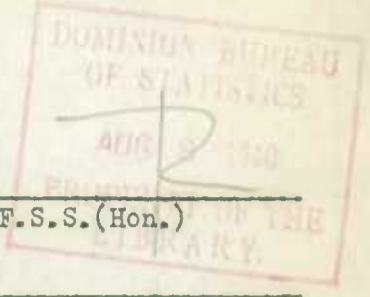


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940

Reversing the direction of the previous two weeks the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index of Industrial Material Prices, on the base August 1939=100, declined from 119.9 to 119.1 for the week ending August 2. The Stable group was unchanged at 116.0, but the Sensitive group fell from 122.7 to 121.2, when both Manufacturing and Food Materials showed weakness. The former decreased from 120.5 to 120.0, as declines in raw rubber and cotton proved of greater importance than increases in raw silk and tin ingots. Food Materials dropped from 128.3 to 124.1, when a small advance in wheat failed to offset reductions in oats, steers and hogs.

General Wholesale Commodities, on the base 1926=100, rose from 82.0 to 82.1. Reductions were preponderant in both Vegetable Products and Animal Products, while advances predominated in Wood, Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals.

Canadian Farm Products declined from 63.5 to 62.3. This compared with 62.2 for the week of August 4, 1939. Field Products fell from 51.5 to 50.3, largely because of easier quotations for grains and potatoes, and Animal Products dropped from 83.7 to 82.3, due to reductions in livestock, hides and eggs.

Weekly Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities

Increases: steel pipe 23.5, copper wire bars 5.9, green coffee beans 1.8, tin ingots 0.9, wheat 0.5.

Decreases: potatoes 23.4, oats 5.9, livestock 4.5, raw rubber 4.0, hides 3.8, fresh meats 3.1, eggs 1.4.

	No. of	1939	1940	1939	1940		
	Price	Aug.	July	Aug.	July		
	Series:	4	26	2	4		
		(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	64.9	77.8	77.3	99.8	119.9	119.1
Stable	12	88.3	102.5	102.5	99.9	116.0	116.0
Sensitive	18	52.8	64.8	64.0	99.7	122.7	121.2
Manufacturing	13	53.1	63.7	63.5	100.0	120.5	120.0
Food	5	52.1	67.5	65.3	99.0	128.3	124.1

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	Price	Aug.	July	July	July	
	Series:	4	12	19	26	
		(1926=100)				
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES ...	567	72.3	81.7	82.0	82.0	82.1
Chief Component Groups						
I. Vegetable Products	135	58.9	70.5	70.6	70.5	69.8
II. Animals and Their Products	76	70.4	77.2	77.2	77.0	76.4
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	66.2	83.2	83.1	83.2	83.2
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper ...	49	77.0	88.4	89.0	89.1	89.2
V. Iron and Its Products	44	97.4	102.6	102.6	103.0	105.5
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	69.8	76.3	76.1	76.1	76.5
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	84.7	88.7	89.7	90.0	90.0
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products ...	77	77.6	87.1	88.8	89.6	89.6
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	62.2	65.0	64.2	63.5	62.3

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