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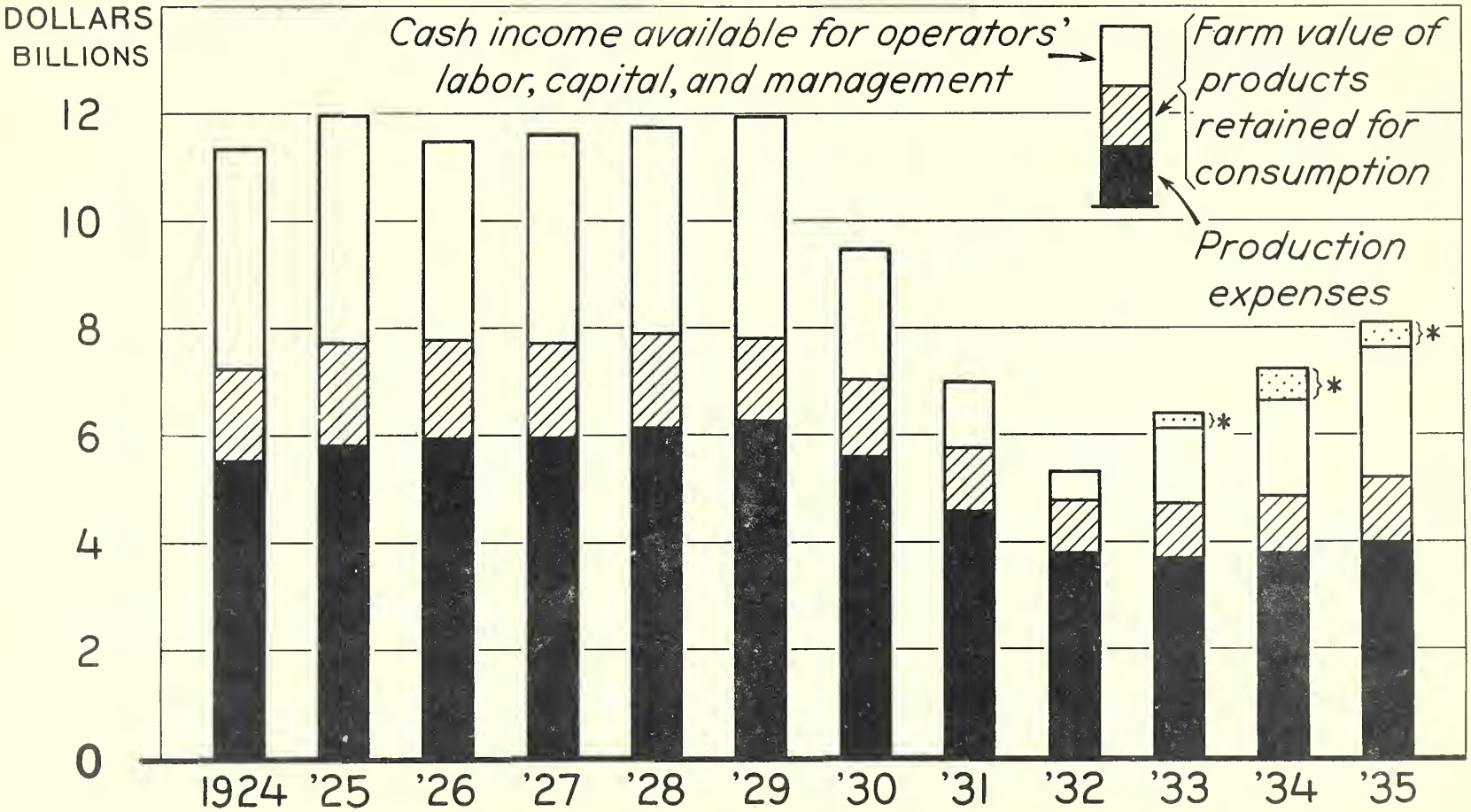

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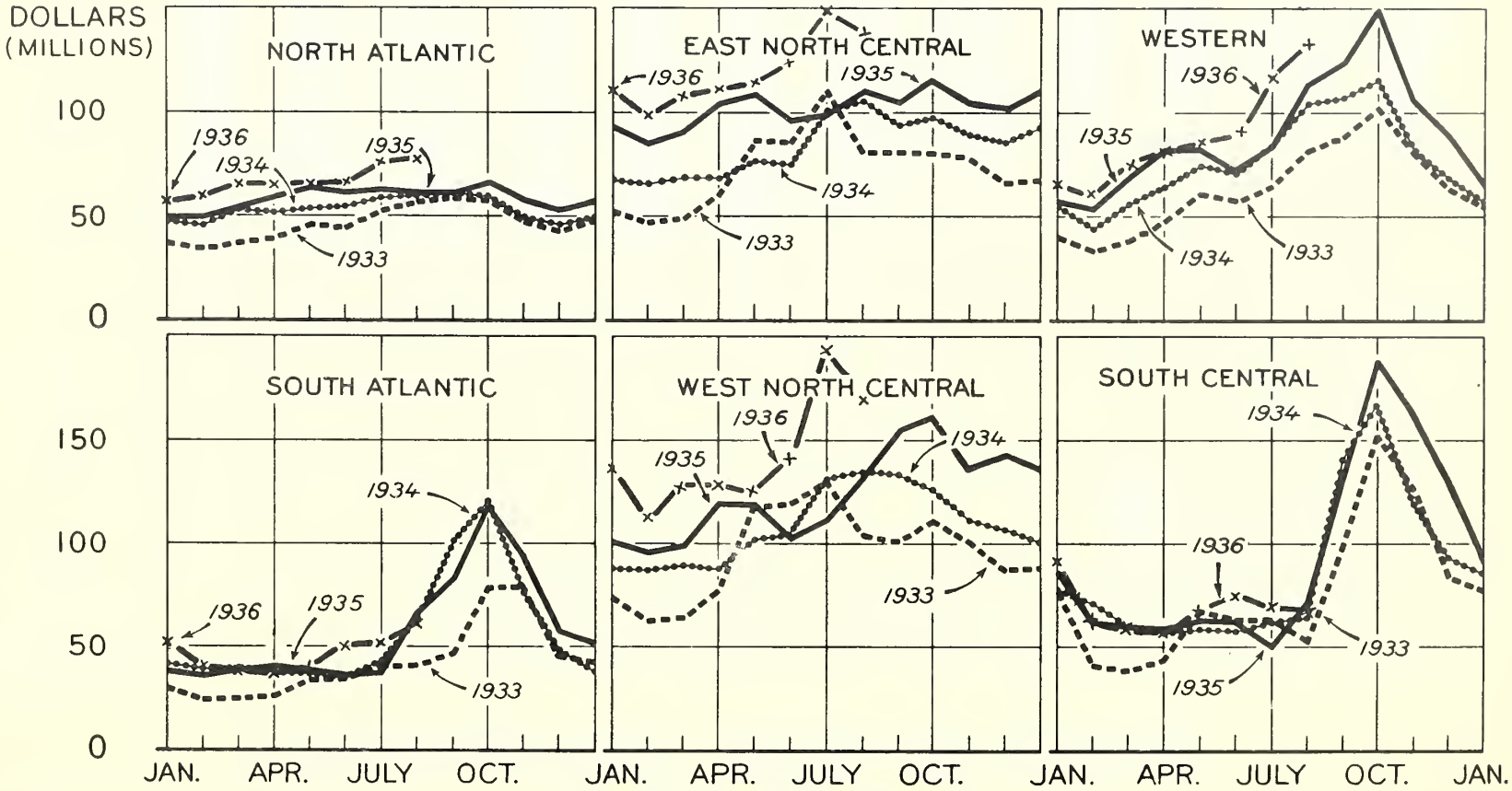

