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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 rose from 72.2 for the week ending April 5 to 72.6 for the week ending April 12. Grains made substantial gains and the index for this group now stands at 62.4 as compared with 48.9 a year ago. Exports of livestock contributed to higher prices in the *Animals* group and Non-Ferrous Metals entered the tenth week of uninterrupted advance.

Vegetable Products moved from 68.3 to 69.3. Subsequent to reports of reduced grain acreage in the western United States because of continued drought and accompanying severe dust storms, the price of grains advanced sharply at Winnipeg. Flour sold higher and raw sugar, vegetable oils and potatoes made slight gains. Exports of livestock were fifty per cent. greater than for the preceding week, and this together with a healthy demand for domestic use brought about more active markets and better prices. Bacon was slightly easier but fresh meats were up and the index for Animal Products mounted from 69.1 to 69.4. Marked strength in raw silk and a small improvement in the price of raw cotton raised the Textile index from 70.5 to 70.7 while lower prices for steel pipe caused the index for Iron to decline from 87.5 to 87.0. The recent decision of the United States Government to pay 71.1 cents per oz. for newly mined domestic silver brought about a sharp increase in the price of bar silver. Copper and tin continued to rise and the index for Non-Ferrous Metals changed from 67.0 to 67.7. Wood Products, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals remained stationary at 64.4, 85.8 and 80.3 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products rose from 63.6 to 65.1. Strength in grains was chiefly responsible for the increase in Field Products from 58.0 to 60.0 and gains in livestock and hides advanced the index for *Animals* from 73.0 to 73.7.

	No. of	1934	1935						
	Price	Apr.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Apr.	Apr.	
	Series	13	8	15	22	29	5	12	
Total Index 567									
Commodities	567	71.5	72.3	72.1	71.9	72.1	72.2	72.6	
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS.									
I. Vegetable Products	135	65.2	67.6	67.4	67.3	67.9	68.3	69.3	
(grains, fruits, etc.)									
II. Animals and Their Products ...	76	67.7	70.8	70.0	69.3	69.0	69.1	69.4	
III. Fibres, Textiles and									
Textile Products	85	74.1	71.3	70.7	70.5	70.5	70.5	70.7	
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper.	49	65.6	64.8	64.7	64.7	64.6	64.4	64.4	
V. Iron and Its Products	44	87.2	87.2	87.6	87.6	87.5	87.5	87.0	
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their									
Products	18	65.7	64.7	64.8	65.4	66.1	67.0	67.7	
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and									
Their Products	83	86.1	86.4	86.4	85.9	85.9	85.8	85.8	
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products.	77	80.9	80.5	80.4	80.4	80.3	80.3	80.3	
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	55.8	63.2	62.7	62.4	62.7	63.6	65.1	

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