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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, declined from 84.4 for the week ending June 4 to 84.1 for the week ending June 11. Small gains were made by Animal Products and Textiles while recessions occurred in Vegetable Products, Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals. Improving weather conditions have had an important influence upon agricultural commodity prices of late and reactions in certain fields of industrial production in the United States and elsewhere have also exerted a bearish effect upon certain primary industrial material markets.

Vegetable Products fell from 86.0 to 85.3. Better crop prospects together with small export sales of wheat lowered the grain index 2.4 points to 85.7. Milled products, vegetable oils, potatoes and raw rubber moved down also while a slightly firmer position was taken by raw sugar. In the Animal group, hides, milk products and eggs registered declines but advances in fish, meats, fats and livestock raised the index from 77.3 to 77.4. Receipts of livestock at the leading stock-yards have been moderate during the past few weeks and the livestock index, now at 98.5, indicates an increase of approximately 34 p.c. since the first of the year. Strength in fibre products and raw silk was sufficient to offset softness in raw cotton and raw wool and the index for Textiles advanced from 73.6 to 73.9. Iron lost the gain of last week and slipped from 103.9 to 103.8 while Non-Ferrous Metals declined from 85.0 to 83.6 as copper, lead, tin and zinc moved lower. Wood, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals were unchanged at 78.5, 86.6 and 81.9 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products dropped from 85.0 to 83.7. Grains and potatoes were mainly responsible for lowering the index of Field Products from 84.4 to 82.0 while Animal Products rose from 86.0 to 86.6 as an increase in livestock proved of more importance than reductions in hides, eggs and wool. For the corresponding week of 1936, Canadian Farm Products stood at 66.1 with Field Products at 61.2 and Animal Products at 74.2.

	: No. of	: 1936		: 1937		
		: Price	: June	: May	: May	: June
	: Series	: 12	: 21	: 28	: 4	: 11
	:	:	:	:	:	:
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	72.2	85.4	85.1	84.4	84.1
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED						
ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products	135	66.4	89.6	88.6	86.0	85.3
(Grains, fruits, etc.)						
II. Animals and Their Products	76	70.4	76.2	76.9	77.3	77.4
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile						
Products	85	69.2	73.6	73.5	73.6	73.9
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	68.2	78.5	78.5	78.5	78.5
V. Iron and Its Products	44	87.8	103.8	103.8	103.9	103.8
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their						
Products	18	67.8	86.2	85.5	85.0	83.6
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their						
Products	83	85.4	86.6	86.6	86.6	86.6
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	77.2	81.9	81.9	81.9	81.9
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	66.1	88.7	87.7	85.0	83.7

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