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WORLD WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS
THE SECOND HALF OF 1936

The second half of 1936 witnessed a rise in basic commodity prices of greater magnitude and more general in character than any which have preceded it during the current recovery movement dating from the spring months of 1933. The current advance gathered momentum in the final quarter of the year sending wholesale price index numbers in most parts of the world sharply upward. Improvement in the supply situation of leading primary products including wheat, rubber, and most of the non-ferrous metals combined with more confident buying by business concerns to support higher price levels. Other factors, including more active speculative interest and purchases for armament requirements have also tended to stimulate the rise. In the case of wheat, the market situation recently has been changed by the discovery that European import requirements in the near future would be larger than had been anticipated.

The breadth and strength of the current movement in commodity prices has resulted in active efforts in several countries to supplement orthodox monetary policy by direct decree in order to regulate the extent of the rise. This is particularly true of Germany and to a lesser degree of France. In the latter country the advance in wholesale prices accelerated following devaluation of the French franc late in September. There was an increase of 11 p.c. in French wholesale prices during October, with national products mounting 7 p.c. and imported products 22 p.c. The foodstuffs group moved upward only 6 p.c. Wholesale prices in other countries of the former European gold 'bloc' also advanced appreciably during the final quarter of 1936 following devaluation co-incidental with that of the French franc.

WORLD COST OF LIVING MOVEMENTS
THE SECOND HALF OF 1936

Considerable anxiety regarding the reaction of living costs to currency devaluation in countries of the gold 'bloc' has been allayed to some extent by the moderate increases which have followed in the final quarter of 1936. The October rise in France approximated 4 p.c. which appeared moderate in view of earlier advances in wholesale prices. The scarcity in Germany of certain foods including fats and meats produced a strong upward tendency in prices for these products which became quite pronounced in the last quarter of 1936. The Government met this situation with regulatory price measures to prevent living costs from advancing. Sharp rises in foods were principally responsible for higher living cost indexes for the United Kingdom and Belgium. Recent reports from Chile tell of rapid increases in living costs following the earlier inflationary advance in wholesale prices which was most pronounced between 1931 and 1933. The resultant decline in purchasing power of salaried and wage-earning classes whose incomes have increased less rapidly than prices, has caused considerable concern during the past year.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT	N O R T H A M E R I C A												
COUNTRY	C A N A D A						U N I T E D S T A T E S						
Authority	Dominion Bureau of Statistics						Irving Fisher	Bureau of Labor Statistics	Bradstreet	Dun	Annalist		
	General Index		Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods	Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods							
No. of Commodities	567 (c)		236(d)	402(d)	245(d)	322(d)	200	784(b)	106	200	72 Series		
Base Period	1926	1913	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1913	1913	1913		
1913	64.0	100.0	61.9	67.4	63.8	64.8	69.8	69.8	9.2115	100	120.887	100	100
1914	65.5	102.3	62.7	69.7	66.5	65.5	68.1	68.1	8.9034	97	122.211	101	-
1919	134.0	209.2	118.7	139.0	131.5	132.5	138.6	138.6	18.6642	203	230.846	190	-
1920	155.9	243.5	140.0	163.1	155.7	156.8	154.4	154.4	18.8095	204	248.721	205	-
1921	110.0	171.8	108.0	112.8	107.5	116.7	97.6	97.6	11.3696	123	170.451	141	-
1922	97.3	152.0	95.1	99.1	94.8	100.5	96.7	96.7	12.1185	132	171.660	142	-
1923	98.0	153.0	93.7	97.8	91.1	103.1	101.1	100.6	13.4028	146	189.787	157	-
1924	99.4	155.2	93.2	99.5	94.8	101.9	98.9	98.1	12.8672	140	189.322	157	-
1925	102.6	160.3	97.2	104.9	100.8	103.8	105.2	103.5	13.9445	151	197.694	164	158.9
1926	100.0	156.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(b)100.0	13.0207	141	189.398	157	150.2
1927	97.7	152.6	95.7	98.5	99.9	96.5	94.2	95.4	12.7787	139	187.092	155	144.7
1928	96.4	150.6	95.6	96.7	97.4	95.0	97.9	96.7	13.2823	144	194.521	161	149.0
1929	95.6	149.3	94.7	96.3	97.5	93.0	96.3	95.3	12.6727	138	151.043	158	145.6
1930	86.6	135.3	89.3	82.8	82.2	87.3	86.3	86.4	10.7451	117	174.453	144	127.6
1931	72.1	112.6	76.5	67.8	61.9	74.9	71.4	73.0	8.7604	95	147.353	122	104.1
1932	66.7	104.2	71.3	63.1	55.0	69.8	61.6	64.8	7.0949	77	134.303	111	91.1
1933	67.1	104.3	71.1	63.1	56.6	70.2	64.6	66.0	7.8557	85	144.661	120	94.9
1934	71.6	111.8	74.1	67.8	63.5	73.4	76.6	75.0	9.2195	100	166.082	137	113.2
1935	72.1	112.6	73.6	69.5	66.0	72.8	83.0	80.0	9.9222	108	174.744	145	125.9
1935									(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	
November	72.7	113.6	74.2	69.4	67.2	72.9	84.7	80.6	10.2834	112	178.614	148	128.3
December	72.7	113.6	74.4	69.4	67.2	72.9	84.2	80.9	10.4029	113	177.732	147	129.4
1936													
January	72.9	113.9	74.2	69.8	67.9	72.8	84.0	80.6	10.3641	113	178.063	147	128.3
February	72.5	113.2	73.9	69.3	67.5	72.2	83.5	80.6	10.0204	109	179.045	148	126.4
March	72.4	113.1	73.8	69.3	67.3	72.1	82.6	79.6	9.9196	108	179.601	149	124.9
April	72.2	112.8	73.3	69.1	66.8	72.2	82.5	79.7	9.8541	107	173.649	144	123.8
May	71.8	112.2	73.2	68.1	66.2	71.7	81.1	78.6	9.8191	107	173.485	144	120.4
June	72.3	112.9	73.7	68.5	66.6	71.9	82.3	79.2	9.7374	106	172.136	142	121.4
July	74.4	116.2	74.3	72.1	69.7	73.3	83.5	80.5	9.8538	107	178.240	147	125.6
August	76.2	119.0	75.5	74.7	73.0	74.8	84.0	81.6	10.1445	110	181.878	150	127.8
September	76.4	119.3	75.5	75.0	73.9	75.1	84.1	81.6	10.1907	111	182.498	151	127.8
October	77.1	120.4	75.8	76.3	75.2	75.4	84.1	81.5	10.2716	112	183.153	152	127.3
November	77.2	120.6	76.0	76.3	75.8	75.5	85.6	82.4					129.1

