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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1940-1941

Price movements on wholesale commodity markets were mixed in the week ending March 28, and the Bureau's index, on the base 1926=100, remained at 86.0 after five successive weekly increases. Advances predominated in the Vegetable, Textile and Iron groups, but Animal Products, Wood and Chemicals moved lower. Among the more important commodities to show increases were oats, flour and milled products, vegetable oils, raw rubber, cocoa products, potatoes, raw cotton and shellac, while declines occurred in wheat, green coffee beans, steers, hogs, eggs, raw silk and shingles.

Industrial Material prices continued upward, rising from 127.1 to 127.6, on the base August 1939=100. The Stable price series was unchanged at 119.5, while the Sensitive price index, including Manufacturing and Food Materials, advanced from 132.5 to 133.4. The former mounted from 130.6 to 131.9, when a decrease in raw silk failed to offset higher prices for raw rubber, cottonseed oil and raw cotton. Food Materials declined from 137.5 to 137.0, as reductions in wheat, steers and hogs proved of more importance than an advance in oats.

Canadian Farm Products fell from 69.4 to 69.1. Field Products were moderately weaker, moving from 56.0 to 55.8, as a decline in grains outweighed increases in tobacco, potatoes and onions, and Animal Products receded from 91.9 to 91.4, influenced mainly by weakness in livestock.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between
 The Weeks of March 21 and 28.

Increases: shellac 5.7, vegetable oils 3.8, raw cotton 1.7, oats 1.4, cocoa products 1.3, potatoes 0.5, raw rubber 0.3, flour and milled products 0.3.

Decreases: shingles 4.6, eggs 4.4, steers 1.7, wheat 1.2, green coffee beans 1.1, hogs 0.8, raw silk 0.5.

	No. of	1940		1941		1940		1941	
		Price		Price		Price		Price	
		Series	Mar. 29	Mar. 21	Mar. 28	Mar. 29	Mar. 21	Mar. 28	Mar. 29
(1926=100)									
(August 1939=100)									
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	79.1	82.4	82.8	122.5	127.1	127.6		
Stable	12	98.9	106.0	106.0	111.9	119.5	119.5		
Sensitive	18	68.8	69.7	70.2	130.2	132.5	133.4		
Manufacturing	13	67.7	68.8	69.5	128.0	130.6	131.9		
Food	5	71.5	72.3	72.1	135.9	137.5	137.0		
(1926=100)									
(August 1939=100)									
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	83.2	85.5	85.7	86.0	86.0			
Chief Component Groups									
I. Vegetable Products	135	75.3	72.9	73.4	73.9	74.0			
II. Animals and Their Products	76	79.7	85.1	85.2	85.6	85.2			
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	83.4	84.5	84.7	85.2	85.3			
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper ...	49	87.2	92.4	92.4	92.6	92.4			
V. Iron and Its Products	44	102.5	107.3	107.3	107.3	107.5			
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	76.3	77.8	77.7	77.7	77.7			
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	87.2	91.4	91.5	91.5	91.5			
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products ...	77	87.4	92.1	92.1	93.4	93.3			
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	71.8	68.6	69.1	69.4	69.1			



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