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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, again registered a fractional recession from 83.2 for the week ending March 11 to 83.1 for the week of March 18. Advances for dairy products, hogs and the principal non-ferrous metals were not quite sufficient to balance declines in grains, cattle and lumber. The corresponding index for the third week of March 1937 was 85.2.

Vegetable Products dropped from 85.0 to 84.6, carried downward by a broad list of moderate declines which affected most of the grains, fruits, vegetables and flour. Oats and hay moved higher. Upturns in wheat prices from the 14th to the 18th regained a small part of the severe losses dating from February 23. During this interval No.3 Northern cash prices dropped more than 12 cents per bushel. Animal Products advanced 0.2 for the week to 79.2, due mainly to firmness in butter, cheese and hogs. Hides, leather, cattle and eggs moved lower. General weakness in raw textiles depressed the Fibres and Textile Products index from 68.6 to 68.5. Wood Products also dropped 0.1 to 79.3 as spruce lumber quotations were reduced. A return of strength to base metal prices apart from tin, advanced the Non-Ferrous index from 70.9 to 71.9. Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals were each lower by 0.1 at 87.0 and 80.4 respectively, while Iron and Its Products held unchanged at 103.7.

Canadian Farm Products continued downward from 82.8 to 82.3, with both the field and animal product sub-groups recording decreases. Field Products dropped from 83.3 to 82.8, while the Animal index fell from 81.9 to 81.5

	No. of Price Series	1937		1938		
		Mar. 19	Feb. 25	Mar. 4	Mar. 11	Mar. 18
Total Index 567 Commodities .....	567	85.2	83.8	83.5	83.2	83.1
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	90.1	87.2	86.1	85.0	84.6
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	75.5	78.4	78.7	79.0	79.2
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	73.6	68.7	68.6	68.6	68.5
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper .....	49	75.2	79.5	79.5	79.4	79.3
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	101.9	103.8	103.8	103.7	103.7
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	97.2	71.5	71.2	70.9	71.9
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	85.4	87.1	87.1	87.1	87.0
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....	77	81.5	79.9	79.9	80.5	80.4
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	89.8	85.2	84.3	82.8	82.3

