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RETAIL PRICES OF FOOD AND GROCERIES: JUNE, 1939.

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 June, 1939, have been made available by the Commonwealth Statistician (Dr. Roland Wilson).

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 previous month, May, 1939, the price levels of the 30 Cities and Towns as a whole fell by 0.4%, and the Six Capitals by 0.3%. Decreases were recorded in the weighted averages of the five towns in the following States: Queensland (1.2%); Victoria (1.0%); South Australia (0.9%); and Tasmania (0.6%); while increases were recorded for New South Wales (0.2%) and Western Australia (0.1%).

Items for which the greatest price variations were recorded in June, 1939, as compared with the previous month were as follows:-

Groceries. Potato prices fell in Victoria, Queensland, and Tasmania, while rises were recorded in New South Wales, South Australia and Western Australia.

Dairy Produce. Egg prices fell in all States, except New South Wales where the price remained unchanged.

Meat. Meat prices remained practically unchanged in New South Wales, Western Australia and Tasmania, and fell slightly in Victoria, Queensland and South Australia.

Compared with the month of June, 1938, increases were recorded by the index numbers for 30 Cities and Towns (3.0%), Six Capitals (3.0%), Victoria (4.5%), Tasmania (4.0%), South Australia (3.6%), Western Australia (3.5%) and New South Wales (2.4%), while a decrease of 0.2% was shown for Queensland.

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RETAIL PRICE INDEXES - FOOD AND GROCERIES

JUNE, 1939

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                                                    | 1938  |      |      | 1939  |      |      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------|------|-------|------|------|
|                                                                 | April | May  | June | April | May  | June |
| <b>NEW SOUTH WALES -</b>                                        |       |      |      |       |      |      |
| Sydney ..                                                       | 865   | 887  | 905  | 937   | 924  | 928  |
| Newcastle ..                                                    | 903   | 910  | 930  | 975   | 957  | 953  |
| Broken Hill ..                                                  | 1080  | 1086 | 1080 | 1156  | 1144 | 1064 |
| Goulburn ..                                                     | 917   | 922  | 936  | 995   | 990  | 987  |
| Bathurst ..                                                     | 880   | 884  | 905  | 944   | 936  | 935  |
| Wtd. Average - 5 Towns:                                         | 891   | 893  | 911  | 944   | 931  | 933  |
| <b>VICTORIA -</b>                                               |       |      |      |       |      |      |
| Melbourne ..                                                    | 856   | 876  | 887  | 962   | 936  | 927  |
| Ballarat ..                                                     | 856   | 874  | 884  | 957   | 935  | 931  |
| Bendigo ..                                                      | 864   | 881  | 883  | 945   | 922  | 920  |
| Geelong ..                                                      | 864   | 882  | 888  | 962   | 942  | 932  |
| Warrnambool ..                                                  | 869   | 877  | 888  | 959   | 952  | 948  |
| Wtd. Average - 5 Towns:                                         | 857   | 876  | 887  | 961   | 936  | 927  |
| <b>QUEENSLAND -</b>                                             |       |      |      |       |      |      |
| Brisbane ..                                                     | 830   | 836  | 843  | 883   | 848  | 838  |
| Toowoomba ..                                                    | 794   | 798  | 800  | 850   | 815  | 802  |
| Rockhampton ..                                                  | 877   | 879  | 883  | 922   | 897  | 884  |
| Townsville ..                                                   | 921   | 930  | 933  | 982   | 952  | 946  |
| Bundaberg ..                                                    | 880   | 885  | 890  | 934   | 901  | 896  |
| Wtd. Average - 5 Towns:                                         | 839   | 844  | 850  | 892   | 858  | 848  |
| <b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA -</b>                                        |       |      |      |       |      |      |
| Adelaide ..                                                     | 861   | 869  | 865  | 919   | 899  | 892  |
| Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo ..                                     | 902   | 909  | 904  | 971   | 969  | 966  |
| Port Pirie ..                                                   | 920   | 940  | 935  | 1005  | 995  | 991  |
| Mount Gambier ..                                                | 866   | 872  | 859  | 930   | 978  | 941  |
| Peterborough ..                                                 | 900   | 901  | 894  | 986   | 975  | 970  |
| Wtd. Average - 5 Towns:                                         | 865   | 873  | 868  | 924   | 907  | 899  |
| <b>WESTERN AUSTRALIA -</b>                                      |       |      |      |       |      |      |
| Perth, Fremantle ..                                             | 901   | 909  | 913  | 961   | 944  | 945  |
| Kalgoorlie, Boulder ..                                          | 1052  | 1057 | 1065 | 1104  | 1089 | 1093 |
| Northam ..                                                      | 938   | 945  | 946  | 991   | 984  | 971  |
| Bunbury ..                                                      | 897   | 921  | 925  | 983   | 978  | 970  |
| Geraldton ..                                                    | 932   | 944  | 932  | 962   | 952  | 951  |
| Wtd. Average - 5 Towns:                                         | 914   | 922  | 925  | 972   | 956  | 957  |
| <b>TASMANIA -</b>                                               |       |      |      |       |      |      |
| Hobart ..                                                       | 877   | 880  | 876  | 922   | 925  | 917  |
| Launceston ..                                                   | 874   | 888  | 889  | 917   | 917  | 913  |
| Burnie ..                                                       | 906   | 915  | 915  | 941   | 940  | 937  |
| Devonport ..                                                    | 892   | 902  | 905  | 937   | 937  | 934  |
| Queenstown ..                                                   | 976   | 980  | 984  | 1028  | 1022 | 1021 |
| Wtd. Average - 5 Towns:                                         | 881   | 888  | 886  | 925   | 927  | 921  |
| Wtd. Average - 30 Towns:                                        | 873   | 882  | 893  | 943   | 924  | 920  |
| Wtd. Average - 6 Capitals:                                      | 869   | 878  | 889  | 939   | 919  | 916  |
| <b>SPECIAL TOWNS (NOT INCLUDED IN ABOVE WEIGHTED AVERAGES).</b> |       |      |      |       |      |      |
| Lithgow (N.) ..                                                 | 881   | 900  | 909  | 951   | 948  | 947  |
| Yallourn (V.) ..                                                | 936   | 936  | 933  | 1000  | 988  | 989  |
| Charters Towers (Q.) ..                                         | 901   | 915  | 914  | 983   | 978  | 969  |
| Warwick (Q.) ..                                                 | 804   | 809  | 818  | 884   | 854  | 844  |
| Port Augusta (S.) ..                                            | 957   | 957  | 951  | 998   | 986  | 979  |
| Rosebery (T.) ..                                                | -     | -    | -    | 1021  | 1012 | 1013 |
| Canberra (A.C.T.) ..                                            | 991   | 995  | 998  | 1075  | 1066 | 1060 |

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