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PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES
USED BY FARMERS^x
(1935-39=100)

The composite Dominion index of prices paid by farmers for commodities and services^{xx}, including living costs, rose 3.0 points to 141.6 between April and August, 1946. This was an increase of 5.6 points over August, 1945. The eastern index at 142.4 and the western index at 140.5 showed April-August advances of 3.2 and 2.9 points, respectively. A greater variation between east and west was apparent in increases over August, 1945 levels, i.e., 4.9 points in the east and 6.8 points in the west.

In both the eastern and western indexes, increases were recorded for farm wage rates, living costs and prices for hardware, building materials, fertilizer and feed. As usual, wages showed the largest group change, amounting to 17.4 points between April and August. This brought the Dominion index to 316.5. The eastern wage-rate index rose 14.0 points to 303.3 and the western index rose 22.6 points to 341.3. Between August, 1945 and August, 1946, the Dominion wages index moved up 15.5 points. The same period showed increases of 13.9 and 18.0 points respectively, for the east and west.

The eleven-factor index exclusive of living costs, at 149.0, recorded a rise of 2.1 points for all Canada between April and August. The corresponding eastern index was up 2.2 points and the western index 1.9 points.

From April to August, 1946, the Dominion index of farm family living costs advanced 4.4 points to 130.5, following increases in all component groups. Of these, the most substantial were for household equipment and clothing, which rose 8.0 points and 7.4 points, respectively. The eastern index, with increases in all groups except fuel, increased by 4.5 points to 130.6. In the western index all groups contributed to a rise of 4.2 points, bringing the August index to 130.3.

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

^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 Years	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		
ALL CANADA								
1926	120.6	123.8	139.3	120.7	122.7	125.9	120.9	
1939	96.1	97.2	99.1	97.4	98.1	99.3	99.5	
1944 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	
August	128.8	123.9	149.0	129.5	126.5	141.6	130.5	
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 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	
August	130.2	123.5	150.2	130.4	126.3	142.4	130.6	
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 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	
August	126.6	124.6	147.2	128.1	126.9	140.5	130.3	

^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, 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	
1944	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	121.6	90.2xx	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	121.6x	90.2x	247.4
	April	119.9(a)	108.0	144.4	130.0	121.9	175.3	120.4	126.4			299.1
	August	119.9(a)	110.1	142.4	130.6	121.9	175.9	122.8	126.4			316.5
EASTERN CANADA												
1926	97.0	129.0	121.4	134.9	136.6	114.0	101.3	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	August	117.2	108.0	133.3	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	107.0	90.5xx	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	107.0x	90.5x	263.2
	April	120.8(a)	108.0	142.6	125.0	129.7	174.8	120.8	126.4			289.3
	August	120.8(a)	110.1	141.8	126.8	129.7	175.7	123.2	126.4			303.3
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	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	135.9	133.3	105.2	175.5	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			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	143.4x	90.0x	227.9
	April	118.6(a)	108.0	147.1	135.9	110.2	176.0	119.8	126.4			318.7
	August	118.6(a)	110.1	143.3	136.3	110.3	176.3	122.3	126.4			341.3

x Nominal. (a) Estimate. xx Revised.

Table 3 - 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 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
April	126.1	134.0	129.9	122.9	134.5	115.7	107.8
August	130.5	136.6	137.3	123.1	142.5	116.3	110.6
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 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
April	126.1	137.0	130.4	118.9	131.1	115.7	107.9
August	130.6	140.1	138.5	118.9	137.6	116.3	110.8
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 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
August	130.3	131.4	135.4	129.3	149.9	116.4	110.3