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# APPENDIX III

# Textile Price Series Compiled by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics

The Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, in addition to its primary function of estimating the size of crops grown and number of livestock raised by farmers, has served as the main price collecting agency of the Department of Agriculture. Prices collected have included both prices paid to farmers for their crops and livestock, and, since 1909, retail prices paid by farmers for goods and services used in family maintenance and in production. These retail prices are currently collected quarterly in March, June, September, and December.

The Bureau's retail price series include numerous textile items which are itemized below. Prices for individual series have not been published, although 'national' average prices for individual items have been computed in the compilation of the index for clothing. This index, as well as those for other groups priced, appears first in the form of a mimeographed release and subsequently in the monthly publications, The Agricultural Situation and Crops and Markets.

In addition to its regular published series the Bureau of Agricultural Economics has tabulated prices on textile items in Sears, Roebuck and Company catalogues for several years. The items for which prices have been collected are listed below.

The Division of Cotton Marketing has also computed indexes of margins on several basic cotton cloths since 1925-26.

# Retail Price Series collected by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics for its Index of Retail Clothing Prices

ITEM	DATA AVAILABLE FOR
Men's Clothing	
Suits	1912-21
Suits, wool, serge	1922
Trousers, extra, woolen fabric	1927
Overalls	1909
Jumpers	1909-21
Shirts, flannel	1909-21
Shirts, work	1927
Socks, cotton, work	1922
Gloves, cotton	1918-34
Gloves, canvas, knitted wrists	1934
B.V.D.'s	1927–28
Union suits	
Athletic	1928
Fleece lined	1927–28
Winter	1928–35
Heavy winter	1935
Women's Clothing	
Dresses, house	1927
Bloomers, rayon knit	1930
Hose, silk	1927-34
Hose, silk, service weight	1934
Slips, rayon	1934
Yard Goods	
Gingham, apron domestic	1922
Muslin	1909-22 and 1927
Calico	1909-22
Toweling, 16" extra quality, bleached cotton	1927

## Items in Sears, Roebuck and Company Mail Order Catalogues for which Prices have been compiled by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics

ITEM	DATA AVAILABLE SINCE	FALL AND WINTER SPRING AND SUMMER
Coarse Cotton Piece Goods Indian Head (white and colored) Same	1926–27 1 1929	FW SS
Flannel, outing and Canton Same Denim, 2.45 and 2.20	1926–27 <sup>2</sup> 1929 <sup>3</sup> 1926–27 <sup>4</sup>	FW SS FW
Same Ticking, 'Tried and True' Same	1929 1926–27 <sup>5</sup> 1929	SS FW SS
Medium Cotton Piece Goods Muslin, 'Needlecraft,' 80x80, 72x76 64x60 Same Percale, 'Paradise,' 80x80 Same Gingham, 'Amoskeag Clan Loch' Same Birdseye, 'Angel' Same	1926-27 6 1929 7 1926-27 8 1929 1926-27 9 1929 10 1926-27 11	FW SS FW SS FW SS FW SS
Fine Cotton Piece Goods Nainsook, 64x60 and 72x76 Same Pongee, Soisette and Pongette Same	1926–27 <sup>12</sup> 1929 <sup>13</sup> 1926–27 <sup>14</sup> 1929 <sup>15</sup>	FW SS FW SS
Cotton Sheets and Pillowcases Sheets, 81x99 (3) 16 Same	1926–27 17 1929	FW SS

- <sup>1</sup> Prices missing for 1927-28, 1929-30, 1931-32, and 1936-37.
- <sup>2</sup> Outing and Canton prices missing for 1927-28; Canton prices missing for 1929-30 and 1931-32.
- <sup>3</sup> Canton prices not listed in spring and summer catalogues.
- 4 Prices missing for 1927-28, and of 2.45 denim for 1929-30 and 1931-32.
- <sup>5</sup> Prices missing for 1927-28.
- 6 Prices missing for 1927-28 and 1936-37; 80x80 and 72x76 prices missing for 1929-30 and 1931-32.
- 7 Price missing for 1936.
- 8 Prices missing for 1926-27, 1927-28, and 1931-32.
- 9 Prices missing for 1927-28, 1929-30, 1931-32, and 1936-37. 10 Prices missing for 1929, 1930, 1931, and 1936.
- 11 Prices missing for 1927-28 and 1929-30.
- 12 Prices of 64x60 missing for 1927-28 through 1931-32; 72x76 prices missing for 1927-28, 1929-30, and 1931-32.
- 13 Prices of 64x60 missing for 1929 through 1931; 72x76 price missing for
- 14 Prices missing for 1927-28, 1929-30, 1931-32, and mercerized Soisette price missing for 1936.
- 15 Mercerized Soisette price missing for 1936.
- 16 'Lady Fair', 'Launderite', and 'Wonder Value'.
- 17 Prices missing for 1927-28, 1929-30, and 1931-32.

