

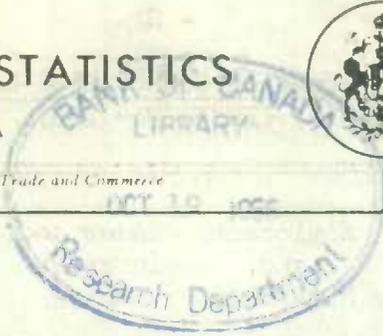
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PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS

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The All Canada Composite Index of Commodities and Services Used by Farmers advanced 1.8 per cent between April and August to a record high of 235.1, reflecting seasonal increases in farm wage rates and lesser price advances in the farm family living and equipment and materials components. The August index stands 3.8 per cent above the level of a year ago. The Composite Index, exclusive of Farm Family Living, moved up 2.1 per cent to 254.3 between April and August and 5.2 per cent over August 1955.

Farm Wage Rates reached an index of 512.5 in August, surpassing by 5.6 per cent the previous peak of 485.1 attained last April, and indicating an advance of 10.1 per cent over the comparable index of a year ago. Eastern wage rates gained 7.4 per cent to 495.6 while the western series showed an increase of 3.5 per cent to 536.6.

Farm Operating Equipment and Materials advanced 0.5 per cent from 209.6 for April to 210.7 for August as six of the eight sub-groups registered gains. Hardware increased 4.2 per cent, Building Materials 1.7 per cent and minor gains occurred in Binder Twine, Feed, Gasoline, Oil and Grease, and Farm Machinery. Seed declined 3.4 per cent and Compounded Fertilizer fell 0.2 per cent due to lower quotations in the East.

The Farm Family Living component moved up 1.1 per cent to 206.2 from 204.9 between April and August. At this point, however, it was well below the postwar peak level of 215.8 registered in January 1952. Except for the Miscellaneous items sub-group, which was unchanged, all the components recorded increases. Food was up 2.5 per cent, Health and Maintenance 1.0 per cent, Household Equipment 0.9 per cent, Fuel 0.6 per cent, and Clothing 0.5 per cent. Similar price movements were observed in the regional series for Eastern and Western Canada.