(a) First of month. (b) No. of commodities changed from 550 to 784 since January 1926. (c) No. of commodities changed in 1926 from 236 to 502 and, in January, 1934 to 567. (d) No. of commodities changed from 204, 351, 232, 276 to 236, 402, 245 and 322 in January, 1934.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT COUNTRY	N.AMERICA	SOUTH AMERICA			EUROPE					FRANCE		GERMANY
	MEXICO	ARGENTINA	CHILE	PERU	UNITED KINGDOM					Statistique Générale	Statistique Générale	Federal Statis- tical Office
Authority	Official	Banco de la Nacion	Official	Official	Board of Trade	Economist	Statist	Times				
No of Commodities	32	108		58	200	58	58	45	60	45	126	400
Base Period	1929	1926	1913	1913	1930	1913	1927	1913	1913	July, 1914	1913	1913
1913		75.5	100	100		100		100	100	102	100	100
1914				104						100 July		99 July
1918				212				226.5		346		208 July
1919				220				241.9		364		339 July
1920				239	(f)307.3			295.3	251.2(d)	520		1367 July
1921		108.2		205	197.2			182.4	162.1(d)	352		1428 July
1922		98.5		190	158.8			154.1	158.6(d)	334		10059 July
1923		101.8		189	158.9			151.8	169.1(d)	428		7478700 July
1924		109.5		192	166.2	158.9	115.7	164.6	179.3(d)	499		137.3(a)
1925		110.9		202	159.1	155.1	112.0	159.5	152.8(d)	561		141.8
1926		100.0		203	148.1	143.2	104.0	149.6	142.1(d)	718	695	134.4
1927		98.1		203	141.6	137.6	100.0	144.2	141.9(d)	630	642	137.6
1928		98.5	195.5	192	140.3	135.1	98.1	141.9	137.5(d)	634	645	140.0
1929	100.0	96.4	192.4	186	136.5	127.2	92.4	135.3	128.8(d)	623	627	137.2
1930	103.4	92.2	166.9	178	(e)100.0	106.8	77.6	114.1	103.2(d)	543	554	124.6
1931	89.7	89.0	152.2	175	87.8	89.3	64.9	96.5	99.5(d)	462	502	110.9
1932	84.3	89.5	230.2	170	85.6	86.1	62.6	94.0	94.3(d)	407	427	96.5
1933	89.8	85.6	346.4	180	85.7	80.9	63.1	93.7	98.2(d)	388	398	93.3
1934	94.7	98.4	343.6	188	88.1	90.3	65.6	96.4		366	376	98.4
1935	94.5	97.0	343.3	189	88.9	94.3	68.0	99.5		347	338	101.8
1935				(c)		(b)	(b)	(b)			(b)	
September	96.3	96.6	346.2	187	89.6	96.1	69.9	100.1		345	332	102.3
October	95.3	98.5	348.7	188	91.1	98.5	71.5	100.9		350	342	102.8
November	94.3	98.5	351.5	188	91.2	98.2	71.3	101.5		353	348	103.1
December	93.8	98.7	350.1	189	91.4	98.3	71.5	102.0		357	354	103.4
1936												
January	93.4	98.9	353.7	191	91.8	98.1	71.3	102.0		364	359	103.6
February	93.9	97.9	359.5	192	91.7	97.4	70.9	102.0		377	372	103.6
March	94.6	98.0	359.8	191	91.7		70.9	101.6		379	376	103.6
April	96.5	98.0	367.8	193	91.9		70.9	100.9		374	371	103.7
May	97.7	97.8	374.4	192	91.9		69.8	100.2		377	374	103.8
June	98.2	97.8	382.2	191	92.6		70.2	99.3		372	378	104.0
July	100.9	98.8	389.8	193	93.6		72.4	102.1		388	391	104.2
August				193	95.2		72.8	104.4		395	403	104.6
September				192	96.1		73.6	106.0		407	420	104.4
October					97.6		74.6	107.5		452	471	104.3

(a) Since 1934, new series. (b) End of month. (c) Fifteenth of month. (d) December. (e) Since January 1935, new series, 1930=100. (f) 1920-29, base 1913 = 100.

