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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1940-1941

The upward movement in wholesale commodity prices continued during the week ending May 9, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index, on the base 1926=100, rose from 86.7 for the week ending May 2 to 86.9. For almost a year, prices have been working gradually higher, and at its present level the index shows an increase of 5.7 over the 1940 low in May. Advances were preponderant in Vegetable Products, Textiles, Non-Ferrous Metals and Chemicals, but the remaining four groups were unchanged. Included among the outstanding commodities to move higher were livestock, grains, raw rubber, raw cotton, lard, cheese and cured meats, while lower quotations ruled for fresh meats, butter, eggs and shellac.

Industrial Material prices advanced also, and this index, on the base August 1939=100, increased from 128.2 to 129.1. The Stable price series remained at 119.1, but the Sensitive group, including Manufacturing and Food Materials mounted from 134.7 to 136.2. Manufacturing Materials rose from 134.0 to 135.4, supported by rosin, raw cotton, raw rubber and silk. Food Materials advanced from 136.5 to 138.3, when increases in wheat, oats and hogs outweighed a decline in steers.

Canadian Farm Products moved from 69.2 to 69.4. A rally in Field Products advanced this index 0.2 to 55.6, while Animal Products remained at 92.4, as a reduction in eggs counteracted increases in livestock and hides.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between the
Weeks of May 2 and 9.

Increases: raw cotton 6.0, hogs 4.5, raw rubber 3.2, raw silk 2.4,
oats 1.4, lard 0.9, cheese 0.4.

Decreases: shellac 2.3, eggs 1.1, fresh meats 0.6, butter 0.5,
steers 0.2.

	: No. of :	1940:		1941		: 1940: 1941	
		: Price :		: Price :		: Price :	
		May	May	May	May	May	May
	: Series:	10	2	9	10	2	9
		(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	78.8	83.2	83.7	122.1	128.2	129.1
Stable	12	99.4	105.6	105.6	112.5	119.1	119.1
Sensitive	18	68.1	70.9	71.7	129.0	134.7	136.2
Manufacturing	13	67.5	70.6	71.3	127.6	134.0	135.4
Food	5	69.8	71.8	72.7	132.6	136.5	138.3
	: No. of :	1940 :		1941			
	: Price :	May :		April :		April :	
	: Series:	10	18	25	2	9	
		(1926=100)		(1926=100)			
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	82.8	86.5	86.4	86.7	86.9	
Chief Component Groups							
I. Vegetable Products	135	75.8	76.0	75.7	75.6	76.1	
II. Animals and Their Products	76	76.2	84.2	84.2	84.5	84.5	
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	83.4	85.7	85.6	86.4	86.8	
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	87.5	92.5	92.5	92.5	92.5	
V. Iron and Its Products	44	102.3	107.5	107.5	107.6	107.6	
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	76.5	77.7	77.7	77.7	77.8	
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	87.1	91.7	91.7	93.8	93.8	
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	85.6	94.9	95.5	95.5	95.6	
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	71.3	69.5	69.4	69.2	69.4	

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