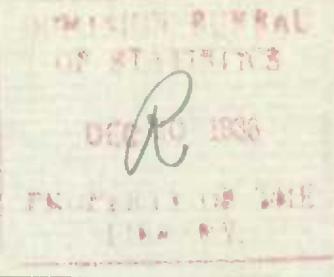


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WORLD WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS
THIRD QUARTER OF 1938

International wholesale commodity price indexes which have been declining almost steadily since the summer months of 1937 recorded further moderate recessions in the third quarter of 1938. An analysis of the wholesale indexes of seventeen leading commercial countries between June and September, 1938, showed declines in eleven, no change in two, and advances of less than one per cent in the remaining four. Percentage losses were also generally small, seldom exceeding three per cent with the exception of the Canadian index which dropped seven per cent due to the sharp reaction in grain prices. The contraction in wholesale price indexes in the United States and the United Kingdom during the past year may also be partially explained by the weakness prevailing in international wheat markets as a result of the sharp increase in world stocks of this commodity. A comparison of percentage changes from March to September and June to September indicated that the rate of decline was continuing at approximately the same pace as in the second quarter of 1938. Factors associated with the decline in wholesale prices are revealed by statistics prepared by the League of Nations. These showed world stocks of many basic commodities, including wheat, cotton, rubber, sugar and tin to be considerably higher in the fall months of 1938 than in the same period of 1937. The value of world exports has declined 16.8 per cent from its recent high in July, 1937, while a corresponding comparison for imports showed a drop of 21.9 per cent. Industrial production indexes for the United States, the United Kingdom and Canada also indicated considerable reduction between 1937 peaks and September, 1938. Germany ran counter to this trend and the September index was the highest of any month for some years. September wholesale price indexes for several countries were on a par with levels obtaining in the final quarter of 1936. Indexes in other countries, notably France, Japan and China have shown large increases since 1936, following currency depreciation.

