



PRICE MOVEMENTS

JULY 1961

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index remained unchanged at 129.0 between June and July 1961. Seasonally higher prices within the food component and a slight increase in the Health and Personal Care component were offset by declines in the Clothing, Transportation, and Recreation and Reading components. The Housing, and Tobacco and Alcohol indexes remained unchanged over the period.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1961		
		July	June	May
All-Items	100	129.0	129.0	129.0
Food	27	124.9	123.5	123.2
Housing (2)	32	132.9	132.9	132.9
Clothing	11	112.2	112.5	112.4
Transportation	12	138.7	141.2	141.8
Health and Personal Care	7	155.1	155.0	155.3
Recreation and Reading	5	145.0	145.8	146.0
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	115.8	115.8	115.8

- (1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.
 (2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index increased 1.1 per cent to 124.9 from 123.5 due, primarily, to seasonally higher prices for most fresh vegetables and eggs. Increased prices for some meat items and coffee were also recorded. The increases were partially offset by lower prices for a variety of fresh fruit items, particularly oranges, grapes and strawberries.

The Housing component remained unchanged at 132.9 over the period. A slight increase in the shelter index was balanced by a similar decline in the household operation index. Both the rent and home-ownership sub groups advanced slightly due to increased repair prices and in the latter sub group prices were higher for new houses. Within household operation, the homefurnishings index declined as a result of lower prices for most appliances and furniture items, carpets and cotton sheets. Prices of dishes and glassware increased, however. The

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹
(1935 - 1939 = 100)

The index of 30 industrial materials moved 1.1 per cent higher between June 30th and July 21st. Commodity price changes included substantial increases for oats, linseed oil and white lead, and more modest advances for hogs, wheat, domestic zinc, rosin, raw rubber, beef hides and fir timber. Showing lower were raw sugar, raw wool, tin, sisal, and steers.

In the same three-week period, the index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets advanced 2.2 per cent. The Animal Products index moved up 2.4 per cent as egg prices showed sharply higher and more moderate increases were reported for hogs on both East and West markets, lambs and cheesemilk in the East, and calves and steers in the West. Prices were lower for raw wool in the West, and for calves and steers in the East. The Field Products Index moved up 1.8 per cent reflecting price increases for rye on both markets, hay and flax in the West, and barley, potatoes, corn, oats and peas in the East. Prices were lower for hay and wheat in the East and potatoes in the West.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1961 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	July 28th	July 21st	July 14th	July 7th	June 30th	July ^(P) 1961	June 1961	July 1960
Industrial Materials.....	AVAILABLE	247.8	248.4	247.7	245.0	248.0	239.7	240.5
Canadian Farm Products	AVAILABLE	218.7	216.1	214.5	214.0	216.4	216.5	228.4
Field	AVAILABLE	167.8	165.5	165.6	164.9	166.3	166.8	186.7
Animal.....	AVAILABLE	269.5	266.8	263.4	263.1	266.6	266.3	270.1
Regional Indexes:								
Eastern Canada	NOT AVAILABLE	240.9	237.4	235.5	235.4	237.9	238.8	246.4
Western Canada	NOT AVAILABLE	196.4	194.9	193.5	192.6	194.9	194.2	210.4

(1) - All 1961 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1960 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(P) - Preliminary, average of 3 weeks.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: The Investors Index of 91 common stock prices, on the base 1935-39 = 100, moved up 0.7 per cent in the four-week period June 29th to July 27th. The indexes for two major groups advanced with 6 Banks up 1.5 per cent, and 71 Industrials up 0.7 per cent, while the index of 14 Utilities declined 0.4 per cent. Six sub-groups within Industrials moved higher over the four weeks, led by Industrial Mines up 6.0 per cent from 313.3 to 332.1, and Milling and Grains up 2.3 per cent from 245.1 to 250.7. The Machinery and Equipment sub-group declined 6.9 per cent from 788.0 to 733.6. All three sub-groups within Utilities declined fractionally over the four weeks.

The index of 27 Mining stocks rose 6.3 per cent in the period under review, reflecting increases of 8.7 per cent for 21 Golds and 4.5 per cent for 6 Base Metals.

Three of the supplementary indexes, on the base 1956 = 100, declined as follows: 9 Primary Oils and Gas, 6.8 per cent; 5 Investment and Loan, 0.6 per cent; and 5 Pipelines, 0.5 per cent. For 7 Uraniums, the index rose 4.3 per cent.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

	1961 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	July 27th	July 20th	July 13th	July 6th	June 29th	July 1961	June 1961	July 1960
(1935-1939=100)								
Investors Price Index								
91 Common Stocks	319.4	315.8	318.3	323.6	317.3	319.3	316.4	243.6
Industrials(71).....	334.8	331.4	333.6	340.4	332.4	335.0	330.9	249.8
Utilities(14).....	219.4	217.7	220.3	221.5	220.2	219.7	223.2	187.3
Banks(6).....	395.9	386.6	391.3	392.0	390.0	391.4	385.5	311.5
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks	132.0	128.2	127.9	127.7	124.2	129.0	121.9	95.5
Golds(21).....	80.9	76.7	76.2	75.1	74.4	77.2	73.8	64.7
Base Metals(6).....	249.0	246.2	246.2	248.0	238.3	247.4	232.1	166.0
(1956=100)								
5 Pipelines	134.3	131.8	133.0	136.0	135.0	133.8	137.8	96.4
5 Investment and loan	184.9	185.2	186.1	184.8	186.0	185.2	179.6	119.2
7 Uraniums	72.7	71.0	71.2	72.4	69.7	71.8	71.5	55.4
9 Primary Oil and Gas	53.4	52.7	53.4	55.9	57.3	53.8	58.2	42.2



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household supplies and services index advanced slightly with higher prices for toilet paper, floor wax and household help.

The Clothing index moved down from 112.5 to 112.2, a decline of 0.3 per cent, as slightly lower prices were recorded for men's wear and more significant declines occurred in women's wear and piece goods. The decrease was primarily due to sale prices for men's suits, women's street dresses and spring coats, and dress material.

A decline of 1.8 per cent occurred in the Transportation index which moved to 138.7 from 141.2, as a result of reductions in automobile prices. The removal of the excise tax on passenger cars combined with normal seasonal price declines appreciably lowered the index for automobile purchase. The price of gasoline advanced slightly over the period.

The Health and Personal Care index moved up fractionally from 155.0 to 155.1, an increase of 0.1 per cent. The health care component was unchanged over the period while the index of personal care supplies increased 0.2 per cent.

The Recreation and Reading index declined 0.5 per cent to 145.0 from 145.8. The decrease was due to the recreation component in which prices of television sets and radios declined seasonally.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index remained unchanged at 115.8.