

Yule Shopping Credited For Lower Meat Prices

By The Associated Press
Meat prices edged a shade lower in most markets this week and food men said the Christmas shopping rush was largely responsible. Ladies dashing around buying Christmas presents apparently do not have as much time or energy—or money, either—to devote to cooking, said an agriculture department analyst.

Many of the slight reductions this week were in beef items, trimmed two to four cents a pound to compete with pork cuts which have been lowered in price several times in the past month or so.

Pork
Some stores reduced a few pork items two to ten cents a pound but at least one large chain said pork prices had steadied after the long downturn. It marked up loin chops three cents a pound from last week-end. Lamb was down slightly in most places, veal about unchanged.

Top grade eggs continued their weeks-long price decline and were being quoted two to four cents a dozen cheaper in many marketing centers as farm production held at near-record levels. During the past month eggs have dropped about 12 cents a dozen in some areas.

Coffee
A few brands of coffee were boosted four cents a pound at the wholesale level this week after holding steady for almost a month. On most produce shelves this week, snap beans, beets, cauliflower, cucumbers, radishes and squash were somewhat lower-priced. To-

matoes were made down as good supplies reached markets from several sources.

Carrots were a little higher as cold weather damaged part of the crop in California. Peppers and new cabbage also were up slightly.

A new plant to be used exclusively for processing quick-frozen french fried potatoes was scheduled for official opening Thursday at Caribou, Me., by the Birds-Eye Snider division of General Foods. The company said demand for frozen french fries has climbed so rapidly that its 150 pack will be 226 per cent bigger than production in the introductory year 1948.

The Dun & Bradstreet wholesale food price index this week declined two cents from a week ago to \$5.76, and compared with \$6.21 a year ago. The figure represents the total cost at wholesale of a pound each of 31 foods in general use.

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Mr. and Mrs. Loren L. Miller Jr. and their two small sons left last week for the Loren L. Miller and son ranch at Red Bluff, Calif., where they will spend the winter. Mr. and Mrs. Loren L. Miller Sr. went south to the ranch three weeks ago, and shortly after their arrival, it has been learned a disastrous fire completely razed the large barn on the property, destroying a practically new caterpillar tractor, and also a feed grinding machine kept in the

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