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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, advanced from 82.8 for the week ending December 24 to 83.0 for the week ending December 31. Among the more important commodities to show increases were grains, hides and fertilizers while declines were noted in livestock, eggs, pulp and tin.

Vegetable Products rose from 85.7 to 86.6 as advances in grains and milled products outweighed recessions in vegetable oils and raw rubber. Trading on the Winnipeg Grain Exchange was quiet for most of the week but on Thursday a broader export demand, together with light offerings, lifted quotations moderately higher. The grain index at 92.7 was at exactly the same level as for the closing week of 1936. Animal Products were unchanged at 77.9 as increases in hides and fresh meats were counterbalanced by reductions in livestock, cured meats and eggs. Livestock markets were listless and soft due to abundant receipts. The livestock index at 80.4 indicated a rise of approximately 10 p.c. over levels of a year ago, with steers, calves and hogs showing gains and lambs registering a decrease. Slightly lower prices for pulp moved the Wood index from 75.8 to 75.5 while Non-Ferrous Metals eased from 71.9 to 71.8 when lead and tin continued downward. Chemical Products rose from 80.8 to 80.9 on an increase in fertilizers while Textiles, Iron and Non-Metallic Minerals remained unchanged at 68.9, 104.1 and 87.0 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products mounted from 84.9 to 85.7. Better prices for grains, potatoes and straw advanced the index for Field Products from 84.8 to 86.9, while Animal Products dropped from 85.0 to 83.7 when declines in livestock and eggs proved of more consequence than a rise in hides.

	No. of Price Series	1937				
		Jan. 1	Dec. 10	Dec. 17	Dec. 24	Dec. 31
Total Index 567 Commodities .....	567	80.8	82.7	82.8	82.8	83.0
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	87.1	84.8	85.4	85.7	86.6
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	74.7	78.5	78.1	77.9	77.9
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	71.1	69.1	68.9	68.9	68.9
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper .....	49	69.6	75.9	75.8	75.8	75.5
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	91.5	104.2	104.1	104.1	104.1
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	80.9	72.5	72.1	71.9	71.8
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	85.5	87.2	87.0	87.0	87.0
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....	77	79.0	81.2	80.8	80.8	80.9
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	86.5	83.2	84.5	84.9	85.7

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