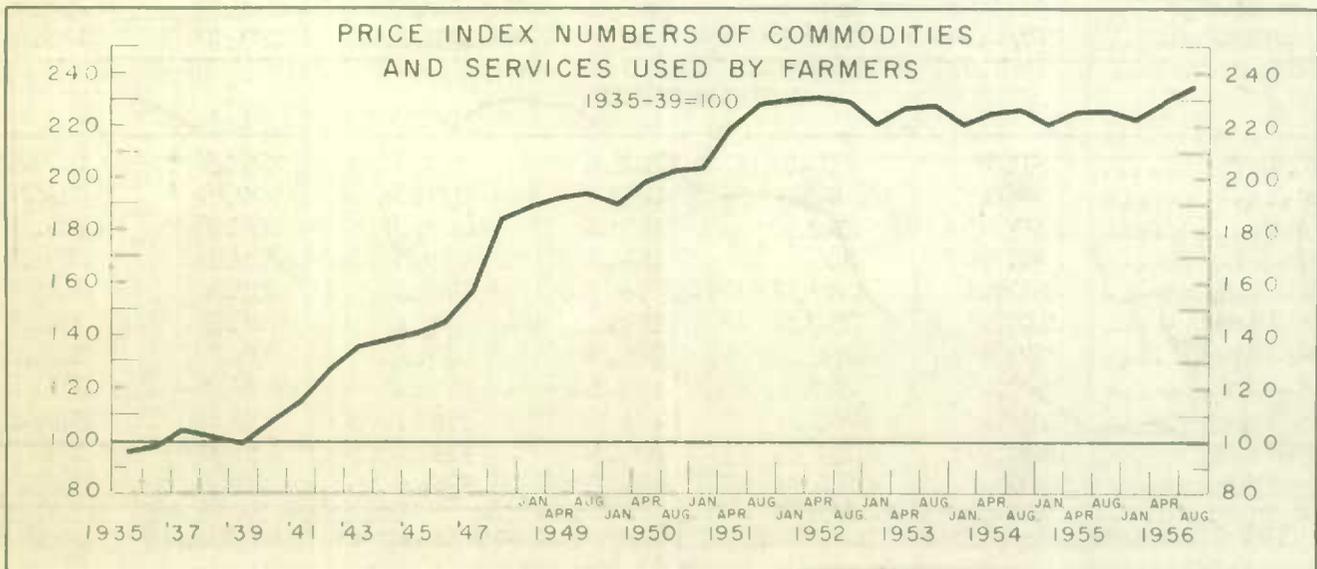


TABLE 1. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS
(1935-39 = 100)

	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
1954	237.2	203.3	174.6	441.2	204.5	224.2
1955	238.3	204.6	177.2	439.7	203.8	224.5
1953 - August ...	243.6	206.3	168.2	475.8	204.9	228.1
1954 - August ...	240.0	201.9	174.6	463.2	204.5	225.8
1955 - April	240.8	204.7	177.2	454.2	203.8	226.0
- August ...	241.8	203.3	177.2	465.5	203.8	226.6
1956 - January ..	234.8	206.0	177.2	413.4	203.2	222.2
- April	249.0	209.6	177.2	485.1	204.0	231.0
- August	254.3	210.7	177.2	512.5	206.2	235.1
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
1954	238.8	202.4	164.5	424.1	202.0	224.1
1955	241.9	204.7	168.4	429.0	201.6	225.8
1953 - August ...	244.0	205.2	158.7	447.1	202.4	227.3
1954 - August ...	239.8	200.9	164.5	433.8	202.1	224.7
1955 - April	243.1	205.3	168.4	433.4	201.7	226.6
- August ...	243.5	203.3	168.4	441.6	201.3	226.6
1956 - January ..	241.4	204.5	168.4	427.0	200.8	225.2
- April	250.4	208.0	168.4	461.6	201.3	230.7
- August ...	257.9	209.5	168.4	495.6	203.7	236.2
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
1954	235.7	204.2	183.2	465.5	207.0	224.2
1955	234.7	204.5	184.8	454.8	206.1	223.2
1953 - August ...	243.2	207.3	176.3	516.6	207.4	228.9
1954 - August ...	240.2	202.8	183.2	505.1	206.9	226.9
1955 - April	238.5	204.1	184.8	483.8	205.9	225.4
- August ...	240.2	203.4	184.8	499.4	206.3	226.6
1956 - January ..	228.2	207.4	184.8	394.0	205.7	219.2
- April	247.7	211.1	184.8	518.4	206.6	231.3
- August ...	250.7	211.8	184.8	536.6	208.7	233.9

(a) 1956 indexes are subject to revision, since tax and interest rate figures are preliminary.

