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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1940-1941

Firmness continued to feature wholesale commodity prices, and the Bureau's index, on the base 1926=100, rose from 85.5 for the week ending March 7 to 85.7 for the week ending March 14. Price changes were most numerous in the Vegetable Products, Animal Products and Textile groups. Some of the more important commodities to sell higher were grains, flour and milled products, raw rubber, fresh meats, butter and raw cotton, while recessions occurred in steers, lard and eggs. Since the week of May 24, 1940, this index has moved intermittently higher, making in that time a gain of approximately 5.5 p.c.

Industrial Material Prices, on the base August 1939=100, advanced from 126.2 to 126.7. The Stable price series remained at 119.5, while the Sensitive price series rose from 130.9 to 131.9, as both Manufacturing and Food Materials continued to display buoyancy. The former moved from 128.5 to 129.7, supported by raw rubber, raw cotton, raw silk, and rosin, while Food Materials mounted from 137.0 to 137.4, when a decline in steers failed to offset advances in wheat, oats and hogs.

Canadian Farm Products increased from 68.6 to 69.1. Higher quotations for grains, hay and onions raised Field Products from 54.9 to 55.8, while Animal Products remained at 91.4, as an increase in hides was counterbalanced by reductions in livestock and eggs.

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

Increases: raw rubber 3.9, raw cotton 2.8, wheat 1.9, flour and milled products 0.8, hogs 0.6, oats 0.5, fresh meats 0.4, butter 0.3.

Decreases: lard 1.8, eggs 1.1, steers 0.2.

	: No. of :	1940 :		1941 :		1940 :		1941	
		: Price :		: Price :		: Price :		: Price :	
		: Series:		: Series:		: Series:		: Series:	
		15	7	14	15	7	14		
		(1926=100)				(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES .....	30	79.3	81.8	82.2	122.9	126.2	126.7		
Stable .....	12	98.6	106.0	106.0	111.5	119.5	119.5		
Sensitive .....	18	69.3	68.8	69.4	131.2	130.9	131.9		
Manufacturing .....	13	68.5	67.7	68.3	129.5	128.5	129.7		
Food .....	5	71.2	72.0	72.3	135.3	137.0	137.4		
		: No. of :		1940 :		1941			
		: Price :		: Price :		: Price :		: Price :	
		: Series:		: Series:		: Series:		: Series:	
		15	21	28	7	14			
		(1926=100)							
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES .....	567	83.1	85.1	85.3	85.5	85.7			
Chief Component Groups									
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	74.9	72.4	72.5	72.9	73.4			
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	80.0	84.0	84.5	85.1	85.2			
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	82.6	84.5	84.5	84.5	84.7			
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper .....	49	86.8	92.4	92.4	92.4	92.4			
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	102.6	106.7	107.3	107.3	107.3			
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	76.4	77.8	77.8	77.8	77.7			
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	87.2	91.2	91.4	91.4	91.5			
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....	77	87.3	91.9	91.9	92.1	92.1			
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	71.0	68.2	68.4	68.6	69.1			

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