.45	3.54	+0.09
Pork	"	320.0	316.9	-1.0	-14.0	0.81	0.80	-0.01
Poultry	Dec. Qtr. 1968 = 100.0	191.1	191.4	+0.2	+5.1	1.34	1.34	-
Other meat	1966-67 = 100.0	305.6	308.0	+0.8	+26.4	2.92	2.95	+0.03
Fish	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	169.5	170.1	+0.4	+17.8	1.27	1.48	+0.01
Fruit and vegetables	"	133.2	134.6	+1.1	+11.3	8.01	8.09	+0.08
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	138.4	139.8	+1.0	+13.9	5.77	5.83	+0.06
Processed fruit and vegetables	1966-67 = 100.0	207.2	209.6	+1.2	+8.1	2.23	2.26	+0.03
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	"	331.2	335.2	+1.2	+13.0	6.14	6.21	+0.07
Meals out and take-away food	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	143.3	144.8	+1.0	+13.7	13.05	13.19	+0.14
Other food	1966-67 = 100.0	226.8	231.3	+2.0	+9.8	6.08	6.20	+0.12
Food Group	"	288.2	291.4	+1.1	+15.7	65.20	65.92	+0.72
SYDNEY								
Dairy produce	1966-67 = 100.0	212.5	212.7	+0.1	+2.6	5.35	5.36	+0.01
Cereal products	"	293.8	298.6	+1.6	+9.2	9.36	6.46	+0.10
Meat and seafoods	"	361.9	363.6	+0.5	+30.3	20.61	20.70	+0.09
Beef and veal	"	386.0	387.7	+0.4	+41.7	10.32	10.36	+0.04
Lamb and mutton	"	422.7	424.0	+0.3	+25.1	3.99	4.00	+0.01
Pork	"	327.4	313.1	-4.4	+11.5	0.75	0.71	-0.04
Poultry	Dec. Qtr. 1968 = 100.0	181.1	181.2	+0.1	+4.8	1.29	1.29	-
Other meat	1966-67 = 100.0	295.7	302.2	+2.2	+26.8	2.72	2.78	+0.06
Fish	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	156.5	156.9	+0.3	+18.7	1.54	1.55	+0.01
Fruit and vegetables	"	143.1	144.6	+1.0	+13.9	8.68	8.77	+0.09
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	153.8	154.9	+0.7	+17.1	6.44	6.48	+0.04
Processed fruit and vegetables	1966-67 = 100.0	193.7	197.9	+2.2	+6.2	2.25	2.30	+0.05
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	"	338.7	343.1	+1.3	+14.0	6.09	6.17	+0.08
Meals out and take-away food	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	139.9	141.3	+1.0	+15.0	14.26	14.41	+0.15
Other food	1966-67 = 100.0	214.7	220.3	+2.6	+10.4	5.72	5.87	+0.15
Food Group	"	290.0	292.9	+1.0	+16.8	67.07	67.74	+0.67
MELBOURNE								
Dairy produce	1966-67 = 100.0	245.6	248.4	+1.1	+8.9	6.20	6.27	+0.07
Cereal products	"	293.2	295.7	+0.9	+9.9	6.45	6.51	+0.06
Meat and seafoods	"	315.4	322.4	+2.2	+27.2	19.04	19.46	+0.42
Beef and veal	"	296.6	302.5	+2.0	+39.6	8.80	8.97	+0.17
Lamb and mutton	"	325.8	348.2	+6.9	+20.4	3.43	3.66	+0.23
Pork	"	311.4	315.1	+1.2	+17.2	0.92	0.93	+0.01
Poultry	Dec. Qtr. 1968 = 100.0	190.6	192.1	+0.8	+5.4	1.40	1.41	+0.01
Other meat	1966-67 = 100.0	321.4	320.1	-0.4	+23.5	3.05	3.04	-0.01
Fish	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	189.3	190.0	+0.4	+17.2	1.44	1.45	+0.01
