

## 1.—Annual Index Numbers of Wholesale Price Groups 1946-55 and Monthly Indexes 1954 and 1955

(1935-39=100)

Year and Month	General Wholesale	Raw and Partly Manufactured Goods	Fully and Chiefly Manufactured Goods	Industrial Materials	Canadian Farm Products <sup>1</sup>		
					Field	Animal	Total
1946.....	138.9	140.1	138.0	148.6	177.9	181.2	179.5
1947.....	163.3	164.3	162.4	187.0	184.1	200.2	192.2
1948.....	193.4	196.3	192.4	222.7	200.6	263.7	232.1
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	231.4	236.7
1951.....	240.2	237.9	242.4	296.1	260.4	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	223.3	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	174.4	245.1	209.7
<b>1954</b>							
January.....	219.8	206.5	227.8	224.1	159.4	266.3	212.9
February.....	219.0	205.1	227.3	223.6	160.0	264.7	212.3
March.....	218.6	204.3	226.9	222.8	158.3	262.0	210.2
April.....	217.9	205.7	225.1	223.9	157.6	260.4	209.0
May.....	218.2	207.5	224.5	224.2	158.2	268.0	213.1
June.....	217.8	206.7	224.5	223.9	158.9	267.3	213.1
July.....	217.4	207.4	223.6	224.2	173.6	262.1	217.8
August.....	215.8	204.9	222.3	222.5	183.8	248.2	216.0
September.....	215.3	202.9	222.6	222.7	178.9	245.5	212.3
October.....	214.3	201.4	221.8	223.6	178.1	240.5	209.2
November.....	214.9	202.3	222.3	224.4	180.4	243.1	211.8
December.....	215.4	203.5	222.4	224.4	179.8	245.9	212.9
<b>1955</b>							
January.....	215.8	205.0	222.2	225.7	180.8	248.3	214.6
February.....	217.3	207.6	223.1	228.9	182.8	245.6	214.2
March.....	217.3	206.3	223.9	229.9	181.3	241.3	211.3
April.....	218.5	210.4	223.5	233.1	202.0	238.7	220.3
May.....	217.8	209.5	223.1	233.2	198.5	243.4	220.9
June.....	218.7	210.2	224.0	236.2	189.4	250.0	219.7
July.....	218.4	210.1	223.6	237.1	185.2	249.5	217.4
August.....	219.7	210.7	225.4	240.9	159.0	250.6	204.8
September.....	220.9	212.2	226.4	241.1	153.9	251.6	202.7
October.....	220.0	210.8	225.8	240.7	151.7	241.9	196.8
November.....	220.7	211.3	226.6	240.8	153.2	240.5	196.9
December.....	221.5	212.6	226.7	244.2	155.2	239.4	197.3

<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 bu. while for subsequent crop years the price per bu. was as follows: 1950-51, \$1.85; 1951-52, \$1.83; 1952-53, \$1.82; 1953-54, \$1.56; and 1954-55, \$1.65, for which year the final payment was announced on May 22, 1956. For the crop year 1955-56 the index is based on an initial payment price of \$1.40 and is subject to revision subsequent to July 1955. Western oats and barley were brought under control of the Canadian Wheat Board Aug. 1, 1949. Since then prices used for Canadian Farm Products have been initial payments to farmers, with participation payments included whenever they are 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*.

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

† Price Index Numbers of Residential Building Materials 1926 to 1948 and DBS Reference Paper No. 43, Non-Residential Building Materials Price Index 1935-1952.