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RETAIL PRICES OF FOOD AND GROCERIES - MONTH OF JANUARY, 1941.

Particulars concerning variations in the retail prices of Food and Groceries (41 commodities) in 30 principal cities and towns in Australia for the month of January, 1941, have been made available by the Acting Commonwealth Statistician.

Base Period: The index numbers in the attached table are computed to the base - weighted average of six Capital Cities 1923-27 = 1000.

Compared with the month of December, 1940, the price levels in the six Capital Cities in January, 1941 increased by 1.5% and in the 30 Cities and Towns as a whole by 1.3%. Increases were recorded in the weighted averages of the five towns in New South Wales 2.2%, Queensland 1.3%, South Australia 1.1%, Victoria 0.5%, Tasmania 0.3% while a decrease of 0.2% was recorded in West Australia.

From January, 1940 to January, 1941 increases were recorded as follow in the weighted averages :- 30 Cities and Towns 7.2%, Six Capital Cities 7.4%, Queensland 9.5%, New South Wales 8.5%, Tasmania 7.0%, Victoria 6.5%, Western Australia 4.2% and South Australia 4.0%.

Items for which the greatest price variations were recorded in the Capital Cities in January, 1941, compared with the previous month were as follow :-

Groceries. The price of tea increased in all Capital Cities. The price of salmon rose in Sydney and Brisbane. Onion prices increased in Sydney and Hobart and declined in Perth. Potato Prices increased in Brisbane and Hobart.

Dairy Produce. The price of eggs increased in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Adelaide, fell in Hobart and remained unchanged in Perth.

Meat. Meat prices increased in Sydney, Brisbane and Adelaide, declined in Perth and Hobart, and remained practically unchanged in Melbourne.

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RETAIL PRICE INDEX - FOOD AND GROCERIES - JANUARY, 1941.RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS FOR EACH OF THE 30 PRINCIPAL CITIES AND TOWNS IN AUSTRALIA

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capitals, 1923-27 = 1000)

City or Town	1939		1940		1941	
	November	December	January	November	December	January
NEW SOUTH WALES -						
Sydney ..	943	929	925	973	982	1,005
Newcastle ..	969	946	953	1,014	1,019	1,025
Broken Hill ..	1,079	1,058	1,046	1,107	1,095	1,160
Goulburn ..	996	972	973	1,020	1,024	1,028
Bathurst ..	947	924	919	963	977	980
Wtd. Average-5 Towns:	948	935	930	979	987	1,009
VICTORIA -						
Melbourne ..	958	920	909	963	964	969
Ballarat ..	963	920	911	940	950	958
Bendigo ..	952	926	907	964	967	968
Geelong ..	973	921	907	950	950	956
Warrnambool ..	974	944	928	962	965	968
Wtd. Average-5 Towns:	959	921	909	962	963	968
QUEENSLAND -						
Brisbane ..	854	849	868	909	943	956
Toowoomba ..	815	814	823	877	907	918
Rockhampton ..	865	906	918	918	961	968
Townsville ..	948	946	959	961	1,006	1,014
Sundberg ..	904	906	914	951	970	981
Wtd. Average-5 Towns:	862	859	876	912	947	959
SOUTH AUSTRALIA -						
Adelaide ..	883	878	872	911	897	908
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo	961	958	956	988	976	973
Port Pirie ..	966	967	951	996	994	995
Mount Gambier ..	976	931	897	929	939	927
Peterborough ..	984	969	957	991	980	984
Wtd. Average-5 Towns:	892	885	879	917	904	914
WESTERN AUSTRALIA -						
Perth, Fremantle ..	919	911	912	948	950	948
Kalgoorlie, Boulder	1,076	1,067	1,065	1,127	1,131	1,143
Northam ..	954	947	945	995	999	1,004
Bunbury ..	961	95	941	970	976	979
Geraldton ..	926	917	921	975	978	982
Wtd. Average-5 Towns:	932	924	925	963	966	964
TASMANIA -						
Hobart ..	944	937				