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PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS

AUGUST 1962 (1935-39 = 100)

The All-Canada Composite Price Index of Commodities and Services Used by Farmers rose to 268.9 in August 1962, 1.1 per cent above the April index of 266.1 and 2.2 per cent higher than the August 1961 index of 263.1. The All-Canada Index Exclusive of Living Component increased 0.9 per cent to 294.2 in August from 291.6 in April and was 1.8 per cent above the index of 289.0 a year ago.

The rise in the composite index between April and August resulted from increases in two major components, Farm Wage Rates and Farm Family Living. The Equipment and Materials component increased nominally.

The All-Canada Farm Wage Rates Index advanced 2.6 per cent from 587.4 in April to 602.9 in August. The Eastern series increased 2.5 per cent to 572.1 and the Western series moved up 2.8 per cent to 646.7.

The All-Canada Farm Family Living Component moved from 228.0 in April to 231.0 in August. Except for Health Maintenance, which was unchanged, all components recorded increases. Food advanced 2.2 per cent, Household Equipment 1.8 per cent, Clothing 1.0 per cent and Miscellaneous 0.5 per cent.

The All-Canada Price Index of Equipment and Materials Used by Farmers rose .08 per cent from 235.8 in April to 236.0 in August. The decrease of 7.5 per cent in Seed almost balanced increases in Farm Machinery, Building Materials, Gasoline, Oil and Grease, Feed, Fertilizer and Hardware. Binder Twine remained unchanged.

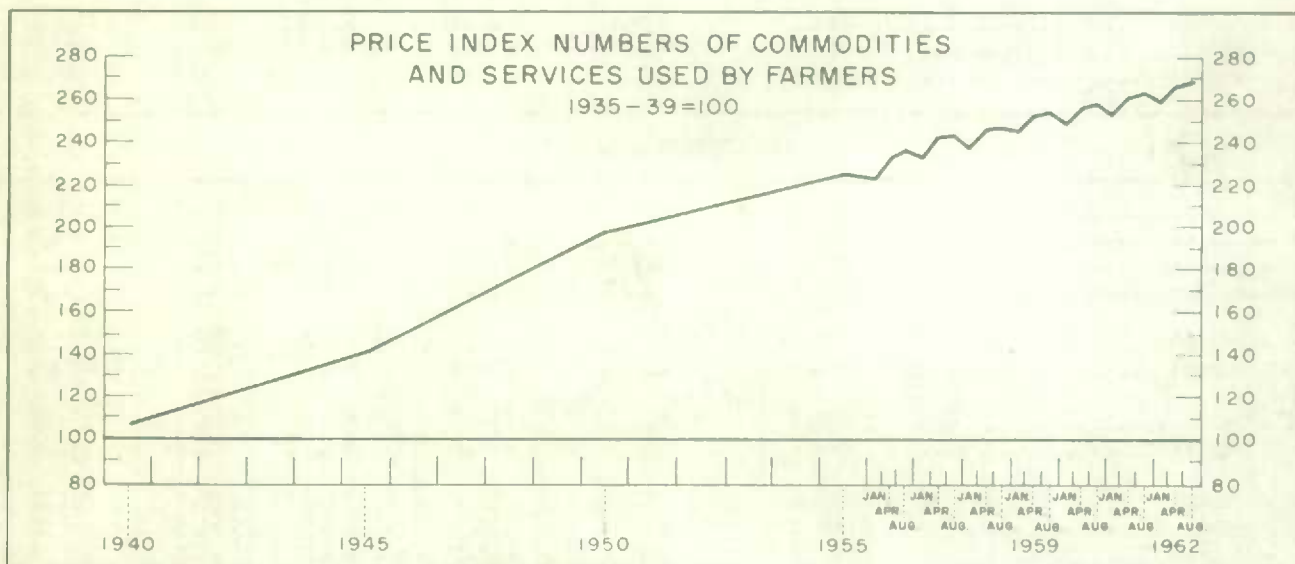


TABLE 1. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS
(1935-39 = 100)

