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PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS

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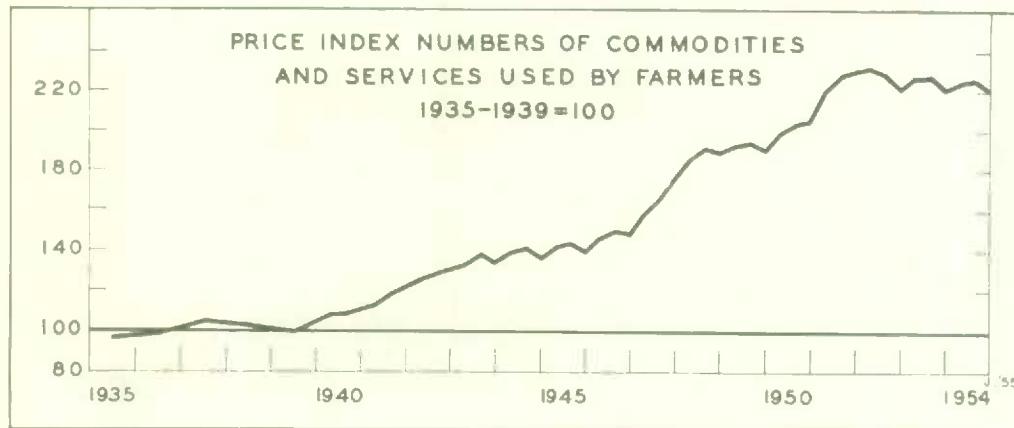
The All Canada composite price index of commodities and services used by farmers, inclusive of the farm living component, declined 2.3 per cent from 225.8 to 220.6 between August 1954 and January 1955. Compared with January 1954, the index is 0.4 per cent lower. Exclusive of the farm family living component, the All Canada composite index fell 3.5 per cent from 240.0 in August to 231.7 in January, 0.3 per cent below the comparable figure a year ago.

Seasonally lower farm wage rates, outweighing advances in equipment and materials, were responsible for the decrease in the composite index, exclusive of the farm family living component, between August and January. The total wage-rate index moved 13.8 per cent lower between August and January, to 399.4, as the western wage index declined 24.5 per cent to 381.3 and the eastern series 5.0 per cent to 412.1.

Farm operating equipment and materials advanced 1.9 per cent from 201.9 in August to 205.8 in January, mainly due to increases for seed and feed, which rose 11.4 per cent to 206.5, and 5.7 per cent to 215.9, respectively. Minor percentage gains occurred for farm machinery and hardware while building materials at 307.7 and binder twine at 266.3 were unchanged. Gasoline, oil and grease recorded a decrease of 0.6 per cent to 151.7 and compounded fertilizer 0.7 per cent to 181.5.

The preliminary 1954 index of property taxes and interest rates was revised from 168.2 to 174.6, reflecting a change in the eastern series from 158.7 to 164.5, and in the western series from 176.3 to 183.2. Tax rate indexes for 1955 are nominal until January 1956.

The farm family living index moved down 0.3 per cent, from 204.5 in August to 203.9 in January. It is 0.4 per cent lower than the January 1954 index of 204.8. The eastern series receded 0.1 per cent to 201.8 and the western series 0.4 per cent to 206.0. Easier price quotations for food outweighed increases for fuel and health maintenance. Clothing and household equipment indexes were nominally unchanged.



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

Composite Index Exclusive of Living Component (a)	Equipment and Materials	Taxes and Interest Rates (a)	Farm Wage Rates	Farm Family Living	Composite Index Inclusive of Living Component (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 - August	243.6	206.3	168.2	475.8	204.9	228.1
1954 - January	232.4(r)	204.0	174.6(r)	409.5	204.8	221.4(r)
April	239.3(r)	204.1	174.6(r)	450.8	204.2	225.3(r)
August	240.0(r)	201.9	174.6(r)	463.2	204.5	225.8(r)
1955 - January	231.7	205.8	174.6	399.4	203.9	220.6
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 - August	244.0	205.2	158.7	447.1	202.4	227.3
1954 - January	238.1(r)	202.9	164.5(r)	419.2	202.5	223.9(r)
April	238.5(r)	203.5	164.5(r)	419.2	201.5	223.7(r)
August	239.8(r)	200.9	164.5(r)	433.8	202.1	224.7(r)
1955 - January	238.3	205.4	164.5	412.1	201.8	223.7
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 - August	243.2	207.3	176.3	516.6	207.4	228.9
1954 - January	226.6(r)	205.1	183.2(r)	395.8	207.2	218.8(r)
April	240.2(r)	204.7	183.2(r)	495.7	206.9	226.9(r)
August	240.2(r)	202.8	183.2(r)	505.1	206.9	226.9(r)
1955 - January	225.2	206.1	183.2	381.3	206.0	217.5

