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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 84.2 for the week ending June 18 to 84.8 for the week ending June 25. Price changes were almost entirely upward and some of the more important commodities to be affected were grains, livestock, boots and shoes, pulp and several of the non-ferrous metals.

Vegetable Products changed from 85.9 to 86.9. Grain prices moved sharply upward after a weak opening, and substantial gains were shown in almost all classes. Advances were due more to reports of drought and rust damage than to export interest with the cash price of Manitoba No. 1 Northern wheat increasing by 8½ cents over last week's close. Animal Products were firmer and the index moved from 77.5 to 78.5. Beside boots and shoes and livestock, strength was shown by hides, meats, milk products and eggs. The increase of 3.4 points in the egg index was caused largely by a shortage of supplies in the better grades at Eastern centres. An advance in pulp prices raised the index for Wood from 77.3 to 77.7 while exchange movements influenced rolling-mill products sufficiently to boost the Iron index from 104.4 to 104.5. Non-Ferrous Metals moved from 83.0 to 85.0. Consumption has been crowding production in some of the metals and last week saw a stiffening in quotations for copper, lead, tin and zinc. Non-Metallic Minerals rose from 86.6 to 86.8 on strength in petroleum products and sulphur, but Textiles and Chemicals remained unchanged at 73.9 and 81.5 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products mounted from 83.4 to 85.1. The price of hay dropped slightly but advances in grains and potatoes carried the index for Field Products from 83.3 to 86.0. In the Animal section, further reductions in milk outweighed increases in livestock, hides and eggs to lower the index from 83.6 to 83.5.

	No. of Series	1936					1937	
		June 26	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25	June 25	June 25
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	72.6	84.4	84.1	84.2	84.8		
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS								
I. Vegetable Products	135	68.1	86.0	85.3	85.9	86.9		
(Grains, fruits, etc.)								
II. Animals and Their Products	76	69.8	77.3	77.4	77.5	78.5		
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	69.4	73.6	73.9	73.9	73.9		
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	68.0	78.5	78.5	77.3	77.7		
V. Iron and Its Products	44	87.7	103.9	103.8	104.4	104.5		
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	67.6	85.0	83.6	83.0	85.0		
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	85.6	86.6	86.6	86.6	86.8		
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	77.3	81.9	81.9	81.5	81.5		
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	64.7	85.0	83.7	83.4	85.1		



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Year	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7
2	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6
3	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6
4	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.6
5	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.6
6	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.6
7	7.1	7.2	7.3	7.4	7.5	7.6
8	8.1	8.2	8.3	8.4	8.5	8.6
9	9.1	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.5	9.6
10	10.1	10.2	10.3	10.4	10.5	10.6