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PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS

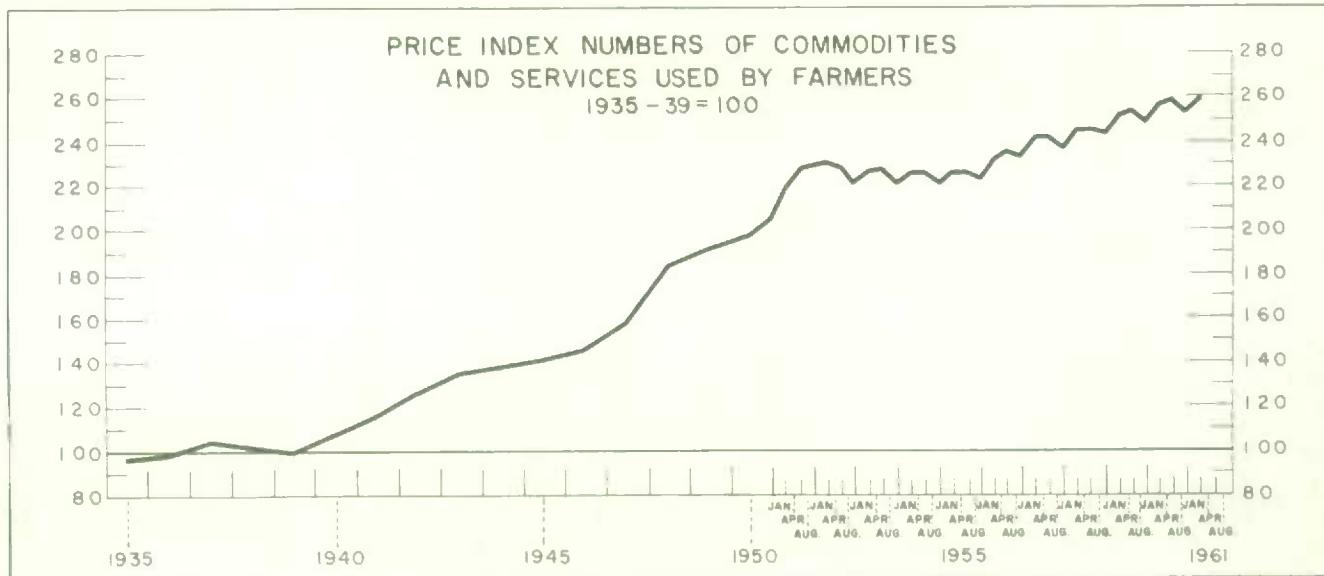
APRIL 1961 (1935-39 = 100)

The All-Canada Composite Price Index of Commodities and Services used by Farmers advanced to 259.8 in April, 2.9 per cent above the January index of 252.6. This advance was mainly the result of seasonal increases in farm wage rates. In April of 1960 the index stood at 256.6. The Composite Index Exclusive of Living Component rose 4.3 per cent from 271.8 in January to 283.4 in April, and was 1.3 per cent above the index of a year ago.

An increase of 11.1 per cent in the All-Canada Farm Wage Rate Index from 522.9 in January to 581.0 in April was largely responsible for the movement in the total index. The Eastern Farm Wage Rate series rose 3.4 per cent from 532.2 to 550.3 and the Western series 22.5 per cent from 509.7 to 624.6.

The Equipment and Materials Index moved up 1.4 per cent from 223.5 in January to 226.6 in April, with regional increases of 1.7 per cent in the East and 1.1 per cent in the West. The index for the Farm Machinery sub-group showed no change over the period while the remaining sub-groups in Equipment and Materials moved as follows: Binder Twine, up 9.9 per cent; Compounded Fertilizer, up 5.5 per cent; Feed, up 2.6 per cent; Gas, Oil and Grease, up 2.0 per cent; Seed, up 1.3 per cent; Building Materials, and Hardware, both down slightly.

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



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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
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 - April	263.7	213.1	196.7	535.2	217.8	245.3
1959 - April	273.0	220.2	204.7	554.6	220.0	251.8
1960 - January	268.7	221.9	214.5	510.4	220.6	249.5
- April	279.9	223.4	214.5	571.7	221.6	256.6
- August	281.6	222.9	214.5	583.9	223.0	258.2
1961 - January	271.8	223.5	214.5	522.9	223.9	252.6
- April	283.4	226.6	214.5	581.0	224.4	259.8
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
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 - April	263.8	209.2	192.3	503.0	216.3	244.8
1959 - April	275.4	217.3	201.3	527.8	219.3	252.9
1960 - January	276.7	217.3	214.3	522.3	220.2	254.1
- April	281.9	218.8	214.3	544.0	221.3	257.7
- August	283.3	217.4	214.3	555.6	222.7	259.1
1961 - January	279.8	219.1	214.3	532.2	223.4	257.2
- April	285.7	222.9	214.3	550.3	223.8	260.9
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
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 - April	263.6	216.9	200.5	581.0	219.2	245.9
1959 - April	270.7	223.0	207.5	592.6	220.7	250.7
1960 - January	260.7	226.4	214.6	493.5	221.1	244.9
- April	277.9	227.9	214.6	611.0	221.9	255.5
- August	280.0	228.2	214.6	624.2	223.2	257.3
1961 - January	263.8	227.7	214.6	509.7	224.4	248.0
- April	281.2	230.1	214.6	624.6	225.0	258.7

(a) 1961 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	Build-	Gasoline,	Com-					
	Mach-	ing	Oil,	pounded					
	inery	Mater-	Grease	Ferti-	Binder	Twine	Seed	Hard-	
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
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 - April		236.9	321.7	156.0	193.6	184.9	223.7	177.3	231.8
1959 - April		248.9	326.7	156.1	207.5	188.0	216.8	187.5	232.5
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	189.9(r)	226.1	185.3	242.0
- April		260.8	325.0	157.4	210.6	200.4	248.5	187.8	241.8
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
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 - April		239.3	299.1	178.1	190.9	186.0	223.7	172.2	222.9
1959 - April		253.1	302.0	178.7	205.8	189.3	216.8	185.1	223.3
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	192.1(r)	226.1	188.1	232.9
- April		264.8	297.7	176.3	209.6	203.9	248.5	188.1	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
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 - April		236.0	345.6	143.3	203.2	174.0	223.7	181.5	241.9
1959 - April		247.3	352.7	143.1	213.4	175.2	216.8	189.6	242.9
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	168.6(r)	226.1	183.0	252.3
- April		259.2	353.8	146.5	214.1	167.0	248.5	187.5	252.1

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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
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 - April	217.8	235.0	239.2	212.4	247.4	231.6	125.8
1959 - April	220.0	236.9	238.9	215.5	251.0	239.4	128.1
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
- April	224.4	239.2	243.4	218.8	261.0	250.8	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	100.5
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 - April	216.3	237.9	238.9	194.5	239.3	231.6	126.9
1959 - April	219.3	241.2	239.4	194.4	244.5	239.4	129.3
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
- April	223.8	244.1	244.4	192.3	254.9	250.8	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
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 - April	219.2	232.2	239.5	230.2	255.6	231.7	124.8
1959 - April	220.7	232.6	238.4	236.6	257.4	239.4	126.9
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
- April	225.0	234.2	242.5	245.3	267.1	250.9	125.2