



## Marketing and Transportation Situation: May, 1974 (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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FBC LTD, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*. Excerpt from Marketing and Transportation Situation: May, 1974 Food price increases may slow considerably in coming months and prices may possibly show a modest decline late in the year if farm prices weaken further as expected. An easing of demand pressures, both foreign and domestic, and increased supplies of major farm-produced foods are expected to contribute to lower farm prices. Not all of these decreases will be passed on to consumers, however, because marketing firms are expected to increase their margins. Operating costs of marketing firms will be rising, although uncertainty prevails as to the magnitude of cost increases for labor, energy, transportation, and other marketing inputs. But for the year the increase in the farm-retail spread may be more than double the 1973 increase of percent. The retail cost of a market basket of foods produced on us. Farms averaged (annual rate) in the first quarter of this year, up about 5 percent from the previous quarter. It has increased each month since last October and in January-march averaged 22 percent above the first quarter of last year. Retail prices for...



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