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	EUROPE										
	AUSTRIA	SWITZERLAND	BELGIUM	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY		SWEDEN		DENMARK	ALBANIA	SPAIN
Authority	Federal Statistical Office	Federal Labour Department	Ministry of Industry and Labour	Central Bureau of Statistics	Okonomisk Revue	Official	Gotabergs Handels Tidning	Commerce Depart- ment	Official	Official	Director General of Statistics
No. of Commodities	47 (b)	78	130	48	100	95	47	160		23	74
Base Period	January - July, 1914	July 1914	April 1914	1913	Dec.21/13- June 30/14	1913	July 1/13- June 30/14	1913	1931	1927	1913
1913				100	100	100		100	100		100
1914		100 April	100 April	109	115		116				101
1920				292	382		347	359			221
1921		200.1	366 (c)	182	298		211	222			190
1922	99	157.9	367	160	233		162	173			176
1923	124	169.9	497	151	233	232	157	163			172
1924	136	171.2	573	156	269	268	155	162			183
1925	136	160.5	559	155	251	253	157	161	210		188
1926	123	144.5	744	145	196	198	144	149	163		181
1927	133	142.2	847	148	160	167	141	146	153	100	172
1928	130	144.6	843	149	155	157(e)	144	148	153	104	167
1929	130	141.2	851	142	148	149	134	140	150	100	171
1930	117	126.5	744	117	138	137	115	122	130	88	172
1931	109	109.7	626	97	123	122	105	111	114	90	174
1932	112	96.0	532	79	125	122	101	109	117	74	173
1933	108	91.0	501	74	124	122	100	107	125	57	159
1934	110	89.8	473	78	126	124	107	114	132	51	163
1935	110	89.8			132	127	111	116		56	
1935	(d)	(a)	(f)			(d)			(g)	(a)	
November	109	92.8	582	78	134	130	114	118	126	62	
December	109	92.1	579	78	134	131	113	118	126	63	
1936											
January	108	91.1	581	77	134	131	113	118	126	63	
February	107	91.0	582	77	135	132		118	126	63	
March	107	90.9	578	76	135	132		118	126	64	
April	108	91.9	574	75	135	132		118	126	65	
May	108	92.0	569	75	135	132		118	126	62	
June	109	91.9	570	76	135	132		118	125	62	
July	110	93.1	576	77	136	132		119	127	62	
August	109	93.4	582		138	134		120	129	62	
September	110	96.8	594		139	136		122	130	62	
October	111	103.1	602		140	136			133		

(a) End of month. (b) No. of commodities changed from 42 to 47. (c) Average of 5 months. (d) Fifteenth of month. (e) New series beginning 1928. (f) Second half of month. (g) New series; 1931=100 - annual figures 1925-1934 on 1913 base.

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CONTINENT	EUROPE													
	COUNTRY	ITALY		POLAND	FINLAND		LITHUANIA	LATVIA	YUGOSLAVIA	GREECE	ESTONIA	BULGARIA	HUNGARY	CZECHOSLOVAKIA
Authority	Bachi	Milan Chamber of Commerce	Commerce Reports	Official		Official	Official	National Bank	Official	Official	Official	Official	General Bureau of Statistics	Official
No. of Commodities	150	125	238	135	139	88	61	55	60	44	55	52	126	52
Base Period	1913	1913	1928	1913	1926	1913	1913	1926	Jan. 1913- July 1914	1913	1914	1913	July, 1914	1913- 1914
1913	100	100		100		100	100			100		100		
1914				103							100		100 July	
1920				1183										
1921	531	517(e)		1263										
1922	508	529		1219						113				
1923	512	536		1095						114		122		
1924	512	554		1100						116		138		
1925	596	646		1129	(d)					124		140		
1926	603	654		1088	100	134		100.0		114	2,947	124		
1927	495	527		1133	101	134		103.4		114	3,017	132		1262
1928	462	491	100.0	1110	102	134	128.6	106.2		121	3,237	135	143.1	1296
1929	445	481	96.3		98	129	119.9	100.6	1,811	117	3,447	121(c)	135.0	1316
1930	383	411	85.5		90	108	101.9	86.6	1,646	102	2,788	96	118.5	1000
1931	328	342	74.6		84	94	84.8	72.9	1,471	91	2,332	95	107.9	859
1932	304	310	65.5		90	76	85.1	65.2	1,766	83	2,071	92	99.7	738
1933	280	283	59.1		89	68	83.7	64.4	1,997	86	1,821	76	96.4	648
1934	273	276	55.8		90		83.0	63.2	1,969	85	1,873	79	84.7(d)	672
1935			53.1		90		86.0			84	1,917	90	85.8	735
			(a)					(a)			(f)	(a)	(b)	
<u>1935</u>														
November			54.5		91		88.0	71.2		89	1,972	95	86.2	802
December			52.7		91		88.0	71.6		89	1,967	97	86.2	809
<u>1936</u>														
January			52.1		90		88.0	71.1		90	1,940	94	86.6	806
February			52.2		91		88.0	70.0		90	1,923	93	85.8	810
March			52.1		91		87.0	70.0		90	1,908	91	86.0	816
April			53.0		90		86.0	69.1		88	1,957	88	85.6	807
May			53.7		90		86.0	67.0		88	1,954	86	85.7	802
June			53.9		90		86.0	65.4		89	1,945	85	85.0	810
July			53.6		91		87.0	65.6		89	1,963	86	85.3	
August			53.9		92		88.0	66.0		90	1,996	86	84.2	
September			54.7		93			67.0		92	2,029	87	84.5	
October			55.5										85.7	

(a) End of month. (b) First of month. (c) Since January, 1929, new index. (d) Since March 1934, compiled according to the new gold parity. (e) Average of eight months. (f) Average of last week of month.

