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Food Prices

Agriculture department officials say food prices for the first half of 1976 will probably average about six percent above a year earlier levels.

Food prices in the last half of 1976 will be heavily influenced by 1976 weather and crop conditions. Generally large U-S and world crops and increased output of livestock-related foods would mean a continued slow rise in food prices this summer and fall.

But should production be reduced, retail food prices would likely go up--especially in late 1976 and 1977. The USDA report also predicts that per capita food consumption will increase one to two percent this year and that both animal and crop-related food prices are expected to share equally in the gain.

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Adding Fluoride

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Agricultural engineers at the University of Minnesota are receiving inquiries from individuals wanting information on fluoridation of their private water supplies.

It is recommended that fluoride not be added to a home water supply. However, it is possible to obtain fluoride in pill or liquid form which may be taken daily by members of the family. Check with your local dentist, doctor or pharmacist for the most convenient method to provide fluoride to your family.

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