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INDEX NUMBERS OF FARM PRICES OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

(1935-39=100)

The index of farm prices of agricultural products, estimated at 238.8 for July, was practically unchanged from the revised figure of 238.7 for June. Lower prices were recorded for potatoes, and cattle and calves. On the other hand higher prices were reported for grains, hogs, and poultry and eggs. On a provincial basis, the index of farm prices was down in the Maritimes, remained practically unchanged in the Prairies and was up slightly in the remaining provinces.

Index Numbers of Farm Prices of Agricultural Products

(1935-39=100)

	Monthly index			Annual index		
	July(2) 1961	June(2) 1961	July 1960	1960(3)	1959	1958
Prince Edward Island ...	200.8	222.5	310.3	266.5	234.4	203.4
Nova Scotia	224.5	227.4	256.2	237.0	227.3	216.8
New Brunswick	226.8	235.6	302.5	264.6	239.5	227.0
Quebec	274.6	273.6	277.8	272.5	272.4	274.8
Ontario	267.7	265.7	272.9	264.5	264.2	266.5
Manitoba	223.1	223.1	239.3	229.1	240.6	236.6
Saskatchewan	198.8	198.8	217.7	207.4	218.6	214.5
Alberta	220.0	220.9	234.3	223.8	239.6	236.4
British Columbia	273.2	272.5	272.6	271.4	265.5	263.2
Canada(1)	238.8	238.7	252.3	242.4	247.3	245.5

(1) Excludes Newfoundland.

(2) Based on initial prices only for wheat, oats and barley in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

(3) For Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta the index is based on initial prices only for wheat, oats and barley for the period August to December inclusive.

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In comparing current index numbers with those prior to August 1960, the following points should be considered. Prices of all western grains used in the construction of the index prior to August 1, 1960 are final prices. From August 1, 1960 to date, the western grain prices used in the index are initial prices only for wheat, oats and barley. Any subsequent participation payments will be added to the prices currently used and the index revised upward accordingly. An increase of 10 cents per bushel in the prices of western wheat, oats or barley would result in upward revisions in the indices for each of the Prairie Provinces and Canada approximately as follows, in points.

	<u>Manitoba</u>	<u>Saskatchewan</u>	<u>Alberta</u>	<u>Canada</u>
Wheat	6.2	9.3	8.1	4.0
Oats	1.0	1.1	1.2	0.5
Barley	2.3	0.5	0.4	0.4

For the period August 1960 to date the initial prices to western producers at Fort William - Port Arthur have been on the basis of \$1.40 per bushel for No. 1 Northern wheat, 60 cents per bushel for No. 2 C.W. oats, and 96 cents per bushel for No. 3 C.W. six-row barley. In addition to the payments made at the time of delivery, producer certificates are issued to the grower covering quantities and grades delivered. These certificates entitle producers to share in any surpluses accumulated by the Canadian Wheat Board through the sale of these grains delivered to the Board. Any participation payments made on these grains at a later date will be added to the prices currently used in the price index and the index revised upward accordingly.

Most of the price information used in compiling the index is obtained from reports furnished monthly by volunteer farm correspondents throughout Canada. The prices used in computing the index are, as closely as can be determined, the prices which are actually received by the farmers at the farm level. Subsidies, bonuses and premiums which can be attributed to specific products are all included in the prices, whereas storage, transportation, processing and handling charges which are not actually received by farmers are excluded. Deficiency payments made under the provisions of the present prices support program are not included because the index at the present time purports to measure changes in market prices. In reporting prices to the Bureau each month, price correspondents are asked to report the average prices prevailing in their neighbourhood, taking into account the various grades of each commodity marketed. Thus, average prices reported by these correspondents may differ from month to month as a result of changes in price, changes in quality marketed or a combination of both. In effect, this index is not a measure of pure price change but a measure of the change in returns to farmers per unit of product marketed.

The prices of wheat, oats, barley and flaxseed contain all Canadian Wheat Board payments announced to date including the final payment of 12.0 cents per bushel made on the 1959 western wheat crop. All payments of this kind are included in the year in which earned not in the year in which paid.