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CONTINENT	A S I A						O C E A N I A			A F R I C A	
COUNTRY	INDIA		DUTCH EAST INDIES	INDO-CHINA	CHINA		JAPAN	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA	EGYPT
Authority	Department of Statistics Calcutta	Labour Office Bombay	Official	Statistique generale Saignon	Ministry of Industries North-China	National Tariff Commission Shanghai	Bank of Japan	Commonwealth Statistician Melbourne	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office	Department of Statistics Cairo
No. of Commodities	72	43	92	37	100	154	56	92	180	188	23
Base Period	July, 1914	July, 1914	1913	1913	1926	1926	1913	1913	1909-1913	1913	Jan. 1, 1913- July 31, 1914
1913			100	100	68		100.0	100.0		100.0	
1914	100 (a)	100	98(a)		67		95.5	105.6	1053	96.9	
1920	201	216	279		89		259.4	227.9	2092	223.3	216
1921	178	198	191		89	104.6	200.3	174.9	1942	160.4	173
1922	176	187	170		87	98.6	195.8	161.6	1665	128.4	146
1923	172	181	173		90	102.0	199.1	178.7	1598	126.6	132
1924	173	182	173		93	97.9	206.4	173.3	1634	128.7	143
1925	159	163	166	132	97	99.3	201.6	169.5	1627	127.6	152
1926	148	149	159	131	100	100.0	178.8	168.4	1553	123.3	132
1927	148	147	154	142	103	104.4	169.8	167.0	1478	124.0	121
1928	145	146	149	148	108	101.7	170.8	164.7	1492	120.4	120
1929	141	145	148	153	111	104.5	166.1	165.7	1488	116.0	116
1930	116	126	134	153	116	114.8	136.8	146.7	1449	102.7	104
1931	96	109	105	129	123	126.7	115.6	131.3	1346(e)	99.5	97
1932	91	109	86	116	113	112.4(d)	121.7	129.7	1297	91.5	84
1933	87	98	71	106	101	103.8	135.6	129.5	1308	93.1	71
1934	89	95	67	96	92	97.1	134.2	135.2	1330	101.7	87
1935	91	99	65	94	95	96.4	140.2	135.0	1385		95
1935	(b)					(b)			(c)		
November	92	98	66	95	101	103.3	146.3	135.9	1419	-	94
December	93	97	65	94	103	103.3	145.0	134.2	1414	-	94
1936											
January	92	96	65	94	104	104.3	144.9	135.6	1405	99.6	92
February	91	95	65	94	107	105.4	144.3	134.7	1384	-	89
March	91	95	64	95	111	106.4	144.1	136.5	1386	-	88
April	92	94	64	95	112	107.3	145.4	139.2	1393	99.7	84
May	90	94	64	95	109	105.8	145.4	139.8	1391	-	84
June	90	95	64	95	108	106.1	146.3	140.0	1399	-	83
July	91	97	64	96	110	107.2	149.2	142.6	1395	96.4	83
August	90	98	64	99	109	107.4	151.7	145.7	1409		82
September	91			100	109	107.0	151.9	144.6	1421		85
October					112	109.7	151.4				84

(a) July (b) End of month (c) Fifteenth of month (d) Average for ten months only. (e) Revised since January, 1931. (f) Monthly average.