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

	Farm Machinery	Build- ing Mater- ials	Gas- line, Oil, Grease	Feed	Com- pounded Ferti- lizer	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
1954	197.9	307.0	153.0	205.3	182.8	312.2	183.2	201.7
1955	198.8	308.8	151.7	214.7	181.2	250.8	199.1	200.2
1953 - August ...	198.0	309.7	153.4	210.1	182.0	335.1	194.3	202.7
1954 - August ...	198.0	307.7	152.6	204.2	182.7	266.3	185.3	199.8
1955 - April	198.1	307.2	151.7	217.8	181.5	241.0	201.0	199.8
- August ...	199.8	311.4	151.7	210.4	180.6	245.0	189.7	200.7
1956 - January ..	209.4	312.7	152.4	202.9	181.1	253.8	198.4	202.7
- April	209.2	315.8	152.3	207.6	180.9	275.0	212.6	209.2
- August ...	209.7	321.2	152.8	208.7	180.5	276.3	205.4	217.9
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
1954	194.4	278.9	173.7	204.7	183.3	312.2	178.3	196.3
1955	196.0	281.1	172.6	212.0	182.3	250.8	191.4	193.5
1953 - August ...	195.2	279.3	173.8	208.9	183.6	335.1	189.1	198.2
1954 - August ...	195.0	279.2	172.9	203.3	183.2	266.3	176.4	192.9
1955 - April	195.1	279.0	172.7	215.5	182.3	241.0	192.5	193.3
- August ...	197.4	284.5	172.8	206.9	182.3	245.0	185.2	194.1
1956 - January ..	207.2	286.5	173.4	200.5	182.3	253.8	196.3	196.4
- April	207.7	290.6	173.1	205.4	182.1	275.0	207.5	200.7
- August	209.7	296.0	174.3	205.1	181.7	276.3	205.6	208.0
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
1954	199.2	336.6	141.1	207.4	177.4	312.2	187.2	207.9
1955	199.9	338.0	139.7	224.4	170.5	250.8	205.5	207.7
1953 - August ...	199.1	341.7	141.6	214.6	166.9	335.1	198.7	207.8
1954 - August ...	199.2	337.8	141.0	207.5	177.4	266.3	192.7	207.6
1955 - April	199.3	337.0	139.7	226.1	173.6	241.0	208.1	207.1
- August ...	200.7	339.8	139.6	222.9	164.4	245.0	193.5	208.2
1956 - January ..	210.3	340.4	140.3	211.6	169.5	253.8	200.1	209.8
- April	209.8	342.4	140.4	215.7	169.5	275.0	216.9	218.7
- August ...	209.7	347.8	140.4	221.6	169.5	276.3	205.3	229.0



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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	House- hold Equip- ment	Health Mainten- ance	Miscel- laneous
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
1954	204.5	223.0	228.3	199.2	230.5	192.3	124.6
1955	203.8	220.4	227.0	198.5	229.4	197.9	124.8
1953 - August	204.9	223.2	231.8	199.2	230.8	186.7	124.2
1954 - August	204.5	224.6	226.4	197.8	230.0	195.0	124.6
1955 - April	203.8	219.8	227.4	199.2	229.2	198.4	124.8
- August	203.8	220.0	227.2	197.2	229.0	199.2	125.0
1956 - January ...	203.2	216.8	227.2	199.8	229.0	200.8	124.6
- April	204.0	216.1	227.1	199.9	232.0	205.9	124.2
- August	206.2	221.6	228.2	201.1	234.2	208.0	124.2
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
1954	202.0	223.8	228.0	181.6	221.3	192.3	125.4
1955	201.6	221.1	226.1	180.4	222.0	197.9	125.6
1953 - August	202.4	225.0	231.0	182.2	220.9	186.7	124.9
1954 - August	202.1	224.9	226.3	179.2	222.1	195.0	125.4
1955 - April	201.7	220.9	226.3	181.8	222.0	198.3	125.6
- August	201.3	220.1	225.8	178.1	222.0	199.2	125.8
1956 - January ...	200.8	216.5	225.8	182.3	222.0	200.7	125.5
- April	201.3	215.1	226.0	182.4	224.3	205.9	125.0
- August	203.7	221.0	227.2	184.2	226.4	208.0	125.1
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
1954	207.0	222.2	228.7	216.8	239.7	192.3	123.8
1955	206.1	219.6	227.9	216.6	236.7	198.0	123.9
1953 - August	207.4	221.5	232.5	216.2	240.8	186.7	123.4
1954 - August	206.9	224.4	226.6	216.4	237.8	195.1	123.8
1955 - April	205.9	218.6	228.4	216.5	236.4	198.4	123.9
- August	206.3	219.9	228.6	216.4	235.9	199.3	124.1
1956 - January ...	205.7	217.0	228.6	217.3	235.9	200.8	123.7
- April	206.6	217.1	228.2	217.4	239.8	205.9	123.3
- August	208.7	222.1	229.3	218.0	241.9	208.0	123.4