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PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS

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(1935-1939=100)

The composite Dominion price index of commodities and services^{xx} used by farmers, including family living requirements, declined 1.9 points to 134.1 between August, 1945 and January, 1946, due entirely to a seasonal decrease in wage rates. Farm family living costs and commodities used in farm operation recorded small gains during this period. From January, 1945 to January, 1946, the composite Dominion index advanced from 131.5 to 134.1.

The eight-factor index representing prices of commodities used in farm operation continued its very gradual advance, moving from 125.7 to 125.9 between August, 1945 and January, 1946. A ten-factor index which adds taxes and interest rates to the eight commodity groups, moved from 120.5 to 121.9 in this interval, while farm family living costs rose 0.9 to 124.6. The Dominion wage-rate series fell 53.6 points to 247.4.

August, 1945-January, 1946 differences between eastern and western composite indexes were attributable very largely to the more severe seasonal decline in western as compared to eastern wage rates. Commodity price increases for operating requirements were slightly greater in the west than in the east. The August-January decline in the eastern composite index was 1.3 points to 136.2, and in the western index, 2.8 points to 130.9.

The eastern farm family cost-of-living series advanced 1.0 points to 124.6 between August and January, while the western series moved up 0.8 points to 124.7.

Further detail concerning recent movements of these index numbers 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.

^{xx} 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	Commodities and Services used by Farmers			Commodities and Services and Living Costs			Farm Family Living Costs
	8 ^x	10 ^x	11 ^x	8 ^x	10 ^x	11 ^x	
Years							
ALL CANADA							
1926	120.5	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
1944 January	125.5	121.5	136.7	124.4	122.0	131.1	122.7
April	125.8	121.7	140.6	124.7	122.2	133.6	123.0
August	125.8	121.7	142.3	124.5	122.1	134.4	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
1946 January	125.9	121.9	140.4	126.4	123.0	134.1	124.6
EASTERN CANADA							
1926	122.8	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
1944 January	127.2	121.5	139.4	125.3	121.9	132.6	122.5
April	127.5	121.7	141.0	125.6	122.2	133.7	122.8
August	127.5	121.6	142.6	125.3	121.9	134.5	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
1946 January	128.1	121.9	143.9	126.7	123.0	136.2	124.6
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
1944 January	122.9	121.6	132.7	123.0	122.1	126.9	123.0
April	123.1	121.7	140.0	123.3	122.4	133.3	123.4
August	123.4	121.9	141.9	123.3	122.4	134.4	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
1946 January	122.7	121.9	135.1	123.5	123.0	130.9	124.7

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. 1945 and 1946 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,					Interest on Mortgages	
					Oil, Grease	Building Materials	Hard- ware	Binder Twine	Taxes	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
1944 January	116.7	108.0	136.9	126.2	120.6	172.1	120.8	126.4	120.8xx	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	121.6x	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
1946 January	113.1x	108.0	142.3	129.6	120.1	174.3	119.2	126.4			247.4
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
1944 January	117.2	108.0	137.7	122.4	130.6	171.8	120.2	126.4	108.2xx	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	107.0x	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
1946 January	113.5x	108.0	141.8	125.8	129.7	174.4	118.9	126.4			263.2
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
1944 January	116.0	108.0	135.6	132.0	105.5	172.5	121.7	126.4	139.8xx	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	143.4x	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
1946 January	112.4x	108.0	143.0	135.3	105.6	174.2	119.7	126.4			227.9

x Estimate

xx Revised.



Table 3c - Group Index Numbers of Canadian Farm Family 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
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
1946 January	124.6	132.5	129.3	122.6	129.2	115.4	107.8
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
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
1946 January	124.6	135.6	129.3	118.9	126.1	115.4	107.9
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
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
1946 January	124.7	127.8	129.3	128.2	133.8	115.5	107.6

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