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EXPORT PRICE INDEX
SEPTEMBER, 1966

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. 51, 1965 (pages 421-425).

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, 1966, from the preceding month (August, 1966) and from the corresponding month of the previous year (September, 1965). It also shows the percentage change of the average of the index numbers for the three months ended September, 1966, from the average of the index numbers for the three months ended September, 1965.

TABLE 1. - EXPORT PRICE INDEX NUMBERS - SEPTEMBER, 1966
Change 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, 1966 and September, 1966	-3.6	+2.6	..	+1.8	..	-12.7	-8.6	-1.7	..	-1.8
September, 1965 and September, 1966	+8.1	+3.4	-5.6	+9.5	+1.0	-11.0	-5.0	+0.8	..	+4.9
Three months period ended September, 1965 and Three months period ended September, 1966	+12.2	+3.7	-5.9	+9.0	+0.3	-14.3	+1.0	+2.9	..	+7.2

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	110	94	107	100	100	91	123	101	105
1965-66	107	p120	86	107	102	p86	107	122	101	p107
1964-65 - 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	111	95	104	100	94	90	126	101	104
January	98	112	95	106	100	89	90	124	101	102
February	99	111	95	104	100	86	93	128	101	103
March	94	110	95	104	100	85	94	129	101	101
April	94	111	96	104	100	83	98	127	101	101
May	96	112	93	104	100	91	100	122	101	101
June	96	110	91	104	100	91	99	117	101	100
1965-66 - July	98	114	90	104	102	101	100	117	101	102
August	98	115	89	104	102	107	102	117	101	102
September	99	116	89	105	101	100	101	118	101	103
October	105	114	88	106	102	93	99	120	100	106
November	108	116	88	106	101	85	100	120	100	107
December	108	p117	87	107	102	82	100	125	100	p108
January	108	p118	85	109	102	p78	109	125	100	p108
February	108	p121	84	109	102	p84	121	129	100	p109
March	111	p126	84	107	101	p77	122	126	100	p110
April	113	p130	84	110	101	p76	119	129	101	p112
May	113	p130	84	110	101	p74	111	119	101	p111
June	113	p127	84	111	101	p74	105	124	101	p111
1966-67 - July	113	p121	84	113	p102	p73	105	p122	101	p111
August	111	p117	84	113	p102	p102	105	p121	101	p110
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