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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 85.4 for the week ending May 21 to 85.1 for the week ending May 28. Animal Products, alone, showed an increase while recessions occurred in Vegetable Products, Textiles and Non-Ferrous Metals. Drenching rains sweeping over the Prairie Provinces improved new crop prospects to a marked degree, and caused a considerable drop in the price of wheat at Winnipeg.

Vegetable Products fell from 89.6 to 88.6. Raw sugar rose sharply but grains, milled products, raw rubber, cocoa and potatoes receded. Potatoes were below the corresponding week of last year, the index standing at 60.1 as compared with 78.1. Animal Products mounted from 76.2 to 76.9. Hides, livestock, fresh meats, milk products and eggs advanced while fish and cured meats weakened. Moderate receipts at stock yards encouraged firmer prices for livestock and unusual strength was reflected in the fresh meats index, which moved up to 94.0, a rise of 4.3 points in the week. A drop in raw wool carried the index for Textiles from 73.6 to 73.5, while Non-Ferrous Metals fell from 86.2 to 85.5 as lead, tin and zinc reacted after last week's rise. Wood, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals were unchanged at 78.5, 103.8, 86.6 and 81.9 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products dropped from 88.7 to 87.7. Field Products decreased from 90.8 to 89.0 as grains and potatoes sold lower, while Animal Products rose from 85.3 to 85.6 when a fall of 2.4 points in raw wool failed to offset mounting prices for livestock, hides, milk and eggs.

	No. of Price Series	1936		1937		
		May 29	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
Total Index 567 Commodities .....	567	71.8	85.2	84.7	85.4	85.1
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	65.2	89.2	87.8	89.6	88.6
(Grains, fruits, etc.)						
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	69.7	76.9	76.4	76.2	76.9
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	69.2	73.6	73.6	73.6	73.5
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper .....	49	68.3	78.3	78.3	78.5	78.5
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	87.8	104.2	104.2	103.8	103.8
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	68.1	85.5	84.8	86.2	85.5
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	85.4	85.5	85.6	86.6	86.6
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....	77	77.2	82.2	82.2	81.9	81.9
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	65.0	88.4	86.5	88.7	87.7



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TABLE 1

1981-82

INDUSTRY

The following table shows the number of employees in the manufacturing industry in Canada, by province and territory, for the years 1981-82 and 1980-81. The figures are in thousands of persons. The total number of employees in the manufacturing industry in Canada in 1981-82 was 1,040,000, compared with 1,020,000 in 1980-81. The increase of 20,000 employees is due to an increase in the number of employees in the manufacturing industry in Ontario, from 380,000 in 1980-81 to 390,000 in 1981-82. The number of employees in the manufacturing industry in Ontario increased by 20,000 in 1981-82, while the number of employees in the manufacturing industry in the other provinces and territories decreased by 20,000. The number of employees in the manufacturing industry in Ontario increased by 20,000 in 1981-82, while the number of employees in the manufacturing industry in the other provinces and territories decreased by 20,000.

Province/Territory	1981-82	1980-81
Alberta	100	100
British Columbia	150	150
Manitoba	100	100
Ontario	390	380
Quebec	200	200
Saskatchewan	100	100
Atlantic Provinces	100	100
Northwest Territories	10	10
Yukon	10	10
Nunavut	10	10
Total	1,040	1,020