

# Food prices drop half point; barely above year-ago level

Food prices in Kentucky dropped a half percentage point in November, marking the third consecutive month of price decline measured by Kentucky Farm Bureau's marketbasket survey. A selected group of 46 food items cost \$7.81 this month, the Farm Bureau surveyers found. That was 30 cents under the October marketbasket average of \$8.11, and just pennies higher than the \$7.71 tally registered in November 1980.

Since the August high of \$9.27, the price average has declined 2.4 percent. A number of items have experienced double price drops during the three months, including poultry, milk, potatoes, bread, corn meal, apples, lettuce and tomatoes. Only eggs, ice cream and pickles moved up sharply in price during the period.

November's tally sheet reflected overall price stability among the

various food groups, compared to the October figures. Fifteen of the 46 food items gained in price, 19 declined and six were unchanged. Most of the price changes were minor, and movement was mixed in such groupings as meat, dairy products, fresh vegetables and grains.

The closeness of the current survey results with those of a year ago — the difference was just 1/2 of 1 percent — was unique in the 26-month history of the Farm Bureau marketbasket project. Nineteen of the 46 items showed lower price tags this month than in November 1980. That list includes three beef cuts, three poultry items, eggs, cottage cheese, American cheese, potatoes and potato chips, margarine, corn oil, soy sauce, lettuce and peppers.

More food checked in with the lowest local marketbasket average of the 26

communities where Farm Bureau news checkers November prices. Jackson had the highest overall tally. Those local figures are Morehead, \$8.32; Baylerville, \$8.08; Tompkinsville, \$7.94; Glasgow, \$7.82; Hopkinsville and Scottsville, \$7.72; Greensburg, \$7.60; Elizabethtown, \$6.12; Owensboro, \$7.06; Brandenburg, \$7.34; Shelbyville, \$7.71; Covington, \$7.82; Georgetown, \$6.16; Cynthiana, \$6.89; London, \$6.97; Stanford, \$6.32; Lexington, \$6.41; Edgewood, \$6.92; Henderson, \$6.61; Gretna, \$6.66; Murray, \$6.82; Frankfort, \$6.84; Lone Oak, \$6.91.

Most of the good news for supermarket shoppers in this month's survey translates into bad news for agricultural producers. Farm prices were up 1/2 percent in the most recent reporting period, the Department of Agriculture said. Overall, the crop reporting service's farm price index stands more than nine percent below year-ago levels.

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Quail and rabbit numbers show increase

By John Wilson

Both quail and rabbit populations have increased significantly since last year, according to an annual survey conducted by the wildlife division of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

The survey indicates that the summer population of quail was up 36 percent over last year and that rabbit numbers had increased by 29 percent. Increases in both quail and rabbit were noted in all sections of Kentucky.

Both these species were hit hard by the severe winters of 1977-78 and 1978-79. White rabbits have bounced back quickly from the all-time record lows of a few years ago, which were more seriously affected, are still well below the average for the 21 years.

While these figures are meaningless in isolation, they do provide a basis of comparison from year to year and have proven to be accurate indicators of small game population fluctuations.

The 21-year average for rabbits is 2.16 per hundred miles. The 1981 count shows 1.94 per hundred miles, which means that this year's rabbit crop is only five percent below average. The highest rabbit count recorded by the survey was 2.86, in 1979 and the lowest 1.17, in both 1978 and 1979.

Over the years, quail sightings have averaged 1.82 per 100 miles driven by the rural mail carriers, while the 1981 figure is 1.37, or about 25 percent below average.

The best quail populations are in Western Kentucky, where the count of 2.02 is above the 20-year average. Rabbit numbers are best in the Bluegrass region and are also surprisingly strong in many portions of Eastern Kentucky.

Biologists predicted that it would take quail about five years to fully recover from the two back-to-back bad winters, and it looks like these predictions are being borne out by survey results. Rabbit numbers are, for all practical purposes, back to normal. But since rabbit populations tend to rise and fall in natural cycles, it might be some further increases in the next few years if we're on the upswing of the cycle, which it looks like we could well be.

So things are looking up for this year's small game season, which opened last Thursday. But if you do get into a mess of birds or cottontails, remember that the daily limit on quail is eight with a possession limit of 16 and the limit on rabbits is four daily and eight in possession. Rabbit season will run through Jan. 31, 1982, and quail hunting will be permitted through Feb. 15.

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In Boyd Circuit Court, Circuit Judge Charles S. Slaughter held unconstitutional a state statute (KRS 132.000) which exempts industrial machinery, goods in the process of manufacture and intangible property from local taxes.

The suit was brought by the Board of Assessment Appeals of Boyd County.

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**First football team fielded by CHS in 1919**

Dr. Jasper Shannon dropped this photo by the office last week. It is of the first football team fielded by Carlisle High School. The year was 1919. Pictured above are (from left): Row 1, Otto Gaffin, Henry Harper, Charles Barlow, Everett Smith; Row 2, Walter Feaback, Sterling Kern, Harry E. Tilton, Marion Jack Insko; Row 3, Coach Frank M. Carter, Elmer Abury, J. Burnard Linville, Lloyd Jackson and Principal Duke Young. — Photo submitted.

