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WORLD PRICE MOVEMENTS

SECOND HALF OF 1949

Living costs continued to move higher in most countries in the second half of 1949, but at a somewhat slower pace. The devaluation of the pound sterling on September 18, was followed by a general readjustment of nearly all foreign currencies and was reflected in a realignment of international price levels.

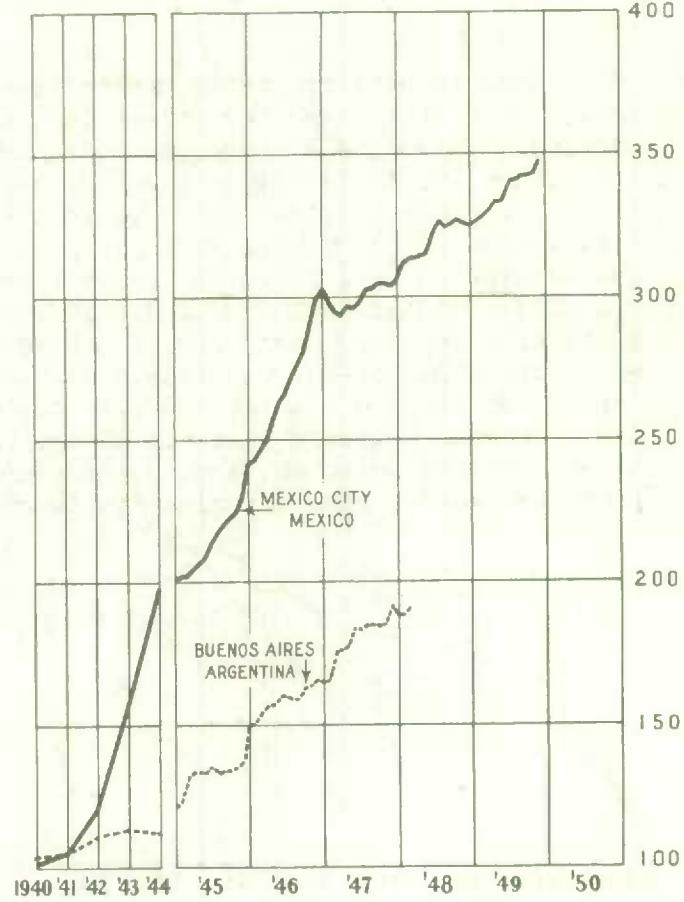
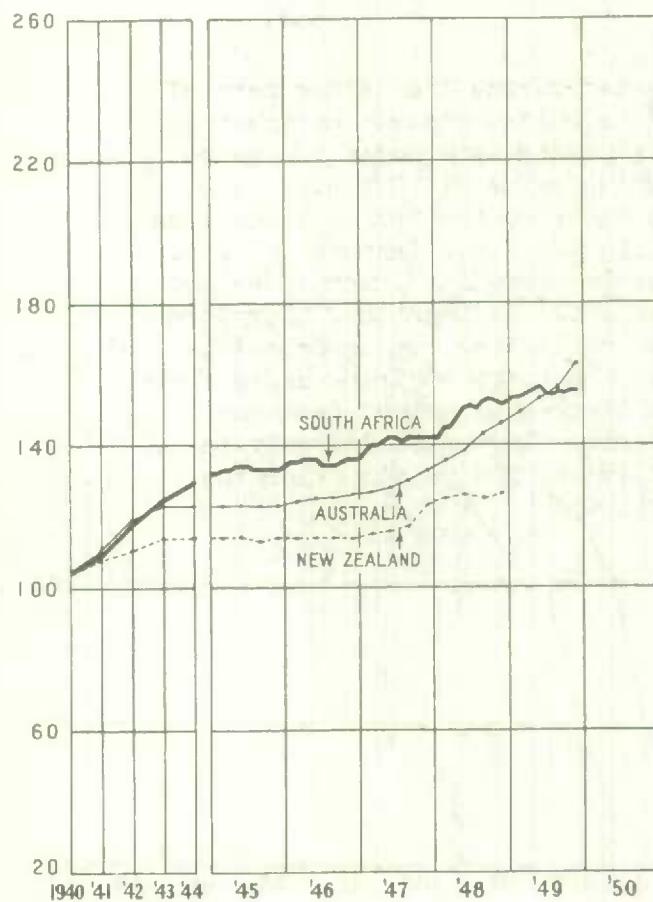
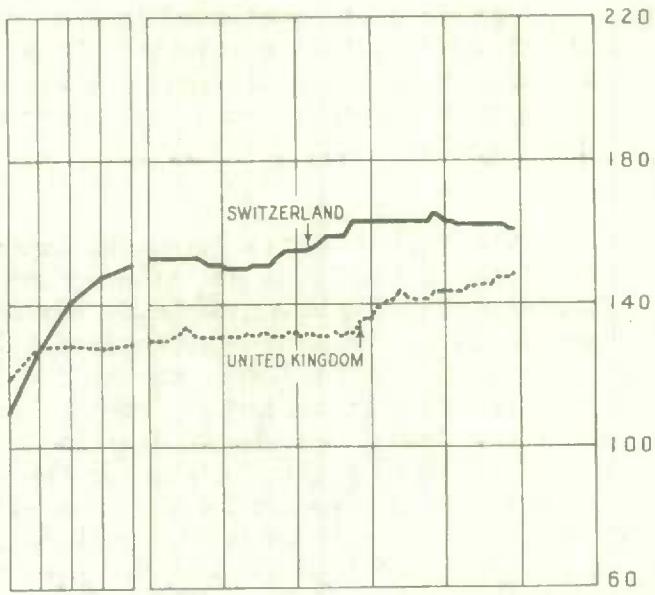
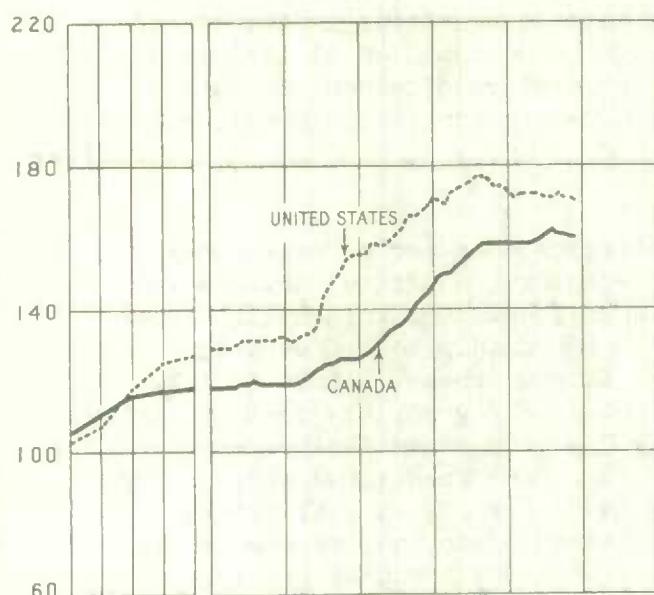
The United States Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer's Price index registered a small change between June and December. Moderate declines in food and clothing which exceeded advances in rent and fuel brought the index down to 167.5 for a net decrease of 1.2 p.c. Due mainly to higher prices in food the cost of living index for the United Kingdom rose 2 points to 113. After receding fractionally from a peak of 162.8 in August, the cost of living index for Canada closed the year at 161.5, 2.6 points above the comparable level in 1948. Higher levels for rents and fuel were mainly responsible for the change. Australia's cost-of-living index for six capital cities registered an increase of 4.5 p.c. to 165.3 between June and December while the South African index fell 0.3 p.c. to 154.2. Index advances in other countries were as follows: 12.9 p.c. for France, 8.9 p.c. for Peru, 7.5 p.c. for Chile, 5.7 p.c. for Spain and 5.5 p.c. for Finland.

