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PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS

APRIL, 1955 (1935-39 = 100)

The All Canada composite price index of commodities and services used by farmers, inclusive of the farm living component, advanced 2.3 per cent from 220.6 in January to 225.7 in April. However, compared with the April 1954 level of 225.3 the index is only 0.2 per cent higher. The composite index, exclusive of the farm family living component, rose 3.7 per cent to 240.3 between January and April, and 0.4 per cent over the April 1954 figure of 239.3.

January-April increases in the composite indexes mostly reflected seasonal changes in farm wage rates, as the index for this series advanced 13.7 per cent to 454.2 during the period under review. Eastern wage rates increased 5.2 per cent to 433.4, while in the west an advance of 26.9 per cent to 483.8 was recorded.

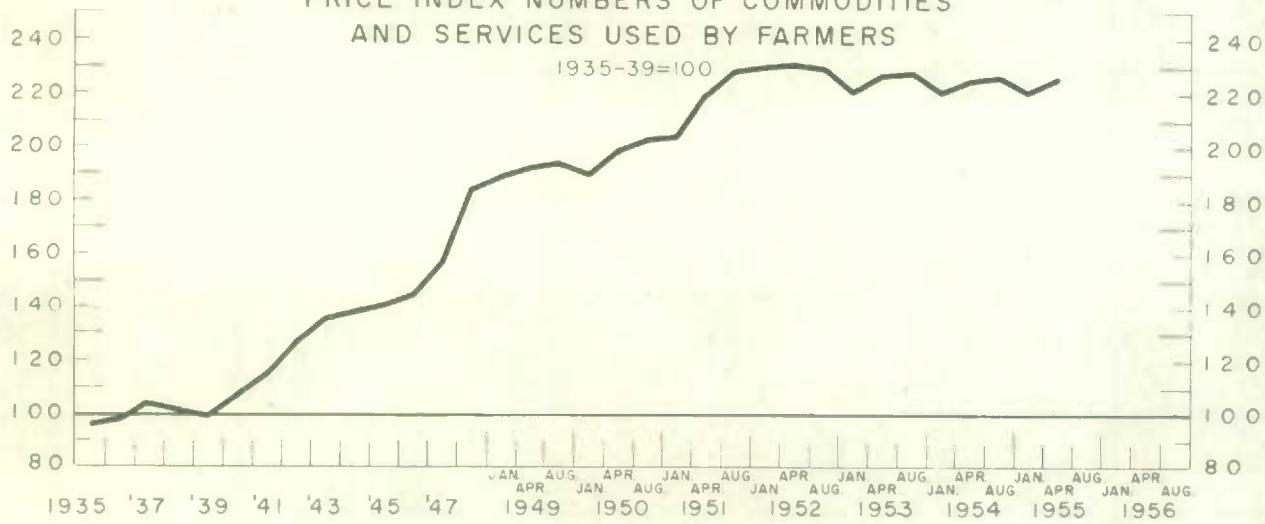
Farm operating equipment and materials declined 0.5 per cent to 204.7 between January and April, reflecting a drop of 9.5 per cent for binder twine, 2.7 per cent for seed, and minor decreases for machinery, building materials, and hardware. Feed registered an increase of 0.9 per cent to 217.8, while gasoline, oil and grease, and compounded fertilizer remained steady at 151.7 and 181.5 respectively.

The farm family living index receded .05 per cent from 203.9 to 203.8 between January and April, and was 0.2 per cent lower than the April 1954 figure of 204.2. Lower prices for foods and household equipment were responsible as the former series fell 0.7 per cent to 219.8 and the latter 0.3 per cent to 229.2. Health maintenance moved up 1.1 per cent to 198.4, clothing 0.4 to 227.4, miscellaneous 0.2 to 124.8, and fuel .05 to 199.2.

Regional differences in price movements during the period under review were negligible, both for operating and farm family living.

