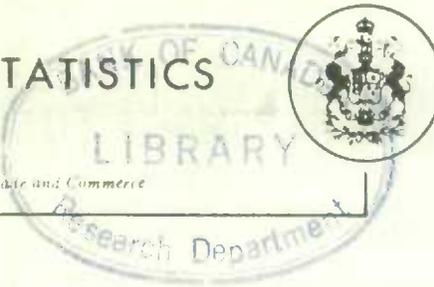


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PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS

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The usual seasonal decline in farm wage rates was entirely responsible for the All Canada Composite Price Index of Commodities and Services Used By Farmers decreasing 1.8 per cent from 236.0 to 231.7 between August 1956 and January 1957. However, the current index is 3.9 per cent above the January 1956 level of 223.1. The Composite Index, exclusive of Farm Family Living fell 3.5 per cent from 255.9 in August to 247.0 in January, but recorded an advance of 4.5 per cent over the January figure of 236.3.

Seasonal changes in Farm Wage Rates were reflected in the total wage-rate index as it moved down 11.5 per cent to 453.8 for January. Regional differences were notable as the Western series fell 21.9 per cent to 419.2 and the Eastern series 3.5 per cent to 478.2.

The index for Farm Operating Equipment and Materials increased 0.8 per cent to 212.3 between August 1956 and January 1957 with six of the sectional indexes showing gains over August levels. Farm Machinery moved up 6.4 per cent; Feed 1.1 per cent; while smaller increases occurred for Hardware; Gasoline, Oil and Grease; Building Materials and Compounded Fertilizer. Binder Twine declined 19.0 per cent and Seed 5.2 per cent.

The preliminary All Canada Tax and Interest Rate index for 1956 was revised to 184.7, with the final Eastern index standing at 178.8 and the Western series at 189.8.

The Farm Family Living component changed from 206.2 in August to 208.6 in January for an increase of 1.2 per cent. The current index stands 2.7 per cent higher than the January 1956 figure of 203.2. Among group changes, Foods moved up 3.4 per cent; Fuel 2.6 per cent; Health Maintenance 0.5 per cent and Miscellaneous items 0.2 per cent between August and January. Clothing and Household Equipment remained nominally unchanged at 228.2 and 234.2 respectively. Regionally, group index movements were similar with the exception of fuel, where a somewhat greater increase was noted in Eastern prices.