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Items will be published in each issue of the paper, as space permits, until the event occurs. Submit items up to three weeks in advance to Community Calendar, The Carlisle Mercury, P.O. Box 273, Carlisle, KY 40311.

Community Calendar items may be edited due to space limitations.

**Nov. 25, Community Thanksgiving Service**

An area wide Thanksgiving service is set for 7:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church Wednesday, Nov. 25 with Father Joseph Salsola presiding.

**Dec. 5, Christmas Bazaar**

The Hospital Auxiliary will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar Saturday, Dec. 5, starting at 8 a.m. at the Historical Society Building (old LAN Depot). Contact Mrs. W.R. Kingwood at 288-6666 for further information.

**Dec. 12, Annual Feast Day Celebration**

The Catholic parishioners will celebrate the annual Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec. 12 at the First Christian Church with a parish potluck. Contact Father Joe Salsola, 288-6666, for further information.

**Dec. 13, Christmas Dinner**

The annual Baptist Christmas Dinner will be held Sunday, Dec. 13 at the Carlisle Baptist Church. Contact Mrs. J. Salsola at 288-6666 for further information.

**Dec. 16, Christmas Dinner**

The annual Presbyterian Christmas Dinner will be held Wednesday, Dec. 16, 6:30 p.m. at the church.

**Dec. 18, Candlelight Organ Recital**

The Nicholas County Historical Society is sponsoring a Candlelight Organ Recital by John Carter of Berea College at the Carlisle Presbyterian Church on Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. A reception will be held at the Historical Society Building (old LAN Depot) immediately after the recital. Contact Robert Pollock, 288-7818, or any other Historical Society director for additional information.

**Dec. 16, Christmas Dinner**

The Carlisle Christian Church Fellowship Christmas dinner will be Wednesday, Dec. 16, 6:30 p.m. at the church. The program will feature a children's cantata.

**Dec. 20, Christmas Cantata**

The senior choir of the Carlisle Christian Church will present a Christmas cantata "The Wonders of Christmas" Sunday, Dec. 20 at 7 p.m.

**Hospital notes**

Nov. 15-19, Miller, Anna Sears, Dorothy Fryman, Tommy Gilgill, Dorothy Hale, Paul Sirost, Mary Wiloughby, Betty Sapp, Clara French, Alec Crawford, Alex Stone, Carlisle; Frank Weaver, Elizabeth Vase, Moorefield; Cole Turner, John Leonard, Sharpburg; Diana Carson, Gladys Oder, Paris; Jessie Bailey, Budie Roper, M. O. Lovett; Robert Abner, Porter; Lettie Curtis, Mayfield; Beattie Mitchell, Lexington.

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**By Andy Dudley President First National Bank**

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# Kentucky Business Scene

The opening of Kentucky's barley tobacco market may seem to have little significance to the average Kentuckian. But the strength — or lack of it — of barley sales is one of the leading business indicators in the state, whether because it will fix the number of agricultural products.

It makes no about bottom line difference to the incomes of approximately 70,000 growers in the fortunes of those who supply those growers with such things as tractors and fertilizer. And it even makes an economic difference to those Kentuckians who ever come into direct contact with the tobacco industry at all, through the revenues provided by that industry to state government's coffers, for example.

That being the case, there was good news for all Kentuckians at the opening of the 1981-82 barley markets Nov. 23. Kentucky is expected to yield the biggest crop in 18 years this season. As Bennett Hoots, executive director of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association (TGC), said, "The size of the 1981 crop is the talk of the trade."

The market opened with expectations that the crop would yield 715.5 million pounds, 29 percent higher than last year's output. Estimates of the current crop's quality also has been raised from good to excellent.

First estimates of the crop, made by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in September, projected a crop of 711 million pounds. The estimate was raised in October to 715.5 million pounds, which Mr. Hoots said, "surprised even the most optimistic" of Kentucky's barley leaders.

The 1980 crop netted a total of about 565 million pounds, up from the 1979 net of 486 million pounds. Those two years were the worst in history for barley growers, who were plagued with unfavorable growing conditions and plant disease.

As late as August of this year, however, barley growers weren't expecting the "super-crop" now going to market. Late spring rains delayed planting for many growers, and there were widespread reports through the summer of plant disease and insect infestation. The Growers Cooperative in August rated the crop still in the fields as highly "spotty" and extremely

# Thanksgiving gasoline available

Many people will be traveling on Kentucky's highways to visit family and friends during the Thanksgiving weekend, and the availability of gasoline is one worry they will not have, according to the Blue Grass Automobile Club (AAA).

AAA's November Fuel Cautions survey shows that almost 70 percent of the stations contacted along Kentucky's major highways will be open Thanksgiving Day. Seventy-seven percent will be open past 6 p.m. on Saturday, and 60 percent will be open Sunday.

The report also reveals that the average price per gallon for gasoline in Kentucky has dropped one cent at full-service stations since the middle of September and has stayed the same at self-service pumps.

The average price per gallon at full-service pumps is now \$1.37 for regular, \$1.41 for no-add, and \$1.46 for premium no-add. The average price per gallon for diesel fuel is \$1.37. Self-service prices range from three to

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