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Recall that in the output for the regression model (from `lm`), we could see the coefficients of the linear model, but with `aov` we don't see them. It is customary not to show the coefficients for an ANOVA model, because they can be very confusing.

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Finally, enter `aovni$fitted.values` to confirm that the "signal" part of the model is still the mean for each group.