

Retail food prices fall slightly

Retail food prices in Kentucky fell sharply in September for the fourth consecutive month, according to the Kentucky Farm Bureau. The index for the month was down just 4 of 100 points from the August figure. The index represented the sixth high in the first nine months of the year. The latest findings place the cost of an amount food items at 89.73, compared to 89.97 in August and 90.15 in September 1984. The drop in the index during the last year amounts to 2.2 percent. Among the food groupings showing price declines during the month were pork, down three percent; dairy products, 1.1 percent; fruits and vegetables, off by four percent; and grain and grain foods, down 1.4 percent. Offsetting the trend toward lower food costs were beef, which shot up 1.8 percent; and poultry, up 4.8 percent. **BEEF PRICES** ran parallel to a national price trend, showing a seasonal price trend, showing a seasonal price trend, showing a seasonal price trend. Several months of relatively low retail cattle prices had farm-to-retail margins in cattle ranging from 10 to 15 percent during the year. In general, poultry prices, including long-winged broilers, were up slightly. The findings are sure to further irritate local producers, who have been complaining during the summer months that retailers were charging beef prices higher than cattle markets would justify. Cattlemen

Stockyard report

FARM STOCKYARDS
Sept. 25, 1985
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CATTLE RECEIPTS
Price trend 22,000-30
Beefing utility 26,000-30
Canner and cutter 25,75-34.00
SLAUGHTER BULLS
Yield grade 1-2 Steady 95-75-25
YIELDERS
Price trend Unlimited
FEEDER STEERS, Med. frame No. 1
Price trend 1,800-1,900 higher
60-80 lb. 50-50-50
80-100 lb. 50-50-50
200-300 lb. 50-50-50
400-500 lb. 50-50-50
600-700 lb. 50-50-50
800-900 lb. 50-50-50
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COWS & CALVES
200-300 lb. 50-50-50
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part of the blaine for declining prices of wholesalers and retailers anticipate the harvest. Many times such pricing practices during an upturn, unlike the slower pattern of retail price changes in a down market.

Grain prices moved even lower during the month.

Farm products continue slide

Kentucky farmers continue to face declining prices for most of the commodities they sell, according to the Kentucky Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

The mid-September price for corn was \$1.28 compared to \$1.48 in August and \$1.96 a year ago. Wheat, at a mid-month price of \$1.75, was up slightly from the August average price of \$1.71, but cents below the September 1984 price.

Kentucky livestock prices also showed a decline from last month. The hog mid-September price of \$1.29 was down \$1.04 from last month and \$1.20 below the September 1984 price. The average September price of \$1.29 was down \$1.04 from last month and \$1.20 below the September 1984 price.

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The supervisors of the Nicholas County Conservation District are pleased to present their 1984 Annual Report of the District's activities in the conservation and development of those renewable resources of soil, water, woodland and wildlife.

The District is operated under the Kentucky Revised Statutes. It is a member of the Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts and National Association of Conservation Districts and contributes to both state and national funds. The District makes contact with and provides input into the activities of local, state and federal legislators. Through a memorandum of understanding with the Soil Conservation Service, technical assistance is available in the planning and application of conservation practices. Financial aid is provided through the Nicholas County Fiscal Court and the Kentucky Division of Conservation.

The supervisors meet each month and all regular meetings are open to all landowners and users in Nicholas County. The supervisors conduct special meetings as needed, and attend local, area, state and national meetings. The District provides door prizes for the state convention.

Curie Blaser is the District Conservator for Nicholas and Robertson Counties.

Dale Carter is the area fieldman and assists the district in all activities.

Each year the district presents the Courier Journal conservation poster and essay contest in the local school. This year the district presented savings bonds and plaques to the winning students.

The District provides Soil Stewardship Week each year. All landowners receive material for their records, but last week a cool weather provided more favorable working conditions.

Household has attracted about 35 percent of the tobacco acreage, but damage is generally light. Households were most widespread in the Bluegrass. Some tobacco has been striped.

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