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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1938-1939
(1926=100)

Industrial Material prices continued upward from 115.2 to 117.1 between the weeks ending September 29 and October 6. This index is now being issued on the base August 1939=100 for purposes of pre-war comparisons. Although both the Stable and Food groups were slightly lower, increased quotations for Manufacturing Materials proved sufficient to cause a rise of 1.9 in the Composite index. Chief among the commodities to show increases were cottonseed oil, raw wool, hemp and zinc, while grains, livestock, raw silk and crude oil moved lower.

The index for Industrial Material Prices, on the base 1926=100, advanced from 74.7 to 76.1. This compared with a peak of 85.2 for March 1937. The change in the weighted index of General Wholesale Commodities was much less, from 77.9 to 78.0. This compared with a high of 87.6 in July 1937. Of the eight groups included in the index, Textiles, Iron and Chemicals advanced, while Animals Products moved lower.

Canadian Farm Products receded from 64.5 to 63.6. Field Products fell from 52.9 to 51.6 largely due to decreases in grains and potatoes, while Animal Products remained at 83.8 as reductions in livestock and hides were offset by advances in eggs and wool.

	No. of Price Series	1938		1939		1938		1939	
		Oct. 7	Oct. 7	Last Week Sept. 29	This Week Oct. 6	Oct. 7	Last Week Sept. 29	This Week Oct. 6	
				(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	64.5	74.7	76.1	99.6	115.2	117.1		
Stable	12	90.0	90.8	90.7	101.7	102.7	102.6		
Sensitive	18	51.7	65.6	67.7	98.2	124.4	128.1		
Manufacturing	13	51.2	66.9	70.2	96.4	126.6	132.8		
Food	5	53.4	62.5	61.4	103.3	118.8	116.6		

	No. of Price Series	1938		1939		
		Oct. 7	Oct. 7	Sept. 15	Sept. 22	Sept. 29
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES.	567	74.2	77.4	77.9	77.9	78.0
Chief Component Groups						
I. Vegetable Products	135	60.9	69.0	68.5	67.7	67.7
II. Animals and Their Products ...	76	75.1	77.1	78.5	78.6	78.5
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	66.9	67.5	69.6	70.3	71.4
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper.	49	77.1	81.3	81.4	81.5	81.5
V. Iron and Its Products	44	98.2	97.5	98.7	99.5	99.6
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	72.0	74.4	74.7	74.6	74.6
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	86.9	84.4	84.8	84.8	84.8
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	79.4	78.2	80.2	80.7	80.8
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	63.5	64.8	65.4	64.5	63.6

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