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PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS

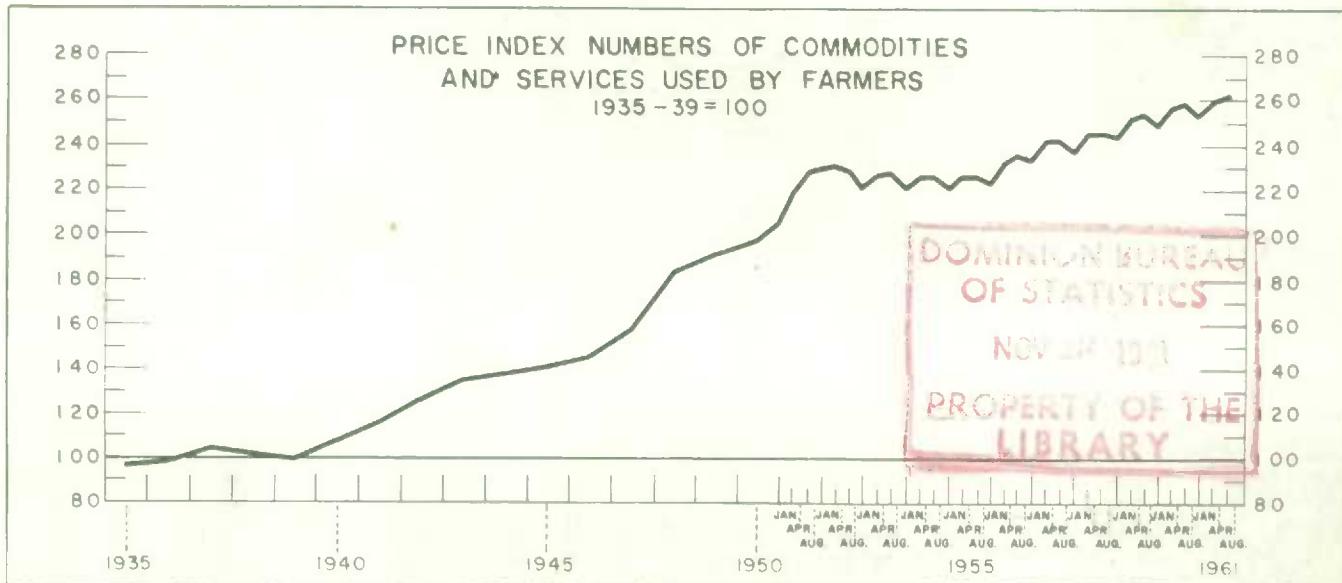
AUGUST 1961 (1935-39 = 100)

The All-Canada Composite Price Index of Commodities and Services Used by Farmers rose to 262.4 in August 1961, 1.0 per cent above the April index of 259.8 and 1.6 per cent higher than the August 1960 index of 258.2. The Composite Index Exclusive of Living Component increased 1.6 per cent to 287.8 in August from 283.4 in April and was 2.2 per cent above the index of 281.6 a year ago.

The rise in the composite indexes between April and August resulted from increases in two major components, Farm Wage Rates and Equipment and Materials. The Taxes and Interest Rates component was unchanged while the Farm Family Living component decreased fractionally.

The All-Canada Farm Wage Rates Index advanced 2.3 per cent from 581.0 in April to 594.1 in August. The Eastern series increased 3.2 per cent to 568.0 and the Western series moved up 1.1 per cent to 631.3.

The All-Canada Price Index of Equipment and Materials Used by Farmers rose 1.5 per cent from 226.6 in April to 230.0 in August. This upward movement was mainly the result of a 14.1 per cent rise in the Seed component and a 3.0 per cent increase in the Feed component. The decreases registered in the Compounded Fertilizer and Building Materials components were balanced by slight increases in the Farm Machinery, Gas, Oil and Grease and Hardware components.



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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 - August	263.9	213.7	196.7	534.0	218.0	245.5
1959 - August	275.2	218.8	204.7	572.8	220.9	253.5
1960 - 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
- August	287.8	230.0	214.5	594.1	224.3	262.4
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 - August	264.7	209.2	192.3	508.0	217.1	245.7
1959 - August	276.7	213.8	201.3	545.6	220.2	254.1
1960 - 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
- August	289.5	223.6	214.3	568.0	224.0	263.3
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 - August	263.0	218.1	200.5	571.0	218.9	245.4
1959 - August	273.6	223.5	207.5	611.4	221.6	252.8
1960 - 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
- August	286.0	236.2	214.6	631.3	224.6	261.4

(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- ing	Gasoline,	Com-					
	Mach- inery	Mater- ials	Oil, Grease	Fertil- izer	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
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 - August		237.2	320.0	156.2	194.7	184.9	223.7	182.2	232.2
1959 - August		248.2	328.8	155.2	199.8	188.0	216.8	184.6	235.7
1960 - 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	226.1	185.3	242.0
- April		260.8	325.0	157.4	210.6	200.4	248.5	187.8	241.8
- August		262.7	322.6	157.9	216.9	193.5	248.5	214.3	242.2
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 - August		239.6	296.6	178.7	191.5	186.0	223.7	170.9	223.1
1959 - August		251.2	300.6	176.3	195.8	189.3	216.8	181.9	226.7
1960 - 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	226.1	188.1	232.9
- April		264.8	297.7	176.3	209.6	203.9	248.5	188.1	232.7
- August		266.8	294.1	178.0	212.5	196.3	248.5	196.2	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 - August		236.2	344.6	143.3	206.1	174.0	223.7	191.7	242.4
1959 - August		247.0	358.5	143.1	214.3	175.2	216.8	186.9	245.8
1960 - 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	226.1	183.0	252.3
- April		259.2	353.8	146.5	214.1	167.0	248.5	187.5	252.1
- August		261.1	352.7	146.3	230.5	167.0	246.5	229.5	252.8



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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
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 - August	218.0	236.6	238.6	211.9	248.1	231.6	126.0
1959 - August	220.9	234.6	241.8	214.9	254.1	240.0	129.4
1960 - 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
- August	224.3	237.8	243.4	217.6	263.0	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	100.6
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 - August	217.1	240.6	239.0	192.7	240.8	231.6	127.0
1959 - August	220.2	238.9	242.2	193.0	247.9	239.9	130.6
1960 - 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
- August	224.0	243.1	244.3	191.5	258.1	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 - August	218.9	232.5	238.1	231.1	255.4	231.7	124.9
1959 - August	221.6	230.3	241.4	236.8	260.3	240.0	128.3
1960 - 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
- August	224.6	232.6	242.6	243.6	268.0	250.9	125.3