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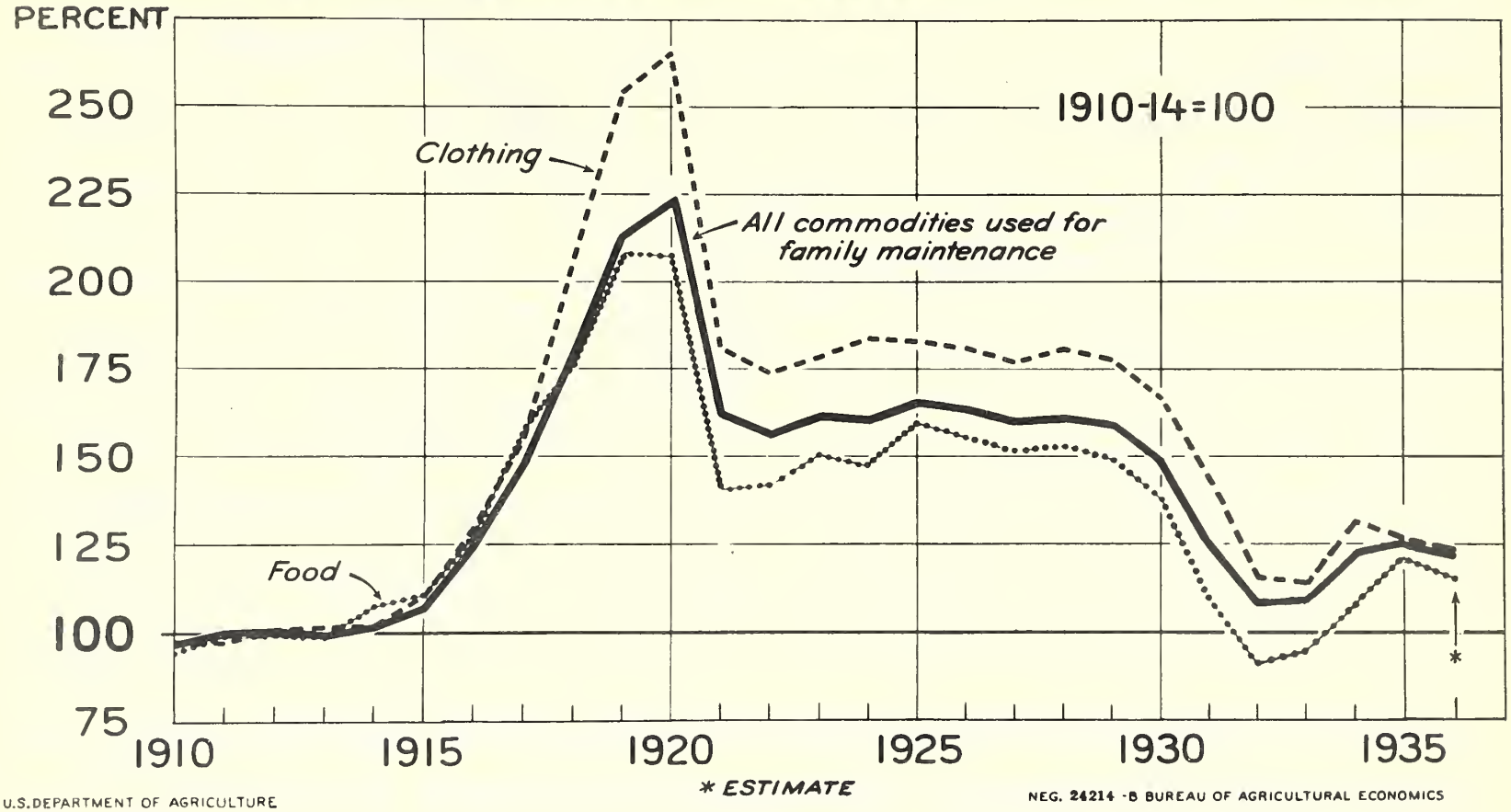

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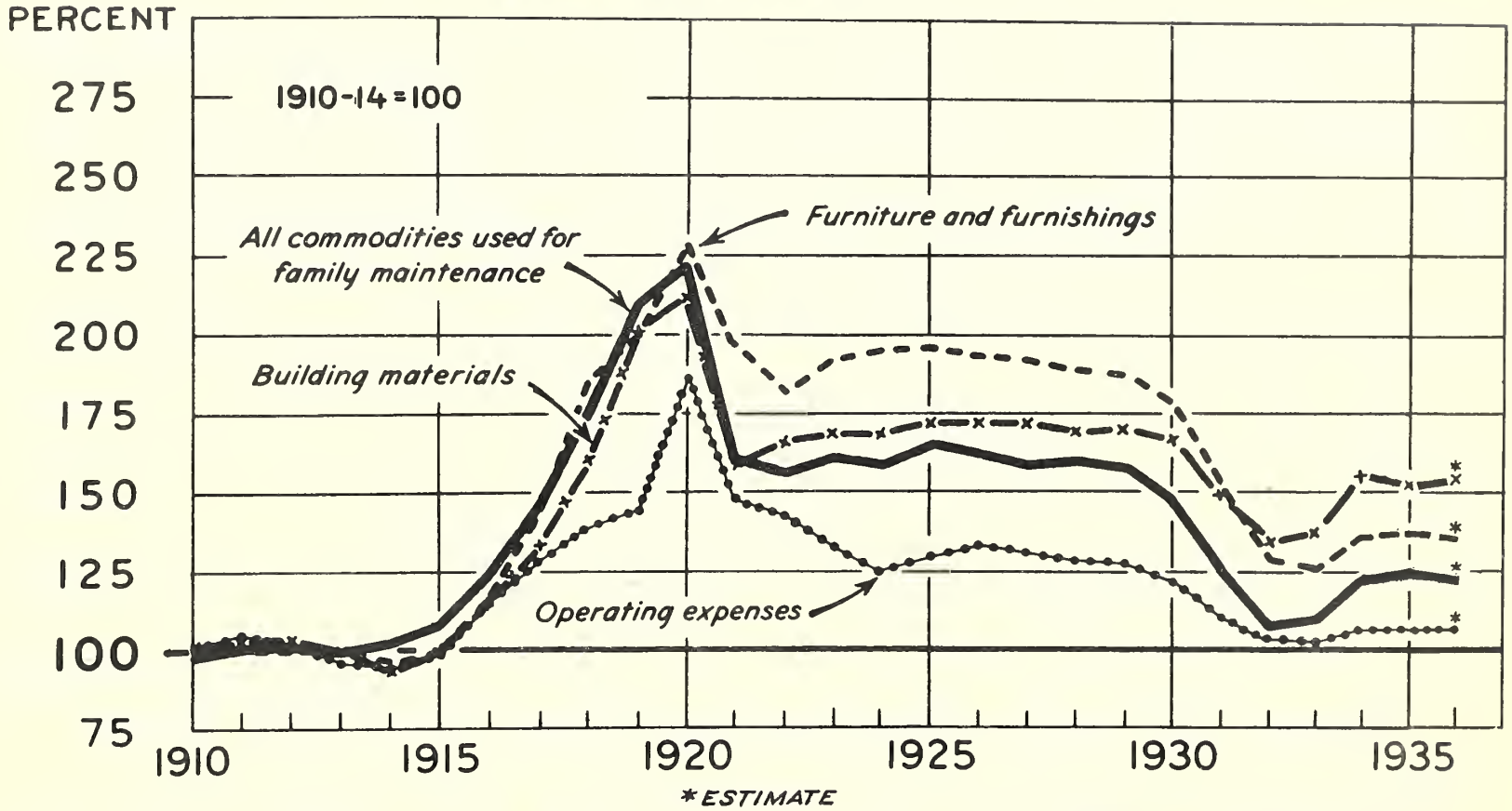

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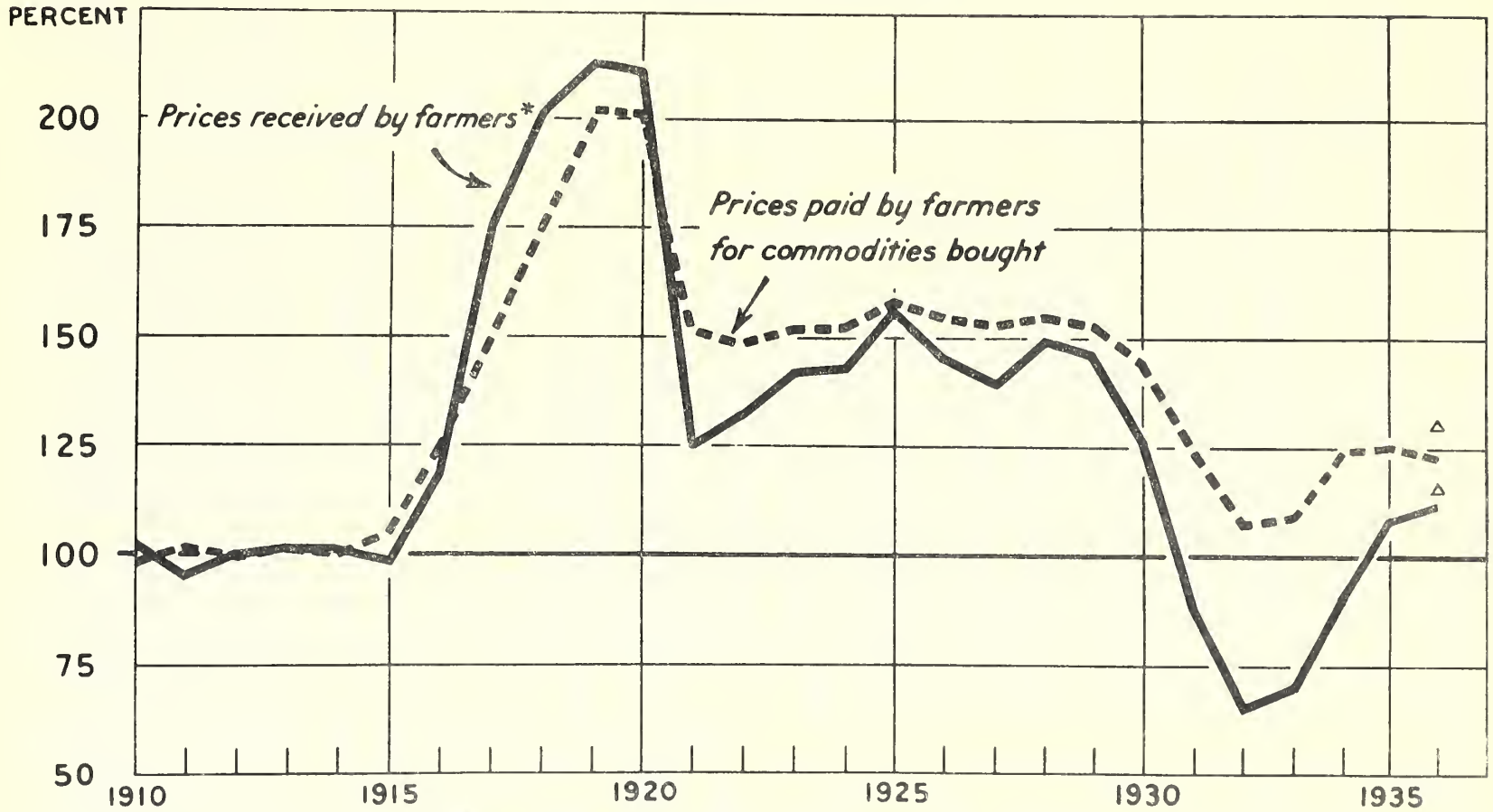

