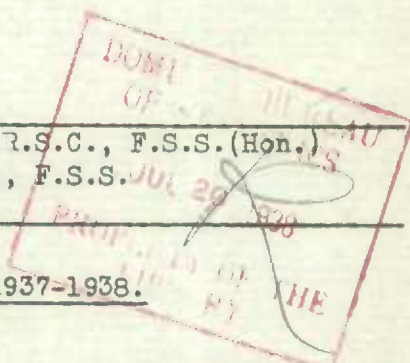


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1937-1938.
(1926=100)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale commodity prices advanced from 79.1 for the week ending July 8 to 79.2 for the week ending July 15. Of the eight major groups comprising the index, Vegetable Products, Animal Products and Non-Ferrous Metals moved higher while Textiles and Wood declined. The more important commodities to show increases included grains, livestock, eggs and copper but reductions occurred in potatoes, raw cotton, butter and cheese.

Vegetable Products rose from 74.7 to 74.9. Grains, flour and raw sugar were firm, as potatoes, bread and raw rubber receded. New Crop potatoes were more plentiful on the markets and the potato index (still based upon last year's crop) dropped from 46.3 to 41.4, at which point it compared with 63.9 for the corresponding week of last year. Animal Products advanced from 78.6 to 78.9 as gains in fish, livestock and eggs outweighed decreases in hides, butter and cheese. An increase in raw wool failed to offset declines in raw cotton and raw silk and the index for Textiles slipped from 67.5 to 67.4, while lower rates on the United States dollar affected newsprint sufficiently to depress the index for Wood from 76.7 to 76.5. Non-Ferrous Metals rose from 70.1 to 70.4 on strength in copper and zinc, while Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals were unchanged at 100.8, 87.1 and 80.1 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products mounted from 72.2 to 72.5. Field Products rose from 66.8 to 66.9 when an increase in grains proved of more importance than a drop in potatoes, while Animal Products advanced from 81.3 to 81.9 largely because of strength in livestock, eggs and wool.

	: No. of	: 1937		: 1938			
		: Price	: Series	: July	: June	: July	: July
			: 16	: 24	: 1	: 8	: 15
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	87.7	80.4	79.9	79.1	79.2	
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS							
I. Vegetable Products	135	96.4	79.1	77.4	74.7	74.9	
II. Animals and Their Products	76	78.3	78.2	78.3	78.6	78.9	
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	74.0	67.3	67.4	67.5	67.4	
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	77.6	76.7	76.7	76.7	76.5	
V. Iron and Its Products	44	104.8	101.4	101.3	100.8	100.8	
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	85.7	69.1	69.5	70.1	70.4	
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	86.8	87.1	87.1	87.1	87.1	
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	81.6	80.1	80.1	80.1	80.1	
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	94.0	77.3	75.0	72.2	72.5	

