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INDEX  
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ING  
PRICES IN  
TEXAS,  
1861-1864**

| Product  | 1861     | 1862     | 1863      | 1864      |
|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Butter   | .25c lb  | .27c lb  | \$1.75 lb | \$9.00 lb |
| Salt     | .06 lb   | .06 lb   | .15 lb    | .28 lb    |
| Bacon    | .16 lb   | .17 lb   | .55 lb    | 1.75 lb   |
| Lard     | .15 cwt  | .18 cwt  | .60 cwt   | 6.00 cwt  |
| Corn     | .67 bu   | .70 bu   | 4.20 bu   | 25.00 bu  |
| Flour    | 6.00 cwt | 6.75 cwt | 43.00 cwt | 50.00 cwt |
| Wool     | .15 lb   | .27 lb   | —         | —         |
| Tallow   | .08 lb   | .11 lb   | .65 lb    | 13.50 lb  |
| Beef     | .02 lb   | .06 lb   | —         | .25 lb    |
| Potatoes | 1.75 bu  | .80 bu   | 4.75 bu   | 20.00 bu  |
| Meal     | —        | .77 lb   | 4.75 lb   | 30.00 lb  |
| Rice     | .11 lb   | —        | —         | 6.00 lb   |
| Coffee   | .65 lb   | —        | 2.75 lb   | 30.00 lb  |
| Molasses | .36 gal  | —        | 2.50 gal  | 25.00 gal |
| Sugar    | .08 lb   | .12 lb   | .37 lb    | 7.00 lb   |

**TRANSPORTATION PRICES IN TEXAS [MILITARY] — 1865**

|                                      |        |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Stagecoach per mile . . . . .        | \$0.40 |
| Railroad per mile . . . . .          | \$0.25 |
| Wagon freight per mile /lb . . . . . | \$0.06 |
| Steamboat per mile . . . . .         | \$0.05 |

**PRICE OF MILITARY  
STOCK IN TEXAS — 1864**

|                           |               |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Artillery horse . . . . . | \$400.00/head |
| Cavalry horse . . . . .   | \$325.00/head |
| Work oxen . . . . .       | \$125.00/yoke |

**SLAVE TRADE IN HOUSTON—1864**

|                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Ordinary negro man . . . . .  | \$4,500.00 |
| Negro woman 18-20 yr. . . . . | \$4,000.00 |
| Woman w/2 children . . . . .  | \$5,700.00 |
| Young negro boy . . . . .     | \$2,500.00 |
| Young negro girl . . . . .    | \$2,000.00 |

The annual commodity prices for the year 1865 have been deleted from this survey for one basic reason. Affects of the surrender at Appomattox filtered southward, gradually creating a downward spiral of price trends. This residual impact projects the misconception that the economy recovered drastically during, and immediately following, the waning months of the war.

A recomposition of consumer prices was waged in 1865 as the southern economy was reintegrated into the Union. For the purpose of the above survey, however, the fiscal year 1865 does not conform to the four years prior in that it was basically immune to those forces affecting the preceding years.

SOURCES: HOUSTON "TRI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH";  
GALVESTON "TRI-WEEKLY NEWS";  
MARSHALL "TEXAS REPUBLICAN"