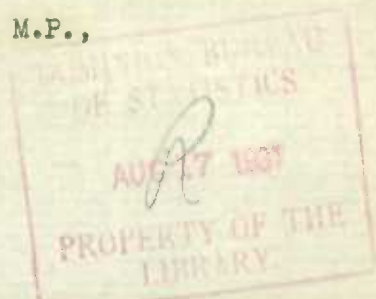


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1936-1937.
(1926=100)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices, on the base 1926=100, declined from 86.0 for the week ending August 6 to 85.9 for the week ending August 13. Animal Products was the only group to advance while Vegetable Products, Textiles and Non-Ferrous Metals moved downward. Grains at Winnipeg were somewhat erratic with daily closing quotations averaging less than for the previous week, while the raw cotton index dipped to a new low for the year.

Vegetable Products fell from 88.7 to 88.2. Price changes were almost entirely downward and included grains, milled products, vegetable oils and potatoes. The potato index dropped to 44.3 as compared with 84.2 for a year ago and 38.1 for the corresponding week of 1935. Animal Products rose from 80.0 to 80.7. Butter and cheese shaded slightly and eggs continued to decline, but fish, hides, livestock, meats and lard brought higher prices. Exports of cattle were unusually large. Prices were buoyant and the livestock index increased 2.1 points to 106.8, a gain of 33.4 points in a year. Meats mounted in the past twelve months also, but not in such proportions. The fresh meat index rose from 72.1 to 94.4, while cured meats made a much more uncertain advance and moved from 73.9 to 77.7 only. Textiles became a little easier and slipped from 74.1 to 74.0, when small increases in sundry manufactured articles were outweighed by lower prices for raw wool and raw cotton. Subsequent to Monday's bumper crop estimate, cotton sold off at New York for most of the week but reacted sharply on Friday following news that loan and subsidy payments amounting to 12 cents had been officially agreed to. General weakness was apparent in Non-Ferrous Metals and the index dropped from 87.2 to 86.5. Wood, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals were unchanged at 78.0, 105.6, 87.0 and 81.7 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products remained at 84.8. Field Products fell from 84.2 to 84.0 as grains and potatoes moved down, but Animal Products climbed from 85.7 to 86.1 when gains in livestock, hides and poultry proved of more importance than reductions in eggs and raw wool.

	No. of	1936		1937		
	Price	Aug.	July	July	Aug.	Aug.
	Series	14	23	30	6	13
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	76.1	87.6	86.7	86.0	85.9
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products	135	77.8	95.1	92.0	88.7	88.2
(grains, fruits, etc.)						
II. Animals and Their Products	76	72.0	78.6	79.2	80.0	80.7
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	70.1	74.5	74.1	74.1	74.0
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	68.3	78.1	78.0	78.0	78.0
V. Iron and Its Products	44	87.8	105.6	105.6	105.6	105.6
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals & Their Products .	18	69.1	85.7	85.6	87.2	86.5
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	85.4	87.0	87.0	87.0	87.0
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	78.4	81.6	81.6	81.7	81.7
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	73.6	92.7	89.8	84.8	84.8

