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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, remained at 71.8 for the week ending May 29. Price changes were confined largely to the Vegetable, Animal, Textile and Non-Ferrous groups and were mostly upward although grains averaged lower for the week. Torrid temperatures over the prairie provinces in the last few days influenced the prices of wheat which finished from 1 to 2 cents higher.

Vegetable Products fell from 65.6 to 65.1. Wheat was heavy at the first of the week because of better crop prospects and poor foreign demand but later prices advanced influenced by high temperatures over the Canadian West. Grain prices, however, averaged lower for the week and a decrease of 0.2 was shown by the index. Flour and milled products declined in sympathy but canned vegetables, vegetable oils and sugar were buoyant. Potato prices rose sharply in some localities and the index for this group increased by 3.3 points. Animal Products rose from 69.0 to 69.6. Livestock markets were active and exports of cattle to United States points were slightly ahead of last week. Offerings were reduced, also, which brought about an increase in the prices for most classes. Meats, milk products and eggs were firmer while hides lost the gains of last week. Raw silk reached its lowest point since last July but raw wool strengthened sufficiently to advance the index for Textiles from 69.1 to 69.2. The index for raw wool now stands at 65.7, having mounted from 45.3 in the past twelve months. Non-Ferrous Metals moved from 68.0 to 68.1 when increases in antimony, copper and lead proved of greater weight than reductions in silver and tin. Wood, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals remained unchanged at 68.3, 87.8, 85.4 and 77.2 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products climbed from 64.7 to 65.0. Field Products continued at 60.0 but increases in livestock, eggs and wool raised the index for Animal Products from 72.6 to 73.3.

	: No. of	: 1935		: 1936		
		: Price	: May	: May	: May	: May
	: Series	: 31	: 8	: 15	: 22	: 29
	:	:	:	:	:	:
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	71.9	71.9	71.9	71.8	71.8
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products	135	66.8	65.8	66.0	65.6	65.1
(grains, fruits, etc.)						
II. Animals and Their Products	76	69.7	69.4	68.8	69.0	69.6
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	70.3	69.3	69.1	69.1	69.2
IV. Wood, Wood Products & Paper	49	63.9	68.0	68.3	68.3	68.3
V. Iron and Its Products	44	87.4	87.4	87.8	87.8	87.8
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	71.3	68.1	68.2	68.0	68.1
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	85.4	85.5	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	62.9	64.9	64.7	64.7	65.0

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