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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, fell from 85.9 for the week ending August 13 to 85.3 for the week ending August 20. Price changes were largely downward and recessions occurred in Vegetable Products, Textile, Wood, Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals, while Animal Products was the only group to show an advance.

Vegetable Products dropped from 88.2 to 86.9. Trading in grains was very light at Winnipeg with export demand too insignificant to provide much support and the grain index moved down to 90.4. Fresh fruits continued the decline begun early in July and milled products, raw rubber and potatoes were lower, as well. Animal Products advanced from 80.7 to 80.9 as sizeable increases were registered by fish and cured meats. The latter shot-up 5 points to 82.7, a rise of 19.3 points since the low for the current year on March 5. Eggs were firmer also, but hides, livestock, fresh meats, milk products and fats were moderately weaker. Exports of cattle to the United States were considerably below the high established last week, but were still much above the total exported in the corresponding week of last year. Prices were higher, as well, and the livestock index at 103.0 showed a substantial gain over 73.5, the index for the third week of August, 1936. Reduction in raw cotton and raw wool were largely responsible for depressing the Textile index from 74.0 to 73.8, while Wood Products sagged from 78.0 to 77.6 on decreases in Maritime spruce and British Columbia fir. Rolling-mill products sold off sufficiently to lower the Iron index from 105.6 to 104.8, and Non-Ferrous Metals changed from 86.5 to 85.8 as weakness continued in copper, lead, tin and zinc. Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals remained at 87.0 and 81.7 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products declined from 84.8 to 83.7. Field Products, strongly influenced by grains and potatoes, moved from 84.0 to 82.8 while Animal Products fell from 86.1 to 85.2 because of weakness in livestock, hides and wool.

		1936		1937		
		Aug.	July	Aug.	Aug.	Aug.
		21	30	6	13	20
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	76.2	86.7	86.0	85.9	85.3
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products	135	77.5	92.0	88.7	88.2	86.9
(grains, fruits, etc.)						
II. Animals and Their Products	76	72.5	79.2	80.0	80.7	80.9
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	69.9	74.1	74.1	74.0	73.8
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	68.6	78.0	78.0	78.0	77.6
V. Iron and Its Products	44	87.9	105.6	105.6	105.6	104.8
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals & Their Products ...	18	69.1	85.6	87.2	86.5	85.8
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	85.5	87.0	87.0	87.0	87.0
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	78.5	81.6	81.7	81.7	81.7
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	73.6	89.8	84.8	84.8	83.7



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