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PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS^X

August, 1944.

(1935-1939=100)

A composite Dominion index of commodities and services used by farmers, including farm family living costs, advanced from 132.9 in April to 133.8 in August, 1944. Services are represented in this series by tax rates, interest rates and wage rates. This rise of 0.9 points was due to an increase in farm wage rates which customarily advance during the summer months. An index for wage rates alone increased from 258.0 to 275.2 during this interval; its influence in the composite series was partially offset by a decline in the cost-of-living section from 123.0 to 122.6. Lower prices for foods and household equipment accounted for this decrease, over-balancing small advances for clothing and fuel. A Dominion composite, excluding wages and living costs, remained unchanged between April and August at 120.8.

Changes in prices of commodities used by farmers cancelled out, leaving the August index at 125.8, unchanged from April. Scattered price increases in the building materials group were offset by minor declines for hardware and feeds.

Composite indexes of commodities and services used by farmers, including farm family living costs, showed roughly parallel increases for both eastern and western Canada. Between April and August the eastern series increased from 133.4 to 134.1, while the western series mounted from 132.3 to 133.4. Wage increases were slightly greater in the west than in the east. Other changes, although not always in the same direction in the east and west, were of minor importance.

Eastern and western farm family cost-of-living indexes declined by similar amounts, the eastern series falling from 122.8 to 122.3, and the western index from 123.4 to 123.1.

Further detail concerning recent index movements may be obtained from the three tables following.

^X For a detailed description of these index numbers, see "Price Index Numbers of Commodities and Services Used by Farmers" issued August 17, 1944.

Table 1. - Composite Price Index Numbers of Commodities and Services used by Farmers and Farm Family Living Costs

Number of Factors Years	1935-39=100						
	Commodities and Services used by Farmers			Commodities and Services and Living Costs			Farm Living Costs
	8 ^x	10 ^x	11 ^x	8 ^x	10 ^x	11 ^x	
ALL CANADA							
1926	120.6	123.8	129.3	120.7	122.7	125.9	120.9
1939	96.1	97.2	99.1	97.4	98.1	99.3	99.5
1942 April ...	119.4	115.9	126.9	119.0	116.9	123.5	118.4
August ..	119.9	116.2	129.2	119.9	117.7	125.5	119.9
1943 April ...	121.6	118.0	133.1	121.5	119.4	128.4	121.4
August ..	123.1	119.1	138.9	122.7	120.3	132.2	122.0
1944 January .	125.5	120.6	135.7	124.4 ^f	121.5	130.5	122.7
April ...	125.8	120.8	139.5	124.7	121.7	132.9	123.0
August ..	125.8	120.8	141.3	124.5	121.5	133.8	122.6
EASTERN CANADA							
1926	122.9	124.2	128.1	121.8	122.6	125.0	120.2
1939	95.7	96.5	98.9	97.2	97.7	99.1	99.5
1942 April ...	121.7	117.1	128.8	120.6	117.8	124.9	119.0
August ..	122.1	117.4	131.5	121.4	118.6	127.0	120.4
1943 April ...	123.4	118.7	134.3	122.6	119.8	129.1	121.4
August ..	124.9	119.9	142.5	123.8 ^f	120.7	134.3	122.0
1944 January .	127.2	121.2	138.8	125.3	121.7	132.3	122.5
April ...	127.5	121.4	140.4	125.6	122.0	133.4	122.8
August ..	127.3	121.3	142.0	125.3	121.7	134.1	122.3
WESTERN CANADA							
1926	117.0	123.3	131.0	119.0	122.8	127.4	121.9
1939	96.7	98.1	99.6	97.8	98.7	99.6	99.5
1942 April ...	116.0	114.0	124.1	116.6	115.4	121.5	117.5
August ..	116.7	114.5	126.1	117.7	116.4	123.3	119.1
1943 April ...	118.9	117.0	131.3	119.9	118.7	127.3	121.3
August ..	120.2	118.0	133.6	120.9	119.6	129.0	122.0
1944 January .	122.9	119.8	131.0	123.0 ^f	121.1	127.8	123.0
April ...	123.1	119.9	138.2	123.3	121.3	133.3	123.4
August ..	123.4	120.1	140.2	123.3	121.3	133.4	123.1

^x 8 factor indexes include prices of commodities only representing the following groups: farm implements, building materials, gasoline, oil and grease, feed, fertilizer, binder twine, seed and hardware.

10 factor indexes include all the above commodities plus tax rates and interest rates.

11 factor indexes include the above 10 factors plus farm wage rates.

1943 and 1944 index numbers subject to revision because figures for taxes and mortgage interest in these years are provisional

^f Revised.

Table 2. - Price Indexes of Commodities and Services Used by Farmers.

