

1.—Annual Index Numbers of Wholesale Price Groups 1949-58, and Monthly Indexes 1957 and 1958

(1935-39=100)

Year and Month	General Wholesale Index	Raw and Partly Manufactured Goods	Fully and Chiefly Manufactured Goods	Industrial Materials	Canadian Farm Products ¹		
					Field	Animal	Total
1949.....	198.3	197.1	199.2	218.0	191.9	265.4	228.7
1950.....	211.2	212.8	211.0	244.6	191.9	281.4	236.7
1951.....	240.2	237.9	242.4	296.1	200.4	336.9	268.6
1952.....	226.0	218.7	230.7	252.6	223.0	277.5	250.2
1953.....	220.7	207.0	228.8	232.3	179.4	263.8	221.6
1954.....	217.0	204.8	224.2	223.7	170.9	256.2	213.6
1955.....	218.9	209.7	224.5	236.0	180.1	245.1	212.6
1956.....	225.6	215.8	231.5	248.2	181.6	246.9	214.2
1957.....	227.4	209.4	237.9	240.3	169.2	258.0	213.6
1958.....	227.8	209.3	238.3	229.8	166.3	274.5	220.4
1957							
January.....	229.2	217.8	236.3	251.1	177.5	257.3	217.4
February.....	228.2	214.9	236.5	248.4	172.7	259.0	215.8
March.....	228.4	212.5	237.8	247.0	171.5	253.4	212.4
April.....	228.5	211.7	238.4	246.2	171.3	255.1	213.2
May.....	228.0	209.6	238.9	242.2	168.8	255.3	212.0
June.....	228.1	209.8	238.9	240.6	165.9	262.2	214.0
July.....	228.2	209.2	239.5	239.8	166.5	270.2	218.3
August.....	227.6	207.9	239.2	238.6	167.2	271.3	219.2
September.....	227.0	206.9	238.8	236.8	166.6	263.8	215.2
October.....	225.0	203.6	237.4	232.5	166.2	248.6	207.4
November.....	224.1	203.3	236.1	228.9	167.7	245.7	206.7
December.....	226.1	206.0	237.2	231.8	168.7	253.7	211.2
1958							
January.....	227.0	207.8	237.9	231.8	171.0	259.6	215.3
February.....	227.8	209.3	238.2	231.7	173.0	268.4	220.7
March.....	228.3	210.6	238.3	230.7	181.7	272.9	227.3
April.....	228.1	209.9	238.6	227.9	178.9	279.9	229.4
May.....	228.3	210.6	238.5	226.7	171.2	288.3	229.8
June.....	227.6	209.4	238.0	227.3	169.1	286.4	227.7
July.....	227.3	208.7	237.8	229.4	172.6	279.3	226.0
August.....	227.0	207.5	238.0	229.1	156.5	275.2	219.9
September.....	227.4	207.8	238.4	228.3	155.2	266.9	211.1
October.....	227.2	207.8	238.1	228.2	154.3	269.3	211.8
November.....	228.8	211.4	238.7	233.1	155.2	269.1	212.1
December.....	229.3	211.3	239.4	233.8	156.6	278.7	217.6

¹ Wheat prices used in this index are Canadian Wheat Board buying prices for Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Manitoba Northern at Fort William-Port Arthur. The initial payment is first used and the index revised as further payments are announced. Between August 1945 and July 1950 the price included for No. 1 Manitoba Northern was \$1.83 per bushel. For subsequent crop years the price was as follows: 1950-51, \$1.85; 1951-52, \$1.83; 1952-53, \$1.82; 1953-54, \$1.56; 1954-55, \$1.65; 1955-56, \$1.61; 1956-57, \$1.586; and 1957-58, \$1.619. For the crop year 1958-59, the index is based on an initial payment price of \$1.40. Western oats and barley were brought under control of the Canadian Wheat Board on Aug. 1, 1949. Since then prices used for the Canadian farm products index have been initial payments to farmers, with participation payments included whenever announced.

Index Numbers of Building Materials Prices.—Price movements of materials entering into building construction are currently measured by two special-purpose series: price index numbers of residential building materials and price index numbers of non-residential building materials* for which the base years are 1935-39 and 1949, respectively. Details of weighting and construction and historical series may be found in the special bulletins† prepared at the time the indexes were first published. More recently the

* Exclusive of engineering structures such as power dams, roads, railroads and bridges.

† Price Index Numbers of Residential Building Materials 1928 to 1948 and DBS Reference Paper No. 43, Non-residential Building Materials, Price Index, 1935-1952.