Wholesale price levels generally advanced during the latter part of 1949, although indexes for Switzerland and the United States continued to decline. Substantial increases in wholesale prices were noted in France and Australia, their respective indexes showing gains of 10.5 p.c. and 10.0 p.c. respectively. Advances were also recorded for Mexico which rose 8 p.c., Finland 7.6 p.c., Peru 5.6 p.c., Chile 4.5 p.c., Denmark 4.2 p.c. and Netherlands 4.1 p.c. The general wholesale commodity price index for the United States fell from 154.5 in June to 151.2 in December. Farm products with an 8 p.c. drop led the movement. Reflecting rising prices in wool, cereals, non-ferrous metals and cotton the Board of Trade index for the United Kingdom mounted 3.9 p.c. to 241.0 between June and December. The Canadian wholesale index of 508 price series fluctuated narrowly between June and December, ending the year at 156.9, 2.7 points below the post war peak of 159.6 attained in December 1948.

PRICE INDEX GRAPHS COST OF LIVING

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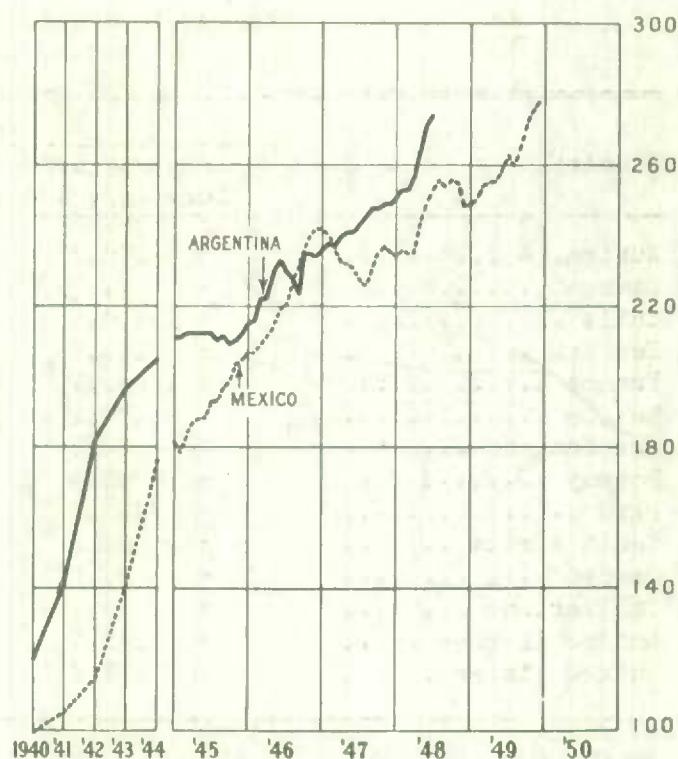
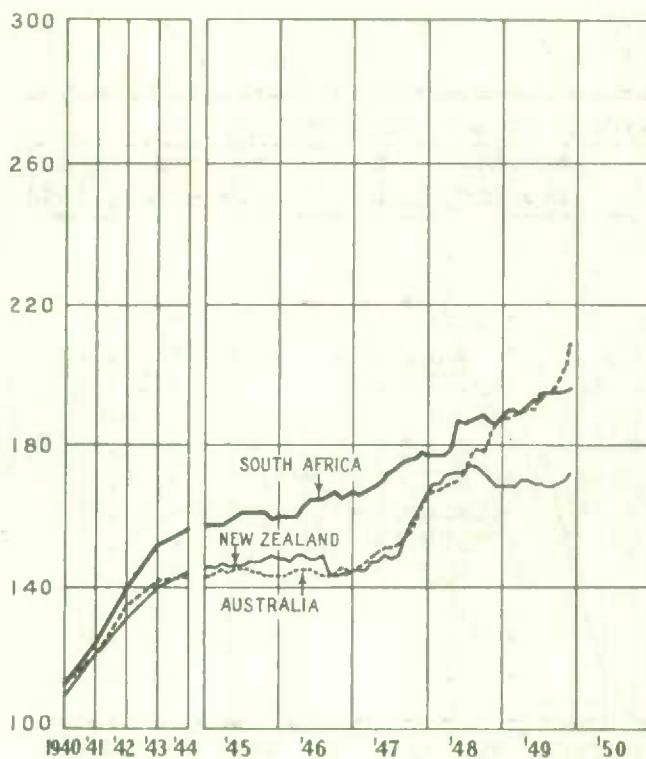
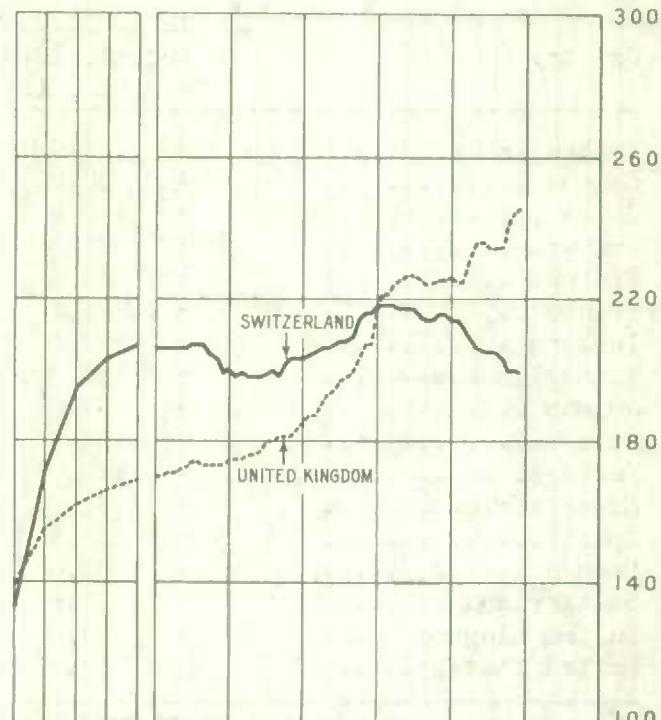
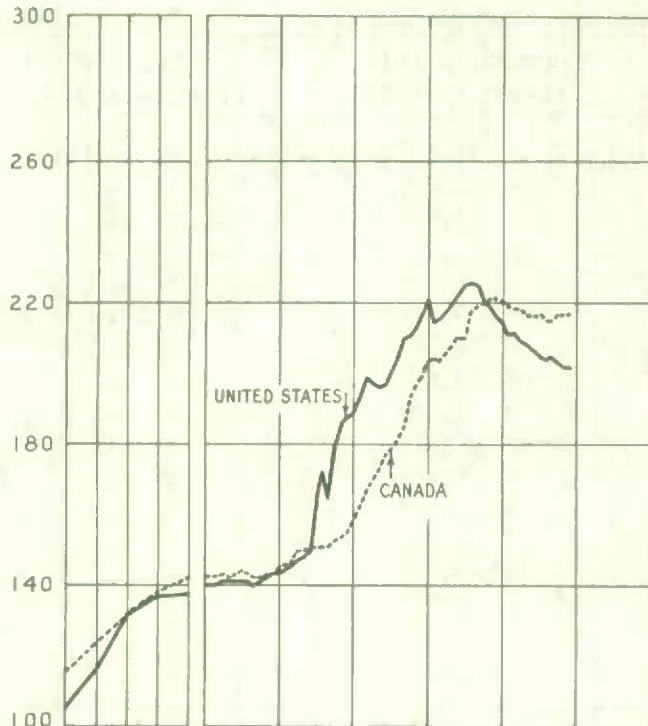
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PRICE INDEX GRAPHS WHOLESALE

