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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, rose from 85.0 for the week ending September 24 to 85.2 for the week ending October 1. The majority of price changes were in a downward direction and a sharp break occurred in base metals, but a substantial advance in grains proved a predominant influence in offsetting the recessions and effecting a small increase in the general index.

Vegetable Products mounted from 86.7 to 88.4. Raw rubber and potatoes were easier but grains, milled products and vegetable oils showed strength. Good export inquiry was a factor in increasing grain quotations and the grain index mounted 3.6 points to 94.5. Animal Products fell from 81.8 to 81.4. Fish, fresh meats, lard and eggs moved moderately higher while hides, livestock, cured meats and milk products were cheaper. Livestock markets were unable to dispose of the heavy shipments received and prices weakened to lower the livestock index from 102.7 to 95.4. Decreases in raw cotton, raw silk and raw wool caused a decline in the Textile index from 71.4 to 71.2 while Wood fell from 77.2 to 77.0 due to reductions in British Columbia forest products. On September 29 a sharp break occurred in the more important non-ferrous metals and the index for this group declined from 82.3 to 79.3 for the week. Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals were unchanged at 105.4, 87.2 and 81.7 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products advanced from 85.5 to 88.0. Field Products rose from 83.2 to 88.4 largely because of strength in grains, while Animal Products fell from 89.4 to 87.3 as reductions in livestock, hides and wool proved of greater weight than an increase in eggs.

| | No. of Price Series | 1937 | | | | |
|---|---------------------------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | 1936 Oct. | Sept. | Sept. | Sept. | Oct. |
| Total Index 567 Commodities | 567 | 76.7 | 84.6 | 84.8 | 85.0 | 85.2 |
| INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS | | | | | | |
| I. Vegetable Products | 135 | 78.4 | 85.2 | 85.7 | 86.7 | 88.4 |
| (grains, fruits, etc.) | | | | | | |
| II. Animals and Their Products | 76 | 73.4 | 80.5 | 81.5 | 81.8 | 81.4 |
| III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products | 85 | 69.7 | 73.1 | 71.5 | 71.4 | 71.2 |
| IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper | 49 | 69.0 | 77.8 | 77.7 | 77.2 | 77.0 |
| V. Iron and Its Products | 44 | 88.2 | 104.8 | 105.4 | 105.4 | 105.4 |
| VI. Non-Ferrous Metals & Their Products | 18 | 70.2 | 84.8 | 82.8 | 82.3 | 79.3 |
| VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products | 83 | 85.3 | 87.1 | 87.2 | 87.2 | 87.2 |
| VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products | 77 | 78.6 | 81.7 | 81.7 | 81.7 | 81.7 |
| CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS | 70 | 75.4 | 82.6 | 84.0 | 85.5 | 88.0 |



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| Year | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 |
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| 2 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| 3 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| 4 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| 5 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| 6 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| 7 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| 8 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| 9 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| 10 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |