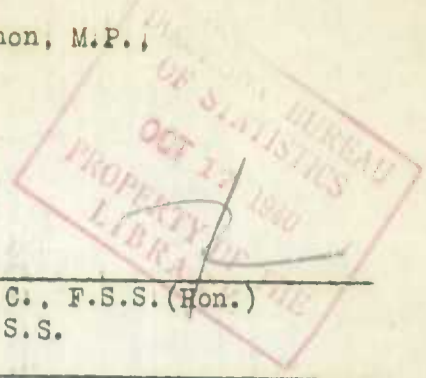


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940

Higher prices for Industrial Materials advanced the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index, on the basis August 1939=100, from 121.1 for the week ending October 4 to 121.4 for the week ending October 11. The Stable group remained at 118.3, but the Sensitive group, including Manufacturing and Food Materials, rose from 123.0 to 123.5. Increases in raw rubber, rosin, raw silk and tin ingots lifted the index for Manufacturing Materials from 120.3 to 120.8, while Food Materials moved from 129.9 to 130.7 as higher quotations for oats and steers outweighed reductions in wheat and hogs.

Advances were of more importance in General Wholesale Commodities also, and this index rose from 83.0 to 83.1. Animal Products, Wood and Chemicals moved higher, but Vegetable Products lost most of the increase made in the previous week. So far this year, wholesale commodity prices, in general, have remained relatively stable. At its present level, the index is 11.2 above the low of 71.9, touched in the week of August 18, 1939, but still falls 4.6 short of the high of 87.7, reached in the week of July 16, 1937.

Canadian Farm Products fell from 64.3 to 64.2. Field Products declined from 51.2 to 50.8, because of decreases in grains, potatoes, onions and hay, while Animal Products rose from 86.3 to 86.7, due to higher quotations for livestock, hides and eggs.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between the Weeks ended  
October 4 and 11

Increases: butter 5.5, cheese 4.3, oats 3.8, eggs 3.6, Maritime spruce 3.3, raw silk 1.8, raw rubber 1.4.

Decreases: potatoes 0.9, wheat 0.7, flour and milled products 0.7, raw cotton 0.7.

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	: Series	: 13	: 4	: 11	: 13	: 4	: 11		
		(1926=100)				(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES .....	30	76.5	x78.6	78.8	117.7	x121.1	121.4		
Stable .....	12	90.7	x104.6	104.6	102.6	x118.3	118.3		
Sensitive .....	18	68.3	x65.0	65.2	129.0	x123.0	123.5		
Manufacturing .....	13	69.5	x63.6	63.9	131.0	x120.3	120.8		
Food .....	5	65.3	68.4	68.8	124.0	129.9	130.7		

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	: Series	: 13	: 20	: 27	: 4	: 11			
		(1926=100)				(August 1939=100)			
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES .....	567	78.0	83.0	x82.9	x83.0	83.1			
Chief Component Groups									
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	67.7	69.9	69.2	69.5	69.3			
II. Animals and Their Products .....	56	78.3	78.9	78.7	78.8	79.7			
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	71.4	83.6	83.8	83.8	83.8			
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper .....	49	81.6	x91.3	x91.3	x91.3	91.7			
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	99.6	106.0	106.0	106.0	106.0			
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	74.9	77.2	77.7	77.7	77.7			
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	84.7	90.6	90.8	90.9	90.9			
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....	77	80.8	90.4	90.4	90.4	90.5			
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	63.6	64.1	63.5	64.3	64.2			

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