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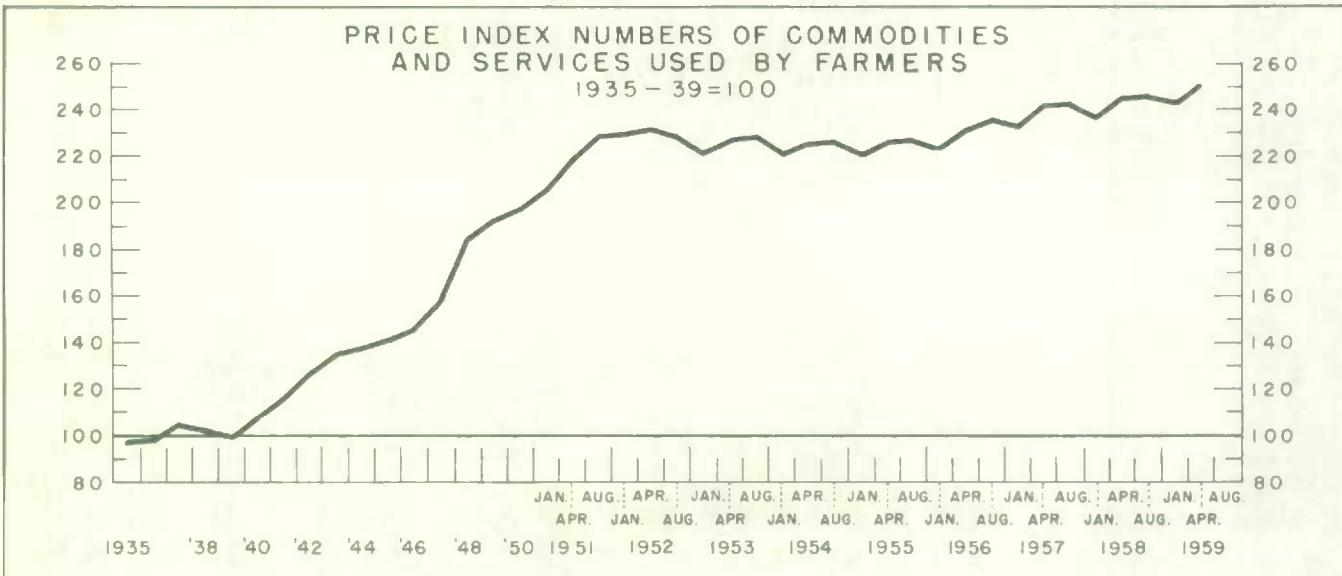
PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS

APRIL 1959 (1935-39 = 100)

Seasonally higher wage rates, particularly in the West, accounted for most of the 3.2 per cent advance in the All Canada Composite Price Index of Commodities and Services Used by Farmers from 243.0 in January to 250.8 in April. The April 1959 index stands 2.2 per cent above the comparable figure for a year ago. The Index Exclusive of Farm Family Living rose 4.9 per cent between January and April from 258.8 to 271.4 and over the period April 1958 to April 1959 this index moved up 2.9 per cent.

The All Canada Farm Wage Rates Index rose to a new high in April of 554.6 from the January figure of 487.2, a rise of 13.8 per cent. This rise was almost entirely due to the usual seasonal increase in farm wage rates, especially in the West. Over the year April 1958 to April 1959, the All Canada Farm Wage Rates Index advanced 3.6 per cent. The Western Canada Farm Wage Rates Index showed a seasonal rise of 25.9 per cent from January at 470.8, to April at 592.6, and an upward movement over the year of 2.0 per cent. The corresponding figures for Eastern Canada were a rise of 5.8 per cent January to April and 4.9 per cent increase April to April.

No significant changes occurred in the Equipment and Materials, Taxes and Interest Rates and Farm Family Living Components during the period January to April.



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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	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
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 - April	250.6	209.6	184.7	485.1	204.0	231.9
1957 - April	260.1	212.0	191.9	523.9	213.5	241.5
1958 - January	252.2	212.2	196.7	470.3	215.2	237.4
- April	263.7	213.1	196.7	535.2	217.8	245.3
- August	263.9	213.7	196.7	534.0	218.0	245.5
1959 - January	258.8	218.2(r)	196.7	487.2	219.4	243.0
- April	271.4	220.3	196.7	554.6	220.0	250.8
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
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 - April	252.3	208.0	178.8	461.6	201.3	231.9
1957 - April	262.8	210.8	186.4	498.6	211.0	242.1
1958 - January	258.5	207.3	192.3	482.4	213.6	240.6
- April	263.8	209.2	192.3	503.0	216.3	244.8
- August	264.7	209.2	192.3	508.0	217.1	245.7
1959 - January	266.1	214.3	192.3	498.8	218.2	246.9
- April	273.7	217.4	192.3	527.8	219.3	251.9
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
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 - April	248.9	211.1	189.8	518.4	206.6	232.0
1957 - April	257.5	213.2	196.5	559.9	216.0	240.9
1958 - January	245.9	216.9	200.5	453.1	216.8	234.3
- April	263.6	216.9	200.5	581.0	219.2	245.9
- August	263.0	218.1	200.5	571.0	218.9(r)	245.4
1959 - January	251.5(r)	221.8(r)	200.5	470.8	220.5(r)	239.1
- April	269.1	223.0	200.5	592.6	220.7	249.7

(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 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
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 - April	209.2	315.8	152.3	207.6	180.9	275.0	212.6	209.2
1957 - April	223.8	323.5	155.7	207.6	184.0	223.7	182.4	223.9
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	248.2(r)	321.4	156.3	200.9	188.3	223.7	182.4	232.7
- April	248.9	326.7	156.1	207.5	188.0	216.8	187.9	232.5
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
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 - April	207.7	290.6	173.1	205.4	182.1	275.0	207.5	200.7
1957 - April	224.6	299.2	177.5	204.8	185.7	223.7	182.2	213.7
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
1959 - January	251.8	298.3	178.7	198.8	189.6	223.7	178.0	223.6
- April	253.1	302.0	178.7	205.8	189.3	216.8	185.9	223.3
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
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 - April	209.8	342.4	140.4	215.7	169.5	275.0	216.9	218.7
1957 - April	223.5	349.2	143.1	217.6	167.7	223.7	182.6	235.3
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	246.8(r)	345.8	143.4	208.5	175.3	223.7	186.1	243.0
- April	247.3	352.7	143.1	213.4	175.2	216.8	189.6	242.9

