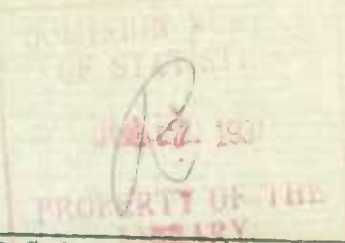


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1936-1937  
(1926=100)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices on the base 1926=100, rose from 84.8 for the week ending June 25 to 86.2 for the week ending July 2. A sharp advance occurred in Vegetable Products while Animal Products and Non-Ferrous Metals showed slight declines. The outstanding development of the week was in grains where prices moved sharply higher because of the serious damage from drought and rust.

The index for Vegetable Products moved up from 86.9 to 91.5. The grain index rose from 90.4 to 98.5 and the cash price of Manitoba No.1 Northern wheat climbed from 130 7/8 to 145 1/8 during the week. Milled products were higher and old stock potatoes made a strong advance. Animal Products were slightly easier declining from 78.5 to 78.4. Higher prices were reported for canned salmon, cured meats and eggs but livestock, fresh meats and milk products receded. The hot weather has affected egg production quite definitely and the egg index mounted from 56.1 to 58.7 on a shortage of supplies. This was much in line with the same week of last year when the index stood at 58.0. Non-Ferrous Metals dropped from 85.0 to 84.9 when reductions in copper products and zinc outweighed a rise in tin. Textiles, Wood, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals remained unchanged at 73.9, 77.7, 104.5, 86.8 and 81.5 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products moved up from 85.1 to 90.4. Field Products mounted from 86.0 to 94.6 on advances in grains, potatoes and hay while Animal Products fell from 83.5 to 83.4 as weakness in livestock and skins proved of more consequence than an increase in eggs. The index for Farm Products has risen approximately 50 p.c. since the first week of July in 1936 when it stood at 64.6.

	: No. of : : Price : : Series :	: 1936 :		: 1937 :		
		July	June	June	June	July
		3	11	18	25	2
Total Index 567 Commodities .....	567	72.8	84.1	84.2	84.8	86.2
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	68.7	85.3	85.9	86.9	91.5
(grains, fruits, etc.)						
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	69.7	77.4	77.5	78.5	78.4
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	69.5	73.9	73.9	73.9	73.9
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper .....	49	68.1	78.5	77.3	77.7	77.7
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	87.7	103.8	104.4	104.5	104.5
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	67.6	83.6	83.0	85.0	84.9
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	85.6	86.6	86.6	86.8	86.8
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....	77	77.3	81.9	81.5	81.5	81.5
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	64.6	83.7	83.4	85.1	90.4



