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Annual average prices for New York produced agricultural commodities during 2002 were mixed compared with a year earlier. Prices for hay, apples, onions, wheat, oats, corn, potatoes, and eggs increased while prices for cattle, calves, hogs, sheep, lambs, and milk declined.

New York beef producers and dairy farmers with animals to sell saw average prices decrease from year-earlier levels. Steers and heifers averaged \$57.30 per hundredweight (cwt.) during the year, down 12 percent from 2001, while slaughter cows were down 7 percent to \$35.90 per cwt. over the same period. The combined price for all slaughter cattle averaged \$37.10 per cwt., down 8 percent from 2001. Calf prices averaged \$98.50 per cwt. during 2002 down 12 percent from a year earlier. At the National level, annual average prices for all slaughter cattle combined averaged 7 percent lower.

New York pork producers saw prices for hogs average \$30.90 in 2002, down 20 percent from a year earlier. Lamb prices were down 11 per-

cent to \$92.10 per cwt. Table egg prices averaged 46.4 cents per dozen during the year, down 15 percent from 2001. At the U.S. level, hog prices averaged 25 percent lower, while lamb prices were up 11 percent. U.S. table egg prices during 2002 decreased 5 percent from the 2001 level.

Wholesale milk prices received by New York dairy farmers averaged \$12.80 per cwt. during 2002, down 19 percent from \$15.80 a year earlier and 2 percent below the 2000 average.

Table 71. **PARITY RATIO:** Monthly and Annual Average, United States, 1994-2002 ^{1/}

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual average
<u>1990-92 = 100</u>													
1994	99	98	99	95	94	93	92	92	92	90	90	93	94
1995	91	91	91	91	92	92	94	94	95	95	96	97	93
1996	96	94	96	94	97	103	103	101	100	97	96	94	98
1997	92	90	92	90	90	91	90	91	90	91	89	89	90
1998	88	87	89	91	90	89	88	89	88	87	87	87	88
1999	85	84	85	84	85	84	83	85	83	78	80	79	83
2000	76	78	80	84	84	82	81	82	82	77	81	80	81
2001	78	81	83	85	87	86	88	89	85	76	76	76	83
2002	78	80	86	77	80	80	81	81	79	76	78	78	80

^{1/} Ratio of the index of prices received by farmers after adjustment for government payments to the index of prices paid for commodities and services, interest, taxes, and wage rates.