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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, fell from 72.2 for the week ending March 27 to 72.1 for the week ending April 3. The more important price changes were confined to foodstuffs and followed no definite pattern. Grains receded to the levels of last July, while receipts of livestock at the leading stock-yards were in sufficient volume to counteract the effect of heavy purchases for export and easier prices ruled. The rapid drop in eggs was halted and the index for this commodity showed a gain of 2.4 for the week.

Vegetable Products dropped from 66.4 to 65.9. Raw sugar made a substantial increase while grains were lower with the exceptions of barley and corn, which averaged slightly higher. An increase from 69.4 to 69.8 occurred in Animal Products. Hides, livestock and fresh meats were easier while cured meats and lard moved up. Egg prices averaged approximately one cent per dozen above those of last week and conditions in the prairie provinces had improved sufficiently to permit the shipment of several car-loads to eastern points. An increase in raw cotton was too slight to move the index for Textiles which remained at 69.7, while Non-Ferrous Metals eased from 69.4 to 69.3 when reductions in aluminium and zinc proved of greater weight than gains in copper and tin. Wood, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals were unchanged at 67.9, 87.3, 85.9 and 77.2 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products declined from 64.6 to 64.4. Field Products moved from 58.9 to 58.7, largely because of weakness in grains, while Animal Products declined from 74.1 to 74.0 when reductions in hides and livestock exerted a greater influence than an advance in eggs.

	: No. of	: 1935 : 1936					
		: Price	: April	: March	: March	: March	: April
			: Series	: 5	: 13	: 20	: 27
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	72.2	72.5	72.4	72.2	72.1	
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS							
I. Vegetable Products	135	68.3	67.0	66.8	66.4	65.9	
(grains, fruits, etc.)							
II. Animals and Their Products	76	69.1	70.8	70.4	69.4	69.8	
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	70.5	69.5	69.7	69.7	69.7	
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	64.4	67.8	67.9	67.9	67.9	
V. Iron and Its Products	44	87.5	87.3	87.3	87.3	87.3	
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	67.0	69.3	69.3	69.3	69.3	
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	85.8	85.9	85.9	85.9	85.9	
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	80.3	77.2	77.3	x77.2	77.2	
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	63.6	65.9	65.7	64.6	64.4	

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