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JAN 19 1959 PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS

JANUARY 1959 (1935-39 = 100)

The All Canada Composite Price Index of Commodities and Services Used by Farmers decreased 1.0 per cent to 243.0 between August, 1958 and January, 1959. At this level, the index stood 2.4 per cent above the index of a year ago. The Composite Index, exclusive of Farm Family Living registered a decline of 1.9 per cent to 258.8, to stand 2.6 per cent over the past twelve months.

Seasonal decreases in farm wages, notably in Western Canada accounted for the decline in the composite indexes. The All Canada Farm Wage Rate index fell 8.8 per cent from 534.0 in August to 487.2 in January. The Western series dropped 17.5 per cent to 470.8 and the Eastern series 1.8 per cent to 498.8.

The preliminary Tax and Interest Rate index for 1958 was revised to a final figure of 196.7. The Eastern and Western indexes were revised to 192.3 and 200.5 respectively. The revisions to the Tax and Interest Rate index affected the total indexes as indicated in Table I.

Farm Machinery and Feed contributed most to a 2.1 per cent increase in Farm Equipment and Materials from 213.7 to 218.1. With the exception of Binder Twine, which was steady at 223.7, the remaining sub-groups recorded minor gains. The All Canada Seed index remained practically unchanged, reflecting an increase of 4.2 per cent in the Eastern index which almost completely offset a 2.9 per cent decrease in the Western index.

The All Canada Farm Living Component moved from 218.0 in August to 219.4 in January, a rise of 0.6 per cent. This index is now 2.0 per cent above the January, 1958 index of 215.2. Similar patterns were followed by the regional indexes. Health Maintenance advanced 2.7 per cent, Miscellaneous Items 1.5 per cent, Fuel 1.2 per cent and Food 0.4 per cent. Clothing was nominally unchanged at 238.6 and Household Equipment remained at 248.3.

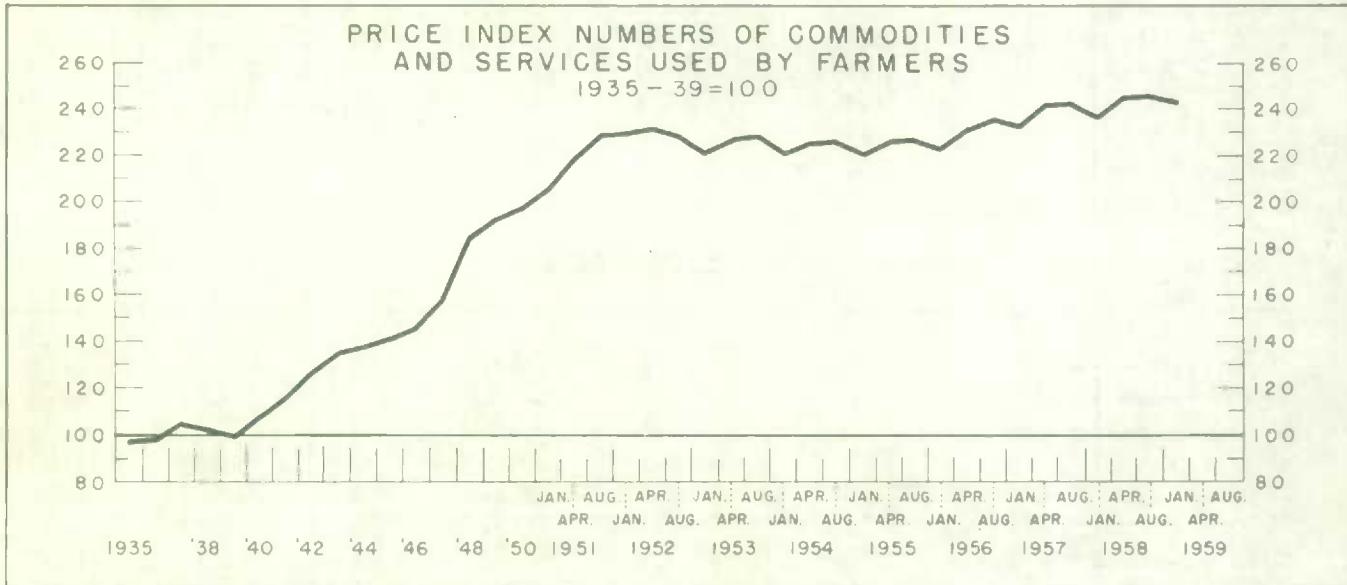


TABLE I. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS  
(1935-39 = 100)

