

*Schedule of Prices During the Civil War for Items in Arkansas
Appendix 4-3*

**HEADQUARTERS TRANS-MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT,
Shreveport, La., July 6, 1864
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The following Schedule of Prices of articles herein named, adopted by Commissioners appointed pursuant to law for the State of ARKANSAS, is announced for the information of all concerned.

This Schedule of Prices, established every two months, or oftener, is published for the information of all parties making impressments; and no officers or agent will pay, or approve for payment, any local appraisement materially in excess thereof; but will always confer the same to the Board of Commissioners for revision and final valuation.

SCHEDULE OF PRICES FOR ARKANSAS

<u>ARTICLE</u>	<u>QUALITY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
Wheat	Prime	White or Red	Per Bushel of 60lbs.	\$ 4.00
Flour	Good	Superfine	Per 100lbs.	\$ 15.00
Corn	Prime	In Shuck	Per Bushel of 70lbs.	\$ 1.75
Corn Meal	Good		Per Bushel of 48 lbs.	\$ 1.75
Rye	Good		Per Bushel of 56 lbs.	\$ 2.50
Oats	Good	Cleaned	Per Bushel of 40 lbs.	\$ 2.50
Peas	Good	Cleaned	Per Bushel of 60lbs.	\$ 2.50
Beans	Good	Army	Per Bushel of 60lbs.	\$ 3.00
Potatoes	Good	Sweet	Per Bushel of 60 lbs.	\$ 2.00
Peaches	Good	Dried, Peeled	Per Bushel of 38 lbs.	\$ 6.00
Fodder	Good	Blade	Per 100lbs.	\$ 3.00
Hay	Good	Grass	Per 100lbs.	\$ 2.50
Sugar	Common	Brown	Per lb.	\$ 0.50
Sugar	Prime	Brown	Per lb.	\$ 0.50
Molasses	Good	Merchantable	Per gallon	\$ 2.50
Vinegar	Good	Made from Cider	Per gallon	\$ 1.00
Vinegar	Good	Manufactured	Per gallon	\$ 0.75
Salt	Good	Dry, Merchantable	Per bushel of 50lbs.	\$ 8.00
Whiskey	Good	Distilled from Corn or Rye	Per gallon	\$ 8.00
Pork	Good	Hog, Round	Per lb.	\$ 0.25
Bacon	Good	Hog, Round	Per lb.	\$ 0.75
Lard	Good	Nett	Per lb.	\$ 0.75
Beef	Good	Nett	Per lb.	\$ 0.15
Beef Cattle	Good	4 years of more	Per head on foot	\$ 60.00
Horses	No. 1	Artillery & Cavalry	Each	\$ 800.00
Horses	No. 2	Artillery & Cavalry	Each	\$ 700.00
Mules	No. 1	Draught	Each	\$ 700.00
Mules	No. 2	Draught	Each	\$ 550.00
Mules	No. 3	Draught	Each	\$ 400.00
Wagons	No. 1	Six Mule, Wood Axle	Each	\$ 550.00
Wagons	No. 1	Four Mule, Iron Axle	Each	\$ 400.00
Wagons	No. 1	Six Mule, Iron Axle	Each	\$ 750.00
Wagons	No. 1	Four Mule, Iron Axle	Each	\$ 500.00

SCHEDULE OF PRICES FOR ARKANSAS (cont.)

<u>ARTICLE</u>	<u>QUALITY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
Harness	Good	Horse or Mule	Per Set	\$ 30.00
Trace Chains	Good		Per Pair	\$ 5.00
Axes	Good	New	Each	\$ 10.00
Axes	Good	Old	Each	\$ 5.00
Shovels	Good	Long Handles	Each	\$ 3.50
Spades	Good		Each	\$ 3.50
Camp Kettles	Good	Iron	Each	\$ 6.50
Mess Pans	Good		Each	\$ 2.00
Log Chains	Good		Per Pound	\$ 1.00
Iron	Good		Per Pound	\$ 1.00
Nails	Good	New	Per Pound	\$ 1.25
Nails	Good	Old or Burnt	Per Pound	\$ 0.75
Leather	Good	Sole	Per Pound	\$ 0.80
Leather	Good	Upper	Per Pound	\$ 1.50
Leather	Good	Harness	Per Pound	\$ 1.25
Cotton	Good	Baled, Ordinary	Per Pound	\$ 0.25
Linsey	Good		Per Yard	\$ 4.00
Jeans	Good	Heavy, Homemade	Per Yard	\$ 6.00
Shoes	Best No. 1	Common, Homemade, Double Soled	Per Pair	\$ 10.00
Shoes	Best No. 2	Common, Homemade, Double Soled	Per Pair	\$ 6.50

