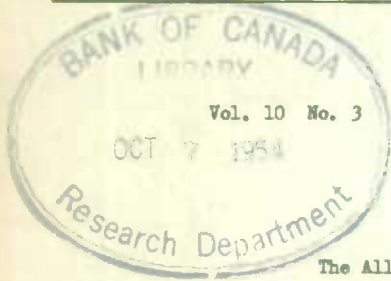


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PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS

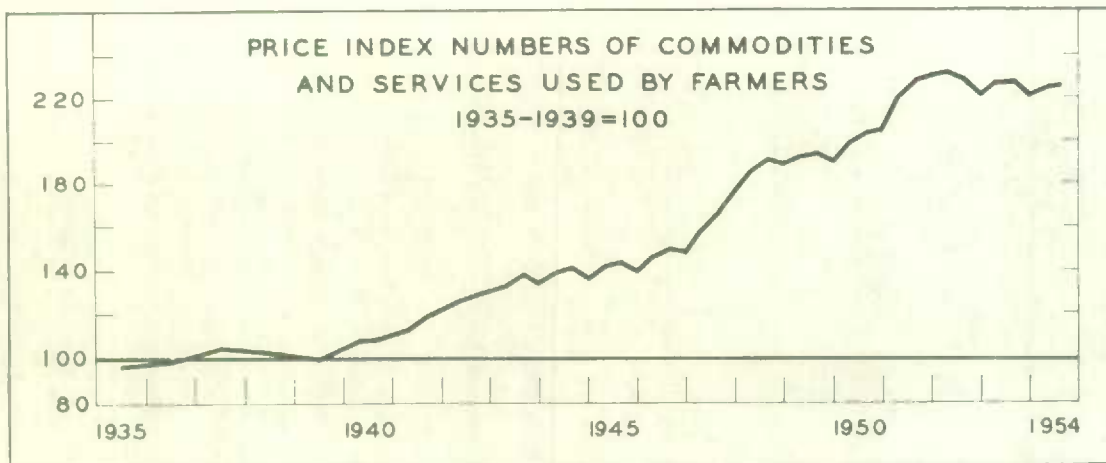
AUGUST, 1954 (1935-39 = 100)

The All Canada composite price index for commodities and services used by farmers, inclusive of farm living costs, rose 0.2 per cent from 224.5 in April to 225.0 in August. The August 1954 index stands at 1.4 per cent below the August index of a year ago. Exclusive of living costs, the All Canada composite index advanced 0.3 per cent to 238.7 between April and August but showed a decrease of 2.0 per cent from the comparable figure a year ago.

Farm wage rates, although registering a moderate seasonal advance, remained below August 1953 levels. The All Canada index, moved up 2.8 per cent to 463.2 between April and August as the eastern wage-rate series rose 3.5 per cent to 433.8 and the western series 1.9 per cent to 505.1.

Farm operating equipment and materials moved down 1.1 per cent, from 204.1 in April to 201.9 in August. Sub-groups contributing to the decline were: binder twine which dropped 20.5 per cent; feed, 1.6 per cent; hardware, 1.4 per cent; and gasoline, oil and grease, 0.7 per cent. Seed registered an advance of 3.5 per cent, entirely due to higher quotations in the western Canada series. Small percentage increases occurred for farm machinery and building materials while compounded fertilizer remained steady at 182.7.

Narrow fluctuations were observed among group price indexes of farm family living costs. The All Canada index rose 0.1 per cent between April and August to 204.5, 0.2 per cent below the August, 1953 level of 204.9. Increases for food and health maintenance offset recessions for fuel, household equipment and clothing. An index for miscellaneous items was unchanged at 124.6. Diverse tendencies in household equipment and fuel groups were reflected in the regional composite indexes; the eastern series advanced 0.3 per cent to 202.1 while the western series registered no net change at 206.9.



