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PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS

JANUARY 1961 (1935-39 = 100)



The All-Canada Composite Price Index of Commodities and Services Used by Farmers decreased 2.2 per cent from 258.2 in August 1960 to 252.6 in January 1961, as a result of the seasonal decline in Farm Wages. The current index stands 1.2 per cent above the January 1960 level of 249.5. The index, exclusive of Living Component, fell 3.5 per cent to 271.8 over the period August to January but remained 1.2 per cent above the level of a year ago.

The All-Canada Farm Wage Rate Index dropped 10.4 per cent to 522.9 between August and January. Regional differences were marked with the Western index down 18.3 per cent to 509.7 and the Eastern down 4.2 per cent to 532.2.

The index for Equipment and Materials increased slightly from 222.9 in August to 223.5 in January. The index now stands 0.7 per cent above the comparable figure of a year ago. Increases in Farm Machinery, Feed and Hardware outweighed decreases in Compounded Fertilizer, Seed, Building Materials and Gasoline, Oil and Grease. Binder Twine remained unchanged at 226.1. Divergent regional price movements were observed for the Seed and Feed sub-groups, the Western series showing moderate decreases while the Eastern series recorded increases.

The preliminary All-Canada Property Tax and Interest Rate Index for 1960 was revised to 214.5. The Eastern and Western indexes were revised to 214.3 and 214.6 respectively.

The All-Canada Farm Living Component moved upward 0.4 per cent, from 223.0 in August to 223.9 in January, and was 1.5 per cent above the January 1960 index of 220.6.

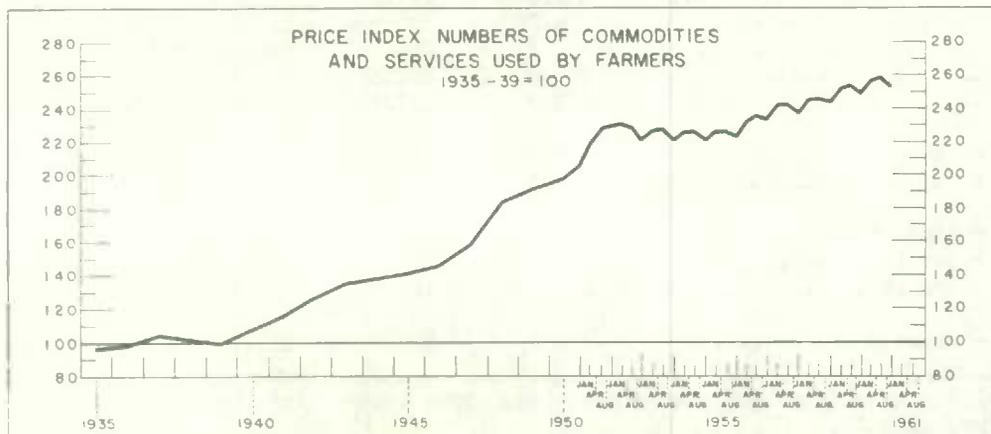


TABLE 1. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS
(1935-39 = 100)

| | 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 |
| 1960 | 276.7 | 222.7 | 214.5 | 555.3 | 221.7 | 254.8 |
| 1958 - January | 252.2 | 212.2 | 196.7 | 470.3 | 215.2 | 237.4 |
| 1959 - January | 260.4 | 218.2 | 204.7 | 487.2 | 219.4 | 244.0 |
| 1960 - January | 268.7(r) | 221.9 | 214.5(r) | 510.4 | 220.6 | 249.5(r) |
| - April | 279.9(r) | 223.4 | 214.5(r) | 571.7 | 221.6 | 256.6(r) |
| - August | 281.6(r) | 222.9 | 214.5(r) | 583.9 | 223.0 | 258.2(r) |
| 1961 - January | 271.8 | 223.5 | 214.5 | 522.9 | 223.9 | 252.6 |
| 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 |
| 1960 | 280.6 | 217.8 | 214.3 | 540.6 | 221.4 | 257.0 |
| 1958 - January | 258.5 | 207.3 | 192.3 | 482.4 | 213.6 | 240.6 |
| 1959 - January | 267.8 | 214.3 | 201.3 | 498.8 | 218.2 | 248.0 |
| 1960 - January | 276.7(r) | 217.3 | 214.3(r) | 522.3 | 220.2 | 254.1(r) |
| - April | 281.9(r) | 218.8 | 214.3(r) | 544.0 | 221.3 | 257.7(r) |
| - August | 283.3(r) | 217.4 | 214.3(r) | 555.6 | 222.7 | 259.1(r) |
| 1961 - January | 279.8 | 219.1 | 214.3 | 532.2 | 223.4 | 257.2 |
| 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 |
| 1960 | 272.9 | 227.5 | 214.6 | 576.2 | 222.1 | 252.6 |
| 1958 - January | 245.9 | 216.9 | 200.5 | 453.1 | 216.8 | 234.3 |
| 1959 - January | 253.1 | 221.8 | 207.5 | 470.8 | 220.5 | 240.0 |
| 1960 - January | 260.7(r) | 226.4 | 214.6(r) | 493.5 | 221.1 | 244.9(r) |
| - April | 277.9(r) | 227.9 | 214.6(r) | 611.0 | 221.9 | 255.5(r) |
| - August | 280.0(r) | 228.2 | 214.6(r) | 624.2 | 223.2 | 257.3(r) |
| 1961 - January | 263.8 | 227.7 | 214.6 | 509.7 | 224.4 | 248.0 |

(a) 1961 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- oline, 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 |
| 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 |
| 1960 | 254.2 | 327.7 | 155.0 | 204.0 | 194.8 | 226.1 | 193.2 | 239.4 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 1961 - January | 260.8 | 325.3 | 154.3 | 205.2 | 189.8 | 226.1 | 185.3 | 242.0 |
| 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 |
| 1960 | 257.5 | 297.7 | 175.3 | 200.5 | 197.2 | 226.1 | 189.6 | 230.3 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 1961 - January | 264.8 | 297.8 | 174.2 | 203.7 | 191.8 | 226.1 | 188.1 | 232.9 |
| 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 |
| 1960 | 252.8 | 359.2 | 143.2 | 216.5 | 171.6 | 226.1 | 196.2 | 249.7 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 1961 - January | 259.2 | 354.3 | 142.8 | 210.7 | 170.1 | 226.1 | 183.0 | 252.3 |



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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 |
|----------------------|-------------------------|-------|---------------|-------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 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 |
| 1960 | 221.7 | 233.7 | 243.7 | 217.2 | 256.4 | 246.0 | 126.5 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 1961 - January | 223.9 | 238.8 | 245.1 | 219.4 | 257.6 | 247.8 | 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 |
| 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 |
| 1960 | 221.4 | 238.8 | 244.5 | 195.1 | 250.3 | 246.0 | 127.6 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 1961 - January | 223.4 | 243.7 | 246.2 | 193.8 | 252.0 | 247.7 | 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 |
| 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 |
| 1960 | 222.1 | 228.5 | 242.9 | 239.4 | 262.5 | 246.1 | 125.3 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 1961 - January | 224.4 | 233.8 | 244.0 | 245.1 | 263.3 | 247.8 | 125.2 |