TRANSPORTATION

Six Mule, Eight Ox Wagon Team and Driver, Per Day	\$ 10.00
Four Mule, Six Ox Wagon Team and Driver, Per Day	\$ 8.00
Two Mule Wagon Team and Driver, Per Day	\$ 5.00
Four Ox Wagon Team and Driver, Per Day	\$ 6.00
Hauling Tax in Kind (crop of 1863) to depots, each 100 lbs, per mile for distances over eight miles, forage and subsistence furnished by owner.	\$ 0.04/mile

(transcribed by Don Montgomery from the *Washington Telegraph*, 1864).



SCHEDULE OF PRICES FOR ARKANSAS
January 10, 1865

<u>ARTICLE</u>	<u>QUALITY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
Wheat				\$ 6.00
Flour				\$ 25.00
Corn				\$ 2.00
Corn Meal				\$ 2.00
Rye				\$ 3.00
Oats				\$ 3.00
Peas				\$ 4.00
Beans				\$ 5.00
Potatoes				\$ 3.00
Turnips	Good		Bushel of 50lbs.	\$ 1.25
Rice	Good	Clean	Per lb.	\$ 1.25
Fodder				\$ 4.00
Hay				\$ 4.00
Peaches				\$ 6.00
Sugar				\$ 0.65
Sugar				\$ 0.75
Sugar				\$ 1.25
Molasses				\$ 3.00
Vinegar				\$ 2.00
Salt				\$ 5.00
Whiskey				\$ 8.00
Tobacco				\$ 3.00
Tobacco				\$ 6.00
Tobacco				\$ 1.00
Pork				\$ 0.25
Pork				\$ 0.30
Bacon				\$ 0.50
Lard				\$ 0.60
Tallow				\$ 0.40
Candles				\$ 0.50
Candles				\$ 0.80
Candles				\$ 1.50
Soap				\$ 0.30
Soap				\$ 0.20
Beef				\$ 0.15
Beef Cattle				\$ 60.00
Horses				\$800.00
Horses				\$750.00
Mules				\$700.00
Mules				\$600.00
Wagons				\$700.00
Wagons				\$800.00
Wagons				\$700.00

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Harness				\$ 30.00
Trace Chains				\$ 5.00
Iron				\$ 1.00
Leather				\$ 1.50
Leather				\$ 2.00
Leather				\$ 1.75
Hides				\$ 0.50
Hides				\$ 0.25
Cotton				\$ 0.25
Linsey				\$ 6.00
Jeans				\$ 8.00
Shoes				\$ 8.00
Shoes				\$ 5.00

***Give and Take:
An Lesson in Trading-Off
Appendix 4-4***

In times of war, survival often depends on the ability to trade-off one good or service in order to get something else. This lesson introduces the idea of trade-offs and provides practice in analyzing options before making decisions. In this case, the Washington Telegraph at Washington, Arkansas, placed ads for trade-offs of clothing and other goods in exchange for food and services rendered. Consider the benefits of this economic situation in this exercise, especially during wartime.

Related Content Areas: social studies, mathematics, charts and graphs, and use of calculators.

Objectives:

- * Define *opportunity cost*.
- * Identify alternatives for survival.
- * Explain that trade-offs involve giving up some of one thing to get some of another.
- * Analyze trade-offs and how this was utilized during the Civil War in Arkansas.

Lesson Description:

After reading about a problem, students must identify alternative solutions, trade-offs made in choosing each alternative, and the opportunity cost of selecting each option. Students should then describe the trade-off and create a graphic to represent alternatives and trade-offs.

Time Required:

- * One class period.

Procedure:

Explain that sometimes decisions result in giving up of one thing in order to get something of another. This is called a trade-off.

- * Ask students to identify the problem in the situation after reading excerpts from the Washington Telegraph.
- * Ask students to identify and list other options for survival.
- * If you were making a decision for your family, what would you choose?
- * What would be your second choice?
- * Does choosing this option result in any other trade-offs?

Situations:

I desire to purchase Singer s Sewing Machines for the Clothing Department at Shreveport. Anyone having a good machine of this make...will please apply at this office. George Taylor, Captain & A. Q. M., Washington, May 1, 1864.