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PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS

JANUARY 1964 (1935-39 = 100)

The All-Canada Composite Price Index of Commodities and Services Used by Farmers declined 0.3 per cent from 277.3 in August 1963 to 276.5 in January 1964 as a result of the seasonal decrease in Farm Wage Rates in Western Canada which offset increases in the Equipment and Materials and the Farm Family Living components. The index remained 2.7 per cent above the January 1963 figure of 269.2. Exclusive of Living Component, the index decreased 0.8 per cent to 299.6 in January 1964 from 302.0 in August but was 2.2 per cent higher than the January index a year ago.

The Preliminary All-Canada Property Tax and Interest Rate index for 1963 was revised from 228.0 to 239.2 reflecting a change in the Eastern component from 234.5 to 249.3 and in the Western from 222.4 to 230.5.

Between August and January the All-Canada Farm Wage Rate index moved down 5.6 per cent from 622.6 in August to 587.8 in January of this year. Regionally, the Eastern index rose 1.9 per cent to 605.9 while the index for Western Canada dropped 15.1 per cent to 562.1.

The Equipment and Materials index advanced 2.3 per cent from 237.0 to 242.5. The majority of the sub-groups in this index showed increases: Binder Twine 22.0 per cent, Seed 7.3 per cent, Farm Machinery 2.4 per cent, Building Materials 1.3 per cent and Feed 1.1 per cent. The Compounded Fertilizer index moved down 3.1 per cent as prices eased in Eastern Canada.

The All-Canada Farm Family Living Component at 241.7 for January 1964 was 0.6 per cent above August 1963 and 3.6 per cent above the comparable index for 1963.

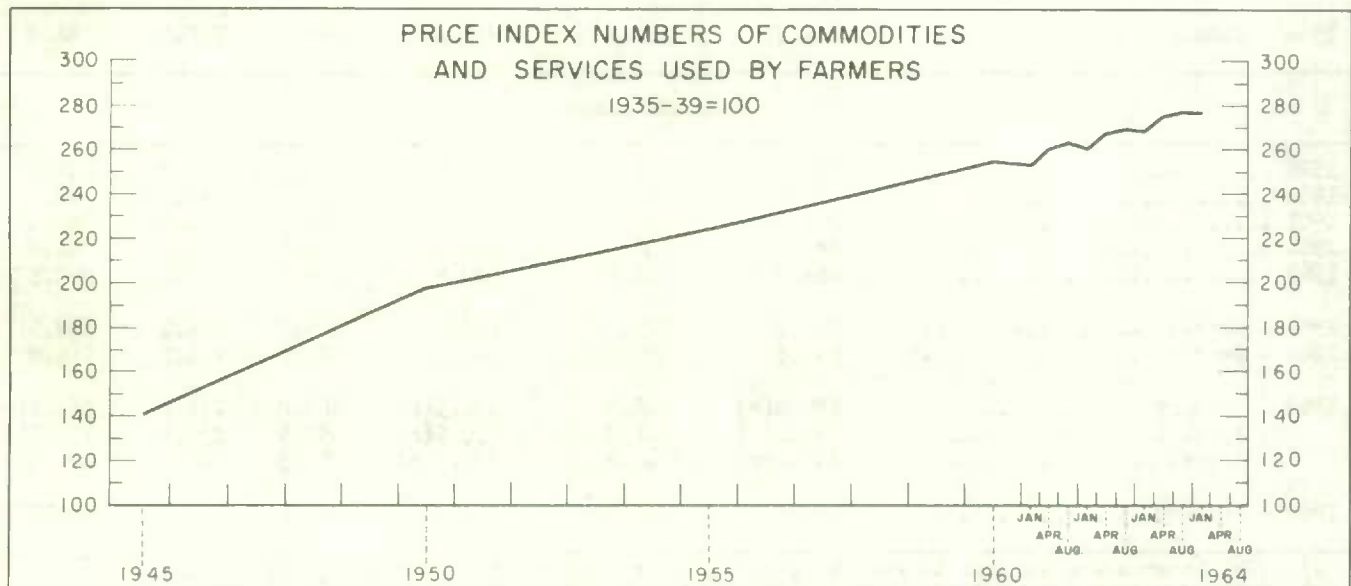


TABLE 1. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS

(1935-39 = 100)

