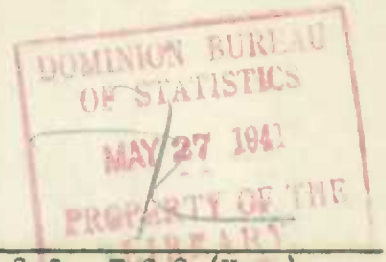


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1940-1941

The upward movement in wholesale commodity prices continued in the third week of May, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index, on the base 1926=100, rose from 88.0 for the week ending May 16 to 88.5. This was approximately 9 p.c. above the corresponding week of 1940, and the highest point reached since May 1930. Increases predominated in six of the eight major groups comprising the index, while Vegetable Products and Non-Ferrous Metals were unchanged. Steers, hogs, butter, eggs, coal, flour and milled products contributed to the advance, whereas reductions were shown in wheat, oats, raw rubber and potatoes.

Industrial Material prices also moved into higher ground, rising from 132.3 to 133.7 (August 1939=100). The Stable price series, supported by steel sheets, crude oil and coal, rose from 123.0 to 124.8, while the Sensitive price group, including Manufacturing and Food Materials, mounted from 138.8 to 140.0. Manufacturing Materials advanced from 138.6 to 140.3, when increases in cottonseed oil, beef hides and raw silk outweighed recessions in raw rubber, linseed oil and rosin. Food Materials eased from 139.3 to 139.2, as increases in steers and hogs failed to offset declines in wheat and oats.

Canadian Farm Products remained at 69.7, when a decrease in Field Products was counterbalanced by a rise in Animal Products. The former fell from 55.7 to 55.4, largely because of weakness in grains and potatoes, while Animal Products rose from 93.1 to 93.7, as firmer quotations ruled for livestock, hides and eggs.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between the Weeks of May 16 and 23

Increases: hides 3.8, coal 3.2, eggs 2.2, butter 1.3, hogs 1.0, flour and milled products 1.0, steers 0.9.

Decreases: raw rubber 2.9, potatoes 2.0, oats 1.4, wheat 0.2.

	No. of	1940	1941	1940	1941		
	Price	May	May	May	May		
	Series:	24	16	23	24		
		(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES .....	30	77.4	85.8	86.7	120.0	132.3	133.7
Stable .....	12	99.5	109.1	110.7	112.5	123.0	124.8
Sensitive .....	18	66.1	73.0	73.7	125.2	138.8	140.0
Manufacturing .....	13	66.0	73.0	73.9	124.7	138.6	140.3
Food .....	5	66.5	73.2	73.2	126.4	139.3	139.2
	No. of	1940	1941	1940	1941		
	Price	May	May	May	May		
	Series:	24	2	9	16		
		(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)			
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES .....	567	81.2	87.5	87.7	88.0	88.5	
Chief Component Groups							
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	70.1	75.6	76.1	76.4	76.4	
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	75.8	84.5	84.5	85.0	85.8	
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	83.2	86.4	86.8	87.9	88.3	
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper ...	49	87.7	94.8	94.8	94.8	95.4	
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	102.3	110.1	110.1	110.2	110.7	
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	76.5	77.9	77.9	78.1	78.1	
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	88.7	94.3	94.3	94.5	95.9	
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products ...	77	85.4	97.0	97.0	98.3	99.7	
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	64.8	69.2	69.4	69.7	69.7	

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