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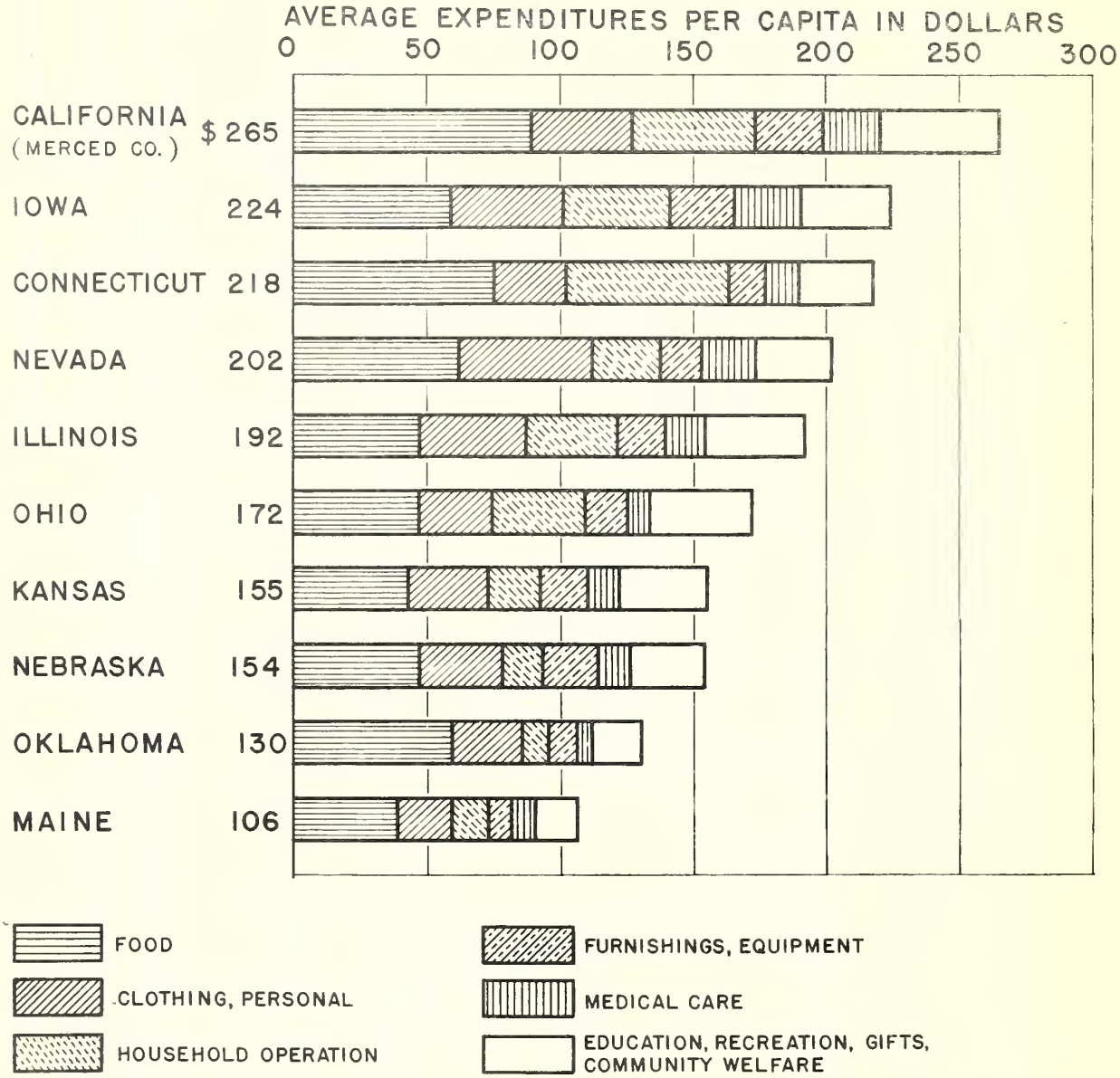
LIVING EXPENDITURES OF FARM FAMILIES: 1935



This chart is based on data from farm home accounts given in the table on page 7. Discrepancies in the items as reported by different states are explained in footnotes to the table. In each state more is spent for food than for any other item. Clothing and personal expenditures ranged from $20 per capita in Maine to $50 in Nevada. Medical care varied from $6 in Oklahoma to $25 in Iowa. Illinois and Ohio spent similar amounts for each item except clothing and personal. Kansas and Nebraska are similar in their expenditures for all items. Oklahoma and Maine, at the lower end of the scale in total expenditures, though far apart geographically, are fairly similar in their expenditures for each item except food.

The arrangement of states in order of value of living in the table on page 7, in contrast to the arrangment in order of total expenditures in this chart, reflects the importance of farm-produced food and fuel in the family budget.

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Farm family living: Average per capita value and per capita expenditure for specified items, 1935
(States arranged in order of value of living, as reported)

State	Number of families	Average size of family	Value of living without rental, transportation or saving	Total expenditures without transportation	Expense for food	Money value of all food	Clothing, personal	Furnishings, equipment	Expense for household operation 1/	All household operation 2/	Medical care	Recreation, education	Church, charity, gifts
Iowa.....	46	3.80	$301	$224	$59	3/ $136	$42	$24	$40	3/ $40	$25	$18	$16
Connecticut.....	36	4.20	300	218	75	142	27	14	61	76	12	12	17
Illinois.....	216	4.20	280	192	47	133	40	18	34	36	15	23	15
California (Merced Co.)..	21	4.09	280	265	89	104	38	26	46	4/ 46	21	30	15
Nevada.....	46	4.60	262	202	62	3/ 122	50	16	25	3/ 25	20	29	
Minnesota.....	98	4.30	257	195	61	115	47	18	32	40	16	21	
Kansas.....	154	4.20	234	155	43	114	30	5/ 18	5/ 19	5/ 27	12	20	13
Nebraska.....	233	3.90	218	154	47	105	31	6/ 21	6/ 15	6/ 21	12	17	11
Ohio.....	38	4.30	206	172	47	78	27	16	35	38	13	18	16
Maine.....	71	4.90	179	106	39	94	20	5/ 8	5/ 14	5/ 32	9	9	7
Oklahoma.....	35	4.34	163	130	59	92	26	6/ 11	6/ 10	4,6/ 10	6	11	7
Alabama.....	40	6.00	7/ 127	7/ 84	17	60	16	7	7/ 24	4,7/ 24	5	11	4

1/ Household operation includes fuel, light, water, ice, telephone, household supplies, paid service, and repairs and improvements in house and grounds.
2/ To expense for household operation has been added the value of home-produced fuel, and, in Nebraska, home-produced ice.
3/ Home-produced fuel included with home-produced food.
4/ No report on home-produced fuel.
5/ Repairs and improvements included under furnishings and equipment.
6/ Household supplies included under furnishings and equipment.
7/ Includes family automobile expense, but not housing repairs.

In comparing summaries of farm family accounts from different states, one should keep in mind that different account books have been used, that similar headings have been interpreted differently, and that different bases for valuation of farm products have been used. The reports from all states are not equally representative either in number of families or in area covered.

Average food expenditures in 1935 ranged from $17 to $89 per capita. This item took from 25 to 35 percent of average total expenditures in most states. The money value of all food is probably too high, as it should be divided among all boarders in the home, but for this table has been divided only among family members.

Average clothing and personal expenditures ranged from $16 to $50 per capita but were very similar ($26 to $31) in 5 states. Families in most states spent from 14 to 20 percent of total expenditures for clothing and personal items.

The wide range in average expenditures for household operation may be due in part to variations in the items included under this heading in the different states.

In the 8 states listing furniture and equipment as one item, this expenditure ranged from $7 to $26, representing from 6 percent of total expenditures in Connecticut to 11 percent in Iowa.

Combined average per capita expense for recreation, education, church, charity, and gifts ranged from $15 to $45. Families in most states spent from 11 to 18 percent of the total for these items.

Medical care took from 5 to 11 percent of the total expenditures, the range in per capita expense being from $5 in Alabama to $25 in Iowa.

In all the states, money value of all food was the most important item (in terms of dollars) in the total value of living, while clothing and personal or all household operation ranked second in importance.

References to reports of these studies are given on the following page.

