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FARM FAMILY LIVING COSTS, 1941 (FALL)
(1935-1939=100)

The 1941 fall index number of Canadian farm family living costs was 116.0 as compared with a spring index of 112.3. The eastern Canada index advanced 3.4 per cent to 116.7 and the western series 3.1 per cent to 114.9. These increases were appreciably less than the corresponding 4.7 per cent rise to 113.7 in the urban index. The 3.3 per cent increase in the general farm living costs index compared with a 3.7 per cent increase in the corresponding indexes of wholesale prices for Canadian farm products.

The principal increase between the spring and fall periods came in food-stuffs. The Dominion farm index for foods moved from 113.8 to 123.2 during this interval. The eastern index advanced 10.1 points to 125.1 while the western series increased 8.4 points to 120.3. This was less than the 11.2 point increase in the urban retail food price index.

The farm clothing index advanced further from 120.2 to 123.5 due mainly to continued increases in men's work clothes such as overalls and work trousers. Small advances in women's clothing and footwear had little effect upon the clothing index.

The farm fuel costs index moved up 2.0 points to 107.8, with the rise in the eastern index almost exactly double the increase in the western series since the beginning of the war. Western Canada coal prices have not advanced nearly as rapidly as those for Ontario and Quebec.

The household equipment index advanced 2.4 points from 115.7 to 118.1, the eastern series mounting 1.7 to 118.6, and the western series 3.4 to 117.4.

The health maintenance index remained at 103.0, while the miscellaneous group gained fractionally from 102.4 to 102.5

Table 1. - Index Numbers of Canadian Farm Living Costs and Related Series, 1913-1941.
(1935-39=100 for all series except the Canadian Farm Products
Prices Index which is on a 1926 base)

Year	Canadian Farm Living Costs			Canadian Urban Living Costs	Wholesale Prices of Canadian Farm Products 1926=100
	Eastern Canada	Western Canada	Dominion Average		
1913.....	77.6	82.6	79.6	79.7	64.1
1920.....	168.2	174.4	170.7	150.5	160.6
1926.....	120.2	121.9	120.9	121.8	100.0
1927.....	118.5	121.1	119.5	119.9	102.1
1928.....	117.4	119.7	118.3	120.5	100.7
1929.....	117.5	117.2	117.4	121.7	100.8
1930.....	113.5	114.0	113.7	120.8	82.3
1931.....	103.3	104.4	103.7	109.1	56.3
1932.....	97.4	98.2	97.7	99.0	48.4
1933.....	95.5	96.1	95.7	94.4	51.0
1934.....	97.6	98.1	97.8	95.6	59.0
1935.....	97.8	98.1	97.9	96.2	63.5
1936.....	98.3	98.3	98.3	98.1	69.4
1937.....	102.8	102.8	102.8	101.2	87.1
1938.....	102.0	101.7	101.9	102.2	73.6
1939 - Spring.....	99.7	99.6	99.7	100.6	65.5
Fall.....	99.2	99.2	99.2	100.8	58.4
1940 - Spring.....	107.2	106.1	106.8	104.6	72.1
Fall.....	110.6	109.9	110.3	105.9	62.7
1941 - Spring.....	112.9	111.4	112.3	108.6	69.5
Fall.....	116.7	114.9	116.0	113.7	72.1

Table 2. - Group Index Numbers of Canadian Farm Living Costs, 1940-1941.
(1935-39 = 100)

	Eastern Canada Farm Families	Western Canada Farm Families	Dominion Average for Farm Families
<u>COMPOSITE INDEX</u>			
1940 - Spring.....	107.2	106.1	106.8
Fall.....	110.6	109.9	110.3
1941 - Spring.....	112.9	111.4	112.3
Fall.....	116.7	114.9	116.0
<u>FOOD</u>			
1940 - Spring	108.0	106.3	107.3
Fall	108.2	107.1	107.8
1941 - Spring	115.0	111.9	113.8
Fall	125.1	120.3	123.2
<u>CLOTHING</u>			
1940 - Spring	114.0	111.7	113.1
Fall	121.1	120.4	120.8
1941 - Spring	120.4	120.0	120.2
Fall	124.0	122.8	123.5
<u>FUEL</u>			
1940 - Spring	102.0	101.6	101.8
Fall	102.6	101.4	102.1
1941 - Spring	106.6	104.6	105.8
Fall	109.1	105.8	107.8
<u>HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT</u>			
1940 - Spring	108.3	108.3	108.3
Fall	114.7	114.2	114.5
1941 - Spring	116.9	114.0	115.7
Fall	118.6	117.4	118.1
<u>HEALTH MAINTENANCE</u>			
1940 - Spring	100.8	100.9	100.8
Fall	100.8	100.9	100.8
1941 - Spring	103.0	103.0	103.0
Fall	103.0	103.0	103.0
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>			
1940 - Spring	100.2	100.1	100.2
Fall	102.7	102.4	102.6
1941 - Spring	102.5	102.3	102.4
Fall	102.6	102.3	102.5



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