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Humidity

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Bothered by static electricity, dry nose and throat or squeaky floors during the winter? You may have a problem with low relative humidity that will cause you discomfort and annoyance.

Or you may have the opposite humidity problem. Sweaty windows and sills are symptoms of too much moisture, and that can cause peeling paint and rotting wood.

Whether your house suffers from too much or too little moisture, you may find practical solutions in Agricultural Engineering Fact Sheet 19, "Controlling Household Humidity," available from county agents or the Bulletin Room, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101.

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Food Prices

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Twin Cities shoppers spent almost nineteen percent more in 1973 to fill their shopping carts than they did in 1972, the sharpest food price increase in 25 years.

University of Minnesota extension home management specialist Edna Jordahl says the forecast is for more price increases in 1974.

The steepest price hikes will come in the first three months of the year, but beef, poultry and, later, pork prices will climb toward mid-year.

There are several "ifs" in the food price picture. Food inventories are down, so if heavy demands arise, prices will soar. But if demand stays about constant, prices might go down this year.

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