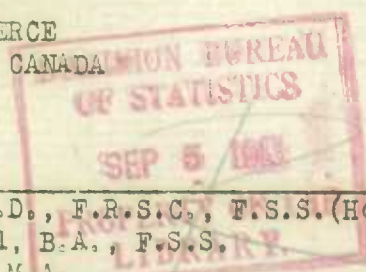


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1940-1941

Reflecting continued firmness in wholesale commodity prices, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index, on the base 1926=100, rose from 91.8 for the week ending August 22 to 91.9 for the week ending August 29. Moderate increases were shown in Animal Products, Textiles and Wood Products, but reductions predominated in Vegetable Products. The more outstanding commodities to move higher included fish, livestock, fresh meats, eggs, raw cotton and cedar shingles, while wheat, potatoes, butter and cream of tartar receded. Since touching a low of 81.2 in the week ending May 24, 1940, the general wholesale index has risen gradually and almost without interruption.

Industrial Material Prices rose fractionally also, advancing from 139.7 to 139.8 (August 1939=100). The Stable group was unchanged at 124.7, but the Sensitive price series, including Manufacturing and Food Materials, advanced from 150.7 to 150.9. An increase in raw cotton pushed Manufacturing Materials 0.1 higher to 150.5, while Food Materials rose from 151.1 to 151.5, when higher quotations for oats, steers and logs outweighed a decrease in wheat.

Canadian Farm Products eased from 72.3 to 72.6. Field Products dropped from 57.6 to 56.7, when increases in onions and hay failed to offset declines in grains and potatoes. Animal Products, on the contrary, were buoyant, advancing from 98.3 to 99.3, as livestock, hides and skins, milk and egg prices moved higher.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between the Weeks of August 22 and 29.

Increases: cedar shingles 21.2, eggs 4.2, raw cotton 2.1, steers 1.7, oats 1.3, hides and skins 0.9, fish 0.6, milk 0.4.
Decreases: potatoes 6.3, cream of tartar 5.9, wheat 2.2, butter 1.0.

	No. of Series	1940		1941		1940		1941	
		Aug. 30	Aug. 22	Aug. 29	Aug. 30	Aug. 22	Aug. 29	Aug. 30	Aug. 22
		(1926=100)				(August 1939=100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	77.6	90.6	90.7	120.1	139.7	139.8		
Stable	12	103.5	110.6	110.6	117.1	124.7	124.7		
Sensitive	18	64.6	79.3	79.4	122.3	150.7	150.9		
Manufacturing	13	63.8	79.2	79.3	120.6	150.4	150.5		
Food	5	66.6	79.5	79.7	126.5	151.1	151.5		
		(1926=100)				(August 1939=100)			
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES ...	567	82.8	91.2	91.4	91.8	91.8	91.9		
Chief Component Groups									
I. Vegetable Products	135	70.0	77.3	77.8	78.1	77.9			
II. Animals and Their Products	76	77.6	95.1	95.6	96.3	96.8			
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	83.6	93.5	93.8	94.2	94.6			
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper ..	49	91.0	96.5	96.5	96.6	97.4			
V. Iron and Its Products	44	105.8	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9			
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	77.0	78.2	78.2	78.2	78.2			
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	90.4	97.1	97.2	97.8	97.8			
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products...	77	90.3	100.8	100.8	100.8	100.7			
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	63.1	71.5	72.1	72.8	72.6			

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