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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 declined from 72.5 for the week ending May 17 to 72.4 for the week ending May 24. Price changes were comparatively few and somewhat irregular. Products of the farm tended downward but the Non-Ferrous Metals group moved upward to a new peak for the year.

Vegetable Products dropped from 68.3 to 67.9. Raw rubber was fractionally stronger but flour and milled products, and vegetables were lower. Favourable crop conditions in the Canadian West have placed pressure upon grain prices during the past five weeks. Animal Products were firmer when gains in fresh meats, cured meats and eggs proved by more importance than recession in livestock and milk products, and the index advanced from 70.1 to 70.2. Livestock sales for the week were approximately twenty-five percent less than for the previous week and prices were lower. It is noteworthy that cattle bought for export to the United States numbered more than fifty percent of the total sales of cattle reported from public stock yards. Non-Ferrous Metal prices continued upward and the index rose from 71.3 to 71.9. Copper, lead and tin were higher and silver averaged better for the week. Slight changes in asbestos products among Non-Metallic Minerals lowered the index for this group from 85.5 to 85.3 and Textiles, Wood, Iron and Chemicals remained unchanged at 70.6, 63.9, 87.4 and 80.1 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products decreased from 64.5 to 64.1. Weakness in grains was the chief reason for Field Products falling from 58.4 to 58.0 while lower prices for livestock were mainly responsible for reducing Animal Products from 74.7 to 74.4.

	No. of	1934		1935					
	Price	May	Apr.	Apr.	May	May	May	May	May
	Series	25	19	26	3	10	17	24	

Total Index	567								
Commodities	567	70.7	72.7	72.7	72.6	72.4	72.5	72.4	
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS.									
I. Vegetable Products	135	63.8	69.8	69.6	69.0	68.5	68.3	67.9	
(grains, fruits, etc.)									
II. Animals and Their Products	76	65.5	69.8	70.0	70.2	69.9	70.1	70.2	
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	74.4	70.5	70.6	70.5	70.5	70.6	70.6	
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	65.8	63.9	63.9	63.9	63.9	63.9	63.9	
V. Iron and Its Products	44	87.5	87.4	87.4	87.4	87.4	87.4	87.4	
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	64.5	67.8	68.5	69.6	69.7	71.3	71.9	
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	85.5	85.8	85.8	85.6	85.6	x85.5	85.3	
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	81.9	80.3	80.2	80.2	80.2	80.1	80.1	
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	56.8	65.2	65.1	64.8	64.6	64.5	64.1	

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