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### PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS

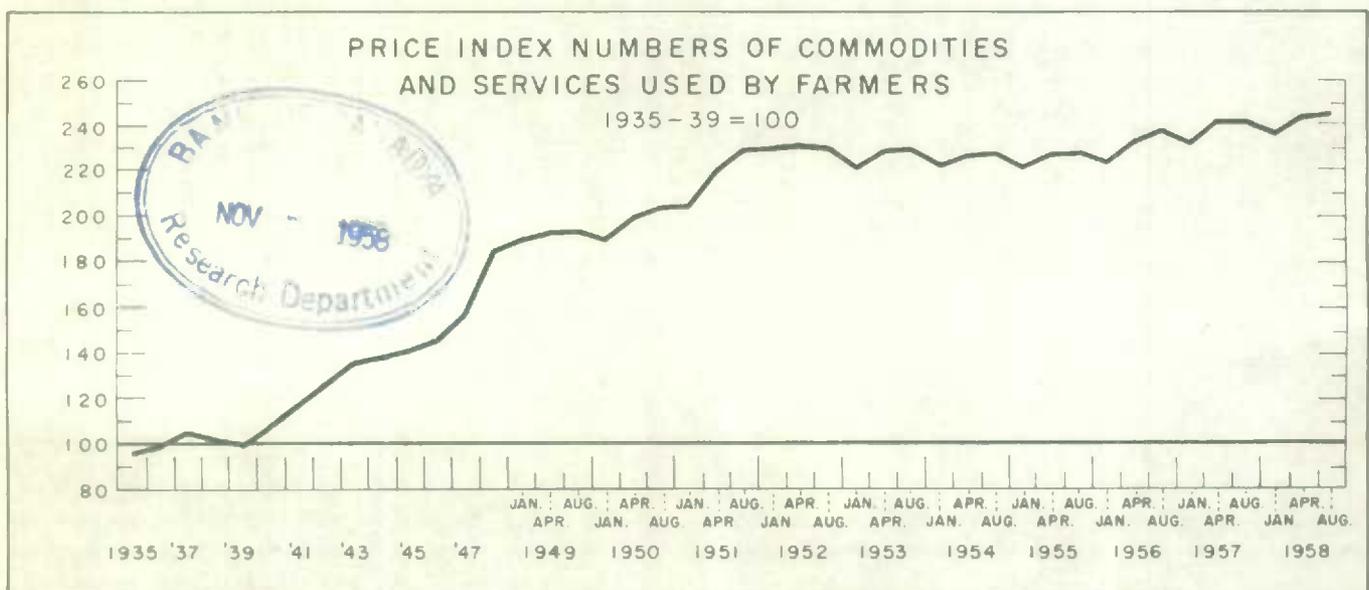
AUGUST, 1958 (1935-39 = 100)

The All Canada Composite Price Index of Commodities and Services Used by Farmers remained practically unchanged between April and August, moving from 244.7 to 244.9. The August index stands 1.2 per cent above the level of a year ago. The Composite Index, exclusive of Farm Family Living was also relatively stable between April and August, moving from 262.7 to 262.9, to stand 1.5 per cent over the comparable figure of a year ago.

The All Canada Farm Wage Rate index remained close to its seasonal high of 535.2 in April declining to 534.0. This decrease of 0.2 per cent was attributable to a decrease of 1.7 per cent in the Western series which was offset in part by a 1.0 per cent increase in the Eastern series. While the decline was very slight, it marked the first April-August decline recorded by the All Canada Farm Wage Rate index since 1940 when April and August calculations were initiated.

Farm Equipment and Materials increased 0.3 per cent to 213.7 between April and August, as the Eastern index remained unchanged at 209.2 and the Western index rose 0.6 per cent to 218.1. Seed showed a gain of 2.8 per cent to 182.2, due to higher price quotations in the western region. Compounded Fertilizer and Binder Twine stood at 184.9 and 223.7, respectively, both unchanged from April levels. Price changes in other sub-groups were minor.

The All Canada Farm Living Component was almost the same as in April, the index moving up 0.1 per cent from 217.8 in April to 218.0 in August. This was 0.9 per cent above the August, 1957 index.



