

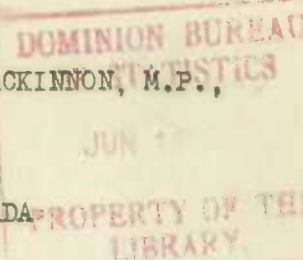
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FARM FAMILY LIVING COSTS, APRIL, 1943  
(1935-1939=100)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index of farm family living costs advanced from 119.9 for August, 1942 to 121.3 for April, 1943. This index reflects changes in the cost of a family living budget for farm families. It does not include the cost of housing, or of foods ordinarily produced on the farms for home consumption. In these respects it differs noticeably from the official cost-of-living index in which rentals and retail prices of farm produce are important items.

The increase of 1.4 points (1.2 p.c.) in the farm family cost-of-living index may be compared with an increase of 13.5 p.c. in the Canadian wholesale price index of farm products between August, 1942 and April, 1943.

The index increase of 1.4 points corresponds to the following increases (in points) for different budget groups: household equipment 2.1, fuel 4.3, food 1.8, clothing 0.6, health 1.7 and miscellaneous 0.4

The eastern regional farm living cost index rose 1.7 p.c., the western index 2.3 p.c. Contributing factors are noted in the following comments.

Food index prices advanced 1.6 p.c. for Eastern Canada, 0.9 p.c. for the West, and 1.3 p.c. for the Dominion as a whole. Price decreases were noted in tea, coffee, raisins, currants and oatmeal, but these were more than offset by increases in meats, lard, canned fruit and vegetables, and jams. The April food price index was 36.9 p.c. above the August, 1939 level.

The clothing price index advanced 0.5 p.c. for the Dominion, and 0.6 p.c. and 0.3 p.c. for the East and West respectively. The increases were mainly small but general in woollen goods such as sweaters and blankets, in certain cotton goods and linen table napkins. This index was 26.6 p.c. above the fall 1939 level.

The fuel index rose 2.0 p.c. in the East, 7.1 p.c. in the West, and 3.9 p.c. for all Canada. Considerable increases occurred in the price of wood in British Columbia, and there were small increases in wood prices in the other provinces. There has been a rise of 13.8 p.c. in the fuel index since 1939.

The household equipment group showed a rise of 1.2 p.c. for the East, 2.2 p.c. for the West and 1.7 p.c. for all Canada. The April index was 26.5 p.c. above that of August, 1939.

The health maintenance index rose 1.6 p.c. Doctors' and dentists' fees were slightly higher, but increased hospital fees accounted for most of the increase in the index. The April index was 4.9 p.c. above the August, 1939 level.

The miscellaneous group index rose 0.4 p.c. The advance was due mainly to increases in the newspaper and life insurance sub-groups. There was a 3.1 p.c. increase from August, 1939 to April, 1943 in this group.

Table 1. - Index Numbers of Canadian Farm Living Costs (1935-1939=100), and Wholesale Prices of Canadian Farm Products (1926=100), 1913-1943.

Year	Canadian Farm Living Costs			Wholesale Prices of Canadian Farm Products 1926=100
	Eastern Canada	Western Canada	Dominion Average	
1913 .....	77.6	82.6	79.6	64.1
1920 .....	168.2	174.4	170.7	160.6
1926 .....	120.2	121.9	120.9	100.0
1927 .....	118.5	121.1	119.5	102.1
1928 .....	117.4	119.7	118.3	100.7
1929 .....	117.5	117.2	117.4	100.8
1930 .....	113.5	114.0	113.7	82.3
1931 .....	103.3	104.4	103.7	56.3
1932 .....	97.4	98.2	97.7	48.4
1933 .....	95.5	96.1	95.7	51.0
1934 .....	97.6	98.1	97.8	59.0
1935 .....	97.8	98.1	97.9	63.5
1936 .....	98.3	98.3	98.3	69.4
1937 .....	102.8	102.8	102.8	87.1
1938 .....	102.0	101.7	101.9	73.6
1939 - Fall .....	99.2	99.2	99.2	58.4
1940 - Fall .....	110.6	109.9	110.3	62.7
1941 - Spring .....	112.9	111.4	112.3	69.5
Fall .....	116.7	114.9	116.0	72.1
1942 - Spring .....	119.0	117.5	118.4	81.4
Fall .....	120.3	119.2	119.9	81.3
1943 - Spring .....	121.6	120.9	121.3	92.3

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>			
1942 - Spring .....	119.0	117.5	118.4
Fall .....	120.3	119.2	119.9
1943 - Spring .....	121.6	120.9	121.3
<u>FOOD</u>			
1942 - Spring .....	129.0	122.8	126.5
Fall .....	131.7	125.4	129.2
1943 - Spring .....	133.8	126.7	131.0
<u>CLOTHING</u>			
1942 - Spring .....	125.2	124.0	124.7
Fall .....	126.9	126.0	126.5
1943 - Spring .....	127.3	126.7	127.1
<u>FUEL</u>			
1942 - Spring .....	113.7	108.7	111.7
Fall .....	113.5	108.7	111.6
1943 - Spring .....	115.8	116.0	115.9
<u>HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT</u>			
1942 - Spring .....	121.8	126.0	123.5
Fall .....	123.1	128.4	125.2
1943 - Spring .....	124.6	131.3	127.3
<u>HEALTH MAINTENANCE</u>			
1942 - Spring .....	104.0	104.1	104.0
Fall .....	104.0	104.1	104.0
1943 - Spring .....	105.7	105.7	105.7
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>			
1942 - Spring .....	103.4	103.1	103.3
Fall .....	103.4	103.1	103.3
1943 - Spring .....	103.8	103.6	103.7





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TABLE 1.1 - Summary of the results of the 1981 Census of Canada				
Province or Territory	Population	Male	Female	Population
Alberta	2,407,000	1,180,000	1,227,000	2,407,000
Saskatchewan	950,000	470,000	480,000	950,000
Manitoba	1,150,000	580,000	570,000	1,150,000
Ontario	10,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	10,000,000
Quebec	6,500,000	3,250,000	3,250,000	6,500,000
Atlantic	2,500,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	2,500,000
Total	23,507,000	11,753,500	11,753,500	23,507,000

TABLE 1.2 - Detailed results of the 1981 Census of Canada				
Province or Territory	Population	Male	Female	Population
Alberta	2,407,000	1,180,000	1,227,000	2,407,000
Saskatchewan	950,000	470,000	480,000	950,000
Manitoba	1,150,000	580,000	570,000	1,150,000
Ontario	10,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	10,000,000
Quebec	6,500,000	3,250,000	3,250,000	6,500,000
Atlantic	2,500,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	2,500,000
Total	23,507,000	11,753,500	11,753,500	23,507,000