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

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The Dominion composite price index of commodities and services used by farmers, including farm living costs, advanced 4.3 p.c. from 218.3 in April to 227.7 in August. Compared with August, 1950, this index increased 11.9 p.c. The composite index, exclusive of living costs, recorded an advance of 1.7 p.c. to 236.4 between April and August, and 8.1 p.c. over the comparable August, 1950 figure.

Farm wage rates moved up 7.2 p.c. to 457.3 between April and August, with the eastern series rising 6.7 p.c. to 441.5 and the western index 7.8 p.c. to 479.7.

Farm operating equipment and materials receded from 209.6 in April to 207.7 in August for a decline of 0.9 p.c. A drop of 15.7 for the seed index, together with a decrease of 4.0 p.c. for feeds, more than outweighed increases in four other sub-groups included in the composite index. Marked percentage rises occurred in fertilizer and hardware while smaller gains were noted in building materials, farm machinery and gasoline, oil and grease.

Farm family living costs rose from 197.1 in April to 214.7 in August, for an increase of 8.9 p.c. with almost parallel movements of east and west indexes. This index is now 18.8 p.c. above the August, 1950 figure. All group indexes showed advances over April price levels. Among group changes, clothing prices rose 18.5 p.c. to 256.8, household equipment 12.6 p.c. to 230.8, food 3.5 p.c. to 252.4, health maintenance 3.0 p.c. to 162.9, miscellaneous items 1.9 p.c. to 122.0 and fuel 0.7 p.c. to 178.9.

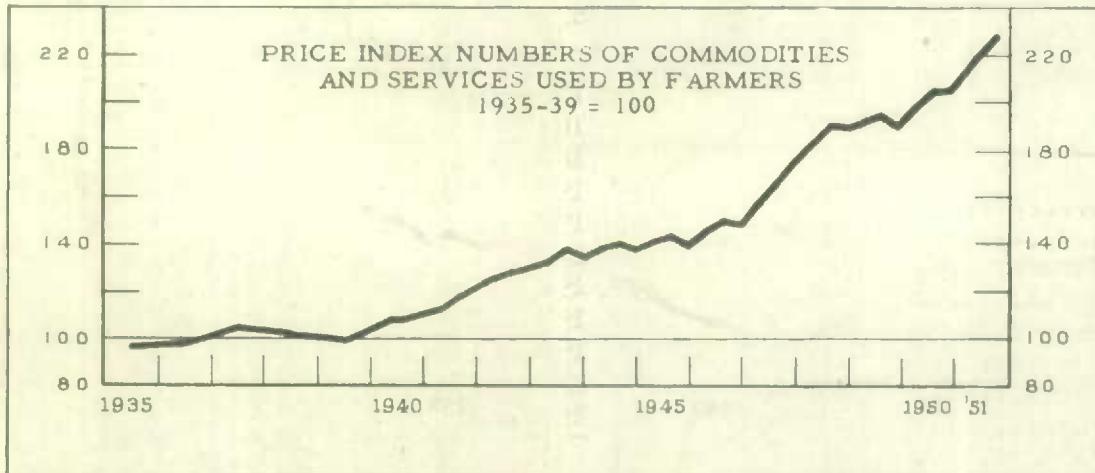


TABLE 1. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY  
FARMERS AND FARM FAMILY LIVING COSTS  
(1935-39=100)

	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
1949 - January.....	200.5	180.3	138.7	352.2	171.8	189.0
April.....	205.2	180.4	138.7	379.6	173.3	192.4
August.....	206.5	180.2	138.7	388.1	174.5	193.7
1950 - January.....	199.6	184.4	144.3	324.8	175.3	189.9
April.....	213.0	191.0	144.3	380.1	176.7	198.5
August.....	218.6 (r)	194.3	144.3	401.2(r)	180.7	203.4 (r)
1951 - January.....	216.9	201.0	144.3	365.9	184.1	203.7
April.....	232.4 (r)	209.6	144.3	426.5(r)	197.1	218.3
August.....	236.4	207.7	144.3	457.3	214.7	227.7
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
1949 - January.....	207.5	183.9	126.1	359.4	170.5	192.7
April.....	208.9	183.0	126.1	369.7	171.3	193.9
August.....	210.2	183.0	126.1	376.4	172.6	195.2
1950 - January.....	204.7	186.8	131.2	321.4	173.5	192.2
April.....	216.4	194.5	131.2	367.3	174.4	199.6
August.....	220.4	196.1	131.2	382.3	178.3	203.6
1951 - January.....	223.1	200.5	131.2	382.0	181.7	206.5
April.....	235.2 (r)	210.2	131.2	413.7(r)	195.1 (r)	219.2
August.....	239.4	208.0	131.2	441.5	212.8	228.7
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
1949 - January.....	193.6	176.8	149.4	341.9	173.1	185.4
April.....	201.4	177.9	149.4	393.7	175.4	191.0
August.....	202.7	177.5	149.4	404.7	176.3	192.1
1950 - January.....	194.5	182.1	155.4	315.4	177.2	187.6
April.....	209.6	187.7	155.4	398.4	178.9	197.3
August.....	216.8 (r)	192.5	155.4	428.0(r)	183.1	203.3 (r)
1951 - January.....	210.7	201.4	155.4	342.9	186.4	201.0
April.....	229.6	208.9	155.4	444.8(r)	199.1	217.4
August.....	233.4	207.3	155.4	479.7	216.6	226.7

(r) Revised

(a) 1951 indexes are subject to revision, since tax and interest rate figures are preliminary.

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
<b>ALL CANADA</b>								
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
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
April.....	187.4	298.4	147.4	234.0	157.6	364.6	265.0	185.5
August.....	189.2	301.8	150.0	224.6	168.3	364.6	223.3	202.6
<b>EASTERN CANADA</b>								
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
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
April.....	186.3	268.5	164.9	231.3	158.4	364.6	266.1	185.3
August.....	186.5	274.5	170.4	220.9	169.0	364.6	226.7	198.3
<b>WESTERN CANADA</b>								
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
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
April.....	187.9	330.0	137.3	243.8	150.3	364.6	264.1	185.8
August.....	190.2	330.6	138.2	237.9	161.8	364.6	220.5	207.4

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

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	Composite Index	Food	Clothing	Fuel	Household Equipment	Health Maintenance	Miscellaneous
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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
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
1951 - January.....	184.1	228.5	193.3	172.9	189.0	156.3	119.0
April.....	197.1	243.9	216.7	177.7	204.9 (r)	158.2	119.7
August.....	214.7	252.4	256.8	178.9	230.8	162.9	122.0

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
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
April.....	195.1 (r)	248.6	217.1	163.9	193.6 (r)	158.1	120.1
August.....	212.8	257.4	256.1	165.8	219.8	162.9	122.4

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
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
1951 - January.....	186.4	226.0	193.2	188.5	198.1	156.3	118.5
April.....	199.1	239.1	216.4	191.4	216.2	158.2	119.2
August.....	216.6	247.4	257.6	192.0	241.8	162.9	121.5

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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.