WORLD COST OF LIVING MOVEMENTS
THIRD QUARTER OF 1938

Cost of living index numbers were firmer in the third quarter of 1938 than wholesale indexes. Out of a total of seventeen countries, indexes for eight showed losses between June and September while three remained unchanged and six advanced. Japan and Australia registered the largest gains noted, of 3.6 and 1.2 per cent respectively. All losses were confined to less than one per cent, with the exception of Norway and the Netherlands, which showed equal decreases of 1.2 per cent between June and September. The Canadian cost of living figure was unchanged despite the sharp drop in wholesale prices in the third quarter. United States living costs have declined more appreciably in the past year than those in Canada and the United States index of 85.9 for September was 4.0 per cent below its seven year high established in October, 1937, while the Canadian figure for September was only 0.9 per cent below its seven year high touched in August, 1938. The United Kingdom cost of living index reached a high of 159.0 in July, although the September figure of 156.0 was only slightly above the June level. Retail prices in France, Japan and China have paralleled the substantial increases shown in wholesale prices in those countries during the past year.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT COUNTRY	NORTH AMERICA						UNITED STATES					
	CANADA						Bureau of Labor Statistics		Bradstreet		Dun	Annalist
AUTHORITY	General Index	Dominion Bureau of Statistics	Con- sumers' Goods	Pro- ducers' Goods	Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods	Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods	Irving Fisher					
No. of Commodities	567(c)	236(d)	402(d)	245(d)	322(d)		200	784(b)	106		200	94 Series
Base Period	1926	1913	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1913		1913	1926
1913	64.0	100.0	61.9	67.4	63.5	64.5	69.8	69.8	9.2115	100	120.887	100
1914	65.5	102.3	62.7	69.7	66.5	65.5	68.1	68.1	8.9034	97	122.211	101
1920	155.9	243.5	140.0	163.1	155.7	156.8	154.4	154.4	18.8095	204	248.721	205
1925	102.6	160.3	97.2	104.9	100.8	103.8	105.2	103.5	13.9445	151	197.594	164
1926	100.0	156.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(b) 100.0	13.0207	141	189.398	157
1927	97.7	152.6	95.7	98.5	99.9	96.5	94.2	95.4	12.7787	139	187.092	155
1928	96.4	150.6	95.6	96.7	97.4	95.0	97.9	96.7	13.2823	144	194.521	161
1929	95.6	149.3	94.7	96.3	97.5	93.0	96.3	95.3	12.6727	138	151.043	158
1930	86.6	135.3	89.3	82.8	82.2	87.3	86.3	86.4	10.7451	117	174.453	144
1931	72.1	112.6	76.5	67.8	61.9	74.9	71.4	73.0	8.7604	95	147.353	122
1932	66.7	104.2	71.3	63.1	55.0	69.8	61.6	64.8	7.0949	77	134.303	111
1933	67.1	104.8	71.1	63.1	56.6	70.2	64.5	66.0	7.8557	85	144.661	120
1934	71.6	111.8	74.1	67.8	63.5	73.4	76.6	75.0	9.2195	100	166.082	137
1935	72.1	112.6	73.6	69.5	66.0	72.8	83.0	80.0	9.9222	108	174.744	145
1936	74.6	116.5	74.7	72.4	70.8	73.6	83.7	80.8	10.0989	110	179.925	149
1937	84.5	132.0	79.5	86.1	84.3	80.5	90.7	86.3	11.0648	120	197.505	163
1937								(a)	(a)	(a)		92.4
October	84.7	132.3	80.5	84.9	83.5	81.3	89.2	85.4	10.8483	118	193.674	160
November	83.1	129.8	79.3	82.4	81.2	80.6	86.3	83.3	10.3478	112	183.453	152
December	82.7	129.2	79.1	82.7	80.8	80.2	83.8	81.7	9.7712	106	176.824	146
1938												85.5
January	83.8	130.9	78.7	84.5	82.0	81.6	83.4	80.9				84.2
February	83.6	130.6	79.1	83.7	81.1	82.0	82.6	79.8				82.8
March	83.1	129.8	79.0	82.5	79.7	82.0	82.2	79.7				82.5
April	82.3	128.6	78.5	81.9	79.0	81.3	80.9	78.7				80.7
May	80.3	125.4	77.7	78.9	75.8	79.4	80.9	78.1				80.5
June	80.1	125.1	77.8	78.5	75.3	79.2	80.9	78.3				80.4
July	78.6	122.8	77.8	76.1	72.5	78.4	81.5	78.8				81.2
August	76.0	118.7	76.5	71.9	67.5	77.0	80.4	78.1				79.9
September	74.5	116.4	76.1	69.0	65.6	75.6	80.6	78.3				80.5
October	74.1	115.7	75.3	68.6	65.1	74.8	80.3	77.6				79.7

(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.
 (e) New series on 1926 base.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT	N. AMERICA		SOUTH AMERICA			EUROPE						GERMANY		
	MEXICO	ARGENTINA	CHILE	PERU	UNITED KINGDOM			FRANCE						
AUTHORITY	Official	Banco de la Nacion	Official	Official	Board of Trade	Economist	Statist	Times	Statistique Générale	Statistique Générale	Federal Statistical Office			
No. of Commodities	32	108		58	200	58	58	45	45	126	400			
Base Period	1929	1926	1913	1913	1930	1913	1927	1913	July, 1914	1913	1913			
1913		75.5		100	100		100	100	102	100	100	100		
1914				104					100 July			99 July		
1920			239		(f) 307.3			295.3	251.2(d)	520		1367 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		8478700 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	137.5		
1928		98.5	192.5	192	140.3	135.1	98.1	141.9	137.5(d)	634	645	140.0		
1929	100.0	96.4	192.8	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	86.9	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		89.0	94.3	68.0	98.9		347	338	101.8	
1936	100.7	99.2	380.0	192		94.4		73.0	103.5		405	411	104.1	
1937	119.1	112.6	454.6	205		108.8		83.0	120.6		563	581	105.9	
1937			(c)			(b)	(b)	(b)				(b)		
October	122.6	115.4	460.3	205	110.6	109.6	79.7	118.6		611	628	105.9		
November	122.6	112.8	447.5	206	108.5	105.9	77.0	113.8		590	621	105.5		
December	118.3	111.7	432.2	203	107.6	106.2	77.2	114.5		601	631	105.5		
1938														
January	121.3	112.4	431.6	204	107.7	104.8	76.2	113.5		612	636	105.6		
February	124.9	111.2	430.9	205	105.8	104.0	75.5	113.4		614	631	105.7		
March	124.5	109.4	431.2	204	104.1	102.0	74.1	110.8		619	634	105.8		
April	124.8	108.1	432.1	204	103.1	100.8	73.3	110.0		619	643	105.6		
May	127.6	106.3	432.6	203	102.0	99.4	72.2	107.5		643	654	105.4		
June	126.7	104.2	430.4	203	100.7	100.3	72.0	107.5		653	660	105.6		
July		104.0	436.5	204	100.6	99.1	72.2	107.2		652	652	105.6		
August		102.3	438.0	206	99.5	96.8	70.4	104.2		644	649	105.9		
September			437.9	205	98.4	96.6	70.2	104.2		646	652	105.6		
October					99.1		70.0	104.5		654	663	105.7		

