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Black Pepper													
Malabar/Lampong/Brazilian													
1996	0.993	1.033	1.092	1.083	1.112	1.095	1.080	1.198	1.265	1.275	1.276	1.280	1.148
1997	1.386	1.518	1.490	1.618	1.734	1.938	2.295	2.550	2.513	2.648	2.663	2.450	2.067
1998	1.994	2.055	2.438	2.628	2.628	2.475	2.530	2.538	2.463	2.430	2.313	2.250	2.395
1999	2.225	2.258	2.525	2.480	2.525	2.500	2.290	2.493	2.638	2.820	2.975	2.810	2.545
2000	2.600	2.563	2.450										
Tellicherry													
1996	1.338	1.450	1.420	1.313	1.350	1.350	1.350	1.400	1.463	1.463	1.450	1.450	1.400
1997	1.450	1.750	1.750	1.763	1.760	2.063	2.450	2.740	2.800	2.840	2.875	2.850	2.258
1998	2.770	2.800	2.950	2.838	2.850	2.800	2.880	2.900	2.900	2.900	2.900	2.900	2.866
1999	2.900	2.900	2.950	2.950	2.913	2.900	2.840	2.850	2.925	3.050	3.225	3.150	2.963
2000	3.050	3.050	3.050										
Muntok White Pepper													
1996	1.745	1.775	1.816	1.795	1.726	1.648	1.540	1.696	1.815	1.935	1.918	2.058	1.789
1997	2.560	2.645	2.550	2.500	2.410	2.488	2.803	3.240	3.325	3.620	4.338	4.075	3.046
1998	3.480	3.463	3.625	3.900	3.930	3.588	3.540	3.563	3.488	3.400	3.400	3.400	3.565
1999	3.613	3.550	3.650	3.550	3.525	3.350	3.100	3.138	3.250	3.270	3.163	3.030	3.349
2000	2.950	2.938	2.800										
Cinnamon--Ceylon H-2													
1996	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	1.975	1.900	1.900	1.900	1.973
1997	1.900	1.938	2.100	2.200	2.200	2.200	2.200	2.440	2.600	2.624	2.718	2.738	2.321
1998	2.870	2.950	2.950	2.950	2.950	2.950	2.950	2.950	2.950	2.950	2.950	2.750	2.927
1999	2.750	2.675	2.650	2.650	2.650	2.650	N/A	2.750	2.750	2.750	2.750	2.750	2.481
2000	2.750	2.750	2.750										
Cloves													
Madagascar/Zanzibar													
1996	0.613	0.658	0.658	0.645	0.626	0.610	0.610	0.610	0.610	0.610	0.572	0.563	0.615
1997	0.564	0.575	0.645	0.640	0.634	0.605	0.600	0.582	0.585	0.650	0.650	0.635	0.614
1998	0.630	0.630	0.678	0.795	0.770	0.745	0.694	0.670	0.660	0.654	0.690	0.698	0.693
1999	0.718	0.720	0.720	0.764	0.988	1.225	2.580	2.463	2.025	1.770	1.700	1.660	1.444
2000	1.863	2.188	2.250										
Braz./Indon./Ceylon (Stems)													
1996	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320
1997	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320
1998	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320
1999	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.340	0.383	N/A	N/A	0.950	0.950	0.930	0.850	0.850	0.518
2000	0.850	0.850	0.850										
Sri Lanka (Hand Picked)													
1996	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500
1997	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.425	1.400	1.485
1998	1.400	1.400	1.400	1.400	1.400	1.400	1.400	1.400	1.400	1.400	1.400	1.400	1.400
1999	1.400	1.400	1.400	1.400	1.500	1.700	3.030	3.500	3.500	2.920	2.750	2.750	2.271
2000	2.750	3.000	3.250										
Ginger													
Indian-Cochin													
1996	1.650	0.850	0.870	0.900	0.932	0.930	0.930	0.930	0.930	0.930	0.930	0.930	0.976
1997	0.914	0.885	0.843	0.805	0.872	0.928	0.960	0.960	0.945	0.894	0.885	0.850	0.895
1998	0.832	0.835	0.885	0.923	0.908	0.868	0.838	0.830	0.828	0.832	0.850	0.830	0.855
1999	0.850	0.863	0.913	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.974	0.990	0.950	0.937
2000	0.950	0.950	0.950										
