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

A further drop in wholesale commodity price levels occurred in the week ending April 22 and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index declined to 82.4 from 83.0 for the preceding week. This was the lowest point touched since February 1937 and was 3.4 points below the corresponding week of last April. Among the more important commodities to show decreases were grains, livestock, newsprint and copper, while fresh meats, eggs, raw cotton and tin advanced.

Vegetable Products fell from 85.1 to 83.8. Raw rubber and potatoes were firm but grains, milled products, sugar, cocoa products and coffee moved lower. The spread between the cash price for wheat and the May future at Winnipeg was considerably reduced during the week and Manitoba No.1 Northern dropped back from \$1.44 on the 14th to close at \$1.33 per bushel on Friday, as against a drop of 3 cents in the future. Animal Products moved from 80.0 to 79.0. Higher quotations ruled for hides, fresh meats and eggs, while fish, shoes, livestock, cured meats and butter were weak. Egg prices in the Maritimes declined but gains at Montreal and western centres were sufficient to move the index 0.6 points higher to 54.7, which compared with 54.2 for a year ago. Slight increases in raw cotton, raw silk and raw wool left the index for Textiles unchanged at 67.8, but Wood Products fell from 78.9 to 78.2 due to weakness in newsprint and British Columbia fir and cedar. Non-Ferrous Metals eased from 71.0 to 70.9 when a drop in copper outweighed an increase in tin, while Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals remained at 102.5, 86.7 and 80.4 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products declined from 83.6 to 82.5. Field Products decreased from 84.9 to 83.3 largely because of weakness in grains, onions and hay, and Animal Products moved from 81.4 to 81.2 when reductions in livestock and milk proved of more importance than advances in hides, eggs and wool.

	: No. of : Price : Series	: 1937 : 1938				
		: Apr. : Apr. : Apr. : Apr. : Apr.				
	: 23	: 1	: 8	: 15	: 22	
Total Index 567 Commodities .....	567	85.8	83.3	83.3	83.0	82.4
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	90.4	85.8	85.7	85.1	83.8
II. Animals and Their Products ...	76	77.4	79.8	79.9	80.0	79.0
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	73.6	67.8	67.8	67.8	67.8
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper.	49	78.4	79.1	79.1	78.9	78.2
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	104.2	103.4	103.4	102.5	102.5
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	87.4	70.4	70.2	71.0	70.9
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	85.4	86.9	86.9	86.7	86.7
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products.	77	82.6	80.5	80.6	80.4	80.4
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	89.7	84.2	84.0	83.6	82.5

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