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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 still further from 72.4 for the week ending May 24 to 71.9 for the week ending May 31. Declining wheat prices and reactions in other speculative markets subsequent to the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court affecting price maintenance programmes were the leading influences in this recession.

Vegetable Products fell from 67.9 to 66.8. Weakness developed in outside grain markets early in the week and this together with a lack of export demand reacted upon Winnipeg grain prices materially. Flax suffered the greatest loss closely followed by rye, and wheat dropped approximately 3 cents per bushel. Animal Products moved from 70.0 to 69.4. Livestock rallied, recovering in part the loss of last week, and fresh meats, cured meats and oils and fats moved up. Eggs were priced a little lower than for the previous week and the index was 3.0 below that of the corresponding week of last year. Butter, also, was down and reductions were noted in fish. Sharp breaks occurred in both raw cotton and raw silk and the index for Textiles dropped from 70.6 to 70.3. Non-Ferrous Metals, which have been climbing steadily since the 1st of March, suffered losses throughout the major part of the list and the index declined from 71.9 to 71.3. Price reductions in drugs and pharmaceuticals lowered the index for Chemicals from 80.1 to 79.9 but Wood, Iron and Non-Metallic Minerals remained unchanged at 63.9, 87.4 and 85.3 respectively.

The index for Canadian Farm Products fell from 64.1 to 62.8 when declines in grains and potatoes lowered the index for Field Products from 57.9 to 55.8. Animal Products remained stationary at 74.4.

	No. of Price Series	1934 June 1	1935 Apr. 26	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	71.7	72.7	72.6	72.4	72.5	72.4	71.9
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS.								
I. Vegetable Products (grains, fruits, etc.)	135	66.9	69.6	69.0	68.5	68.3	67.9	66.8
II. Animals and Their Products	76	65.6	70.0	70.2	69.9	70.1	x70.0	69.4
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	74.5	70.6	70.5	70.5	70.6	70.6	70.3
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	66.1	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	64.4	68.5	69.6	69.7	71.3	71.9	71.3
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	85.5	85.8	85.6	85.6	85.5	85.3	85.3
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	82.0	80.2	80.2	80.2	80.1	80.1	79.9
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	59.6	65.1	64.8	64.6	64.5	64.1	62.8

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