

42.—Average Index Numbers of Farm Prices of Agricultural Products, by Provinces, 1939-45, and by Months, 1946 and 1947

(1935-39=100)

NOTE.—A description of this index, its coverage and the methods used will be found in the "Quarterly Bulletin of Agricultural Statistics" for October-December, 1946.

Year and Month	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
1939 Average.....	104.6	107.6	111.4	100.4	99.2	85.6	79.9	84.9	98.8	91.8
1940 Average.....	101.6	99.6	110.1	103.7	104.2	92.8	86.5	90.6	103.6	96.8
1941 Average.....	105.2	117.1	115.5	127.4	120.2	103.7	93.8	102.8	114.5	110.2
1942 Average.....	156.2	144.1	160.4	153.4	147.0	122.2	110.5	121.7	140.6	133.1
1943 Average.....	190.3	169.1	181.4	172.6	165.0	151.3	139.9	149.9	175.9	157.8
1944 Average.....	172.7	173.3	171.9	171.7	168.7	173.1	171.4	176.9	179.7	172.3
1945 Average.....	196.7	180.8	195.3	179.5	174.0	181.2	181.6	186.6	187.7	180.7
1946—										
January.....	196.3	187.6	209.7	188.2	180.3	186.1	187.8	191.9	196.4	187.1
February.....	203.0	187.6	209.0	188.4	182.1	187.2	188.6	193.6	195.6	188.3
March.....	205.6	191.2	216.5	188.3	181.8	187.8	188.4	193.9	196.3	188.6
April.....	210.5	192.4	218.4	190.6	184.0	190.3	189.9	196.8	197.4	190.7
May.....	216.2	197.5	221.9	194.4	186.9	191.6	191.1	197.3	197.5	192.8
June.....	214.4	199.6	232.4	198.0	189.7	193.5	192.0	199.4	201.6	195.2
July.....	217.1	201.1	229.4	201.4	191.4	193.7	192.5	200.2	208.6	196.7
August.....	237.2	206.5	224.4	202.9	190.3	195.2	192.0	199.7	199.8	196.3
September.....	176.6	186.1	193.4	199.3	188.7	194.0	190.5	198.6	197.0	193.0
October.....	166.9	183.0	181.3	201.9	189.1	194.1	190.8	195.9	195.6	192.5
November.....	161.6	181.0	180.0	203.6	190.1	194.6	191.0	196.1	196.7	193.0
December.....	161.8	179.4	176.1	205.1	190.1	195.2	192.4	197.4	198.7	193.8
1946 Average.....	197.4	191.1	207.7	196.8	187.0	191.9	190.6	196.7	198.4	192.3
1947—										
January.....	155.8	178.9	179.6	206.5	190.3	197.7	193.1	198.6	199.1	194.6
February.....	155.2	178.1	180.1	205.6	190.0	199.2	194.1	201.4	197.4	195.2
March.....	165.4	177.6	184.3	206.0	192.6	201.0	196.4	204.5	197.9	197.4
April.....	166.2	178.9	182.1	204.2	192.7	203.5	197.2	207.0	200.4	198.2
May.....	168.4	179.7	191.7	205.6	195.0	204.8	198.5	208.4	200.5	200.0
June.....	175.6	183.1	196.5	209.0	201.8	206.6	199.3	208.8	201.0	203.1
July.....	179.9	185.7	197.9	209.9	202.0	205.4	198.2	208.1	208.9	203.2
August.....	211.0	196.0	216.5	213.1	204.6	204.2	197.8	206.6	208.1	204.8
September.....	196.6	192.9	212.0	220.4	207.9	206.9	199.8	211.3	218.8	208.4
October.....	183.3	193.8	207.6	221.5	209.5	207.9	199.8	209.1	219.5	208.5
November.....	194.9	198.2	224.2	222.8	213.0	219.6	202.0	211.4	220.7	212.2
December.....	211.6	206.2	228.4	229.4	224.3	221.6	205.5	214.1	223.7	218.3
1947 Average.....	180.3	187.4	200.1	212.8	202.0	206.5	198.5	207.4	208.0	203.7

Subsection 10.—Census Statistics of Agriculture in the Prairie Provinces, 1921-1946*

Some of the major changes that have taken place in agriculture during the period 1921-46 in the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta are shown in Table 43, pp. 394-395.

The farm population, 50.8 p.c. of the total population in 1931, showed an actual decrease of 16.8 p.c. between 1931 and 1946 and represented only 42.1 p.c. of total population in the latter year. While the number of occupied farms increased by only 5.5 p.c. the number of farm operators, 60 years of age and over, increased from 22,728 to 44,878 or by 97.5 p.c. between 1921 and 1946. The number of

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