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

APRIL, 1945

(1935-1939=100)

The composite Dominion price index of commodities and services⁺ used by farmers, including family living requirements, recorded an increase of 2.9 points to 134.4 between January and April, 1945. Compared with April, 1944, this index was up 1.5 points. Because of the marked seasonal differences in farm wage-rate index numbers, this second comparison is a fairer one than the first. Between January and April, changes, apart from the rise in the wage-rate index, were all fractional. The 8 factor index representing commodities used in farm operation, the 10 factor index which adds tax rates and interest rates to the 8 factor series, and the farm cost-of-living index all advanced 0.2 points to 125.5, 120.5 and 123.0, respectively, between January and April. The wage-rate series mounted from 234.6 to 281.4 in this interval. This increase of 46.8 points compared with a rise in the same period of 1944 amounting to 46.0 points.

Differences in the movements of eastern and western regional indexes were also mainly related to wage rates. The composite eastern price index of commodities and services⁺ used by farmers, including family living requirements, advanced between January and April from 133.4 to 135.1, while the companion western series moved up from 128.8 to 133.3. The main factors in both of these changes were wage-rate index increases of 20.3 points and 36.3 points in the respective eastern and western series.

The eastern Canada farm family living requirements price index advanced 0.3 points to 122.8 between January and April, while the western index moved up 0.1 to 123.4. Both regional series recorded small gains for fuel and household equipment and a minor decrease for foods. The eastern health maintenance series increased 0.1 to 111.8, while the western index held unchanged at 111.8.

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.

⁺ Commodities and services include implements, fertilizer, seed, feed, motor fuel and lubricants, building materials, hardware, binder twine, taxes, interest and wages.

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

1935-39=100								
		Commodities and Services used by Farmers			Commodities and Services and Living Costs			Farm Living Costs
Number of Factors Years		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
1943	April ...	121.6	118.0	133.1	121.5	119.4	123.4	121.4
	August ...	125.1	119.1	133.9	122.7	120.3	132.2	122.0
1944	January ..	125.5	120.6	135.7	124.4	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
1945	January ..	125.3	120.3	137.4	124.3	121.3	131.5	122.8
	April ...	125.5	120.5	142.0	124.5	121.5	134.4	123.0
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
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	120.7	134.3	122.0
1944	January ..	127.2	121.2	138.3	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
1945	January ..	127.3	121.1	140.6	125.4	121.7	133.4	122.5
	April ...	127.6	121.3	143.3	125.7	121.9	135.1	122.8
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
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	121.1	127.3	123.0
	April ...	123.1	119.9	138.2	123.3	121.3	132.3	123.4
	August ...	123.4	120.1	140.2	123.3	121.3	133.4	123.1
1945	January ..	122.2	119.2	132.5	122.7	120.9	123.3	123.3
	April ...	122.4	119.4	139.9	122.8	121.0	133.5	123.4

^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, 1944 and 1945 index numbers subject to revision because figures for taxes and mortgage interest in these years are provisional.

