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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";
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