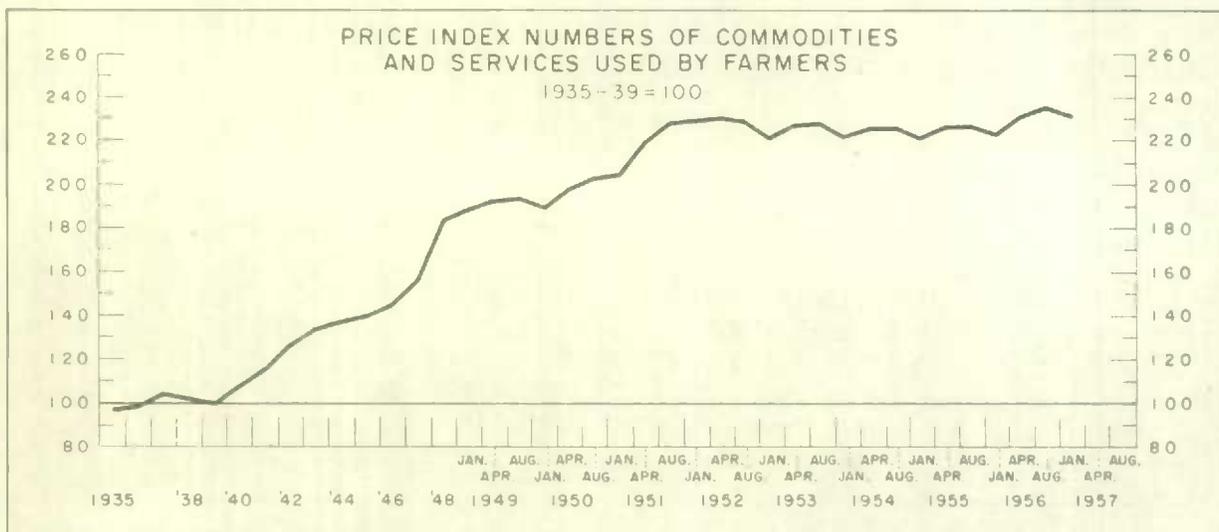


TABLE 1. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS
(1935-39 = 100)

| | 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 |
| 1955 | 238.3 | 204.6 | 177.2 | 439.7 | 203.8 | 224.5 |
| 1956 | 247.6 | 208.8 | 184.7 | 470.3 | 204.5 | 230.3 |
| 1954 - January | 232.4 | 204.0 | 174.6 | 409.5 | 204.8 | 221.4 |
| 1955 - January | 232.3 | 205.8 | 177.2 | 399.4 | 203.9 | 220.9 |
| 1956 - January | 236.3(r) | 206.0 | 184.7(r) | 413.4 | 203.2 | 223.1(r) |
| - April | 250.6(r) | 209.6 | 184.7(r) | 485.1 | 204.0 | 231.9(r) |
| - August | 255.9(r) | 210.7 | 184.7(r) | 512.5 | 206.2 | 236.0(r) |
| 1957 - January | 247.0 | 212.3 | 184.7 | 453.8 | 208.6 | 231.7 |
| 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 |
| 1955 | 241.9 | 204.7 | 168.4 | 429.0 | 201.6 | 225.8 |
| 1956 | 251.9 | 207.3 | 178.8 | 461.4 | 201.9 | 231.9 |
| 1954 - January | 238.1 | 202.9 | 164.5 | 419.2 | 202.5 | 223.9 |
| 1955 - January | 239.1 | 205.5 | 168.4 | 412.1 | 201.8 | 224.2 |
| 1956 - January | 243.4(r) | 204.5 | 178.8(r) | 427.0 | 200.8 | 226.4(r) |
| - April | 252.3(r) | 208.0 | 178.8(r) | 461.6 | 201.3 | 231.9(r) |
| - August | 259.9(r) | 209.5 | 178.8(r) | 495.6 | 203.7 | 237.4(r) |
| 1957 - January | 257.3 | 210.8 | 178.8 | 478.2 | 206.2 | 236.9 |
| 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 |
| 1955 | 234.7 | 204.5 | 184.8 | 454.8 | 206.1 | 223.2 |
| 1956 | 243.3 | 210.1 | 189.8 | 483.0 | 207.0 | 228.8 |
| 1954 - January | 226.6 | 205.1 | 183.2 | 395.8 | 207.2 | 218.8 |
| 1955 - January | 225.5 | 206.1 | 184.8 | 381.3 | 206.0 | 217.7 |
| 1956 - January | 229.3(r) | 207.4 | 189.8(r) | 394.0 | 205.7 | 219.9(r) |
| - April | 248.9(r) | 211.1 | 189.8(r) | 518.4 | 206.6 | 232.0(r) |
| - August | 251.8(r) | 211.8 | 189.8(r) | 536.6 | 208.7 | 234.6(r) |
| 1957 - January | 236.8 | 213.7 | 189.8 | 419.2 | 211.0 | 226.5 |

