

We asked for the time of day at which any food was eaten, whether any vitamin or mineral supplements were taken during the day, the types of places where away-from-home food was eaten and the expense for purchased meals and snacks eaten away from home.

Tabulation of the household data is under way. We have issued a preliminary report on the money value of food used by households in the U.S., spring 1965.¹ This report provides data on the money value of food used at home—bought and home produced—and the expense for meals and snacks eaten away from home.

In our basic statistical reports, we will have three types of information for about 200 foods or groups of foods: the percentage of households using each food during the week, and its average quantity and its average money value. Where pertinent, these data will be shown separately for purchased, home-produced and Federally-donated food. In the publications primarily concerned with dietary levels, there will be data on the average nutritive value of the week's food, distributions showing percentages of households with diets at specified levels of calories and each of 9 or 10 key nutrients, the contribution of selected groups and items of foods to total calories and to the total of each nutrient, and average quantities consumed of about 50-60 foods grouped for their nutritional value.

The major classifications for reporting these data in the first 10 volumes to be published will be region, urbanization, and income. Some charts based upon the preliminary report on total money value of food used by households in the spring of 1965 indicate the types of tabulations that will also be available on the consumption of foods and the nutritive content of diet.

Regional differences in family food supplies were quite large in 1965 as shown by the data in the preliminary report (Fig. 5). The average money value of food used at home in the Northeast was \$32 per family per week, almost a fourth higher than the \$26 per week reported in the South. Expenditures for food away from home were \$7.25 in the Northeast, a third higher than the \$5.35 a week in the South.

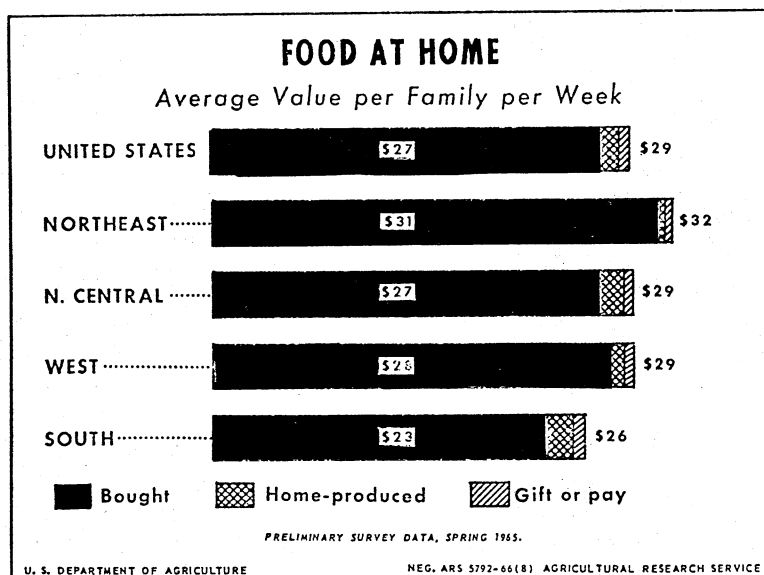


Figure 5

Although farm families now spend more like urban families, there is still considerable difference between them especially in the proportion of the total food money that is spent on food away from home and in the proportion home produced. Almost a fifth of the total money value of food of urban families went

¹ Money Value of Food Used by Households in the United States, Spring 1965. CFE (Adm.)-300. Food Consumption Survey, 1965-66, Preliminary Report. September 1966.