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

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics Andex number of wholesale prices on the base 1926=100 declined from 72.6 for the week ending January 31 to 72.4 for the week ending February 7. Price changes were mainly downward and none of the eight major groups showed any advance. Reductions occurred in Vegetable Products, Animal Products and Non-Ferrous Metals, and Canadian Farm Products showed a slight decrease also.

Vegetable Products fell from 67.6 to 67.1. Raw rubber continued its slow advance but grains, milled products, vegetable oils and potatoes were lower. Exports of grain were comparatively small and No.1 Manitoba Northern wheat closed at 2¢ per bushel below the previous week. Losses outweighed gains in the Animal Products also and the index dropped from 71.6 to 71.5. Fish were higher and hides showed strength but livestock, butter and fats sold lower. Cattle prices were depressed by plentiful supplies but hogs continued the advance begun last November. Textiles were unchanged at 69.5, as firmness in raw wool and worsted cloth yarns was offset by a softening in raw cotton and raw silk. Prices for raw silk fell sharply during the week and closed at September levels. Moderate reductions in copper, lead and tin lowered the index for Non-Ferrous Metals from 68.3 to 68.0 but no changes occurred for Wood, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals which remained at 67.1, 87.2, 85.3 and 77.3 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products eased from 65.2 to 65.1. Weakness in grains and potatoes was chiefly responsible for lowering Field Products from 59.1 to 58.9, while Animal Products continued unchanged at 75.4. Advances in hides and wool were counteracted by declines in livestock, butter and eggs.

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Total Index 567 Commodities INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS	567	71.8	72.9	72.9	x72.6	72.4
I. Vegetable Products	135	67.0	67.8	68.0	x67.6	67.1
II. Animals and Their Products III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile	76	68.8	73.0	72.5	71.6	71.5
Products IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper . V. Iron and Its Products VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their	49	72.5 64.8 86.9	69.7 66.9 87.2	69.8 67.1 87.2	x69.5 67.1 87.2	69.5 67.1 87.2
Products	18	63.6	68.4	68.1	68.3	68.0
Their Products VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .		86.4 80.7	85.3 77.3	85.3 77.3	8 5.3 77.3	85.3 77.3
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	61.0	66.2	65.8	x65.2	65.1

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