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	NORTH AMERICA				EUROPE						
	CANADA		UNITED STATES		UNITED KINGDOM		IRISH FREE STATE		FRANCE		
	Dominion Bureau of Statistics		Bureau of Labor Statistics, Foods	National Industrial Conference Board, Cost of Living	Ministry of Labour		105 Towns & Localities		300 Towns Foods	Paris Foods	Paris Cost of Living
Nature of Index	Foods	Cost of Living			Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living			
Base Period	1926 (c)	1926 (c)	1923 (a) (j)	1923(j)	July, 1914		July, 1914		July, 1914		
1913	66.2	65.4							(g) (i)	(g)	
1914	68.9	66.0	66.1 July	61.3 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July
1920	141.1	124.2	136.2	118.2	256	249			386	371	342
1921	107.9	109.2	103.5	102.3	230	226			374	337	309
1922	91.4	100.0	96.8	97.4	176	183	191	188	317	307	296
1923	92.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	169	174	188	184	349	332	334
1924	90.7	98.0	99.1	101.3	170	175	190	186	406	380	369
1925	94.7	99.3	107.2	103.7	171	176	193	190	450	425	400
1926	100.0	100.0	110.6	104.3	164	172	179	185	571	554	505
1927	98.1	98.4	107.0	102.0	160	168	170	175	551	556	514
1928	98.6	98.9	105.6	100.6	157	166	169	174	537	549	519
1929	101.0	99.9	106.9	100.1	154	164	169	176	609	102.2(h)	556
1930	98.6	99.2	101.7	96.7	145	158	160	171	609	100.0	581
1931	77.3	89.6	83.7	87.2	131	147	147	161	605	98.8	569
1932	64.3	81.4	69.7	77.9	126	144	141	157	535	87.6	526
1933	63.7	77.7	67.8	74.9	120	140	131	151	501	82.9	520
1934	69.4	78.7	75.3	79.4	122	141	135	152	474	78.0	516
1935	70.4	79.3	82.1	82.6	125	143	140	155	417	69.1	483
1935	(e)	(e)	(f)	(f)	(e)	(e)	(f)	(f)		(f)	(d)
December 1936	73.7	80.6	83.8	83.9	131	147	-	-	-	71.8	-
January	73.9	80.5	83.5	83.9	131	147	-	-	-	72.0	-
February	72.9	80.3	82.3	83.5	130	147	145	159	-	73.6	486
March	73.4	80.4	81.0	83.2	129	146	-	-	-	73.9	-
April	71.0	79.7	81.0	83.4	126	144	-	-	-	72.8	-
May	71.3	80.0	81.7	83.8	125	144	141	157	427	72.2	497
June	71.3	80.1	85.6	85.1	126	144	-	-	-	74.5	-
July	72.6	80.4	85.8	85.2	129	146	-	-	-	73.6	-
August	74.7	81.0	85.8	85.6	129	146	145	159	452	73.7	504
September	75.1	81.5	86.1	85.9	131	147	-	-	-	77.1	-
October	74.4	81.5	84.6	85.7	132	148	-	-	-	80.4	-
November	75.0	81.7			136	151					

(a) Original base, 1913=100. Index for 1923 on 1913 base, 146.2. (c) Recalculated on 1926 base. (d) Average of quarter. (e) First of month. (f) Fifteenth of month. (g) Prior to 1929; 13 commodities, including alcohol and petroleum; corresponding figures for 1929; Paris, 611; other towns, 583. (h) Since 1929; 55 foodstuffs; base 1930. (i) 300 towns of more than 10,000 inhabitants, excluding Paris. Since 1929; 29 foodstuffs. (j) Revised figures.

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CONTINENT	E U R O P E													
	COUNTRY	GERMANY		BELGIUM		POLAND		CZECHOSLOVAKIA		GREECE		HUNGARY		BULGARIA
Nature of Index	Cost of Living 72 Towns	Foods 72 Towns	Cost of Living 59 Localities	Foods	Cost of Living Warsaw	Foods Warsaw	Cost of Living Prague	Foods Prague	Cost of Living 44 Towns	Foods 44 Towns	Cost of Living Budapest	Foods Budapest	Cost of Living 12 (67)	Foods Towns (n)
Base Period	1913/1914	1913/1914	1921	1921	1928	1928	July, 1914	July, 1914	1914	1914	1913	1913	1914	1914
1913					(c)	(c)	(d)	(d)	(m)		100	100	100	100
1914							100(g)	100(g)	100	100				
1920	1065(g)	1252(g)												
1921	1250(g)	1491(g)	100	100					398	393			1,409	1,766
1922	5392(g)	6836(g)	93	90					636	632			1,899	2,337
1923	2765100(g)	4651000(g)	109	106			692(f)	769(f)	1,181	1,213			1,868	2,399
1924	(a) 127.6	(a) 126.3	128	127			695	787	1,235	1,271	199(j)	145(j)	2,057	2,705
1925	139.8	147.8	136	137			724	827	1,414	1,455	112	132	2,339	3,024
1926	141.2	144.4	165	171			716	800	1,633	1,673	103	155	2,871	2,813
1927	147.6	151.9	203	208	99.5		747	850	1,790	1,843	100	126	2,814	2,751
1928	151.7	152.3	208	207	100.0	100.0	748	842	1,868	1,929	118	131	2,875	2,883
1929	154.0	154.5	220	218	101.4	96.9	744	813	1,923	1,987	117	124	2,941	2,992
1930	148.1	142.9	228	209	94.4	83.7	746	782	1,682	1,719	106	105	2,690	2,439
1931	136.1	127.6	205	176	85.9	73.9	733	712	1,671(1)	1,576(1)	101	96	2,349	1,913
1932	120.6	112.3	184	150	78.2	64.9	700	677	1,773	1,697	98	91	2,160	1,765
1933	118.0	109.9	182	130	71.2	58.0	693	657	1,904	1,857	91	81	2,006	1,680
1934	121.1	116.2	175	143	66.5	52.3	685	633	1,937	1,898	89	77	1,873	1,676
1935	123.0	120.4	176	146	63.9	49.9	696	656	1,961	1,930	91	81	1,750	1,643
1935			(k)	(k)	(b)	(b)	(e)	(e)			(b)	(b)	(h)	(h)
November	122.9	119.9	188	163	65.4	52.0	700	665	1,989	1,975	93	84	1,711	1,636
December	123.4	120.9	187	160	61.1	48.7	703	670	1,996	1,982	93	85	1,714	1,649
1936														
January	124.3	122.3	187	161	60.3	47.7	707	673	2,026	2,037	95	86	1,709	1,636
February	124.3	122.3	188	162	59.7	46.9	708	677	2,017	2,018	96	87	1,717	1,656
March	124.2	122.2	185	159	59.7	46.9	707	673	2,013	2,011	96	87	1,708	1,634
April	124.3	122.4	183	155	60.7	48.4	707	674	2,011	2,009	96	89	1,656	1,615
May	124.3	122.4	181	151	61.3	49.3	709	677	2,002	1,999	96	88	1,656	1,616
June	124.5	122.8	182	155	60.7	48.4	710	683	1,994	1,984	95	86	1,659	1,622
July	125.3	124.0	180	149	60.8	48.6	706	675	1,999	1,991	95	86	1,670	1,651
August	125.4	124.2	184	156	60.5	48.0	706	672	2,024	2,036	97	88	1,655	1,614
September	124.4	122.0	187	160	60.7	48.3	703	667	2,039	2,053	97	88	1,659	1,631
October	124.4	121.7	191	165	61.6	49.4	705	667			97	88		

