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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940

Following a decline of two weeks, Industrial Material prices rallied, and the Bureau's index, on the base August 1939=100, rose from 121.9 for the week ending May 3 to 122.2 for the week ending May 10. The Stable group remained unchanged at 112.6, but the Sensitive section advanced from 128.5 to 129.0. Manufacturing Materials moved up .5 to 127.6, as gains for rubber, silk and tin ingots outweighed losses for raw cotton and cottonseed oil, while Food Materials showed a rise from 132.2 to 132.6, due chiefly to higher prices for oats.

The index for General Wholesale Commodities, on the base 1926=100, moved down from 83.0 to 82.8 between the weeks of May 3 and 10. The most important price changes occurred in the Vegetable, Animal, Textile and Non-Ferrous Metal groups. Vegetable Products receded from 76.0 to 75.8, declines in grains, vegetable oils and potatoes outweighing gains for raw rubber and cocoa. Higher prices for fish and meats were outbalanced by declines for furs, hides, livestock and eggs, and the index for Animal Products fell from 76.7 to 76.2. Owing to easier prices for raw cotton, Textiles moved down from 83.6 to 83.4. Wood Products advanced from 87.3 to 87.4, and Non-Ferrous Metals from 76.3 to 76.5, the rise in the latter being due to higher quotations for copper, tin and zinc. Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals were unchanged at 102.3, 87.1 and 85.6 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products decreased from 71.6 to 71.3, with losses registered in both the Field Products and Animal Products groups.

	: No. of :	1939 :			1940 :		
		Price :	May :	May :	May :	May :	May :
	: Series :	12 :	3 :	10 :	12 :	3 :	10 :
		(1926=100)			(August 1939=100)		
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	65.5	79.1	79.3	100.7	121.9	122.2
Stable	12	87.8	99.5	99.5	99.3	112.6	112.6
Sensitive	18	53.8	67.9	68.1	101.6	128.5	129.0
Manufacturing	13	51.6	67.2	67.5	97.2	127.1	127.6
Food	5	59.9	69.6	69.8	113.9	132.2	132.6

	: No. of :	1939 :		1940 :		
		Price :	May :	Apr. :	Apr. :	May :
	: Series :	12 :	19 :	26 :	3 :	10 :
		(1926=100)		(1926=100)		
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	73.7	83.2	83.2	83.0	82.8
Chief Component Groups						
I. Vegetable Products	135	63.6	76.4	76.6	76.0	75.8
II. Animals and Their Products	76	71.3	77.6	77.2	76.7	76.2
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	65.9	83.7	83.7	83.6	83.4
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	76.6	87.3	87.3	87.3	87.4
V. Iron and Its Products	44	97.5	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	69.3	76.4	76.3	76.3	76.5
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	84.9	87.1	87.1	87.1	87.1
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	77.9	85.6	85.6	85.6	85.6
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	65.4	72.6	72.5	71.6	71.3



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