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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 72.6 for the week ending June 26 to 72.7 for the week ending July 3. Price changes were mainly upward and advances were made by Vegetables, Animal Products, Textiles and Wood Products. Raw cotton climbed still further to a new seasonal high, and severe drought conditions in the western wheat growing areas of this continent have so seriously affected the crop prospects that wheat prices were forced sharply higher in the latter part of the week.

Vegetable Products moved from 68.1 to 68.3. Raw sugar and potatoes receded but grains, flour and cocoa products were firmer. Cocoa products have been unusually buoyant of late and the index for this sub-group has increased by 5.4 points during the past two months. Animal Products rose from 69.8 to 69.9. Fats and eggs sold higher while reductions were reported for fish, cured meats and livestock. The export of cattle was again materially reduced and shipments to the United States were reported at approximately 2,000 head, or less than one-third of the number shipped in the first week of June. Textiles rose from 69.4 to 69.5 when advances in raw cotton and yarns outweighed a decrease in raw silk, and Wood Products moved up from 68.0 to 68.1 because of strength in Maritime spruce. Non-Ferrous Metals remained at 67.6 as a reduction in zinc offset advances in lead and silver, but Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals were unchanged at 87.7, 85.6 and 77.3 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products rallied after two weeks of decline and moved from 64.7 to 64.8. An advance in grains outweighed a decrease in potatoes and Field Products rose from 60.9 to 61.0, while Animal Products mounted from 71.1 to 71.2 because of firmness in egg prices.

| | No. of: | 1935 : | | | 1936 | | |
|---|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------|------|
| | Price : | July : | June : | June : | June : | June : | July |
| | Series: | 5 : | 5 : | 12 : | 19 : | 26 : | 3 |
| Total Index 567 Commodities | 567 | 71.2 | 72.0 | 72.2 | 72.4 | ^x 72.6 | 72.7 |
| INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS | | | | | | | |
| I. Vegetable Products | 135 | 65.5 | 65.8 | 66.4 | 67.1 | 68.1 | 68.3 |
| (grains, fruits, etc.) | | | | | | | |
| II. Animals and Their Products | 76 | 68.7 | 69.9 | 70.4 | 70.1 | ^x 69.8 | 69.9 |
| III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products | 85 | 70.5 | 69.2 | 69.2 | 69.3 | 69.4 | 69.5 |
| IV. Wood, Wood Products & Paper | 49 | 64.0 | 68.3 | 68.2 | 68.0 | 68.0 | 68.1 |
| V. Iron and Its Products | 44 | 87.2 | 87.8 | 87.8 | 87.7 | 87.7 | 87.7 |
| VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products | 18 | 68.4 | 68.1 | 67.8 | 67.5 | 67.6 | 67.6 |
| VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products | 83 | 85.4 | 85.4 | 85.4 | 85.5 | ^x 85.6 | 85.6 |
| VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products | 77 | 79.8 | 77.2 | 77.2 | 77.3 | 77.3 | 77.3 |
| CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS | 70 | 60.7 | 65.5 | 66.1 | 64.9 | ^x 64.7 | 64.8 |

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