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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 76.2 for the week ending August 21 to 75.6 for the week ending August 28. During the week, the Dominion Government announced its decision to continue the fixed minimum price for No.1 Northern wheat at 87½ cents per bushel, Ft. William cash basis. Wheat prices dropped 2 to 3 cents subsequent to this announcement but grain prices, generally, have been losing ground during the past two weeks.

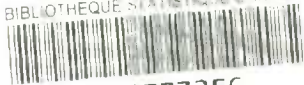
Vegetable Products fell from 77.5 to 75.4. Cocoa products continued to show strength and miscellaneous vegetables were firmer but grains, milled products and potatoes moved down. Of the grains, flax showed the greatest reduction with a loss of approximately 10 cents per bushel, but barley and wheat were sharply lower, also. Animal Products rose from 72.5 to 72.6. Livestock and meats were easier but hides, milk products, lard and eggs were buoyant. The increase in eggs was due to strength in the higher grades as prices for other grades were easier. In the livestock division, calves were strong and steers and lambs firm, but a drop of 3.3 points in the hog index was sufficient to carry the livestock index down for a loss of 0.4. Textile Products declined from 69.3 to 69.8. Raw wool advanced but raw silk continued its downward movement and raw cotton completed the seventh successive week of decline. The copper index moved to a new high and with moderate advances in both lead and tin carried the index for Non-Ferrous Metals from 69.1 to 69.4--the top for the year. A decrease in paint materials lowered the index for Chemicals from 78.5 to 78.4 but Wood, Iron and Non-Metallic Minerals remained unchanged at 68.6, 87.9 and 85.5 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products fell from 73.6 to 71.2. Weakness in grains and potatoes was largely responsible for reducing the index for Field Products from 74.5 to 70.6 while Animal Products rose from 72.0 to 72.1 when strength in hides, eggs and wool proved of greater weight than a decrease in livestock.

	: No. of : : Price : : Series :	: 1935 : : Aug. : : 30 :						: 1936 : Aug. : : Aug. :	
		: 30 :	: 31 :	: 7 :	: 14 :	: 21 :	: 28 :		
Total Index 567 Commodities .....	567	71.4	75.4	76.3	76.1	x76.2	75.6		
<b>INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS</b>									
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	65.3	75.6	78.5	77.8	x77.5	75.4		
(grains, fruits, etc.)									
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	69.7	71.3	72.0	72.0	x72.5	72.6		
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	70.4	70.1	70.1	70.1	69.9	69.8		
IV. Wood, Wood Products & Paper .....	49	64.2	68.3	68.3	68.3	68.6	68.6		
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	87.1	87.8	87.8	87.8	87.9	87.9		
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	70.6	68.9	68.9	69.1	69.1	69.4		
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	84.9	85.4	85.4	85.4	85.5	85.5		
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....	77	79.8	78.4	78.4	78.4	78.5	78.4		
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	61.3	71.1	74.5	73.6	x73.6	71.2		

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