Chinese, Whole Peeled													
1996	0.808	0.865	0.894	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.940	0.940	1.120	0.914
1997	1.220	1.450	1.625	2.325	2.500	2.500	2.500	2.500	2.500	2.500	2.500	N/A	2.193
1998	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.233	1.020	0.975	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.913	0.870	0.979
1999	0.865	0.800	0.750	0.710	0.695	0.660	0.652	0.660	0.708	0.720	0.720	0.700	0.720
2000	0.680	0.665	0.650										
Chinese, Sliced													
1996	0.510	0.543	0.592	0.610	0.698	0.740	0.745	0.750	0.760	0.780	0.808	0.898	0.703
1997	0.920	1.163	1.238	1.300	1.300	1.300	1.400	1.400	1.400	1.400	1.400	N/A	1.293
1998	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.795	0.765	0.750	0.720	0.720	0.720	0.700	0.680	0.731
1999	0.673	0.620	0.600	0.600	0.580	0.533	0.530	0.538	0.580	0.608	0.610	0.592	0.589
2000	0.583	0.568	0.550										
Jamaica #3													
1996	2.750	2.750	2.750	2.750	2.750	4.200	4.200	4.200	4.200	4.200	N/A	N/A	3.475
Nigerian Split													
1999	0.600	0.565	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.555
2000	0.550	0.550	0.550										
Mace													
#2 Siauw Siftings													
1996	2.450	2.450	2.450	2.450	2.450	2.450	2.450	2.370	2.350	2.350	2.350	2.350	2.410
1997	2.690	3.725	3.950	3.950	3.950	3.950	4.188	4.400	4.400	4.400	4.475	5.588	4.139
1998	6.070	6.050	5.725	5.500	5.500	5.500	5.350	5.250	5.250	5.250	5.375	5.560	5.532
1999	5.825	5.900	5.900	5.900	5.900	5.900	6.020	6.500	6.500	6.500	6.500	6.500	6.154
2000	6.500	6.500	6.500										
Nutmeg													
West Indies Whole													
1996	1.100	1.115	1.130	1.130	1.130	1.130	1.130	1.130	1.130	1.130	1.130	1.130	1.126
1997	1.130	1.130	1.183	1.200	1.200	1.200	1.400	1.400	1.400	1.400	1.400	1.950	1.333
1998	2.000	1.963	1.950	1.950	1.950	1.950	1.950	1.950	1.950	1.950	2.150	2.530	2.020
1999	2.850	3.000	3.000	3.190	3.250	3.250	3.340	3.575	4.025	4.100	4.100	4.100	3.482
2000	4.100	4.100	4.100										

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East Indies														
	1996	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.936	0.930	0.930	0.930	0.930	0.930	0.930	0.940	0.938
	1997	0.970	1.060	1.120	1.140	1.140	1.140	1.260	1.350	1.300	1.300	1.370	1.950	1.258
	1998	2.000	1.983	1.850	1.850	1.940	1.900	1.836	1.783	1.790	1.940	2.145	2.500	1.960
	1999	2.725	2.750	2.750	2.780	2.775	2.863	3.080	3.800	3.950	3.580	3.375	3.280	3.142
	2000	3.213	3.300	3.350										

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Pimento (Allspice)													
Guatemalan/Honduran													
1996	0.965	0.980	0.986	1.035	1.062	1.050	1.000	0.988	0.955	0.940	0.900	0.900	0.980
1997	0.914	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.970	0.965	0.950	0.950	0.928	0.950	0.965	0.970	0.951
1998	0.970	0.970	0.970	0.985	0.990	0.970	0.994	1.123	N/A	1.400	N/A	N/A	1.041
1999	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.950	1.790	1.483	1.300	2.110	2.400	2.410	1.920
2000	2.738	3.200	3.000										
Jamaican													
1996	1.100	1.100	1.118	1.150	1.174	1.180	1.180	1.180	1.180	1.180	1.180	1.180	1.158
1997	1.180	1.180	1.180	1.180	1.180	1.180	1.180	1.180	1.180	1.180	1.180	1.180	1.180
1998	1.180	1.180	1.180	1.250	1.250	1.250	1.250	1.280	1.388	1.472	1.763	1.800	1.353
