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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, declined from 76.3 for the week ending August 7 to 76.1 for the week ending August 14. Animal Products and Non-Ferrous Metals registered gains while recessions were noted in Vegetable Products and Textiles.

Vegetable Products fell from 78.5 to 77.8. A drop in grains, flour and products, vegetable oils, raw sugar, black pepper and onions, proved of more importance than increases in potatoes, canned vegetables and miscellaneous vegetable products. Quotations for wheat moved irregularly during the week, but markets strengthened upon receipt of unfavourable weather reports. Animal Products advanced from 72.0 to 72.1; gains in livestock, prepared meats, milk and products, oils and fats, being of more consequence than losses in hides and skins, fresh meats and eggs. Exports of livestock were considerable, and contributed to stability in prices. A slight fall in raw cotton and raw wool lowered the index for Textiles from 70.1 to 70.0 while higher prices for copper advanced the index for Non-Ferrous Metals from 68.9 to 69.1. Attention was centered on European copper prices which by the end of the week had risen to 9.75¢ c.i.f. continental ports. This marked the highest level reached in five years and was on par with the U.S. Connecticut Valley basis. Wood, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals remained at 68.3, 87.8, 85.4 and 78.4 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products fell from 74.5 to 73.6. Field Products declined from 76.0 to 74.6 when reductions in grains and onions exerted a greater influence than an increase in potatoes. Animal Products were unchanged at 71.9, rises in livestock being nullified by weakness in hides and skins, eggs and wool.

	: No. of	: 1935		: 1936			
		: Price	: Aug.	: July	: July	: July	: Aug.
	: Series	: 16	: 17	: 24	: 31	: 7	: 14
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	71.6	74.2	74.7	75.4	76.3	76.1
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS							
I. Vegetable Products	135	66.1	72.8	73.9	75.6	78.5	77.8
(grains, fruits, etc.)							
II. Animals and Their Products	76	69.7	70.2	70.3	71.3	72.0	72.1
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	70.5	69.7	70.4	70.1	x70.1	70.0
IV. Wood, Wood Products & Paper	49	64.2	68.3	68.3	68.3	68.3	68.3
V. Iron and Its Products	44	87.1	87.8	87.8	87.8	87.8	87.8
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	69.7	67.9	68.8	68.9	68.9	69.1
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	84.7	85.4	85.4	85.4	85.4	85.4
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	79.8	77.8	77.8	78.4	78.4	78.4
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	61.8	x67.6	x68.8	x71.1	x74.5	73.6



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