(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.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

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	Götbergs Handels Tidning	Commerce Department	Official	Official	
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	1935	1927	1913
1913				100	100	100		100	100		100
1914		100 April	100 April	109	115		116				101
1920				292	382		347	359			221
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(c)	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	537	76	132	127	111	116	(g) 122	56	
1936	109	95.6	605	79	138	134		120	129	63	
1937	113	111.2	684	97	161	156		137	145	65	
1937	(d)	(a)	(f)			(d)			(h)	(a)	
October	113	110.9	683	97	163	161		139	148	66	
November	111	109.6	663	97	163	160		137	146	66	
December	111	109.6	659	96	163	159		136	145	67	
1938											
January	111	110.0	660	97	162	158		135	119	66	
February	111	109.4	657	95	160	157		134	117	66	
March		108.2	644	93	159	155		132	115	64	
April		108.1	640	92	159	154		131	113	65	
May		106.9	631	92	159	154		130	112	65	
June		107.1	629	92	158	153		130	111	62	
July		106.4	623	90	152	154		130	111	62	
August		105.4	620	90	151	152		128	110	62	
September		105.5	622	91	151	151		127	110	63	
October			617					128	111		

(a) End of month. (b) No. of commodities changed from 42 to 47. (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. (h) New series beginning January, 1938.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT		EUROPE											
COUNTRY	ITALY	POLAND	FINLAND	LITHUANIA	LATVIA	YUGOSLAVIA	GREECE	ESTONIA	BULGARIA	HUNGARY	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	TURKEY	
AUTHORITY	Bachi	Offi- cial	Commerce Reports	Official	Official	Official	National Bank	Official	Official	Official	Offi- cial	General Bureau of Statistics	
No. of Commodities	138	293	238	135	139	88	61	55	60	44	52	92	126
Base Period	1913	June 1928	1928	1913	1926	1913	1913	1926	Jan. 1913- July 1914	1913	1914	1913	July, 1914
1913	100			100		100	100			100		100	
1914				103							100		100 July
1920				1183									
1924	512			1100						116		138	
1925	596			1129						124		140	
1926	603			1088	100	134	100.0			114	2,947	124	
1927	495	(e)		1133	101	134	103.4			114	3,017	132	(g)
1928	462	100.0	100.0	1110	102	134	128.6	106.2		121	3,237	135	1262
1929	445	95.4	96.3	98	129	119.9	100.6	1,811	117	3,447	121(c)	979	1296
1930	383	85.4	85.5	90	108	101.9	86.6	1,646	102	2,788	96	801	1000
1931	328	74.5	74.6	84	94	84.8	72.9	1,471	91	2,332	95	734	859
1932	304	69.6	65.5	90	76	85.1	65.2	1,766	83	2,071	92	678	738
1933	280	63.4	59.1	89	68	83.7	64.4	1,997	86	1,821	76	658	648
1934	273	62.0	55.8	90	61	83.0	63.2	1,969	85	1,873	79	675	672
1935	318	68.2	53.1	90	53	86.0	66.0	2,003	84	1,919	90	705	735
1936	363	76.1	54.0	92	55	91.0	69.0	2,038	91	1,991	89	706	817
1937	437	89.1	59.4	103	64	113.0	75.0	2,282	101	2,221	94	751	849
1937		(a)					(a)			(f)	(a)	(b)	
September	452.9	91.7	59.6	104	64.1	118	78.1	2,302	102	2,301	96	755	839
October	462.0	93.0	58.4	104	64.7	116	80.0	2,307	103	2,331	93	749	844
November	467.8	95.1	58.4	102	64.9	115	79.5	2,292	102	2,323	94	744	837
December	470.6	96.4	58.1	102	65.9	115	79.9	2,286	101	2,326	95	732	815
1938										(h)			
January	470.0	95.2	58.0	102	65.7	114	80.2	2,284	102	2,141	94	733	811
February	466.9	93.7	57.7	101	65.6	114	79.9	2,288	102	2,104	93	733	814
March	465.5	93.8	56.9	100	65.4	114	78.6	2,291	101	2,081	94	730	823
April	464.7	95.0	57.2	99	65.5	113	79.3	2,285	100	2,091	101	727	817
May	468.5	95.7	56.9	98	64.9	114	80.1	2,256	100	2,101	99	731	816
June	469.6	96.2	56.8	97	64.2	113	79.4	2,226	100	2,095	98	731	800
July	467.8	94.9	56.4	97	63.4	112	76.5	2,203	100	2,167	96	734	788
August	467.5	96.0	55.1	98	62.6	112	76.8		99	2,214	96	733	
September	471.0	96.8	55.0	97	62.7	112	78.0		97		99	737	
October											97		

