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

AUGUST, 1945.

(1935-1939=100)

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The composite Dominion price index of commodities and services used by farmers, including family living requirements, advanced another 1.6 points to 136.0, between April and August, 1945. Compared with August, 1944, an increase of 2.2 points was recorded. This comparison is of special significance because of the marked seasonal movements in farm wage-rate index numbers. The greatest change between April and August was registered by the wage-rate index which increased from 281.4 to 301.0; this rise of 19.6 points compared with a rise of 17.2 points in the same period of 1944. The August, 1944 wage-rate index was 275.2. The family living requirements component mounted 0.7 points to 123.7 between April and August, 1945, but changes in prices of operating requirements, apart from wages, were of negligible proportions.

Somewhat sharper wage-rate increases in eastern Canada, resulted in the eastern series for farm operating requirements recording a greater rise than the western series. Other eastern components of the operating requirement series were also slightly firmer than the corresponding western indexes.

The eastern family living requirements price index moved up 0.8 points to 123.6 between April and August, while the western index advanced only 0.5 to 123.9.

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

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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							
Number of Factors Years	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
1943 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	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
August	125.7	120.5	144.2	124.9	121.8	136.0	123.7
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 August	124.9	119.9	142.5	123.8	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
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
August	128.0	121.6	146.9	126.2	122.4	137.5	123.6
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 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	127.8	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	128.8	123.3
April	122.4	119.4	139.9	122.8	121.0	133.3	123.4
August	122.3	118.9	140.3	122.9	120.9	133.7	123.9

^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	127.8	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 August	116.7	108.0	132.8	122.9	120.6	156.5	120.5	126.4	116.3x	92.4	256.9
1944 January	116.7	108.0	136.9	126.2	120.6	172.1	120.8	126.4	114.1x	91.4+	212.0
April	116.8	108.0	136.4	127.1	120.6	172.8	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	137.3+	128.5	119.9	174.9	119.6	126.4	113.4x	91.4x	234.6
April	113.1	108.0	138.8+	129.2	119.9	174.8	119.8	126.4			281.4
August	113.1	108.0	139.5	129.6	120.1	174.2	119.2	126.4			301.0
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 August	117.2	108.0	134.6	120.5	130.6	158.1	119.8	126.4	109.4x	91.3	261.7
1944 January	117.2	108.0	137.7	122.4	130.6	171.8	120.2	126.4	106.8x	91.8+	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	137.6+	125.3	129.7	173.9	118.8	126.4	105.7x	91.8x	242.3
April	113.5	108.0	138.8+	126.2	129.7	173.7	118.9	126.4			263.1
August	113.5	108.0	139.5	126.3	129.7	174.2	118.9	126.4			289.4
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 August	116.0	108.0	130.2	126.5	105.5	154.2	121.6	126.4	126.6x	94.0	254.1
1944 January	116.0	108.0	135.6	132.0	105.5	172.5	121.7	126.4	125.0x	91.1+	203.0
April	116.3	108.0	136.0	132.9	105.5	172.4	121.7	126.4			287.3
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	91.1x	227.1
April	112.4	108.0	138.8	133.7	105.2	176.5	121.2	126.4			313.4
August	112.4	108.0	139.5	134.5	105.6	174.1	119.7	126.4			323.3

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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	107.8	95.8	102.3
1939	99.5	96.1	100.5	99.4	101.1	100.8	100.6
1943 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	133.1	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
1945 January	122.8	131.6	127.7	120.8	127.6	111.7	104.9
April	123.0	131.4	127.7	122.2	128.5	111.8	104.9
August	123.7	131.8	129.3	122.3	129.2	112.8	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
1943 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
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	111.8	105.1
August	123.6	134.6	129.3	118.4	126.1	112.8	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 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	111.8	104.7
August	123.9	127.6	129.3	128.2	133.8	112.8	104.7

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