

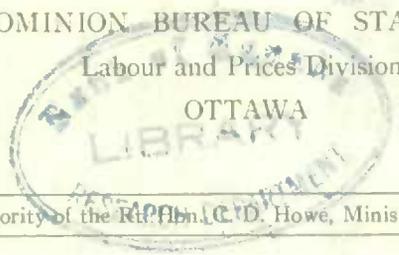
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PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS, JANUARY, 1952.

(1935-39=100)

The Dominion composite price index of commodities and services used by farmers, including farm family living costs, fell 0.1 p. c. from 228.5 in August, 1951 to 228.3 in January, 1952. Compared with January, 1951, the index has advanced 11.6 p. c. The composite index, exclusive of living costs, registered a decrease of 0.5 p. c. to 236.5 between August and January, but showed an increase of 8.3 p. c. over the January, 1951 level.

The decline in the total indexes resulted largely from a seasonal decrease in farm wages. The all Canada wage index moved down 10.3 p. c. from 457.3 in August to 410.3 in January of this year. The eastern series declined 2.6 p. c. to 430.0 while the western series dropped 20.3 p. c. to 382.4 during the same period.

Farm operating equipment and materials recorded an advance of 5.1 p. c. to 218.1 between August and January, due to increases in all components. The largest percentage rise occurred in binder twine, up 23.0 p. c., followed by seed, 13.2 p. c., feed, 7.8 p. c., farm machinery, 3.4 p. c., fertilizer, 2.9 p. c., hardware, 0.9 p. c., building materials, 0.5 p. c. and gasoline, oil and grease, 0.4 p. c. Differences in movement between eastern and western series were negligible.

Farm family living costs at 215.8 in January 1952 showed an increase of 0.5 p. c. over August and 17.2 p. c. over January 1951. A recession of 0.6 p. c. to 250.8 in foods in January was more than outweighed by increases of 5.4 p. c. for health maintenance, 4.2 p. c. for fuel and 0.9 p. c. for miscellaneous items. Clothing and household equipment remained nominally unchanged. East and west changes in farm family living costs were almost identical between August and January.

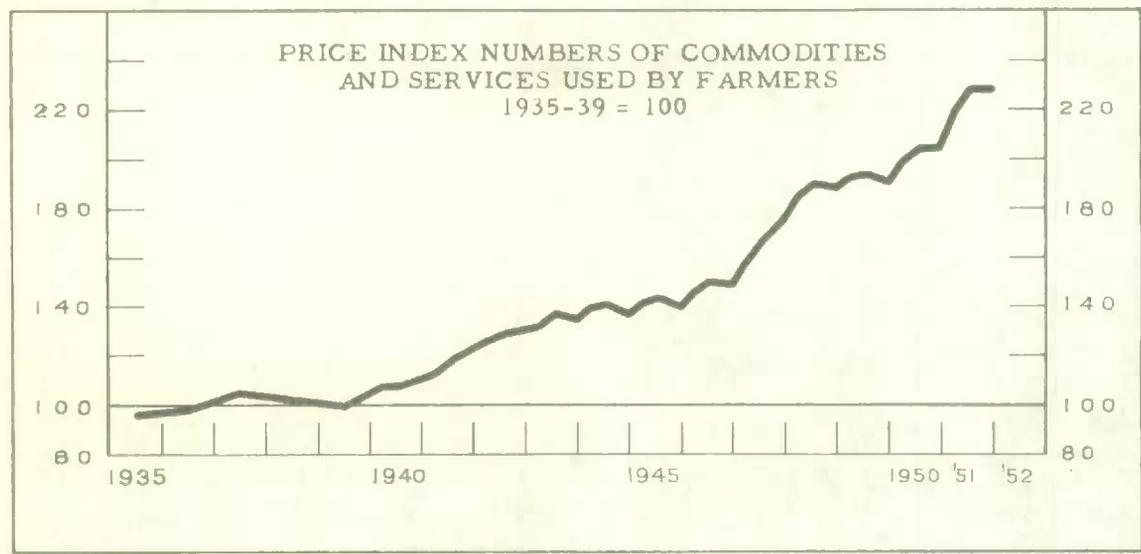


TABLE 1. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS AND FARM FAMILY LIVING COSTS
(1935-39=100)

