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1975-76 EUROPEAN COMMUNITY FARM PRICES ESTABLISHED

Washington D.C. -- European Community farm prices will increase by an average of 10.2 per cent during the 1975-76 marketing year, as agreed to by the EC Council of Ministers February 13. The Council also took the first step toward demobilizing the Community's monetary compensatory amounts (MCA) system, in a move to gradually align farm prices closer to the real currency situation in each member state. The MCA are, essentially, variable adjustments applied by member states to protect farm prices against currency fluctuations. This move would result in smaller price increases in countries like Germany and higher price increases in countries like France and Italy.

Denmark's delegation to the Council withheld approval of the decision, pending the formation of a new Danish Government.

Following is the list of product price changes, in relation to the 1974-75 marketing year.

<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>PER CENT CHANGE</u>
<u>Cereals</u>	
Common wheat: target price	+9
intervention price	+9
Durum wheat: target price	+8
intervention price	+9
minimum producer price	+5
Rye: target price	+11
intervention price	+12
Barley: target and intervention prices	+9.4
Corn: target and intervention prices	+10
(The corn marketing year to run from January 8, 1975)	
<u>Rice:</u>	+10
Husked rice: target price	+10
Paddy rice: intervention price	+8
<u>Olive Oil:</u> target producer price: 185 units of account	
(UA) per 100 kilograms (220.46 pounds)	
(One UA equals \$1.20635 at current rates.)	
<u>Sugar and Sugar Beet:</u>	+15 (as of July 1, 1975)
<u>Oil and Protein Seeds:</u>	
Sunflower seeds: target and intervention prices	+12
Colza and Rapeseed: " " " " " "	+11
Soya seeds: norm price	+12
<u>Milk</u> target price	+6 (as of March 3, 1975)
target price	+4.7 (as of September 16, 1975)
<u>Beef and Veal</u>	
Adult cattle: guide price	+8.5
intervention price	+5.5

Fruits and Vegetables:

Apples and Pears	basic price	+9
Lemons	basic price	+6.5
	purchase price	+11.9
Cucumbers	reference price	+10 (March 1 to 30 June, 1975)
Tomatoes	reference price	+10 (April 1 to July 10, 1975)
Other Fruits and Vegetables:	basic price	+11
<u>Pork</u> (carcass):	basic price	+8 (after January 8, 1975)