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TABLE I. - 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
1956 .....	247.6	208.8	184.7	470.3	204.5	230.3
1957 .....	255.9	211.3	191.9	501.4	212.7	238.7
1955 - August .....	241.8	203.3	177.2	465.5	203.8	226.6
1956 - August .....	255.9	210.7	184.7	512.5	206.2	236.0
1957 - April .....	260.1	212.0	191.9	523.9	213.5	241.5
- August .....	259.1	209.7	191.9	526.4	216.0	241.9
1958 - January .....	251.2	212.2	191.9	470.3	215.2	236.8
- April .....	262.7	213.1	191.9	535.2	217.8	244.7
- August .....	262.9	213.7	191.9	534.0	218.0	244.9
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
1956 .....	251.9	207.3	178.8	461.4	201.9	231.9
1957 .....	260.9	209.4	186.4	493.4	210.5	240.7
1955 - August .....	243.5	203.3	168.4	441.6	201.3	226.6
1956 - August .....	259.9	209.5	178.8	495.6	203.7	237.4
1957 - April .....	262.8	210.8	186.4	498.6	211.0	242.1
- August .....	261.1	206.5	186.4	503.4	214.3	242.4
1958 - January .....	257.4	207.3	186.4	482.4	213.6	239.9
- April .....	262.7	209.2	186.4	503.0	216.3	244.1
- August .....	263.6	209.2	186.4	508.0	217.1	245.0
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
1956 .....	243.3	210.1	189.8	483.0	207.0	228.8
1957 .....	251.0	213.3	196.5	512.7	214.9	236.6
1955 - August .....	240.2	203.4	184.8	499.4	206.3	226.6
1956 - August .....	251.8	211.8	189.8	536.6	208.7	234.6
1957 - April .....	257.5	213.2	196.5	559.9	216.0	240.9
- August .....	257.1	212.9	196.5	559.0	217.8	241.4
1958 - January .....	245.0	216.9	196.5	453.1	216.8	233.7
- April .....	262.7	216.9	196.5	581.0	219.2	245.3
- August .....	262.1	218.1	196.5	571.0	219.0	244.9

(a) 1958 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 Mach- inery	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
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 - August .....	199.8	311.4	151.7	210.4	180.6	245.0	189.7	200.7
1956 - August .....	209.7	321.2	152.8	208.7	180.5	276.3	205.4	217.9
1957 - 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	184.7	223.7	177.8	230.2
- April .....	236.9	321.7	156.0	193.6	184.9	223.7	177.3	231.8
- August .....	237.2	320.0	156.2	194.7	184.9	223.7	182.2	232.2
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
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 - August .....	197.4	284.5	172.8	206.9	182.3	245.0	185.2	194.1
1956 - August .....	209.7	296.0	174.3	205.1	181.7	276.3	205.6	208.0
1957 - 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	186.0	223.7	172.4	221.4
- April .....	239.3	299.1	178.1	190.9	186.0	223.7	172.2	222.9
- August .....	239.6	296.6	178.7	191.5	186.0	223.7	170.9	223.1
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
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 - August .....	200.7	339.8	139.6	222.9	164.4	245.0	193.5	208.2
1956 - August .....	209.7	347.8	140.4	221.6	169.5	276.3	205.3	229.0
1957 - 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
- April .....	236.0	345.6	143.3	203.2	174.0	223.7	181.5	241.9
- August .....	236.2	344.6	143.3	206.1	174.0	223.7	191.7	242.4



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

	Compo- site Index	Food	Cloth- ing	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
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 - August .....	203.8	220.0	227.2	197.2	229.0	199.2	125.0
1956 - August .....	206.2	221.6	228.2	201.1	234.2	208.0	124.2
1957 - 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
- April .....	217.8	235.0	239.2	212.4	247.4	231.6	125.8
- August .....	218.0	236.6	238.6	211.9	248.3	231.6	126.0
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
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 - August .....	201.3	220.1	225.8	178.1	222.0	199.2	125.8
1956 - August .....	203.7	221.0	227.2	184.2	226.4	208.0	125.1
1957 - 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
- April .....	216.3	237.9	238.9	194.5	239.3	231.6	126.9
- August .....	217.1	240.6	239.0	192.7	240.8	231.6	127.0
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
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 - August .....	206.3	219.9	228.6	216.4	235.9	199.3	124.1
1956 - August .....	208.7	222.1	229.3	218.0	241.9	208.0	123.4
1957 - 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
- April .....	219.2	232.2	239.5	230.2	255.6	231.7	124.8
- August .....	219.0	232.5	238.1	231.1	255.8	231.7	124.9