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—By Steven M. Lutz and others, 94 pp.

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Americans spent \$570 billion for food in 1991 and \$85 billion for alcoholic beverages. Away-from-home meals and snacks captured 45 percent of the U.S. food dollar in 1991, up from 39 percent in 1980 and 34 percent in 1970. This annual

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—by Denis Dunham

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Food Costs...From Farm to Retail in 1992

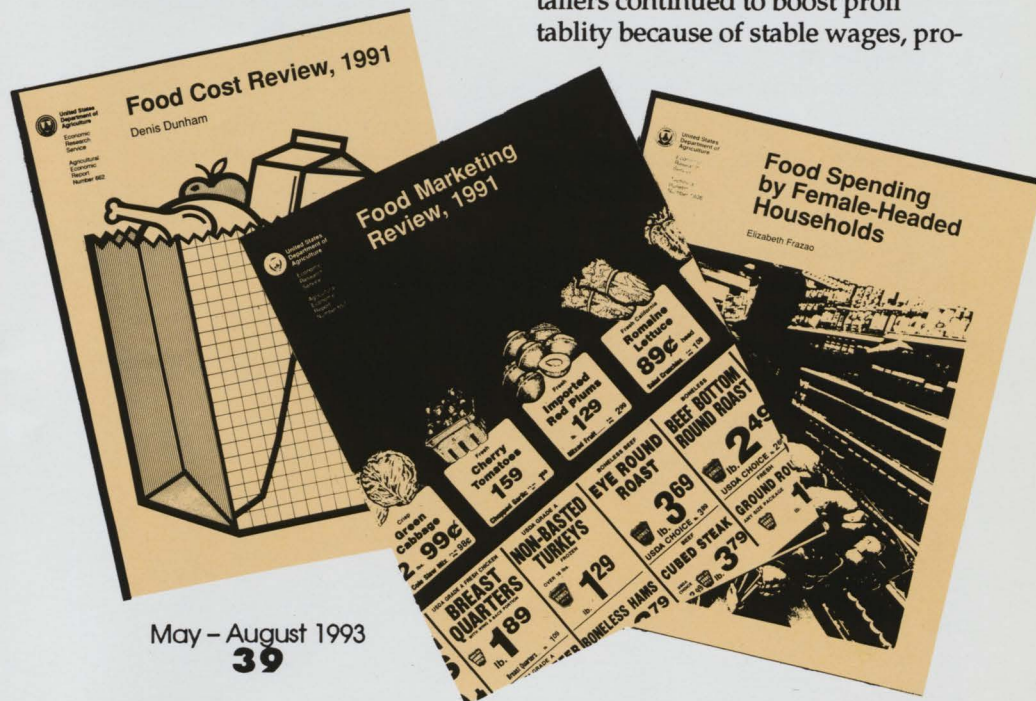
Large food supplies and softened demand slowed the rise in retail food prices in 1992 to an average 1.2 percent above 1991 prices, less than half the 1991 increase. Prices increased slightly in grocery stores, by 0.7 percent, and in restaurants, by 2 percent. This report analyzes food cost changes and explores how the food dollar is distributed among farmers, food processors, and marketers.

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Food Marketing Review, 1991

This report examines developments in the U.S. food marketing system. Although retail sales in the food marketing system showed recession-led declines in 1990 and 1991, food manufacturers and retailers continued to boost profitability because of stable wages, pro-



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