	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
1960	276.7	222.7	214.5	555.3	221.7	254.8
1961	282.2	226.7	220.6	566.0	224.2	259.0
1959 - August	275.2	218.8	204.7	572.8	220.9	253.5
1960 - August	281.6	222.9	214.5	583.9	223.0	258.2
1961 - April	284.7	226.6	220.6	581.0	224.4	260.6
- August	289.0	230.0	220.6	594.1	224.3	263.1
1962 - January	281.8	233.6	220.6	537.9	226.4	259.7
- April	291.6	235.8	220.6	587.4	228.0	266.1
- August	294.2	236.0	220.6	602.9	231.0	268.9
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
1960	280.6	217.8	214.3	540.6	221.4	257.0
1961	286.8	221.9	223.6	550.2	223.7	261.6
1959 - August	276.7	213.8	201.3	545.6	220.2	254.1
1960 - August	283.3	217.4	214.3	555.6	222.7	259.1
1961 - April	287.4	222.9	223.6	550.3	223.8	262.0
- August	291.3	223.6	223.6	568.0	224.0	264.4
1962 - January	291.1	229.1	223.6	549.8	226.2	265.1
- April	294.5	231.9	223.6	558.1	227.5	267.7
- August	296.8	231.3	223.6	572.1	229.9	270.1
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
1960	272.9	227.5	214.6	576.2	222.1	252.6
1961	277.8	231.3	218.0	588.5	224.7	256.5
1959 - August	273.6	223.5	207.5	611.4	221.6	252.8
1960 - August	280.0	228.2	214.6	624.2	223.2	257.3
1961 - April	282.0	230.1	218.0	624.6	225.0	259.2
- August	286.8	236.2	218.0	631.3	224.6	261.9
1962 - January	272.6	237.9	218.0	521.0	226.7	254.2
- April	288.7	239.6	218.0	629.1	228.5	264.6
- August	291.6	240.5	218.0	646.7	232.1	267.8

(a) 1962 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	Gasol- ine, 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
1960	254.2	327.7	155.0	204.0	194.8	226.1	193.2	239.4
1961	261.4	324.3	156.5	210.9	194.6	241.0	195.8	242.0
1959 - August	248.2	328.8	155.2	199.8	188.0	216.8	184.6	235.7
1960 - August	255.5	327.1	154.6	203.4	197.8	226.1	189.3	241.6
1961 - 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
1962 - January	267.9	325.5	157.7	227.9	188.6	235.3	220.6	244.3
- April	267.9	325.6	157.6	232.8	195.9	235.3	226.5	248.1
- August	270.5	327.8	158.0	235.8	196.8	235.3	209.4	249.1
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
1960	257.5	297.7	175.3	200.5	197.2	226.1	189.6	230.3
1961	265.5	296.5	176.2	208.6	197.4	241.0	190.8	232.8
1959 - August	251.2	300.6	176.3	195.8	189.3	216.8	181.9	226.7
1960 - August	259.6	297.9	174.5	199.5	200.2	226.1	177.9	232.7
1961 - 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
1962 - January	271.9	297.9	177.8	226.0	190.5	235.3	211.5	234.8
- April	271.6	298.1	178.4	230.4	198.9	235.3	215.2	236.0
- August	274.2	299.7	178.1	231.8	199.1	235.3	195.0	237.4
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
1960	252.8	359.2	143.2	216.5	171.6	226.1	196.2	249.7
1961	259.8	353.6	145.2	219.1	167.5	241.0	200.0	252.4
1959 - August	247.0	358.5	143.1	214.3	175.2	216.8	186.9	245.8
1960 - August	253.9	357.8	143.1	217.2	175.2	226.1	198.8	251.7
1961 - April	259.2	353.8	146.5	214.1	167.0	248.5	187.5	252.1
- August	261.1	352.7	146.3	232.5	167.0	248.5	229.5	252.8
1962 - January	266.3	354.5	146.1	234.8	170.0	235.3	228.2	254.9
- April	266.5	354.6	145.6	241.5	167.1	235.3	235.9	261.7
- August	269.1	357.5	146.5	250.3	174.2	235.3	221.5	262.2



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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
1960	221.7	233.7	243.7	217.2	256.4	246.0	126.5
1961	224.2	238.6	244.0	218.6	260.5	249.8	126.4
1959 - August	220.9	234.6	241.8	214.9	254.1	240.0	129.4
1960 - August	223.0	236.2	245.1	215.6	257.6	247.0	126.6
1961 - 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
1962 - January	226.4	243.2	245.1	217.8	265.0	252.1	126.0
- April	228.0	243.2	247.2	217.9	267.9	257.8	126.4
- August	231.0	248.6	249.7	219.4	272.8	257.8	127.0
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
1960	221.4	238.8	244.5	195.1	250.3	246.0	127.6
1961	223.7	243.6	245.0	192.5	255.0	249.8	127.6
1959 - August	220.2	238.9	242.2	193.0	247.9	239.9	130.6
1960 - August	222.7	241.6	246.2	191.5	252.0	246.9	127.7
1961 - 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
1962 - January	226.2	246.6	246.8	193.4	261.2	252.0	127.2
- April	227.5	246.4	249.0	193.2	262.4	257.7	127.6
- August	229.9	249.6	251.5	196.7	266.3	257.7	128.3
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
1960	222.1	228.5	242.9	239.4	262.5	246.1	125.3
1961	224.7	233.5	243.0	244.7	266.1	249.9	125.2
1959 - August	221.6	230.3	241.4	236.8	260.3	240.0	128.3
1960 - August	223.2	230.7	244.0	239.8	263.3	247.0	125.4
1961 - 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
1962 - January	226.7	239.8	243.4	242.1	268.8	252.2	124.8
- April	228.5	240.1	245.4	242.6	273.4	257.8	125.1
- August	232.1	247.7	247.9	242.1	279.3	257.8	125.7