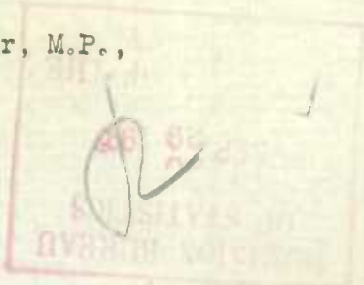


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1936-1937.  
(1926=100)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices, on the base 1926=100, rose from 84.8 for the week ending September 17 to 85.0 for the week ending September 24. Higher prices predominated in Vegetable Products and Animals while recessions were more to the fore in Textiles, Wood Products and Non-Ferrous Metals. Exports of livestock were in good volume during the week and a record number of cattle and calves were received at the Winnipeg yards. Included was a shipment of steers the price for which reached a 7 years' high.

Vegetable Products mounted from 85.7 to 86.7. Grains, milled products, raw sugar and potatoes were higher, while decreases occurred in vegetable oils, raw rubber, cocoa and canned vegetables. Trading on the Winnipeg Grain Exchange was light for most of the week but, toward the close, prices advanced sharply under strong export demand, and the wheat index mounted from 88.5 to 90.9. Animal Products moved from 81.5 to 81.8. Milk products were slightly easier but hides, livestock, fresh meats, fats and eggs showed strength. The export movement in eggs is growing and prices were firm; the index at 74.5 showed an increase of 8.5 points over that of a year ago. Advances in carpet prices occurred recently but reductions in raw cotton and raw wool proved sufficient to lower the index for Textiles from 71.5 to 71.4. Raw cotton has registered a substantial decrease since the beginning of April and the present index of 53.6 represents a drop of approximately 39 p.c. in that time. Wood declined from 77.7 to 77.2 as weakness in British Columbia fir and cedar outweighed a rise in pulp, while Non-Ferrous Metals fell from 82.8 to 82.3 as copper, tin and zinc continued downward. Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals remained at 105.4, 87.2 and 81.7 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products rose from 84.0 to 85.5. Field Products climbed from 81.1 to 83.2 largely on strength in grains, while Animal Products mounted from 88.9 to 89.4 when a decrease in wool failed to offset advances in livestock, hides and eggs. Farm Products are about 14 p.c. higher than a year ago while the general wholesale index is about 11 p.c. above levels at that time.

	: No. of	: 1936 :		: 1937		
		: Price	: Sept.	: Sept.	: Sept.	: Sept.
	: Series	: 25	: 3	: 10	: 17	: 24
	:	:	:	:	:	:
Total Index 567 Commodities .....	567	76.6	84.6	84.6	84.8	85.0
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	78.8	84.8	85.2	85.7	86.7
(grains, fruits, etc.)						
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	72.3	81.1	80.5	81.5	81.8
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	69.6	73.3	73.1	71.5	71.4
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper .....	49	68.8	77.8	77.8	77.7	77.2
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	88.2	104.8	104.8	105.4	105.4
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals & Their Products	18	70.3	84.4	84.8	82.8	82.3
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	85.4	87.1	87.1	87.2	87.2
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....	77	78.4	81.7	81.7	81.7	81.7
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	74.8	81.8	82.6	84.0	85.5

