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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, at 71.6 for the week ended August 16, was unchanged from the previous week. Major prices changes were recorded for grains, livestock, raw silk and cotton and several non-ferrous metals.

Vegetable Products declined to 66.1 from 66.6 in the previous week. Grains were lower. Despite continued reports of rust damage, wheat in the Winnipeg market dropped 2½¢ per bushel between the 10th and 13th. A later recovery following reports of further damage to the Canadian wheat crop, brought the August future price to 85 5/8¢ by the 16th. Animal Products advanced from 69.1 to 69.7. Cattle markets were quite active and were kept well cleared. Calves moved upwards and hogs at all centres were much higher than in the previous week. Eggs and butter showed little change. Silk prices advanced sharply subsequent to reports indicating a scarcity of some grades. This gain was offset by losses for cotton and the index for Textiles remained at 70.4. Wood and Iron were unchanged at 64.2 and 87.1 respectively. Silver which had been stabilized at 67¾¢ at New York since July 13, dropped to 67 3/8¢ on August 13 and continued downward, with heavy selling pressure developing on the 14th. Copper, lead and zinc were slightly higher and the index for Non-Ferrous Metals rose from 69.6 to 69.7. Non-Metallics and Chemicals were each 1 point higher at 84.7 and 79.8 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products were 61.7 for week ended August 16, as against 61.8 in the previous period. Vegetable Products moved down from 56.0 to 55.2 but animal products rose from 71.6 to 72.6.

	No. of Price Series	1934 Aug. 17	1935 July 12	July 19	July 26	Aug. 2	Aug. 9	Aug. 16
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	72.3	71.2	71.5	71.4	71.8	x71.6	71.6
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS ..								
I. Vegetable Products (grains, fruits, etc.)	135	70.0	65.6	66.2	66.1	67.0	66.6	66.1
II. Animals and Their Products	76	65.2	68.4	68.5	68.4	69.0	x69.1	69.7
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	73.6	70.6	70.8	70.8	70.8	x70.4	70.4
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	65.5	64.0	64.3	64.2	64.2	64.2	64.2
V. Iron and Its Products	44	87.0	87.2	87.1	87.1	87.1	87.1	87.1
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	63.1	68.7	69.4	69.2	69.6	69.6	69.7
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	86.1	85.1	84.6	84.6	84.6	84.6	84.7
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	81.8	79.8	79.8	79.8	79.8	79.7	79.8
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	61.7	60.5	60.8	61.1	62.3	61.8	61.7

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