	Composite Index Exclusive of Living Component (a)	Equipment and Materials	Taxes and Interest Rates (a)	Farm Wage Rates	Farm Family Living	Composite Index Inclusive of Living Component (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
1961 .....	282.2	226.7	220.6	566.0	224.2	259.0
1962 .....	290.8	235.1	228.0	576.1	228.5	265.9
1963 .....	298.7	237.6	239.2	600.6	236.6	273.9
1961 - January .....	273.0	223.5	220.6	522.9	223.9	253.4
1962 - January .....	283.4	233.6	228.0	537.9	226.4	260.6
1963 - January .....	293.1(r)	237.6	239.2(r)	567.0	233.2	269.2(r)
- April .....	301.1(r)	238.3	239.2(r)	612.1	236.5	275.3(r)
- August .....	302.0(r)	237.0	239.2(r)	622.6	240.2(r)	277.3(r)
1964 - January .....	299.6	242.5	239.2	587.8	241.7	276.5
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
1961 .....	286.8	221.9	223.6	550.2	223.7	261.6
1962 .....	296.2	230.8	234.5	560.0	227.9	268.9
1963 .....	306.5	234.3	249.3	587.3	236.1	278.4
1961 - January .....	281.6	219.1	223.6	532.2	223.4	258.3
1962 - January .....	293.2	229.1	234.5	549.8	226.2	266.4
1963 - January .....	306.0(r)	234.6	249.3(r)	583.4	232.3	276.5(r)
- April .....	306.6(r)	235.5	249.3(r)	583.7	235.9	278.3(r)
- August .....	307.0(r)	232.7	249.3(r)	594.7	240.1(r)	280.3(r)
1964 - January .....	311.7	236.8	249.3	605.9	242.5	284.0
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
1961 .....	277.8	231.3	218.0	588.5	224.7	256.5
1962 .....	285.3	239.3	222.4	598.9	229.1	262.8
1963 .....	291.0	240.9	230.5	619.5	237.2	269.5
1961 - January .....	264.5	227.7	218.0	509.7	224.4	248.5
1962 - January .....	273.6	237.9	222.4	521.0	226.7	254.8
1963 - January .....	280.2(r)	240.5	230.5(r)	543.8	234.1	261.8(r)
- April .....	295.6(r)	241.0	230.5(r)	652.5	237.1	272.2(r)
- August .....	297.1(r)	241.2	230.5(r)	662.3	240.4	274.4(r)
1964 - January .....	287.5	247.9	230.5	562.1	240.9	268.9

(a) 1964 indexes are subject to revision, since tax and interest rate figures are preliminary.  
 (r) Revised figures.