	Composite Index Exclusive of Living Component (a)	Equipment and Materials	Taxes and Interest Rates (a)	Farm Wage Rates (a)	Farm Family Living Rates	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
1958 .....	259.9	213.0	196.7	513.2	217.0	242.7
1956 - January .....	236.3	206.0	184.7	413.4	203.2	223.1
1957 - January .....	248.5	212.3	191.9	453.8	208.6	232.6
1958 - January .....	252.2(r)	212.2	196.7(r)	470.3	215.2	237.4(r)
- April .....	263.7(r)	213.1	196.7(r)	535.2	217.8	245.3(r)
- August .....	263.9(r)	213.7	196.7(r)	534.0	218.0	245.5(r)
1959 - January .....	258.8	218.1	196.7	487.2	219.4	243.0
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
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
1958 .....	262.3	208.6	192.3	497.8	215.7	243.7
1956 - January .....	243.4	204.5	178.8	427.0	200.8	226.4
1957 - January .....	258.7	210.8	186.4	478.2	206.2	237.7
1958 - January .....	258.5(r)	207.3	192.3(r)	482.4	213.6	240.6(r)
- April .....	263.8(r)	209.2	192.3(r)	503.0	216.3	244.8(r)
- August .....	264.7(r)	209.2	192.3(r)	508.0	217.1	245.7(r)
1959 - January .....	266.1	214.3	192.3	498.8	218.2	246.9
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
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
1958 .....	257.5	217.3	200.5	535.0	218.3	241.9
1956 - January .....	229.3	207.4	189.8	394.0	205.7	219.9
1957 - January .....	238.3	213.7	196.5	419.2	211.0	227.4
1958 - January .....	245.9(r)	216.9	200.5(r)	453.1	216.8	234.3(r)
- April .....	263.6(r)	216.9	200.5(r)	581.0	219.2	245.9(r)
- August .....	263.0(r)	218.1	200.5(r)	571.0	219.0	245.4(r)
1959 - January .....	251.4	221.7	200.5	470.8	220.6	239.1

(a) 1959 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
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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
1958 .....	236.7	321.6	156.1	192.5	184.8	223.7	179.1	231.4
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
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
1959 - January .....	248.0	321.4	156.3	200.9	188.3	223.7	182.4	232.7

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
1958 .....	238.9	298.3	178.1	189.3	186.0	223.7	171.8	222.5
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
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
1959 - January .....	251.8	298.3	178.7	198.8	189.6	223.7	178.0	223.6

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
1958 .....	235.9	346.1	143.4	204.1	173.5	223.7	185.2	241.4
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
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
1959 - January .....	246.5	345.8	143.4	208.5	175.3	223.7	186.1	243.0

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

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Composite Index	Food	Clothing	Fuel	Household Equipment	Health Maintenance	Miscellaneous
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**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
1958 .....	217.0	234.3	238.3	211.8	247.1	229.3	125.9
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
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
1959 - January .....	219.4	237.6	238.6	214.4	248.3	237.8	127.9

**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
1958 .....	215.7	237.4	238.1	193.8	239.2	229.3	126.9
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
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
1959 - January .....	218.2	241.1	239.0	192.8	240.8	237.8	129.1

**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
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
1958 .....	218.3	231.1	238.5	229.7	255.0	229.4	124.8
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
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
1959 - January .....	220.6	234.0	238.1	235.9	255.8	237.9	126.7