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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 72.4 for the week ending May 10 to 72.5 for the week ending May 17. Grains were easier but Animal Products and Non-Ferrous Metals made substantial gains.

Vegetable Products dropped from 68.5 to 68.3. With the exception of oats, the grains were lower and reductions were noted, also in cacao products and hay and straw. In Animal Products, hides and leather were firmer and higher prices were realized for fresh meats. The export movement in cattle continued to be of moderate proportions and a shortage in lamb receipts lifted the prices in this division sharply upward. Livestock, generally, was stronger and the index for Animal Products rose from 69.9 to 70.1. Textiles climbed from 70.5 to 70.6 with gains in raw cotton and raw silk proving of more importance than a decline in raw wool. Activity was again apparent in the Non-Ferrous Metals and the index mounted from 69.7 to 71.3. Better prices were reported for copper, lead, tin and zinc, and silver ^{advanced} steadily during the week. Weakness in inorganic chemicals was sufficiently great to lower the index for Chemicals from 80.2 to 80.1. Wood, Iron and Non-Metallic Minerals were unchanged at 63.9, 87.4 and 85.6 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products fell from 64.6 to 64.5. Price reductions in grains were largely responsible for a decline in Field Products from 58.8 to 58.4 while strength in livestock was the main factor in raising the index for Animal products from 74.3 to 74.7.

	: No. of	: 1934	: 1935						
	: Price	: May	: Apr.	: Apr.	: May	: May	: May		
	: Series	: 18	: 12	: 19	: 26	: 3	: 10	: 17	
	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	

Total Index	567								
Commodities	567	71.0	72.5	72.7	72.7	72.6	72.4	72.5	
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS.									
I. Vegetable Products (grains, fruits, etc.)	135	64.8	69.3	69.8	69.6	69.0	68.5	68.3	
II. Animals and Their Products	76	65.2	69.4	69.8	70.0	70.2	x69.9	70.1	
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	74.1	70.6	70.5	70.6	70.5	70.5	70.6	
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	65.9	64.4	63.9	63.9	63.9	63.9	63.9	
V. Iron and Its Products	44	87.4	87.0	87.4	87.4	87.4	87.4	87.4	
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	64.5	67.7	67.8	68.5	69.6	69.7	71.3	
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	85.5	85.8	85.8	85.8	85.6	85.6	85.6	
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	81.9	80.3	80.3	80.2	80.2	80.2	80.1	
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	56.4	65.1	65.2	65.1	64.8	64.6	64.5	

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