AUGUST, 1939 = 100

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WORLD PRICE MOVEMENTS
SECOND HALF OF 1949

Changes in Cost-of-Living Index Numbers
Second Half of 1949

Country	Percentage Changes Between		
	August, 1939	December, 1948	June, 1949
	December, 1949	December, 1949	December, 1949
Australia	+ 59.9	+ 9.3	+ 4.5
Canada	+ 60.2	+ 1.6	+ 0.6
Chile	+ 439.9	+ 20.7	+ 7.5
Denmark	+ 67.3	+ 1.7	- 1.1
Finland	+ 724.8	+ 3.5	+ 5.5
France	+ 1,693.5	+ 0.7	+ 12.9
Iceland	+ 230.1	+ 4.3	+ 4.3
Netherlands	+ 126.0	+ 5.6	+ 1.3
Norway	+ 57.6	+ 1.0	+ 0.1
Peru	+ 314.3	+ 18.7	+ 8.9
Portugal	+ 116.0	+ 1.4	+ 2.9
South Africa	+ 55.3	+ 2.7	- 0.3
Spain	+ 235.6	+ 8.0	+ 5.7
Sweden	+ 63.8	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Switzerland	+ 60.6	- 2.2	- 0.9
United Kingdom	+ 48.0	+ 3.7	+ 1.8
United States	+ 69.9	- 2.3	- 1.2

Changes in Wholesale Price Index Numbers
Second Half of 1949

Country	Percentage Changes Between		
	August, 1939	December, 1948	June, 1949
	December, 1949	December, 1949	December, 1949
Australia	+ 108.7	+ 11.9	+ 10.0
Canada	+ 117.0	- 1.7	+ 0.4
Chile	+ 354.3	+ 12.5	+ 4.5
Denmark	+ 143.2	+ 2.7	+ 4.2
France	+ 1,862.7	+ 1.4	+ 10.5
Mexico	+ 178.2	+ 12.1	+ 8.0
New Zealand	+ 72.0	+ 2.4	+ 1.6
Norway	+ 90.8	+ 2.5	+ 2.4
Peru	+ 475.9	+ 39.8	+ 5.6
South Africa	+ 96.6	+ 5.7	+ 1.9
Sweden	+ 97.3	+ 0.9	+ 1.4
Switzerland	+ 98.7	- 7.8	- 3.1
United Kingdom	+ 145.7	+ 9.1	+ 3.9
United States	+ 101.6	- 6.8	- 2.1

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS AND RETAIL FOOD PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES						
COUNTRY	AUSTRALIA		AUSTRIA	BELGIUM		BRAZIL
NATURE OF INDEX	6 Capital Cities	Cost of Living	Food and Groceries	Vienna	Cost of Foods	Cost of Foods
Base Period	July, 1936	June, 1939		March, 1938	1936-38	1939
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	(a)	(a)	-	-	-	-
1929	115.0	115.5	-	-	-	-
1939	102.9	104.8	-	-	-	-
1941	111.1	108.4	-	-	-	100 100
1942	117.6	111.8	-	-	-	116 121
1943	126.7	120.3	-	-	-	130 133
1944	127.0	117.2	-	-	-	150 153
1945	127.0	117.9	-	-	-	191 201
1946	127.8	118.7	-	-	-	232 245
1947	130.9	120.8	-	-	-	276 312
1948	139.2	143.7	-	-	393 384	328 373
1949	152.8	153.1	403 445	381 364	361 425	359 409
	(b)					
1939 - Aug.	103.4(c)	-	-	-	-	-
1948 - July	-	145.1	-	-	396 386	373 449
Aug.	-	145.5	-	-	400 393	369 442
Sept.	147.9	146.7	-	-	403 399	375 448
Oct.	-	150.1	-	-	396 387	352 406
Nov.	-	152.1	-	-	394 386	347 397
Dec.	151.2	154.5	-	-	395 387	344 392
1949 - Jan.	-	154.8	363 376	393 384	349 396	
Feb.	-	155.9	362 376	388 375	358 409	
Mar.	153.8	156.4	361 376	382 366	357 407	
Apr.	-	158.2	362 389	380 362	362 415	
May	-	158.9	362 394	379 359	365 421	
June	158.2	159.4	416 481	381 364	362 414	
July	-	158.9	415 467	379 361	357 405	
Aug.	-	159.7	414 464	378 361	357 406	
Sept.	161.0	160.5	419 464	379 362	356 403	
Oct.	-	160.4	431 491	376 358	355 401	
Nov.	-	163.2	463 529	377 359	362 414	
Dec.	165.3	167.0	471 531	375 357	365 420	