1999	1.800	1.925	2.425	2.370	2.250	2.250	2.190	2.150	2.150	2.340	2.650	2.710	2.268
2000	3.645	4.000	4.000										
Mexican													
1996	0.940	0.945	0.966	1.000	1.046	1.050	1.015	0.968	0.928	0.903	0.850	0.850	0.955
1997	0.856	0.880	0.880	0.880	0.880	0.880	0.880	0.880	0.880	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.883
1998	0.920	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.968	1.100	1.235	1.274	1.280	1.330	1.071
1999	1.388	1.588	2.188	2.160	2.100	2.025	1.790	1.483	1.300	2.110	2.400	2.410	1.912
2000	2.738	3.200	3.000										
Turmeric													
Indian Alleppey 5.00 Curcumin													
1996	0.630	0.630	0.624	0.610	0.620	0.620	0.620	0.640	0.665	0.680	0.680	0.680	0.642
1999	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.830	0.830	0.830	0.830	0.830	0.830	0.830	0.642
2000	0.820	0.810	0.810										
Indian Alleppey 5.50-6 Curcumin													
1996	0.650	0.650	0.640	0.650	0.650	0.650	0.650	0.664	0.685	0.700	0.700	0.725	0.668
Indian Alleppey 5.50 Curcumin													
1997	0.778	0.820	0.778	0.745	0.740	0.755	0.780	0.780	0.780	0.780	0.780	0.790	0.775
1998	0.838	0.955	0.993	1.000	0.996	0.980	0.980	0.980	0.980	0.980	0.980	0.980	0.970
1999	0.980	0.980	0.980	0.958	0.843	0.825	0.860	0.860	0.860	0.860	0.860	0.860	0.894
2000	0.850	0.840	0.840										
Indian Alleppey 6.00 Curcumin													
1997	0.802	0.840	0.798	0.765	0.760	0.778	0.810	0.810	0.810	0.810	0.810	0.820	0.801
1998	0.868	0.975	1.015	1.020	1.016	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.991
1999	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.986	0.873	0.810	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.472
Peruvian													
1996	0.440	0.440	0.440	0.440	0.440	0.440	0.440	0.440	0.440	0.440	0.440	0.440	0.440
Madras													
1997	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550
1998	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.650	0.558
1999	0.620	0.620	0.620	0.620	0.620	0.620	0.620	0.620	0.620	0.620	0.620	0.620	0.620
2000	0.620	0.620	0.620										
Anise Seed													
Chinese Star Whole													
1996	2.250	2.250	2.250	2.250	2.250	2.250	2.250	2.250	2.250	2.250	2.250	2.200	2.246
1997	2.140	2.100	2.050	2.000	1.950	1.900	1.900	1.900	1.900	1.900	1.900	1.900	1.962
1998	1.900	1.900	1.898	1.890	1.778	1.750	1.740	1.700	1.700	1.700	1.700	1.700	1.780
1999	1.550	1.525	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.675	1.950	1.950	1.973	1.968	1.674
2000	1.950	1.950	1.950										
Spanish													
1996	1.350	1.350	1.350	1.350	1.350	1.350	1.350	1.350	1.350	1.350	1.350	1.350	1.350
1997	1.350	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.350
Syrian													
1999	1.300	1.300	1.285	1.268	1.250	1.250	1.212	1.195	1.180	1.126	1.075	1.050	1.208
2000	1.030	1.040	1.050										
Turkish													
1996	0.785	0.760	0.798	0.800	0.800	0.800	0.815	0.824	0.915	0.928	0.962	0.970	0.846
1997	0.974	1.030	1.070	1.070	1.070	1.135	1.158	1.238	1.393	1.348	1.335	1.618	1.203
1998	1.698	1.675	1.610	1.540	1.514	1.473	1.500	1.525	1.480	1.480	1.480	1.480	1.538
1999	1.465	1.393	1.313	1.288	1.270	1.270	1.238	1.223	1.200	1.200	1.200	1.170	1.269
2000	1.100	1.115	1.130										
Cardamom													
Bleached "AA"													
1996	12.000	12.000	12.000	12.000	12.000	12.000	12.000	12.000	12.000	11.938	11.750	11.750	11.953
