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Item	Unit	Sydney			Melbourne			Brisbane			Adelaide			Perth			Hobart			Canberra				
		July	Aug.	Sept.	July	Aug.	Sept.	July	Aug.	Sept.	July	Aug.	Sept.	July	Aug.	Sept.	July	Aug.	Sept.	July	Aug.	Sept.		
Groceries, etc. -																								
Bread, ordinary white, delivered	2 lb	22.0	22.0	22.0	21.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	21.0	21.0	22.0	22.0	21.0	21.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0
Flour, plain	2 lb pkt	18.4	19.2	19.5	18.4	16.4	16.4	16.4	14.5	14.4	17.0	17.0	15.5	15.5	17.3	17.3	17.3	21.6	21.6	21.6	21.6	21.6	21.6	21.6
"	2 lb pkt	21.6	21.7	21.7	21.5	22.3	22.4	22.4	15.4	15.6	20.7	20.7	16.8	16.8	23.8	23.8	23.8	23.2	23.2	23.2	23.2	23.2	23.2	23.2
Tea	1/2 lb pkt	29.7	29.7	32.5	31.4	31.4	33.1	33.1	29.9	30.0	30.0	30.0	31.4	31.4	31.4	31.4	31.4	30.8	30.8	30.8	30.8	30.8	30.8	30.8
Sugar	4 lb pkt	41.6	42.1	42.1	41.4	41.3	41.3	42.2	40.6	40.4	40.0	40.0	41.0	41.0	43.8	43.8	43.8	44.8	44.8	44.8	44.8	44.8	44.8	44.8
Rice	1 lb pkt	14.8	15.0	15.2	15.2	15.3	15.3	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.1	14.8	14.8	15.7	15.7	15.7	15.8	15.8	15.8	15.8	15.8	15.8	15.8	15.8
Jam, apricot	1 1/2 lb	33.5	33.5	33.6	35.4	34.9	36.0	36.4	37.2	37.2	37.2	37.2	37.0	37.0	37.7	37.7	37.7	35.3	35.3	35.3	35.3	35.3	35.3	35.3
Oats, rolled	2 lb pkt (b)	39.8	39.9	40.1	29.3	28.6	29.8	44.1	22.9	22.9	22.9	22.9	22.7	22.7	28.7	28.7	28.7	41.9	41.9	41.9	41.9	41.9	41.9	41.9
Peaches, canned	29 oz	33.3	33.5	32.6	32.7	32.3	32.4	36.3	30.9	30.8	30.8	30.8	30.8	30.8	33.8	33.8	33.8	34.2	34.2	34.2	34.2	34.2	34.2	34.2
Pears, canned	29 oz	33.3	33.5	32.6	32.2	32.8	32.9	36.3	30.3	30.9	30.8	30.8	30.8	30.8	33.8	33.8	33.8	35.1	35.1	35.1	35.1	35.1	35.1	35.1
Potatoes	7 lb	54.7	54.6	54.7	50.6	48.2	46.1	46.7	44.5	43.1	51.1	50.8	41.6	41.6	46.1	45.4	45.4	57.3	57.3	57.3	57.3	57.3	57.3	57.3
Onions, brown	lb	12.1	12.9	13.9	11.4	12.7	16.2	11.2	10.9	11.4	11.6	12.5	11.4	11.4	10.2	10.9	10.9	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6
Soap, laundry	20 oz pkt	33.9	34.2	34.0	34.4	36.4	36.1	36.5	30.7	30.7	30.5	30.5	30.5	30.5	35.9	35.7	35.7	35.7	35.7	35.7	35.7	35.7	35.7	35.7
Dairy Produce, etc. -																								
Butter	lb	54.4	58.0	58.0	53.1	55.9	55.9	53.4	52.3	55.4	53.2	56.2	55.6	55.6	55.0	58.0	58.0	55.6	55.6	55.6	55.6	55.6	55.6	55.6
Cheese, processed	8 oz pkt	23.4	23.3	23.4	23.6	23.2	23.4	26.1	23.9	23.9	25.7	25.6	23.9	23.9	24.7	24.7	24.7	24.6	24.6	24.6	24.6	24.6	24.6	24.6
Eggs	doz (c)	61.0	58.0	58.0	59.5	54.0	55.2	60.4	64.4	64.4	65.3	65.5	57.4	57.4	69.5	68.6	68.6	61.0	61.0	61.0	61.0	61.0	61.0	61.0
Bacon, rashers, pre-pack	1/2 lb	47.4	47.2	47.9	53.6	53.6	53.4	53.0	48.5	48.9	45.6	44.6	50.4	50.4	49.3	49.3	49.3	46.2	46.2	46.2	46.2	46.2	46.2	46.2
Milk, evaporated	14 1/2 oz tin	15.8	16.0	16.1	17.2	17.4	17.4	18.5	17.4	17.4	17.6	17.4	17.2	17.2	17.0	17.4	17.4	16.4	16.4	16.4	16.4	16.4	16.4	16.4