(a) Each yearly index is for the period from July of the preceding year to June of the year specified.

(b) Average of quarter.

(c) June, 1939.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS AND RETAIL FOOD PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

COUNTRY NATURE OF INDEX	CANADA		CHILE		COLOMBIA		DENMARK	
	Dominion Bureau of Statistics		Santiago		Bogota		200 Localities	
	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods
Base Period	1935 - 39		March, 1928		February, 1937		1935	
1913	79.1	89.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	145.4	189.5	-	-	-	-	(d)	-
1926	121.8	133.3	-	-	-	-	108	-
1929	121.7	134.7	109	119	-	-	101	-
1939	101.5	100.6	187	210	118.4	119.8	109	-
1941	111.7	116.1	242	281	113.0	110.1	157	169
1942	117.0	127.2	304	367	122.8	121.6	164	169
1943	118.4	130.7	354	434	142.3	143.4	166	167
1944	118.9	131.3	395	465	171.2	182.1	168	168
1945	119.5	133.0	430	495	190.6	204.5	170	170
1946	123.6	140.4	499	576	208.3	219.5	169	170
1947	135.5	159.5	666	772	246.2	263.2	173	177
1948	155.0	195.5	786	898	286.6(b)	303.0(b)	177	180
1949	160.8	203.0	933	1,033	-	-	180	181
	(a)	(a)						
1939 - Aug.	100.8	99.3	186	206	115.8	116.7	107(c)	108(c)
1948 - July	156.9	201.3	788	911	294.6	316.4	179	181
Aug.	157.5	202.6	811	934	292.3	308.0	-	-
Sept.	158.9	203.9	838	957	290.4	308.8	-	-
Oct.	159.6	205.4	836	954	292.0	305.1	179	180
Nov.	159.6	204.7	831	947	293.3	304.0	-	-
Dec.	158.9	202.0	830	932	298.9	311.3	-	-
1949 - Jan.	159.6	202.2	852	968	299.2	310.3	181	181
Feb.	159.5	200.4	858	972	301.9	313.4	-	-
Mar.	159.2	199.1	869	987	307.6	321.4	-	-
Apr.	159.3	198.5	911	989	308.6	322.1	181	180
May	159.5	199.5	922	1,001	305.8	316.5	-	-
June	160.5	202.9	932	1,023	306.7	314.6	-	-
July	162.1	207.2	936	1,025	304.5	309.1	179	180
Aug.	162.8	209.2	955	1,038	-	-	-	-
Sept.	162.3	207.0	960	1,054	-	-	-	-
Oct.	162.2	205.0	996	1,098	-	-	179	182
Nov.	161.7	203.3	1,007	1,126	-	-	-	-
Dec.	161.5	201.9	1,002	1,114	-	-	-	-

(a) First of month

(b) Average of eleven months

(c) July quarter, 1939

(d) Includes direct taxation.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS AND RETAIL FOOD PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

COUNTRY	EGYPT	FINLAND		FRANCE	GUATEMALA	
NATURE OF INDEX	Cairo	32 Towns		Paris	Guatemala	
	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Foods	Foods (b)	Cost of Living	Foods
Base Period	June-August 1939		1935	1938	August, 1946	
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	125	148	119	-	-	-
1929	118	133	123	-	-	-
1939	103(a)	101(a)	111	112	108	-
1941	133	131	155	162	149	-
1942	184	177	183	189	174	-
1943	242	-	206	211	224	-
1944	279	277	219	214	275	-
1945	293	287	307	334	377	-
1946	287	275	430	525	645	-
1947	279	271	636	769	1,043	101.3
1948	281	271	852	1,016	1,662	108.2
1949	278	-	871	1,047	1,814	115.7
1939 - Aug.	-	-	109	110	108	-
1948 - July	280	267	881	983	1,559	-
Aug.	280	268	889	993	1,716	-
Sept.	280	270	885	978	1,842	-
Oct.	279	270	882	1,124	1,904	-
Nov.	280	276	876	1,098	1,873	-
Dec.	282	282	869	1,075	1,924	-
1949 - Jan.	280	-	866	1,057	1,932	112.0
Feb.	280	-	850	1,023	1,845	112.6
Mar.	280	-	841	1,003	1,759	111.9
Apr.	279	-	844	999	1,738	116.2
May	276	-	845	984	1,725	116.6
June	275	-	852	992	1,715	113.6
July	274	-	887	1,079	1,704	117.1
Aug.	273	-	881	1,064	1,744	114.9
Sept.	275	-	885	1,069	1,835	117.2
Oct.	279	-	901	1,105	1,901	124.8
Nov.	281	-	898	1,095	1,930	114.2
Dec.	281	-	899	1,097	1,937	117.7

(a) Average June - December.

(b) Retail prices of 29 articles included in the budget of a worker's family of four persons.

