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PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS, JANUARY 1951,
(1935-39=100)

The Dominion composite price index of commodities and services used by farmers, including farm living costs advanced fractionally, from 203.5 for August, 1950 to 203.7 for January, 1951. Increases in equipment and materials and farm living costs offset a seasonal drop in farm wages. The January index was 7.3 p.c. higher than that for January, 1950. The composite index, exclusive of living costs receded from 218.7 to 216.9 between August and January but registered a rise of 8.7 p.c. over the comparable figure for January 1950. The latest decrease was due to wage declines confined almost entirely to Western Canada, which moved the Canada wage index from 401.6 for August, 1950 to 365.9 for January, 1951.

In November 1950 a survey of taxes paid by farmers during the past three years was made. Revised indexes incorporating the results of this survey appear in this bulletin for the first time.

Farm equipment and materials rose from 194.3 to 201.0 between August and January. For the corresponding period in 1950 this index was 184.4. Five of the major components recorded gains, two were lower and one unchanged. Seed rose 10.0 p.c. to 247.9, farm machinery 10.5 p.c. to 183.8 and building materials 2.9 p.c. to 288.0. Feed prices dropped 2.9 p.c. to 226.0 due mainly to easier quotations in the Eastern series.

Canadian farm family living costs rose 1.9 p.c. to 184.1 in January, 1951. Although most group indexes showed increases, the sharpest change occurred in health maintenance which advanced 6.2 p.c. to 156.3. Foods moved up 3.8 p.c. to 228.5 and fuel 2.5 p.c. to 172.9. The composite index for Eastern Canada was 181.7 for January as compared with 178.3 in August while the Western series stood at 186.4 against 183.1.

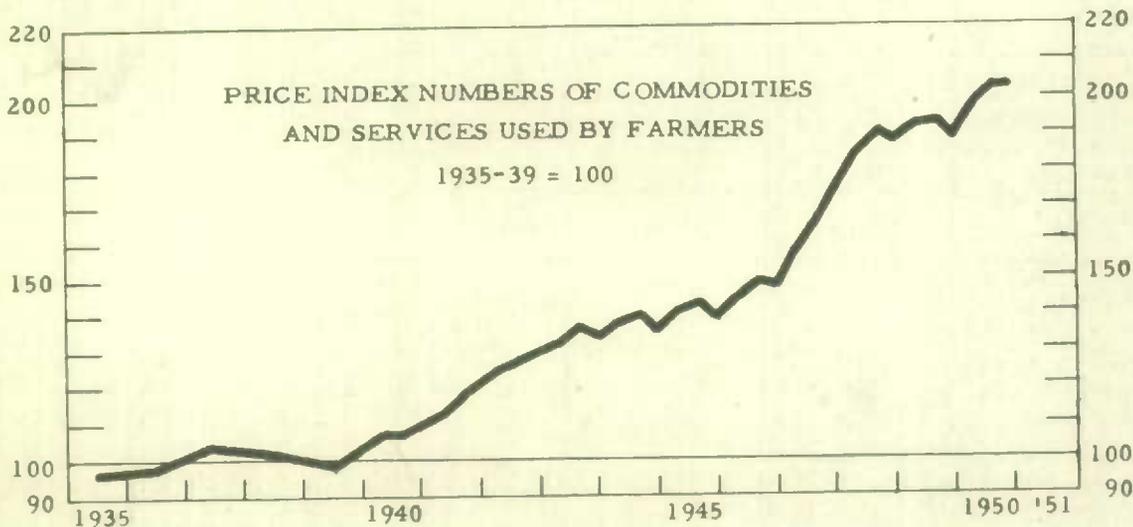


TABLE 1. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS AND FARM FAMILY LIVING COSTS
(1935-39=100)

