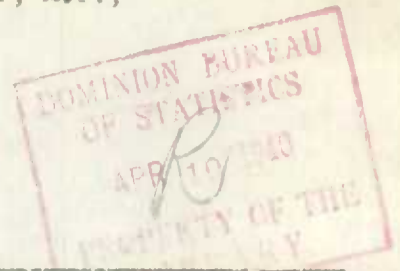


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940

An easier tone prevailed in basic commodity markets in the week ending April 5, and the advance of the previous week in Industrial Material prices was not maintained. The Bureau's index, on the base August 1939 = 100, fell from 123.1 to 122.6, as both the Manufacturing and the Food Material groups moved lower. The former dropped from 128.0 to 127.3, when increases in linseed oil and raw cotton failed to offset reductions in raw silk, rosin and tin ingots, while weakness in wheat, oats and livestock decreased the Food Materials index from 138.4 to 137.3. The Stable group was unchanged at 112.2.

In the General Wholesale Commodity index, advances were balanced by recessions, and the index remained at 83.2. Of the eight major groups, Vegetable Products, Textiles, Wood and Non-Metallic Minerals advanced, while Animal Products, Non-Ferrous Metals and Chemicals declined. Grains, otherwise little changed, were accented by a sharp rise in flax, and vegetable oils, potatoes, binder twine and pulp moved up, as well. Among the commodities to decline were livestock, meats, raw wool and copper.

Canadian Farm Products moved from 71.8 to 71.5. Field Products rose from 63.8 to 64.0, when increases in potatoes and hay outweighed a reduction in onions, while Animal Products dropped from 85.2 to 84.1, when weakness developed in livestock, eggs and wool.

	No. of	1939		1940		1939		1940	
		Price	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	
	Series	7	29	5	7	29	5		
		(1926=100)				(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	64.1	79.9	79.6	98.7	123.1	122.6		
Stable	12	87.8	99.2	99.2	99.3	112.2	112.2		
Sensitive	18	52.0	69.1	68.7	98.2	130.8	130.0		
Manufacturing	13	50.5	67.7	67.3	95.1	128.0	127.3		
Food	5	56.2	72.8	72.3	106.9	138.4	137.3		

	No. of	1939		1940		1939		1940	
		Price	April	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Apr.		
	Series	7	15	22	29	5			
		(1926=100)							
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES...	567	73.2	83.1	83.2	83.2	83.2	83.2		
Chief Component Groups									
I. Vegetable Products	135	61.3	74.9	74.9	75.3	75.5			
II. Animals and Their Products	76	72.6	80.0	80.0	79.7	78.9			
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	65.7	82.6	83.5	83.4	83.8			
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper ..	49	76.3	86.6	87.0	86.9	87.1			
V. Iron and Its Products	44	97.4	102.6	102.5	102.5	102.5			
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	70.0	76.4	76.3	76.3	76.2			
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	85.1	87.2	87.2	87.2	87.3			
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products ..	77	77.9	87.3	87.4	87.4	85.6			
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	65.3	71.0	71.2	71.8	71.5			

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