(a) Since 1924, new series in Reichsmark prices. (b) Last week of month. (c) New Series. (d) Since date of stabilization, gold index. (e) Middle week of month. (f) Average of last seven months. (g) July. (h) Monthly average. (j) December. (k) Fifteenth of month. (l) Prior to 1931; old series 100 towns. (m) Prior to 1931; excluding clothing and rent. (n) Yearly figures 1921-1930; 65 towns, 1931-32: 67 towns, monthly figures, 12 towns.

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CONTINENT	E U R O P E											
	ROUMANIA		YUGOSLAVIA		ITALY				AUSTRIA		SWITZERLAND	
COUNTRY	Cost of Living 20 Towns	Foods 20 Towns	Cost of Living 3 Towns	Foods 3 Towns	Cost of Living Milan	Foods Milan	Cost of Living 50 Towns	Foods 50 Towns	Cost of Living Vienna	Foods Vienna	Cost of Living 34 Towns	Foods 34 Towns
Nature of Index	1913	1913	July, 1914	July, 1914	Jan.-June, 30, 1914	Jan.-June, 30, 1914	June, 1927	June, 1927	July, 1914	July, 1914	June, 1914	June, 1914
Base Period	1913	1913	July, 1914	July, 1914	Jan.-June, 30, 1914	Jan.-June, 30, 1914	June, 1927	June, 1927	July, 1914	July, 1914	June, 1914	June, 1914
1913	1,000	1,000			(e)	(e)						
1914			1,000	1,000(h)					100(h)	100(h)	100(f)	100(f)
1919									2,374		222	224
1920									4,828		224	242
1921	1,305(i)				541	559			15,476(c)	57,600	200	213
1922	1,708				501	515			460,733	539,783	164	163
1923	2,500				494	499			74(a)	1250,108	164	165
1924	2,985				527	528			88	1480,583	169	172
1925	3,250				611	622			97	1612,150	168	169
1926	3,552				654	655			103	116(a)	162	160
1927	3,855				588	559			106	119	160	158
1928	3,964		1,756	1,423	530	517	92.2	93.7	108	119	161	157
1929	4,244		1,819	1,446	545	543	93.9	96.0	111	122	161	156
1930	(4,206)	(4,046)	1,654	1,318	530	519	90.7	90.6	111	118	158	152
1931	3,004(j)	2,796(j)	1,523	1,202	485	452	81.9	79.1	106	108	150	141
1932	2,512	2,323	1,374	1,076	468	431	78.1	74.4	108	110	138	126
1933	2,319	2,163	1,189		449		74.7	70.2	105		131	117
1934	2,235	2,087	1,104		430		70.9	66.9	105		129	115
1935	2,552	2,439							105		128	114
1935									(b)		(g)	(g)
October	2,550	2,457							106		129	117
November	2,546	2,423							106		130	118
December	2,818	2,722							104		130	118
1936												
January	2,954	2,860							106		130	118
February	2,966	2,864							105		130	118
March	2,981	2,860							104		130	118
April	2,996	2,881							104		130	119
May									105		130	119
June									106		130	120
July									104		130	120
August									105		130	120
September									105		130	121
October									105		132	123

(a) Gold Index, since 1926, new series. (b) Middle of month. (c) December.

(e) Since 1927, new series. (f) June. (g) Last week of month. (h) July. (i) 1921-1929; 71 towns, excluding rent. (j) Since 1931, new method of calculation. 1930 figures are not comparable with other years.