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COUNTRY	HUNGARY		ICELAND		INDIA		IRELAND	
	NATURE	Hungary	Reykjavik		Bombay		120 Towns and Localities	
OF INDEX	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	
Base Period	August 26, 1939		Jan.-March 1939		July, 1933- June, 1934		August, 1947	
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	(b)	(b)
1926	-	-	-	-	-	-	185	179
1929	-	-	-	-	-	-	176	169
1939	-	-	103	104	106	114	178	163
1941	-	-	160	189	124	140	226	202
1942	-	-	206	264	157	180	250	225
1943	-	-	256	330	230	253	282	247
1944	-	-	268	334	237	-	295	262
1945	-	-	277	342	235	271	295	263
1946	-	-	293	361	259	317	291	263
1947	462.1	632.7	315	373	279	344	-	-
1948	482.7	686.5	322	360	303	348	99	98
1949	-	-	330	365	-	-	100	98
1939 - Aug.	-	-	103	104	105	112	-	-
1948 - July	462.4	636.9	320	359	312	351	-	-
Aug.	455.0	617.6	321	359	321	365	99	98
Sept.	435.0	566.7	322	365	323	370	-	-
Oct.	453.4	600.2	324	365	315	362	-	-
Nov.	457.0	610.7	325	364	317	363	99	97
Dec.	455.3	608.5	326	364	326	382	-	-
1949 - Jan.	450.9	597.6	326	364	316	-	-	-
Feb.	439.5	569.2	329	366	307	-	99	97
Mar.	-	-	328	360	311	-	-	-
Apr.	-	-	327	359	305	-	-	-
May	-	-	327	359	306	-	99	97
June	-	-	326	357	300	-	-	-
July	-	-	326	357	302	-	-	-
Aug.	-	-	328	359	306	-	100	99
Sept.	-	-	330	361	306	-	-	-
Oct.	-	-	337	377	-	-	-	-
Nov.	-	-	338	378	-	-	100	98
Dec.	-	-	340	382	-	-	-	-

(a) First of month.

(b) Annual averages 1926-1946 are on the base July, 1914=100.

(c) Middle of month.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS AND RETAIL FOOD PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

COUNTRY	ITALY		JAMAICA		JAPAN		MEXICO	
NATURE	Rome		Kingston		All Cities		Mexico	
OF INDEX	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods
Base Period	1938		August, 1939		1948		1939	
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1929	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1939	105(b)	102(b)	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0
1941	140(b)	146(b)	135.2	133.1	-	-	104.4	100.0
1942	158(b)	174(b)	152.2	144.4	-	-	121.0	114.0
1943	-	-	157.1	143.9	-	-	158.5	146.6
1944	-	-	159.1	139.2	-	-	199.1	189.3
1945	-	-	158.7	143.0	-	-	213.5	204.1
1946	-	-	164.9	154.2	-	-	266.7	264.7
1947	3,929	5,562	194.8	176.7	-	-	300.3	303.0
1948	4,281	5,996	235.0	222.1	100	100	318.9	319.4
1949	4,270	5,769	248.8	238.6	133	134	336.0	333.5
			(a)	(a)				
1939 - Aug.	-	-	100.0	100.0	-	-	-	-
1948 - July	4,265	6,005	249.7	246.3	108	113	322.3	324.8
Aug.	4,258	5,977	252.4	245.5	120	124	327.4	328.6
Sept.	4,260	5,975	248.9	240.5	120	120	325.0	324.6
Oct.	4,080	5,654	252.7	247.4	116	111	325.6	325.2
Nov.	4,089	5,640	251.6	242.8	121	115	327.1	326.6
Dec.	4,231	5,866	251.8	242.1	128	120	325.7	324.7
1949 - Jan.	4,267	5,888	247.3	236.0	133	126	324.9	322.9
Feb.	4,325	5,926	-	-	136	133	325.9	324.0
Mar.	4,310	5,891	248.5	233.9	140	139	327.9	326.3
Apr.	4,342	5,893	246.1	229.6	141	142	329.6	328.0
May	4,369	5,947	245.4	238.7	143	142	333.0	330.4
June	4,326	5,833	244.0	236.6	138	136	333.3	331.8
July	4,248	5,696	242.3	234.6	141	139	341.0	341.0
Aug.	4,257	5,716	241.4	233.3	141	138	341.3	338.8
Sept.	4,286	5,763	239.0	229.7	140	136	342.0	339.3
Oct.	4,144	5,511	242.7	235.2	137	130	341.8	338.9
Nov.	4,199	5,605	245.8	241.0	131	123	342.7	338.7
Dec.	4,164	5,561	250.0	245.7	134	125	348.3	342.1

(a) End of month.

(b) Annual average June 1928=100 converted to 1938 base.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS AND RETAIL FOOD PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

COUNTRY	NETHERLANDS		NEW ZEALAND		NORWAY	
	NATURE OF INDEX	6 Municipalities Cost of Living	25 Towns Cost of Living	31 Towns Cost of Living	Foods	
Base Period	July, 1938- June, 1939		December, 1942		1938	
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	101.9(a)	-	-	-
1926	-	-	101.0(a)	120.3	119.9	
1929	-	-	100.4(a)	96.8	96.1	
1939	102	102	99.0(a)	101.3	101.7	
1941	134	144	107.5(a)	138.5	146.1	
1942	143	157	110.9(a)	-	-	
1943	149	159	100.2	-	-	
1944	153(c)	165(c)	100.3	152.3	154.7	
1945	176(c)	169(c)	100.4	155.0	155.0	
1946	192(c)	194(c)	100.8	158.9	156.9	
1947	199	210(c)	103.9	159.7	155.4	
1948	206	228	110.5	158.6	151.5	
1949	219	249	100.9(e)	158.8	149.7	
	(d)	(d)		(b)	(b)	
1939 - Aug.	-	-	-	100.8	-	
1948 - July	207	231	-	159.3	152.8	
Aug.	203	222	-	158.0	150.2	
Sept.	206	229	109.8	157.5	148.1	
Oct.	210	228	-	157.2	147.5	
Nov.	208	239	-	157.1	147.3	
Dec.	214	242	110.7	157.3	147.5	
			(e)			
1949 - Jan.	215	243	-	157.3	147.5	
Feb.	216	246	-	157.5	147.6	
Mar.	217	247	100.0	157.7	147.9	
Apr.	218	248	-	158.2	148.7	
May	221	256	-	158.6	149.6	
June	223	260	100.2	158.8	149.8	
July	219	251	-	159.0	149.7	
Aug.	216	246	-	163.1	158.1	
Sept.	216	244	101.4	159.5	150.9	
Oct.	217	244	-	158.6	148.7	
Nov.	221	251	-	158.8	148.8	
Dec.	226	257	101.8	158.9	149.0	

(a) Prior to 1943, yearly averages are on the base 1926-30=100.

