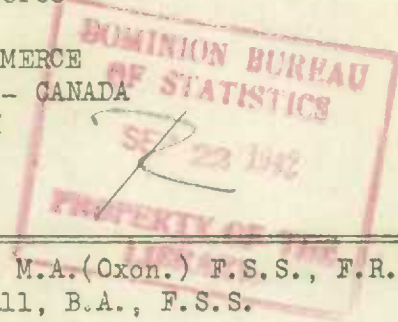


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FARM FAMILY LIVING COSTS, AUGUST 1942
(1935-1939=100)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index of farm family living costs advanced by 1.3 p.c. between April and August 1942, from 118.4 to 119.9. This series measures changes in a budget for living requirements purchased by farm families. It does not include cost of housing, or foods ordinarily produced and consumed by individual farm households. The farm living costs index thus differs materially from the official cost-of-living index in which rentals and farm produce are important items. Between April and August, the official cost-of-living index advanced 1.6 p.c. to 117.7.

The increase of 1.3 p.c. in the farm family cost-of-living index compared with an increase of 2.1 p.c. in the Canadian wholesale price index of farm products.

The eastern regional farm living cost index rose 1.1 p.c. and the western series rose 1.5 p.c. The increases in the general index for the Dominion and for both eastern and western regional indexes were due to advances in the food, clothing, and household equipment groups. Indexes for health maintenance and the miscellaneous groups remained unchanged. The fuel index did not change for western Canada but dropped 0.2 p.c. for eastern Canada and 0.1 p.c. for Canada as a whole.

In the food group the increase was 2.1 p.c. for the eastern, western and Dominion indexes. There were small but rather general decreases in the price of cheese, butter, and lard but these were more than offset by increases in the price of fresh beef, fresh pork, bacon, prunes, coffee, tea, and canned goods with the exception of canned tomatoes. The August food price index was 34.4 p.c. above the August 1939 level.

Clothing prices advanced 1.4 p.c. between April and August and a total of 26.0 p.c. between August of 1939 and 1942. There was an increase of 1.6 p.c. in the western series as compared with an increase of 1.4 p.c. for the East. While most of the prices for articles represented in the index remained constant the prices of rubbers and woollen goods rose perceptibly.

The fuel index was the only one to register a loss for the Dominion. A decrease of 0.1 p.c. was noted for the Dominion with a decrease of 0.2 for the East. The western index remained the same.

The composite household group showed a rise of 1.4 p.c. for the Dominion with increases of 1.1 p.c. and 1.7 p.c. for the eastern and western indexes, respectively. Price rises were particularly noticeable in sewing machines, kitchen ranges and woollen goods.

The health maintenance group which included such items as doctor's and dentist's fees and hospital charges remained unchanged. This was true also for the miscellaneous group consisting of life insurance, newspapers, magazines, telephone, etc.

Table 1. - Index Numbers of Canadian Farm Living Costs and Related Series, 1913-1942.
(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	118.5	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 - 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
1942 - Spring	119.0	117.5	118.4	115.9	79.5
Fall	120.3	119.2	119.9	117.7	81.2

Table 2. - Group Index Numbers of Canadian Farm Living Costs, 1941-1942.
(1935-39=100)

	Eastern Canada	Western Canada	Dominion Average
<u>COMPOSITE INDEX</u>			
1941 - Fall	116.7	114.9	116.0
1942 - Spring	119.0	117.5	118.4
Fall	120.3	119.2	119.9
<u>FOOD</u>			
1941 - Fall	125.1	120.3	123.2
1942 - Spring	129.0	122.8	126.5
Fall	131.7	125.4	129.2
<u>CLOTHING</u>			
1941 - Fall	124.0	122.8	123.5
1942 - Spring	125.2	124.0	124.7
Fall	126.9	126.0	126.5
<u>FUEL</u>			
1941 - Fall	109.1	105.8	107.8
1942 - Spring	113.7	108.7	111.7
Fall	123.1	128.4	111.6
<u>HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT</u>			
1941 - Fall	118.6	117.4	118.1
1942 - Spring	121.8	126.0	123.5
Fall	104.0	128.4	125.2
<u>HEALTH MAINTENANCE</u>			
1941 - Fall	103.0	103.0	103.0
1942 - Spring	104.0	104.1	104.0
Fall	104.0	104.1	104.0
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>			
1941 - Fall	102.6	102.3	102.5
1942 - Spring	103.4	103.1	103.3
Fall	103.4	103.1	103.3

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