

MILL VILLAGE MATH

Based on James and Nannie's oral history interview, how much did a child make per day working in the mill? Per week? Per month?

Day: \$ _____

Week: \$ _____

Month: \$ _____

Listed below are the average prices across the country for basic food items in 1901. Using this list, decide what you would buy and calculate how much it would cost. If you aren't sure how much you would need, ask your mom or dad how much of each item they would buy at the grocery store. How much money do you have left at the end of the month for rent and other things you need?

- Fresh Beef -- \$0.14 / pound**
- Fresh Pork -- \$0.12 / pound**
- Fresh Chicken -- \$0.14 / pound**
- Fish -- \$0.10 / pound**
- Eggs --\$0.20 / dozen**
- Milk --\$0.24 / gallon**
- Cheese -- \$0.16 / pound**
- Sugar -- \$0.06 / pound**
- Flour and Cornmeal -- \$0.03 / pound**
- Bread -- \$0.05 / loaf**
- Rice -- \$0.08 / pound**
- Potatoes -- \$0.88 / bushel**

SHOPPING LIST:

I spent \$ _____ on groceries this week. I have \$ _____ left for rent and other things I need. Do you think that's enough money leftover? Why or why not?
