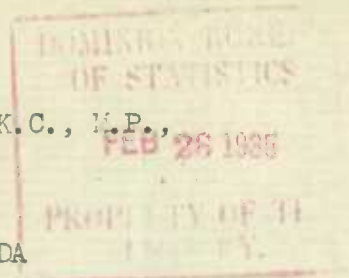


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1934 - 1935.  
(1926=100)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices on the base 1926=100 continued the upward movement, which commenced at the first of the year, when it rose from 71.9 for the week ending February 15th to 72.1 for the week ending February 22nd. This compares with 72.1 for the week ending February 23, 1934, and is the highest point reached since last September.

An interesting development of the week was the substantial increase in cattle exported to the United States. First reports place the number in the neighbourhood of 4,000 head for the week and the effect upon the Canadian livestock markets was very marked.

The index for Vegetable Products rose from 67.2 to 67.4. Grains were firmer, encouraged by adverse reports from the Western States and raw sugar showed slight gains. Scarcity in vegetable oils was responsible for higher prices in this group and potatoes averaged better for the Dominion.

Animal Products climbed from 68.7 to 69.5. Livestock made noteworthy advances and fresh meats and dairy products also sold higher. Skins and cured meats fell off slightly. The index for Textiles continued unchanged at 72.5 although considerable activity, following the "Cold Clause" decision by the United States Supreme Court, was reported in raw silks. No change occurred in the index for Non-Ferrous Metals which remained at 63.7. Trading in silver at Montreal was quite active and higher prices were reported for the week. Copper, however, was weaker and the index for this group touched a new low for the year. Wood, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals were unchanged at 64.8, 87.2, 86.4 and 80.6 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products rose from 61.4 to 62.7. Strength in grains and vegetables raised the index for Field Products from 55.7 to 56.2 while increases in livestock, poultry and eggs advanced the Animal index from 71.0 to 73.5.

	No. of:	1934:	1935 :	:	:	:	:	:
	Price	:Feb.:	Jan.:	Jan.:	Feb.:	Feb.:	Feb.:	Feb.:
	Series:	23	18	25	1	8	15	22

Total Index 567								
Commodities	567	72.1	71.4	71.7	71.8	71.8	*71.9	72.1
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS								
I. Vegetable Products (grains, fruits, etc.) ....	135	65.1	66.7	67.2	66.9	67.0	*67.2	67.4
II. Animals and Their Products .	76	71.4	67.0	68.0	69.1	68.8	68.7	69.5
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	74.1	72.6	72.5	72.5	72.5	72.5	72.5
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	65.2	64.8	64.6	64.6	64.8	*64.8	64.8
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	87.1	86.9	86.9	86.9	86.9	87.2	87.2
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	67.3	64.0	63.9	63.8	63.6	65.7	63.7
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	85	86.1	86.3	86.3	86.4	86.4	86.4	86.4
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	80.6	80.8	80.8	80.7	80.7	*80.6	80.6
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	58.0	60.9	61.2	61.3	61.0	*61.4	62.7

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