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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1940-1941

Among wholesale commodity prices, recessions outweighed advances by a narrow margin in the week ending December 12, and the Bureau's index, on the base 1926=100, declined from 93.6 for the week ending December 5 to 93.5. Vegetable Products and Non-Metallic Minerals were slightly higher, while Animal Products moved down, as sharp reductions occurred in lard and eggs. Wheat and cotton fabrics declined also, but potatoes, steers, vegetable oils, oats and fresh meats were among the more important commodities to advance.

Industrial Material Prices, on the base August 1939=100, fell from 141.0 to 140.7. The Stable group remained at 124.7, while the Sensitive price series, including Manufacturing and Food Materials, decreased from 153.0 to 152.5. Lower quotations for rosin and raw cotton reduced Manufacturing Materials from 153.9 to 152.8, while Food Materials rose from 150.4 to 151.6, as increases in oats, steers and hogs outweighed a decline in wheat.

Canadian Farm Products receded from 74.5 to 74.2. Field Products were firm, moving from 58.6 to 58.7, when a slight reduction in grains failed to offset higher prices for potatoes, onions and hay. Animal Products dropped from 101.2 to 100.2, as a decline in eggs proved of more importance than an increase in livestock.

	:No. of :	1940		1941		1940		1941	
		:Price :		:Price :		:Price :		:Price :	
		:Series:	Dec. 13	Dec. 5	Dec. 12	Dec. 13	Dec. 5	Dec. 12	
		(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)					
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES .....	30	79.2	91.4	91.2	122.7	141.0	140.7		
Stable .....	12	104.2	110.6	110.6	117.9	124.7	124.7		
Sensitive .....	18	66.6	80.5	80.2	126.0	153.0	152.5		
Manufacturing .....	13	65.9	81.0	80.4	124.7	153.9	152.8		
Food .....	5	68.1	79.1	79.7	129.4	150.4	151.6		
		:No. of :		1940		1941			
		:Price :		:Price :		:Price :		:Price :	
		:Series:	Dec. 13	Nov. 21	Nov. 28	Dec. 5	Dec. 12		
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES...	567	84.3	93.9	93.9	93.6	93.5			
Chief Component Groups:									
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	70.9	80.0	80.1	80.1	80.4			
II. Animals and Their Products ...	76	83.8	101.6	101.5	99.6	98.7			
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	84.1	96.6	96.6	96.0	96.0			
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper.	49	91.6	98.4	98.4	98.3	98.3			
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	106.1	112.7	112.7	112.7	112.7			
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	77.7	78.2	78.2	78.2	78.2			
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	90.8	98.8	98.8	98.8	98.9			
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products.	77	90.2	103.6	103.6	103.6	103.6			
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	67.4	73.7	74.3	74.5	74.2			

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between the  
Weeks of December 5 and 12

Increases: potatoes 4.7, steers 2.7, vegetable oils 2.7, oats 2.4, cocoa and products 1.7.

Decreases: eggs 13.0, lard 11.7, cotton fabrics 0.9, wheat 0.5.

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