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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1940-1941

Firmness has continued to feature wholesale commodity prices and the Bureau's index, on the base 1926-100, rose from 91.9 for the week ending August 29 to 92.1 for the week ending September 5. Of the eight major groups comprising the index, Vegetable Products, Animal Products, Textiles and Wood advanced, while the remaining four groups were unchanged. The more important commodities to show increases included oats, flour and milled products, canned fruits and vegetables, butter, eggs, raw cotton and British Columbia fir lumber, but lower quotations ruled for raw rubber, potatoes and steers.

A further advance in Industrial Material prices moved this index from 139.8 to 140.2 (August 1939-100). The Stable price series remained at 124.7, but the Sensitive group, including Manufacturing and Food Materials, mounted from 150.9 to 151.6. The former increased from 150.5 to 151.0, when advances in raw cotton and rosin outweighed a reduction in raw rubber. Food Materials rose from 151.5 to 153.0, supported by wheat, oats and steers.

Canadian Farm Products rose from 72.6 to 72.8, to recover the preceding week's loss. Field Products were unchanged at 56.7, when reductions in potatoes, onions and hay nullified an increase in grains. Animal Products advanced from 99.3 to 99.7, as a decrease in livestock proved of less importance than a rise in eggs.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between
the Weeks of Aug. 29 and Sept. 5.

Increases: eggs 5.7, lard 4.7, oats 3.9, raw cotton 3.3, British Columbia fir 3.1, canned fruits 2.4, canned vegetables 2.2, butter 1.9, flour and milled products 1.5.

Decreases: potatoes 3.8, steers 0.7, raw rubber 0.3, wheat 0.1.

	:No. of :	: 1940 :		: 1941 :		: 1940 :		: 1941 :	
		:Price :	:Sept. :	: Aug. :	: Sept. :	: Sept. :	: Aug. :	: Sept. :	
	:Series:	6	29	5	6	29	5		
		(1926-100)				(August 1939-100)			
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES	30	77.8	90.7	90.9	120.5	139.8	140.2		
Stable	12	103.5	110.6	110.6	117.1	124.7	124.7		
Sensitive	18	64.8	79.4	79.8	122.8	150.9	151.6		
Manufacturing	13	63.5	79.3	79.5	120.1	150.5	151.0		
Food	5	68.3	79.7	80.4	129.8	151.5	153.0		

	:No. of :	: 1940 :		: 1941 :		
		:Price :	: Sept. :	: Aug. :	: Aug. :	: Sept. :
	:Series:	16	15	22	29	5

		(1926-100)				
		1940	1941	1940	1941	1941
		Sept.	Aug.	Aug.	Aug.	Sept.
		16	15	22	29	5
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES ...	567	82.9	91.4	91.8	91.9	92.1
Chief Component Groups						
I. Vegetable Products	135	70.1	77.8	78.1	77.9	78.0
II. Animals and Their Products	76	78.1	95.6	96.3	96.8	97.5
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	83.6	93.8	94.2	94.6	94.9
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper ...	49	91.0	96.5	96.6	97.4	97.7
V. Iron and Its Products	44	105.8	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	77.3	78.2	78.2	78.2	78.2
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	90.4	97.2	97.8	97.8	97.8
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products ...	77	90.3	100.8	100.8	100.7	100.7
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	63.8	72.1	72.8	72.6	72.8

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