(b) Middle of month.

(c) Average of less than twelve months.

(d) End of month.

(e) New index, consumer's Price Index, base first quarter of 1949=100.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS AND RETAIL FOOD PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

COUNTRY	PERU	PORTUGAL	SOUTH AFRICA	SOUTHERN RHODESIA
NATURE	Lima	Lisbon	9 Towns	Southern Rhodesia
OF INDEX	Cost of Foods Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Foods Living
Base Period	1934-1936	July, 1933 June, 1939	1938	August, 1939
1913	100(d)	100(d)	-	-
1920	210(d)	208(d)	145.8	166.0
1926	201(d)	182(d)	106.3	109.6
1929	177(d)	159(d)	106.6	107.2
1930	110	106	99.9	99.3
1941	129	132	108.2	109.9
1942	145	148	117.3	121.1
1943	158	164	124.4	131.6
1944	181	187	128.8	137.4
1945	202	209	132.2	140.6
1946	221	225	134.1	144.1
1947	285	312	139.7	152.0
1948	374	418	147.8	156.8
1949	430	487	153.2	161.2
		(c)		
1933 - Aug.	-	-	99.3	97.7
1948 - July	372	414	150.1	154.3
Aug.	377	417	149.4	153.6
Sept.	379	420	151.2	158.8
Oct.	383	428	151.8	159.2
Nov.	387	433	151.3	157.6
Dec.	391	439	150.2	153.7
1949 - Jan.	394	444	151.2	156.4
Feb.	397	444	151.7	157.8
Mar.	401	448	152.0	159.1
Apr.	413	462	152.9	160.8
May	419	469	154.2	164.2
June	426	481	154.7	166.1
July	432	493	153.2	161.6
Aug.	446	509	153.3	161.7
Sept.	449	512	153.6	162.4
Oct.	449	508	153.3	161.6
Nov.	462	530	153.6	161.1
Dec.	464	532	154.2	161.6

(a) August.

(b) June.

(c) Middle of month.

(d) Years 1913-33 are on the base 1913=100. Since October, 1933 index includes heating.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS AND RETAIL FOOD PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

COUNTRY	SPAIN	SWEDEN	SWITZERLAND	TRINIDAD
NATURE	50 Towns	60 Towns	34 Towns	Trinidad
OF INDEX	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of Foods Living
Base Period	July, 1936	1935	June, 1914	1935
1913	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	224	242
1926	-	-	162	160
1929	-	-	161	156
1930	154	178	107.5	138
1941	232	300	141.7	174
1942	247	318	154.7	193
1943	246	310	158.5	203
1944	257	323	158.2	207
1945	275	347	157.5	209
1946	361	491	160.3	208
1947	424	581	162.1	217
1948	453	599	172.4	224
1949	478	623	175.8	222
			(a)	(a)
1939 - Aug.	149	170	106.8	137
				131
				108
1948 - July	444	581	172.6	223
Aug.	447	584	173.5	223
Sept.	450	588	174.3	223
Oct.	458	600	175.0	223
Nov.	461	604	175.1	226
Dec.	463	606	175.2	225
1949 - Jan.	467	610	175.3	224
Feb.	468	611	175.3	223
Mar.	468	611	175.4	222
Apr.	470	611	175.7	221
May	472	614	175.5	222
June	473	615	175.5	222
July	473	614	175.8	221
Aug.	476	620	175.9	221
Sept.	480	625	176.2	222
Oct.	489	640	176.8	221
Nov.	495	651	176.8	221
Dec.	500	655	175.3	220
				227
				228
				262

(a) Last week of month.

(b) July.

(c) First of month.

INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS AND RETAIL FOOD PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

COUNTRY NATURE OF INDEX	UNITED KINGDOM		UNITED STATES	
	Cost of Living	200 Localities	Bureau of Labor Statistics	Consumers' Price Index
		Foods	Foods	
Base Period	17 June, 1947		1935-1939	
1913	(a)	(a)	70.7	79.9
1920	249	256	143.0	168.8
1926	172	164	126.4	137.4
1929	164	154	122.5	132.5
1939	158	141	99.4	95.2
1941	199	168	105.2	105.5
1942	200	161	116.5	123.9
1943	199	166	123.6	138.0
1944	201	168	125.5	136.1
1945	203	169	128.4	139.1
1946	203	169	139.3	159.6
1947	-	-	159.2	193.8
1948	108	108	171.2	210.2
1949	111	114	169.1	201.9
1939 - Aug.	-	-	98.6	93.5
1948 - July	108	108	173.7	216.8
Aug.	108	108	174.5	216.6
Sept.	108	107	174.5	215.2
Oct.	108	108	173.6	211.5
Nov.	109	108	172.2	207.5
Dec.	109	108	171.4	205.0
1949 - Jan.	109	108	170.9	204.8
Feb.	109	109	169.0	199.7
Mar.	109	108	169.5	201.6
Apr.	109	109	169.7	202.8
May	111	114	169.2	202.4
June	111	116	169.6	204.3
July	111	116	168.5	201.7
Aug.	111	116	168.8	202.6
Sept.	112	117	169.6	204.2
Oct.	112	119	168.5	200.6
Nov.	112	119	168.6	200.8
Dec.	113	120	167.5	197.3

(a) Annual averages for the years 1920-46 are on the base July 1914=100.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

