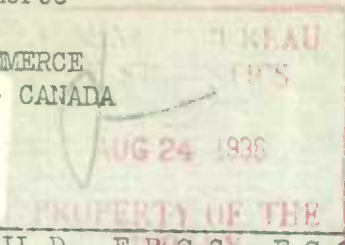


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1937-1938  
(1926=100)

Price changes in wholesale commodities were mixed in the week ending August 19. Recessions outweighed advances, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index fell to 75.8 from 76.6 for the week ending August 12. Of the eight major groups included in the index, Textiles, Wood, Iron and Non-Metallic Minerals moved higher while Vegetables, Non-Ferrous Metals and Chemicals declined. Animal Products were unchanged.

Vegetable Products dropped from 69.1 to 66.1. Price revisions in this group were almost entirely downward and the commodities affected included grains, flour, bread, rubber, raw coffee, potatoes and hay. The grain index dipped from 57.5 to 53.9 which compared with 90.4 for the corresponding week of last year. Animal Products remained at 76.2. Small increases in fish, hides, shoes, livestock, fresh meats and eggs were offset by reductions in butter and cured meats. Textiles rose from 67.0 to 67.1 as advances in raw cotton and raw wool proved of more importance than a decrease in raw silk, while Wood Products mounted from 76.6 to 77.3 on higher prices for British Columbia Lumber. Strength in scrap iron provided the necessary impetus to raise the Iron index from 97.7 to 98.0, but Non-Ferrous Metals fell from 70.3 to 69.4 because of declines in aluminium copper and zinc. Higher quotations for certain classes of imported coal were largely responsible for increasing the index for Non-Metallic Minerals from 86.6 to 86.7. Chemicals eased from 79.4 to 79.3 as an increase in industrial gases failed to offset reductions in paint materials, formaldehyde and castor oil.

Canadian Farm Products decreased from 64.8 to 63.8. Field Products fell from 56.1 to 54.0 largely because of reductions in grains, potatoes and hay, while Animal Products advanced from 79.3 to 80.1 on strength in livestock, hides, eggs and wool.

	: No. of :	: 1937 :		: 1938 :		
		: Price :		: Price :		
		: Series :	: Aug. :	: July :	: Aug. :	: Aug. :
		: 20 :	: 29 :	: 5 :	: 12 :	: 19 :
Total Index 567 Commodities .....	567	85.3	78.0	77.2	76.6	75.8
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED						
ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	86.9	72.8	70.5	69.1	66.1
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	80.9	78.1	77.6	76.2	76.2
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile						
Products .....	85	73.8	67.2	67.1	67.0	67.1
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper .....	49	77.6	76.3	76.6	76.6	77.3
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	104.8	97.8	97.8	97.7	98.0
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their						
Products .....	18	85.8	70.8	70.7	70.3	69.4
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and						
Their Products .....	83	87.0	86.7	86.6	86.6	86.7
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....	77	81.7	79.3	79.1	79.4	79.3
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	83.7	69.8	66.7	64.8	63.8





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