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Food Prices

Food Cost Review, 1989 AER- 636. Denis Dunham. July 1990. \$11.00. Published annually, this report provides answers to such questions as: How much did food prices rise last year? How much of the retail food dollar does the farmer receive and how much is spent on marketing? How have recent developments affected food industry costs, profit margins, and productivity? The detailed information on food costs are presented in over 50 pages of text, tables, and charts.

Food Costs...From Farm to Retail in 1989, AIB-593. \$4.00, summarizes the more detailed *Food Cost Review*. This 12-page bulletin discusses the causes of higher food prices in 1989 and shows that the farmer's share of the food dollar has changed only slightly since 1986. At the same time, however, the farm-to-retail price spread widened.

Supermarket Prices and Price Differences: City, Firm, and Store-level Determinants, TB-1776. Phillip R. Kaufman and Charles R. Handy. December 1989. \$8.00. This bulletin presents the findings of a nationwide survey taken in 1982 from 616 supermarkets representing 321 firms operating in 28 cities. More than

300,000 food and nonfood prices were included. Separate surveys collected detailed data on grocery item prices, labor compensation, and store characteristics and services.

Food Expenditures

Food Spending in American Households, 1980-86, SB-791. David Smallwood. March 1990. \$11.00. This report presents information on trends in prices and in household food expenditures for major food groups by selected demographic factors for 1980-86. In addition, for 1985 and 1986, there are detailed tables for 133 food categories by 10 household socioeconomic characteristics. The information in this report can be used to assess existing market conditions, product distribution patterns, consumer buying habits and living conditions. Combined with demographic and income projections, the information can be used to anticipate consumption trends.

The data are from the 1980-86 Continuing Consumer Expenditure Surveys prepared by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

The Food Industry

Food Marketing Review, 1988, AER-614. Anthony Gallo. August 1989. \$8.00. This annual report profiles the food marketing system and provides information on food manufacturing, wholesaling, retailing, and food service. The report includes, but is not limited to, detailed data on mergers, sales, advertising, prices, profits, productivity, plant and equipment expenditures, and international performance measures. Many of the topics are further explained with charts and a sizable appendix.

The Food Marketing System in 1989, AIB-603, \$4.00, is a summary of the upcoming more detailed report. It analyzes and assesses yearly developments in industry growth, conduct, performance, and structure of the institutions—food processors, wholesalers, retailers, and foodservice firms—that comprise the nation's food marketing system.

Food Consumption

Food Consumption, Prices, and Expenditures, 1967-88, SB- 804. Judith Jones Putnam. May 1990. \$11.00. This mostly statistical report presents historical data from 1967-88 on per capita consumption of major foods in the United States. It also includes basic data on supplies and disposition from which the consumption estimates are derived. The statistics are grouped in categories of per capita food consumption, supply and utilization, prices, income and expenditures, and total expenditures. Each category breaks the statistics down by major foods and, where appropriate, income groups, at-home or away-from-home consumption, meals and snacks, and alcoholic beverages. The prices category includes consumer and producer price indexes, and the average retail food prices for individual items.

International Trade

Foreign Agricultural Trade of the United States, available by subscription, \$20 domestic, \$25 foreign. See ERS ordering information. The latest information on U.S. foreign agricultural trade, including quantity and value by country and commodity as well as price trends and calendar and fiscal year summaries, is presented in six bimonthly issues, two annual supplements, and monthly

updates. Tables highlight commodity and country information, including values, quantities, principal markets for agricultural exports, import sources and trade indexes.

World Agriculture Situation and Outlook, available by subscription, \$12.00. This series offers four issues per year analyzing the situation and outlook of world agriculture. The reports contain timely analyses and forecasts about how the world economy affects agricultural supply and demand, the latest analysis of trade liberalization negotiations, the outlook for the competitiveness of U.S. agri-

culture in world markets, and developments abroad that change agricultural production patterns.

Food Assistance

Food Aid: Motivation and Allocation Criteria, FAER-240. Shahla Shapouri and Margaret Missiaen. February 1990. \$8.00. This study identifies major factors affecting food aid and reviews the evolution of the policies for developing countries of the United States, the European Community, and Canada. It also

measures the domestic effects of food aid in the recipient countries over time.

U.S. Domestic Food Assistance Programs: Lessons From the Past, AIB-570. William Levedahl and Masao

Matsumoto. January 1990. \$4.00. Current domestic food assistance programs, their relationships to each other, their effectiveness, their impact on the food production and marketing sectors, and their costs, are discussed in this bulletin. The authors also suggest food assistance reforms that could be included in discussions of farm policy for the 1990's.