| | Composite Index Exclusive of Living Costs (a) | Equipment and Materials | Tax and Interest Rates | Farm Wages | Far 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 - 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 | 194.3 | 144.3 | 401.2 | 180.7 | 203.4 |
| 1951 - January | 218.3 (r) | 201.0 | 151.3 (r) | 365.9 | 184.1 | 204.6 (r) |
| April | 233.8 (r) | 209.4 (r) | 151.3 (r) | 426.5 | 197.1 | 219.1 (r) |
| August | 237.7 (r) | 207.5 (r) | 151.3 (r) | 457.3 | 214.7 | 228.5 (r) |
| 1952 - January | 236.5 | 218.1 | 151.3 | 410.3 | 215.8 | 228.3 |
| 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 - 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 | 331.4 | 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 | 225.0 (r) | 200.5 | 141.4 (r) | 382.0 | 181.7 | 207.7 (r) |
| April | 237.2 (r) | 210.2 | 141.4 (r) | 413.7 | 195.1 | 220.3 (r) |
| August | 241.3 (r) | 208.0 | 141.4 (r) | 441.5 | 212.8 | 229.9 (r) |
| 1952 - January | 245.8 | 219.1 | 141.4 | 430.0 | 213.9 | 233.0 |
| 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 - 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 | 192.5 | 155.4 | 428.0 | 183.1 | 203.3 |
| 1951 - January | 211.6 (r) | 201.4 | 159.7 (r) | 342.9 | 186.4 | 201.5 (r) |
| April | 230.4 (r) | 208.6 (r) | 159.7 (r) | 444.8 | 199.1 | 217.9 (r) |
| August | 234.2 (r) | 207.0 (r) | 159.7 (r) | 479.7 | 216.6 | 227.1 (r) |
| 1952 - January | 227.3 | 217.3 | 159.7 | 382.4 | 217.8 | 223.5 |

(r) Revised

(a) 1952 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 | 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 |
| 1949 - 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 | 146.6(r) | 234.0 | 157.6 | 364.6 | 265.0 | 185.5 |
| August | 189.2 | 301.8 | 149.2(r) | 224.6 | 168.3 | 364.6 | 223.3 | 202.6 |
| 1952 - January | 195.6 | 303.2 | 149.8 | 242.1 | 173.1 | 448.3 | 252.8 | 204.4 |
| 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 |
| 1949 - 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 |
| 1952 - January | 193.6 | 275.4 | 170.8 | 239.2 | 174.3 | 448.3 | 257.8 | 200.4 |
| 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 |
| 1949 - 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 | 136.1(r) | 243.8 | 150.3 | 364.6 | 264.1 | 185.8 |
| August | 190.2 | 330.6 | 137.0(r) | 237.9 | 161.8 | 364.6 | 220.5 | 207.4 |
| 1952 - January | 196.4 | 332.5 | 137.8 | 252.6 | 161.8 | 448.3 | 248.7 | 208.8 |

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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 |
| 1949 - 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 | 158.2 | 119.7 |
| August .. | 214.7 | 252.4 | 256.8 | 178.9 | 230.8 | 162.9 | 122.0 |
| 1952 - January . | 215.8 | 250.8 | 256.8 | 186.5 | 230.8 | 171.7 | 123.1 |
| 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 - 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 | 248.6 | 217.1 | 163.9 | 193.6 | 158.1 | 120.1 |
| August .. | 212.8 | 257.4 | 256.1 | 165.8 | 219.8 | 162.9 | 122.4 |
| 1952 - January . | 213.9 | 255.9 | 256.1 | 172.1 | 219.8 | 171.7 | 123.6 |
| 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 |
| 1949 - 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 |
| 1952 - January . | 217.8 | 245.7 | 257.6 | 200.9 | 241.8 | 171.7 | 122.6 |

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.