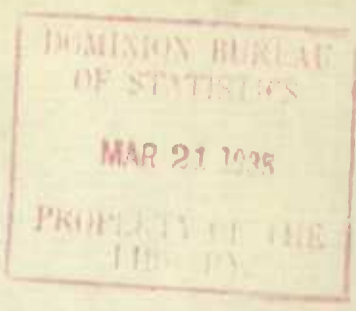


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1934 - 1935.
(1926=100)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices on the base 1926=100 fell from 72.4 for the week ending March 8 to 72.3 for the week ending March 15. Foods were lower but metals and chemicals registered gains. A noteworthy happening of the week was the sharp break in raw cotton followed by a marked recession in raw rubber. Silver prices continued to rise.

Vegetable Products dropped from 67.6 to 67.5. Potato prices were firmer but milled products, raw rubber and hay sold lower. Grains also moved down from one to three cents per bushel with the exception of wheat which was fractionally higher. The milder weather of the past two weeks has resulted in a greater production in eggs with a consequent lowering in prices. The egg index now stands at 49.8 as compared with 69.8 for a year ago. Exports of cattle still continued heavy but large supplies of indifferent quality were responsible for slightly easier prices. Fresh meats were firmer but cured meats and milk products showed reductions and the index for the Animal group dropped from 70.8 to 70.2. Sharp declines in raw cotton and raw silk lowered the index for Textiles from 72.5 to 72.0 and the index for Wood Products eased from 64.8 to 64.7. Metals were firmer and Iron advanced from 87.2 to 87.6 with better prices for scrap iron and rolling mill products the chief contributing factors. Tin was down but strength in silver brought the index for Non-Ferrous Metals from 64.7 to 64.8. Higher exchange rates played a part in increasing the price of paint materials and this in conjunction with higher quotations for soap advanced the index for Chemicals from 80.5 to 80.7. Non-Metallic Minerals remained unchanged at 86.4.

Canadian Farm Products fell from 63.2 to 62.7 with lower grain prices reducing the index for Field Products from 56.5 to 56.3 and recessions in hides and eggs changing the index for Animals from 74.4 to 73.3.

: No. of:	1934	: 1935 :	:	:	:	:	:	:
: Price :	March:	Feb. :	Feb. :	Feb.:	Mar.:	Mar. :	Mar. :	Mar.
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Total Index 567								
Commodities	567	72.0	71.8	71.9	72.1	72.3	72.4	72.3
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIAL.								
I. Vegetable Products (grains, fruits, etc.)	135	65.9	67.0	67.2	67.3	67.5	67.6	67.5
II. Animals and Their Products	76	69.8	68.8	68.7	69.7	70.9	70.8	70.2
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	74.3	72.5	72.5	72.5	72.5	72.5	72.0
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	65.4	64.8	64.8	64.8	64.8	64.8	64.7
V. Iron and Its Products .	44	87.2	86.9	87.2	87.2	87.2	87.2	87.6
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	66.0	63.6	63.7	63.7	64.2	64.7	64.8
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products ...	83	86.1	86.4	86.4	86.4	86.4	86.4	86.4
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	81.0	80.7	80.6	80.6	80.5	80.5	80.7
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	56.8	61.0	61.4	62.7	63.2	63.2	62.7

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