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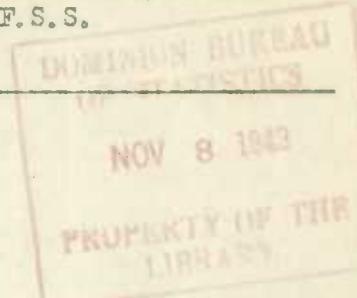
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FARM FAMILY LIVING COSTS, AUGUST, 1943.  
(1935-1939=100)



The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of farm living costs advanced from 121.2 for April, 1943 to 121.9 for August, 1943. This index reflects the influence of price changes upon the cost of a farm family living budget including purchased goods only. It differs noticeably from the official cost-of-living index in which rentals and retail prices of farm produce are important items. This difference has been mainly responsible for variation between the farm and official cost-of-living indexes.

The increase of 0.7 points (0.6 p.c.) in the farm family cost-of-living index may be compared with an increase of 5.6 p.c. in the Canadian wholesale price index of farm products between April, 1943 and August, 1943.

The increase of 0.7 points in the farm cost-of-living index corresponds to the following changes (in points) for its component budget groups: Food +1.8, Fuel +1.3, Clothing -0.3, Household Equipment +0.3, Health 0.0, and Miscellaneous +0.7.

The eastern regional farm living cost index rose 0.5 p.c., the western index 0.6 p.c. Contributing factors are noted in the following comments.

The food index for all Canada advanced 1.4 p.c., while the eastern regional index moved up 1.2 p.c. and the western 1.7 p.c. The increase was effected by higher prices for meats, fruits, vegetables, and cereals. Only dairy products registered a drop (1.9 p.c.). The August, 1943 food index was 38.8 p.c. above the August, 1939 level.

The clothing price index did not advance for the period. Only minor fluctuations for individual prices were noted in both the eastern and western sectional indexes. The August index for all Canada was 26.4 p.c. above that for August, 1939.

The fuel index rose 1.1 p.c. in the East, 1.5 p.c. in the West, and 1.3 p.c. for all Canada. The rise resulted mainly from increased coal prices in the Maritimes, and wood prices in Ontario, Saskatchewan and British Columbia. This index was 16.8 p.c. above its August, 1939 level.

The household equipment index rose 0.3 p.c. for the East, 0.1 p.c. for the West, and 0.2 p.c. for all Canada. For August, it was 27.0 p.c. higher than for August, 1939.

The health maintenance index did not change during the period. It remained 4.9 p.c. above the 1939 level.

The miscellaneous group index rose 0.7 p.c. for all Canada, 0.7 p.c. in the East and 0.6 p.c. in the West. These increases reflected higher prices for magazines and for maintenance and repairs for motor vehicles. The index was 3.8 p.c. above the August, 1939 level.

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 .....	168.3	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 .....	103.8	102.8	102.8	87.1
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	120.7	121.2	92.3
Fall .....	122.2	121.4	121.9	97.5

Table 2. - Group Index Numbers of Canadian Farm Living Costs, 1942-1943.  
(1935-39=100)

	Eastern Canada	Western Canada	Dominion Average
<u>COMPOSITE INDEX</u>			
1942 - Fall .....	120.3	119.2	119.9
1943 - Spring .....	121.6	120.7	121.2
Fall .....	122.2	121.4	121.9
<u>FOOD</u>			
1942 - Fall .....	131.7	125.4	129.2
1943 - Spring .....	133.8	126.7	131.0
Fall .....	135.4	128.9	132.8
<u>CLOTHING</u>			
1942 - Fall .....	126.9	126.0	126.5
1943 - Spring .....	127.3	126.7	127.1
Fall .....	127.2	126.2	126.8
<u>FUEL</u>			
1942 - Fall .....	113.5	108.7	111.6
1943 - Spring .....	115.8	113.4	114.8
Fall .....	117.1	115.1	116.3
<u>HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT</u>			
1942 - Fall .....	123.1	128.4	125.2
1943 - Spring .....	124.6	131.4	127.3
Fall .....	125.0	131.5	127.6
<u>HEALTH MAINTENANCE</u>			
1942 - Fall .....	104.0	104.1	104.0
1943 - Spring .....	105.7	105.7	105.7
Fall .....	105.7	105.7	105.7
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>			
1942 - Fall .....	103.4	103.1	103.3
1943 - Spring .....	103.8	103.6	103.7
Fall .....	104.5	104.2	104.4

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