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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940

A further rise in Industrial Material prices advanced the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index, on the base August 1939=100, from 119.7 for the week ending July 19 to 119.9 for the week ending July 26. Firmer prices for rubber, cottonseed oil, rosin, raw silk and tin ingots increased the index for Manufacturing Materials from 119.7 to 120.5, while Food Materials fell from 123.9 to 123.3, when a decline in oats outweighed increases in steers and hogs. The Stable group was unchanged at 116.0.

General Wholesale Commodities, on the base 1926=100, remained at 82.0. Reductions predominated in Vegetable Products and Animal Products, while small advances occurred in Textiles, Wood, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals.

Canadian Farm Products continued to decline, moving from 64.2 to 63.5. Both Field and Animal Products were weaker. The former dropped from 52.5 to 51.5, influenced mainly by lower prices for potatoes, while the Animal group fell from 83.9 to 83.7, when reductions in hides and eggs proved of more importance than an advance in livestock.

Weekly Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities

Increases: flour and milled products 2.3, livestock 0.7, cured meats 0.9, raw silk 0.7, petroleum products 1.7.

Decreases: potatoes 17.1, hides 6.0, fresh meats 1.6, eggs 2.1, cotton fabrics 0.5.

	No. of Series	1939		1940		1939		1940	
		July 28	July 28	July 19	July 26	July 28	July 19	July 26	
			(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)				
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	64.8	x77.7	77.8	99.6	x119.7	119.9		
Stable	12	88.3	x102.5	102.5	99.9	x116.0	116.0		
Sensitive	18	52.7	x64.6	64.8	99.5	x122.3	122.7		
Manufacturing	13	53.0	x63.3	63.7	99.8	x119.7	120.5		
Food	5	51.9	67.8	67.5	98.7	128.9	128.3		

	No. of Series	1939		1940		1939		1940	
		July 28	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26			
			(1926=100)						
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	72.1	82.2	81.7	82.0	82.0			
Chief Component Groups									
I. Vegetable Products	135	58.3	72.2	70.5	70.6	70.5			
II. Animals and Their Products	76	71.0	77.0	77.2	77.2	77.0			
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	66.2	83.3	83.2	83.1	83.2			
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	77.0	88.4	88.4	89.0	89.1			
V. Iron and Its Products	44	97.4	102.6	102.6	102.6	103.0			
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	68.7	76.3	76.3	76.1	76.1			
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	84.7	88.7	88.7	89.7	90.0			
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	77.6	85.8	87.1	88.8	89.6			
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	62.2	65.8	65.0	64.2	63.5			

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