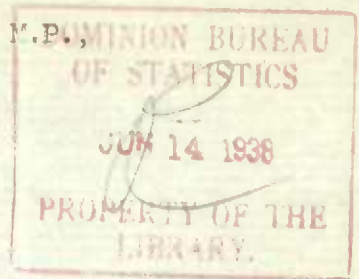


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1937-1938  
(1926=100)

The week ending June 10 was the fourth in succession in which the Dominion Bureau of Statistics weekly index number of wholesale commodity prices remained at 80.3. Increases were shown by Animal Products and Non-Ferrous Metals while Vegetable Products declined. Among the more important commodities to make advances were cured meats, cheese, raw cotton and several of the base metals, while reductions occurred in wheat, livestock, eggs and raw wool.

Vegetable Products fell from 79.2 to 78.7. Slightly higher quotations ruled for raw rubber, raw sugar and potatoes, but grains, milled products, vegetable oils, coffee and hay declined. Influenced mainly by crop news, wheat prices reacted during the week and Friday's closing cash price for Manitoba No.3 Northern at \$1.00 1/8 was 7 3/4 cents below that for the preceding Friday. In contrast to the weakness in wheat, coarse grains were firm. Animal Products rose from 78.1 to 78.6 as advances in hides, cured meats and cheese proved of more importance than recessions in fish, livestock, fresh meats, butter and eggs. The index for cured meats jumped 5.0 points to 80.5 at which level it compared with 66.3 for the corresponding week of last year. Increases in raw cotton and woollen cloth yarns offset weakness in raw silk and raw wool to leave the index for Textiles unchanged at 67.4, while Non-Ferrous Metals mounted from 67.1 to 67.5 on strength in copper, tin and zinc. The zinc index at 41.5 was 18.7 points below a year ago. World stocks of zinc were at a high level and zinc producers were reported to be considering a drastic reduction in output. Wood, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals remained at 77.1, 101.5, 87.1 and 80.3 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products dropped from 77.4 to 76.9. Field Products declined from 73.9 to 73.4, when weakness in wheat and hay outweighed a rise in potatoes. Animal Products fell from 83.2 to 82.8 because of reductions in livestock, eggs and raw wool.

	: No. of : : Price : : Series :	: 1937 :		1938		
		June 11	May 20	May 27	June 3	June 10
Total Index 567 Commodities .....	567	84.1	80.3	80.3	80.3	80.3
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	85.3	79.0	79.0	79.2	78.7
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	77.4	77.7	78.1	78.1	78.6
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	73.9	67.7	67.5	67.4	67.4
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper .....	49	78.5	77.1	77.1	77.1	77.1
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	103.8	101.5	101.5	101.5	101.5
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	83.6	68.0	66.7	67.1	67.5
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	86.6	87.1	87.1	87.1	87.1
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....	77	81.9	80.4	80.4	80.3	80.3
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	83.7	77.5	77.3	77.4	76.9

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