

Economic Trends Affecting Agriculture

| Year | Wholesale Price Index of all Commodities (1) (1910-14—100) | Index of Prices Received by Farmers (2) (1910-14—100) | Prices Paid by Farmers (3) (1910-14—100) | Cost of Living Index (1) (1935-39—100) |
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| | U.S. | N. Dak. | U.S. | U.S. |
| 1935..... | 117 | ... | 109 | 125 |
| 1936..... | 118 | ... | 114 | 124 |
| 1937..... | 126 | ... | 122 | 130 |
| 1938..... | 115 | ... | 97 | 122 |
| 1939..... | 113 | 80 | 95 | 121 |
| 1940..... | 115 | 86 | 100 | 123 |
| 1941..... | 127 | 102 | 124 | 131 |
| 1942..... | 144 | 129 | 159 | 152 |
| 1943..... | 151 | 162 | 192 | 167 |
| 1944..... | 152 | 174 | 195 | 176 |
| 1945..... | 154 | 184 | 202 | 180 |
| 1946..... | 177 | 224 | 233 | 202 |
| 1947..... | 222 | 308 | 278 | 246 |
| | | | | 159 |
| 1948 | | | | |
| January..... | 242 | 355 | 307 | 251 |
| February..... | 233 | 293 | 279 | 248 |
| March..... | 236 | 307 | 283 | 247 |
| April..... | 238 | 312 | 291 | 249 |
| May..... | 239 | 306 | 289 | 250 |

(1) Bureau of Labor Statistics.

(2) United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

(3) Agricultural Prices, Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Recent Federal Publications of Interest to North Dakotans

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"Oil Crops in American Farming" by P. L. Hansen and R. L. Mitchell, Technical Bulletin No. 940, U. S. Department of Agriculture—November, 1947. The authors are Agricultural Economists in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture. For sale by Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. Price not stated.

"The Farm Real Estate Situation 1946-47" by D. R. Johnson, Circular No. 70, U. S. Department of Agriculture, March 1948. The author is an Agricultural Economist. The bulletin is for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. Ten cents.

"The Balance Sheet of Agriculture, 1947" by N. J. Wall and others, Division of Agricultural Finance, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Misc. Pub. No. 642, U. S. Department of Agriculture, 1947. For sale by Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. Price fifteen cents.