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PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS<sup>X</sup>  
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(1935-1939=100)

The composite Dominion index of prices paid by farmers for goods and services<sup>xx</sup> advanced 4.5 points to 138.6 between January and April, 1946. The increase over April, 1945 amounted to 4.2 points. Regional changes in this index registered considerable variation, the eastern series moving up only 3.0 points to 139.2 between January and April, 1946 and 4.1 points since April, 1945; the western series recorded an advance of 6.7 points to 137.6 since January and 4.3 points since April, 1945. Higher wage rates, farm implement price increases and living costs were responsible for the rise in both the eastern and western indexes. Wage-rate changes were responsible for the variation in the east-west rate of advance. This is a recurrent factor, due to less stable conditions of winter farm employment in the west than in the east. The effect of this situation may be observed from the following wage-rate index numbers: western series, April 1945, 313.4; January 1946, 227.9; and April 1946, 318.7. The corresponding indexes for eastern Canada were: 263.1, 263.2 and 289.3. The increase in farm implements for both eastern and western Canada reflected a  $12\frac{1}{2}$  p.c. increase in the ceiling price of Canadian-made farm machinery and parts, effective April 13.

With living costs removed from the eleven factor total the Dominion index recorded an advance of 6.5 points to 146.9 between January and April, 1946. The eastern series rose 4.1 points to 148.0, and the western index 10.2 points to 145.3.

Between January and April the Dominion index of Canadian farm family living costs rose 1.5 points to 126.1. In the same interval the eastern series also advanced 1.5 points to 126.1, while the western index moved up 1.4 points to 126.1. Higher prices for foods, clothing, household equipment and health maintenance costs supported the rise in both regional indexes.

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

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

<sup>xx</sup> 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

Number of Factors Years	1935-39=100						Farm Family Living Costs	
	Commodities and Services used by Farmers			Commodities and Services and Living Costs				
	8 <sup>x</sup>	10 <sup>x</sup>	11 <sup>x</sup>	8 <sup>x</sup>	10 <sup>x</sup>	11 <sup>x</sup>		
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	
1944 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	125.4	123.0	134.1	124.6	
April .....	128.3	123.6	146.9	127.4	124.6	138.6	126.1	
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	
1944 April .....	127.5	121.7	141.0	125.6	122.2	133.7	122.8	
August .....	127.3	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	
April .....	129.5	122.9	148.0	128.1	124.2	139.2	126.1	
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 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	
April .....	126.6	124.6	145.3	126.4	125.2	137.6	126.1	

<sup>x</sup> 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, Oil, Grease	Building Materials	Hard- ware	Binder Twine	Taxes	Interest on Mortgages	Wages	
<b>ALL CANADA</b>												
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	April	116.8	108.0	136.4	127.1	120.6	172.8	120.8	126.4	120.8	91.4	258.0
	August	116.8	108.0	135.6	126.9	120.6	174.1	119.7	126.4	126.4	90.2xx	275.2
1945	January	113.1	108.0	137.3	128.5	119.9	174.9	119.6	126.4	121.6	90.2xx	234.6
	April	115.1	108.0	138.0	129.2	119.9	174.8	119.8	126.4	126.4	90.2xx	281.4
	August	115.1	108.0	139.5	129.6	120.1	174.2	119.2	126.4	126.4	90.2xx	301.0
1946	January	113.1x	108.0	142.3	129.6	120.1	174.3	119.2	126.4	121.6x	90.2x	247.4
	April	119.9(a)	108.0	144.4	130.0	121.9	175.5	120.4	126.4	126.4	90.2x	299.1
<b>EASTERN CANADA</b>												
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	April	117.2	108.0	136.7	125.3	130.6	173.0	120.2	126.4	108.2	91.8	241.2
	August	117.2	108.0	135.3	125.3	130.6	173.4	118.8	126.4	126.4	90.5xx	255.4
1945	January	113.5	108.0	137.6	125.3	129.7	173.9	118.8	126.4	107.0	90.5xx	242.3
	April	113.5	108.0	138.8	126.2	129.7	173.7	118.9	126.4	126.4	90.5xx	263.1
	August	113.5	108.0	139.5	126.3	129.7	174.2	118.9	126.4	126.4	90.5xx	289.4
1946	January	113.5x	108.0	141.8	125.8	129.7	174.4	118.9	126.4	126.4	90.5xx	263.2
	April	120.8(a)	108.0	142.6	126.0	129.7	174.8	120.8	126.4	107.0x	90.5x	289.3
<b>WESTERN CANADA</b>												
1926	.....	97.8	129.0	137.5	141.6	122.6	114.0	106.3	184.5	156.0	123.8	178.5
1939	.....	103.5	107.2	76.9	78.7	93.9	108.1	101.0	93.8	108.8	95.2	108.0
1944	April	116.3	108.0	136.0	132.9	105.5	172.4	121.7	126.4	126.4	91.1	287.3
	August	116.3	108.0	136.0	132.4	105.5	175.1	120.9	126.4	126.4	90.0xx	309.2
1945	January	112.4	108.0	136.9	133.3	105.2	176.5	120.9	126.4	143.4	90.0xx	227.1
	April	112.4	108.0	138.8	133.7	105.2	176.5	121.2	126.4	126.4	90.0xx	313.4
	August	112.4	108.0	139.5	134.5	105.6	174.1	119.7	126.4	126.4	90.0xx	323.3
1946	January	112.4x	108.0	143.0	135.3	105.6	174.2	119.7	126.4	143.4x	90.0x	227.9
	April	118.6(a)	108.0	147.1	135.9	110.2	176.0	119.8	126.4	126.4	90.0x	318.7

x Nominal      (a) Estimate.      xx Revised.

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

1935-39=100

Year	Composite Index	Food	Clothing	Fuel	ALL CANADA			Miscellaneous
					Household Equipment	Health Maintenance	14	
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 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	111.3	104.9	
August	123.7	131.8	129.5	122.3	129.2	112.8	104.9	
1946 January	124.6	132.5	129.3	122.6	129.2	115.4	107.8	
April	126.1	134.0	129.9	122.9	134.5	115.7	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 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	125.5	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	
April	126.1	137.0	130.4	118.9	131.1	115.7	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 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	
April	126.1	129.4	129.2	129.0	139.7	115.7	107.6	