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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1940-1941

Wholesale commodity prices moved slightly higher in the week ending December 26, and the Bureau's index, on the base 1926=100, rose from 93.7 for the week ending December 19 to 93.8. This compared with 84.2 for the corresponding week of last year, and indicated an increase of approximately 11.4 p.c. since that time. Price changes were confined almost entirely to Vegetable Products and Animal Products. Higher quotations ruled for grains, potatoes, fish, livestock and fresh meats, while furs, milk products and eggs weakened.

Industrial Material Prices advanced from 141.2 to 141.3 (August 1939=100). The Stable group was unchanged at 125.6, but the Sensitive group increased from 152.7 to 152.8, when a rise from 152.4 to 153.4 in Food Materials outweighed a decrease from 152.7 to 152.5 in Manufacturing Materials.

Canadian Farm Products mounted from 74.3 to 74.7. Field Products rose from [illegible] to 89.4, while Animal Products advanced from 99.8 to 100.2

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between the Weeks of December 19 and 26.

Increase: potatoes 3.5, steers 1.9, fresh meats 1.4, oils and fats 1.3, fish 0.8, hogs 0.7 oats 0.6, wheat 0.3

Decrease: furs 3.2, eggs 0.8, milk products 0.3

PLEASE NOTE: With this issue weekly bulletins on wholesale price index numbers will be discontinued until further notice. The establishment of Maximum Price Regulations has reduced weekly changes in wholesale price levels to very small proportions and these changes no longer measure the adjustment of markets to changes in demand and supply. Weekly index numbers of industrial material prices on the base August 1939=100 now will be published in the monthly bulletin Prices and Price Indexes on Page 4, but the weekly general index of wholesale prices is being discontinued entirely.

	No. of Price Series	1940 Dec. 27	1941 Dec. 19	1941 Dec. 26	1940 Dec. 27	1941 Dec. 19	1941 Dec. 26
		(1926=100)			(August 1939=100)		
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES.....	30	79.0	91.6	91.6	121.9	141.2	141.3
Stable.....	12	104.5	111.4	111.4	117.8	125.6	125.6
Sensitive.....	18	65.6	80.3	80.4	124.7	152.7	152.8
Manufacturing.....	13	64.7	80.4	80.3	122.8	152.7	152.5
Food.....	5	68.2	80.1	80.7	129.7	152.4	153.4

	No. of Price Series	1940 Dec. 27	1941 Dec. 5	1941 Dec. 12	1941 Dec. 19	1941 Dec. 26
		(1926=100)				
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES..	567	84.2	93.6	93.5	93.7	93.8
Chief Component Groups:						
I. Vegetable Products.....	135	70.6	80.1	80.4	80.6	80.9
II. Animals and Their Products..	76	84.1	99.6	98.7	98.7	98.8
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products.....	85	84.4	96.0	96.0	96.0	96.0
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	91.5	98.3	98.3	98.7	98.7
V. Iron and Its Products.....	44	106.2	112.8	112.8	112.8	112.8
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	98.9	99.2	99.2
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	90.3	103.6	103.6	103.6	103.6
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	66.9	74.5	74.2	74.3	74.7