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Ottawa, September 3, 1946.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics today issues a report which carries forward to July its new series on index numbers of prices received by Canadian farmers for the products which they sell. Most of the price information used in compiling the index is obtained from reports furnished monthly by a corps of volunteer farm price correspondents dispersed throughout each province.

INDEX NUMBERS OF FARM PRICES OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

The index number of prices received by Canadian farmers stood at 186.6 in July 1946 on the base of 1935-39 = 100. As a result of relatively stable prices the index is only slightly larger than in June this year when it stood at 186.2. In addition to the higher price announced for wheat in Ontario, the only significant changes this month were seasonally higher prices for most products in British Columbia and for eggs generally.

In comparison with last year, higher prices for meat animals, dairy and poultry products and potatoes raised the index for July 7.1 points above the corresponding month of 1945 when the index stood at 179.5

Index Numbers of Farm Prices of Agricultural Products

CANADA

(Base 1935-39 = 100)

Annual Average		1945		1946	
1935	88.0	January	173.5	January	179.1
1936	96.9	February	174.8	February	180.2
1937	119.7	March	175.4	March	180.1
1938	105.0	April	176.3	April	182.7
1939	91.8	May	175.9	May	184.4
1940	96.8	June	178.1	June	186.2
1941	110.2	July	179.5	July	186.6
1942	133.1	August	178.4		
1943	157.9	September	175.7		
1944	172.0	October	175.5		
1945	176.5	November	176.7		
		December	177.8		

The prices used in computing the index are, as closely as could be determined, the prices which were actually received by farmers. Thus the storage, transportation, processing and handling charges which were not actually received by farmers are not included. On the other hand subsidies, bonuses and premiums which can be attributed to specific products are all included to date as well as equalization payments on oats and barley and payments on wheat participation certificates in so far as they are available.

Advance and final equalization payments on oats and barley are included up to July 1945 from which date the advance payments only are included. When the amount of the final equalization payment on the 1945-46 crop is known an upward revision in the Canada index of 0.5 points in the case of oats and 0.4 points in the case of barley will be required for each ten cents per bushel final payment made on these crops. The revisions in the western provinces would be only slightly larger.

The amounts paid per bushel on wheat participation certificates are included in the wheat prices up to July 1943. In subsequent crop years the following amounts per bushel are included: 1943-44 twelve cents, 1944-45 sixteen cents and 1945-46 the ten cents per bushel retroactive increase recently announced. Each cent of revision necessary when the actual amounts of the payments since August 1943 are obtainable would change the Canada index by 0.4 points and the index of the western provinces by about 0.8 points.

In compiling the index the fixed base weighted aggregative method has been used. Each commodity has been weighted by the annual average amounts sold in the five-year base period, 1935-39. No adjustments for seasonal variation of the prices have been made. The index is based upon prices for about 50 farm products which contributed approximately 90 per cent to the total cash income received by farmers from the sale of farm products during the base period. The series is subject to revision as more complete data become available.



INDEX NUMBERS OF FARM PRICES OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS  
(1935-39 = 100)

		CANADA	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskat- chewan	Alberta	British Columbia
1935	.....	88.0	81.4	92.6	80.8	90.1	93.2	85.6	83.1	84.3	92.7
1936	.....	96.9	118.0	103.5	110.2	98.6	98.8	94.0	93.4	93.8	100.4
1937	.....	119.7	103.7	99.3	100.1	104.1	108.7	129.9	136.4	131.4	107.1
1938	.....	105.0	92.4	101.4	97.4	107.0	104.0	104.9	107.6	105.6	100.1
1939	.....	91.8	104.6	107.6	111.4	100.4	99.2	85.6	79.9	84.9	98.8
1940	.....	96.8	101.6	99.6	110.1	103.7	104.2	92.8	86.5	90.6	103.6
1941	.....	110.2	105.2	117.1	115.5	127.4	120.2	103.7	93.8	102.8	114.5
1942	.....	133.1	156.2	144.1	160.4	153.4	147.0	122.2	110.5	121.7	140.6
1943	.....	157.9	190.3	169.1	181.4	172.6	165.0	151.7	140.3	150.0	175.9
1944	.....	172.0	172.7	173.3	171.8	171.7	168.7	173.0	170.8	176.1	179.6
1945	January	173.5	176.4	169.9	169.1	174.0	169.9	175.4	173.2	178.1	176.2
	February	174.8	185.7	170.2	177.9	175.8	170.8	175.6	174.6	179.3	177.3
	March	175.4	193.1	171.4	186.0	174.9	171.3	176.8	175.1	179.7	178.7
	April	176.3	197.9	176.8	185.7	172.6	172.0	177.6	176.0	181.7	180.6
	May	175.9	196.7	173.0	186.2	171.3	171.0	177.6	176.2	182.8	178.8
	June	178.1	207.1	176.8	189.8	177.0	173.5	178.6	176.7	183.3	183.8
	July	179.5	210.1	179.6	204.9	183.7	173.9	178.7	176.5	182.9	188.7
	August	178.4	246.5	189.0	224.4	186.8	176.6	172.0	168.4	176.8	191.7
	September	175.7	181.4	180.1	199.8	182.2	176.2	170.4	167.9	174.8	193.4
	October	175.5	188.0	179.1	195.2	183.0	176.2	171.4	166.7	173.9	194.0
	November	176.7	190.3	179.6	201.7	184.6	178.5	172.6	166.8	173.6	195.5
	December	177.8	190.0	180.4	204.9	186.1	178.5	174.7	168.6	175.4	194.8
1945	AVERAGE	176.5	196.9	177.2	193.8	179.3	174.0	175.1	172.2	178.5	186.1
1946	January	179.1	196.7	182.0	208.3	188.1	181.2	174.1	169.0	175.4	194.6
	February	180.2	203.0	181.8	207.6	188.1	183.2	175.0	169.8	177.0	194.5
	March	180.1	205.6	186.7	216.1	186.8	181.7	175.7	169.7	177.2	195.1
	April	182.7	210.6	188.6	218.1	189.8	184.9	178.3	171.3	180.5	195.0
	May	184.4	216.1	193.4	221.6	193.2	186.8	179.6	172.5	181.1	195.5
	June	186.2	214.1	195.6	231.9	194.9	188.6	181.4	173.4	183.1	197.9
	July	186.6	216.8	197.4	229.1	197.5	187.0	181.8	173.9	183.9	205.0

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