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PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS, AUGUST, 1950

(1935-39= 100)

The Dominion composite price index of commodities and services used by farmers, inclusive of living costs, registered a further increase between April and August from 196.5 to 201.5. Exclusive of farm living costs the index rose 5.7 points to 215.4. The current advance mainly reflected a seasonal rise in farm wage rates coupled with increases in living costs, building materials, farm machinery, feed, petroleum products and hardware.

A comparison of eastern and western index changes between April and August showed greater advances for the latter area. The composite index, inclusive of living costs, moved up from 206.4 to 213.7 for the west as against a change from 213.1 to 217.0 in the east. The difference in wages was mainly responsible, the western series advancing 30.6 points to 429.0 between April and August compared with a gain of 15.0 points to 382.3 for the eastern index.

The index of Canadian farm family living costs advanced 4.0 points to 180.7 between April and August. Increases in foods were mainly responsible, the index for this series climbing 13.1 points to 220.2. Narrow advances were also recorded for clothing, household equipment, fuel and miscellaneous items. The total western index of living costs showed a slightly greater increase than did the comparable eastern series. The western Canada August index level of 183.1 was 4.2 points above the April figure while the corresponding index for eastern Canada at 178.3 was 3.9 points higher.

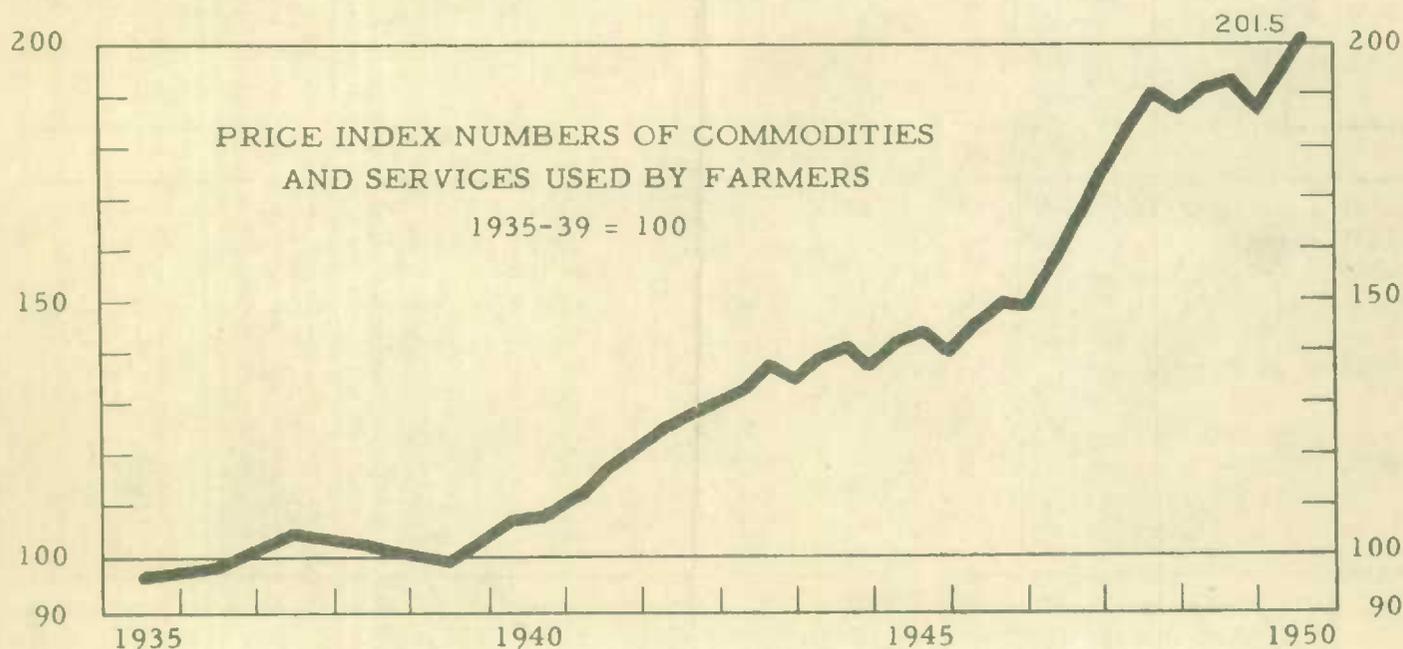


TABLE 1. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS AND FARM FAMILY LIVING COSTS

(1935-39 = 100)