(a) 1957 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 Machinery | Building Materials | Gasoline, 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 |
| 1955 | 198.8 | 308.8 | 151.7 | 214.7 | 181.2 | 250.8 | 199.1 | 200.2 |
| 1956 | 209.4 | 316.6 | 152.5 | 206.4 | 180.8 | 268.4 | 205.5 | 209.9 |
| 1954 - January .. | 197.8 | 307.1 | 152.7 | 204.1 | 183.0 | 335.1 | 185.1 | 202.8 |
| 1955 - January .. | 198.6 | 307.7 | 151.7 | 215.9 | 181.5 | 266.3 | 206.5 | 200.0 |
| 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 |
| 1957 - January .. | 223.1 | 321.9 | 153.2 | 210.9 | 180.7 | 223.7 | 194.8 | 219.1 |
| 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 |
| 1955 | 196.0 | 281.1 | 172.6 | 212.0 | 182.3 | 250.8 | 191.4 | 193.5 |
| 1956 | 208.2 | 291.0 | 173.6 | 203.7 | 182.0 | 268.4 | 203.1 | 201.7 |
| 1954 - January .. | 194.1 | 279.4 | 173.7 | 203.2 | 183.6 | 335.1 | 182.2 | 198.1 |
| 1955 - January .. | 195.5 | 279.7 | 172.3 | 213.6 | 182.3 | 266.3 | 196.4 | 193.0 |
| 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 |
| 1957 - January .. | 224.0 | 296.6 | 174.9 | 207.7 | 182.0 | 223.7 | 192.0 | 209.1 |
| 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 |
| 1955 | 199.9 | 338.0 | 139.7 | 224.4 | 170.5 | 250.8 | 205.5 | 207.7 |
| 1956 | 209.9 | 343.5 | 140.4 | 216.3 | 169.5 | 268.4 | 207.4 | 219.2 |
| 1954 - January .. | 199.2 | 336.2 | 140.6 | 207.2 | 177.4 | 335.1 | 187.6 | 208.1 |
| 1955 - January .. | 199.8 | 337.3 | 139.9 | 224.1 | 173.6 | 266.3 | 215.0 | 207.8 |
| 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 |
| 1957 - January .. | 222.7 | 348.6 | 140.8 | 222.2 | 167.7 | 223.7 | 197.1 | 230.4 |



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 |
| 1955 | 203.8 | 220.4 | 227.0 | 198.5 | 229.4 | 197.9 | 124.8 |
| 1956 | 204.5 | 218.2 | 227.5 | 200.3 | 231.7 | 204.9 | 124.3 |
| 1954 - January .. | 204.8 | 221.4 | 231.8 | 201.4 | 230.8 | 188.4 | 124.6 |
| 1955 - January .. | 203.9 | 221.4 | 226.4 | 199.1 | 230.0 | 196.2 | 124.6 |
| 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 |
| 1957 - January .. | 208.6 | 229.2 | 228.2 | 206.4 | 234.2 | 209.0 | 124.4 |
| 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 |
| 1955 | 201.6 | 221.1 | 226.1 | 180.4 | 222.0 | 197.9 | 125.6 |
| 1956 | 201.9 | 217.5 | 226.3 | 183.0 | 224.2 | 204.9 | 125.2 |
| 1954 - January .. | 202.5 | 223.4 | 231.0 | 184.8 | 220.9 | 188.4 | 125.4 |
| 1955 - January .. | 201.8 | 222.4 | 226.3 | 181.4 | 222.1 | 196.1 | 125.5 |
| 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 |
| 1957 - January .. | 206.2 | 229.4 | 227.2 | 190.1 | 226.4 | 209.0 | 125.3 |
| 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 |
| 1955 | 206.1 | 219.6 | 227.9 | 216.6 | 236.7 | 198.0 | 123.9 |
| 1956 | 207.0 | 218.7 | 228.7 | 217.6 | 239.2 | 204.9 | 123.5 |
| 1954 - January .. | 207.2 | 219.4 | 232.5 | 217.9 | 240.8 | 188.4 | 123.8 |
| 1955 - January .. | 206.0 | 220.4 | 226.6 | 216.8 | 237.8 | 196.2 | 123.8 |
| 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 |
| 1957 - January .. | 211.0 | 229.1 | 229.3 | 222.8 | 241.9 | 209.1 | 123.6 |