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PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS

AUGUST 1959 (1935-39 = 100)

The slight upward movement of the All Canada Composite Price Index of Commodities and Services Used by Farmers in the April to August period, was almost entirely due to the influence of higher wage rates. The index increased 0.7 per cent from 250.8 in April to 252.5 in August. The latest index stands 2.9 per cent above the level of a year ago. Exclusive of Living Component the index advanced 0.8 per cent to 273.5 between April and August, and to a point 3.6 per cent over the comparable figure of a year ago.

The All Canada Farm Wage Rates Index increased 3.3 per cent from 554.6 in April to 572.8 in August. This new peak stands 7.3 per cent above the August, 1958 level of 534.0. Over the April-August period the Eastern series showed an increase of 3.4 per cent and the Western series an increase of 3.2 per cent bringing the indexes to 545.6 and 611.4 respectively.

Farm Equipment and Materials fell 0.6 per cent to 218.8 in August, as decreases in Feed, Seed, Gasoline, Oil and Grease, and Farm Machinery offset slight increases for Hardware and Building Materials.

The All Canada Farm Living Component rose 0.4 per cent between April and August to 220.9, 1.3 per cent above the August, 1958 level of 218.0.

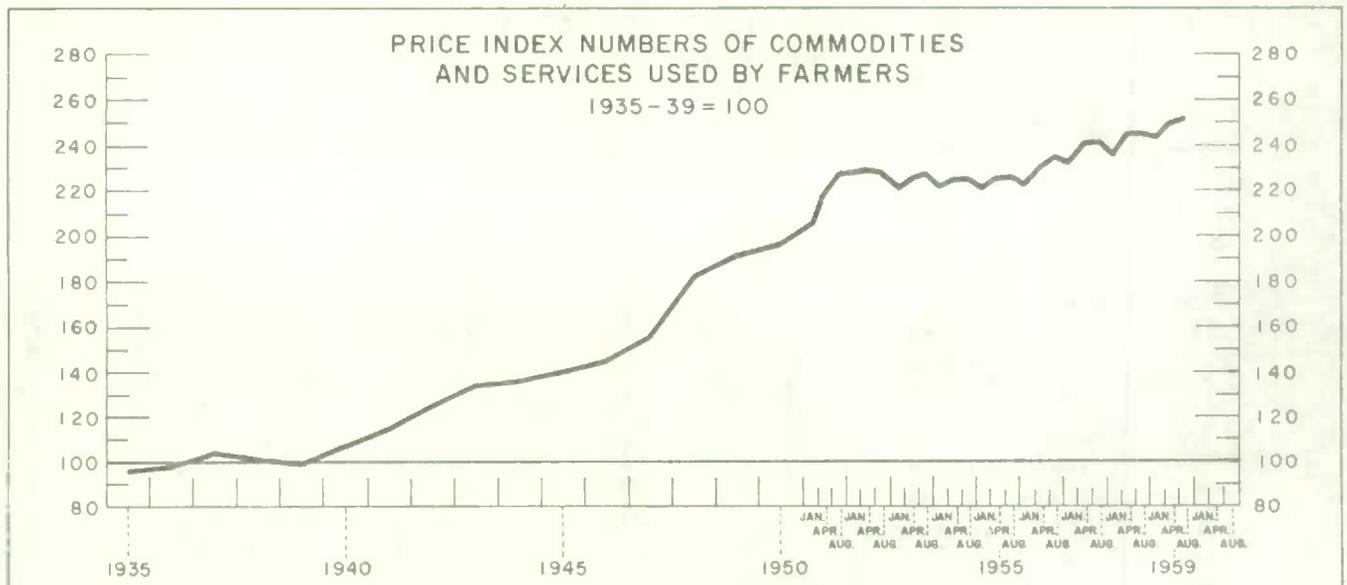


TABLE I. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS  
(1935-39 = 100)

