

## Comparing Prices

**Instructions :** Read both the market prices from the *Wilmington Journal* and the prices mentioned in the *Futch Letter* below. Then compare these prices to those in a current grocery store circular.

Dear sun,

I sete my self down to write you afew lines wich will inform you that we air all well. Hopin that these few line may rech and find you enjoyen the same good blessings. Dear sun I have no news to rite to you of imporince more than I want to no where you air and what you air and what you air doing I am veary uneasey about you and all the rest. I hear that the 59 regiment has goin to newbern and have had a fite thear. Our popel tuck back a pece of rail rode from the Yankees and fone in comens company has got back to Kinston and 4 of them got wounded but the 59 regiment had not return back when I hird form them and I learned that you had a fit at fredricksburg and I am uneasey. I have seen more trouble then my tung can tell. Thear is hard times and mors acomin. **Corn is three dollars and fifty cent and nun at that rice twenty cent a pound bakin eighty cent per pound** and the yankeys is takin all the remains at newbern, but if they get me they will have a race for it. We air all plantin hear. Martha is sewin. She sure can sew three and fore yards a day. I think it is pretty smart fore the first but she has got this one out and is sewin on another piece.

John you seay that you want to Holly Shelter and I wishe that you could come and see it and see my marlins. I have got the old marlin and some young ones and I am trying to tame them but I made a bad start. So I must come to a close by sain the family is all well exceptin your father and law. He has pains in his neas and back. He is most done plantin nothen more at preysant only to remain your affectionly mother tell deth. Rite soon as you receve this and fail not.

Catherine Ramsey to Mr. John Futch

Grocery Item	1863	In Letter	Current
Corn / per bushel			
Rice / per bushel			
Bacon / per pound			
Eggs / per dozen			
Sweet Potatoes / per bushel			
Sugar / per pound			
Butter / per pound			
Corn Meal / per bushel			