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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, declined from 72.3 for the week ending April 24 to 72.1 for the week ending May 1. Grain prices were somewhat erratic during the week but finished lower, while livestock markets were well supported by purchases for foreign account and displayed a firmer tendency. The meteoric rise in potatoes was checked and the index for this commodity fell slightly below that of the previous week.

Vegetable Products dropped from 67.3 to 66.4. Sales of wheat for export approximated 5 million bushels but weather conditions in the United States winter wheat belt still affected market behavior to a great extent and the grain index dipped to 55.7, a loss of 1.3 for the week. The index for grains in the corresponding week of last year stood at 62.1. Milled products, vegetable oils and vegetables showed small decreases while raw rubber advanced. Animal Products rose from 68.9 to 69.5. Receipts of livestock at the leading stock-yards were quite heavy, but, stimulated by a good export demand, prices were well maintained on all classes except lambs and the index rose to 72.8, or 13.6 below that of a year ago. Fresh and cured meats were firmer and an increase in butter prices advanced the index for milk products to 66.6. Egg receipts were heavier for the week but were still below the normal seasonal volume and prices were slightly higher. Weakness in raw cotton and raw silk lowered the index for Textiles from 69.5 to 69.4, while Non-Ferrous Metals moved from 68.9 to 68.6 because of recessions in copper, lead, silver and zinc. Wood, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals remained at 68.0, 87.4, 85.5 and 77.4 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products fell from 65.4 to 65.3. Field Products dropped from 60.5 to 60.3 influenced largely by lower prices for grains, while Animal Products rose from 73.5 to 73.7 because of strength in livestock and eggs.

	: No. of : : Price : : Series :	: 1935 :		: 1936 :		
		May	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	May
		3	10	17	24	1
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	72.6	72.0	72.2	72.3	72.1

INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES
CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR
CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS

I. Vegetable Products	135	69.0	65.6	66.6	67.3	66.4
(grains, fruits, etc.)						
II. Animals and Their Products	76	70.2	69.7	69.8	x68.9	69.5
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	70.5	69.7	69.5	69.5	69.4
IV. Wood, Wood Products & Paper	49	63.9	67.9	68.0	68.0	68.0
V. Iron and Its Products	44	87.4	87.3	87.4	87.4	87.4
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	69.6	69.1	68.8	x68.9	68.6
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	85.6	85.9	85.5	85.5	85.5
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	80.2	77.2	77.4	77.4	77.4
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	64.8	64.5	65.2	65.4	65.3

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