

# Experts predict food price rise

If losing weight is one of your New Year's resolutions, 1984 may be a good year to cut calories. According to a Michigan State University marketing specialist, it's going to cost more to eat next year.

Consumers can expect a 4 to 7 percent overall increase in retail food prices during the coming year. That's about 3 percent higher than last year's forecast.

"Grocery store food prices are likely to rise an average of 3 to 6 percent in '84, while prices for food away from home will be up 4 to 7 percent," said

Mary Zehner, a consumer marketing information specialist at MSU.

"These increases are primarily due to marketing costs, a moderate rise in farm commodities and especially a higher real disposable income," she said.

Zehner predicted the retail food price increase will be most noticeable next summer and fall. Meat prices will hold the line this winter and spring as producers sell livestock in the face of higher grain prices and dairy producers sell cows so they can participate in the federal dairy support program.

Little change in retail poultry prices is expected in the first quarter, but sharp increases can be expected in the second and third quarters as demand shifts from relatively higher-priced red meats to chicken, Zehner predicted.

Retail fruit and vegetable prices are also expected to increase an average of 4 to 7 percent during the year.

"Vegetable prices will rise the most, with much of the increase in those prices resulting from a reduced potato harvest last summer," Zehner said. "Strong consumer demand is also ex-

pected for fresh vegetables, and that will help push prices upward."

PRICE INCREASES for processed non-citrus fruits (cling peaches, pears, apricots and fruit cocktail) will depend on the outcome of the Florida orange crop, which promised near record yields but may have been affected by the recent freeze which stunted most of the country.

A larger than usual citrus crop is estimated for grapefruit, lemons, oranges (except California navels) and tangerines. Smaller crops are indicated for limes, tangelos and Temple oranges.

Prices for dairy products, fish and seafood are expected to rise from 2 to 5 percent during the next year. Sugars and cereals, and bakery products, and fats and oils are all expected to rise from 4 to 7 percent during 1984.

# How cities combat snow

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sible for many of the roads that traverse the two cities. Specifically, county road crews work on Middlebelt, Orchard Lake Road, Haggerty, portions of Farmington Road, Eight and 10 Mile roads, as well as 12 Mile, Pagot said. County crews are also responsible for the freeways although the state then reimburses the county for the money spent on keeping them clean, he added.

IN BOTH Farmington and Farmington Hills the subdivisions have the lowest priority of areas to be plowed after a heavy snowfall. In fact, "we don't get

into the subdivisions until there is five inches or more (of snow)," Kerouac said. "It also depends on the weather."

The top priority for both cities, of course, is to keep the main roads open. In the Hills, crews also plow "collector streets" which run into the subdivisions. The purpose is to at least allow motorists into the subdivisions until crews can plow neighborhood roads, Pagot said.

To help keep up with the snowy weather, he said, city officials have outfitted four-wheel drive vehicles with plows to speed-up the digging out process after a heavy snowfall.

"Two of these can do the job of about one of the big ones (plows)," Biasci said.

# Israeli fate discussed

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ence at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Shanksky has authored a number of textbooks and articles on public policy and the political process. He has been a consultant to the Israel Ministry of Defense and of the Interior and to Israel's State Comptroller.

A graduate of Wesleyan University with a doctorate from the University of Wisconsin, Shanksky is a member of

the National Academy of Public Administration.

The program is open to the public. Also on the Assembly agenda will be a report on recent Council activities by Executive Director Alvin L. Kushner of Southfield. Council President David Loebenstein of Birmingham will preside.

The Jewish Community Council represents nearly 300 organizations in the Metropolitan Detroit area.

# Malpractice concept offered

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has been allocated. The estimate for 1985, Faxon says, is more than \$20 million.

Faxon said bills 608-610 would protect business from potential bankruptcy due to toxic malpractice by guaranteeing money sources for toxic waste cleanups.

The Democrat said the bills would also expedite toxic site cleanups by preventing prolonged litigation.

The bills would require any business licensed under Michigan's hazardous waste and solid waste management laws, and those licensed to discharge waste into state waters, to insure themselves by 1985 against pollution inci-

dents by purchasing environmental insurance.

The bills would require owners of underground storage tanks larger than 1,100 gallons to register those tanks with the Department of Natural Resources by 1985, and require retail heating oil suppliers to register all residential heating tanks under service by 1988.

By 1987 the DNR would be required to recommend to the Legislature which classes of storage tanks should be covered by pollution insurance.

"Everybody needs to have insurance of some kind. And this type of insurance would clearly be in the best interest of the state," Faxon said.

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