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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, continued at 82.8 for the week ending December 24. Changes were few and confined largely to the animal and vegetable groups.


Vegetable Products rose from 85.4 to 85.7 as advances in grains and vegetable oils outweighed a decline in tobacco. Price movements of grains at Winnipeg were narrow for most of the week but last minute export demand on Friday supported substantial gains for wheat. Animal Products fell from 78.1 to 77.9. Hides advanced but livestock, butter and eggs moved lower. Although markets for calves and hogs were buoyant, steer and lamb prices fell and the livestock index receded from 84.9 to 84.5. This compared with 71.8 for the corresponding week of last year. A small rise in raw cotton offset a drop in raw wool to leave the Textile index at 68.9. Non-Ferrous Metals dropped 0.2 to 71.9 while Wood, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals remained unchanged at 75.8, 104.1, 87.0 and 80.8 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products mounted from 84.5 to 84.9. Field Products advanced from 84.0 to 84.8 when an increase in grains proved of more importance than declines in tobacco and hay, while Animal Products dipped from 85.3 to 85.0 as reductions in livestock, eggs and wool outweighed a rise in hides.

	No. of	1936		1937		
		Dec. 25	Dec. 3	Dec. 10	Dec. 17	Dec. 24
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	80.2	82.5	82.7	82.8	82.8
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products	135	85.5	83.8	84.8	85.4	85.7
II. Animals and Their Products	76	74.1	78.9	78.5	78.1	77.9
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	71.0	69.1	69.1	68.9	68.9
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	69.6	75.9	75.9	75.8	75.8
V. Iron and Its Products	44	91.5	104.2	104.2	104.1	104.1
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	79.9	72.9	72.5	72.1	71.9
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	85.8	87.2	87.2	87.0	87.0
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	79.0	81.3	81.2	80.8	80.8
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	84.3	82.1	83.2	84.5	84.9

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