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EXPORT PRICE INDEXSEPTEMBER, 1965

This bulletin contains Export Price Index numbers on the reference base : Year 1959-60 = 100. A full description of the index and its relationship with the previous index is given in Commonwealth Year Book No. 50, 1964 (pages 441-445).

2. The Export Price Index is a fixed-weights index. Its purpose is to provide comparisons monthly over a limited number of years of the level of export prices of the selected items, making no allowance for variations in quantities exported. The index numbers are thus measures of price change only.
3. The price series used in the index relate to specified standards for each commodity and in most cases are combinations of prices for a number of representative grades, types, etc. For some commodities price movements in the predominant market, or markets, are used, whilst for other commodities average realizations in all export markets are used. As nearly as possible, prices used are on the basis f.o.b. at the main Australian ports of export.
4. There are 29 items in the index. In recent years these 29 items have constituted approximately 83 per cent. of the total value of Australian exports. The weights are based on average annual values of exports during the 5 years 1956-57 to 1960-61.
5. The Export Price Index has been compiled for each month from July, 1959. Index numbers for each of the groups and All Groups are shown in Table 2 on page 2. The yearly index numbers are simple averages of the twelve monthly index numbers in each year.
6. Table 1 below shows for each index the percentage change of the index number for the month of September, 1965, from the preceding month (August, 1965) and from the corresponding month of the previous year (September, 1964). It also shows the percentage change of the average of the index numbers for the three months ended September, 1965, from the average of the index numbers for the three months ended September, 1964.

TABLE 1. - EXPORT PRICE INDEX NUMBERS - SEPTEMBER, 1965Change from Previous Periods

(Per cent.)

Percentage change between -	Wool	Meats	Dairy Produce	Cereals	Dried and Canned Fruits	Sugar	Hides and Tallow	Metals and Coal	Gold	All Groups
August, 1965 and September, 1965	+ 1.0	..	..	+ 1.0	- 1.0	- 1.0	- 1.0	+ 0.9	..	+ 1.0
September, 1964 and September, 1965	-10.0	+5.5	- 3.3	- 5.4	+ 1.0	-15.9	+18.8	- 0.8	..	- 5.5
Three months period, ended September, 1964 and Three months period ended September, 1965	-11.7	+4.9	- 2.9	- 5.2	+ 1.4	-22.8	+21.7	+ 0.5	+0.7	- 6.7

TABLE 2. - EXPORT PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of each Index : Year 1959-60 = 100)

Period	Wool	Meats	Dairy Produce	Cereals	Dried and Canned Fruits	Sugar	Hides and Tallow	Metals and Coal	Gold	All Groups
1959-60	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1960-61	92	104	82	99	99	101	92	97	100	95
1961-62	97	100	81	106	95	91	84	91	100	96
1962-63	104	101	88	107	90	107	72	89	100	101
1963-64	120	105	93	107	98	175	73	101	100	114
1964-65	102	p110	94	107	p100	p96	91	123	101	p105
1963-64 - August	110	103	94	102	94	165	66	96	100	107
September	112	105	94	102	97	159	64	94	100	108
October	117	105	94	107	98	163	68	96	100	111
November	128	103	94	107	99	198	74	96	100	118
December	126	100	94	109	100	187	74	101	100	117
January	128	99	92	111	100	205	73	104	100	119
February	130	101	91	111	100	191	73	104	100	120
March	130	106	91	109	98	192	74	103	100	120
April	121	111	92	109	99	165	78	106	100	115
May	110	113	92	108	99	166	79	111	100	110
June	112	110	92	108	101	146	81	111	100	110
1964-65 - July	112	109	92	105	101	139	81	114	100	110
August	112	110	92	110	100	122	83	117	100	110
September	110	109	92	111	100	113	85	119	101	109
October	108	110	93	112	100	104	87	123	101	109
November	107	110	95	110	100	102	89	126	101	108
December	101	p111	95	104	100	94	90	126	101	p104
January	98	p112	95	106	100	p82	90	124	101	p102
February	99	p111	95	104	100	p78	93	128	101	p103
March	94	p110	95	104	100	p77	94	129	101	p100
April	94	p111	96	104	100	p75	98	127	101	p100
May	96	p112	93	104	100	p84	100	122	101	p101
June	96	p110	91	104	p100	p84	99	117	101	p100
1965-66 - July	98	p114	90	104	p102	p98	100	117	101	p102
August	p98	p115	89	104	p102	p96	102	p117	101	p102
September	p99	p115	89	105	p101	p95	101	p118	101	p103

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