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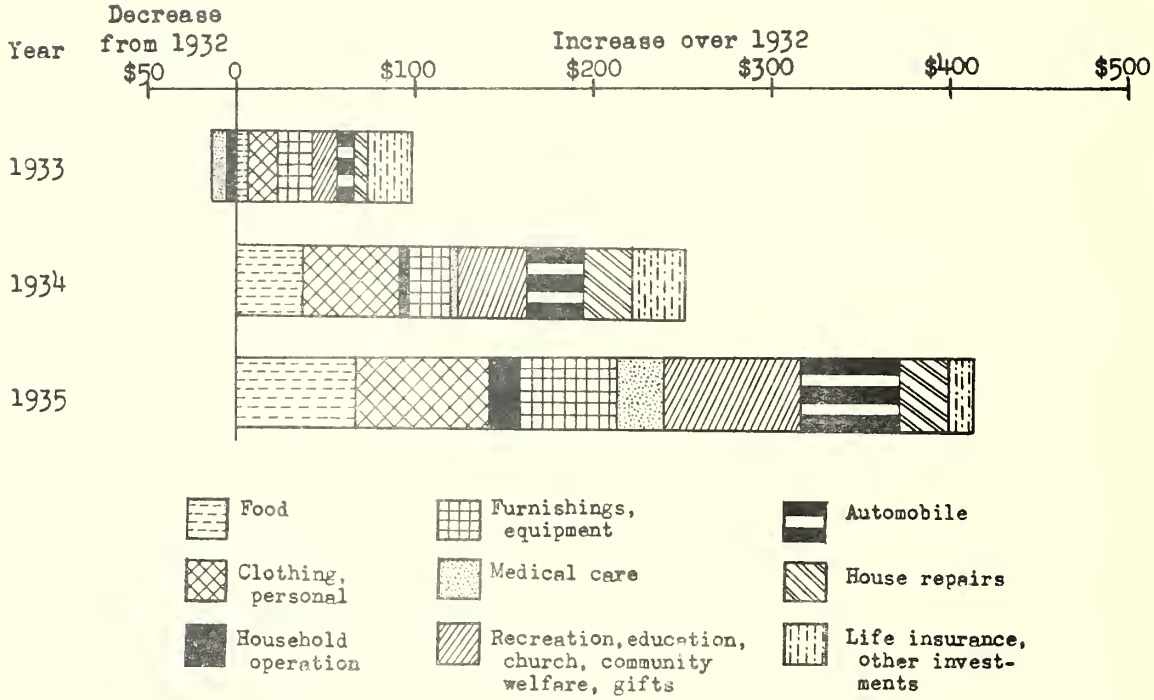
ERRATA

An error was made in reporting a figure from Oklahoma farm-home accounts (reference 12, page 8). The error appears in column 5 of the table on page 7; the figure for "Expense for food" should be $33 per capita per year instead of $59 as stated in the table. This error affects "Total expenditures without transportation" (column 4) which should be $104 per capita per year instead of $130.

Correcting these two figures changes the bar diagram for Oklahoma on page 6. The first section, representing food purchased, should be shortened to indicate a $33 expenditure; this in turn shortens the total length of the bar, making it represent an average expenditure of $104 per capita per year.

DISTRIBUTION OF ADDITIONAL CASH FOR FAMILY LIVING
1933-35 compared with 1932
(84 Illinois farm families)



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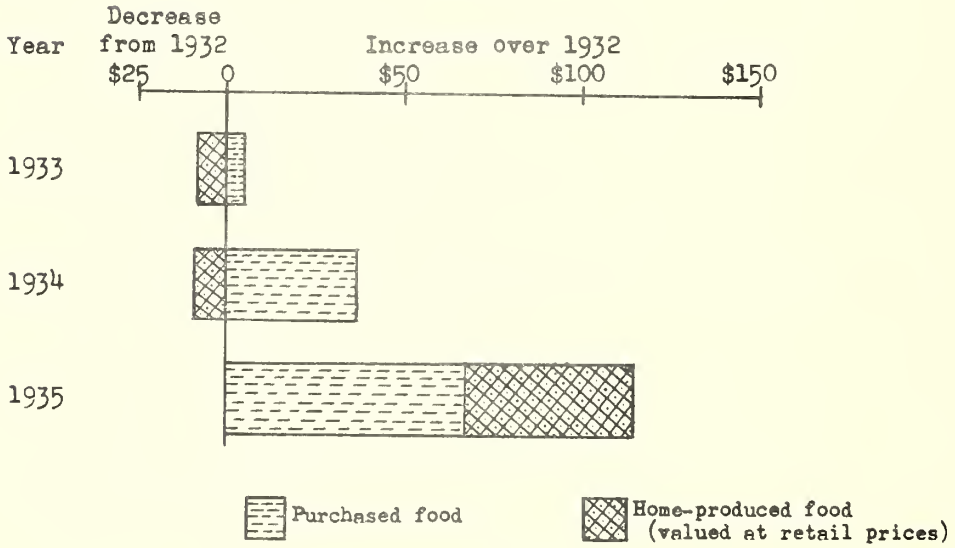

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Average distribution of money value of living and savings of the same 84 Illinois farm families keeping continuous home account records for 4 years, 1932-1935

Item	1932	1933	1934	1935
Number of members per family	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
Number of adult units per family	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.9
Money value of living and savings per family:				
Cash living and savings	$811	$894	$1,062	$1,226
Money value of commodities and services furnished by farm	588	576	560	623
Total	1,399	1,470	1,622	1,849
Savings:				
Life insurance	125	127	131	134
Other investments	43	66	67	48
Total	168	193	198	182
Food:				
Purchased	146	151	183	213
Raised	321	313	312	369
Total	467	464	495	582
Operating:				
Fuel -- Cash	25	26	30	36
Fuel -- Furnished	13	11	10	8
Light, power, telephone	43	38	41	43
Ice and water	3	4	5	4
Laundry and other services	9	9	12	15
Household supplies -- Cash	24	21	21	24
Household supplies -- Furnished	1	2	1	-
Total	118	111	120	130
Housing:				
House furnished by farm	245	241	231	241
Repairs	10	18	37	37
Furnishings and equipment	31	50	54	85
Total	286	309	322	363
Clothing:				
Total	92	107	139	154
Other:				
Personal	21	23	28	34
Auto ½	78	87	110	134
Medical care	49	41	53	76
Recreation	21	27	26	32
Education	44	54	69	93
Church and community welfare	30	26	30	37
Gifts -- Cash	17	19	26	27
Gifts -- Furnished by farm	8	9	6	5
Total	268	286	348	438

From home accounts kept as part of State project, under supervision of Ruth Crawford Freeman, State Extension Specialist in Home Accounts, Illinois.

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EXPENDITURES FOR FARM FAMILY LIVING: 1920-1935

The two following charts bring together data on expenditures from 86 studies of farm family living, made in 31 states during the period 1920-1935. Averages reported for groups of families, adjusted to 1935 price levels, have been classified according to per capita value of living (except housing), by one hundred dollar intervals, as under $100, $100-199, $200-299, ("Value-of-living" includes cash expenditures and the money value assigned to farm-furnished goods). Averages falling between $100 and $199 included more than one-third of the families studied, and averages between $200 and $299 more than one-half of the families studied.

At every value-of-living level a wide range in expenditures was reported for each of the 11 items into which family expenditures were classified. When the averages are arrayed by order of magnitude, those including the middle half of the families fall within a comparatively narrow range. Figures showing this range for the two most usual value-of-living levels are given in the following table:

Value of specified items in farm family budgets
at the two most usual value-of-living levels

Item	Per capita value-of-living (except housing)							
	$100 - 199				$200 - 299			
	Total number of -		Range of averages including middle half of families -		Total number of -		Range of averages including middle half of families -	
	Averages	Families	Per capita basis	Family basis	Averages	Families	Per capita basis	Family basis
Expenditures for -								
Food 1/	128	5,998	$21- 44	-	153	9,287	$37- 58	-
Clothing 1/	159	7,017	18- 28	-	194	10,529	30- 39	-
Household operation 1/	137	6,479	6- 23	$31-88	140	8,637	18- 36	$68-141
Furniture and furnishings 1/	107	5,092	3- 7	-	122	8,295	6- 10	-
Transportation	86	3,213	-	32-79	107	3,663	-	60-127
Medical care	146	6,510	6- 13	-	176	9,986	12- 19	-
Recreation	100	2,953	2- 6	-	130	4,554	4- 10	-
Personal items	98	5,362	3- 8	-	115	7,073	4- 10	-
Education	103	2,846	-	5-32	116	3,504	-	18- 58
Community welfare	77	2,854	-	8-20	93	3,557	-	21- 45
Gifts	58	1,412	-	3-15	67	1,962	-	17- 28
Total expense 1/	128	6,757	78-113	-	153	9,377	152-201	-
Money value of home-produced goods-								
Food 1/	117	5,737	42- 58	-	125	6,871	53- 85	-
Other (estimated) 1/	-	-	5- 10	-	-	-	10- 20	-

1/ Money values adjusted to 1935 price levels by Bureau of Agricultural Economics indexes.
Based on 86 studies of farm family living, 1920-1935.

In the above table the expenditures which are noticeably influenced by family size are shown on a per capita basis, others are on a family basis. The lack of uniformity in the classification used in the original studies accounts for the differences in the numbers of averages and families furnishing usable data for the specific items. Many studies grouped several of the above expenditures under one heading, in which case the data could not be used in this summary.

Food and clothing are the two most important items of expenditure, with household operation, transportation and medical care falling rather close together in the next places.

Although nearly 90 percent of the families studied were included in averages falling in the two classes just discussed, there were enough data at lower and higher levels to give some indication of expenditure patterns at several value-of-living levels. At the most prevalent value-of-living levels regional differences are summarized.

The chart on page 11 shows the trends in expense with rising value of living. The chart on page 12 shows the regional variations at one of the most usual value-of-living levels. The lines in the first chart and the top of the bars in the second indicate the highest averages reported in any study. The darkened bands in each chart indicate the range within which the averages fall that include the middle half of the families. The figures represented by these dark bands may, therefore, be significant in estimating probable expenditures of many farm families.

Tables on pp. 16 to 27 present the source material for these charts.

