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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1934. (1926=100)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices on the base 1926-100, continued to rise from 72.5 for the week ended August 3 to 73.0 for the week of August 10. This was the highest level the index has reached since prices began to recover in March 1933. It is approximately upon a par with levels during the spring months, of 1931. Advances in grain prices were largely responsible for the increase, although calves, raw silk and silver also were firmer. Raw sugar, steers, hogs, hay, steel plates, and copper averaged lower than in the preceding week.

Vegetable Products advanced from 70.0 to 71.9 due chiefly to higher prices for all grains, flour, and raw rubber, while raw sugar and hay moved downward. Animals and Their Products declined from 66.2 to 65.7, because of reductions for steers, hogs, and butter which were of more consequence than gains for calves, lambs, and ham. Textiles advanced fractionally from 73.4 to 73.5, influenced by higher raw silk quotations. Wood Products, Iron Products, Non-Metallic Minerals, and Chemicals were unchanged at 65.8, 87.1, 86.0 and 81.8 respectively. Increases for silver and antimony outweighed declines for copper, and the Non-Ferrous Metals group mounted from 62.7 to 62.9.

Canadian Farm Products moved up sharply from 61.5 to 63.6, chiefly because of the appreciable gains in grain prices. Livestock averaged lower.

	:No. of :Price :Series	Jan.5	Mar.2	July 20	July 27	Aug.3:A	ug.10
Total Index 567 Commodities INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS I. Vegetable Products (grains,	567	69.9	72.2	72.3	72.2	x72.5	73.0
fruits, etc.) II. Animals and Their Products III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile	135 76	62.8	65.4		69.2	70.0 x66.2	71.9 65.7
Products IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper V. Iron and Its Products	85 49 44	71.8 64.7 86.1	74.0 65.3 87.1		73.4 65.8 87.1	73.4 65.8 87.1	73.5 65.8 87.1
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products VII.Non-Metallic Minerals	18	66.9	66.7	63.1	62.8	62.7	62.9
and Their Products	83	86.1	86,1	85.9	85.9	x86.0	86.0
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	81.1	80.6	82.0	81.8	81.8	81.8
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	53.6	58.2	60.9	60.5	x61.5	63.6

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