1997	11.750	11.750	11.750	11.750	11.750	11.750	11.750	11.750	11.750	11.750	11.750	10.750	11.667
1998	10.750	10.750	10.750	10.750	10.550	10.500	10.500	10.500	10.500	10.500	10.500	10.500	10.588
1999	10.500	10.500	10.500	10.500	10.500	10.500	10.500	10.500	11.250	12.000	12.000	12.000	10.938
2000	12.000	12.000	12.000										
Fancy Greens													
1996	3.875	3.750	3.750	3.750	3.650	3.500	3.500	3.500	3.500	3.438	3.050	3.000	3.522
1997	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000
1998	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.250	3.375	3.960	5.900	6.500	3.665
1999	6.500	6.500	6.500	6.500	6.500	6.500	6.500	6.500	6.500	6.650	N/A	N/A	5.429
2000	8.500	9.000	9.000										
Decorticated													
1996	2.525	2.450	2.400	2.400	2.400	2.400	2.400	2.400	2.400	2.000	1.920	1.850	2.295
1997	1.800	1.750	1.775	1.800	1.800	1.800	1.800	1.800	1.800	1.800	1.800	1.800	1.794
1998	1.800	1.800	1.800	1.800	1.760	1.750	1.780	1.800	1.850	2.220	3.350	3.850	2.130
1999	3.850	3.850	3.850	3.850	3.888	4.150	4.150	4.150	4.150	4.390	4.575	4.600	4.121
2000	5.575	8.350	8.900										
Mixed Greens													
1996	2.250	2.250	2.250	2.100	2.100	2.100	2.100	2.100	2.100	2.100	2.100	2.100	2.138
1997	2.100	2.100	2.100	2.100	2.100	2.100	2.100	2.100	2.100	2.100	2.100	2.100	2.100
1998	2.100	2.100	2.100	2.100	2.100	2.100	2.140	2.500	2.575	2.690	2.750	4.250	2.459
1999	4.350	4.350	4.350	4.350	4.350	4.350	4.350	4.350	4.350	4.350	N/A	N/A	4.350
2000	4.838	6.438	7.000										

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Celery Seed														
Indian														
	1996	0.400	0.400	0.396	0.390	0.390	0.390	0.390	0.390	0.385	0.380	0.380	0.380	0.389
	1997	0.380	0.380	0.385	0.390	0.390	0.390	0.390	0.390	0.390	0.390	0.390	0.390	0.388
	1998	0.386	0.370	0.363	0.360	0.358	0.350	0.358	0.380	0.380	0.380	0.380	0.380	0.370
	1999	0.380	0.380	0.380	0.380	0.380	0.405	0.430	0.430	0.430	0.430	0.430	0.430	0.407
	2000	0.430	0.430	0.430										
Dill Seed														
Indian														
	1996	0.520	0.495	0.480	0.480	0.480	0.480	0.480	0.480	0.468	0.480	0.480	0.480	0.484
	1997	0.480	0.480	0.480	0.480	0.480	0.480	0.480	0.480	0.470	0.460	0.455	0.440	0.472
	1998	0.440	0.440	0.440	0.440	0.440	0.440	0.440	0.440	0.460	0.480	0.480	0.525	0.455
	1999	0.600	0.600	0.645	0.680	0.680	0.680	0.680	0.680	0.680	0.680	0.680	0.680	0.664
	2000	0.680	0.735	0.790										
Mustard Seed														
Canadian #1 Yellow														
	1996	0.280	0.280	0.296	0.315	0.328	0.383	0.410	0.420	0.420	0.420	0.428	0.440	0.368
	1997	0.460	0.460	0.460	0.460	0.460	0.460	0.460	0.380	0.360	0.356	0.330	0.320	0.414
	1998	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320
	1999	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.304	0.300	0.300	0.300	0.300	0.300	0.300	0.300	0.300	0.305
	2000	0.300	0.300	0.300										
Oriental/Brown														
	1996	0.280	0.280	0.280	0.295	0.324	0.345	0.350	0.350	0.350	0.350	0.350	0.350	0.325
	1997	0.350	0.350	0.350	0.350	0.350	0.350	0.350	0.350	0.350	0.346	0.320	0.310	0.344
	1998	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.310
	1999	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.310
	2000	0.310	0.310	0.310										
Poppy Seed														
Dutch A-1														
