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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1940-1941

Wholesale commodity prices continued firm in the week ending September 26, and the Bureau's index rose to 92.8 p.c. of the 1926 level, as compared with 92.7 p.c. for the week ending September 19. Increases were preponderant in Vegetable Products, Animal Products and Chemicals, while reductions predominated in the Textile group. Some of the more important commodities to move higher were furs, soap, green coffee beans, lard and hides, but grains, fresh meats, butter, eggs, raw cotton and raw wool declined.

Industrial Material Prices eased from 141.3 to 141.2 (August 1939=100). The Stable price group was unchanged at 124.7, but the Sensitive price series, including Manufacturing and Food Materials, fell from 153.6 to 153.4. Manufacturing Materials slipped 0.1 lower to 153.5, because of a recession in rosin, while Food Materials dropped from 153.2 to 152.8, when a decline in oats outweighed an increase in steers.

Canadian Farm Products again moved lower, declining from 73.1 to 72.9. Recessions in grains and hay reduced Field Products from 57.4 to 57.2. Animal Products decreased from 99.3 to 99.2, influenced mainly by hides, eggs and wool.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between
the Weeks of September 19 and 26.

Increases: furs 22.6, soap 8.0, fresh fruits 3.4, green coffee beans 2.6, lard 2.1, hides 1.7, cured meats 0.5, flour and milled products 0.3.

Decreases: raw cotton 2.4, raw wool 1.8, oats 1.6, eggs 1.2, fresh meats 1.1, butter 0.9.

	: No. of : Price : Series	: 1940 :		: 1941 :		: 1940 :		: 1941 :	
		Sept. 27	Sept. 19	Sept. 26	Sept. 27	Sept. 19	Sept. 26		
		(1926=100)		(August 1939=100)					
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	77.9	91.6	91.6	120.6	141.3	141.2		
Stable	12	104.2	110.6	110.6	117.9	124.7	124.7		
Sensitive	18	64.7	80.8	80.7	122.4	153.6	153.4		
Manufacturing	13	63.6	80.9	80.9	120.3	153.6	153.5		
Food	5	67.5	80.6	80.3	128.2	153.2	152.8		
		: 1940 :		: 1941 :		: 1940 :		: 1941 :	
		Sept. 27	Sept. 5	Sept. 12	Sept. 19	Sept. 26			
		(1926=100)							
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES.....	567	82.9	92.1	92.4	92.7	92.8			
Chief Component Groups									
I. Vegetable Products	135	69.2	78.0	78.8	78.9	79.0			
II. Animals and Their Products	76	78.7	97.5	97.6	97.7	98.1			
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	83.8	94.9	94.9	96.4	96.2			
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper ...	49	91.7	97.7	97.7	98.2	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	77.7	78.2	78.2	78.2	78.2			
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	90.8	97.8	97.8	98.1	98.1			
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products ...	77	90.4	100.7	100.8	100.8	101.9			
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	63.5	72.8	73.8	73.1	72.9			

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