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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, advanced from 87.0 for the week ending July 9 to 87.7 for the week ending July 16. Increases predominated in Vegetable Products, Textiles, Iron and Chemicals while recessions occurred in Animal Products, Wood and Non-Ferrous Metals.

Vegetable Products rose from 94.1 to 96.4. Wheat advanced sharply in the latter part of the week following reports of increased damage by rust in North America, while flour moved up to a point approximately 30 p.c. above that of the corresponding week of last year. Hay and straw were considerably higher in western centres, although showing little change elsewhere. Reductions were noted in raw rubber, cocoa products and raw sugar. Animal Products dropped from 78.4 to 78.3 when increases in livestock, cured meats, butter and eggs were unable to offset declines in fish, hides and fresh meats. Raw cotton carried the index for Textile from 73.8 to 74.0, and easier prices for maritime spruce and British Columbia fir lowered the index for Wood from 77.7 to 77.6. An increase in miscellaneous iron products advanced the index for Iron from 104.6 to 104.8, an increase of 13.3 points since January 1. Non-Ferrous Metals fell from 85.9 to 85.7 when reductions in copper and lead outweighed gains in antimony tin and zinc, while Chemicals rose from 81.5 to 81.6 largely because of strength in tanning materials. Non-Metallic Minerals remained unchanged at 86.8.

Canadian Farm Products moved from 93.1 to 94.0. Grains were mainly responsible for increasing the index for Field Products from 98.7 to 100.1 while advances in livestock and eggs proved of more importance than a decline in hides and raised the index for Animals from 83.6 to 83.8.

	No. of:	1937				
		July 17	June 25	July 2	July 9	July 16
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	74.2	84.8	86.2	87.0	87.7
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED						
ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products (grains, fruits, etc.)	135	72.8	86.9	91.5	94.1	96.4
II. Animals and Their Products	76	70.2	78.5	78.4	78.4	78.3
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	69.7	73.9	73.9	73.8	74.0
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	68.3	77.7	77.7	77.7	77.6
V. Iron and Its Products	44	87.8	104.5	104.5	104.6	104.8
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	67.9	85.0	84.9	85.9	85.7
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	85.4	86.8	86.8	86.8	86.8
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	77.8	81.5	81.5	81.5	81.6
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	67.6	85.1	90.4	93.1	94.0

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