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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 85.3 for the week ending August 20 to 84.8 for the week ending August 27. This was attributable largely to declines in grains, meats, raw cotton and base metals. Few advances of any importance occurred other than small increases in pulp and coal.

Vegetable Products dropped from 86.9 to 85.4. Price changes were mostly downward and affected grains, milled products, raw sugar and potatoes. The grain index sagged from 90.4 to 87.6 to complete the sixth successive week of decline from a level of 105.2, the high for the current year. This was recorded for the week ending July 16. Animal Products eased from 80.9 to 80.8. Hides and milk products showed strength but reductions were reported for livestock, fresh and cured meats, lard and eggs. Although exports of cattle to the United States have been sharply curtailed during the past two weeks, livestock prices, generally, were firm. The outstanding exception was hogs, the index for which dropped from 81.3 to 76.9, coinciding with weakness at Chicago. The Textile index decreased from 73.8 to 73.5 largely because of continued weakness in raw cotton, while rising quotations for pulp moved the index for Wood from 77.6 to 77.8. Copper, lead, tin and zinc moved still lower to reduce the index for Non-Ferrous Metals from 85.8 to 84.9. This compared with 69.4 for the corresponding week in 1936. A slight increase in Western coal raised the index for Non-Metallic Minerals from 87.0 to 87.1 while Iron and Chemicals were unchanged at 104.8 and 81.7 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products were further depressed, moving from 83.7 to 82.1. Field Products declined from 82.8 to 80.3 mainly due to weakness in grains and potatoes, while Animal Products slipped from 85.2 to 85.1 when softness in livestock and eggs proved of greater weight than an advance in hides.

	: No. of	: 1936		: 1937		
		: Price	: Aug.	: Aug.	: Aug.	: Aug.
		: Series	: 28	: 6	: 13	: 20
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	75.6	86.0	85.9	85.3	84.8
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products	135	75.5	88.7	88.2	86.9	85.4
(grains, fruits, etc.)						
II. Animals and Their Products	76	72.6	80.0	80.7	80.9	80.8
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	69.8	74.1	74.0	73.8	73.5
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	68.6	78.0	78.0	77.6	77.8
V. Iron and Its Products	44	87.9	105.6	105.6	104.8	104.8
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals & Their Products	18	69.4	87.2	86.5	85.8	84.9
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	85.2	87.0	87.0	87.0	87.1
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	78.6	81.7	81.7	81.7	81.7
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	71.2	84.8	84.8	83.7	82.1



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