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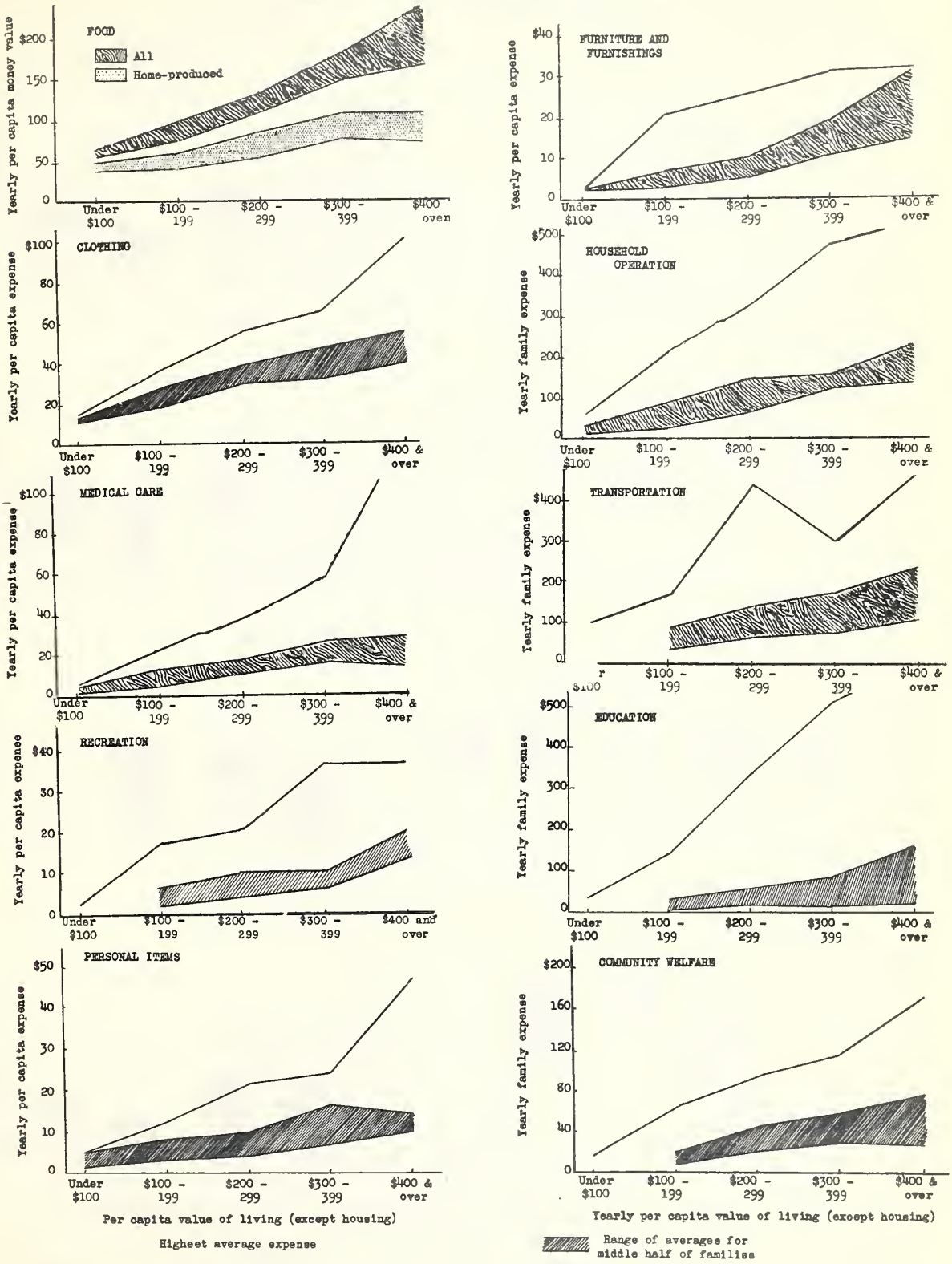
FARM FAMILY EXPENDITURES FOR SPECIFIED ITEMS, BY VALUE OF LIVING
(Based on 86 studies in 31 states, 1920-1935)



Value of living figures adjusted to 1935 price levels (BAE index)

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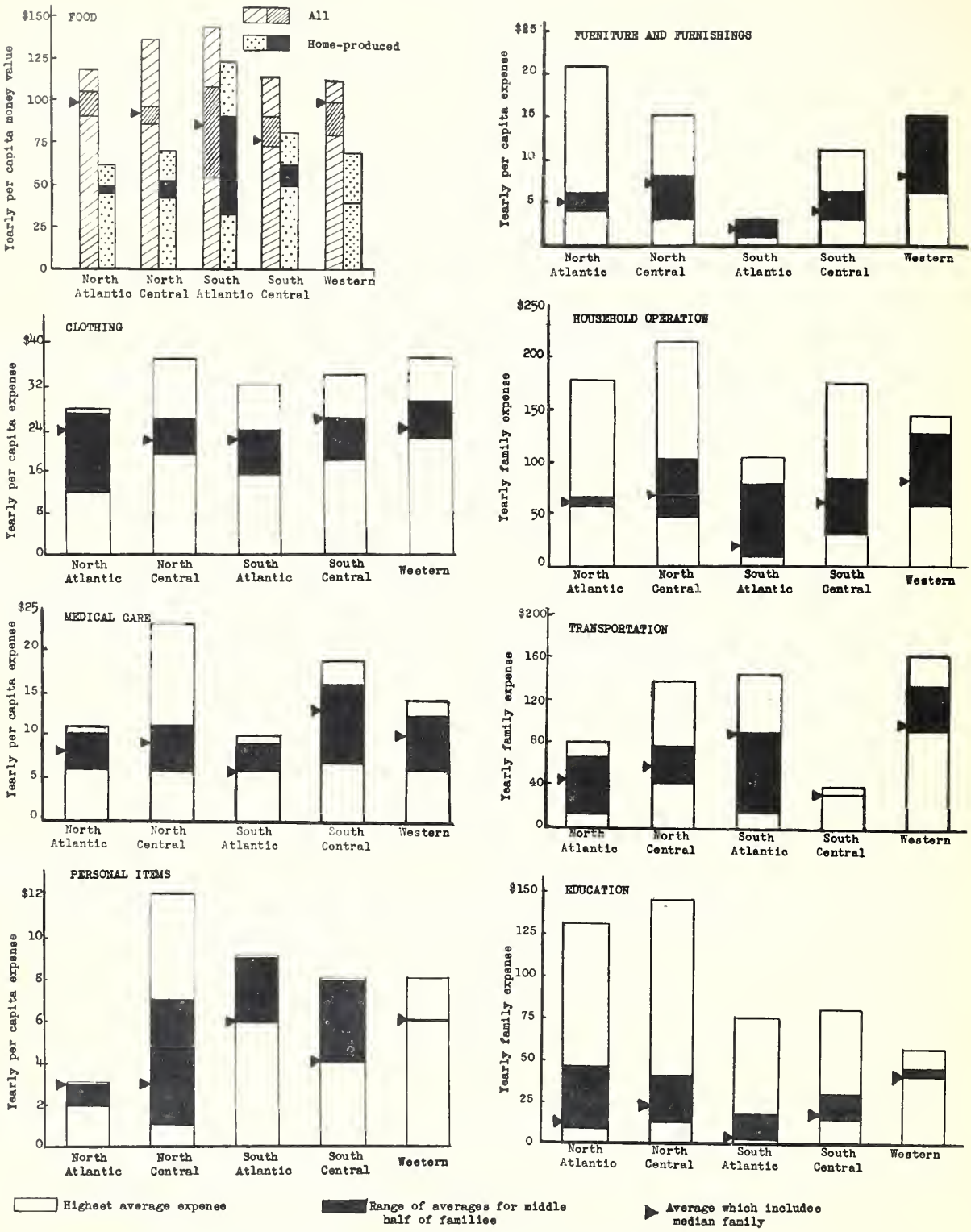
FARM FAMILY EXPENDITURES FOR SPECIFIED ITEMS, BY REGIONS, WHEN PER CAPITA VALUE-OF-LIVING (EXCEPT HOUSING) IS $100-199

(Based on 86 studies in 31 states, 1920-1935)