(a) End of month. (b) First of month. (c) Since January, 1929, new index. (e) New series: June 1928=100. (f) Average of last week of month.
 (g) Former index now given in paper currency. (h) New series beginning January, 1938 on 1914 base.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT	ASIA						OCEANIA			AFRICA	
	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 Saigon	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(a)	98(a)		67		95.5	105.6	1053		96.9
1920	201	216	279		89		259.4	227.9	2092		223.3
1924	173	182	173		93	97.9	206.4	173.3	1634		128.7
1925	159	163	166	132	97	99.3	201.6	169.5	1627		127.6
1926	148	149	159	131	100	100.0	178.8	168.4	1553		123.3
1927	148	147	154	142	103	104.4	169.8	167.0	1478		124.0
1928	145	146	149	148	108	101.7	170.8	164.7	1492		120.4
1929	141	145	148	153	111	104.5	166.1	165.7	1588		116
1930	116	126	134	153	116	114.8	136.8	146.7	1449		104
1931	96	109	105	129	123	126.7	115.6	131.3	1346(e)		97
1932	91	109	86	116	113	112.4(d)	121.7	129.7	1297		84
1933	87	98	71	106	101	103.8	135.6	129.5	1308		71
1934	89	95	67	96	92	97.1	134.2	135.2	1330		87
1935	91	99	65	94	95	96.4	140.2	135.0	1385		94.8
1936	91	96	67	99	111	108.5	149.2	141.8	1399		95
1937	102	106	89	132		129.1	180.0	152.2	1484		85
1937	(b)					(b)		(c)			
September	104	106	90	141		129.9	180.2	156.8	1524		88
October	104	105	88	147		133.1	178.7	152.9	1529		89
November	103	105	86	143		140.3	178.5	147.5	1564		88
December	101	104	86	143		141.4	182.3	145.4	1565		88
1938											
January	99	104	86	143		139.6	185.4	146.7	1533		88
February	97	103	85	145		138.4	188.4	147.1	1528		90
March	96	100	84	148		139.2	190.0	147.3	1522		89
April	94	101	84	149		142.8	186.5	149.3	1519		90
May	94	100	84	152		141.9	188.1	150.8	1514		91
June	94	100	84	152		145.2	192.2	152.7	1517		92
July	95	100	84	154		153.0	192.2	158.6	1508		92
August	94	100	83			164.8	190.3	157.4	1514		91
September	95					164.9	190.3	154.4	1506		92

