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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 80.2 for the week ending December 25 to 80.8 for the week ending January 1. Price changes occurring were confined almost entirely to the Vegetable, Animal and Non-Ferrous groups, and grains, livestock, dairy products and copper were outstanding in the advance.

Vegetable Products moved from 85.5 to 86.9. Wheat touched the highest level reached since January 1930 at Winnipeg on an erratic market, and along with higher quotations for barley and rye advanced the grain index to 92.2. Raw rubber showed unusual activity and finished stronger, while milled products, vegetable oils, raw sugar and potatoes contributed to the rise also. Animal Products mounted from 74.1 to 74.7. Livestock markets were quiet, but prices stiffened, however, as the volume of receipts was small, and the index moved up 1.8 points. Hides, meats and milk products were buoyant, as well, while egg prices continued to rise. Copper made substantial gains and with lead and zinc was responsible for raising the index of the Non-Ferrous Metals from 79.9 to 80.9. Textiles, Wood, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals remained unchanged at 71.0, 69.6, 91.5, 85.8 and 79.0 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products mounted from 84.3 to 86.2. Grains and potatoes were mainly responsible for advancing Field Products from 86.4 to 89.1, while strength in livestock, hides and eggs moved the Animal Products from 80.8 to 81.4.

|  | : No. of<br>: Price<br>: Series<br>: | 1936 |      |      |       | 1937 |
|--|--------------------------------------|------|------|------|-------|------|
|  |                                      | Jan. | Dec. | Dec. | Dec.  | Jan. |
|  |                                      | 3    | 11   | 18   | 25    | 1    |
| Total Index 567 Commodities .....  | 567                                  | 72.8 | 77.9 | 79.7 | x80.2 | 80.8 |
| INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES<br>CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR<br>CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS |                                      |      |      |      |       |      |
| I. Vegetable Products .....  | 135                                  | 67.9 | 80.5 | 84.4 | x85.5 | 86.9 |
| (grains, fruits, etc.)   |                                      |      |      |      |       |      |
| II. Animals and Their Products .....   | 76                                   | 73.4 | 73.6 | 73.8 | x74.1 | 74.7 |
| III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile<br>Products .....  | 85                                   | 69.6 | 70.1 | 71.0 | 71.0  | 71.0 |
| IV. Wood, Wood Products & Paper .....  | 49                                   | 65.8 | 69.5 | 69.6 | 69.6  | 69.6 |
| V. Iron and Its Products .....   | 44                                   | 87.2 | 88.4 | 91.4 | 91.5  | 91.5 |
| VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their<br>Products .....   | 18                                   | 68.7 | 76.3 | 78.2 | 79.9  | 80.9 |
| VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their<br>Products .....                                     | 83                                   | 85.4 | 85.0 | 85.8 | 85.8  | 85.8 |
| VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....  | 77                                   | 77.5 | 78.8 | 79.0 | 79.0  | 79.0 |
| CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....   | 70                                   | 66.5 | 79.4 | 83.1 | 84.3  | 86.2 |

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