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PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS

AUGUST, 1957 (1935-39 = 100)

The All Canada Composite Price Index of Commodities and Services Used by Farmers, changed only fractionally between April and August, from 240.6 to 241.0. Compared with the August 1956 figure of 236.0 the index is 2.1 per cent higher. The Composite Index, exclusive of Farm Family Living fell 0.4 per cent from 258.6 in April to 257.6 in August, but was 0.7 per cent above the corresponding index level of 255.9 registered a year ago.

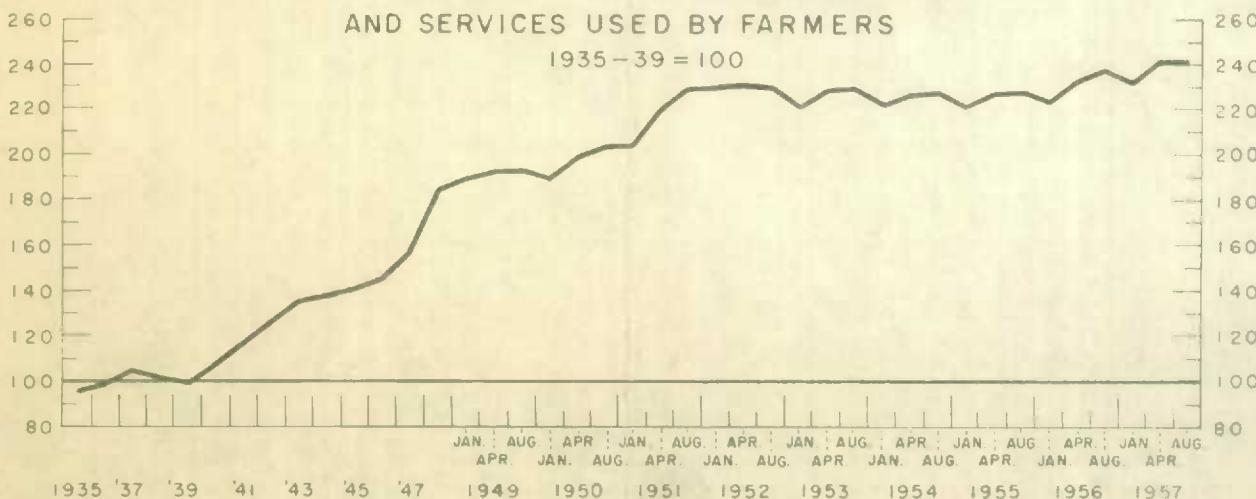
Farm Wage Rates moved up fractionally in August to a new peak level of 526.4. In the East a 1.0 per cent increase occurred in wage rates bringing the index to 503.4 while the Western series remained almost unchanged at 559.0.

The index for Farm Equipment and Materials declined 1.1 per cent to 209.7 between April and August, mainly reflecting lower prices for Feed and Seed, indexes for which showed drops of 6.0 per cent and 5.6 per cent respectively. Declines were noticeably larger for these series in Eastern Canada. Among other groups advances occurred in Hardware, up 2.5 per cent, Compounded Fertilizer 0.9 per cent and Farm Machinery and Gasoline, Oil and Grease each 0.3 per cent higher. Binder Twine remained steady at 223.7 while Building Materials registered slight weakness.

The All Canada Farm Family Living Component which advanced 1.2 per cent from 213.5 in April to 216.0 in August now stands 4.8 per cent above the comparable figure of 206.2 recorded a year ago and slightly exceeds the previous post-war peak of 215.8 reached in January 1952. Over the April-August period Clothing prices advanced 1.6 per cent, Household Equipment 1.5 per cent, Food 1.3 per cent, Health Maintenance 1.0 per cent and Miscellaneous items 0.5 per cent. Fuel showed little movement. Regionally the tendency towards higher prices was more pronounced in the East than in the West.

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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	Farm Wage Rates (a)	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 - August	240.0	201.9	174.6	463.2	204.5	225.8
1955 - August	241.8	203.3	177.2	465.5	203.8	226.6
1956 - April	250.6	209.6	184.7	485.1	204.0	231.9
- August	255.9	210.7	184.7	512.5	206.2	236.0
1957 - January	247.0	212.3	184.7	453.8	208.6	231.7
- April	258.6	212.0	184.7	523.9	213.5	240.6
- August	257.6	209.7	184.7	526.4	216.0	241.0
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
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 - August	239.8	200.9	164.5	433.8	202.1	224.7
1955 - August	243.5	203.3	168.4	441.6	201.3	226.6
1956 - April	252.3	208.0	178.8	461.6	201.3	231.9
- August	259.9	209.5	178.8	495.6	203.7	237.4
1957 - January	257.3	210.8	178.8	478.2	206.2	236.9
- April	261.3	210.8	178.8	498.6	211.0	241.2
- August	259.6	206.5	178.8	503.4	214.3	241.5
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 - August	240.2	202.8	183.2	505.1	206.9	226.9
1955 - August	240.2	203.4	184.8	499.4	206.3	226.6
1956 - April	248.9	211.1	189.8	518.4	206.6	232.0
- August	251.8	211.8	189.8	536.6	208.7	234.6
1957 - January	236.8	213.7	189.8	419.2	211.0	226.5
- April	256.0	213.2	189.8	559.9	216.0	240.0
- August	255.6	212.9	189.8	559.0	217.8	240.5

(a) 1957 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	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 - August	198.0	307.7	152.6	204.2	182.7	266.3	185.3	199.8
1955 - August	199.8	311.4	151.7	210.4	180.6	245.0	189.7	200.7
1956 - 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
- April	223.8	323.5	155.7	207.6	184.0	223.7	182.4	223.9
- August	224.5	323.4	156.1	195.1	185.6	223.7	172.1	229.4
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 - August	195.0	279.2	172.9	203.3	183.2	266.3	176.4	192.9
1955 - August	197.4	284.5	172.8	206.9	182.3	245.0	185.2	194.1
1956 - 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
- April	224.6	299.2	177.5	204.8	185.7	223.7	182.2	213.7
- August	225.1	299.6	177.8	191.7	187.2	223.7	162.9	220.7
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 - August	199.2	337.8	141.0	207.5	177.4	266.3	192.7	207.6
1955 - August	200.7	339.8	139.6	222.9	164.4	245.0	193.5	208.2
1956 - 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
- April	223.5	349.2	143.1	217.6	167.7	223.7	182.6	235.3
- August	224.2	348.5	143.6	207.5	170.0	223.7	179.8	239.2

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

	Compo- site 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 - August	204.5	224.6	226.4	197.8	230.0	195.0	124.6
1955 - August	203.8	220.0	227.2	197.2	229.0	199.2	125.0
1956 - 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
- April	213.5	234.4	233.4	208.4	241.8	219.0	124.2
- August	216.0	237.4	237.1	208.3	245.5	221.2	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
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 - August	202.1	224.9	226.3	179.2	222.1	195.0	125.4
1955 - August	201.3	220.1	225.8	178.1	222.0	199.2	125.8
1956 - 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
- April	211.0	234.9	232.4	190.0	233.0	218.9	125.1
- August	214.3	240.1	236.3	190.2	237.4	221.1	125.7
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 - August	206.9	224.4	226.6	216.4	237.8	195.1	123.8
1955 - August	206.3	219.9	228.6	216.4	235.9	199.3	124.1
1956 - 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
- April	216.0	233.9	234.5	226.8	250.5	219.0	123.4
- August	217.8	234.7	237.9	226.4	253.6	221.2	123.9