

**1.—Annual Index Numbers of Wholesale Price Groups 1951-60, and Monthly Indexes 1959 to Mid-1961—concluded**

Year and Month	General Wholesale Index	Raw and Partly Manufactured Goods	Fully and Chiefly Manufactured Goods	Industrial Materials	Canadian Farm Products <sup>1</sup>		
					Field	Animal	Total
<b>1959</b>							
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	176.6	274.9	225.8
September.....	230.9	210.5	242.5	243.7	168.6	277.0	222.8
October.....	230.0	208.4	242.2	242.0	170.9	267.9	219.4
November.....	230.2	210.2	241.5	240.8	173.0	269.1	221.0
December.....	229.7	208.3	241.4	241.9	174.7	263.1	218.9
<b>1960</b>							
January.....	230.7	209.0	242.4	243.2	179.5	257.7	218.6
February.....	230.2	208.6	241.4	241.8	179.7	252.0	215.9
March.....	229.8	208.1	241.2	240.4	182.8	253.2	217.5
April.....	231.5	211.0	242.4	241.7	188.3	256.2	222.2
May.....	231.6	211.0	242.5	243.2	190.1	257.8	223.9
June.....	232.4	212.9	242.8	242.2	192.9	265.0	229.0
July.....	232.3	212.4	243.0	240.5	181.3	270.1	225.7
August.....	230.5	209.1	241.8	240.8	160.9	271.7	216.3
September.....	230.5	208.8	242.1	241.0	160.7	273.6	217.2
October.....	230.5	208.6	242.2	238.5	161.9	269.4	215.7
November.....	229.8	207.2	242.1	236.0	161.8	271.2	216.5
December.....	230.4	207.3	242.7	235.2	162.7	276.5	219.6
<b>1961<sup>2</sup></b>							
January.....	231.3	208.6	243.8	235.4	163.7	278.5	221.1
February.....	231.6	208.7	244.6	238.1	163.3	277.7	220.5
March.....	231.3	207.6	243.8	240.1	162.4	269.9	216.2
April.....	230.9	207.2	243.5	241.7	162.8	263.1	213.0
May.....	231.3	208.5	243.4	243.6	161.7	266.0	213.8
June.....	231.4	209.3	243.2	239.7	166.8	266.3	216.5

<sup>1</sup> 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 1959-60 the initial payment of \$1.40 for Manitoba Northern was increased to \$1.50 as of Feb. 14, 1961. Subsequent indexes are based on an initial payment 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).

The indexes of prices of building materials showed little change over the year 1960. The residential building materials price index (1935-39=100) declined almost steadily during the year and, at 293.7 in December, was down from 295.9 a year earlier. The non-residential building materials price index (1949=100) moved up from 132.2 in December 1959 to a seasonal high of 132.8 in July and declined thereafter to 132.3 in December, just slightly above the level of December 1959.

\* *Price Index Numbers of Residential Building Materials, 1936-48* (Catalogue No. 62-505) and *Price Index Numbers of Non-residential Building Materials, 1935-52* (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.