COUNTRY	CANADA					
	AUTHORITY	DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS				
NATURE OF INDEX	General Index	Con- sumers' Goods	Pro- ducers' Goods	Raw and Partly Manufac- tured Goods	Fully and Chiefly Manufac- tured Goods	Canadian Farm Products
No. of Commodities	508(a)	206	365	212	296	
Base Period	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926
1913	64.0	62.0	67.7	63.8	64.8	64.1
1920	155.9	136.1	164.3	154.1	156.5	160.6
1926	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1929	95.6	94.7	96.1	97.5	93.0	100.8
1939	75.4	75.9	70.4	67.5	75.3	64.3
1941	90.0	91.1	83.6	81.8	88.8	72.8
1942	95.6	95.6	88.3	90.1	91.9	85.0
1943	100.0	97.0	95.1	99.1	93.1	97.9
1944	102.5	97.4	99.9	104.0	93.6	107.1
1945	103.6	98.1	100.7	105.6	94.0	114.9
1946	108.7	101.1	105.7	109.5	98.8	124.4
1947	129.1	117.3	129.3	130.7	117.4	132.9
1948	153.4	140.8	153.9	156.2	140.3	149.7
1949	157.0	143.9	159.0	160.6	142.3	147.0
1939 - Aug.	72.3	72.7	66.7	62.8	72.6	58.4
1948 - July	152.2	141.2	151.3	155.1	138.9	154.2
Aug.	158.3	143.2	161.5	163.2	143.4	151.2
Sept.	158.4	143.8	161.7	162.8	143.8	149.7
Oct.	159.3	144.1	162.0	163.9	144.1	149.3
Nov.	159.4	144.0	162.5	164.2	143.9	149.9
Dec.	159.6	144.3	162.8	163.8	143.9	148.9
1949 - Jan.	159.3	144.4	162.5	163.4	143.3	148.2
Feb.	158.1	143.4	161.0	161.4	142.1	145.1
Mar.	157.6	143.4	160.7	161.8	140.9	145.8
Apr.	157.5	144.3	160.3	161.3	142.0	147.6
May	156.4	144.2	157.9	159.5	142.4	147.9
June	156.3	144.9	156.8	160.2	142.0	149.4
July	156.6	145.6	156.5	160.8	142.1	150.7
Aug.	155.4	143.7	156.2	158.5	142.0	146.5
Sept.	155.4	143.2	156.7	159.0	141.8	146.3
Oct.	157.2	143.8	159.3	160.6	143.0	145.6
Nov.	157.1	143.1	159.6	160.6	142.9	145.7
Dec.	156.9	143.1	159.9	160.3	142.5	145.1

(a) No. of commodities changed in 1926 from 236 to 502; in January 1934 to 567; and in 1943 to 510.

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COUNTRY	AUSTRALIA	BELGIUM	CHILE	DENMARK
AUTHORITY	Commonwealth Statistician	Official	Official	Dept. of Statistics
No. of Commodities	80		58	161
Base Period	1936-39	1936-38	1913	1935
1913	-	-	100.0	-
1920	-	-	-	-
1926	(b)	-	-	117
1929	110.3	-	192.8	108
1939	101.1	-	420.7	118
1941	114.0	-	541.3	203
1942	124.2	-	736.0	213
1943	137.3	-	811.8	214
1944	139.6	-	838.1	217
1945	140.5	-	892.1	213
1946	141.2	-	1030.0	210
1947	142.9(c)	355	1328.4	232
1948	158.8(c)	389	1580.7	254
1949	180.9	370	1794.7	260
			(a)	(a)
1939 - Aug.	97.9	-	414.0	111
1948 - July	169.6	391	1589.9	258
Aug.	174.3	390	1615.3	259
Sept.	174.8	388	1654.3	259
Oct.	174.5	387	1666.2	259
Nov.	180.5	389	1674.5	259
Dec.	182.5	392	1671.4	263
1949 - Jan.	184.0(c)	390	1713.7	262
Feb.	186.1(c)	384	1721.7	261
Mar.	186.5(c)	378	1734.6	261
Apr.	185.6(c)	373	1748.8	261
May	185.9(c)	372	1748.2	261
June	185.8(c)	366	1800.2	259
July	191.1	364	1800.3	256
Aug.	191.3	363	1817.1	255
Sept.	190.9	361	1827.5	257
Oct.	193.8	361	1863.1	259
Nov.	198.8	361	1879.9	263
Dec.	204.3	365	1880.9	270

(a) Monthly average.

(b) Each yearly index is for the period from July of the preceding year to June of the year specified.

(c) Revised.

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COUNTRY	EGYPT	FINLAND	FRANCE	GUATEMALA	INDIA	
AUTHORITY	Dept. of Statistics	Central Bureau of Statistics	Statistique Générale	Official	Economic Adviser	Dept. of Statistics Calcutta
No. of Commodities	276	218	135	71	78	72
Base Period	1937	1935	1938	Jan. 1946	Sept. '38 Aug. '39	July, 1914
	(b)					
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	201
1926	-	-	-	-	-	148
1929	-	108	-	-	-	141
1939	100	120	105	-	-	108
1941	156	197	171	-	-	139
1942	200	243	201	-	-	185
1943	254	276	234	-	-	307
1944	300	305	265	-	-	298
1945	318	438	375	-	-	289
1946	308	686	648	114.2	-	324
1947	292	825	989	123.6	297	382
1948	316	1090	1712	130.5	368	408
1949	298	1098	1917	133.2	-	438
	(a)					(c)
1939 - Aug.	-	117	102	-	-	100
1948 - July	324	1124	1698	131.7	390	416
Aug.	317	1118	1783	133.0	383	414
Sept.	311	1116	1791	133.5	382	421
Oct.	308	1110	1887	133.4	382	426
Nov.	309	1107	1977	132.7	382	425
Dec.	311	1104	1974	136.1	384	424
1949 - Jan.	313	1088	1946	130.6	376	421
Feb.	308	1083	1898	132.6	372	432
Mar.	304	1075	1872	131.1	370	428
Apr.	298	1071	1846	131.5	376	422
May	295	1057	1890	130.7	377	416
June	291	1058	1812	131.5	378	422
July	286	1102	1854	135.4	381	425
Aug.	285	1112	1918	135.0	389	446
Sept.	290	1124	1958	133.6	390	453
Oct.	296	1134	2002	135.5	393	462
Nov.	300	1134	2005	136.9	390	471
Dec.	309	1138	2002	133.9	-	456

(a) Monthly average.

(b) Source: United Nations Bulletin of Statistics.

(c) End of month.