(a) 1955 indexes are subject to revision, since tax and interest rate figures are preliminary.

(r) revised

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

Farm Machin- ery	Build- ing Mater- ials	Gaso- line, 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
1939	103.6	108.1	96.2	80.5	100.2	93.8	79.4
1949 - August	158.6	236.5	139.4	211.3	141.3	304.7	204.8
1950 - August	166.4	279.9	146.4	232.7	147.7	298.0	225.4
1951 - August	189.2	301.8	149.2	224.6	168.3	364.6	223.3
1952 - August	194.0	303.9	149.6	221.1	184.9	460.7	223.7
1953 - August	198.0	309.7	153.4	210.1	182.0	335.1	194.3
1954 - January	197.8	307.1	152.7	204.1	183.0	335.1	185.1
April	197.8	306.2	153.7	207.5	182.7	335.1	179.1
August	198.0	307.7	152.6	204.2	182.7	266.3	185.3
1955 - January	198.5	307.7	151.7	215.9	181.5	266.3	206.5
EASTERN CANADA							
1926	97.0	114.0	136.6	134.9	129.4	184.6	121.4
1939	104.3	108.1	100.1	81.0	100.1	93.8	82.4
1949 - August	158.2	223.6	153.5	209.3	143.0	304.7	200.3
1950 - August	164.5	244.5	160.2	232.3	148.6	298.0	215.7
1951 - August	186.5	274.5	170.4	220.9	169.0	364.6	226.7
1952 - August	191.8	276.4	170.7	218.1	187.0	460.7	226.0
1953 - August	195.2	279.3	173.8	208.9	183.6	335.1	189.1
1954 - January	194.1	279.4	173.7	203.2	183.6	335.1	182.2
April	194.2	278.2	174.6	207.5	183.2	335.1	176.4
August	195.0	279.2	172.9	203.3	183.2	266.3	176.4
1955 - January	195.3	279.7	172.3	213.6	182.3	266.3	196.4
WESTERN CANADA							
1926	97.8	114.0	122.6	141.6	129.4	184.6	137.5
1939	103.3	108.1	93.9	78.7	101.3	93.8	76.9
1949 - August	158.7	250.1	131.3	218.6	125.3	304.7	208.6
1950 - August	167.1	317.2	138.5	234.0	139.3	298.0	233.5
1951 - August	190.2	330.6	137.0	237.9	161.8	364.6	220.5
1952 - August	194.9	332.9	137.5	231.8	164.9	460.7	221.7
1953 - August	199.1	341.7	141.6	214.6	166.9	335.1	198.7
1954 - January	199.2	336.2	140.6	207.2	177.4	335.1	187.6
April	199.2	335.7	141.7	207.6	177.4	335.1	181.3
August	199.2	337.8	141.0	207.5	177.4	266.3	192.7
1955 - January	199.8	337.3	139.9	224.1	173.6	266.3	215.0

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TABLE 3. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES
USED IN FARM FAMILY LIVING
(1935-39 = 100)

	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 - August	204.9	223.2	231.8	199.2	230.8	186.7	124.2
1954 - January	204.8	221.4	231.3	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
1955 - January	203.9	221.4	226.4	199.1	230.0	196.2	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 - 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
1955 - January	201.8	222.4	226.3	181.4	222.1	196.1	125.5
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 - 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
1955 - January	206.0	220.4	226.6	216.8	237.8	196.2	123.8