	Composite Index Exclusive of Living Costs (a)	Equipment and Materials	Tax and Interest Rates (a)	Farm Wage Rates	Farm Family Living Costs	Composite Index Inclusive of Living Costs (a)
ALL CANADA						
1926 .....	130.6	119.9	135.5	164.5	121.1	126.8
1939 .....	99.3	95.7	101.1	110.3	99.5	99.4
1948 - January .....	189.3	169.8	127.8	337.8	155.3	175.7
April .....	197.8	172.9	127.8	377.4	163.7	184.2
August .....	203.7	176.7	127.8	398.4	169.5	190.1
1949 - January .....	198.3	180.3	127.8	352.2	171.8	187.7
April .....	202.9	180.4	127.8	379.6	173.3	191.1
August .....	204.2	180.2	127.8	388.1	174.5	192.3
1950 - January .....	196.3	184.4	128.3	324.8	175.3	187.9
April .....	209.7(r)	191.0(r)	128.3	380.1	176.7	196.5(r)
August .....	215.4	194.3	128.3	401.6	180.7	201.5
EASTERN CANADA						
1926 .....	129.5	122.8	128.4	151.1	120.2	125.8
1939 .....	98.7	94.8	99.2	110.6	99.5	99.0
1948 - January .....	199.3	176.1	112.2	355.9	154.9	181.5
April .....	202.9	177.4	112.2	370.3	163.4	187.1
August .....	209.2	180.0	112.2	394.1	168.4	192.9
1949 - January .....	204.8	183.9	112.2	359.4	170.5	191.1
April .....	206.3	183.0	112.2	369.7	171.3	192.3
August .....	207.6	183.0	112.2	376.4	172.6	193.6
1950 - January .....	201.3	186.8	113.5	331.4	173.5	190.2
April .....	213.1	194.5(r)	113.5	367.3	174.4	197.6
August .....	217.0	196.1	113.5	382.3	178.3	201.5
WESTERN CANADA						
1926 .....	131.8	117.1	141.6	183.5	121.9	127.8
1939 .....	99.8	96.6	102.7	109.9	99.5	99.7
1948 - January .....	179.2	163.8	141.2	312.1	155.7	169.8
April .....	192.7	168.5	141.2	387.5	164.0	181.2
August .....	198.2	173.5	141.2	404.5	170.7	187.2
1949 - January .....	191.7	176.8	141.2	341.9	173.1	184.3
April .....	199.5	177.9	141.2	393.7	175.4	189.9
August .....	200.8	177.5	141.2	404.7	176.3	191.0
1950 - January .....	191.3	182.1	140.9	315.4	177.2	185.7
April .....	206.4(r)	187.7(r)	140.9	398.4	178.9	195.4(r)
August .....	213.7	192.5	140.9	429.0	183.1	201.5

(a) 1948, 1949 and 1950 indexes are still subject to revision, since tax and interest rate figures are preliminary.

(r) Revised.

TABLE 2. - GROUP INDEX NUMBERS OF EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS USED BY FARMERS  
(1935-39=100)

	: Farm : Machin- : ery	: Build- : ing : Mater- : ials	: Gaso- : line, : Oil, : Grease	: : Feed :	: Fer- : tilizer	: Binder : Twine	: Seed	: Hard- : ware
ALL CANADA								
1926 .....	97.6	114.0	127.7	136.4	129.4	184.6	130.2	104.0
1939 .....	103.6	108.1	96.2	80.5	100.2	93.8	79.4	101.6
1948 - January .	138.8	217.7	134.0	202.4	131.2	<b>226.2</b>	252.2	142.4
April ...	138.8	222.6	137.0	201.3	131.2	294.0	241.2	156.1
August ..	147.3	234.0	<b>139.7</b>	208.2	132.2	294.0	223.4	159.4
1949 - January .	157.9	237.5	139.2	<b>209.0</b>	141.4	294.0	218.5	162.6
April ...	158.3	237.4	139.2	208.3	141.3	304.7	213.2	165.9
August ..	158.6	236.5	139.4	211.3	141.3	304.7	204.8	165.8
1950 - January .	164.2	238.2	143.9	215.1	146.6	304.7	212.6	165.8
April ...	164.6	246.9	145.1	228.2	146.7	298.0(r)	246.7	168.0
August ..	166.4	279.9	146.4	232.7	147.7	298.0	225.4	170.9
EASTERN CANADA								
1926 .....	97.0	114.0	136.6	134.9	129.4	184.6	121.4	101.9
1939 .....	104.3	108.1	100.1	81.0	100.1	93.8	82.4	102.1
1948 - January .	138.7	210.3	146.9	204.1	133.2	226.2	250.5	141.6
April ...	138.7	215.3	148.4	201.5	133.2	294.0	237.6	156.8
August ..	145.7	222.2	150.4	205.5	133.2	294.0	229.0	158.7
1949 - January .	157.5	224.5	151.8	206.8	143.0	294.0	226.7	161.5
April ...	157.9	225.0	152.3	205.8	143.0	304.7	211.8	164.7
August ..	158.2	223.6	153.5	209.3	143.0	304.7	200.3	163.3
1950 - January .	163.1	223.2	157.7	213.5	148.6	304.7	208.1	163.5
April ...	163.2	225.8	159.6	226.6	148.6	298.0(r)	245.1	167.0
August ..	164.5	244.5	160.2	232.3	148.6	298.0	215.7	169.5
WESTERN CANADA								
1926 .....	97.8	114.0	122.6	141.6	129.4	184.6	<b>137.5</b>	106.3
1939 .....	103.3	108.1	93.6	78.7	101.3	93.8	76.9	101.0
1948 - January .	138.8	225.6	126.6	196.2	112.3	226.2	253.6	143.3
April ...	138.8	230.2	130.4	200.8	112.3	294.0	244.2	155.4
August ..	147.9	246.5	133.5	217.9	123.1	294.0	218.7	160.1
1949 - January .	158.1	251.2	131.9	216.8	126.0	294.0	211.6	163.8
April ...	158.4	250.5	131.6	<b>217.4</b>	125.3	304.7	214.3	167.3
August ..	158.7	250.1	<b>131.3</b>	218.6	125.3	304.7	208.6	168.6
1950 - January .	164.6	254.1	136.0	220.9	127.7	304.7	216.4	168.4
April ...	165.2	269.2	<b>136.7</b>	234.0	128.6	298.0(r)	248.0	169.1
August ..	167.1	317.2	138.5	<b>234.0</b>	139.3	<b>298.0</b>	233.5	172.5