Fruit and vegetables	"	117.9	119.7	+1.5	+5.2	7.14	7.25	+0.11
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	115.6	117.8	+1.9	+5.6	5.07	5.17	+0.10
Processed fruit and vegetables	1966-67 = 100.0	219.5	220.8	+0.6	+4.2	2.07	2.08	+0.01
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	"	332.0	335.6	+1.1	+12.3	5.72	5.78	+0.06
Meals out and take-away food	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	145.1	147.0	+1.3	+12.1	11.98	12.13	+0.15
Other food	1966-67 = 100.0	233.0	239.9	+3.0	+9.3	6.20	6.38	+0.18
Food Group	"	280.4	285.1	+1.7	+14.5	62.72	63.79	+1.07

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		Feb. 1980 and Mar. 1980	Mar. 1979 and Mar. 1980	Feb. 1980	Mar. 1980	Change between Feb. 1980 and Mar. 1980	
	Feb. 1980	Mar. 1980	%	%				
BRISBANE								
Dairy produce	1966-67 = 100.0	242.6	244.6	+0.8	+9.3	6.62	6.67	+0.05
Cereal products	"	296.3	299.7	+1.1	+11.2	6.79	6.86	-0.07
Meat and seafoods	"	380.6	355.2	-1.5	-30.4	20.01	19.71	-0.30
Beef and veal	"	379.8	373.4	-1.7	+9.2	10.97	10.79	-0.18
Lamb and mutton	"	363.4	348.8	-4.0	+17.9	2.27	2.18	-0.09
Pork	"	334.2	333.3	-0.3	+15.9	1.01	1.01	-
Poultry	Dec. Qtr. 1968 = 100.0	201.9	197.7	-2.1	+5.3	3.19	3.17	-0.02
Other meat	1966-67 = 100.0	291.2	293.8	+0.9	+33.2	1.04	1.07	+0.03
Fish	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	181.9	179.4	-1.4	+21.3	1.52	1.50	-0.02
Fruit and vegetables	"	150.4	146.2	-2.8	+22.3	9.17	8.92	-0.25
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	165.8	160.0	-3.5	+30.5	6.79	6.55	-0.24
Processed fruit and vegetables	1966-67 = 100.0	205.1	203.4	-0.8	+4.2	2.39	2.37	-0.02
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	"	306.7	310.5	+1.2	+11.9	6.58	6.66	+0.08
Meals out and take-away food	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	144.0	144.4	+0.4	+15.1	12.01	12.04	+0.03
Other food	1966-67 = 100.0	229.4	230.3	+0.4	+11.1	6.43	6.45	+0.02
Food Group	"	296.8	295.5	-0.4	+18.3	67.61	67.37	-0.29
ADELAIDE								
Dairy produce	1966-67 = 100.0	231.1	233.0	+0.8	+7.0	5.35	5.39	+0.04
Cereal products	"	310.4	310.8	+0.1	+10.5	6.81	6.82	+0.01
Meat and seafoods	"	340.5	342.3	+0.5	-24.3	18.66	18.75	+0.09
Beef and veal	"	338.1	339.7	+0.5	+29.7	8.20	8.24	+0.04
Lamb and mutton	"	384.5	390.4	+1.5	+20.7	3.60	3.65	+0.05
Pork	"	335.6	332.4	-1.0	+15.2	0.55	0.55	-
Poultry	Dec. Qtr. 1968 = 100.0	224.3	226.4	+0.9	+7.8	1.31	1.32	+0.01
Other meat	1966-67 = 100.0	298.4	297.7	-0.2	+28.4	3.31	3.30	-0.01
Fish	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	164.0	164.6	+0.4	+18.5	1.68	1.69	+0.01
Fruit and vegetables	"	116.4	124.9	+7.3	+7.5	6.62	7.11	+0.49
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	114.2	126.4	+10.9	+9.3	2.46	4.61	+0.45
