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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1940-1941

A further increase in wholesale commodity prices advanced the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index, on the base 1926=100, from 92.4 for the week ending September 12 to 92.7 for the week ending September 19. Of the eight major groups comprising the index, Vegetable Products, Animal Products, Textiles, Wood and Non-Metallic Minerals moved upward, while Iron, Non-Ferrous Metals and Chemicals remained unchanged. Included among those commodities to sell higher were milled feeds, vegetable oils, fish, shoes, fresh meats, cotton fabrics, cedar and coal, whereas declines occurred in grains, livestock, raw cotton, butter and eggs.

Industrial Material Prices, on the base August 1939=100, rose from 141.0 to 141.3. No changes occurred in the Stable group, which remained at 124.7, but the Sensitive price series, including Manufacturing and Food Materials, mounted from 153.1 to 153.6. The former moved from 152.3 to 153.6, when a decline in raw cotton proved of less importance than increases in linseed oil, cottonseed oil, rosin and Manila hemp. Food Materials fell from 154.9 to 153.2, due to lower quotations for wheat and oats.

Canadian Farm Products decreased from 73.8 to 73.1. Declines in grains, potatoes and onions outpointed an increase in hay to lower the index for Field Products from 57.9 to 57.4. Animal Products dropped from 100.3 to 99.3, as advances in milk and wool failed to offset reductions in livestock, poultry and eggs.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between the Weeks of September 12 and 19.

Increases: cotton fabrics 5.0, knit goods 4.4, vegetable oils 3.3, furniture 2.9, shoes 2.8, lard 2.6, cedar 2.3, flour and milled products 0.7, coal 0.5, fresh meats 0.4.
Decreases: potatoes 9.9, eggs 7.2, oats 5.3, butter 2.1, raw cotton 2.0, wheat 0.5, steers 0.4.

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		(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)					
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	78.0	91.4	91.6	120.8	141.0	141.3		
Stable	12	104.2	110.6	110.6	117.9	124.7	124.7		
Sensitive	18	64.8	80.5	80.8	122.8	153.1	153.6		
Manufacturing	13	63.5	80.2	80.9	120.2	152.3	153.6		
Food	5	68.2	81.4	80.6	129.6	154.9	153.2		

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GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES	567	83.1	91.9	92.1	92.4	92.7			
Chief Component Groups									
I. Vegetable Products	135	69.9	77.9	78.0	78.8	78.9			
II. Animals and Their Products	76	78.9	96.8	97.5	97.6	97.7			
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	83.6	94.6	94.9	94.9	96.4			
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	91.7	97.4	97.7	97.7	98.2			
V. Iron and Its Products	44	106.0	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9			
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	77.2	78.2	78.2	78.2	78.2			
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	90.6	97.8	97.8	97.8	98.1			
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	90.4	100.7	100.7	100.8	100.8			
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	64.1	72.6	72.8	73.8	73.1			

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