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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 for the week ending June 12 to 72.4 for the week ending June 19. The Vegetable and Animal groups continued to advance but easier quotations in Wood Products, Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals moved the indexes for these groups to lower levels. After three weeks of sharply rising prices, potatoes reacted lowering their index by 6.9 points, while unfavorable growing conditions in the spring wheat areas of the south-western United States were influential in raising the price of wheat by approximately four cents per bushel during the week.

Vegetable Products advanced from 66.4 to 67.0. Potatoes registered the only appreciable reduction in price while fresh fruits, grains and milled products displayed buoyancy. Fresh fruits have advanced during the year and the index now stands at 85.1 as compared with 75.1 in the corresponding week of last year. Animal Products rose from 70.4 to 70.5. Exports of livestock have remained fairly constant for the past few weeks and hog prices have been increasing for the last month, but liberal offerings of cattle combined with lower prices in United States' markets caused a reduction of .9 points in the livestock index which now stands at 70.4 or 18 p.c. below that of a year ago. Milk products were lower, also, but higher quotations were reported for fish, boots and shoes, prepared meats, lard and eggs. A decrease in silk fabrics offset advances in raw cotton, raw silk and hosiery and knit goods, leaving the index for Textiles at 69.2, but a decline in B.C. fir lowered the index for Wood from 68.2 to 68.0. The Iron index dropped lower, also, from 87.8 to 87.7 because of reductions in scrap iron, and recessions in antimony, lead, tin and zinc reduced the index for Non-Ferrous Metals from 67.8 to 67.6. Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals remained at 85.4 and 77.2 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products dipped from 66.1 to 65.6. Field Products fell from 61.2 to 61.0 influenced largely by reductions in potatoes and hay, while lower prices for livestock, hides and milk played an important part in lowering the index for Animal Products from 74.2 to 73.3.

	: No. of : Price : Series	: 1935 :		1936		
		: June : 21	: May : 29	: June : 5	: June : 12	: June : 19
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	71.5	71.8	72.0	x72.2	72.4
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products	135	66.3	65.2	65.8	66.4	67.0
(grains, fruits, etc.)						
II. Animals and Their Products	76	68.6	69.7	69.9	70.4	70.5
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	70.3	69.2	69.2	69.2	69.2
IV. Wood, Wood Products & Paper	49	64.0	68.3	68.3	x68.2	68.0
V. Iron and Its Products	44	87.2	87.8	87.8	87.8	87.7
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	13	69.2	68.1	68.1	67.8	67.6
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	85.4	85.4	85.4	85.4	85.4
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	79.8	77.2	77.2	77.2	77.2
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	61.6	65.0	65.5	66.1	65.6

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