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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 75.6 for the week ending August 28 to 75.5 for the week ending September 4. Copper continued to rise and Non-Ferrous Metals touched a new high for the year, but this was of less consequence than a decline in weekly averages for grains and milled products.

Vegetable Products fell from 75.5 to 74.8. Vegetable oils, raw rubber, and cocoa products were dearer but grains milled products, fresh fruits and potatoes moved down. Prices of wheat were somewhat irregular with a downward tendency during the first part of the week, but a sharp rise in the last two days carried quotations well above the closing levels of the preceding week. Animal Products showed few changes but those occurring were mostly in an upward direction and the index climbed from 72.6 to 73.0. Hides and skins were firmer, while an increase in cheese was sufficient to counteract a slight shading in butter prices and advance the index for milk products 0.7 points. Meats were slightly easier, but livestock remained stationary as a further reduction in hogs was offset by improvement in practically all other divisions. Textiles were unchanged at 69.8 when a decrease in raw silk equalized a rise in worsted cloth yarns, while strength in copper, lead and tin carried the index for Non-Ferrous Metals from 69.4 to 69.6. Seasonal increases in the prices of coal were beginning to appear and these contributed to an increase in Non-Metallic Minerals from 85.2 to 85.3. Wood, Iron and Chemicals continued at 68.6, 87.9, and 78.6 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products dropped from 71.2 to 70.4. Field Products declined from 70.6 to 69.4 because of decreases in grains and vegetables, while strength in hides advanced Animal Products from 72.1 to 72.2.

In comparing current wholesale prices for farm products with those ruling a year ago, a number of significant changes may be noted. The total index increased 8.8 points during the year due, in part, to an advance of 13.4 in the grain index. Tobacco rose 6.9, potatoes 45.1 and onions 6.5 points, while hay and straw showed slight recessions. Livestock prices were below those of last year and the index showed a decline of 8.9 points, but hides gained 2.6, poultry 13.0 and wool 17.1 points. Eggs were down 1.5 and fresh milk averaged approximately the same.

	No. of	1935		1936			
	Series	Sept. 6	Aug. 7	Aug. 14	Aug. 21	Aug. 28	Sept. 4
Total Index 567 Commodities .....	567	71.6	76.3	76.1	76.2	75.6	75.5
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS							
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	65.2	78.5	77.8	77.5	x75.5	74.8
(grains, fruits, etc.)							
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	70.8	72.0	72.0	72.5	72.6	73.0
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	70.3	70.1	70.1	69.9	69.8	69.8
IV. Wood, Wood Products & Paper .....	49	64.2	68.3	68.3	68.6	68.6	68.6
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	87.1	87.8	87.8	87.9	87.9	87.9
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	70.3	68.9	69.1	69.1	69.4	69.6
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	85.1	85.4	85.4	85.5	x85.2	85.3
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....	77	79.5	78.4	78.4	78.5	x78.6	78.6
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	61.6	74.5	73.6	73.6	71.2	70.4

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