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

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

CONTINENT	NORTH AMERICA				EUROPE						
	CANADA		UNITED STATES		UNITED KINGDOM		IRISH FREE STATE		FRANCE		
NATURE OF INDEX	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
	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	
1920	141.1	124.2	136.2		118.2		256	249	386	371	
1923	92.1	100.0	100.0		100.0		169	174	349	332	
1924	90.7	98.0	99.1		101.3		170	175	406	380	
1925	94.7	99.3	107.2		103.7		171	176	450	425	
1926	100.0	100.0	110.6		104.3		164	172	571	554	
1927	98.1	98.4	107.0		102.0		160	168	551	556	
1928	98.6	98.9	105.6		100.6		157	166	537	549	
1929	101.0	99.9	106.9		100.1		154	164	609	102.2(h)	
1930	98.6	99.2	101.7		96.7		145	158	609	100.0	
1931	77.3	89.6	83.7		87.2		131	147	605	98.8	
1932	64.3	81.4	69.7		77.9		126	144	87.6	526	
1933	63.7	77.7	67.8		74.9		120	140	501	83.9	
1934	69.4	78.7	75.3		79.4		122	141	474	78.0	
1935	70.4	79.1	82.1		82.6		125	143	417	69.1	
1936	73.4	80.8	83.9		84.8		130	147	452	76.1	
1937	77.3	83.1	86.9		88.5		139	155	571	95.0	
1937	(e)	(e)	(f)		(f)		(e)	(e)	(f)	(d)	
September	78.3	83.6	87.6		89.4		140	155	-	99.6	
October	78.9	84.2	86.7		89.5		143	158	-	101.3	
November	78.8	84.2	85.4		89.0		146	160	165	102.4	
December	79.1	84.3	84.4		88.6		146	160	-	104.2	
1938											
January	78.4	84.0	82.0		87.5		145	159	-	105.9	
February	77.9	83.9	80.1		86.7		142	157	159	107.9	
March	78.6	84.2	80.3		86.7		140	156	-	106.9	
April	78.8	84.2	81.1		86.8		137	154	-	106.8	
May	77.7	84.1	80.8		86.5		139	156	156	107.2	
June	78.1	84.0	81.9		86.7		138	155	-	109.0	
July	78.4	84.1	81.7		86.5		146	159	-	107.4	
August	80.7	84.3	80.1		85.9		141	156	159	106.0	
September	77.6	84.0	80.4		85.2		140	156	173	107.3	
October	77.1	83.8	79.3		85.3		139	155	-	110.7	

(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	EUROPE												
	GERMANY		BELGIUM		POLAND		CZECHOSLOVAKIA		GREECE		HUNGARY		
Nature of Index	Cost of Living 72 Towns	Foods 72 Towns	Cost of Living 52 Localities	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	1923	1926	July, 1925	July, 1914	1914	1913	1913	1914	1914
1913													
1914													
1920	1065(g)	1252(g)											
1925	(a) 139.8	(a) 147.8	136	137			724	327	1,414	1,455	109	123	2,339
1926	141.2	144.4	165	171			716	800	1,633	1,673	102	113	2,871
1927	147.6	151.9	203	208			747	850	1,790	1,843	111	125	2,813
1928	151.7	152.3	203	207	100.0	100.0	743	842	1,868	1,929	117	128	2,814
1929	154.0	154.5	220	218	100.5	-	744	813	1,923	1,987	117	124	2,883
1930	148.1	142.9	228	209	92.1	83.7	746	732	1,682	1,719	106	105	2,992
1931	136.1	127.6	205	176	82.3	73.9	713	712	1,671(1)	1,576(1)	101	96	2,349
1932	120.6	112.3	184	150	74.8	64.3	700	677	1,773	1,697	98	91	2,160
1933	118.0	109.9	182	130	67.5	58.0	693	657	1,904	1,857	91	81	2,006
1934	121.1	116.2	175	143	62.6	52.3	685	633	1,937	1,887	89	77	1,873
1935	123.0	120.4	176	146	60.0	49.9	696	656	1,957	1,919	91	81	1,643
1936	124.5	122.4	186	159	58.0	48.5	710	671	2,028	2,034	96	87	1,674
1937	125.1	122.3	202	176	62.0	53.9	720	668	2,185	2,228	102	94	1,720
			(k)	(k)	(b)	(v)	(e)	(e)			(b)	(b)	(h)
September	125.1	122.0	208	182	62.7	54.8	724	669	2,187	2,225	104	96	1,726
October	124.8	121.3	209	183	62.0	53.8	721	660	2,192	2,214	104	96	1,740
November	124.9	121.2	210	185	62.4	54.3	723	661	2,208	2,233	103	95	1,758
December	124.8	121.2	210	185	62.1	53.9	725	664	2,203	2,225	104	96	1,765
1938													
January	124.9	121.2	210	186	61.4	52.8	738	671	2,212	2,239	105	98	1,761
February	125.2	121.5	209	184	61.2	52.6	739	674	2,215	2,244	104	96	1,763
March	125.5	122.2	206	179	60.8	52.0	741	668	2,196	2,211	104	96	1,886
April	125.6	122.3	202	174	60.9	52.1	744	674	2,181	2,188	105	98	1,877
May	125.9	122.8	203	175	61.0	52.2	745	676	2,168	2,169	105	98	1,751
June	126.0	123.0	207	180	60.8	51.9	751	688	2,146	2,136	103	95	1,757
July	126.8	124.3	204	176	60.8	52.0	748	682	2,139	2,126	102	93	1,782
August	126.5	123.9	203	175	60.8	52.0	750	687			102	93	1,775
September	125.2	121.3	206	178	60.6	51.8					103	95	1,931
October	124.9	120.7	208	181	60.6	51.7							

(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. (g) July. (h) Monthly average. (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. (f) Revised.

