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**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES**  
**OF**  
**SELECTED FOOD AND GROCERY ITEMS**  
  
**SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA**  
  
**SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1973**



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 AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED FOOD AND GROCERY ITEMS (a) : SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1973

Item	Unit	Sydney		Melbourne		Brisbane		Adelaide		Perth		Hobart		Canberra		
		July	Aug.	Sept.	July	Aug.	Sept.	July	Aug.	Sept.	July	Aug.	Sept.	July	Aug.	Sept.
		Cents														
Groceries, etc. -		27.0	27.0	26.0	23.0	26.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	28.0	28.0	28.0	26.0	26.0	26.0	28.0
Bread, ordinary white, delivered	2 lb pkt	22.4	22.6	21.4	17.5	18.8	19.2	18.5	18.8	18.7	18.7	18.7	24.4	24.4	24.8	24.9
Flour, plain	2 lb pkt	23.9	23.8	23.6	19.1	19.8	20.4	21.7	21.6	25.6	25.6	25.6	25.0	24.4	24.7	24.7
"	1/2 lb pkt	31.1	31.1	32.0	30.8	30.9	30.0	31.5	31.7	31.8	32.4	32.4	32.7	32.7	32.8	32.8
Tea	2 kg pkt	46.4	46.1	45.9	46.1	46.4	46.4	45.5	45.5	47.8	47.8	47.8	48.8	48.8	48.8	48.8
Sugar	1 lb pkt	17.7	17.7	18.1	18.9	17.1	18.2	18.6	18.6	19.6	19.6	19.6	18.7	18.7	19.3	19.3
Rice	500g pkt	33.6	33.4	37.9	38.4	39.8	39.7	41.8	41.6	40.7	40.9	40.7	34.8	34.8	34.7	34.7
Jam, apricot	1 1/2 lb	42.9	43.1	43.3	47.1	46.2	44.0	29.8	30.3	32.9	32.9	32.4	43.9	44.0	44.7	44.7
Oats, rolled	2 lb pkt (b)	33.8	33.6	34.5	35.4	35.6	33.1	37.9	38.7	36.0	36.3	35.6	31.7	34.1	33.4	33.4
Peaches, canned	29 oz	33.6	33.6	34.0	35.4	35.6	33.0	37.5	37.5	36.3	36.3	35.8	32.6	34.0	34.1	34.1
Pears, canned	7 lb	82.7	96.0	76.7	107.0	80.7	91.7	59.5	64.1	65.9	62.0	65.5	87.3	103.7	103.7	120.7
Potatoes	lb	18.3	18.1	15.9	16.1	15.4	16.8	17.3	17.3	15.1	15.1	18.0	21.2	23.1	27.2	27.2
Onions, Brown	500g pkt	34.7	36.6	35.8	39.6	28.3	28.6	35.7	36.6	37.3	35.5	37.3	37.0	38.8	39.6	39.6
Soap, laundry		58.0	58.0	55.8	55.6	55.2	54.8	55.7	55.7	58.0	58.0	58.0	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3
Dairy Produce, etc. -	lb	27.1	27.6	30.1	31.0	30.2	29.1	30.1	29.3	30.5	30.9	30.5	28.4	28.4	28.4	28.4
Butter	8 oz pkt	75.0	78.0	76.1	71.3	69.0	72.1	69.9	69.9	82.1	82.0	82.1	74.9	77.9	77.9	77.9
Cheese, processed	doz	69.0	72.0	73.0	69.7	66.7	69.6	64.0	64.0	76.8	76.3	76.8	68.9	71.9	71.9	71.9
Eggs - 60g	doz	65.0	68.0	69.3	69.0	67.3	67.3	57.9	57.9	71.0	70.0	70.0	64.8	67.8	67.8	67.8
" 55g	1/2 lb	50.0	49.2	58.6	54.9	57.7	57.3	47.2	47.7	51.4	51.4	49.9	53.5	55.2	54.4	54.4
" 50g	14 1/2 oz tin	18.0	18.1	19.0	19.5	19.8	19.7	19.3	19.3	18.6	18.6	19.0	18.2	17.3	18.1	18.1
