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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 receded from 73.2 for the week ending October 11 to 73.0 for the week ending October 18. Prices changes were numerous and of uncertain pattern. Advances outweighed declines in Animal Products and Textiles while reductions were more numerous in Vegetables, Wood Products, Non-Ferrous Metals and Non-Metallic Minerals.

Vegetable Products fell from 68.9 to 68.3. Fresh fruits, raw rubber, raw sugar and vegetables were up slightly but grains, with the exception of flax, were easier and with milled products and vegetable oils forced the index lower. Animal Products rose from 72.8 to 73.4. Lifestock shipments to the principal stockyards were smaller than in recent weeks but the quality was ordinary and prices were easier except for calves and bacon hogs. Fresh meat prices sagged slightly but cured meats, hides, leather and milk products were firmer. Increased prices were reported for oils and fats while grade A eggs at Montreal reached a high for the year. Raw silk also rose to new heights and with silk hosiery and cloth increased the index for Textiles from 68.9 to 69.2. Price changes in Wood Products were more numerous than usual. Spruce, pulp and furniture showed strength but recessions in fir and cedar proved of more importance and the index eased from 64.9 to 64.8. Non-Ferrous Metals dropped from 74.5 to 73.5 with weakness evident throughout the list, and reductions in petroleum products decreased the index for Non-Metallic Minerals from 85.3 to 85.0. Iron and Chemicals remained unchanged at 87.1 and 77.0 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products fell from 66.3 to 65.2. Lower grain prices were largely responsible for lowering the index for Field Products from 60.7 to 58.8 while increases in hides and eggs outweighed a decline in livestock and advanced the Animal index from 75.6 to 75.8.

	: No. of : : Price : : Series :	1934 :		1935 :			
		Oct. : 19 :	Sept. : 20 :	Sept. : 27 :	Oct. : 4 :	Oct. : 11 :	Oct. : 18 :
Total Index	567	71.4	72.9	72.7	73.0	73.2	73.0
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS							
I. Vegetable Products	135	66.6	68.7	68.1	68.7	68.9	68.3
(grains, fruits, etc.)							
II. Animals and Their Products ...	76	67.6	72.7	72.2	72.2	72.8	73.4
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile..	85	72.5	68.8	68.6	68.8	68.9	69.2
Products							
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper.	49	65.3	64.9	65.0	65.0	64.9	64.8
V. Iron and Its Products	44	86.7	87.1	87.1	87.1	87.1	87.1
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their	18	62.4	71.7	72.6	73.7	74.5	73.5
Products							
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their	83	86.2	85.2	85.2	85.3	85.3	85.0
Products							
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	80.9	76.9	76.9	76.9	77.0	77.0
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	61.4	66.3	65.4	65.9	66.3	65.2

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