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

Wholesale commodity prices showed a slightly firmer tendency during the week ending February 25 and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index advanced from 83.6 for the week ending February 18 to 83.8. The more important changes were confined to five of the eight major groups included in the index. Vegetable Products, Animals, Textiles and Non-Ferrous Metals moved higher while Wood Products decreased. Among the commodities to show the more notable gains were grains, livestock, butter and copper, while raw sugar, eggs, raw wool and pulp moved lower.

Vegetable Products rose from 86.7 to 87.2. Grains, milled products, raw rubber, cocoa and coffee were buoyant, while raw sugar, potatoes and eggs declined. Prices for the better grades of eggs broke sharply at Montreal and Toronto as shipments from the West added to mounting local receipts, and the index dropped 5.0 points to 61.7. Animal Products advanced from 78.2 to 78.4. Fish, livestock, fresh meats, butter and cheese were firmer but lower quotations applied to skins, boots and shoes. In the livestock division, hogs and lambs showed an increase over the first of the year while steers and calves moved lower. The Textile index climbed from 68.6 to 68.7 when strength in raw cotton more than offset weakness in raw wool, while Wood Products declined from 79.7 to 79.5 on easier prices for pulp. Non-Ferrous Metals advanced from 71.3 to 71.5 as gains in copper, tin and zinc outweighed a drop in lead. Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals remained unchanged at 103.8, 87.1 and 79.9 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products mounted from 85.0 to 85.2. Field Products rose from 86.9 to 87.6 when increases in grains and hay proved of more importance than a fall in potatoes, while Animal Products declined from 81.7 to 81.1 when an advance in livestock was unable to compensate for reductions in skins, eggs and wool.

	No. of	1937	1938	1938	1938	1938
	Price	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.
	Series	26	4	11	18	25
Total Index 567 Commodities .....	567	83.0	83.5	83.6	83.6	83.8
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	87.4	87.2	87.2	86.7	87.2
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	74.6	76.8	77.2	78.2	78.4
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	72.8	68.5	68.6	68.6	68.7
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper .....	49	73.9	79.7	79.7	79.7	79.5
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	95.4	103.9	103.9	103.8	103.8
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	93.1	70.9	70.2	71.3	71.5
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	85.9	87.1	87.1	87.1	87.1
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....	77	79.9	80.6	80.6	79.9	79.9
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	86.2	85.4	85.2	85.0	85.2

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