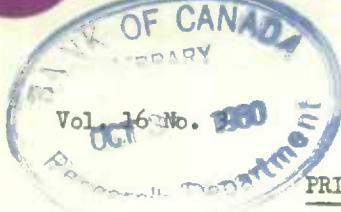


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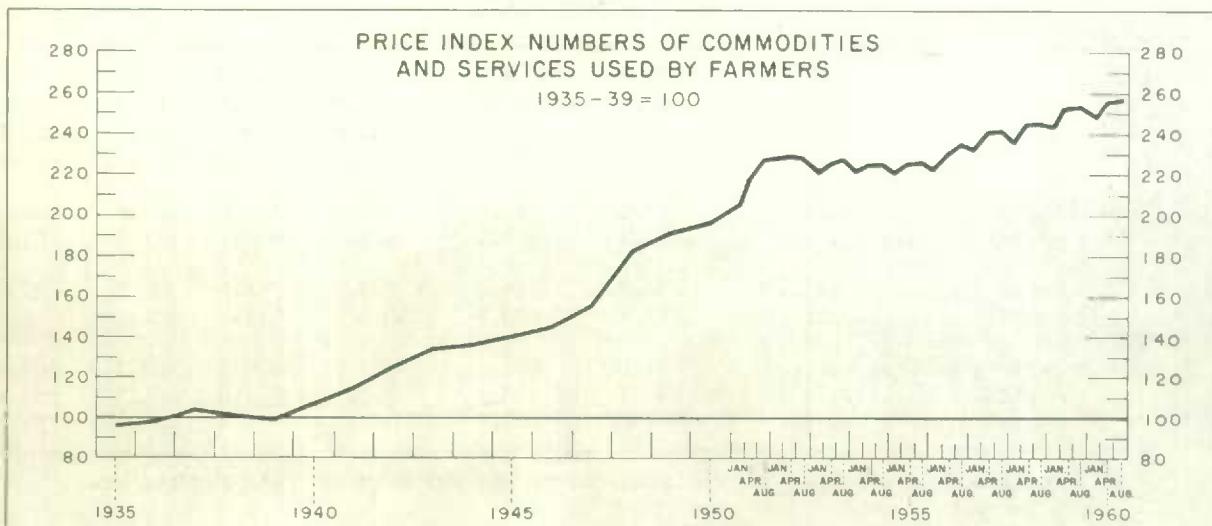
AUGUST 1960 (1935-39 = 100)

The All Canada Composite Price Index of Commodities and Services Used by Farmers increased 0.6 per cent from 255.4 in April to 257.0 in August. The index stood 1.4 per cent above the comparable index of 253.5 for a year ago. Exclusive of Living Component the index also showed a percentage rise of 0.6 per cent to 279.6 between April and August. At this level the index was 1.6 per cent over August 1959.

The All Canada Farm Wage Rate Index moved up 2.1 per cent from 571.7 in April to 583.9 in August with the Eastern and Western Indexes following a similar pattern.

The Equipment and Materials Index fell 0.2 per cent to 222.9 in August, but was 1.9 per cent above the index of a year ago. The Seed sub-group registered the largest change between April and August, declining 2.2 per cent to 189.3 as a drop of 7.5 per cent in the Eastern Index offset a gain of 2.2 per cent in the Western Index. Binder Twine was unchanged and no significant changes occurred in the remaining sub-groups of Equipment and Materials.

The Farm Family Living Component Index rose slightly, the Composite Index moving up 0.6 per cent to 223.0 between April and August with the corresponding Eastern and Western series recording the same increase. Higher prices for Food mainly accounted for the advances, though small increases were noted for Household Equipment, Clothing and Miscellaneous items. Fuel prices were lower, particularly in the East, the All Canada Index for Fuel receding 1.4 per cent to 215.6.



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TABLE 1. - 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
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 - August	259.1	209.7	191.9	526.4	216.0	241.9
1958 - August	263.9	213.7	196.7	534.0	218.0	245.5
1959 - April	273.0	220.2	204.7	554.6	220.0	251.8
- August	275.2	218.8	204.7	572.8	220.9	253.5
1960 - January	266.7	221.9	204.7	510.4	220.6	248.3
- April	277.9	223.4	204.7	571.7	221.6	255.4
- August	279.6	222.9	204.7	583.9	223.0	257.0
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
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 - August	261.1	206.5	186.4	503.4	214.3	242.4
1958 - August	264.7	209.2	192.3	508.0	217.1	245.7
1959 - April	275.4	217.3	201.3	527.8	219.3	252.9
- August	276.7	213.8	201.3	545.6	220.2	254.1
1960 - January	274.2	217.3	201.3	522.3	220.2	252.6
- April	279.4	218.8	201.3	544.0	221.3	256.2
- August	280.9	217.4	201.3	555.6	222.7	257.6
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
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 - August	257.1	212.9	196.5	559.0	217.8	241.4
1958 - August	263.0	218.1	200.5	571.0	218.9	245.4
1959 - April	270.7	223.0	207.5	592.6	220.7	250.7
- August	273.6	223.5	207.5	611.4	221.6	252.8
1960 - January	259.1	226.4	207.5	493.5	221.1	243.9
- April	276.3	227.9	207.5	611.0	221.9	254.6
- August	278.4	228.2	207.5	624.2	223.2	256.3

(a) 1960 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	Gaso- line, Oil, Grease	Gaso- line, Oil, Feed	Com- pounded Ferti- lizer	Binder Twine	Hard- ware Seed	
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
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 - August	224.5	323.4	156.1	195.1	185.6	223.7	172.1	229.4
1958 - August	237.2	320.0	156.2	194.7	184.9	223.7	182.2	232.2
1959 - 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
- April	255.2	328.4	154.9	204.4	197.1	226.1	193.5	240.2
- August	255.5	327.1	154.6	203.4	197.8	226.1	189.3	241.6
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
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 - August	225.1	299.6	177.8	191.7	187.2	223.7	162.9	220.7
1958 - August	239.6	296.6	178.7	191.5	186.0	223.7	170.9	223.1
1959 - 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
- April	258.6	297.6	175.1	201.1	200.2	226.1	192.3	230.9
- August	259.6	297.9	174.5	199.5	200.2	226.1	177.9	232.7
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
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 - August	224.2	348.5	143.6	207.5	170.0	223.7	179.8	239.2
1958 - August	236.2	344.6	143.3	206.1	174.0	223.7	191.7	242.4
1959 - 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
- April	253.8	360.9	143.3	216.3	167.4	226.1	194.5	250.7
- August	253.9	357.8	143.1	217.2	175.2	226.1	198.8	251.7

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
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 - August	216.0	237.4	237.1	208.3	245.5	221.2	124.8
1958 - August	218.0	236.6	238.6	211.9	248.1	231.6	126.0
1959 - 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
- April	221.6	231.3	244.2	218.7	257.4	247.0	126.4
- August	223.0	236.2	245.1	215.6	257.6	247.0	126.6
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
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 - August	214.3	240.1	236.3	190.2	237.4	221.1	125.7
1958 - August	217.1	240.6	239.0	192.7	240.8	231.6	127.0
1959 - 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
- April	221.3	236.4	245.0	197.1	251.0	247.0	127.6
- August	222.7	241.6	246.2	191.5	252.0	246.9	127.7
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
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 - August	217.8	234.7	237.9	226.4	253.6	221.2	123.9
1958 - August	218.9	232.5	238.1	231.1	255.4	231.7	124.9
1959 - 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
- April	221.9	226.2	243.3	240.3	263.8	247.1	125.3
- August	223.2	230.7	244.0	239.8	263.3	247.0	125.4