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

	Farm Mach- inery	Build- ing Mater- ials	Gas- line, Oil, Grease	Feed	Com- pounded Ferti- lizer	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
1961 .....	261.4	324.3	156.5	210.9	194.6	241.0	195.8	242.0
1962 .....	268.8	326.3	157.8	232.2	193.8	235.3	218.8	247.2
1963 .....	273.6	334.2	157.6	232.0	201.6	268.9	205.7	249.2
1961 - January .....	260.8	325.3	154.3	205.2	189.8	226.1	185.3	242.0
1962 - January .....	267.9	325.5	157.7	227.9	188.6	235.3	220.6	244.3
1963 - January .....	273.3	329.2	157.1	236.5	196.2	255.5	212.3	249.7
- April .....	273.8	330.5	156.6	234.6	204.0	275.6	210.5	248.3
- August .....	273.8	342.9	159.1	224.9	204.7	275.6	194.4	249.6
1964 - January .....	280.4	347.5	159.9	227.4	198.3	336.2	208.6	250.3
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
1961 .....	265.5	296.5	176.2	208.6	197.4	241.0	190.8	232.8
1962 .....	272.6	298.6	178.1	229.4	196.2	235.3	207.2	236.1
1963 .....	277.8	305.6	176.9	232.0	204.6	268.9	201.8	239.6
1961 - January .....	264.8	297.8	174.2	203.7	192.1	226.1	188.1	232.9
1962 - January .....	271.9	297.9	177.8	226.0	190.5	235.3	211.5	234.8
1963 - January .....	277.5	301.4	175.6	237.3	198.6	255.5	209.1	238.1
- April .....	277.9	302.0	174.4	235.1	207.3	275.6	208.9	239.8
- August .....	277.9	313.3	180.8	223.5	207.8	275.6	187.4	240.8
1964 - January .....	284.1	315.8	183.0	226.9	200.3	336.2	208.2	241.3
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
1961 .....	259.8	353.6	145.2	219.1	167.5	241.0	200.0	252.4
1962 .....	267.3	355.5	146.1	242.2	170.4	235.3	228.5	259.6
1963 .....	272.0	364.4	146.5	232.1	173.3	268.9	209.0	260.0
1961 - January .....	259.2	354.3	142.8	210.7	168.6	226.1	183.0	252.3
1962 - January .....	266.3	354.5	146.1	234.8	170.0	235.3	228.2	254.9
1963 - January .....	271.7	358.6	146.4	233.8	172.9	255.5	214.9	262.8
- April .....	272.2	360.5	146.4	232.7	171.9	275.6	211.9	257.8
- August .....	272.2	374.2	146.6	229.9	175.0	275.6	200.3	259.4
1964 - January .....	278.9	381.0	146.7	229.4	179.4	336.2	209.0	260.4





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TABLE 3. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES

USED IN FARM FAMILY LIVING  
(1935-39 = 100)

	Compo- site Index	Food	Cloth- ing	Fuel	House- hold Equip- ment	Health Mainten- ance	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
1961 .....	224.2	238.6	244.0	218.6	260.5	249.8	126.4
1962 .....	228.5	245.0	247.3	218.4	268.6	255.9	126.5
1963 .....	236.6	263.2	253.7	221.3	274.2	265.7	126.2
1961 - January .....	223.9	238.8	245.1	219.4	257.6	247.8	126.4
1962 - January .....	226.4	243.2	245.1	217.8	265.0	252.1	126.0
1963 - January .....	233.2	255.4	249.7	220.3	272.8	264.4	126.2
- April .....	236.5	261.4	254.4	222.2	273.8	266.4	126.2
- August .....	240.2(r)	272.7	257.0	221.4	276.1	266.4	126.2(r)
1964 - January .....	241.7	276.7	257.0	224.4	276.1	269.0	126.6
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
1961 .....	223.7	243.6	245.0	192.5	255.0	249.8	127.6
1962 .....	227.9	247.5	249.1	194.4	263.3	255.8	127.7
1963 .....	236.1	265.5	256.0	197.2	269.4	265.5	127.5
1961 - January .....	223.4	243.7	246.2	193.8	252.0	247.7	127.6
1962 - January .....	226.2	246.6	246.8	193.4	261.2	252.0	127.2
1963 - January .....	232.3	257.4	251.5	196.9	266.3	264.2	127.5
- April .....	235.9	263.4	256.2	197.7	269.8	266.2	127.5
- August .....	240.1(r)	275.6	260.2	196.9	272.0	266.2	127.5(r)
1964 - January .....	242.5	282.8	260.2	201.7	272.0	268.9	128.0
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
1961 .....	224.7	233.5	243.0	244.7	266.1	249.9	125.2
1962 .....	229.1	242.5	245.6	242.3	273.8	255.9	125.2
1963 .....	237.2	260.9	251.4	245.4	279.1	265.8	124.9
1961 - January .....	224.4	233.8	244.0	245.1	263.3	247.8	125.2
1962 - January .....	226.7	239.8	243.4	242.1	268.8	252.2	124.8
1963 - January .....	234.1	253.5	247.9	243.7	279.3	264.5	124.9
- April .....	237.1	259.5	252.5	246.6	277.8	266.5	124.9
- August .....	240.4	269.8	253.7	245.9	280.2	266.5	124.9(r)
1964 - January .....	240.9	270.6	253.7	247.1	280.2	269.2	125.2

(r) Revised figures.