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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, fell 2.0 per cent from 241.8 to 236.9 between August 1957 and January 1958, mainly reflecting the seasonal decrease in Farm Wage Rates. However the current index is 1.9 per cent above the January 1957 level of 232.5. The Composite Index, exclusive of Farm Family Living, declined 2.9 per cent from 259.0 in August to 251.4 in January. Compared with the January 1957 figure of 248.4 the index is 1.2 per cent higher.

The All Canada Farm Wage Rates series moved down 10.7 per cent to 470.3 over the August-January period in conformity with the normal seasonal pattern. The Western series registered a drop of 12.9 per cent to 453.1 and the Eastern series 4.2 per cent to 482.4.

The preliminary All Canada Tax and Interest Rate index which incorporates a revision in the tax series, changed from 184.7 to 191.3 between 1956 and 1957. The Eastern series rose from 178.8 to 185.6 and the Western series from 189.8 to 196.2.

Farm Equipment and Materials advanced 1.4 per cent from 209.7 in August to 212.7 for January. Among sub-group changes increases were noted for Farm Machinery, up 5.2 per cent, Compounded Fertilizer 3.4 per cent and Seed 3.3 per cent. Feed prices recorded a decline of 3.0 per cent. Other sub-group differences were fractional while Binder Twine remained steady at 223.7.

The All Canada Farm Living Component moved slightly lower between August and January from 216.0 to 215.2 but stood 3.2 per cent above the January 1957 figure of 208.6. Mainly responsible for the decline was a 2.6 per cent decrease in the food component, which outweighed increases of 1.5 per cent for Health Maintenance, 1.3 per cent for Fuel and 0.8 per cent for Miscellaneous items. Clothing and Household Equipment remained nominally unchanged at 237.1 and 245.5 respectively. Regionally price tendencies were similar except for Fuel, where an increase of 2.1 per cent occurred in the Eastern

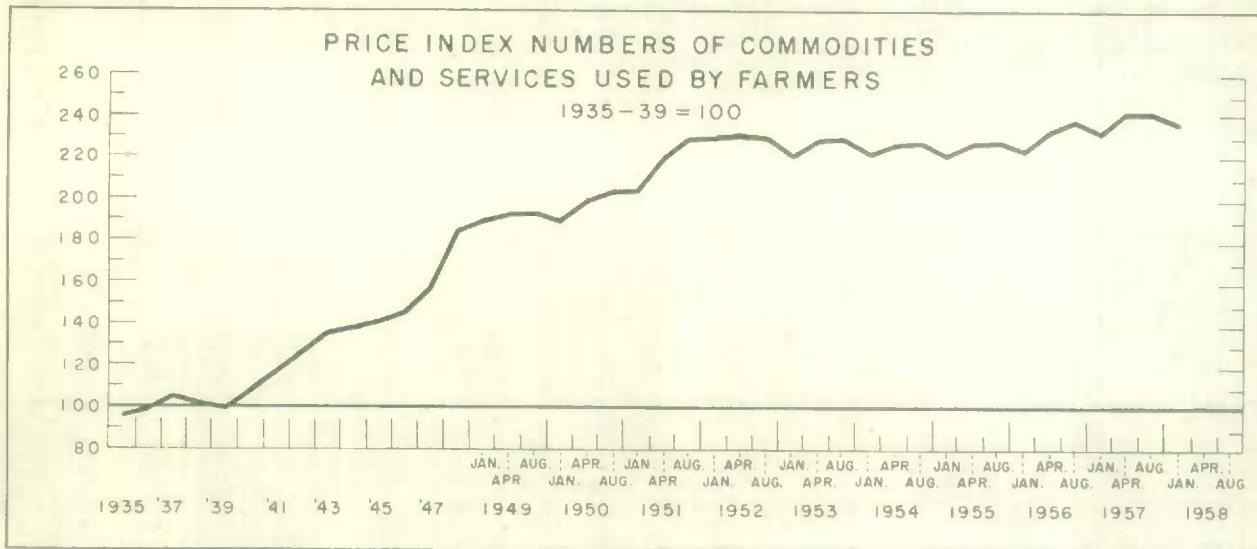


TABLE 1. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS  
(1935-39 = 100)

	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
1957 .....	255.8	211.3	191.3	501.4	212.7	238.6
1955 - January .....	232.3	205.8	177.2	399.4	203.9	220.9
1956 - January .....	236.3	206.0	184.7	413.4	203.2	223.1
1957 - January .....	248.4(r)	212.3	191.3(r)	453.8	208.6	232.5(r)
- April .....	260.0(r)	212.0	191.3(r)	523.9	213.5	241.4(r)
- August .....	259.0(r)	209.7	191.3(r)	526.4	216.0	241.8(r)
1958 - January .....	251.4	212.7	191.3	470.3	215.2	236.9
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
1957 .....	260.7	209.4	185.6	493.4	210.5	240.6
1955 - January .....	239.1	205.5	168.4	412.1	201.8	224.2
1956 - January .....	243.4	204.5	178.8	427.0	200.8	226.4
1957 - January .....	258.6(r)	210.8	185.6(r)	478.2	206.2	237.6(r)
- April .....	262.6(r)	210.8	185.6(r)	498.6	211.0	242.0(r)
- August .....	260.9(r)	206.5	185.6(r)	503.4	214.3	242.3(r)
1958 - January .....	257.9	208.3	185.6	482.4	213.6	240.2
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
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
1957 .....	250.9	213.3	196.2	512.7	214.9	236.5
1955 - January .....	225.5	206.1	184.8	381.3	206.0	217.7
1956 - January .....	229.3	207.4	189.8	394.0	205.7	219.9
1957 - January .....	238.2(r)	213.7	196.2(r)	419.2	211.0	227.3(r)
- April .....	257.4(r)	213.2	196.2(r)	559.9	216.0	240.8(r)
- August .....	257.0(r)	212.9	196.2(r)	559.0	217.8	241.3(r)
1958 - January .....	244.9	216.9	196.2	453.1	216.8	233.7

(a) 1958 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 Mach- inery	Build- ing Mater- ials	Gaso- 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
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
1957 .....	223.8	322.9	155.0	204.5	183.4	223.7	183.1	224.1
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
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
1958 - January ....	236.1	323.0	156.0	189.2	191.9	223.7	177.8	230.2
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
1957 .....	224.6	298.5	176.7	201.4	185.0	223.7	179.0	214.5
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
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
1958 - January ....	237.9	299.2	177.5	185.4	193.9	223.7	172.4	221.4
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
1957 .....	223.5	348.8	142.5	215.8	168.5	223.7	186.5	235.0
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
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
1958 - January ....	235.4	348.1	143.6	203.0	172.5	223.7	182.4	240.0

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

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	Compo- site Index	Food	Cloth- ing	Fuel	House- hold Equip- ment	Health Mainten- ance	Miscel- laneous
<b>ALL CANADA</b>							
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
1957 .....	212.7	233.7	232.9	207.7	240.5	216.4	124.5
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
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
1958 - January .....	215.2	231.2	237.1	211.0	245.5	224.6	125.8
<b>EASTERN CANADA</b>							
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
1957 .....	210.5	234.8	232.0	190.1	232.3	216.3	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
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
1958 - January .....	213.6	233.7	236.3	194.2	237.4	224.6	126.9
<b>WESTERN CANADA</b>							
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
1957 .....	214.9	232.6	233.9	225.3	248.7	216.4	123.6
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
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
1958 - January .....	216.8	228.7	237.9	227.9	253.6	224.7	124.8