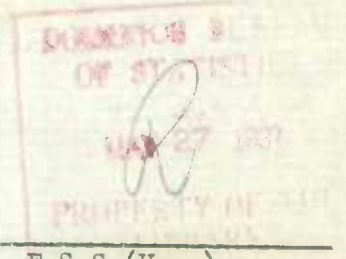


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1936-1937.
(1926=100)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices, on the base 1926=100, rose from 84.7 for the week ending May 14 to 85.4 for the week ending May 21. Advances occurred in Vegetable Products, Wood, Non-Ferrous Metals and Non-Metallic Minerals while recessions were noted in Animal Products, Iron and Chemicals. Among the leaders in last week's decline to rally were grains, livestock and base metals. Cocoa and raw cotton continued to drop.

Vegetable Products mounted from 87.8 to 89.6. Grains, milled products, sugar and rubber products moved higher while fruits, vegetable oils, raw rubber and cocoa weakened. Cocoa, which of late has been one of the more speculative commodities, dropped 8.0 points during the week, and has receded from 124.5 to 95.1 since the first of the year. Animal Products fell from 76.4 to 76.2. Footwear, livestock and eggs were buoyant but fish, hides, fresh meats, milk products and fats moved lower. The index for Textiles remained unchanged at 73.6, although slight reductions were reported for raw wool, while Wood Products changed from 78.3 to 78.5 when advances in spruce and furniture outweighed a loss in British Columbia fir. A decrease in scrap iron lowered the Iron index from 104.2 to 103.8 while Non-Ferrous Metals rose from 84.8 to 86.2 on general recovery. Strength in clay products, coal, glassware and plaster moved the index for Non-Metallic Minerals from 85.6 to 86.6, but Chemicals dropped from 82.2 to 81.9 as drugs, paint materials, organic and inorganic chemicals registered reductions.

Canadian Farm Products advanced from 86.5 to 88.7. Increases in grains and potatoes were mainly responsible for raising the index for Field Products from 87.4 to 90.8 while Animal Products climbed from 85.0 to 85.3 when strength in livestock and eggs proved of more importance than declines in hides and wool.

	No. of	1936		1937		
	Price	May	April	May	May	May
	Series	15	30	7	14	21
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	71.9	85.1	85.2	84.7	85.4
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products	135	66.0	88.8	89.2	87.8	89.6
(Grains, fruits, etc.)						
II. Animals and Their Products	76	68.8	77.2	76.9	76.4	76.2
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	69.1	73.5	73.6	73.6	73.6
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	68.3	78.3	78.3	78.3	78.5
V. Iron and Its Products	44	87.8	104.2	104.2	104.2	103.8
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	13	68.2	84.9	85.5	84.8	86.2
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	85.4	85.5	85.5	85.6	86.6
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	77.2	82.4	82.2	82.2	81.9
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	64.7	88.1	88.4	86.5	88.7



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