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CONTINENT	ROUMANIA		YUGOSLAVIA		ITALY				AUSTRIA		SWITZERLAND	
COUNTRY	Cost of Living 20 Towns	Foods 20 Towns	Cost of Living Belgrade	Foods Belgrade	Cost of Living Milan	Foods Milan	Cost of Living Food	Cost of Living Vienna	Foods Vienna	Cost of Living 34 Towns	Foods 34 Towns	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living 20 Towns	Foods 20 Towns	Cost of Living Belgrade	Foods Belgrade	Cost of Living Milan	Foods Milan	Cost of Living Food	Cost of Living Vienna	Foods Vienna	Cost of Living 34 Towns	Foods 34 Towns	
Base Period	1913	1913	1926	1926	Jan.-June 30, 1914	Jan.-June 30, 1914	June, 1928	June, 1928	July, 1914	June, 1914	June, 1914	
1913	1,000	1,000			(e)	(e)			100(h)	100(h)	100(f)	
1914									4,828		100(f)	
1920									74(a)	1250, 108	224	
1923	2,500(i)				494	499			88	1480, 583	164	
1924	2,985				527	528			97	1612, 150	169	
1925	3,250		(k)	(k)	611	622			103	116(a)	168	
1926	3,552		100.0	100.0	654	655	(d)	(d)	106	119	162	
1927	3,855		96.9	98.8	588	559	100	100	108	119	160	
1928	3,964		93.3	97.1	530	517	101	101	111	119	161	
1929	4,244		93.9	98.7	545	543	101	101	111	122	161	
1930	(4,206)	(4,046)	86.1	88.7	530	519	98	95	111	118	158	
1931	3,004(j)	2,796(j)	81.7	83.6	485	452	88	83	106	108	150	
1932	2,512	2,323	75.9	76.2	468	431	84	78	108	110	138	
1933	2,319	2,163	74.6	72.4	449		31	74	105	104	131	
1934	2,235	2,037	70.8	63.1	430		76	70	105	101	129	
1935	2,552	2,439	69.8	63.5			78	73	105	100	128	
1936			69.7	69.2			84	78	105	101	130	
1937			73.2	72.9			92	86	105	99	137	
1937									(b)	(b)	(g)	
October			76.0	75.8			96.0	90.2	105		138	
November			76.6	76.7			96.9	91.2	105	100	138	
December			77.7	78.0			98.2	92.6	105	99	138	
1938											130	
January			77.9	78.2			99.1	93.9	105	100	138	
February			79.1	79.5			99.2	93.9	104	99	137	
March			79.2	79.8			99.3	93.8	104	98	137	
April			80.8	81.6			98.7	92.8			129	
May			82.6	84.3			99.7	93.6			129	
June			82.3	83.8			98.8	92.2			128	
July							99.0	92.3			129	
August							98.6	91.5			129	
September							98.6	91.6			130	
October												

(a) Gold Index, since 1926, new series. (b) Middle of month. (d) New series; June, 1928=100. (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. (k) New index on 1926 base.

