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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1937-1938
(1926=100)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices, on the base 1926=100, rose from 83.0 for the week ending December 31 to 83.5 for the week ending January 7. Advances occurred in Vegetable Products and Non-Ferrous Metals but recessions predominated in Animal Products. An improved export demand in the early part of the week supported a sharp rise in wheat, while renewed buying was reported in a number of primary commodities.

Vegetable Products moved from 86.6 to 88.3. Vegetable oils and raw rubber weakened but milled products and raw sugar were buoyant, and the grain index climbed 3.4 points to 96.1. Animal Products fell from 77.9 to 77.6. Higher prices ruled for fish, hides and milk products, but livestock, meats, lard and eggs sold lower. Supplies of eggs proved ample and prices softened, the index dropping from 67.8 to 62.4. Textiles remained at 68.9 as an increase in raw cotton was offset by reductions in raw silk and wool blankets; Non-Ferrous Metals rose from 71.8 to 72.1 on strength in copper, lead, and tin. Wood, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals were unchanged at 75.5, 104.1, 87.0 and 80.9 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products advanced from 85.7 to 87.3. Increases in grains, potatoes and hay moved the index for Field Products from 86.9 to 90.0, while Animal Products fell from 83.7 to 82.8 when reductions in livestock and eggs outweighed gains in hides and hay.

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|---|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | Price | Jan. | Dec. | Dec. | Dec. |
| Series | | 8 | 17 | 24 | 31 | 7 |
| Total Index 567 Commodities | 567 | 80.9 | 82.8 | 82.8 | 83.0 | 83.5 |
| INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS | | | | | | |
| I. Vegetable Products | 135 | 87.0 | 85.4 | 85.7 | 86.6 | 88.3 |
| II. Animals and Their Products | 76 | 75.0 | 78.1 | 77.9 | 77.9 | 77.6 |
| III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products | 85 | 71.1 | 68.9 | 68.9 | 68.9 | 68.9 |
| IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper | 49 | 69.6 | 75.8 | 75.8 | 75.5 | 75.5 |
| V. Iron and Its Products | 44 | 91.5 | 104.1 | 104.1 | 104.1 | 104.1 |
| VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products | 18 | 81.4 | 72.1 | 71.9 | 71.8 | 72.1 |
| VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products | 83 | 85.5 | 87.0 | 87.0 | 87.0 | 87.0 |
| VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products | 77 | 79.0 | 80.8 | 80.8 | 80.9 | 80.9 |
| CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS | 70 | 86.8 | 84.5 | 84.9 | 85.7 | 87.3 |

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