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 of the total cash income received by farmers from the sale of farm products, during the base period. The series is subject to revisions as more complete data become available.

Index Numbers of Farm Prices of Agricultural Products(1)

(1935-39=100)

	CANADA	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
1950	260.8	189.6	206.5	216.8	260.9	265.1	274.4	251.5	276.2	244.3
1951	296.8	236.4	243.2	250.8	305.6	315.0	301.6	268.7	308.0	287.1
1952	274.4	351.6	275.1	344.5	290.2	286.2	266.8	245.9	265.3	291.4
1953	250.4	191.5	234.8	213.2	272.1	263.8	245.3	228.7	247.8	265.7
1954	236.8	196.1	230.2	211.8	264.3	252.8	227.5	208.7	232.4	249.6
1955	232.7	220.6	220.0	226.0	261.7	249.2	225.6	203.5	223.2	248.5
1956	234.6	240.1	208.7	235.1	258.8	250.5	227.0	208.5	224.0	256.9
1957	234.2	197.0	212.6	219.4	264.8	255.4	222.4	201.6	223.6	260.2
1958	245.5	203.4	216.8	227.0	274.8	266.5	236.6	214.5	236.4	263.2
1959 August	251.6	301.7	237.9	294.7	274.3	264.8	246.6	222.2	243.0	261.7
September	250.1	238.8	231.9	237.4	271.7	264.9	242.4	224.0	244.8	270.7
October	246.7	232.5	228.1	232.9	271.0	265.2	236.7	219.1	236.6	270.6
November	245.1	243.3	227.1	240.3	268.0	266.9	233.5	215.0	232.3	270.2
December	242.1	234.2	222.8	238.3	268.1	263.2	233.8	212.8	226.4	266.1
AVERAGE	247.3	234.4	227.3	239.5	272.4	264.2	240.6	218.6	239.6	265.5
1960 January	240.9	264.4	230.6	257.2	267.7	261.0	230.1	210.4	224.3	264.0
February	237.7	253.1	230.6	259.5	268.2	255.9	228.0	207.9	219.8	260.6
March	237.9	264.8	232.8	269.4	265.3	253.4	229.5	209.6	220.9	266.1
April	244.9	323.2	246.3	309.2	272.3	260.3	233.5	214.5	225.6	268.5
May	246.5	339.4	254.1	317.7	274.7	262.5	233.2	213.3	227.7	270.2
June	250.6	342.7	259.9	317.5	278.0	268.2	236.2	215.6	232.3	274.0
July	252.3	310.3	256.2	302.5	277.8	272.9	239.3	217.7	234.3	272.6
August	236.5	218.3	221.8	220.5	269.4	266.7	222.0	195.6	217.0	271.1
September	239.7	219.0	228.9	219.8	271.3	267.0	223.4	200.9	223.4	277.8
October	240.0	222.1	229.5	232.9	275.9	267.5	223.4	201.1	219.4	278.3
November	239.5	219.9	228.9	237.8	272.2	267.7	223.9	199.6	219.9	277.2
December	242.0	221.1	223.8	231.7	277.4	271.1	227.0	202.7	221.1	276.4
AVERAGE	242.4	266.5	237.0	264.6	272.5	264.5	229.1	207.4	223.8	271.4
1961 January	243.0	220.5	222.3	235.2	281.2	270.5	227.5	203.4	223.6	276.9
February	243.8	216.0	225.6	232.3	282.8	271.5	227.2	203.9	225.7	274.5
March	241.4	202.5	223.0	227.9	277.1	268.3	227.5	203.2	224.2	273.4
April	237.4	211.0	222.3	226.2	268.6	262.0	225.3	201.1	222.0	270.8
May	236.3	189.4	219.5	222.1	267.3	263.0	223.0	199.5	220.7	268.9
June	238.7	222.5	227.4	235.6	273.6	265.7	223.1	198.8	220.9	272.5
July	238.8	200.8	224.5	226.8	274.6	267.7	223.1	198.8	220.0	273.2

(1) Excludes Newfoundland.

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