

1.—Annual Index Numbers of Wholesale Price Groups 1950-59, and Monthly Indexes 1957 to Mid-1960—concluded

| 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 |
| 1959 | | | | | | | |
| January..... | 229.9 | 211.0 | 240.5 | 234.0 | 168.9 | 278.7 | 223.8 |
| February..... | 230.9 | 212.2 | 241.2 | 236.0 | 168.0 | 274.0 | 221.0 |
| March..... | 230.6 | 211.7 | 240.9 | 237.7 | 167.8 | 269.5 | 218.6 |
| April..... | 231.2 | 211.8 | 241.9 | 240.4 | 168.8 | 271.0 | 219.9 |
| May..... | 231.2 | 212.3 | 242.0 | 241.4 | 178.9 | 271.0 | 224.9 |
| June..... | 230.6 | 211.6 | 241.4 | 241.7 | 185.5 | 270.6 | 228.0 |
| July..... | 231.1 | 211.5 | 242.1 | 240.3 | 185.0 | 272.8 | 228.9 |
| August..... | 231.0 | 211.1 | 242.3 | 242.6 | 169.1 | 274.9 | 222.0 |
| September..... | 230.9 | 210.5 | 242.5 | 243.7 | 161.1 | 277.0 | 219.1 |
| October..... | 230.0 | 208.4 | 242.2 | 242.0 | 163.1 | 267.9 | 215.5 |
| November..... | 230.2 | 210.2 | 241.5 | 240.8 | 165.2 | 269.1 | 217.2 |
| December..... | 229.7 | 208.3 | 241.4 | 241.9 | 166.9 | 263.1 | 215.0 |
| 1960 | | | | | | | |
| January..... | 230.5 | 208.9 | 242.2 | 243.2 | 171.6 | 257.7 | 214.6 |
| February..... | 230.0 | 208.6 | 241.4 | 241.8 | 172.0 | 252.0 | 212.0 |
| March..... | 229.6 | 208.0 | 241.0 | 240.4 | 175.1 | 252.2 | 213.6 |
| April..... | 231.3 | 210.9 | 242.2 | 241.7 | 180.5 | 256.2 | 218.3 |
| May..... | 231.3 | 211.0 | 242.3 | 243.2 | 182.3 | 257.8 | 220.0 |
| June..... | 231.9 | 212.8 | 242.4 | 242.2 | 185.2 | 265.0 | 225.1 |
| July..... | 232.2 | 212.4 | 242.9 | 240.5 | 173.6 | 270.1 | 221.8 |

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; 1957-58, \$1.619; and 1958-59, \$1.594. For the crop year 1950-60 the index is based on an initial 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 composite indexes have been calculated on an annual basis back to 1913; current indexes are published monthly in DBS Bulletin *Prices and Price Indexes* (Catalogue No. 62-002).

Building material prices in 1959 were slightly higher on average than in 1958 as the annual index for residential building material prices rose from 127.3 to 130.0 and the non-residential series from 129.8 to 131.7. These increases reflected advances for lumber which were partially cancelled after the mid-year, and for the electrical component, and a decline in roofing which was caused by sharply lower prices for asbestos shingles.

**Price Index Numbers of Residential Building Materials, 1936-48* (Catalogue No. 62-505) and *Price Index Numbers of Non-residential Building Materials, 1935-58* (Catalogue No. 62-506). Revised item and weighting for the electrical component of the residential building materials index, effective July 1959, is available on request.