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TABLE 1. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS AND FARM FAMILY LIVING COSTS (1935-39 = 100)

	Composite Index Exclusive of Living Costs (a)	Equipment and Materials	Taxes and Interest Rates (a)	Farm Wage Rates	Farm Family Living Costs	Composite Index Inclusive of Living Costs (a)
ALL CANADA						
1926	130.6	119.9	135.5	164.5	121.1	126.8
1939	99.3	95.7	101.1	110.3	99.5	99.4
1949 - August	206.5	180.2	138.7	388.1	174.5	193.7
1950 - August	218.6	194.3	144.3	401.2	180.7	203.4
1951 - August	237.8	207.5	151.8	457.3	214.7	228.6
1952 - August	245.4	212.5	161.4	471.9	204.5	229.0
1953 - April	242.7	208.2	168.2	463.5	203.4	227.0
August	243.6	206.3	168.2	475.8	204.9	228.1
1954 - January	231.0	204.0	168.2	409.5	204.8	220.0
April	238.0	204.1	168.2	450.8	204.2	224.5
August	238.7	201.9	168.2	463.2	204.5	225.0
EASTERN CANADA						
1926	129.5	122.8	128.4	151.1	120.2	125.8
1939	98.7	94.8	99.2	110.6	99.5	99.0
1949 - August	210.2	183.0	126.1	376.4	172.6	195.2
1950 - August	220.4	196.1	131.2	382.3	178.3	203.6
1951 - August	241.4	208.0	142.0	441.5	212.8	230.0
1952 - August	246.8	211.7	152.4	447.4	202.7	229.2
1953 - April	243.3	208.4	158.7	434.0	201.4	226.5
August	244.0	205.2	158.7	447.1	202.4	227.3
1954 - January	237.0	202.9	158.7	419.2	202.5	223.2
April	237.4	203.5	158.7	419.2	201.5	223.1
August	238.7	200.9	158.7	433.8	202.1	224.1
WESTERN CANADA						
1926	131.8	117.1	141.6	183.5	121.9	127.8
1939	99.8	96.6	102.7	109.9	99.5	99.7
1949 - August	202.7	177.5	149.4	404.7	176.3	192.1
1950 - August	216.8	192.5	155.4	428.0	183.1	203.3
1951 - August	234.3	207.0	160.2	479.7	216.6	227.2
1952 - August	243.9	213.2	169.0	506.8	206.3	228.9
1953 - April	242.1	208.1	176.3	505.4	205.3	227.4
August	243.2	207.3	176.3	516.6	207.4	228.9
1954 - January	225.1	205.1	176.3	395.8	207.2	217.9
April	238.6	204.7	176.3	495.7	206.9	225.9
August	238.7	202.8	176.3	505.1	206.9	226.0

(a) 1954 indexes are subject to revision, since tax and interest rate figures are preliminary.

TABLE 2. - GROUP INDEX NUMBERS OF EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS USED BY FARMERS
(1935-39 = 100)

	Farm Machin- ery	Build- ing Mater- ials	Gasoline, Oil, Grease	Feed	Com- pounded Fer- tilizer	Binder Twine	Seed	Hard- ware
ALL CANADA								
1926	97.6	114.0	127.7	136.4	129.4	184.6	130.2	104.0
1939	103.6	108.1	96.2	80.5	100.2	93.8	79.4	101.6
1949 - August	158.6	236.5	139.4	211.3	141.3	304.7	204.8	165.8
1950 - August	166.4	279.9	146.4	232.7	147.7	298.0	225.4	170.9
1951 - August	189.2	301.8	149.2	224.6	168.3	364.6	223.3	202.6
1952 - August	194.0	303.9	149.6	221.1	184.9	460.7	223.7	202.7
1953 - April	198.0	308.5	149.3	217.4	182.0	360.2	203.3	202.3
August	198.0	309.7	153.4	210.1	182.0	335.1	194.3	202.7
1954 - January	197.8	307.1	152.7	204.1	183.0	335.1	185.1	202.8
April	197.8	306.2	153.7	207.5	182.7	335.1	179.1	202.6
August	198.0	307.7	152.6	204.2	182.7	266.3	185.3	199.8
EASTERN CANADA								
1926	97.0	114.0	136.6	134.9	129.4	184.6	121.4	101.9
1939	104.3	108.1	100.1	81.0	100.1	93.8	82.4	102.1
1949 - August	158.2	223.6	153.5	209.3	143.0	304.7	200.3	163.3
1950 - August	164.5	244.5	160.2	232.3	148.6	298.0	215.7	169.5
1951 - August	186.5	274.5	170.4	220.9	169.0	364.6	226.7	198.3
1952 - August	191.8	276.4	170.7	218.1	187.0	460.7	226.0	197.0
1953 - April	195.2	278.8	169.4	216.6	183.6	360.2	204.9	197.5
August	195.2	279.3	173.8	208.9	183.6	335.1	189.1	198.2
1954 - January	194.1	279.4	173.7	203.2	183.6	335.1	182.2	198.1
April	194.2	278.2	174.6	207.5	183.2	335.1	176.4	197.8
August	195.0	279.2	172.9	203.3	183.2	266.3	176.4	192.9
WESTERN CANADA								
1926	97.8	114.0	122.6	141.6	129.4	184.6	137.5	106.3
1939	103.3	108.1	93.9	78.7	101.3	93.8	76.9	101.0
1949 - August	158.7	250.1	131.3	218.6	125.3	304.7	208.6	168.6
1950 - August	167.1	317.2	138.5	234.0	139.3	298.0	233.5	172.5
1951 - August	190.2	330.6	137.0	237.9	161.8	364.6	220.5	207.4
1952 - August	194.9	332.9	137.5	231.8	164.9	460.7	221.7	209.2
1953 - April	199.1	339.8	137.7	220.4	166.9	360.2	201.9	207.6
August	199.1	341.7	141.6	214.6	166.9	335.1	198.7	207.8
1954 - January	199.2	336.2	140.6	207.2	177.4	335.1	187.6	208.1
April	199.2	335.7	141.7	207.6	177.4	335.1	181.3	208.0
August	199.2	337.8	141.0	207.5	177.4	266.3	192.7	207.6