ITEM	DATA AVAILABLE SINCE	FALL AND WINTER SPRING AND SUMMER
Pillowcases, 45x36 (3) 16	1926-27 18	FW
Same	1929 19	SS
Cotton or Part Cotton Blankets (5) 20		
70x80	1926-27 21	FW
Same	1929 <sup>22</sup>	SS
Men's Work Clothing		
Overalls (3) 23	1926-27 24	FW
Same	1929	SS
Pants, Moleskin, cottonade, corduroy	1926-27 25	FW
Same	1929 26	SS
Shirts, 'Hercules' and 'Sturdy Oak'	1926-27 27	FW
Same	1929	SS
Men's Cotton Clothing		
Dress Shirts, 'Royal Ascot', 'Our Best'	1926-27 28	FW
Same	1929	SS
Uncerwear		
Pajama check union suits		
Balbriggan shirts and drawers, combed and carded Fleece-lined union suits	1926–27 29	FW

- 18 Prices of 'Lady Fair' and 'Launderite' missing for 1927–28, 1929–30, and 1931–32; 'Wonder Value' prices missing for 1926–27 through 1933–34.
- 19 'Wonder Value' prices missing for 1929 through 1934.
- 20 'Nashua Coverwarm' 4 lb.; 'Nashua Durawarm' 4 lb.; 'Nashua Econowarm' 4 lb.; 'Nashua Econowarm' 1 lb.; 'Nashua Inalatex' 2 lb. 13 oz.
- 21 'Coverwarm' prices missing for seasons 1927–28 through 1931–32, and 1936–37; 'Durawarm' prices missing 1927–28, 1929–30, 1931–32, 1932–33, and 1936–37; 'Econowarm' 4 lb. prices missing for 1927–28, 1929–30, 1930–31, 1931–32, and 1936–37; 'Econowarm' 1 lb. prices missing for 1927–28, 1929–30, 1930–31, 1931–32, and 1936–37; 'Inalatex' prices missing for 1927–28, 1929–30, 1931–32, and 1936–37.
- 22 'Coverwarm' prices missing for 1929 through 1933, and 1936; 'Durawarm' prices missing for 1930, 1933, 1934, and 1936; 'Econowarm' 4 lb. prices missing for 1929, 1930, 1933, and 1936; 'Econowarm' 1 lb. prices missing for 1930, 1933, 1934, and 1936; 'Inalatex' prices missing for 1930, 1933, and 1934.
- 23 'Sturdy Oak', 'Pacemaker', and 'Hercules'.
- 24 Prices of 'Sturdy Oak' missing for 1927–28, 1929–30, and 1931–32; 'Pacemaker' prices missing for 1927–28, 1929–30, 1930–31, 1931–32, 1932–33, 1933–34, and 1935–36; 'Hercules' prices missing for 1927–28, 1929–30, 1931–32.
- 25 Prices missing for 1927-28, 1929-30, and 1931-32.
- 26 Corduroy prices missing for 1933 through 1936.
- 27 Prices missing for 1927-28, 1929-30, and 1931-32.
- 28 Prices missing for 1927-28, 1929-30, and 1931-32.
- <sup>29</sup> Prices of pajamas, fleece-lined union suits, and ribbed brushed union suits missing for 1927–28, 1929–30, and 1931–32; prices of Balbriggan shirts and drawers, combed and carded, missing for 1927–28.

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ITEM .	DATA AVAILABLE SINCE	FALL AND WINTER SPRING AND SUMMER
Pilgrim ribbed union suits Pajama check union suits Balbriggan shirts and drawers, combed and carded	1928 30	SS
Socks, 'Uncle Sam', black carded, mer cerized, 2 ply Same	1926–27 <sup>31</sup> 1928 <sup>32</sup>	FW SS
Women's Cotton Clothing Nightgowns, 'Fruit of the Loom' Same Union suits, 'Lady Pilgrim' Same	1926–27 <sup>33</sup> 1929 <sup>34</sup> 1926–27 <sup>35</sup> 1929	FW SS FW SS
Hose, combed, mercerized, 2 ply medium and cheap Same	7, 1926–27 <sup>36</sup> 1929	FW SS

<sup>30</sup> Prices of pajama check union suits missing for 1928 and 1936; prices of fleece-lined gray union suits and of ribbed brushed union suits not listed in spring and summer catalogues.

<sup>31</sup> Prices of 'Uncle Sam' and black carded missing for 1927-28, 1929-30, and 1931-32; price of mercerized 2 ply missing for 1927-28.

<sup>32</sup> Prices of 'Uncle Sam' and black carded missing for 1928.

<sup>33</sup> Prices missing for 1927-28, 1929-30, and 1931-32; 'Fruit of the Loom' price missing for 1936-37 only.

<sup>34</sup> Price missing for 1934.
35 Prices missing for 1927–28, 1929–30, and 1931–32.
36 Prices missing for 1927–28, 1929–30, and 1931–32.

## Staple Cotton Cloth Construction for which Gray Goods Manufacturers' Margin is computed

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(data available 1925-26 to date)
Average for 17 constructions
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Print Cloths, average for 6 constructions 38½" 44x40 8.20 yd. 38½" 60x48 6.25 yd. 38½" 64x60 5.35 yd. 39" 68x72 4.75 yd. 39" 72x76 4.25 yd. 39" 80x80 4.00 yd.

Sheetings, average for 3 constructions 36" 48×40 5.50 yd. 37" 48×48 4.00 yd. 40" 48×48 2.85 yd.

Twill, 39" 68x76 4.00 yd.

Drills, average for 4 constructions 30" 2.85 yd. 30" 3.25 yd. 37" 2.75 yd. 37" 3.95 yd.

Sateen, 371/2" 64x104 4.37 yd.

Duck, average for 2 constructions 8 oz. S. F. Grade A 8 oz. Army

