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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, declined 2.1 per cent from 253.5 in August 1959 to 248.3 in January 1960 as a result of seasonal declines in farm wage rates outweighing an increase in Equipment and Materials. However, the index remained above the level of a year ago, being 1.8 per cent higher than the January, 1959 figure of 244.0. Exclusive of Living Component the index decreased from 275.2 in August to 266.7 in January but rose 2.4 per cent during the year under review.

The All Canada Farm Wage Rate index moved down 10.9 per cent from 572.8 in August to 510.4 in January of this year reflecting the seasonal decline. The Eastern series declined 4.3 per cent to 522.3 while the Western series dropped 19.3 per cent to 493.5 during the same period.

The preliminary All Canada Property Tax and Interest Rate figure for 1959 was revised from 196.7 to 204.7 reflecting a change in the Eastern series from 192.3 to 201.3 and in the Western series from 200.5 to 207.5.

Between August and January the Equipment and Materials index advanced 1.4 per cent from 218.8 to 221.9. Seven out of the eight sub-groups included in this index showed increases. Seed advanced 6.6 per cent, Binder Twine 4.3 per cent, Feed 2.2 per cent, Farm Machinery 1.5 per cent and Compounded Fertilizer 0.7 per cent. The Building Materials index moved down 0.4 per cent as prices eased in Eastern Canada.

The All Canada Farm Living Component at 220.6 for January 1960 was 0.1 per cent below August 1959 but 0.5 per cent over the comparable index for 1959.

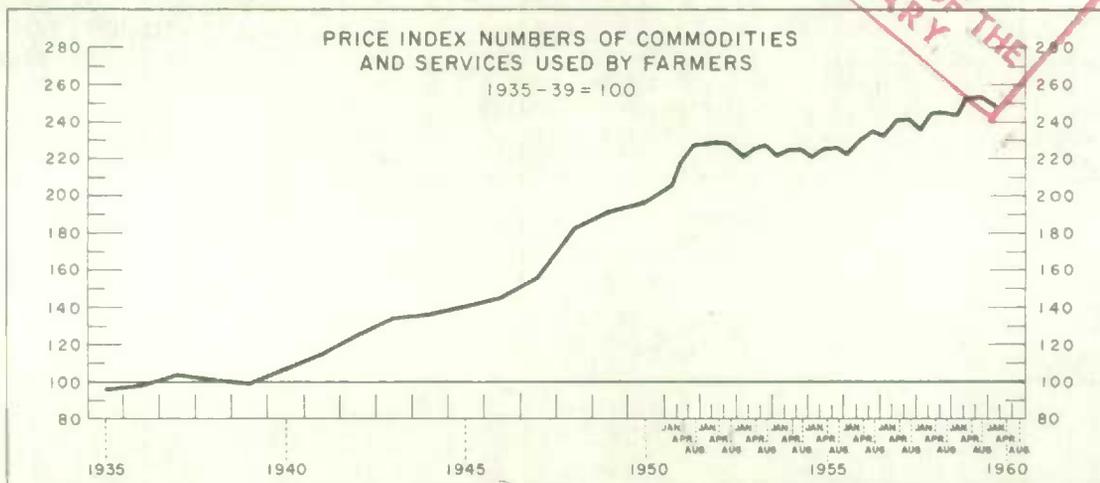


TABLE I. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS
(1935-39 = 100)

	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
1959	269.5	219.1	204.7	538.2	220.1	249.8
1957 - January	248.5	212.3	191.9	453.8	208.6	232.6
1958 - January	252.2	212.2	196.7	470.3	215.2	237.4
1959 - January	260.4(r)	218.2	204.7(r)	487.2	219.4	244.0(r)
- April	273.0(r)	220.2	204.7(r)	554.6	220.0	251.8(r)
- August	275.2(r)	218.8	204.7(r)	572.8	220.9	253.5(r)
1960 - January	266.7	221.9	204.7	510.4	220.6	248.3
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
1959	273.3	215.1	201.3	524.1	219.2	251.7
1957 - January	258.7	210.8	186.4	478.2	206.2	237.7
1958 - January	258.5	207.3	192.3	482.4	213.6	240.6
1959 - January	267.8(r)	214.3	201.3(r)	498.8	218.2	248.0(r)
- April	275.4(r)	217.3	201.3(r)	527.8	219.3	252.9(r)
- August	276.7(r)	213.8	201.3(r)	545.6	220.2	254.1(r)
1960 - January	274.2	217.3	201.3	522.3	220.2	252.6
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
1959	265.8	222.8	207.5	558.3	220.9	247.8
1957 - January	238.3	213.7	196.5	419.2	211.0	227.4
1958 - January	245.9	216.9	200.5	453.1	216.8	234.3
1959 - January	253.1(r)	221.8	207.5(r)	470.8	220.5	240.0(r)
- April	270.7(r)	223.0	207.5(r)	592.6	220.7	250.7(r)
- August	273.6(r)	223.5	207.5(r)	611.4	221.6	252.8(r)
1960 - January	259.1	226.4	207.5	493.5	221.1	243.9

(a) 1960 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
1959	248.4	325.6	155.9	202.7	188.1	219.1	184.8	233.6
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
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	232.5
- August	248.2	328.8	155.2	199.8	188.0	216.8	184.6	235.7
1960 - January	251.8	327.5	155.4	204.1	189.4	226.1	196.8	236.5
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
1959	252.0	300.3	177.9	200.1	189.4	219.1	181.7	224.5
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
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	223.3
- August	251.2	300.6	176.3	195.8	189.3	216.8	181.9	226.7
1960 - January	254.3	297.7	176.4	200.8	191.2	226.1	198.7	227.4
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
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
1959	247.0	352.3	143.2	212.1	175.2	219.1	187.5	243.9
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
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
1960 - January	250.8	359.0	143.3	216.1	172.3	226.1	195.3	246.7

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
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
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
1959	220.1	236.4	239.8	214.9	251.1	239.1	128.5
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
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
1960 - January	220.6	233.6	241.8	217.4	254.1	244.0	126.4
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
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
1959	219.2	240.4	240.2	193.4	244.4	239.0	129.7
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
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
1960 - January	220.2	238.4	242.2	196.8	247.9	244.0	127.6
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
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
1959	220.9	232.3	239.3	236.4	257.7	239.1	127.3
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
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
1960 - January	221.1	228.7	241.4	238.0	260.3	244.1	125.3