TABLE 3. - GROUP INDEX NUMBERS OF CANADIAN FARM FAMILY LIVING COSTS
(1935-39 = 100)

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	Composite Index	Food	Clothing	Fuel	Household Equipment	Health Maintenance	Miscellaneous
ALL CANADA							
1926	121.1	134.0	136.5	125.3	107.7	95.8	102.3
1939	99.5	96.0	100.7	99.5	101.1	100.9	100.5
1949 - August	174.5	200.9	193.3	163.8	186.6	144.2	115.5
1950 - August	180.7	220.2	193.3	168.7	189.0	147.2	118.1
1951 - August	214.7	252.4	256.8	178.9	230.8	162.9	122.0
1952 - August	204.5	228.8	229.0	194.8	230.2	179.2	124.4
1953 - April	203.4	219.9	230.0	198.7	232.1	183.0	123.9
August	204.9	223.2	231.8	199.2	230.8	186.7	124.2
1954 - January	204.8	221.4	231.8	201.4	230.8	188.4	124.6
April	204.2	223.0	226.8	198.4	230.7	193.4	124.6
August	204.5	224.6	226.4	197.8	230.0	195.0	124.6
EASTERN CANADA							
1926	120.2	136.1	134.8	119.5	108.0	95.8	102.3
1939	99.5	96.3	100.2	98.9	100.9	100.8	100.6
1949 - August	172.6	204.5	194.0	145.3	178.0	144.2	115.8
1950 - August	178.3	222.7	193.5	152.4	179.9	147.2	118.5
1951 - August	212.8	257.4	256.1	165.8	219.8	162.9	122.4
1952 - August	202.7	232.7	228.0	181.0	220.7	179.2	125.0
1953 - April	201.4	222.2	229.3	184.2	222.8	183.0	124.6
August	202.4	225.0	231.0	182.2	220.9	186.7	124.9
1954 - January	202.5	223.4	231.0	184.8	220.9	188.4	125.4
April	201.5	223.2	226.6	180.8	220.9	193.4	125.4
August	202.1	224.9	226.3	179.2	222.1	195.0	125.4
WESTERN CANADA							
1926	121.9	131.9	138.1	131.2	107.4	95.8	102.4
1939	99.5	95.7	101.1	100.2	101.2	100.9	100.5
1949 - August	176.3	197.2	192.6	182.3	195.2	144.2	115.1
1950 - August	183.1	217.7	193.2	184.9	198.1	147.2	117.6
1951 - August	216.6	247.4	257.6	192.0	241.8	162.9	121.5
1952 - August	206.3	225.0	230.1	208.7	239.6	179.2	123.7
1953 - April	205.3	217.6	230.2	213.2	241.4	183.0	123.2
August	207.4	221.5	232.5	216.2	240.8	186.7	123.4
1954 - January	207.2	219.4	232.5	217.9	240.8	188.4	123.8
April	206.9	222.9	227.1	216.0	240.5	193.4	123.8
August	206.9	224.4	226.6	216.4	237.8	195.1	123.8