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	E U R O P E															
	NORWAY		SWEDEN		DENMARK		NETHERLANDS		FINLAND		ESTONIA		LATVIA		LITHUANIA	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living 31 Towns	Foods 31 Towns	Cost of Living 49 Towns	Foods 49 Towns	Cost of Living 100 Localities	Foods	Cost of Living Amsterdam	Foods Amsterdam	Cost of Living 21 Towns	Foods 21 Towns	Cost of Living Tallinn	Foods Tallinn	Cost of Living Riga	Foods Riga	Cost of Living 84 Towns	Foods 84 Towns
Base Period	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	1911-13	1911-13	Jan.-June 1914	Jan.-June 1914	1913	1913	1930	1930	1913	1913
1913			(j)	(j)							100	100			100	100
1914	100(h)	100(h)	100(h)	100(h)												
1918			219(h)	258(h)												
1919			257(h)	318(h)												
1920	300	319	270(h)	287(h)						1,058						
1921	277	295	236(h)	231(h)	232	227	202	217	1,171	1,254	85(h)	104(h)				
1922	231	231	190(h)	178(h)	200	184	182	184	1,139	1,143	91(h)	98(h)				
1923	218	217	174(h)	158(h)	206	189	174	171	1,147	1,079	102(h)	115(h)			110	
1924	239	250	171(h)	155(h)	216	204	177	176	1,170	1,093	94(h)	106(h)			136	
1925	243	256	176(h)	168(h)	211	201	179	176	1,212	1,147	107	118			151	
1926	206	197	172(h)	156(h)	184	160	168(c)	161(c)	154(f)	145(f)	106	118			141	146
1927	186	173	169(h)	148(h)	177	152	168	163	158	146	105	112			141	145
1928	173(a)	168(a)	173(h)	156(h)	175	150	169	166	161	150	112	120			137	144
1929	166	158	169(h)	148(h)	173	148	168	162	160	147	117	126			134	142
1930	161	152	164(h)	138(h)	165	136	161	150	147	127	104	103	100	100	115	117
1931	153	139	158(h)	127(h)	155	120	151	136	135	113	100(g)	91(g)	91	89	105	102
1932	149	134	156(h)	124(h)	155	116	141	119	134	117	94	80	79	75	88	85
1933	147	131	153(h)	120(h)	161		139	119	131	117	88	77	76	-	75	-
1934	148	132	155(h)	123(h)			140	120	128	114	87	76	72	-	70	-
1935	151	137	156(h)	129(h)			136	114	130	119	88	77	73	-	61	-
1935 October	(i)	(i)	(b)	(b)			(b)	(b)			(d)	(d)				
November	153	142	157	131			137	113	133	124	93	83	81		59	
December	153	142	-	-			-	-	133	123	94	83	75		60	
1936 January	153	142	158	132			-	-	130	118	94	84	66		61	
February	153	143	-	-			131	-	130	119	96	86	68		61	
March	154	144	-	-			-	-	130	118	96	87	69		61	
April	155	145	158	134			-	-	129	116	97	87	71		61	
May	155	144	-	-			131	-	128	115	97	87	72		61	
June	155	145	-	-			-	-	128	115	99	-	75		61	
July	155	145	158	134			-	-	129	116	99	-	75		62	
August	154	142	-	-			132	-	131	119	100	93	73		63	
September	155	143	-	-			-	-	131	118	100	91			64	
October	155	143	157				-	-	132	119						

(a) Since 1928, new series. (b) First of month. (c) Since March, 1926, new series. (d) End of month. (f) Since date of stabilization, gold index. (g) Revised from May, 1931. (h) July. (i) Fifteenth of month. (j) New method of calculation since 1932.

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	EUROPE				AFRICA				ASIA								
	SPAIN		PORTUGAL		EGYPT		SOUTH AFRICA		PALESTINE	TURKEY		INDIA		DUTCH E. INDIES		INDO-CHINA	
	Cost of Living Madrid	Cost of Foods Madrid	Cost of Living Entire Country	Cost of Foods Country	Cost of Living Cairo	Cost of Foods Cairo	Cost of Living 9 Towns	Cost of Foods 9 Towns	Cost of Living 3 Towns	Cost of Living Istanbul	Cost of Foods Istanbul	Cost of Living Bombay	Cost of Foods Bombay	Cost of Living Java & Madura	Cost of Foods Java & Madura	Cost of Living Saigon	Cost of Foods Saigon
Nature of Index	1914	1914	June 1914	June 1914	Jan. 1913- July, 1914	Jan. 1913 July, 1914	1914	1914	January 1922	1914	1914	July 1914	July 1914	1913	1913	1925	1925
Base Period	1914	1914	June 1914	June 1914	Jan. 1913- July, 1914	Jan. 1913 July, 1914	1914	1914	January 1922	1914	1914	July 1914	July 1914	1913	1913	1925	1925
1913														100	100		
1914	100	100	1,000(c)	1,000(c)			100	100		1,000	1,000	100(a)	100(a)				
1919	174				202	224(a)	145					186(a)	187(a)				
1920	190				237	281(a)	179					190(a)	188(a)				
1921	189	184			196	196(a)	162	145				177(a)	174(a)	213	216		
1922	181	177			176	172(a)	135	119	88.2			165(a)	160(a)	173	172		
1923	177	174			162	152(a)	131	117	76.6			153(a)	148(a)	160	158		
1924	184	188			161	148(a)	133	120	79.4			157(a)	151(a)	167	166		
1925	189	195			165	158(a)	133	120	83.8			157(a)	152(a)	166	165	100	100
1926	187	191			160	158(a)	131	118	82.1			157(a)	155(a)	174	174	99	99
1927	189	196			153	147(a)	131	118	77.4			156(a)	154(a)	160	158	103	103
1928	176	178		3,030	152	144	131	117	73.7			147(a)	143(a)	148	148	106	104
1929	181	185	2,361	2,362	151	146	131	115	69.4	1,381	1,555	148(a)	145(a)	158	157	113	112
1930	186	194	2,243	2,241	148	141	128	110	61.4	1,272	1,292	140(a)	136(a)	152	152	121	117
1931	194	205	1,990	1,986	138	123	123	105	55.3	1,203	1,114	108(a)	100(a)	106	102	105	92
1932	167	192	1,949	1,948	132	112	118	96	56.6	1,172	1,030	109(a)	102(a)	80	76	92	76
1933	181		1,948		125	101	115	99	54.9	1,047	924	103(a)	95(a)			85	69
1934	186		1,968		127	110	116	104	55.1	1,031	912	97(a)	87(a)			78	60
1935			1,982		130	115	116	102	53.4	957	892	101(a)	93(a)				
1935			(b)									(d)	(d)				
October	-	-	2,014	-	133	118	115	100	53.6	955	892	103	94	-	-	-	-
November	-	-	1,951	-	132	117	115	101	53.5	980	931	104	96	-	-	-	-
December	-	-	1,992	-	132	118	115	101	53.8	997	971	105	96	-	-	-	-
1936																	
January			1,972		131	116	116	102	54.1	979	947	103	96	-	-	-	-
February			1,962		132	115	116	102	53.3	983	962	102	93	-	-	-	-
March			1,952		132	116	116	102	53.5	980	973	102	94	-	-	-	-
April			1,936		130	112	116	102	52.9	971	963	100	92	-	-	-	-
May			2,012		130	112	116	103	54.2	949	914	100	92	-	-	-	-
June			2,037		130	112	116	103	56.4	950	923	100	92	-	-	-	-
July			2,063		130	113	116	101	59.1	953	933	101	93	-	-	-	-
August			2,087		127	109	115	100	59.2	946	914	101	93	-	-	-	-
September			2,074		129	111	115	100	60.5	947	900			-	-	-	-
October					128	111											

