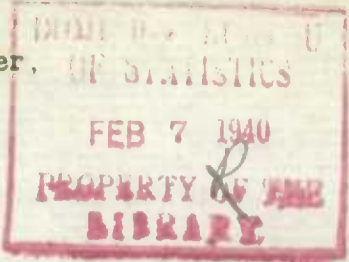


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940

A reaction in Industrial Material prices lowered the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index, on the base August 1939=100, from 122.3 for the week ending January 26th to 121.0 for the week ending February 2nd. The Stable index remained at 111.2, but the Sensitive index fell from 130.3 to 127.9, as declines predominated in both Manufacturing and Food Materials. Easier quotations for rubber, raw silk, hemp and tin ingots reduced the index for Manufacturing Materials from 130.4 to 127.8, and Food Materials decreased from 130.1 to 128.2, when grains and livestock declined.

The General Wholesale Commodity index fell from 82.4 to 82.2. Reductions proved of more consequence than increases in Vegetable Products, Animals, Textiles and Non-Metallic Minerals. Fish, cured meats and tin were among the commodities to move higher, but grains, flour, livestock, eggs, cotton fabrics and coal showed moderate declines.

Canadian Farm Products fell from 70.2 to 69.4. Field Products decreased from 61.1 to 60.2, influenced by decreases in grains and potatoes, and Animal Products dropped from 85.4 to 84.8, as reductions in livestock and eggs outweighed an increase in hogs.

	No. of Series	1939		1940		1939		1940	
		Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	
		(1926=100)				(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	64.7	x79.4	78.5	99.5	x122.3	121.0		
Stable	12	88.1	x98.3	98.3	99.6	x111.2	111.2		
Sensitive	18	52.7	68.8	67.6	99.4	130.3	127.9		
Manufacturing	13	50.9	69.0	67.6	95.9	130.4	127.8		
Food	5	57.5	68.5	67.5	109.2	130.1	128.2		
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		(1926=100)				(August 1939=100)			
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	73.2	82.2	x82.4	x82.4	82.2			
Chief Component Groups									
I. Vegetable Products	135	60.3	73.0	73.3	73.4	72.8			
II. Animals and Their Products	76	73.2	79.8	80.0	79.9	79.7			
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	66.0	82.3	82.1	82.0	81.8			
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper ...	49	76.2	85.4	x86.5	x86.5	86.5			
V. Iron and Its Products	44	97.5	102.6	102.6	102.6	102.6			
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	70.1	76.2	76.0	75.8	75.8			
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	85.7	86.8	87.0	87.2	87.1			
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products ...	77	78.8	86.9	85.7	85.7	85.7			
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	65.0	69.9	70.3	70.2	69.4			

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