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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 72.8 for the week ending July 3 to 73.9 for the week ending July 10. Prices generally moved upward and increases were shown by Vegetable Products, Animals, Textiles, Iron, Non-Ferrous Metals and Chemicals. Exports of livestock again showed marked reductions, while grain prices shot upward on reports of extensive crop damage resulting from extreme drought conditions in western grain growing areas.

Vegetable Products rose from 68.7 to 72.0. Wheat prices increased approximately 7 cents per bushel during the week and other grains advanced also. As a result, the grain index moved up 6.0 points to rest at 64.2, or 8.5 points higher than for the corresponding week of last year. Milled products, vegetable oils, rubber and potatoes were firm while the sugar index continued to decline. Animal Products advanced from 69.7 to 69.9. Hides were easier but fish, livestock, fresh meats, milk products, eggs and fats were buoyant. Egg production is definitely falling off and farmer quotations raised the egg index 0.9 points during the week. Prices for livestock remained steady although exports of cattle to United States points numbered less than 2,000 head, a decrease of approximately 37 p.c. from last week's total. The index for livestock now stands at 72.5 as compared with 82.2 for the week ending July 12, 1935. Firmness in raw cotton, raw silk and raw wool moved the Textile index from 69.5 to 69.6, while increases in rolling-mill products advanced the index for Iron from 87.7 to 87.8. Non-Ferrous Metals rose from 67.6 to 67.7 when tin rallied for a gain of 3.3 points, and Chemicals mounted from 77.3 to 77.4 because of strength in organic chemicals and tanning materials. Wood and Non-Metallic Minerals remained at 68.1 and 85.6 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products increased from 64.6 to 65.8. Strength in grains and potatoes advanced Field Products from 61.0 to 62.9, while Animal Products remained at 70.6 when gains in livestock, eggs and wool were nullified by a reduction in hides.

	: No. of : : Price : : Series :	: 1935 : : July : June : June : June : July : July					
		: 1936					
		: 12	: 12	: 19	: 26	: 3	: 10
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	71.2	72.2	72.4	72.6	x72.8	73.9
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS							
I. Vegetable Products	135	65.6	66.4	67.1	68.1	x68.7	72.0
(grains, fruits, etc.)							
II. Animals and Their Products	76	68.4	70.4	70.1	69.8	x69.7	69.9
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	70.6	69.2	69.3	69.4	69.5	69.6
IV. Wood, Wood Products & Paper	49	64.0	68.2	68.0	68.0	68.1	68.1
V. Iron and Its Products	44	87.2	87.8	87.7	87.7	87.7	87.8
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	68.7	67.8	67.5	67.6	67.6	67.7
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	85.3	85.4	85.5	85.6	85.6	85.6
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	79.8	77.2	77.3	77.3	77.3	77.4
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	60.5	66.1	64.9	64.7	x64.6	65.8

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