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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1940-1941

Further increases in wholesale commodity prices moved the Bureau's index, on the base 1926=100, from 85.3 for the week ending February 28 to 85.5 for the week ending March 7. Three of the eight component groups, viz., Vegetable Products, Animal Products and Chemicals advanced while the remaining five were unchanged. Among the more important commodities to move higher were oats, raw rubber, fish, hides, fresh meats, butter and eggs, but slightly lower quotations ruled for green coffee beans, livestock and cotton fabrics.

Industrial material prices were firmer also, and this index, on the base August 1939=100, rose from 125.8 to 126.2. The Stable group index was unchanged at 119.5, but the Sensitive price series, including Manufacturing and Food Materials mounted from 130.3 to 130.9. Supported by raw rubber, rosin, raw cotton and raw silk, Manufacturing Materials increased from 127.8 to 128.5, while Food Materials advanced from 136.7 to 137.0, when a reduction in hogs failed to offset higher prices for oats and steers.

Canadian Farm Products continued to rise, moving from 68.4 to 68.6. Field Products advanced from 54.7 to 54.9, due to strength in grains, onions and straw, while Animal Products remained at 91.4, with a reduction in livestock counteracting increases in hides and eggs.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between the Weeks of February 28 and March 7.

Increases: fertilizers 2.6, raw rubber 2.5, raw silk 2.3, vegetable oils 2.0, fresh meats 1.8, cheese 1.7, eggs 1.5, butter 1.2, oats 0.6.

Decreases: green coffee beans 1.9, hogs 0.3, cotton fabrics 0.1.

	No. of Series	1940		1941		1941	
		Mar. 8	Feb. 28	Mar. 7	Mar. 8	Feb. 28	Mar. 7
		(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	79.2	81.6	81.8	122.7	125.8	126.2
Stable	12	98.5	106.0	106.0	111.5	119.5	119.5
Sensitive	18	69.1	68.5	68.8	130.8	130.3	130.9
Manufacturing	13	68.3	67.3	67.7	129.1	127.8	128.5
Food	5	71.3	71.9	72.0	135.5	136.7	137.0

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		Mar. 8	Feb. 14	Feb. 21	Feb. 28	Mar. 7	

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GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES ...	567	83.1	85.0	85.1	85.3	85.5	
Chief Component Groups							
I. Vegetable Products	135	75.0	72.5	72.4	72.5	72.9	
II. Animals and Their Products	76	80.2	84.0	84.0	84.5	85.1	
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	82.6	84.5	84.5	84.5	84.5	
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper ..	49	86.6	92.2	92.4	92.4	92.4	
V. Iron and Its Products	44	102.6	106.3	106.7	107.3	107.3	
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	76.4	77.7	77.8	77.8	77.8	
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	87.2	91.0	91.2	91.4	91.4	
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products ..	77	87.3	91.4	91.9	91.9	92.1	
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	71.3	67.7	68.2	68.4	68.6	

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