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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 72.7 for the week ending December 13 to 72.9 for the week ending December 20. The price changes reported were mostly upward with non-ferrous metals as notable exceptions.

Vegetable Products rose from 66.9 to 67.6. Sales of wheat for export were reported to be in good volume and prices were buoyant, although Manitoba No.1 Northern wheat closed the week at 3/8¢ lower than for the previous week. The index for this sub-group stands at 57.9 and corresponds exactly with that of the week ending December 21, 1934. Fresh fruits and vegetables were lower but flour and milled products, sugar and tobacco were among those commodities showing increases. Animal Products moved up from 73.0 to 73.1. Cattle receipts were small on the leading stock yards and prices were firm. Hides, boots and shoes, fresh meats and milk products brought higher prices but eggs and fats receded. With the aid of raw wool, fabric prices were able to raise the index for Textiles from 69.5 to 69.6 despite declines for raw cotton and raw wool. Wood Products mounted from 65.9 to 66.4 because of strength in hemlock, fir and cedar. Coal was chiefly responsible for increasing Non-Metallic Minerals from 85.1 to 85.3 while general weakness in Non-Ferrous Metals reduced the index for this group from 72.6 to 70.8. Copper reverted to September levels and silver hit a new low for the year, reflecting the unsettled conditions still existing on the silver markets of the world. Iron and Chemicals remained unchanged at 87.2 and 77.5 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products rose from 65.2 to 65.6. The index for Field Products advanced from 57.9 to 58.3 largely because of gains in grains, vegetables and tobacco while Animal Products rose from 77.4 to 77.7 with strength apparent in livestock, hides, wool and milk.

	No. of	1934		1935		
	Price	Dec.	Nov.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.
	Series:	21	29	6	13	20
Total Index 567						
Commodities .....	567	71.3	72.9	72.7	x72.7	72.9
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	66.6	67.7	66.9	66.9	67.6
(grains, fruits, etc.)						
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	66.6	73.0	73.1	73.0	73.1
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	72.6	69.6	69.6	69.5	69.6
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper ..	49	64.5	65.2	65.2	x65.9	66.4
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	86.8	87.2	87.2	87.2	87.2
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	63.7	73.6	73.4	72.6	70.8
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	86.1	85.0	85.1	85.1	85.3
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products ..	77	80.6	77.5	77.5	77.5	77.5
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	61.4	65.0	64.9	65.2	65.6

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