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

Particulars concerning variations in the retail price index-numbers of Food and Groceries (41 commodities) in 30 principal cities and towns in Australia for the month of June, 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 May, 1941, the index-number of prices of Food and Groceries in the Six Capital Cities as a whole fell by 0.9% and in the 30 Cities and Towns by 0.9%. Decreases were recorded in the weighted averages of the five towns in New South Wales 1.3%, Queensland 1.2%, Tasmania 0.9%, Western Australia 0.8%, South Australia 0.6% and Victoria 0.4%.

From June, 1940, to June, 1941, increases were recorded in the weighted averages as follows:- Western Australia 4.3%, Tasmania 1.2% and Queensland 0.9%, while decreases were recorded in the Six Capital Cities of 1.5%, 30 Cities and Towns 1.3%, South Australia 3.0%, Victoria 2.8% and New South Wales 1.4%.

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

Groceries - Potato prices declined in Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide and Hobart.

Dairy Produce - Egg prices declined in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth and Hobart.

Meat - Meat prices declined slightly in Sydney and Brisbane and remained practically unchanged in the other capital cities.

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RETAIL PRICE INDEX - FOOD AND GROCERIES - JUNE, 1941.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS FOR EACH OF 30 PRINCIPAL CITIES AND TOWNS IN AUSTRALIA.

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

City or Town	1940			1941		
	April	May	June	April	May	June
NEW SOUTH WALES -						
Sydney ..	968	952	951	963	948	936
Newcastle ..	986	986	983	999	993	983
Broken Hill ..	1074	1073	1074	1147	1131	1121
Goulburn ..	1004	1019	1015	1011	1008	1002
Bathurst ..	962	959	958	961	955	946
Wtd. Average - 5 Towns:	972	958	957	970	956	944
VICTORIA -						
Melbourne ..	947	958	959	946	936	932
Ballarat ..	939	946	944	923	924	921
Bendigo ..	953	957	958	946	942	941
Geelong ..	941	948	948	927	919	908
Warrnambool ..	953	964	970	943	943	939
Wtd. Average - 5 Towns:	947	957	958	944	935	931
QUEENSLAND -						
Brisbane ..	889	882	877	912	899	887
Toowoomba ..	858	850	847	855	851	846
Rockhampton ..	934	929	920	928	927	916
Townsville ..	982	982	967	977	971	968
Bundaberg ..	938	935	922	955	954	948
Wtd. Average - 5 Towns:	898	892	885	915	904	893
SOUTH AUSTRALIA -						
Adelaide ..	900	919	919	908	895	889
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo ..	961	969	977	953	953	966
Port Pirie ..	995	991	999	996	1006	1005
Mount Gambier ..	910	932	935	913	912	908
Peterborough ..	988	980	985	968	974	968
Wtd. Average - 5 Towns:	906	924	925	913	902	897
WESTERN AUSTRALIA -						
Perth, Fremantle ..	953	954	961	984	1006	1003
Kalgoorlie, Boulder ..	1080	1091	1095	1189	1210	1144
Northam ..	971	983	989	1049	1061	1051
Bunbury ..	964	981	981	939	1007	1002
Geraldton ..	930	942	952	997	1003	1007
Wtd. Average - 5 Towns:	962	965	972	1000	1022	1014
TASMANIA -						
Hobart ..	932	936	938	966	953	953
Launceston ..	933	932	933	956	957	936
Burnie ..	947	936	953	996	1001	995
Devonport ..	940	941	953	986	991	968
Queenstown ..	1020	1026	1026	1067	1048	1019
Wtd. Average - 5 Towns:	936	938	941	969	961	952
Wtd. Average - 30 Towns:	948	947	947	952	943	935
Wtd. Average - 6 Capitals:	945	944	944	949	938	930
SPECIAL TOWNS (NOT INCLUDED IN WEIGHTED AVERAGES ABOVE)						
Lithgow (N.S.W.) ..	984	983	982	988	989	983
Yallourn (Vic.) ..	1001	1012	1010	1001	996	976
Chartiers Towers (Q.) ..	984	986	976	970	972	969
Warwick (Q.) ..	876	877	874	900	898	896
Port Augusta (S.A.) ..	989	988	1037	1030	1029	1027
Rosebery (T.) ..	1067	1076	1070	1082	1085	1083
Canberra (A.C.T.) ..	1054	1068	1081	1066	1058	1040

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