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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1935-1936.
(1926=100)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices, on the base 1926=100, advanced from 77.4 for the week ending December 4 to 77.8 for the week ending December 11. Price changes were mainly upward and increases were noted in Vegetable Products, Textiles and Non-Ferrous Metals. Grains played an important part in the advance and reached their highest point since February 1930 while copper again moved forward after a three weeks' period of inactivity.

Vegetable Products rose from 79.4 to 80.4. Good demand for southern hemisphere wheat from Europe and the Orient, together with reports of dwindling surpluses in wheat producing countries were reflected in firmer wheat prices and coarse grains made substantial gains also. Cocoa products moved higher and vegetable oils rose sharply to reach 81.1, a new six year high. Raw rubber continued to rise and the index touched 41.6, a marked contrast from the low of 7.9 in June 1932. Decreases in the Vegetable group were shown by fresh fruits, raw sugar and potatoes. Animal Products remained at 73.5. Fish, livestock and fresh meats advanced but this was offset by a sharp drop in eggs which declined 9.7 points in the past three weeks and now stand at 76.3 as compared with 80.8 for a year ago. Strength in raw cotton and raw wool outweighed a reduction in raw silk and moved the index for Textiles from 69.9 to 70.1 while Non-Ferrous Metals advanced from 75.4 to 76.3 on general strength throughout the list. Wood, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals remained at 69.5, 88.4, 85.0 and 78.8 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products climbed from 78.3 to 79.4. Grains were largely responsible for advancing Field Products from 77.3 to 79.0 while no change occurred in Animal Products which continued at 80.1 when gains in livestock, hides and wool were counterbalanced by a drop in eggs.

	: No. of : Price : Series	: 1935 :		: 1936 :		
		: Dec. : 13	: Nov. : 20	: Nov. : 27	: Dec. : 4	: Dec. : 11
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	72.7	77.2	77.2	77.4	77.8
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products	135	66.9	78.7	78.4	79.4	80.4
(grains, fruits, etc.)						
II. Animals and Their Products	76	73.0	73.8	73.8	73.5	73.5
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	69.5	69.7	69.8	69.9	70.1
IV. Wood, Wood Products & Paper	49	65.9	69.4	69.4	69.5	69.5
V. Iron and Its Products	44	87.2	88.3	88.3	88.4	88.4
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	72.6	75.3	75.5	75.4	76.3
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	85.1	84.8	84.9	85.0	85.0
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	77.5	78.8	78.8	78.8	78.8
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	65.2	77.5	77.4	78.3	79.4

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