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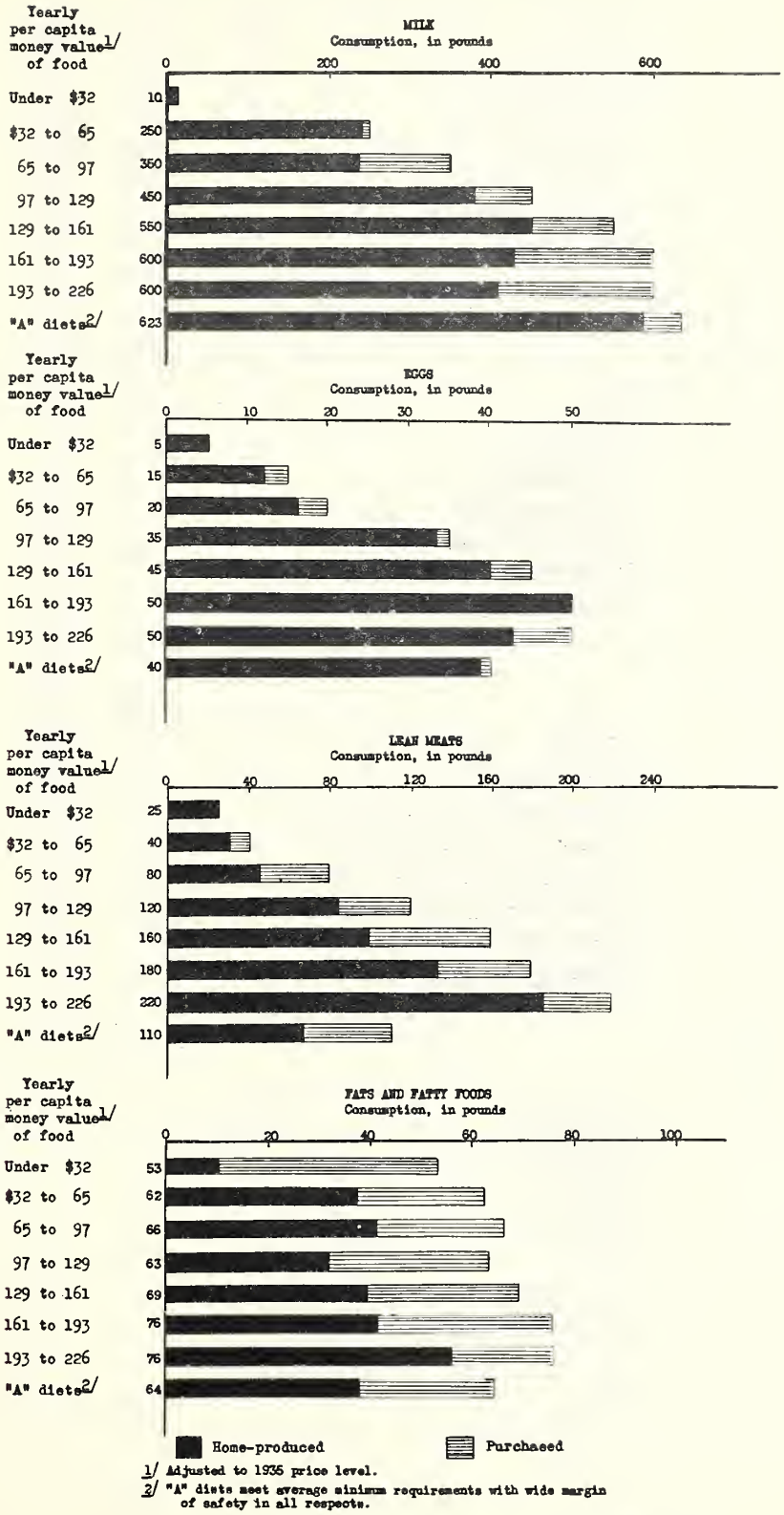
FARM FAMILY DIETS, by level of money value of food:
Yearly per capita consumption, estimated from studies made 1914-1934



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2/ "A" diets meet average minimum requirements with wide margin of safety in all respects.

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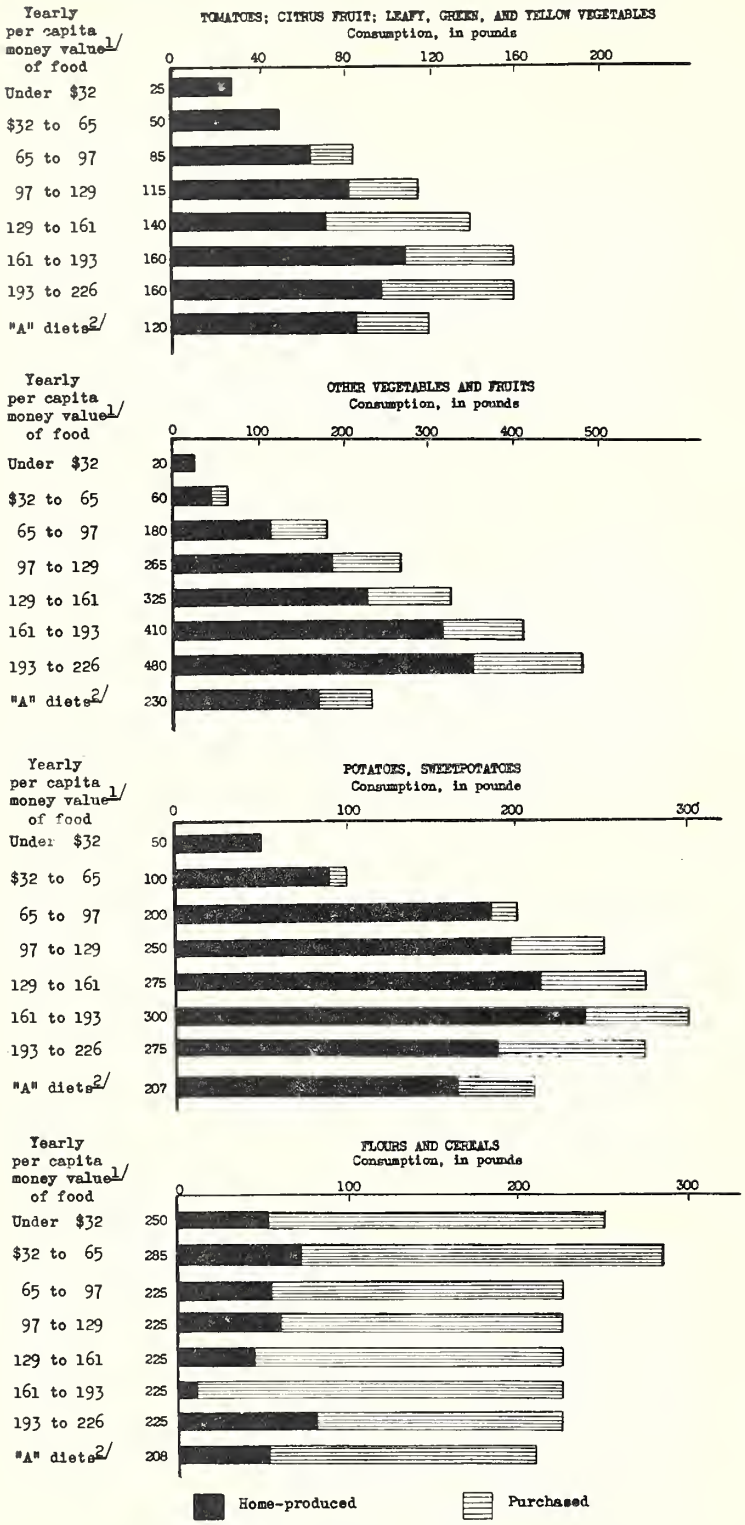

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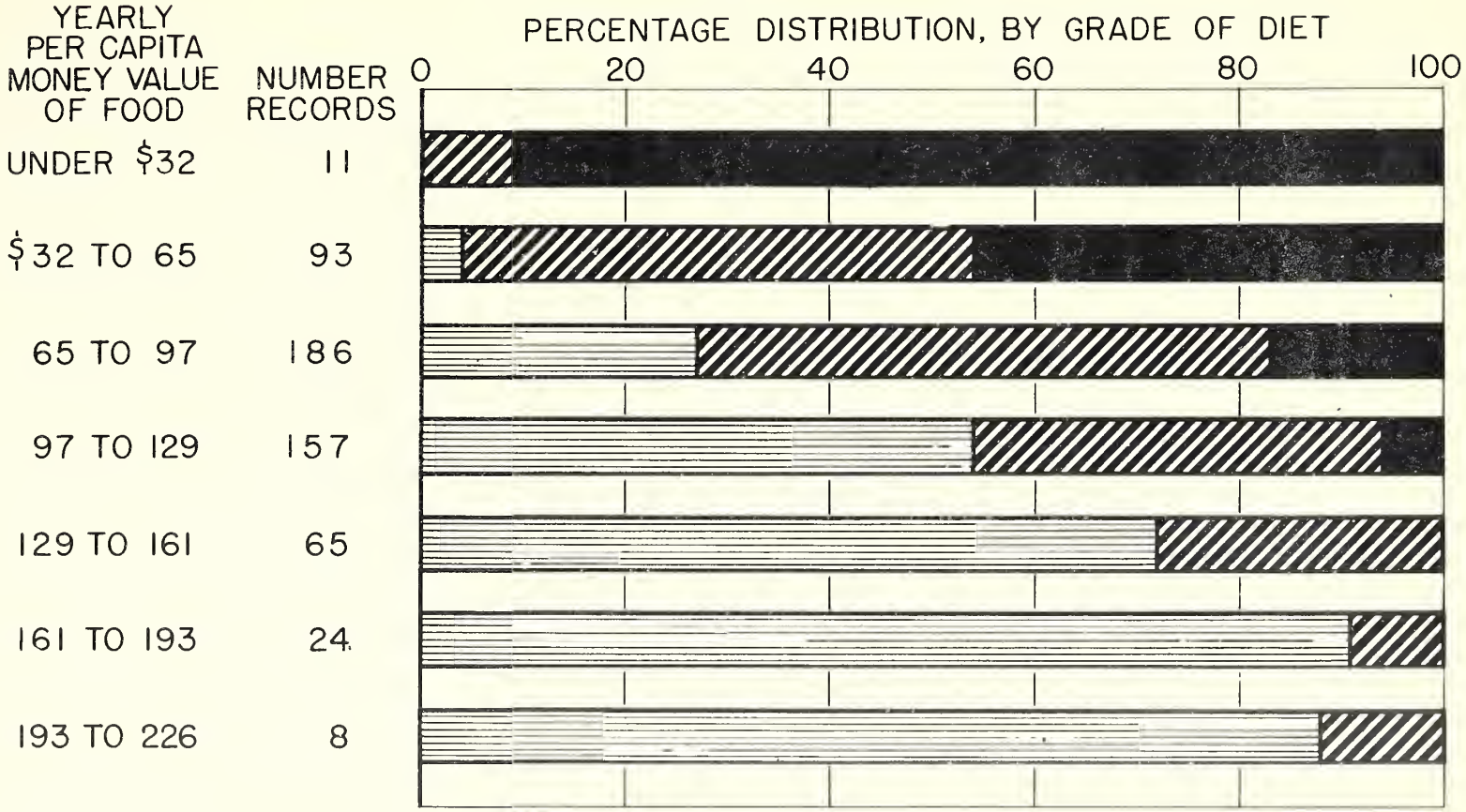
FARM FAMILY DIETS: IN SPECIFIED GRADES, BY VALUE OF FOOD
(544 RECORDS, 1917–1932)



