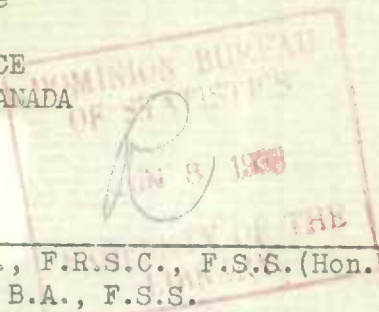


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1937-1938
(1926=100)

Wholesale commodity price changes were somewhat mixed in the week ending June 3, with advances offsetting recessions, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index remained at 80.3 for the third successive week. Vegetable Products and Non-Ferrous Metals moved moderately higher while Textiles and Chemicals were slightly weaker. A feature of the week was the rapid advance in wheat.

Vegetable Products rose from 79.0 to 79.2. Flour, raw rubber and hay were buoyant while cocoa and coffee sold lower. The grain index was unchanged at 77.2, as the increase in wheat offset the continued weakness in the coarser grains. Animal Products remained at 78.1 when advances in livestock, fresh meats and eggs counterbalanced recessions in hides, cured meats, butter and lard. Butter prices averaged 27.2 cents, 9.7 cents below the peak at the end of March, and 1.7 cents above the corresponding week of last year. Small declines in raw cotton, raw silk and raw wool eased the index for Textiles from 67.5 to 67.4, while Non-Ferrous Metals rose from 66.7 to 67.1 when advances in copper, lead and zinc outweighed a decrease in tin. Curtailment of production was announced by some producers of copper in the United States and the tin export quota was further reduced. A drop in tanning materials proved of greater importance than an advance in fertilizers and the index for Chemicals moved from 80.4 to 80.3. Wood, Iron and Non-Metallic Minerals were unchanged at 77.1, 101.5 and 87.1 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products mounted from 77.3 to 77.4. Field Products remained at 73.9 as a rise in wheat and hay balanced further recession in coarse grains, but Animal Products rose from 82.9 to 83.2, with advances in livestock and eggs outweighing decreases in hides, poultry and wool.

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| | | June | | May | | May | May | June | |
| | | 4 | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | 3 | | |
| Total Index 567 Commodities | 567 | 84.4 | 81.0 | 80.8 | 80.3 | 80.3 | 80.3 | 80.3 | |
| INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS | | | | | | | | | |
| I. Vegetable Products | 135 | 86.0 | 80.2 | 79.8 | 79.0 | 79.0 | 79.2 | | |
| II. Animals and Their Products | 76 | 77.3 | 77.6 | 77.7 | 77.7 | 78.1 | 78.1 | | |
| III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products | 85 | 73.6 | 67.7 | 67.7 | 67.7 | 67.5 | 67.4 | | |
| IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper | 49 | 78.5 | 78.0 | 78.0 | 77.1 | 77.1 | 77.1 | | |
| V. Iron and Its Products | 44 | 103.9 | 102.5 | 102.4 | 101.5 | 101.5 | 101.5 | | |
| VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products | 18 | 85.0 | 69.9 | 69.6 | 68.0 | 66.7 | 67.1 | | |
| VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products | 83 | 86.6 | 86.6 | 86.6 | 87.1 | 87.1 | 87.1 | | |
| VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products | 77 | 81.9 | 80.4 | 80.4 | 80.4 | 80.4 | 80.3 | | |
| CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS | 70 | 85.0 | 78.5 | 78.1 | 77.5 | 77.3 | 77.4 | | |

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