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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1940-1941.

Wholesale commodity price increases were widely distributed in the week ending July 18, and the Bureau's index, on the base 1926=100, rose from 90.6 for the week ending July 11 to 91.2. Of the eight major groups comprising the index, six moved higher, while two, viz., Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals, were unchanged. Included among the commodities to show strength were wheat, raw rubber, potatoes, livestock, meats, butter, eggs, raw cotton, furniture and tanning materials. Oats moved lower.

Industrial Material prices were firm, also, and this index, on the base August 1939=100, advanced from 137.0 to 137.7. The Stable group remained at 124.5, while the Sensitive price series, including Manufacturing and Food Materials, increased from 146.0 to 147.2. The former mounted from 145.5 to 147.4, because of higher quotations for raw rubber, raw silk, raw cotton, rosin, manila hemp and tin ingots. Food Materials declined from 147.0 to 146.5, when small advances in wheat, steers and hogs were outweighed by a reduction in oats.

Canadian Farm Products rose from 72.0 to 72.7. Field Products increased from 57.7 to 58.5, as higher quotations for potatoes and hay proved of more importance than decreases in grains and onions. Animal Products advanced from 95.9 to 96.5, supported by livestock, poultry, eggs and wool.

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

Increases: potatoes 20.5, tanning materials 7.2, butter 4.4, eggs 3.2, raw cotton 3.0, hogs 1.9, furniture 1.6, raw rubber 1.6, cured meats 1.5, fresh meats 0.8, wheat 0.6, steers 0.5.

Decreases: oats 6.3.

	:No. of :	1940		1941		1940		1941	
		:Price :	:Series:	:Price :	:Series:	:Price :	:Series:	:Price :	:Series:
		July 19	July 11	July 18	July 19	July 11	July 18	July 19	July 11
		(1926=100)				(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	78.2	88.8	89.3	121.1	137.0	137.7		
Stable	12	103.0	110.5	110.5	116.5	124.5	124.5		
Sensitive	18	65.6	76.8	77.4	124.3	146.0	147.2		
Manufacturing	13	64.7	76.6	77.6	122.4	145.5	147.4		
Food	5	67.8	77.3	77.1	128.9	147.0	146.5		
		1940		1941		1940		1941	
		:Price :	:Series:	:Price :	:Series:	:Price :	:Series:	:Price :	:Series:
		July 19	June 27	July 4	July 11	July 18			
		(1926=100)							
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	82.0	90.4	90.3	90.6	91.2			
Chief Component Groups									
I. Vegetable Products	135	70.6	78.9	78.1	78.4	79.3			
II. Animals and Their Products	76	77.2	90.0	91.0	91.8	93.3			
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	83.1	91.1	91.0	91.6	92.2			
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	89.0	96.1	96.1	96.1	96.2			
V. Iron and Its Products	44	102.6	111.8	111.8	111.8	111.8			
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	76.1	78.1	78.2	78.2	78.2			
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	89.7	96.0	96.1	96.1	96.2			
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	88.8	99.5	99.7	99.8	100.2			
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	64.2	72.1	71.3	72.0	72.7			