"A" DIETS: MEET AVERAGE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS WITH WIDE MARGIN OF SAFETY IN ALL RESPECTS

"B" DIETS: MEET AVERAGE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS IN ALL RESPECTS WITH UNCERTAIN MARGIN OF SAFETY

"C" DIETS: FAIL IN ONE OR MORE RESPECTS TO MEET AVERAGE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

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ALL FOOD: Yearly per capita value, by value of living and region, 1920-1935

Value of living (except housing) in dollars per capita	Region	Number of states	Number of averages	Number of families	Average which includes median family	Range of averages including-	
						Middle half of families	All families
Under 100	South Atlantic	3	4	357	$59	$59- 65	$55- 65
	North Central	2	2	12	-	-	54- 55
	South Central	3	5	167	64	59- 64	43- 65
	All regions	8	11	536	59	55- 65	43- 65
100 - 199	North Atlantic	4	17	382	99	86-103	67-118
	South Atlantic	4	15	1,105	84	53-106	53-141
	North Central	8	83	2,341	90	84- 94	59-132
	South Central	6	25	2,074	75	70- 86	58-111
	Western	4	6	95	97	78- 97	65-109
	All regions	26	146	5,997	86	75- 97	53-141
200 - 299	North Atlantic	4	28	1,531	125	111-131	110-153
	South Atlantic	4	5	449	138	115-138	78-167
	North Central	8	119	4,274	113	102-129	81-169
	South Central	3	4	1,052	127	119-127	113-131
	Western	4	7	193	140	69-140	69-184
	All regions	23	163	7,499	119	108-130	69-184
300 - 399	North Atlantic	5	12	246	166	162-166	126-205
	South Atlantic	2	3	35	184	173-184	173-187
	North Central	6	45	538	159	142-175	104-207
	South Central	1	1	3	-	-	127
	Western	2	3	17	203	203-247	174-247
	All regions	16	64	839	164	146-178	104-247
400 - 499	All regions	6	22	162	190	165-237	133-280
500 - 599	All regions	4	16	91	185	170-249	111-305
600 and over	All regions	3	11	17	175	169-290	117-443
400 and over	All regions	8	49	270	181	165-237	111-443

Money values adjusted to 1935 price levels by Bureau of Agricultural Economics indexes.

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HOME-PRODUCED FOOD: Yearly per capita value, by value of living and region, 1920-1935

Value of living (except housing) in dollars per capita	Region	Number of states	Number of averages	Number of families	Average which includes median family	Range of averages including: Middle half of families	Range of averages including: All families
Under 100	South Atlantic	3	4	357	$ 44	$ 44 - 48	$ 39 - 48
	North Central	2	2	12	33	33	25 - 33
	South Central	3	5	167	39	24 - 49	21 - 49
	All regions	8	11	536	44	39 - 48	21 - 49
100 - 199	North Atlantic	4	18	459	45	43 - 49	33 - 58
	South Atlantic	4	14	1028	71	31 - 86	31 - 120
	North Central	8	54	2061	45	41 - 51	30 - 68
	South Central	6	26	2115	52	49 - 60	27 - 79
	Western	4	5	74	38	38	6 - 67
	All regions	26	117	5737	50	42 - 58	6 - 120
200 - 299	North Atlantic	4	28	1581	59	53 - 67	43 - 80
	South Atlantic	4	5	449	110	96 - 110	56 - 134
	North Central	7	81	3646	57	51 - 71	33 - 116
	South Central	3	4	1052	97	85 - 97	71 - 97
	Western	4	7	193	87	33 - 87	21 - 132
	All regions	22	125	6871	67	53 - 85	21 - 134
300 - 399	North Atlantic	5	12	259	79	53 - 79	17 - 86
	South Atlantic	2	3	35	153	143 - 153	124 - 153
	North Central	6	20	356	94	76 - 108	46 - 167
	Western	2	3	17	139	139 - 173	97 - 173
	All regions	15	38	667	86	75 - 104	17 - 173
400 - 499	All regions	6	10	84	91	79 - 102	38 - 165
500 - 599	All regions	4	4	31	70	35 - 70	35 - 125
600 and over	All regions	2	4	4	----	193 - 206	116 - 246
400 and over	All regions	8	18	119	85	70 - 102	35 - 249

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CLOTHING: Yearly per capita expense, by value of living and region, 1920-1935

Value of living (except housing) in dollars per capita	Region	Number of states	Number of averages	Number of families	Average which includes median family	Range of averages including: Middle half of families	Range of averages including: All families
Under 100	South Atlantic	3	4	357	$ 11	$ 11-13	$ 5-13
	North Central	2	2	12	14	11-14	11-14
	South Central	4	6	174	12	10-13	7-13
	All regions	9	12	543	11	11-13	5-14
100-199	North Atlantic	4	17	381	24	12-27	7-28
	South Atlantic	4	17	1121	22	15-24	3-32
	North Central	8	88	2394	22	19-26	6-37
	South Central	7	28	2940	26	18-34	12-34
	Western	5	9	181	24	22-29	13-37
	All regions	28	159	7017	23	18-28	3-37
200-299	North Atlantic	4	33	1957	31	29-38	15-42
	South Atlantic	4	15	623	45	36-45	21-56
	North Central	8	129	6165	33	28-39	15-51
	South Central	5	7	1569	38	37-38	23-43
	Western	4	10	215	26	26-37	20-41
	All regions	25	194	10529	36	30-39	15-56
300-399	North Atlantic	5	12	259	45	31-45	28-54
	South Atlantic	3	7	94	43	22-45	18-51
	North Central	7	52	781	41	34-47	21-66
	South Central	2	3	29	33	28-33	28-36
	Western	2	4	20	37	24-50	24-54
	All regions	19	78	1183	41	32-47	18-66
400-499	All regions	10	24	178	47	37-51	26-74
500-599	All regions	6	18	105	53	40-68	36-100
600 and over	All regions	3	12	18	57	49-67	23-88
400 and over	All regions	13	54	301	50	40-55	23-100

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MEDICAL CARE: Yearly per capita expense, by value of living and region, 1920-1935

Value of living (except housing) in dollars per capita	Region	Number of states	Number of averages	Number of families	Average which includes median family	Range of averages including Middle half of families	Range of averages including All families
Under 100	All regions	4	5	156	$4	$2- 5	$2- 7
100 - 199	North Atlantic	4	17	382	8	6-10	4- 11
	South Atlantic	4	12	882	6	6- 9	3- 10
	North Central	8	85	2367	9	6-11	1- 23
	South Central	6	23	2698	13	7-16	3- 19
	Western	5	9	181	10	6-12	1- 14
	All regions	27	146	6510	9	6-13	1- 23
200 - 299	North Atlantic	4	30	1846	13	11-18	6- 34
	South Atlantic	3	14	511	18	17-18	7- 24
	North Central	8	120	5894	16	13-19	2- 37
	South Central	3	5	1537	12	10-16	10- 21
	Western	4	7	198	10	10-15	9- 15
	All regions	22	176	9986	16	12-19	2- 37
300 - 399	North Atlantic	5	12	259	21	15-22	10- 31
	South Atlantic	2	6	92	28	14-46	7- 51
	North Central	7	44	649	20	18-27	4- 59
	Western	1	1	3	--	--	39
	All regions	15	63	1003	20	17-27	4- 59
Over 400	All regions	9	39	230	23	15-28	6-128

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RECREATION: Yearly per capita expense, by value of living and region, 1920-1935

Value of living (except housing) in dollars per capita	Region	Number of states	Number of averages	Number of families	Average which includes median family	Range of averages including: Middle half of families	Range of averages including: All families
Under 100	All regions	1	1	9	-	-	$ 2
100 - 199	North Atlantic	4	14	239	$ 7	$ 3- 9	2-14
	South Atlantic	3	11	680	2	2- 3	1- 7
	North Central	7	64	1220	6	3- 7	1/-17
	South Central	3	10	774	2	2	1- 7
	Western	1	1	40	-	-	16
	All regions	18	100	2953	3	2- 6	1/-17
200 - 299	North Atlantic	4	26	1135	4	3- 9	2-19
	South Atlantic	3	15	596	5	5- 7	2-11
	North Central	7	88	2771	7	5-11	1/-21
	Western	1	1	52	-	-	9
	All regions	15	130	4554	6	4-10	1/-21
300 - 399	North Atlantic	3	10	138	10	7-22	6-28
	South Atlantic	2	6	92	4	4	3- 5
	North Central	5	39	375	7	6-10	2-37
	All regions	10	55	605	7	6-10	2-37
400 - 499	All regions	5	17	143	13	11-15	7-35
500 - 599	All regions	4	14	75	22	15-27	10-37
600 and over	All regions	1	7	13	21	16-21	8-30
400 and over	All regions	7	38	231	15	13-20	7-37

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PERSONAL ITEMS: Yearly per capita expense, by value of living and region, 1920-1935

