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

Led by rising grain prices, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices resumed its gradual advance in the week ended December 4, mounting from 77.2 to 77.4. This represents a new high for the recovery movement, and is nearly 8 p.c. above midsummer levels from which this latest phase of the advance commenced. Moderate declines in eggs, wool, silk and non-ferrous metals partially offset strength in other commodities.

Vegetable Products mounted from 78.4 to 79.4, supported by rising prices for grains, flour, raw rubber, raw sugar, and potatoes. Wheat markets were strong, reflecting active export interest, and Liverpool reacted sharply to the possible creation of emergency wheat reserves in the United Kingdom. Animal Products were dominated by declines in eggs, butter and prepared meats which outweighed higher quotations for hides and cattle, causing this index to fall from 73.8 to 73.5. The Textiles group rose fractionally from 69.8 to 69.9 when a sharp advance in raw cotton proved of greater consequence than moderate recessions in raw silk and raw wool. Wood products also moved fractionally higher from 69.4 to 69.5 due to firmer prices for Maritime spruce, and increases among rolling mill products advanced the Iron group a like amount from 88.3 to 88.4. Moderate reactions in lead, tin, zinc and copper caused Non-Ferrous Metals to drop back from 75.5 to 75.4. Non-Metallic Minerals moved up a point from 84.9 to 85.0 on higher glass quotations while Chemicals remained unchanged at 78.8.

Canadian Farm Products moved definitely ahead of the general wholesale index for the first time since 1930 when increases in grains and cattle carried it upward from 77.4 to 78.3. Hogs, eggs, and raw wool were lower.

	: No. of : Price : Series	: 1935 : : 1936				
		: Dec. : Nov. : Nov. : Nov. : Dec.				
		: 6	: 13	: 20	: 27	: 4
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	72.7	76.8	77.2	77.2	77.4
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products	135	66.9	78.3	78.7	x78.4	79.4
(grains, fruits, etc.)						
II. Animals and Their Products	76	73.1	72.7	73.8	73.8	73.5
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	69.6	69.6	69.7	69.8	69.9
IV. Wood, Wood Products & Paper	49	65.2	69.5	69.4	69.4	69.5
V. Iron and Its Products	44	87.2	88.2	88.3	88.3	88.4
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	73.4	73.6	75.3	75.5	75.4
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	85.1	84.8	84.8	x84.9	85.0
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	77.5	78.9	78.8	78.8	78.8
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	64.9	75.7	77.5	77.4	78.3

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