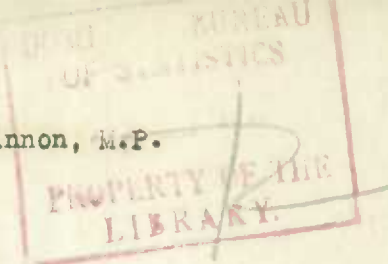


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1940-1941

Although changes were fairly numerous in the week ending April 18, advances offset recessions to maintain the Bureau's index of wholesale commodity prices, on the base 1926=100, at 86.5 for the third successive week. Of the eight major groups included in the index, Vegetable Products, Textiles, Wood, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals advanced, while Animal Products and Non-Ferrous Metals moved lower. Grains were mixed, but vegetable oils, raw rubber, potatoes, livestock, fresh meats, furniture and coal were among those commodities to show increases, whereas flour and milled products, fish, hides, butter, eggs and raw silk closed at lower levels.

The advance in industrial material prices which has been in progress, with slight interruption, since the beginning of the year continued, and the index (August 1939=100) rose from 128.3 to 129.2. The Stable price group was unchanged at 119.6, but the Sensitive price series, including Manufacturing and Food Materials, mounted from 134.4 to 136.1. The former moved from 133.1 to 134.9, as increases in raw rubber, cottonseed oil, rosin and Manila hemp outweighed declines in raw cotton, raw silk and tin ingots. Food Materials advanced from 137.8 to 138.9, when higher quotations for oats and hogs proved of more importance than decreases in wheat and steers.

Canadian Farm Products remained at 69.5. Firmer quotations for potatoes, onions and hay moved the index for Field Products from 56.0 to 56.1, while Animal Products fell from 92.2 to 91.9, as declines in hides and eggs outpointed increases in livestock and poultry.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between
the Weeks of April 11 and 18.

<u>Increases:</u>	oats 5.0, raw rubber 4.0, vegetable oils 2.5, soap 2.4, potatoes 2.3, fresh meats 0.8, furniture 0.7, hogs 0.5, coal 0.4.
<u>Decreases:</u>	butter 7.4, fish 4.4, hides 3.0, eggs 3.0, raw silk 0.9, wheat 0.8, flour and milled products 0.8.

	No. of	1940	1941	1940	1941	1940	1941
	Price	April	April	April	April	April	April
	Series	19	11	18	19	11	18
		(1926=100)			(August 1939=100)		
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	79.4	83.2	83.8	122.9	128.3	129.2
Stable	12	99.4	106.1	106.1	112.5	119.6	119.6
Sensitive	18	68.9	70.7	71.6	130.5	134.4	136.1
Manufacturing	13	67.7	70.1	71.1	128.1	133.1	134.9
Food	5	71.9	72.5	73.0	136.6	137.8	138.9

	No. of	1940	1941	1940	1941
	Price	April	March	April	April
	Series	19	28	4	11
		(1926=100)			
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	83.2	86.0	86.5	86.5
Chief Component Groups					
I. Vegetable Products	135	76.4	74.0	75.7	76.0
II. Animals and Their Products ..	76	77.6	85.2	85.1	84.2
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	83.7	85.3	85.5	85.7
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	87.5	92.4	92.4	92.5
V. Iron and Its Products	44	102.3	107.5	107.5	107.5
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals & Products	18	76.4	77.7	77.7	77.8
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals	33	87.1	91.5	91.5	91.7
VIII. Chemicals	77	85.6	93.3	93.4	94.9
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	72.6	69.1	69.2	69.5

