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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 84.1 for the week ending June 11 to 84.2 for the week ending June 18. Advances occurred in Vegetable Products, Animals and Iron while Wood, Non-Ferrous Metals and Chemicals moved lower. Although rains fell over large areas of Western Canada during the past week, crop prospects in Southern Saskatchewan continued to be poor and grain prices rose still higher as indications of a sub-normal crop in this area became more marked.

Vegetable Products mounted from 85.3 to 85.9. Grains, raw rubber and raw sugar were firmer while vegetable oils, cocoa products and potatoes declined. Animal Products continued to show strength as fish, livestock, fresh meats, oils and eggs commanded higher prices raising the index from 77.4 to 77.5. Hides sagged slightly and milk products moved into a seasonal decline. British Columbia forest products lost some of the recent gains to lower the index for Wood from 78.5 to 77.3 while strength in rolling-mill products and hardware raised the index for Iron from 103.8 to 104.4. Copper products was the only division of Non-Ferrous Metals to make an advance but this was not sufficient to offset reductions in lead, tin and zinc which carried the index down from 83.6 to 83.0. Chemicals declined from 81.9 to 81.5 on weakness in paint materials and pharmaceuticals while Textiles and Non-Metallic Minerals remained unchanged at 73.9 and 86.6 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products declined from 83.7 to 83.6. Advances in grains were largely responsible for increasing the index for Field Products from 82.0 to 83.3 while Animal Products dropped from 86.6 to 83.6 when declines in hides, milk and wool exerted a greater influence than gains in livestock and eggs.

	: No. of : Price : Series	: 1936		: 1937		
		: June	: May	: June	: June	: June
		: 19	: 28	: 4	: 11	: 18
Total Index 567 Commodities .....	567	72.4	85.1	84.4	84.1	84.2
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	67.1	88.6	86.0	85.3	85.9
(Grains, fruits, etc.)						
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	70.1	76.9	77.3	77.4	77.5
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	69.3	73.5	73.6	73.9	73.9
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper .....	49	68.0	78.5	78.5	78.5	77.3
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	87.7	103.8	103.9	103.8	104.4
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	67.5	85.5	85.0	83.6	83.0
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	85.5	86.6	86.6	86.6	86.6
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....	77	77.3	81.9	81.9	81.9	81.5
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	64.9	87.7	85.0	83.7	83.6



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