1935-39=100

Years	Imple-	Wages	Ferti-	Seed	Gasolene	Building	Taxes	Hard-	Interest	Binder
	ments				Oil	Materials			Feed	
ALL CANADA										
1926	97.3	167.9	129.0	127.8	130.0	114.0	142.7	103.7	137.6	119.1
1939	103.9	108.1	107.2	80.2	97.6	108.1	104.2	101.6	80.1	95.1
1942 April ...	116.7	179.0	114.0	117.9	120.1	147.5	111.6	119.1	110.7	93.8
August ...		198.7	114.0	116.0	120.5	149.6		120.3	113.4	126.4
1943 April ...	116.7	220.8	108.0	127.1	120.6	153.8	116.3x	120.7	118.6	92.4x
August ...		256.9	108.0	132.8	120.6	156.5		120.5	122.9	126.4
1944 January ..	116.7	212.0	108.0	136.9	120.6	172.1	114.1x	120.8	126.2	92.4x
April ...	116.8	258.0	108.0	136.4	120.6	172.8		120.8	127.1	126.4
August ...	116.8	275.2	108.0	136.6	120.6	174.1		119.7	126.9	126.4
EASTERN CANADA										
1926	97.0	144.1	129.0	121.4	136.6	114.0	133.9	101.9	134.9	116.5
1939	104.3	108.5	107.2	82.4	100.1	108.1	101.1	102.0	81.0	95.0
1942 April ...	117.2	176.5	114.0	123.1	129.9	147.5	106.2	117.7	114.8	93.2
August ...		197.5	114.0	119.1	130.5	150.4		119.5	115.4	126.4
1943 April ...	117.2	212.0	108.0	130.7	130.6	153.8	109.4x	119.8	117.7	91.3x
August ...		251.7	108.0	134.6	130.6	158.1		119.8	120.5	126.4
1944 January ..	117.2	229.5	108.0	137.7	130.6	171.8	106.8x	120.2	122.4	91.3x
April ...	117.2	241.2	108.0	136.7	130.6	173.9		120.2	123.3	126.4
August ...	117.2	255.4	108.0	133.3	130.6	173.4		118.8	123.3	126.4
WESTERN CANADA										
1926	97.8	178.5	129.0	137.5	122.6	114.0	156.0	106.3	141.6	123.8
1939	103.3	108.0	107.2	76.9	93.9	108.1	108.3	101.0	78.7	95.2
1942 April ...	116.0	186.5	114.0	110.0	105.3	147.5	119.8	121.3	104.6	95.2
August ...		203.7	114.0	111.4	105.4	148.3		121.5	110.3	126.4
1943 April ...	116.0	237.6	108.0	121.7	105.5	153.7	126.6x	122.0	119.7	94.0x
August ...		254.1	108.0	130.2	105.5	154.2		121.6	126.5	126.4
1944 January ..	116.0	203.0	108.0	135.6	105.5	172.5	125.0x	121.7	132.0	94.0x
April ...	116.3	287.3	108.0	136.0	105.5	172.4		121.7	132.9	126.4
August ...	116.3	309.2	108.0	136.0	105.5	175.1		120.9	132.4	126.4

x Estimate. / Revised.

Table 3. - Group Index Numbers of Canadian Farm Living Costs.

1935-39=100

Years	Composite Index	Food	Clothing	Fuel	Household Equipment	Health Maintenance	Miscellaneous
ALL CANADA							
1926	120.9	134.4	136.1	124.2	107.8	95.8	102.3
1939	99.5	96.1	100.5	99.4	101.1	100.8	100.6
1942 April	118.4	126.5	124.7	110.6	123.6	104.0	103.3
August	119.9	129.2	126.5	112.0	125.2	104.0	103.3
1943 April	121.4	131.0	127.1	116.2	127.3	105.7	103.7
August	122.0	132.8	126.8	117.6	127.6	105.7	104.4
1944 January	122.7	133.3	126.8	120.3	127.6	109.3	104.7
April	123.0	135.1	127.6	121.5	127.9	109.3	104.9
August	122.6	131.7	127.7	120.8	127.6	109.3	104.9
EASTERN CANADA							
1926	120.2	136.1	134.8	119.5	108.0	95.8	102.3
1939	99.5	96.4	100.2	98.9	101.0	100.8	100.6
1942 April	119.0	129.0	125.2	113.3	121.8	104.0	103.4
August	120.4	131.7	126.9	115.6	123.1	104.0	103.4
1943 April	121.4	133.8	127.3	113.6	124.6	105.7	103.8
August	122.0	135.4	127.2	114.9	125.0	105.7	104.5
1944 January	122.5	135.7	127.2	115.1	125.0	109.3	104.8
April	122.8	135.6	127.7	116.4	125.3	109.3	105.1
August	122.3	134.2	127.7	116.2	124.4	109.3	105.1
WESTERN CANADA							
1926	121.9	131.9	138.1	131.3	107.4	95.8	102.4
1939	99.5	95.7	101.1	100.3	101.2	100.9	100.5
1942 April	117.5	122.8	124.0	106.6	126.3	104.1	103.1
August	119.1	125.4	126.0	106.7	128.8	104.1	103.1
1943 April	121.3	126.7	126.7	120.2	131.4	105.7	103.6
August	122.0	128.9	126.2	121.7	131.5	105.7	104.2
1944 January	123.0	129.6	126.2	126.1	131.5	109.3	104.5
April	123.4	129.3	127.4	129.1	131.7	109.3	104.7
August	123.1	128.0	127.8	127.7	132.4	109.3	104.7

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