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

Commodity prices have turned weaker again, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices on the base 1926=100, declined from 84.7 for the week ending October 22 to 84.4 for the week of October 29. None of the eight main groups moved higher but recessions occurred in Vegetable Products, animals, Textiles, Non-Ferrous Metals and Non-Metallic Minerals. Of the very few commodities to show increases, butter, eggs and cheese were the most outstanding, while easier tendencies were noted in grains, livestock, raw cotton, copper and gasoline.

Vegetable Products fell from 88.0 to 87.5. The grain index dropped half a point with markets dull in the latter part of the week, and flour followed in sympathy. Raw rubber touched 32.5, the lowest point since the early part of February, 1936, and raw sugar, potatoes, and fresh fruits were depressed also. Weakness in Animal Products continued and the index dipped from 80.9 to 80.6. Hides, butter, cheese and eggs advanced while lower prices obtained for fish, livestock, lard and fresh and cured meats. Prices for livestock failed to hold in United States markets and the resultant declines in exports offset smaller receipts at the stock-yards and reduced the price index for this group from 88.4 to 80.7, the lowest in the past eight months. Textiles eased from 70.6 to 70.5 as raw cotton and raw wool weakened still further. The index for raw wool has shown a sharp decrease in the past three months, falling from 98.0 to 74.3. Declines in copper and tin dropped the index for Non-Ferrous Metals from 76.6 to 76.4, while Non-Metallic Minerals declined from 87.2 to 87.1, due largely to a reduction in gasoline. Wood, Iron and Chemicals remained unchanged at 76.3, 105.1 and 81.9 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products fell from 86.8 to 85.9. Field Products moved from 87.3 to 86.8 mainly because of weakness in grains and potatoes, while lower prices for livestock and wool outweighed advances in hides and eggs to decrease the index for Animal Products from 85.9 to 84.5.

	No. of Price Series	1936					1937	
		1936		1937			1937	
		Oct. 30	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	Oct. 22	Oct. 29		
Total Index 567 Commodities .....	567	76.8	84.8	84.7	84.7	84.4		
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS								
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	78.6	87.2	87.0	88.0	87.5		
(grains, fruits, etc.)								
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	73.0	81.4	81.7	80.9	80.6		
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	69.5	71.1	71.0	70.6	70.5		
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper .....	49	69.5	77.0	76.8	76.3	76.3		
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	88.2	105.4	105.4	105.1	105.1		
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals & Their Products.	18	71.5	78.2	77.5	76.6	76.4		
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	84.9	87.2	87.2	87.2	87.1		
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....	77	78.7	81.7	81.6	81.9	81.9		
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	76.0	86.6	85.9	86.8	85.9		



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