	Composite Index Exclusive of Living Costs (a)	Equipment and Materials	Tax and Interest Rates	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 - April	198.5(r)	172.9	131.3(r)	377.4	163.7	184.6(r)
August	204.4(r)	176.7	131.3(r)	398.4	169.5	190.5(r)
1949 - January	200.5(r)	180.3	138.7(r)	352.2	171.8	189.0(r)
April	205.2(r)	180.4	138.7(r)	379.6	173.3	192.4(r)
August	206.5(r)	180.2	138.7(r)	388.1	174.5	193.7(r)
1950 - January	199.6(r)	184.4	144.3(r)	324.8	175.3	189.9(r)
April	213.0(r)	191.0	144.3(r)	380.1	176.7	198.5(r)
August	218.7(r)	194.3	144.3(r)	401.6	180.7	203.5(r)
1951 - January	216.9	201.0	144.3	365.9	184.1	203.7
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 - April	204.0(r)	177.4	118.0(r)	370.3	163.4	187.8(r)
August	210.3(r)	180.0	118.0(r)	394.1	168.4	193.6(r)
1949 - January	207.5(r)	183.9	126.1(r)	359.4	170.5	192.7(r)
April	208.9(r)	183.0	126.1(r)	369.7	171.3	193.9(r)
August	210.2(r)	183.0	126.1(r)	376.4	172.6	195.2(r)
1950 - January	204.7(r)	186.8	131.2(r)	331.4	173.5	192.2(r)
April	216.4(r)	194.5	131.2(r)	367.3	174.4	199.6(r)
August	220.4(r)	196.1	131.2(r)	382.3	178.3	203.6(r)
1951 - January	223.1	200.5	131.2	382.0	181.7	206.5
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 - April	193.0(r)	168.5	142.5(r)	387.5	164.0	181.4(r)
August	198.5(r)	173.5	142.5(r)	404.5	170.7	187.4(r)
1949 - January	193.6(r)	176.8	149.4(r)	341.9	173.1	185.4(r)
April	201.4(r)	177.9	149.4(r)	393.7	175.4	191.0(r)
August	202.7(r)	177.5	149.4(r)	404.7	176.3	192.1(r)
1950 - January	194.5(r)	182.1	155.4(r)	315.4	177.2	187.6(r)
April	209.6(r)	187.7	155.4(r)	398.4	178.9	197.3(r)
August	216.9(r)	192.5	155.4(r)	429.0	183.1	203.4(r)
1951 - January	210.7	201.4	155.4	342.9	186.4	201.0

(a) 1951 indexes are 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	Gasoline, 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 - April	138.8	222.6	137.0	201.3	131.2	294.0	241.2	156.1
August ...	147.3	234.0	139.7	208.2	132.2	294.0	223.4	159.4
1949 - January ..	157.9	237.5	139.2	209.0	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	246.7	168.0
August ...	166.4	279.9	146.4	232.7	147.7	298.0	225.4	170.9
1951 - January ..	183.8	288.0	145.6	226.0	152.8	298.0	247.9	174.3
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 - 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	245.1	167.0
August ...	164.5	244.5	160.2	232.3	148.6	298.0	215.7	169.5
1951 - January ..	182.7	257.9	162.4	223.1	153.1	298.0	235.8	172.9
WESTERN CANADA								
1926	97.8	114.0	122.6	141.6	129.4	184.6	137.5	106.3
1939	103.3	108.1	93.9	78.7	101.3	93.8	76.9	101.0
1948 - 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	217.4	125.3	304.7	214.3	167.3
August ...	158.7	250.1	131.3	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	136.7	234.0	128.6	298.0	248.0	169.1
August ...	167.1	317.2	138.5	234.0	139.3	298.0	233.5	172.5
1951 - January ..	184.2	319.8	136.0	236.6	150.3	298.0	258.1	175.8

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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 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	118.1(r)
1951 January	184.1	228.5	193.3	172.9	189.0	156.3	119.0
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 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
1951 January	181.7	231.0	193.5	157.4	179.9	156.2	119.6
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 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	117.6(r)
1951 January	186.4	226.0	193.2	188.5	198.1	156.3	118.5

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.