

**1.—Annual Index Numbers of Wholesale Price Groups, Significant Years, 1940-50,
and Monthly Index Numbers, 1949 and 1950—concluded**

(1926=100)

Year and Month	General Wholesale	Consumer Goods	Producers Goods	Raw and Partly Manufactured Goods	Fully and Chiefly Manufactured Goods	Canadian Farm Products ¹	Building and Construction Materials	Industrial Materials
1949								
January.....	159.3	144.4	162.5	163.4	143.3	148.2	204.3	162.0
February.....	158.1	143.4	161.0	161.4	142.1	145.1	204.3	160.1
March.....	157.6	143.4	160.7	161.8	140.9	145.8	205.4	157.8
April.....	157.5	144.3	160.3	161.3	142.0	147.6	204.3	153.8
May.....	156.4	144.2	157.9	159.5	142.4	147.9	202.8	149.9
June.....	156.3	144.9	156.8	160.2	142.0	149.4	201.3	147.3
July.....	156.6	145.6	156.5	160.8	142.1	150.7	200.6	145.7
August.....	155.4	143.7	156.2	158.5	142.0	149.3	198.2	146.6
September.....	155.4	143.2	156.7	159.0	141.8	149.0	197.6	148.5
October.....	157.2	143.8	159.3	160.6	143.0	148.4	199.3	149.7
November.....	157.1	143.1	159.6	160.6	142.9	148.4	199.5	150.9
December.....	156.9	143.1	159.9	160.3	142.5	147.8	200.1	151.0
1950^p								
January.....	157.1	142.5	160.0	160.0	142.8	146.8	201.4	151.0
February.....	158.0	143.7	160.9	161.5	142.8	147.9	203.5	152.9
March.....	159.3	144.8	162.2	163.7	143.7	150.2	205.1	154.3
April.....	160.1	145.1	163.6	164.9	143.9	151.2	206.1	156.0
May.....	161.8	145.5	166.3	168.0	143.9	152.9	209.6	160.5
June.....	165.0	147.2	170.8	171.8	145.4	154.9	218.4	165.7
July.....	166.9	149.0	171.7	175.3	146.3	156.9	224.2	170.3
August.....	168.5	152.2	172.2	175.1	149.9	141.9	227.0	175.7
September.....	173.6	157.7	178.0	177.8	155.7	142.7	237.1	185.2
October.....	172.6	158.8	175.1	174.0	156.3	141.3	234.1	187.7
November.....	174.0	159.4	176.4	175.8	157.9	142.5	232.9	192.6
December.....	175.7	160.4	178.7	177.8	158.6	144.3	235.2	196.0

¹ Includes wheat participation payments authorized up to Mar. 31, 1949, and retroactive to August, 1945. Commencing Aug. 1, 1949, western oats and barley were brought under control of the Canadian Wheat Board. Prices used for Canadian farm products since that time have been initial payments to farmers and participation payments are included whenever announced. Participation payments for the crop year 1949 were published Oct. 17, 1950, and indexes revised accordingly for the period August, 1949, to July, 1950.

Residential Building Materials.—In March, 1949, a series of index numbers of residential building material prices (basis: 1935-39=100) was prepared and published in response to numerous requests for precise measurements of material components of residential construction. A general index of building material prices has been available for many years but it did not meet the more specific requirements arising out of the post-war housing projects. A description of this index together with an appendix giving items included and percentage weights may be found in a bulletin entitled "Price Index Numbers of Residential Building Materials, 1926 to 1948".

The composite index of residential building material prices registered a marked rise during 1950 as compared with 1949 when a narrow decline occurred. The June, 1950, index level of 238.3 compared with 226.2 in December, 1949, 229.0 in December, 1948, 205.5 in December, 1947, and 157.4 in December, 1946. Subgroups contributing most to the 1950 index change were lumber, roofing materials (cedar shingles) and electrical equipment and fixtures.