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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, rose from 72.2 to 72.3 during the week ending April 24. Price changes of importance were confined chiefly to the Vegetable, Animal and Non-Ferrous groups. Potatoes, which of late have been attracting considerable attention, made a further advance of nearly 10 p.c. and grains averaged higher for the week. Livestock prices, however, were slightly lower despite export shipments approximating the record for the year.

Vegetable Products mounted from 66.6 to 67.3. Coffee quotations displayed a weaker tendency but grains, milled products, raw sugar and potatoes were firmer. The potato index now stands at 72.8 as compared with 25.6 for the corresponding week of last year. Animal Products declined from 69.8 to 68.8. Egg supplies are still below normal for the season and prices were buoyant. Fresh meats advanced, also, but reductions were reported for hides, livestock, cured meats, milk products and fats. Raw silk again dropped sharply, making the fourth successive week of decline, and raw wool and worsted cloth yarns sagged, as well, but an increase in raw cotton was sufficient to counteract these losses and Textiles remained at 69.5. Advances in copper and silver changed the index for Non-Ferrous Metals from 68.8 to 69.0, but Wood, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals were unchanged at 68.0, 87.4, 85.5 and 77.4 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products rose from 65.2 to 65.4. Field Products mounted from 60.0 to 60.5 chiefly because of an increase in potatoes, while Animal Products fell from 73.9 to 73.5 when decreases in livestock, hides and wool outweighed an advance in eggs.

	No. of Price Series	1936				
		1935 Apr. 26	Apr. 3	Apr. 10	Apr. 17	Apr. 24
Total Index 567 Commodities .....	567	72.7	72.1	72.0	72.2	72.3
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	69.6	65.9	65.6	x66.6	67.3
(grains, fruits, etc.)						
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	70.0	69.8	69.7	69.8	68.8
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	70.6	69.7	69.7	x69.5	69.5
IV. Wood, Wood Products & Paper .....	49	63.9	67.9	67.9	x68.0	68.0
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	87.4	87.3	87.3	87.4	87.4
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	68.5	69.2	69.1	68.8	69.0
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	85.8	85.9	85.9	x85.5	85.5
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....	77	80.2	77.2	77.2	x77.4	77.4
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	65.1	x64.5	x64.5	x65.2	65.4

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