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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, advanced from 71.3 for the week ending May 29 to 72.0 for the week ending June 5. In the latter part of the week, unfavourable growing conditions in the wheat areas of this Continent were influential in advancing the price of wheat, and potato prices again moved up sharply to exceed a wholesale price of \$2.00 per 90 pound bag in some localities.

Vegetable Products mounted from 65.2 to 65.8. Canned vegetables and hay were easier but fresh fruits, grains, milled products and potatoes were buoyant. Manitoba No.1 Northern wheat closed 3¢ per bushel higher for the week while the potato index rose from 73.7 to 75.5. This is over 3 times that of the corresponding weekly index of 1935 which stood at 23.7. The most drastic changes in potato prices were confined to eastern Canada and reports from Montreal or further west indicated a more stable condition. Animal Products rose from 69.7 to 69.9. Price changes in this group were almost entirely in an upward direction and fish, hides, livestock, milk products and eggs were the commodities most affected. Export shipments of cattle were slightly heavier than for the past few weeks and prices for butter were firmer. The peak of production for eggs appears to have been passed and the egg index has steadily advanced during the last seven weeks until it now stands at 55.1, or 5.9 points above its position of a year ago. Textiles remained at 69.2 although easier prices were reported for raw silk, raw wool and worsted cloth yarns. The index for Non-Ferrous Metals was unchanged at 68.1 when advances in copper and silver were offset by a decrease in the price of tin. Tin has been gradually working downward since the early part of March until its index now stands at 70.0. Wood, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals were unchanged at 68.3, 87.8, 85.4 and 77.2 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products climbed from 65.0 to 65.5, for the fourth week of un-interrupted rise. Field Products advanced from 60.0 to 60.2, influenced largely by strength in grains and potatoes, while Animal Products rose from 73.4 to 74.5 because of increases in livestock, hides and eggs.

	: No. of	: 1935		: 1936			
		: Price	: June	: May	: May	: May	: June
		: Series	: 7	: 15	: 22	: 29	: 5
Total Index 567 Commodities .....	567	71.7	71.9	71.8	71.8	72.0	
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS							
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	66.6	66.0	65.6	x65.2	65.8	
(grains, fruits, etc.)							
II. Animal and Fish Products .....	76	69.3	68.8	69.0	x69.7	69.9	
III. Fuels, Lumber and Textile Products .....	85	70.3	69.1	69.1	69.2	69.2	
IV. Wood, Wood Products & Paper .....	49	63.9	68.3	68.3	68.3	68.3	
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	87.4	87.8	87.8	87.8	87.8	
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	69.9	68.2	68.0	68.1	68.1	
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	85.4	85.4	85.4	85.4	85.4	
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products ....	77	79.9	77.2	77.2	77.2	77.2	
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	62.5	64.7	64.7	65.0	65.5	

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