Value of living (except housing) in dollars per capita	Region	Number of states	Number of averages	Number of families	Average which includes median family	Range of averages including - Middle half of families	Range of averages including - All families
Under 100	All regions	2	3	144	$ 3	$ 1- 5	$ 1- 5
100-199	North Atlantic	1	5	215	3	2- 3	1- 3
	South Atlantic	4	7	705	6	6- 9	3- 9
	North Central	7	61	1,897	3	1- 7	1/-12
	South Central	6	19	2,447	4	4- 8	1- 8
	Western	2	6	93	6	6	3- 8
	All regions	20	98	5,362	4	3- 8	1/-12
200-299	North Atlantic	4	16	1,385	5	4- 6	3-10
	South Atlantic	2	2	379	10	10	3-10
	North Central	8	89	4,445	9	5-12	1-21
	South Central	2	2	673	9	9	3- 9
	Western	2	6	191	6	6-16	6-16
	All regions	18	115	7,073	8	4-10	1-21
300-399	North Atlantic	3	4	145	16	16-20	10-20
	South Atlantic	1	2	33	12	12-15	12-15
	North Central	5	38	605	8	7-16	2-24
	All regions	9	44	783	13	7-16	2-24
400-499	All regions	2	15	126	12	7-12	3-19
500-599	All regions	2	12	60	14	12-18	7-47
600 and over	All regions	1	6	12	13	8-13	3-25
400 and over	All regions	3	33	198	12	10-14	3-47

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FURNITURE and FURNISHINGS: Yearly per capita expense, by value of living and region, 1920-1935

Value of living (except housing) in dollars per capita	Region	Number of states	Number of averages	Number of families	Average which includes median family	Range of averages including: Middle half of families	Range of averages including: All families
Under 100	All regions	4	6	160	$2	$2	$1- 2
100 - 199	North Atlantic	4	18	394	5	4- 6	2-21
	South Atlantic	4	8	725	2	1- 3	1/- 3
	North Central	8	54	2113	7	3- 8	1-15
	South Central	6	21	1718	4	3- 6	1-11
	Western	4	6	142	8	6-15	6-15
	All regions	26	107	5092	5	3- 7	1/-21
200 - 299	North Atlantic	4	27	1432	7	7-11	4-14
	South Atlantic	3	3	390	7	7	4- 7
	North Central	8	80	5226	7	6-11	2-19
	South Central	2	3	1043	6	5- 6	3- 6
	Western	4	9	204	17	14-17	9-26
	All regions	21	122	8295	7	6-10	2-26
300 - 399	North Atlantic	5	12	259	11	11-22	11-31
	South Atlantic	2	3	35	1	1- 8	1-31
	North Central	5	18	485	11	9-18	8-26
	Western	2	3	17	25	24-27	24-27
	All regions	14	36	796	11	11-19	1-31
400 - 499	All regions	7	11	85	18	17-22	7-31
500 - 599	All regions	4	4	39	25	12-32	12-32
600 and over	All regions	2	2	2	---	---	5-23
400 and over	All regions	9	17	126	18	15-31	5-32

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HOUSEHOLD OPERATION: Yearly family expense, by value of living and region, 1920-1935

Value of living (except housing) in dollars per capita	Region	Number of states	Number of averages	Number of families	Average which includes median family	Range of averages including	
						Middle half of families	All families
Under 100	South Atlantic	2	2	163	$ 10	$10	$ 10- 22
	South Central	3	6	174	29	16- 29	7- 59
	All regions	5	8	337	12	10- 29	7- 59
100 - 199	North Atlantic	4	17	382	61	57- 66	7-167
	South Atlantic	4	10	849	20	10- 79	10-104
	North Central	7	73	2127	67	47-103	21-213
	South Central	6	28	2940	60	30- 83	11-174
	Western	5	9	181	81	57-125	54-143
	All regions	26	137	6479	62	31- 88	7-213
200 - 299	North Atlantic	4	30	1846	91	67-111	16-255
	South Atlantic	3	4	440	23	23- 53	23-131
	North Central	7	91	4599	126	87-159	23-321
	South Central	3	5	1537	53	11-141	11-168
	Western	4	10	215	88	83- 88	59-170
	All regions	21	140	8637	103	68-141	11-321
300 - 399	North Atlantic	5	12	259	149	132-177	83-384
	South Atlantic	2	3	35	88	85- 88	59- 88
	North Central	5	47	763	151	115-159	72-482
	Western	2	4	20	127	127-131	99-159
	All regions	14	66	1077	149	127-159	59-482
400 - 499	All regions	6	22	165	155	118-224	90-451
500 - 599	All regions	4	16	91	171	156-330	103-340
600 and over	All regions	2	10	16	222	176-512	84-537
400 and over	All regions	7	48	272	165	140-233	84-537

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TRANSPORTATION: Yearly family expense, by value of living and region, 1920-1935

Value of living (except housing) in dollars per capita	Region	Number of states	Number of averages	Number of families	Average which includes median family	Range of averages including: Middle half of families	Range of averages including: All families
Under 100	All regions	1	1	9	-	-	$ 45
100 - 199	North Atlantic	3	6	149	$43	$12- 63	$7- 80
	South Atlantic	3	7	518	91	13- 91	5-143
	North Central	6	61	1475	56	42- 79	15-136
	South Central	2	6	973	32	32	12- 38
	Western	2	6	98	96	92-134	12-164
	All regions	16	86	3213	43	32- 79	5-164
200 - 299	North Atlantic	3	17	709	83	81- 95	23-164
	South Atlantic	2	14	587	219	137-219	48-426
	North Central	6	68	1682	81	60-112	37-295
	South Central	1	2	494	53	53	53- 70
	Western	2	6	191	86	86-116	86-169
	All regions	14	107	3663	83	60-127	23-426
300 - 399	North Atlantic	2	7	94	104	86-115	73-161
	South Atlantic	2	6	92	60	37-190	31-195
	North Central	5	34	317	113	75-162	25-289
	All regions	9	47	503	105	66-161	25-289
400 - 499	All regions	4	17	143	142	87-223	45-455
500 - 599	All regions	3	14	75	130	107-241	93-367
600 and over	All regions	1	6	12	253	198-450	92-450
400 and over	All regions	6	37	230	142	100-223	45-455

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EDUCATION: Yearly family expense, by value of living and region, 1920-1935

Value of living (except housing) in dollars per capita	Region	Number of states	Number of averages	Number of families	Average which includes median family	Range of averages including	
						Middle half of families	All families
Under 100	All regions	1	1	9	-	-	$36
100 - 199	North Atlantic	3	11	169	$ 13	$ 10- 46	1-132
	South Atlantic	2	10	640	4	3- 17	3- 76
	North Central	7	69	1745	23	14- 40	2-146
	South Central	2	7	213	17	15- 29	3- 80
	Western	2	4	79	43	43- 46	9- 57
	All regions	16	101	2846	23	5- 32	1-146
200 - 299	North Atlantic	4	18	394	23	14- 38	3- 74
	South Atlantic	2	14	511	58	58	3-109
	North Central	7	80	2536	27	18- 57	5-341
	Western	2	2	63	78	78	78-281
	All regions	15	114	3504	30	18- 58	3-341
300 - 399	North Atlantic	3	7	104	9	8- 15	3-274
	South Atlantic	2	6	92	30	13- 33	6-176
	North Central	3	38	384	59	20- 93	4-519
	All regions	8	51	580	38	13- 84	3-519
400 and over	All regions	4	35	213	74	20-161	14-616

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COMMUNITY WELFARE: Yearly family expense, by value of living and region, 1920-1935

Value of living (except housing) in dollars per capita	Region	Number of states	Number of averages	Number of families	Average which includes median family	Range of averages including: Middle half of families	Range of averages including: All families
Under 100	All regions	1	1	9	---	---	$18
100-199	North Atlantic	3	5	91	11	11	3-42
	South Atlantic	3	7	518	8	8	2-22
	North Central	7	51	1392	16	13-20	1-64
	South Central	3	10	774	12	9-20	7-25
	Western	2	4	79	30	30-48	30-48
	All regions	18	77	2854	14	8-20	1-64
200-299	North Atlantic	3	9	553	45	27-45	15-67
	South Atlantic	2	14	587	50	42-50	25-87
	North Central	7	68	2354	29	18-36	1-92
	Western	2	2	63	94	94	76-94
	All regions	14	93	3557	30	21-45	1-94
300-399	North Atlantic	1	5	70	62	56-65	56-77
	South Atlantic	2	6	92	34	17-43	15-53
	North Central	4	32	326	36	29-58	9-116
	All regions	7	43	488	36	29-58	9-116
400-499	All regions	5	17	134	38	27-127	6-172
500-599	All regions	3	13	71	41	34-64	19-125
600and over	All regions	1	7	13	54	25-54	1-139
400 and over	All regions	6	37	218	41	27-75	1-172

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GIFTS: Yearly family expense, by value of living and region, 1920-1935

Value of living (except housing) in dollars per capita	Region	Number of states	Number of averages	Number of families	Average which includes median family	Range of averages including-	
						Middle half of families	All families
Under 100	All regions	1	1	9	-	-	$ 11
100-199	North Atlantic	2	4	81	$ 14	$ 14	5- 18
	South Atlantic	1	1	40	-	-	9
	North Central	6	46	1078	9	3-15	1- 36
	South Central	2	7	213	4	3- 4	1- 14
	All regions	11	58	1412	7	3-15	1- 36
200-299	North Atlantic	3	12	214	26	14-31	14- 65
	South Atlantic	1	1	85	-	-	39
	North Central	7	54	1663	21	17-27	4- 50
	All regions	11	67	1962	21	17-28	4- 65
300-399	North Atlantic	2	7	94	32	26-48	25- 54
	North Central	4	30	321	30	26-40	14- 85
	All regions	6	37	415	32	26-41	14- 85
400-499	All regions	3	16	131	36	27-51	22-110
500-599	All regions	3	13	71	61	39-86	26-261
600 and over	All regions	2	7	13	73	73-85	39-284
400 and over	All regions	4	36	215	40	28-68	22-284

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