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TABLE 3. - GROUP INDEX NUMBERS OF CANADIAN FARM FAMILY LIVING COSTS  
(1935-39=100)

	: Composite : Index	: Food	: Clothing	: Fuel	: Household : Equipment	: Health : Main- : tenance	: Miscel- : laneous
ALL CANADA							
1926 .....	121.1	134.0	136.5	125.3	107.7	95.8	102.3
1939 .....	99.5	96.0	100.7	99.5	101.1	100.9	100.5
1948 - January ..	155.3	181.2	160.9	150.1	164.1	134.5	113.5
April ...	163.7	183.7	183.4	154.7	173.9	134.9	113.4
August ..	169.5	193.7	190.4	160.9	179.4	136.5	113.5
1949 - January ..	171.8	198.7	190.4	163.5	179.4	143.8	114.2
April ...	173.3	198.1	192.3	164.5	185.1	144.2	115.3
August ..	174.5	200.9	193.3	163.8	186.6	144.2	115.5
1950 - January ..	175.3	202.3	193.3	166.5	186.7	147.2	115.9
April ...	176.7	207.1	192.4	167.3	188.0	147.2	116.2
August ..	180.7	220.2	193.3	168.7	189.0	147.2	118.0
EASTERN CANADA							
1926 .....	120.2	136.1	134.8	119.5	108.0	95.8	102.3
1939 .....	99.5	96.3	100.2	98.9	100.9	100.8	100.6
1948 - January ..	154.9	185.3	164.0	137.4	157.6	134.5	113.8
April ...	163.4	189.0	185.2	138.4	169.4	135.0	113.7
August ..	168.4	198.9	191.3	141.5	173.1	136.5	113.8
1949 - January ..	170.5	203.0	191.3	145.2	173.1	143.8	114.6
April ...	171.3	200.5	192.6	146.1	177.7	144.2	115.7
August ..	172.6	204.5	194.0	145.3	178.0	144.2	115.8
1950 - January ..	173.5	205.8	194.0	148.8	178.0	147.2	116.3
April ...	174.4	210.1	192.3	150.2	178.8	147.2	116.6
August ..	178.3	222.7	193.5	152.4	179.9	147.2	118.5
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
1948 - January ..	155.7	177.1	157.8	162.7	170.6	134.4	113.2
April ...	164.0	178.4	181.6	170.9	178.3	134.9	113.1
August ..	170.7	188.4	189.5	180.2	185.7	136.5	113.2
1949 - January ..	173.1	194.4	189.5	181.7	185.7	143.8	113.8
April ....	175.4	195.7	192.0	183.0	192.5	144.2	115.0
August ..	176.3	197.2	192.6	182.3	195.2	144.2	115.1
1950 - January ..	177.2	198.7	192.6	184.2	195.3	147.2	115.6
April ...	178.9	204.2	192.5	184.4	197.2	147.2	115.8
August ..	183.1	217.7	193.2	184.9	198.1	147.2	117.5

Footnote: An historical record of the series contained in this bulletin, together with a statement of construction method and weighting detail, is available in PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS, 1913-1948. It may be obtained, upon request, from the Prices Section, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.



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ERRATUM

Price Index Numbers of Commodities and Services Used by Farmers,  
August, 1950 (1935-39 = 100)

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Second paragraph - 'inclusive' should read 'exclusive'