Processed fruit and vegetables	1966-67 = 100.0	209.3	212.3	+1.4	+4.4	2.46	2.50	+0.04
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	"	326.8	332.4	+1.7	+12.9	7.03	7.15	+0.12
Meals out and take-away food	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	143.0	144.7	+1.2	+13.2	12.42	12.56	+0.14
Other food	1966-67 = 100.0	238.6	239.8	+0.5	+10.6	6.42	6.45	+0.03
Food Group	"	288.6	292.8	+1.5	+14.3	63.30	64.23	+0.93
PERTH								
Dairy produce	1966-67 = 100.0	229.0	231.8	+1.2	+7.6	5.92	5.99	+0.07
Cereal products	"	304.5	306.1	+0.5	+8.8	6.57	6.60	+0.03
Meat and seafoods	"	338.2	344.7	+1.9	+21.8	17.92	18.26	+0.34
Beef and veal	"	331.7	338.5	+2.1	+29.4	9.44	9.64	+0.20
Lamb and mutton	"	380.1	389.7	+2.5	+13.3	2.46	2.52	+0.06
Pork	"	287.8	292.2	+1.5	+8.1	0.71	0.72	+0.01
Poultry	Dec. Qtr. 1968 = 100.0	183.0	183.5	+0.3	+3.5	1.50	1.50	-
Other meat	1966-67 = 100.0	318.5	322.7	+1.3	+25.9	2.75	2.79	+0.04
Fish	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	152.6	158.2	+3.7	+11.3	1.07	1.10	+0.03
Fruit and vegetables	"	150.4	148.7	-1.1	+12.2	8.84	8.75	-0.09
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	161.1	158.1	-1.9	+14.8	6.56	6.44	-0.12
Processed fruit and vegetables	1966-67 = 100.0	221.4	223.6	+1.0	+5.6	2.28	2.31	+0.03
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	"	339.7	341.8	+0.6	+13.3	6.49	6.53	+0.04
Meals out and take-away food	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	150.3	152.2	+1.3	+12.7	14.14	14.31	+0.17
Other food	1966-67 = 100.0	232.2	231.4	-0.3	+6.4	6.13	6.11	-0.02
Food Group	"	295.6	298.0	+0.8	+13.5	66.01	66.56	+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		Feb. 1980 and Mar. 1980	Mar. 1979 and Mar. 1980	Feb. 1980	Mar. 1980	Change between Feb. 1980 and Mar. 1980	
	Feb. 1980	Mar. 1980	%	%				
HOBART								
Dairy produce	1966-67 = 100.0	236.0	236.8	+0.3	+9.7	6.16	6.18	+0.02
Cereal products	"	305.5	307.7	+0.7	+9.5	6.16	6.20	+0.04
Meat and seafoods	"	330.2	336.4	+9.9	+25.2	9.56	19.92	+0.36
Beef and veal	"	345.0	351.4	+1.9	+35.6	10.34	10.53	+0.19
Lamb and mutton	"	315.8	329.9	+4.5	+12.4	3.68	3.85	+0.17
Pork	"	328.2	326.4	-0.5	+20.8	0.82	0.81	-0.01
Poultry	Dec. Qtr. 1968 = 100.0	194.2	180.6	-7.0	-3.0	1.16	1.08	-0.08
Other meat	1966-67 = 100.0	305.2	311.8	+2.2	+29.7	2.50	2.55	+0.05
Fish	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	162.2	168.3	+3.8	+13.3	1.06	1.10	+0.04
Fruit and vegetables	"	130.7	132.4	+1.3	+12.9	7.24	7.34	+0.10
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	134.0	135.2	+0.9	+16.2	4.62	4.66	+0.04
Processed fruit and vegetables	1966-67 = 100.0	216.5	220.7	+1.9	+7.4	2.62	2.67	+0.05
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	"	316.1	317.9	+0.6	+13.3	5.39	5.43	+0.04
