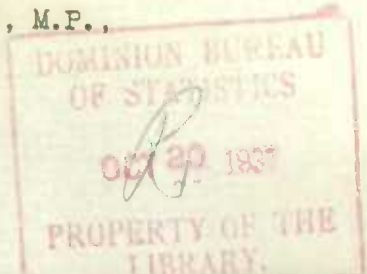


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1936-1937.
(1926=100)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices, on the base 1926-100, fell from 84.8 for the week ending October 8 to 84.7 for the week ending October 15. Among the more important commodities to show advances were flour, livestock, milk products and eggs, while reductions were noted in grains, cocoa products, raw rubber, raw cotton and copper.

Vegetable Products declined from 87.2 to 87.0. Higher prices obtained for fresh fruits, flour and potatoes, but grains, raw rubber, raw sugar and cocoa products moved down. Wheat finished above the opening quotations but averaged lower for the week, while the cocoa index dropped 6.3 points to 73.7. Animal Products rose from 81.4 to 81.7 largely because of strength in livestock, milk products and eggs. Firmness in steers and calves at Toronto effected a slight increase in the livestock index while higher prices for milk, cheese and butter advanced the index for milk products 0.8 points. Fish, hides, leather, fresh meats and fats moved moderately lower. Declines in raw cotton and raw wool caused a decrease in Textiles from 71.1 to 71.0 while easier prices for Maritime spruce lowered the index for Wood from 77.0 to 76.8. Non-Ferrous Metals fell from 78.2 to 77.5 as sharp declines occurred in copper and tin. The copper index dropped 1.6 points and the tin index 5.2 points during the week while lead and zinc remained stable. An easier tendency in paint materials lowered the index for Chemicals from 81.7 to 81.6 but Iron and Non-Metallic Minerals were unchanged at 105.4 and 87.2 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products fell from 86.6 to 85.9. Field Products declined from 86.3 to 84.7 mainly because of weakness in grains, while Animal Products rose from 87.1 to 88.0 as weakness in hides and wool failed to offset strength in livestock, milk and eggs.

	: No. of : : Price : : Series :	: 1936 :		: 1937 :		
		: Oct. :	: Sept. :	: Oct. :	: Oct. :	: Oct. :
		: 16 :	: 24 :	: 1 :	: 8 :	: 15 :
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	77.1	85.0	85.2	84.8	84.7
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products	135	79.7	86.7	88.4	87.2	87.0
(grains, fruits, etc.)						
II. Animals and Their Products	76	73.1	81.8	81.4	81.4	81.7
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	69.6	71.4	71.2	71.1	71.0
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	69.3	77.2	77.0	77.0	76.8
V. Iron and Its Products	44	88.2	105.4	105.4	105.4	105.4
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals & Their Products ..	18	70.3	82.3	79.3	78.2	77.5
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	84.9	87.2	87.2	87.2	87.2
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	78.6	81.7	81.7	81.7	81.6
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	76.8	85.5	88.0	86.6	85.9