(a) July (b) Middle of Month (c) June (d) Average from sixteenth of current month to fifteenth of following month.

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	A S I A				O C E A N I A				S O U T H A M E R I C A					
	CHINA		JAPAN		AUSTRALIA		NEW ZEALAND		PERU		CHILE			
Nature of Index	Cost of Living Peiping	Foods Peiping	Cost of Living Shanghai	Foods Shanghai	Cost of Living Tokio	Foods Tokio	Cost of Living 30 Towns	Foods and Groceries 30 Towns	Cost of Living 25 Towns	Foods 25 Town	Cost of Living Lima	Foods Lima	Cost of Living Santiago	Foods Santiago
Base Period	1927	1927	1926	1926	July, 1934	July, 1934	1923- 1927	1923- 1927	1926 1930	1926- 1930	1913	1913	1928	1928
1913											100	100		
1914					100 July	100 July	68.7	64.1	62.8 July	70.3	104	107		
1919									91.2	102.7	188	188		
1920									101.9	116.5	210	208		
1921							101.3	95.4	103.4	113.4	199	183		
1922					236	257	96.7	94.4	95.2	95.8	190	174		
1923					221	228	99.6	101.1	95.9	96.5	180	166		
1924					221	233	98.0	97.2	98.4	100.5	187	168		
1925					218	236	99.1	100.2	100.4	103.0	200	179		
1926	102.0	103.7	100.0	100.0	199	217	100.6	102.7	101.0	102.6	201	182		
1927	100.0	100.0	106.7	106.7	189	211	99.7	100.4	100.1	98.3	194	177		
1928	101.6	101.5	102.5	92.1	184	202	100.3	98.9	100.6	100.4	181	161	(108)	(116)
1929	106.5	107.6	107.9	98.4	181	203	102.6	104.7	100.4	101.3	177	159	109	119
1930	109.5	111.8	121.8	118.8	155	173	97.1	94.6	98.1	97.4	169	157	108	115
1931	95.8	92.5	125.9	107.5	136	151	87.0	83.0	90.6	84.4	158	148	104	103
1932	91.2	85.4	119.1	101.3	137	158	82.8	80.0	83.8	77.5	151	143	(a) 114	115
1933	81.0	72.4	107.2	86.9	146	161	80.3	75.4	79.5	73.2	148	139	141	147
1934	79.5	69.9	106.2	86.4	149	164	81.6	78.6	80.8	77.4	150	148	142	149
1935	85.9	79.0	106.6	89.1	152	170		80.9	83.6	83.5	152	147	144	155
1935					(b)	(b)	(a)		(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)		
October	85.5	79.1	103.9	86.3	154	175	-	82.7	85.3	87.4	153	147	145	159
November	92.8	88.8	109.2	90.3	155	175	83.8	82.0	85.1	87.3	155	151	146	158
December	93.5	89.4	109.3	88.9	156	177	-	81.3	84.5	85.5	155	150	147	162
1936														
January	95.3	92.9	111.0	93.3	157	180	-	81.2	84.0	84.1	157	154	146	157
February	95.1	93.0	112.0	98.6	159	185	83.8	81.5	83.9	83.0	158	155	147	155
March	97.6	95.8	114.1	102.2	160	186	-	80.7	83.8	82.7	158	155	149	159
April	98.2	96.1	111.7	97.9	160	188	-	81.5	84.5	84.5	158	155	152	161
May	102.7	102.4	111.1	97.6	160	188	83.8	81.6	85.5	86.1	160	157	156	168
June	98.6	97.0	111.8	99.3	158	183	-	81.8	85.5	87.0	160	157	157	172
July	102.5	102.2	112.2	99.8	158	183	-	82.5	85.7	87.5	160	157	159	174
August	99.3	98.5	115.5	105.7	159	186	84.1	83.9	86.9	87.8	161	158	160	
September	99.0	97.8	113.5	102.3	160	186		84.2	87.7	89.6	161	159		
October	102.0	102.3	114.0	102.7	159	182								

(a) Average of quarter. (b) Middle of month. (c) Since October, 1933 including heating. (d) Revised index, including rent.

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