Table 2. - Price Indexes of Commodities and Services Used by Farmers
1935-39=100

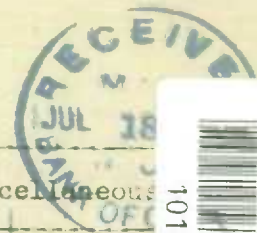
Year		Imple- ments	Ferti- lizer	Seed	Feed	Gasoline, Oil, Grease	Building Materials	Hard- ware	Binder Twine	Taxes	Interest on Mortgages	Wages
ALL CANADA												
1926	.....	97.3	129.0	127.3	137.6	130.0	114.0	103.7	184.5	142.7	119.1	167.9
1939	.....	103.9	107.2	80.2	80.1	97.6	108.1	101.6	93.8	104.2	95.1	108.1
1943	April ..	116.7	108.0	127.1	118.5	120.6	153.8	120.7	126.4	116.3x	92.4x	220.8
	August ..		108.0	132.3	122.9	120.6	156.5	120.5	126.4			256.9
1944	January .	116.7	108.0	136.9	126.2	120.6	172.1	120.8	126.4	114.1x	92.4x	212.0
	April ..	116.8	108.0	136.4	127.1	120.6	172.3	120.8	126.4			258.0
	August ..	116.8	108.0	135.6	126.9	120.6	174.1	119.7	126.4			275.2
1945	January .	113.1+	108.0	136.4	123.5	119.9	174.9	119.6	126.4	113.4x	92.4x	234.6
	April ..	113.1	108.0	137.1	129.2	119.9	174.8	119.8	126.4			281.4
EASTERN CANADA												
1926	.....	97.0	129.0	121.4	134.9	136.6	114.0	101.9	184.5	133.9	116.5	144.1
1939	.....	104.3	107.2	82.4	81.0	100.1	108.1	102.0	93.8	101.1	95.0	108.5
1943	April ..	117.2	108.0	130.7	117.7	130.6	153.8	119.8	126.4	109.4x	91.3x	212.0
	August ..		108.0	134.6	120.5	130.6	158.1	119.8	126.4			261.7
1944	January .	117.2	108.0	137.7	122.4	130.6	171.8	120.2	126.4	106.8x	91.3x	229.5
	April ..	117.2	108.0	136.7	123.3	130.6	173.0	120.2	126.4			241.2
	August ..	117.2	108.0	135.3	123.3	130.6	173.4	118.8	126.4			255.4
1945	January .	113.5+	108.0	136.0	125.3	129.7	173.9	118.8	126.4	105.7x	91.3x	242.3
	April ..	113.5	108.0	136.0	126.2	129.7	173.7	118.9	126.4			263.1
WESTERN CANADA												
1926	.....	97.8	129.0	137.5	141.6	122.6	114.0	106.3	184.5	156.0	123.8	178.5
1939	.....	103.3	107.2	76.9	78.7	93.9	108.1	101.0	93.8	108.8	95.2	108.0
1943	April ..	116.0	108.0	121.7	119.7	105.5	153.7	122.0	126.4	126.6x	94.0x	237.6
	August ..		108.0	130.2	126.5	105.5	154.2	121.6	126.4			254.1
1944	January .	116.0	108.0	135.6	132.0	105.5	172.5	121.7	126.4	125.0x	94.0x	203.0
	April ..	116.3	108.0	136.0	132.9	105.5	172.4	121.7	126.4			237.3
	August ..	116.3	108.0	136.0	132.4	105.5	175.1	120.9	126.4			309.2
1945	January .	112.4+	108.0	136.9	133.3	105.2	176.5	120.9	126.4	125.0x	94.0x	227.1
	April ..	112.4	108.0	138.8	133.7	105.2	176.5	121.2	126.4			313.4

x Estimate.

+ Revised.

Table 3. - Group Index Numbers of Canadian Farm Living Costs
1935-39=100

Year		Composite Index	Food	Clothing	Fuel	Household Equipment	Health Maintenance	Miscellaneous
ALL CANADA								
1926	.....	120.9	134.4	136.1	124.2	107.3	95.8	102.3
1939	.....	99.5	96.1	100.5	99.4	101.1	100.8	100.6
1943	April	121.4	131.0	127.1	116.2	127.3	105.7	103.3
	August ...	122.0	132.8	126.8	117.6	127.6	105.7	104.5
1944	January ...	122.7	133.3	126.8	120.3	127.6	109.3	104.3
	April	123.0	133.1	127.6	121.5	127.9	109.3	105.1
	August ...	122.6	131.7	127.7	120.8	127.6	109.3	105.1
1945	January ...	122.8	131.6	127.7	120.8	127.6	111.7	105.1
	April	123.0	131.4	127.7	122.2	128.5	111.8	104.7
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
1943	April	121.4	133.8	127.3	113.6	124.6	105.7	103.3
	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	104.3
	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
1945	January ...	122.5	134.1	127.7	116.2	124.4	111.7	105.1
	April	122.8	134.0	127.7	118.4	125.3	111.3	105.1
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
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	128.1	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
1945	January ...	123.3	127.8	127.8	127.7	132.4	111.8	104.7
	April	123.4	127.6	127.8	128.0	133.2	111.3	104.7



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