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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1934-1935
(1926=100)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices on the base 1926=100 advanced from 73.0 for the week ending October 4 to 73.2 for the week ending October 11. Price changes reported were mostly upward and principally affected food-stuffs and non-ferrous metals. European demand for copper and tin was quite insistent and higher prices prevailed.

The index for Vegetable Products rose from 68.7 to 68.9. Increases occurred in vegetable oils and miscellaneous vegetables, and grains averaged higher for the week although wheat finished approximately 3½¢ per bushel below last week's close. Animal Products moved from 72.2 to 72.8 when hides, fresh meats, milk products, eggs and fats developed strength. Disposal of heavy runs of medium grade cattle placed pressure upon leading stock yards and prices tended downward. Hogs, on the other hand, advanced under good demand. A moderate export movement of livestock continued to the United States and the index for this group now stands at 75.4 as compared with 62.4 for the corresponding week of last year. Raw silk touched a new high for the year, during the week, and combined with a small increase in raw cotton and miscellaneous fibres to raise the index for Textiles from 68.8 to 68.9. Wood Products eased from 65.0 to 64.9 because of weakness in spruce but Non-Ferrous Metals continued to advance and moved from 73.7 to 74.5. Copper and zinc reached new highs for the year and lead was up also. An increase in dyeing and tanning material raised the index for Chemicals from 76.9 to 77.0 but Iron and Non-Metallic Minerals remained unchanged at 87.1 and 85.3 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products mounted from 65.9 to 66.3. Grains were mainly responsible for raising the index for Field Products from 60.3 to 60.7 while Animal Products advanced from 75.2 to 75.6 when gains in eggs, poultry and hides proved of more importance than a decrease in livestock.

	No. of Price Series	1934 Oct. 12	1935 Sept. 13	Sept. 20	Sept. 27	Oct. 4	Oct. 11
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	71.5	72.3	72.9	72.7	73.0	73.2
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS							
I. Vegetable Products (grains, fruits, etc.)	135	67.3	67.1	68.7	68.1	68.7	68.9
II. Animals and Their Products	76	66.3	71.5	72.7	72.2	72.2	72.8
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	72.5	70.3	68.8	68.6	68.8	68.9
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	65.5	64.2	64.9	65.0	65.0	64.9
V. Iron and Its Products	44	86.6	87.1	87.1	87.1	87.1	87.1
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	61.8	70.6	71.7	72.6	73.7	74.5
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	86.3	85.1	85.2	85.2	85.3	85.3
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	82.0	79.5	76.9	76.9	76.9	77.0
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	60.0	64.2	66.3	65.4	65.9	66.3