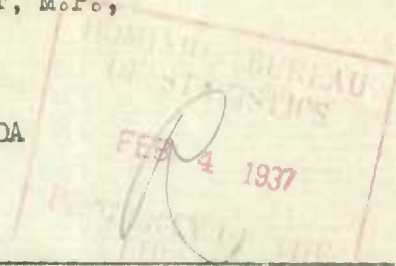


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1936-1937  
(1926=100)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices, on the base 1926=100, fell from 81.7 for the week ending January 22 to 81.6 for the week ending January 29. Reductions were predominant in Animal Products and Non-Ferrous Metals while the changes occurring in Textiles were mainly upward. Price movements, generally, were mixed and moderate reactions were experienced by some of those commodities which had been moving upward, almost without interruption, since last fall.

Vegetable Products were unchanged at 87.1. Grains, milled products, vegetable oils, raw rubber and cocoa products declined but fresh fruits, sugar, potatoes and miscellaneous vegetable products were firmer. Exports of grain from the Argentine continued to be exceptionally heavy and sales for export at Winnipeg were negligible although prices dropped sufficiently to lower the grain index 1.6 points to 88.4. The index for fresh fruits rose 23.4 points, due largely to a sharp increase in citrus fruits following reports of heavy frost damage in California. Animal Products declined from 75.7 to 75.4. Hides, fish, livestock and fats sold higher but fresh meats, milk products and eggs were weaker. The egg index was lowered from 61.6 to 60.9 which compared with 65.9 for the corresponding week of last year. Small advances in raw cotton and raw wool changed the Textile index from 71.8 to 71.9 while a general easiness in non-ferrous metals lowered the index for that group from 83.0 to 82.5. Wood, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals were unchanged at 72.3, 92.1, 85.4 and 80.7.

Canadian Farm Products dropped from 85.4 to 84.9. Field Products fell from 87.7 to 86.5 when a rise in potatoes failed to offset a decline in grains, while Animal Products rose from 81.5 to 82.1 largely because of increases in livestock, hides and wool.

	: No. of	: 1936 :		: 1937		
		: Price	: Jan.	: Jan.	: Jan.	: Jan.
	: Series	: 31	: 8	: 15	: 22	: 29
	:	:	:	:	:	:
Total Index 567 Commodities .....	567	72.6	80.9	81.9	x81.7	81.6
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS -						
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	67.6	87.0	88.3	x87.1	87.1
(grains, fruits, etc.)						
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	71.6	75.0	75.5	x75.7	75.4
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	69.5	71.1	71.8	71.8	71.9
IV. Wood, Wood Products & Paper .....	49	67.1	69.6	71.6	x72.3	72.3
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	87.2	91.5	92.0	x92.1	92.1
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	68.3	81.4	83.3	x83.0	82.5
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	85.3	85.5	85.5	x85.4	85.4
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....	77	77.3	79.0	80.8	x80.7	80.7
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	65.2	86.8	87.6	85.4	84.9

x Revised.

