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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1940-1941

The index of General Wholesale Commodity Prices, on the base 1926-100, was unchanged at 85.0 for the week ending February 14. This was approximately 3.0 p.c. higher than the corresponding week of last year when the index stood at 82.5. Vegetable Products was the only major group to advance, whereas small reductions were shown by Animal Products and Textiles. Among the more important commodities to be marked up were grains, raw rubber, potatoes, fresh meats and worsted cloth yarns, while livestock, hides, butter, eggs and raw cotton decreased.

In the Industrial Materials price index, recessions counteracted advances and the index, on the base August 1939=100, remained at 124.1. Both the Stable and the Sensitive price groups were unchanged, continuing at 118.6 and 127.9 respectively. The Manufacturing and Food Materials recessions, included in the Sensitive price series, moved in opposition, the former rising from 125.5 to 125.7, when declines in raw cotton and raw silk failed to offset an advance in raw rubber, while Food Materials receded from 70.4 to 70.2, as reductions in steers and hogs proved of more consequence than increases in wheat and oats.

Canadian Farm Products rose from 67.5 to 67.7. Increases in grains and potatoes were mainly responsible for moving Field Products from 54.0 to 54.5, while Animal Products declined from 90.1 to 89.7 because of lower quotations for livestock, hides and eggs.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between the Weeks  
of February 7 and 14.

Increases: potatoes 3.7, raw rubber 2.2, green cocoa beans 2.0, wheat 0.6, oats 0.6, fresh meats 0.4.  
Decreases: raw cotton 1.9, hides 1.6, steers 1.0, hogs 0.8, eggs 0.6, butter 0.5.

	No. of	1940	1941	1940	1941		
	Price	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.		
	Series	16	7	14	16		
		(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES .....	30	79.3	x 80.4	80.4	122.9	124.0	124.0
Stable .....	12	98.7	x105.1	105.1	111.7	x118.5	118.5
Sensitive .....	18	69.2	x 67.3	67.3	131.0	x127.9	127.9
Manufacturing .....	13	68.4	x 66.1	66.2	129.4	125.5	125.7
Food .....	5	71.1	x 70.4	70.2	135.1	x133.9	133.5
	No. of	1940		1941			
	Price	Feb.	Jan.	Jan.	Feb.	Feb.	
	Series	16	24	31	7	14	
			(1926=100)				
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES ....	567	82.5	84.8	84.8	85.0	85.0	
Chief Component Groups							
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	73.6	x72.0	x72.1	x72.4	72.5	
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	80.0	x83.9	x83.7	x84.1	84.0	
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	81.6	84.5	84.6	84.6	84.5	
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper ...	49	86.5	91.9	91.9	x92.2	92.2	
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	102.6	106.3	106.3	106.3	106.3	
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	75.4	77.7	77.7	77.7	77.7	
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	87.2	91.0	91.0	91.0	91.0	
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products ...	77	87.1	91.7	91.4	91.4	91.4	
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	69.9	x67.5	x67.3	x67.5	67.7	

x Revised due to use of new price series dating from January 1941.

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