Bacon, rashers, pre-pack	quart (c)	27.0	27.0	24.0	24.0	22.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	26.0	26.0	26.0	26.0
Milk, evaporated		76.0	80.2	78.7	83.3	81.1	83.6	74.2	73.8	68.4	62.1	68.4	74.4	77.5	80.0	80.0
Milk, fresh, bottled, delivered	lb	138.2	148.4	145.0	129.4	137.0	139.1	138.0	141.0	127.6	114.8	127.6	143.4	147.9	151.2	151.2
Meat -	"	121.4	129.2	108.2	115.7	112.1	111.4	114.0	114.8	110.5	98.4	110.5	119.9	122.1	128.2	128.2
Beef, rib (without bone)	"	70.2	75.4	70.4	74.3	80.5	83.8	78.7	79.8	70.2	73.0	70.2	76.9	80.6	82.8	82.8
" steak, rump	"	38.3	40.4	41.1	45.0	43.4	42.5	32.9	33.8	39.1	36.8	39.1	42.9	43.8	45.3	45.3
" T-bone, without fillet (d)	"	72.5	78.2	82.3	86.2	87.6	89.7	81.0	82.2	80.9	80.9	85.1	85.9	87.2	88.3	88.3
" chuck	"	58.3	60.6	56.9	61.9	64.4	68.2	60.6	59.7	61.0	48.5	53.3	61.3	62.9	64.8	64.8
sausages	"	54.3	57.3	46.0	49.5	50.8	56.0	52.6	52.1	52.4	43.4	47.8	55.2	58.2	59.5	59.5
silverside, corned	"	53.4	56.9	45.0	49.0	53.5	56.3	50.4	50.4	50.6	41.8	47.0	55.5	59.1	61.3	61.3
brisket, corned	"	54.4	57.4	47.7	50.0	55.5	58.5	52.7	52.7	53.2	43.6	48.4	56.0	59.0	61.2	61.2
Mutton, (e), leg	"	52.4	56.1	39.7	41.0	48.3	51.5	46.7	46.6	46.3	37.0	43.6	52.2	55.9	58.1	58.1
" chops, loin	"	68.0	70.6	61.9	67.4	66.9	72.8	71.9	71.4	69.5	65.1	71.3	75.3	78.8	79.8	79.8
" " forequarter	"	71.8	75.1	68.1	75.6	83.3	84.5	77.6	73.5	71.5	66.5	72.8	88.3	93.6	94.3	94.3
Lamb, leg	"	74.2	77.3	80.5	82.0	83.3	86.5	82.3	74.9	72.8	71.8	75.9	80.4	88.9	87.9	87.9
" chops, loin	"	58.9	65.8	68.4	64.6	81.8	87.5	88.8	65.9	63.9	57.9	64.0	71.9	74.9	74.9	74.9
" " leg	"	73.6	77.7	78.9	73.3	77.1	77.1	68.8	69.2	69.6	72.5	78.0	78.1	82.6	84.3	84.3
" " forequarter	"	70.8	76.5	74.0	79.8	80.5	83.4	77.6	69.9	70.5	72.3	77.6	78.1	83.3	85.0	85.0
Pork, leg	"	69.8	75.5	71.5	73.8	73.0	78.4	69.7	70.1	70.5	72.5	78.2	77.3	83.3	85.0	85.0
" loin	"															
" chops	"															

(a) The prices shown in this bulletin are the averages of prices for specified grades, qualities, brands etc. charged by a number of retailers selected as representative to measure price change over time. The prices are published as approximate indicators of price levels and changes therein at a detailed level. They do not purport to be the actual averages of all sales of these items. In some cases the averages shown are price relatives. (b) Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Hobart 1/2 lb pkt. (c) Price for 2 x 1 pint bottles. (d) Sydney, Brisbane and Perth with fillet. (e) Figures for Canberra are price relatives based on price movement in Sydney since March 1973. .. not available.

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