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CONTINENT	EUROPE															
	NORWAY		SWEDEN		DENMARK		NETHERLANDS		FINLAND		ESTONIA		LATVIA		LITHUANIA	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living 31 Towns	Foods 31	Cost of Living 49 Towns	Foods 49	Cost of Living Towns	Foods 100 Localities	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	1931	1931	1911-13	1911-13	1935	1935	1913	1913	1930	1930	1913	1913
1913			(j)	(j)							100	100			100	100
1914	100(h)	100(h)	100(h)	100(h)											100	100
1920	300	319	270(h)	287(h)	(k)	(k)				1,058						
1922	231	231	190(h)	178(h)	129	153	182	184	1,139	1,143	91(h)	98(h)				
1923	218	217	174(h)	158(h)	133	158	174	171	1,147	1,079	102(h)	115(h)			110	
1924	239	250	171(h)	155(h)	139	170	177	176	1,170	1,093	94(h)	106(h)			136	
1925	243	256	176(h)	168(h)	136	168	179	176	1,212	1,147	107	118			151	
1926	206	197	172(h)	156(h)	119	133	168(c)	161(c)	154(f)	145(f)	106	118			141	146
1927	186	173	169(h)	148(h)	114	127	168	163	158	146	105	112			141	145
1928	173(a)	168(a)	173(h)	156(h)	113	125	169	166	161	150	112	120			137	144
1929	166	158	169(h)	148(h)	112	123	168	162	160	147	117	126			123	142
1930	161	152	164(h)	138(h)	106	113	161	150	147	127	104	103	100	100	115	117
1931	153	139	158(h)	127(h)	100	100	151	136	135	113	100(g)	91(g)	91	89	105	102
1932	149	134	156(h)	124(h)	100	97	141	119	119	117	94	80	79	75	88	85
1933	147	131	153(h)	120(h)	104	99	139	119	131	117	88	77	76	74	75	
1934	148	132	155(h)	123(h)	107	106	140	124	128	114	87	76	72	69	70	
1935	151	137	156(h)	129(h)	111	114	138	118	130	119	88	77	73	70	61	
1936	155	144	158(h)	134(h)	112	116	132	120	130	118	98	89	73	69	62	
1937	166	158	162(h)	138(h)	116	119	137	127	105	107	104	96	79	75	70	
1937	(i)	(i)	(b)	(b)			(b)	(b)	(e)	(d)	(d)	(d)				
October	171	164	165	140	118	123	139.7	130.4	109	112	105	95	93	88	69	
November	171	164	-	-	-	-	139.7	130.9	109	111	106	96	86	77	69	
December	171	164	-	-	-	-	139.4	129.8	109	111	108	100	81	70	70	
1938					(m)	(m)										
January	171	163	165	142	107	108	139.1	130.4	108	109	110	102	78	63	70	
February	172	162	-	-	-	-	138.7	130.1	108	108	110	103	80	67	70	
March	171	164	-	-	-	-	137.9	128.4	107	108	111	103	81	69	70	
April	171	164	165	141	107	109	138.2	129.0	107	106	110	102	84	73	70	
May	171	165	-	-	-	-	139.1	131.5	106	106	110	104	86	83	71	
June	172	166	-	-	-	-	140.4	134.1	106	105	111	102	93	95	70	
July	173	168	166	143	106	107	138.7	129.5	106	106	110	104	93	94	70	
August	172	166	-	-	-	-	138.4	128.7	108	109	110	102	90	89	70	
September	170	163	-	-	-	-	138.7	129.6	-	109	109	100	87	85	70	
October	170	163	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

(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: 1922-26 indexes are on 1914 base. (g) Revised from May, 1931. (h) July. (i) Fifteenth of month. (j) New method of calculation since 1932. (k) New series: 1931=100. (e) New index beginning 1937: 1935=100. (m) New series January, 1938: 1935=100.