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COUNTRY	IRELAND	ITALY	MEXICO	NETHERLANDS
AUTHORITY	Official	Official	Official	Central Bureau of Statistics
No. of Commodities	220	109	32	196
Base Period	October, 1938	1958	1929	1938-1939(c)
1913	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-
1926	-	-	-	-
1929	-	(a)	100.0	-
1939	105.4	105	127.0	105
1941	148.0	136	135.8	150
1942	170.2	152	148.3	157
1943	189.4	229	182.4	160
1944	198.2	858	226.9	164
1945	197.5	2059	246.9	181
1946	197.5	2883	286.4	251
1947	219.3	5159	301.6	271
1948	232.1	5443	317.6	281
1949	231.1	5169	336.8	296
		(b)		
1939 - Aug.	101.1	-	129.1	-
1948 - July	232.2	5139	326.1	279
Aug.	231.2	5704	330.5	280
Sept.	230.4	5769	327.8	279
Oct.	232.1	5724	330.9	284
Nov.	231.8	5667	329.1	289
Dec.	230.2	5697	320.5	291
1949 - Jan.	231.1	5698	321.6	295
Feb.	233.2	5656	322.1	295
Mar.	233.2	5557	327.4	294
Apr.	232.5	5393	329.5	295
May	229.6	5278	329.2	294
June	229.8	5215	332.7	294
July	228.4	5034	339.8	293
Aug.	228.7	4889	335.1	293
Sept.	227.8	4910	341.3	295
Oct.	228.5	4841	348.7	297
Nov.	233.8	4826	355.0	306
Dec.	237.1	4747	359.2	306

(a) Annual averages, 1939-46, converted from indexes published in United Nations Monthly Bulletin of Statistics.

(b) Monthly averages.

(c) July, 1938 - June, 1939.

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COUNTRY	NEW ZEALAND	NORWAY	PERU	PORTUGAL
AUTHORITY	Government Statistician	Central Bureau of Statistics	Official	Banco de Portugal
No. of Commodities	168	138	58	48
Base Period	1926-30	1938	1934-36(a)	June, 1927
1913	-	-	100(a)	-
1920	153.6	-	239(a)	-
1926	105.3	-	203(a)	-
1929	98.8	97	186(a)	104
1939	107.1	102	114	103
1941	131.1	163	152	153
1942	141.6	172	190	177
1943	151.3	175	219	221
1944	155.8	177	226	248
1945	158.4	177	236	241
1946	158.4	169	254	236
1947	165.4	175	342	248
1948	184.4	181	429	246
1949	182.5 (b)	184	600	252
1939 - Aug.	108.4	98	-	98
1948 - July	186.2	182	430	247
Aug.	188.0	181	435	254
Sept.	186.3	181	437	252
Oct.	186.2	181	449	251
Nov.	184.0	182	455	254
Dec.	182.0	183	463	255
1949 - Jan.	181.7	183	500	258
Feb.	181.7	183	538	252
Mar.	181.7	183	555	254
Apr.	183.8	183	578	257
May	184.0	183	586	251
June	183.4	183	613	245
July	182.8	187	623	250
Aug.	182.1	186	632	247
Sept.	182.4	185	632	252
Oct.	183.2	185	632	251
Nov.	184.0	185	633	253
Dec.	186.4	187	647	252

(a) Years 1913-33 on base 1913=100.

(b) Monthly average.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

COUNTRY	SOUTH AFRICA	SPAIN	SWEDEN	SWITZERLAND
AUTHORITY	Census and Statistics Office	Official	Commerce Department	Federal Labour Department
No. of Commodities	225	109	160	78
Base Period	1913	1913	1935(a)	July, 1914
1913	100.0	100.0	100(a)	-
1920	223.3	223.4	359(a)	-
1926	123.3	174.8	149(a)	144.5
1929	115.1	167.7	140(a)	141.2
1939	101.9	241.9	115	111.2
1941	124.3	341.5	172	183.5
1942	139.5	375.4	189	209.6
1943	151.6	419.1	196	218.2
1944	157.0	450.8	196	222.6
1945	159.2	500.3	194	220.6
1946	163.1	600.2	186	214.7
1947	170.9	704.1	199	223.8
1948	182.5	753.5	214	232.5
1949	192.0	806.9	216	221.1
			(c)	
1939 - Aug.	99.8(b)	244.2	111	107.4
1948 - July	186.0	746.4	215	232.4
Aug.	186.3	763.8	217	231.0
Sept.	187.4	772.6	217	229.9
Oct.	188.1	780.7	217	229.7
Nov.	187.0	784.0	217	232.0
Dec.	185.7	782.3	217	231.4
1949 - Jan.	186.9	784.7	217	230.2
Feb.	188.2	778.9	217	229.3
Mar.	188.5	787.4	216	227.4
Apr.	189.1	794.8	216	224.0
May	190.7	793.3	215	221.3
June	192.6	794.9	216	220.2
July	192.9	801.4	215	220.5
Aug.	194.7	814.9	214	219.9
Sept.	195.0	816.9	216	217.5
Oct.	194.8	828.4	218	214.6
Nov.	195.3	845.9	218	214.5
Dec.	195.6	855.7	219	213.4

(a) 1913-34, base 1913=100. Corresponding index for 1935 is 116.

(b) July, 1939.

(c) End of month.

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COUNTRY AUTHORITY	UNITED KINGDOM Board of Trade	UNITED STATES Bureau of Labour Statistics	
		General Index	Farm Products Index
No. of Commodities	200	889(a)	67
Base Period	1930	1926	1926
1913	-	69.8	71.5
1920	307.3(c)	154.4	150.7
1926	148.1(c)	100.0	100.0
1929	136.5(c)	95.3	104.9
1930	102.8	77.1	65.3
1941	152.6	87.3	82.4
1942	153.4	98.8	105.9
1943	162.8	103.1	122.6
1944	166.2	104.0	123.3
1945	169.0	105.8	128.2
1946	175.2	121.1	148.9
1947	191.7	152.1	181.2
1948	219.3	164.9	188.3
1949	230.1	155.6	165.1
		(b)	(b)
1950 - Aug.	98.1	75.0	61.0
1948 - July	221.3	168.7	195.2
Aug.	221.1	169.5	191.0
Sept.	220.0	168.7	189.9
Oct.	219.8	165.2	183.5
Nov.	220.5	164.0	180.8
Dec.	220.8	162.3	177.3
1949 - Jan.	221.3	160.6	172.5
Feb.	221.1	158.1	168.3
Mar.	220.5	153.4	171.5
Apr.	226.6	156.9	170.5
May	231.3	155.7	171.2
June	231.9	154.5	163.8
July	229.4	153.5	166.2
Aug.	229.5	152.9	162.3
Sept.	230.7	153.7	163.1
Oct.	237.2	152.2	159.6
Nov.	240.2	151.6	156.8
Dec.	241.0	151.2	155.3

- (a) Number of commodities changed from 550 to 784 since January, 1926, and to 889 during 1940 and 1941.
 (b) Monthly average.
 (c) 1920-29, base 1913=100.

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