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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 86.2 for the week ending July 2 to 87.0 for the week ending July 9. Advances occurred in Vegetable Products, Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals but Textile Products moved slightly lower. Among the more important commodities to register gains were grains, milled products, livestock and several of the non-ferrous metals, while decreases were shown by rubber, furs and fresh meats.

Vegetable Products experienced a further rise as the index moved from 91.5 to 94.1. Higher quotations were reported for grains, milled products and raw sugar while vegetable oils and raw rubber were a little softer. A sharp increase featured wheat prices in the early part of the week, but the subsequent decline to former levels coincided with drenching rains over large areas of Western Canada. The index for Animal Products remained at 78.4. Increases in livestock, cured meats and milk products were offset by declines in furs, fresh meats and fats. Livestock offerings at the leading stock-yards were well absorbed, at prices slightly above 1926 levels, as indicated by an index of 101.4. Winnipeg experienced an unusually large run as many cattle from the drier sections were received. Egg prices were firmer throughout the country, with Toronto as an outstanding exception. Textiles eased from 73.9 to 73.8 and Iron rose from 104.5 to 104.6 when an increase in rolling-mill products proved of greater weight than a reduction in hardware. Non-Ferrous Metals rallied to move up from 84.9 to 85.9 with higher quotations, obtaining for copper, lead, tin and zinc. Wood, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals were unchanged at 77.7, 86.8 and 81.5 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products advanced from 90.4 to 93.1. Grains were mainly responsible for carrying the index for Field Products from 94.6 to 98.7, while Animal Products mounted from 83.4 to 83.6 largely because of increased prices for livestock.

	: No. of	: 1936 :		1937		
		: Price	: July	: June	: June	: July
: Series	:	: 10	: 18	: 25	: 2	: 9
:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	73.9	84.2	84.8	86.2	87.0
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products	135	72.0	85.9	86.9	91.5	94.1
(grains, fruits, etc.)						
II. Animals and Their Products	76	69.9	77.5	78.5	78.4	78.4
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	69.8	73.9	73.9	73.9	73.8
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	68.1	77.3	77.7	77.7	77.7
V. Iron and Its Products	44	87.8	104.4	104.5	104.5	104.6
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	67.7	83.0	85.0	84.9	85.9
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	85.6	86.6	86.8	86.8	86.8
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	77.4	81.5	81.5	81.5	81.5
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	65.8	83.4	85.1	90.4	93.1

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