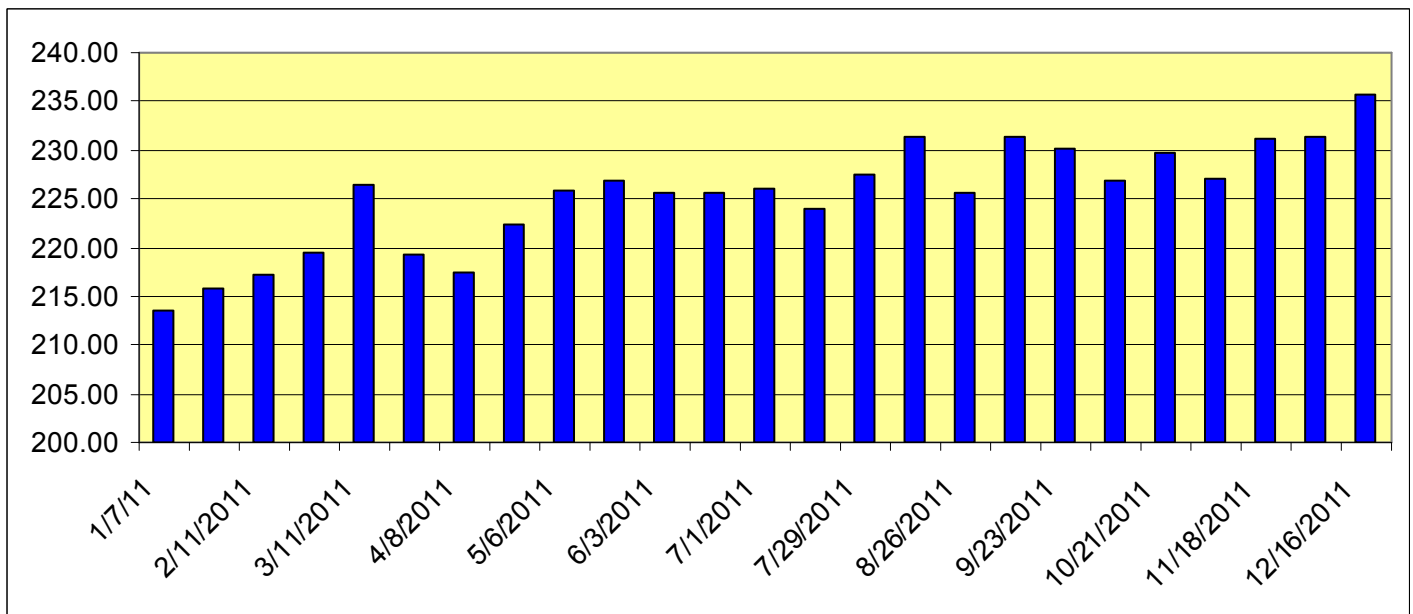


MARKETBASKET SURVEY Week ending December 16, 2011

The weekly cost of feeding a local family of four is \$235.66, week ending December 16th. This is a \$4.29 increase (2%) since the previous survey, week ending December 2nd. All categories showed increases except *Meats & Fish*, which showed a minimal decrease.

The Marketbasket Survey is intended to provide consumers of Ulster County with information regarding fluctuations in the local cost of retail foods. The Survey will be conducted twice each month in three local chain-type supermarkets. An average will be taken and comparisons made with the previous Survey.

The items in the survey are based on the United States Department of Agriculture's Moderate Cost Family Food Plan, which projects the cost of feeding a family of four. Categories in the survey are *Grain Products; Meats & Fish; Dairy; Fresh Fruits & Vegetables; Processed Fruits & Vegetables; and Beverages*.



1/7/11	1/28/11	2/11/11	2/25/11	3/11/11	3/25/11	4/8/11	4/22/11	5/6/11
213.60	215.76	217.17	219.55	226.41	219.35	217.41	222.41	225.80
5/20/11	6/3/11	6/17/11	7/1/11	7/15/11	7/29/11	8/12/2011	8/26/2011	9/9/2011
226.85	225.56	225.57	226.08	224.06	227.50	231.44	225.65	231.42
9/23/2011	10/7/2011	10/21/2011	11/4/2011	11/18/2011	12/2/2011	12/16/2011		
230.21	226.82	229.82	227.07	231.18	231.37	235.66		