	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
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 - August .....	255.9	210.7	184.7	512.5	206.2	236.0
1957 - August .....	259.1	209.7	191.9	526.4	216.0	241.9
1958 - 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	196.7	487.2	219.4	243.0
- April .....	271.4	220.2(r)	196.7	554.6	220.0	250.8
- August .....	273.5	218.8	196.7	572.8	220.9	252.5
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 - August .....	259.9	209.5	178.8	495.6	203.7	237.4
1957 - August .....	261.1	206.5	186.4	503.4	214.3	242.4
1958 - 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 .....	273.6(r)	217.3(r)	192.3	527.8	219.3	251.9
- August .....	275.0	213.8	192.3	545.6	220.2	253.1
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 - August .....	251.8	211.8	189.8	536.6	208.7	234.6
1957 - August .....	257.1	212.9	196.5	559.0	217.8	241.4
1958 - April .....	263.6	216.9	200.5	581.0	219.2	245.9
- August .....	263.0	218.1	200.5	571.0	218.9	245.4
1959 - January .....	251.5	221.8	200.5	470.8	220.5	239.1
- April .....	269.1	223.0	200.5	592.6	220.7	249.7
- August .....	272.0	223.5	200.5	611.4	221.6	251.9

(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	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
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 - August ....	209.7	321.2	152.8	208.7	180.5	276.3	205.4	217.9
1957 - August ....	224.5	323.4	156.1	195.1	185.6	223.7	172.1	229.4
1958 - 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	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	187.5(r)	232.5
- August .....	248.2	328.8	155.2	199.8	188.0	216.8	184.6	235.7
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
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 - August ....	209.7	296.0	174.3	205.1	181.7	276.3	205.6	208.0
1957 - August ....	225.1	299.6	177.8	191.7	187.2	223.7	162.9	220.7
1958 - 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	185.1(r)	223.3
- August .....	251.2	300.6	176.3	195.8	189.3	216.8	181.9	226.7
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
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 - August ....	209.7	347.8	140.4	221.6	169.5	276.3	205.3	229.0
1957 - August ....	224.2	348.5	143.6	207.5	170.0	223.7	179.8	239.2
1958 - 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	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
- August .....	247.0	358.5	143.1	214.3	175.2	216.8	186.9	245.8



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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	Cloth- ing	Fuel	House- hold Equip- ment	Health Mainten- ance	Miscel- laneous
<u>ALL CANADA</u>							
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
1957 .....	212.7	233.7	232.9	207.7	240.5	216.4	124.5
1958 .....	217.0	234.3	238.3	211.8	247.0	229.3	125.9
1956 - August .....	206.2	221.6	228.2	201.1	234.2	208.0	124.2
1957 - August .....	216.0	237.4	237.1	208.3	245.5	221.2	124.8
1958 - April .....	217.8	235.0	239.2	212.4	247.4	231.6	125.8
- August .....	218.0	236.6	238.6	211.9	248.1	231.6	126.0
1959 - January .....	219.4	237.6	238.6	214.4	248.1	237.8	127.9
- April .....	220.0	236.9	238.9	215.5	251.0	239.4	128.1
- August .....	220.9	234.6	241.8	214.9	254.1	240.0	129.4
<u>EASTERN CANADA</u>							
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
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 - August .....	203.7	221.0	227.2	184.2	226.4	208.0	125.1
1957 - August .....	214.3	240.1	236.3	190.2	237.4	221.1	125.7
1958 - 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
- April .....	219.3	241.2	239.4	194.4	244.5	239.4	129.3
- August .....	220.2	238.9	242.2	193.0	247.9	239.9	130.6
<u>WESTERN CANADA</u>							
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
1957 .....	214.9	232.6	233.9	225.3	248.7	216.4	123.6
1958 .....	218.3	231.1	238.5	229.7	254.9	229.4	124.8
1956 - August .....	208.7	222.1	229.3	218.0	241.9	208.0	123.4
1957 - August .....	217.8	234.7	237.9	226.4	253.6	221.2	123.9
1958 - April .....	219.2	232.2	239.5	230.2	255.6	231.7	124.8
- August .....	218.9	232.5	238.1	231.1	255.4	231.7	124.9
1959 - January .....	220.5	234.0	238.1	235.9	255.4	237.9	126.7
- April .....	220.7	232.6	238.4	236.6	257.4	239.4	126.9
- August .....	221.6	230.3	241.4	236.8	260.3	240.0	128.3