	1996	0.570	0.523	0.510	0.515	0.540	0.555	0.560	0.638	0.825	0.820	0.820	0.820	0.641
	1997	0.796	0.740	0.680	0.655	0.650	0.650	0.650	0.784	0.900	0.900	0.870	0.810	0.757
	1998	0.828	0.988	1.050	1.050	1.050	1.050	1.050	1.050	1.025	0.770	0.690	0.702	0.942
	1999	0.720	0.750	0.750	0.722	0.650	0.643	0.576	0.570	0.565	0.530	0.530	0.520	0.627
	2000	0.520	0.520	0.520										
Australian														
	1996	0.570	0.528	0.510	0.510	0.518	0.525	0.530	0.596	0.760	0.750	0.750	0.750	0.608
	1997	0.746	0.715	0.680	0.655	0.650	0.600	0.570	0.714	0.850	0.850	0.825	0.800	0.721
	1998	0.782	0.883	0.855	0.860	0.890	0.890	0.874	0.850	0.800	0.714	0.680	0.680	0.813
	1999	0.680	N/A	N/A	0.638	0.630	0.623	0.564	0.550	0.540	0.530	0.530	0.520	0.580
	2000	0.505	0.490	0.490										
Turkish														
	1996	0.468	0.408	0.422	0.430	0.430	0.430	0.430	0.522	0.720	0.705	0.700	0.700	0.530
	1997	0.668	0.615	0.565	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.620	0.700	0.700	0.700	0.700	0.622
	1998	0.720	0.800	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.660	0.654	0.630	N/A	0.693
	1999	0.625	0.650	0.615	0.598	0.590	0.590	0.540	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.400	0.400	0.556
	2000	0.410	N/A	N/A										
Sesame Seed														
Central American Hulled														
	1996	1.000	0.973	0.960	0.940	0.940	0.900	0.860	0.860	0.825	0.768	0.730	0.720	0.873
	1997	0.684	0.660	0.660	0.660	0.660	0.660	0.660	0.660	0.660	0.660	0.703	0.750	0.673
	1998	0.750	0.750	0.750	0.735	0.730	0.730	0.730	0.730	0.730	0.730	0.730	0.746	0.737
	1999	0.783	0.820	0.805	0.800	0.800	0.800	0.800	0.800	0.800	0.800	0.800	0.784	0.799
	2000	0.803	0.825	0.830										
Central American Natural														
	1996	0.800	0.800	0.800	0.800	0.800	0.765	0.750	0.750	0.735	0.708	0.700	0.690	0.758
	1997	0.644	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.570	0.570	0.570	0.570	0.570	0.572	0.587	N/A	0.587
	1998	N/A	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600
	1999	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600
	2000	0.600	0.600	0.600										
Indian Natural														
	1996	0.675	0.645	0.594	0.535	0.534	0.550	0.550	0.534	0.503	0.480	0.480	0.458	0.545
	1997	0.434	0.420	0.420	0.420	0.420	0.420	0.420	0.420	0.420	0.420	0.420	0.420	0.421
	1998	0.408	0.400	0.400	0.415	0.440	0.440	0.440	0.440	0.430	0.435	N/A	0.528	0.434
	1999	0.520	0.513	0.503	0.546	0.550	0.543	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.520	0.530	0.480	0.517
	2000	0.473	0.470	0.470										
Saffron														
Spanish														
	1996	350.000	350.000	350.000	350.000	350.000	350.000	350.000	350.000	350.000	350.000	350.000	350.000	350.000
	1997	350.000	350.000	346.250	345.000	345.000	345.000	345.000	345.000	357.500	384.000	385.000	385.000	356.896
	1998	385.000	362.500	355.000	355.000	355.000	363.750	365.000	365.000	365.000	365.000	365.000	365.000	363.854
	1999	365.000	365.000	365.000	365.000	365.000	365.000	365.000	365.000	365.000	365.000	365.000	356.000	364.250
	2000	340.000	330.000	330.000										

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Note: For an historical series of prices, see the Tropical Products: World Markets and Trade circular dated December 1996.

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N/A--not available.