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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
1953	239.8	207.4	168.2	449.1	203.6	225.3
1954	237.2	203.3	174.6	441.2	204.5	224.2
1952 - April	245.2	216.9	161.4	454.2	209.6	230.9
1953 - April	242.7	208.2	168.2	463.5	203.4	227.0
1954 - January ...	232.4	204.0	174.6	409.5	204.8	221.4
April	239.3	204.1	174.6	450.8	204.2	225.3
August	240.0	201.9	174.6	463.2	204.5	225.8
1955 - January ...	231.8(r)	205.8	174.6	399.4	203.9	220.6
April	240.3	204.7	174.6	454.2	203.8	225.7
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
1953	242.3	207.5	158.7	431.5	201.4	225.9
1954	238.8	202.4	164.5	424.1	202.0	224.1
1952 - April	247.9	218.2	152.4	432.8	207.9	231.9
1953 - April	243.3	208.4	158.7	434.0	201.4	226.5
1954 - January ...	238.1	202.9	164.5	419.2	202.5	223.9
April	238.5	203.5	164.5	419.2	201.5	223.7
August	239.8	200.9	164.5	433.8	202.1	224.7
1955 - January ...	238.3	205.5(r)	164.5	412.1	201.8	223.7
April	242.4	205.3	164.5	433.4	201.7	226.1
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
1953	237.3	207.3	176.3	474.1	205.8	224.7
1954	235.7	204.2	183.2	465.5	207.0	224.2
1952 - April	242.5	215.7	169.0	484.6	211.2	230.0
1953 - April	242.1	208.1	176.3	505.4	205.3	227.4
1954 - January ...	226.6	205.1	183.2	395.8	207.2	218.8
April	240.2	204.7	183.2	495.7	206.9	226.9
August	240.2	202.8	183.2	505.1	206.9	226.9
1955 - January ...	225.2	206.1	183.2	381.3	206.0	217.5
April	238.1	204.1	183.2	483.8	205.9	225.2

(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	104.0
1939	103.6	108.1	96.2	80.5	100.2	93.8	79.4	101.6
1953	196.7	307.8	150.4	215.7	182.1	351.8	202.3	202.7
1954	197.9	307.0	153.0	205.3	182.8	312.2	183.2	201.7
1952 - April	196.5	302.7	150.2	236.6	185.8	460.7	232.8	205.3
1953 - April	198.0	308.5	149.3	217.4	182.0	360.2	203.3	202.3
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
1955 - January ...	198.6(r)	307.7	151.7	215.9	181.5	266.3	206.5	200.0
April	198.1	307.2	151.7	217.8	181.5	241.0	201.0	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
1953	194.1	278.3	171.0	214.7	183.7	351.8	202.0	197.6
1954	194.4	278.9	173.7	204.7	183.3	312.2	178.3	196.3
1952 - April	194.1	275.1	171.1	233.3	183.2	460.7	242.2	201.0
1953 - April	195.2	278.8	169.4	216.6	183.6	360.2	204.9	197.5
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
1955 - January ...	195.5(r)	279.7	172.3	213.6	182.3	266.3	196.4	193.0
April	195.1	279.0	172.7	215.5	182.3	241.0	192.5	193.3
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
1953	197.7	338.9	138.5	219.5	166.3	351.8	202.5	208.3
1954	199.2	336.6	141.1	207.4	177.4	312.2	187.2	207.9
1952 - April	197.4	331.7	138.2	248.3	162.5	460.7	224.9	210.1
1953 - April	199.1	339.8	137.7	220.4	166.9	360.2	201.9	207.6
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
1955 - January ...	199.8	337.3	139.9	224.1	173.6	266.3	215.0	207.8
April	199.3	337.0	139.7	226.1	173.6	241.0	208.1	207.1

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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
1953	203.6	221.1	230.3	198.7	231.0	183.0	124.2
1954	204.5	223.0	228.3	199.2	230.5	192.3	124.6
1952 - April	209.6	239.6	239.8	194.0	229.3	176.2	124.8
1953 - April	203.4	219.9	230.0	198.7	232.1	183.0	123.9
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
1955 - January	203.9	221.4	226.4	199.1	230.0	196.2	124.6
April	203.8	219.8	227.4	199.2	229.2	198.4	124.8
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
1953	201.4	223.3	229.4	183.4	221.5	183.0	124.9
1954	202.0	223.8	228.0	181.6	221.3	192.3	125.4
1952 - April	207.9	244.5	239.3	180.1	219.1	176.2	125.5
1953 - April	201.4	222.2	229.3	184.2	222.8	183.0	124.6
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
April	201.7	220.9	226.3	181.8	222.0	198.3	125.6
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
1953	205.8	219.0	230.9	214.0	240.6	183.0	123.5
1954	207.0	222.2	228.7	216.8	239.7	192.3	123.8
1952 - April	211.2	234.6	240.2	208.0	239.5	176.2	124.2
1953 - April	205.3	217.6	230.2	213.2	241.4	183.0	123.2
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
April	205.9	218.6	228.4	216.5	236.4	198.4	123.9