Meals out and take-away food	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	152.1	152.7	+0.4	+12.1	12.85	12.90	+0.05
Other food	1966-67 = 100.0	247.3	250.1	+1.1	+8.9	6.33	6.40	+0.07
Food Group	"	290.5	293.6	+1.5	+15.2	63.68	64.36	+0.68
CANBERRA								
Dairy produce	1966-67 = 100.0	213.3	212.6	-0.3	+9.4	4.83	4.82	-0.01
Cereal products	"	291.8	297.1	+1.8	+9.9	5.26	5.36	+0.10
Meat and seafoods	"	354.8	357.1	+0.6	+19.4	18.70	18.82	+0.12
Beef and veal	"	353.7	358.9	+1.5	+24.1	9.34	9.48	+0.14
Lamb and mutton	"	427.9	430.5	+0.6	+10.4	3.44	3.46	+0.02
Pork	"	348.7	348.6	-0.4	+12.8	0.68	0.68	-
Poultry	Dec. Qtr. 1968 = 100.0	187.9	175.9	-6.4	+0.6	1.01	0.94	-0.07
Other meat	1966-67 = 100.0	301.0	306.6	+1.2	+27.6	2.83	2.86	+0.03
Fish	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	160.9	160.0	-0.6	+14.7	1.40	1.39	-0.01
Fruit and vegetables	"	124.9	122.4	-2.0	+12.0	6.50	6.38	-0.12
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	121.5	117.2	-3.5	+16.5	3.89	3.75	-0.14
Processed fruit and vegetables	1966-67 = 100.0	206.1	206.9	+0.4	+6.2	2.61	2.62	+0.01
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	"	330.7	336.9	+1.9	+13.4	5.20	5.30	+0.10
Meals out and take-away food	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	139.1	140.4	+0.9	+12.3	10.79	10.89	+0.10
Other food	1966-67 = 100.0	230.3	236.8	+2.8	+13.1	5.58	5.73	+0.15
Food Group	"	287.0	289.2	+0.8	+14.2	56.87	57.29	+0.42
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SEVEN CAPITAL CITIES								
Dairy produce	1966-67 = 100.0	230.6	232.2	+0.7	+6.6	5.81	5.86	+0.05
Cereal products	"	296.5	299.7	+1.1	+9.8	6.47	6.54	+0.07
Meat and seafoods	"	342.3	345.6	+1.0	+27.7	19.58	19.77	+0.19
Beef and veal	"	346.9	349.9	+0.9	+38.0	9.59	9.68	+0.09
Lamb and mutton	"	375.2	384.7	+2.5	+21.2	3.45	3.54	+0.09
Pork	"	320.5	317.4	-1.0	+14.3	0.81	0.80	-0.01
Poultry	Dec. Qtr. 1968 = 100.0	191.1	191.0	-0.1	+5.0	1.33	1.33	-
Other meat	1966-67 = 100.0	305.8	308.2	+0.8	+26.4	2.92	2.95	+0.03
Fish	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	169.2	169.9	+0.4	+17.8	1.47	1.48	+0.01
Fruit and vegetables	"	133.0	134.3	+1.0	+11.3	7.97	8.05	+0.08
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	138.0	139.3	+0.9	+13.9	5.72	5.78	+0.06
Processed fruit and vegetables	1966-67 = 100.0	207.4	209.7	+1.1	+5.2	2.24	2.27	+0.03
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	"	331.2	335.3	+1.2	+13.0	6.11	6.19	+0.08
Meals out and take-away food	Sept. Qtr. 1976 = 100.0	143.2	144.7	+1.0	+13.6	12.99	13.13	+0.14
Other food	1966-67 = 100.0	226.9	231.5	+2.0	+9.9	6.06	6.19	+0.13
Food Group	"	288.2	291.4	+1.1	+15.6	65.00	65.71	+0.71