Milk, fresh, bottled, delivered	quart (d)	25.0	25.0	25.0	21.0	21.0	21.0	24.0	20.0	20.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	20.0	22.0	22.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.0
Meat -																								
Beef, rib (without bone)	lb	60.2	60.2	60.2	69.0	69.0	69.0	61.3	64.9	64.9	56.3	56.3	64.9	64.9	57.6	57.6	57.6	58.4	58.4	58.4	58.4	58.4	58.4	
"	"	116.1	116.1	116.1	121.2	121.2	121.2	101.7	112.0	112.0	120.1	120.1	112.0	112.0	100.4	100.4	100.4	116.9	116.9	116.9	116.9	116.9	116.9	
"	"	97.6	97.6	97.6	90.4	90.4	90.4	90.3	94.0	94.0	97.3	97.3	94.0	94.0	89.2	89.2	89.2	96.6	96.6	96.6	96.6	96.6	96.6	
"	"	56.8	56.8	56.8	55.2	55.2	55.2	61.9	63.6	63.6	64.9	64.9	63.6	63.6	57.3	57.3	57.3	58.7	58.7	58.7	58.7	58.7	58.7	
"	"	29.9	29.9	29.9	31.0	31.0	31.0	34.0	28.9	28.9	27.0	27.0	28.9	28.9	30.2	30.2	30.2	32.4	32.4	32.4	32.4	32.4	32.4	
"	"	61.0	61.0	61.0	70.0	70.0	70.0	65.6	68.5	68.5	66.6	66.6	68.5	68.5	65.6	65.6	65.6	67.3	67.3	67.3	67.3	67.3	67.3	
"	"	44.9	44.9	44.9	44.7	44.7	44.7	49.5	47.0	47.0	46.7	46.7	47.0	47.0	46.5	46.5	46.5	47.5	47.5	47.5	47.5	47.5	47.5	
"	"	32.9	32.9	32.9	27.4	27.4	27.4	37.4	30.3	30.3	32.7	32.7	30.3	30.3	27.6	27.6	27.6	38.0	38.0	38.0	38.0	38.0	38.0	
"	"	28.3	28.3	28.3	31.5	31.5	31.5	36.9	28.6	28.6	27.2	27.2	28.6	28.6	26.2	26.2	26.2	32.2	32.2	32.2	32.2	32.2	32.2	
"	"	29.7	29.7	29.7	30.1	30.1	30.1	37.1	31.7	31.7	29.1	29.1	31.7	31.7	28.8	28.8	28.8	32.6	32.6	32.6	32.6	32.6	32.6	
"	"	27.3	27.3	27.3	24.8	24.8	24.8	35.6	25.5	25.5	24.0	24.0	25.5	25.5	21.7	21.7	21.7	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.5	
"	"	46.7	46.7	46.7	42.7	42.7	42.7	53.9	44.9	44.9	47.2	47.2	44.9	44.9	48.9	48.9	48.9	51.3	51.3	51.3	51.3	51.3	51.3	
"	"	48.0	48.0	48.0	46.2	46.2	46.2	55.9	49.8	49.8	44.0	44.0	49.8	49.8	48.8	48.8	48.8	57.8	57.8	57.8	57.8	57.8	57.8	
"	"	50.6	50.6	50.6	49.3	49.3	49.3	56.0	52.9	52.9	47.8	47.8	52.9	52.9	52.4	52.4	52.4	55.0	55.0	55.0	55.0	55.0	55.0	
"	"	36.8	36.8	36.8	35.2	35.2	35.2	48.9	39.8	39.8	40.0	40.0	39.8	39.8	40.4	40.4	40.4	44.4	44.4	44.4	44.4	44.4	44.4	
"	"	68.3	68.3	68.3	63.4	63.4	63.4	70.2	70.6	70.6	67.1	67.1	70.6	70.6	67.4	67.4	67.4	67.4	67.4	67.4	67.4	67.4	67.4	
"	"	67.5	67.5	67.5	67.2	67.2	67.2	71.7	71.1	71.1	69.0	69.0	71.1	71.1	67.8	67.8	67.8	67.3	67.3	67.3	67.3	67.3	67.3	
"	"	67.5	67.5	67.5	67.0	67.0	67.0	70.9	71.2	71.2	69.6	69.6	71.2	71.2	68.0	68.0	68.0	67.1	67.1	67.1	67.1	67.1	67.1	

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives. (b) Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Hobart 1 1/2 lb pkt. (c) Sydney, Melbourne, Perth and Canberra - "24 oz" doz; Adelaide - doz "Large"; Hobart - doz of "2 oz". (d) Price for 2 x 1 pint bottles. (e) Sydney and Brisbane with fillet.

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