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CONTINENT	EUROPE				AFRICA				ASIA								
	SPAIN		PORTUGAL		EGYPT		SOUTH AFRICA		PALESTINE		TURKEY		INDIA		DUTCH E. INDIES		INDO-CHINA
Nature of Index	Cost of Living Madrid	Foods Madrid	Cost of Living Entire	Foods Entire	Cost of Living Cairo	Foods Cairo	Cost of Living Towns	Foods Towns	Cost of Living 3 Towns	Foods Istanbul	Cost of Living Istanbul	Foods Bombay	Cost of Living Bombay	Foods Java & Madura	Cost of Living Saigon	Foods Saigon	
Base Period	June, 1914	June, 1914	Jan. 1913	Jan. 13	July, 1914	July/14	1914	1914	January 1922	1914	1914	July/33 June/34	July/33 June/34	1913	1913	1925	1925
1913																	
1914	100	100	1,000(c)	1,000(c)			100	100		1,000	1,000	100(a)	100(a)		100		
1920	190				237	281(a)	179	178				190(a)	188(a)				
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			156(a)	154(a)	160	158	103	103
1927	189	196			153	147(a)	131	118	77.4			157(a)	155(a)	174	174	99	99
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	187	192	1,949	1,948	132	112	118	96	56.6	1,172	1,030	109(a)	102(a)	80	76	92	
1933	181		1,948		125	101	115	99	54.9	1,047	924	103(a)	95(a)	62	85	69	
1934	186		1,968		127	110	116	104	55.1	1,031	912	97(a)	87(a)	61	76	60	
1935			1,982		130	115	116	102	53.4	957	892	101(a)	93(a)	64			
1936			2,022		130	113	116	101	56.4	960	926	101(a)	93(a)	60			
1937			2,511		129	111	119	103	59.1	975	943	106	114	68			
1937			(b)									(d)	(d)				
September			2,533		128	111	119	101	58.4	969	931	108					
October			2,557		129	112	120	103	58.2	987	944	108	117		72		
November			2,545		129	111	121	105	58.5	985	945	107	118		73		
December			2,538		128	111	123	108	57.7	981	928	107	116		74		
January			2,569		129	112	123	109	58.2	990	940	107	116				
February			2,572		130	115	123	109	58.2	988	942	107	115				
March			2,575		130	114	123	109	58.4	988	948	107	115				
April			2,584		132	116	123	109	56.4	975	942	105	112				
May			2,611		132	115	124	109	55.9	967	925	104	111				
June					131	113	124	109	56.3	960	915	105	112				
July					131	114	123	107	56.7			106	115				
August					131	113	123	106	56.4			105	113				
September					130	113											

(a) July. (b) Middle of month. (c) June. (d) New series beginning 1937; annual indexes 1914-36 on July, 1914 base.

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CONTINENT	ASIA				OCEANIA				SOUTH AMERICA						
	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	Cost of Living Lima	Foods Lima	Cost of Living Santiago	Foods Santiago	
Base Period	1927	1927	1926	1926	July, 1914	July, 1914	1923- 1927	1923- 1927	1926- 1930	1926- 1930	1913	1913	1928	1928	
1913											100				
1914					100	July	100	July	68.7	64.1	62.8	July	70.3	104	
1920					221		233		98.0	97.2	98.4		116.5	210	
1924					218		236		99.1	100.2	100.4		100.5	187	
1925					102.0	103.7	100.0	100.0	199	217	101.0		103.0	200	
1926					100.0	100.0	106.7	106.7	189	211	100.4		100.1	194	
1927					106.5	107.6	107.9	98.4	181	203	102.6		100.4	177	
1928					101.6	101.5	102.5	92.1	184	202	100.3		98.3	181	
1929					106.5	107.6	107.9	98.4	181	203	102.6		101.3	177	
1930					109.6	111.8	121.8	118.8	155	173	97.1		98.1	169	
1931					95.8	92.5	125.9	107.5	136	151	87.0		97.4	157	
1932					91.2	85.4	119.1	101.3	137	158	82.8		84.4	158	
1933					81.0	72.4	107.2	86.9	146	161	80.3		79.5	148	
1934					79.5	69.9	106.2	86.4	149	164	81.8		73.2	139	
1935					85.9	79.0	106.6	89.1	152	170	83.1		80.8	142	
1936					100.2	99.5	113.3	100.7	159	184	84.8		83.7	144	
1937						131.8	121.5	174	193	87.1	85.4	86.4		83.5	143
1937						(b)	(b)	(b)	(a)					(d) 114	115
September						147.7	141.4	178	197	87.4	86.5	93.4		97.6	172
October						139.5	126.9	179	200	-	86.8	93.8		98.5	173
November						160.6	157.9	180	198	-	86.2	94.5		100.2	173
December						167.2	157.3	182	201	88.0	86.3	94.9		101.2	174
1938						154.6	140.9	185	204	-	86.2	94.2		99.1	176
January						158.5	144.1	190	205	-	86.6	94.3		98.5	175
February						150.4	133.4	193	205	88.2	86.8	94.2		98.2	174
March						148.2	198	209	-	87.3	94.6	99.4		174	176
April						140.9	198	207	-	88.2	95.1	99.7		175	180
May						142.6	197	205	89.1	89.3	94.7	99.3		174	183
June						150.8	199	202	-	90.3	94.6	98.9		173	187
July						157.7	203	209	-	91.3	95.1	98.5		172	186
August						154.4	204	211	90.2	90.6	95.0	98.1		170	185
September						152.9	208	217						187	187

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

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