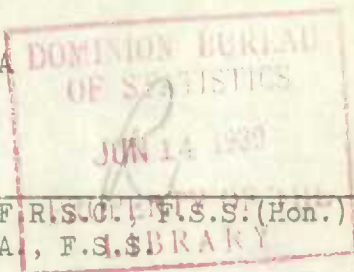


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1938-1939
(1926=100)

Price changes in Industrial Materials lacked definite direction in the week ending June 9 and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index remained unchanged at 65.2. The Sensitive index eased from 53.6 to 53.5, as a reduction in Food Materials outpointed an increase in Manufacturing Materials, but the Stable group continued at 87.6 for the fourth consecutive week. The index for Foods fell from 58.6 to 57.6, when a lower quotation for hogs failed to offset recessions in wheat, oats and steers, while Manufacturing Materials mounted from 51.8 to 52.0, as strength in rosin, cotton, wool and silk proved of more consequence than decreases in cottonseed oil, copper and tin.

The General Wholesale Commodity index declined from 73.5 to 73.3. This index has moved narrowly since last September, remaining within the limits of 1.7 points. Vegetable Products were lower, but modest increases took place in Animal Products and Textiles. Among the more important commodities to show weakness were grains, flour, livestock and eggs, while potatoes, butter, cheese and raw wool advanced.

Canadian Farm Products fell from 64.7 to 64.4. Field Products declined from 55.3 to 55.1, as a decrease in grains outweighed advances in potatoes and hay. Animal Products dropped from 80.4 to 79.9, when reductions in livestock, hides and poultry were of more importance than a rise in wool.

	No. of Price Series	1938		1939		
		June 10	May 19	May 26	June 2	June 9
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	64.9	65.1	65.6	65.2	65.2
Stable	12	90.6	87.6	87.6	87.6	87.6
Sensitive	18	52.1	53.4	54.1	53.6	53.5
Manufacturing	13	46.2	51.5	52.0	51.8	52.0
Food	5	71.4	58.6	60.1	58.6	57.6
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	80.3	73.6	73.5	73.5	73.3
Chief Component Groups						
I. Vegetable Products	135	78.7	63.4	62.7	62.4	61.7
II. Animals and Their Products	76	78.6	71.0	71.4	71.6	71.7
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	67.4	66.3	66.4	66.4	66.5
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	77.1	76.8	76.7	76.7	76.7
V. Iron and Its Products	44	101.5	97.3	97.3	97.3	97.3
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	67.5	69.0	69.4	69.4	69.4
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	87.1	84.7	84.7	84.7	84.7
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	80.3	77.8	77.8	77.8	77.8
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	76.9	65.2	65.1	64.7	64.4

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