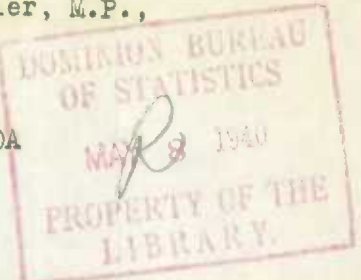


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940

A further decline in Industrial Material prices lowered the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index, on the base August 1939=100, from 122.2 for the week ending April 26 to 121.9 for the week ending May 3. Manufacturing Materials fell from 127.3 to 127.1, as recessions in raw cotton, raw silk and tin ingots outweighed an increase in rosin, and Food Materials dropped from 133.9 to 132.2, when advances in steers and hogs failed to offset declines in wheat and oats. The Stable group was unchanged at 112.6.

General Wholesale Commodities weakened also, moving from 83.2 to 83.0. Changes of consequence were confined to the Vegetable, Animal and Textile groups. Lower quotations for grains, raw coffee and potatoes were mainly responsible for reducing Vegetable Products from 76.6 to 76.0, while Animal Products decreased from 77.2 to 76.7, when declines in fish, leather, fresh meats and butter proved of more consequence than increases in livestock, cheese and eggs. Textiles eased from 83.7 to 83.6, largely because of weakness in raw cotton and raw silk.

Canadian Farm Products fell from 72.5 to 71.6. Field Products dropped from 65.5 to 64.0, due to reductions in grains and potatoes, but Animal Products rose from 84.1 to 84.4 when increases in livestock and eggs outpointed a decrease in hides.

	No. of Series	1939		1940			
		May 5	Apr. 26	May 3	May 5	Apr. 26	May 3
		(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	65.0	x79.3	79.1	99.1	x122.2	121.9
Stable	12	87.8		99.5	99.3	112.6	112.6
Sensitive	18	53.2	x68.2	67.9	100.3	x129.1	128.5
Manufacturing	13	51.2	x67.3	67.2	96.4	x127.3	127.1
Food	5	58.6	x70.4	69.6	111.3	x133.9	132.2
		1939		1940			
	No. of Series	May 5	Apr. 12	Apr. 19	Apr. 26	May 3	
		(1926=100)					
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	73.7	83.2	83.2	83.2	83.0	
Chief Component Groups							
I. Vegetable Products	135	63.4	76.0	76.4	76.6	76.0	
II. Animals and Their Products	76	71.5	77.9	77.6	77.2	76.7	
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	65.9	83.8	83.7	83.7	83.6	
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	76.6	87.2	87.3	87.3	87.3	
V. Iron and Its Products	44	97.5	102.4	102.3	102.3	102.3	
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	69.4	76.4	76.4	76.3	76.3	
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	84.9	87.3	87.1	87.1	87.1	
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	77.9	85.5	85.6	85.6	85.6	
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	65.2	72.0	72.6	72.5	71.6	

x Revised.

