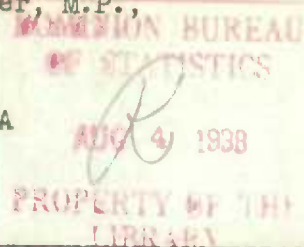


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1937-1938  
(1926=100)

Wholesale commodity prices continued to move generally downward and the index for the week ended July 29 was 78.0 as compared with 78.6 for the week of July 22 and 86.7 for the week of July 30, 1937.

Chiefly because of easier prices for grains, flour and potatoes, the index for Vegetable Products fell from 74.7 to 72.8 although raw sugar and raw rubber registered minor advances. The wheat situation was dominated chiefly by limited export demand and prices of Manitoba Northern averaged from 3 4/5¢ to 4¢ below the level of the previous week. Coarse grains were also weaker. The Animal Products index declined from 78.4 to 78.1. Quotations for calves were slightly higher but steers were unchanged while hogs and lambs were lower. Eggs and hides and skins also showed an easier tendency. A one cent rise in raw wool was counterbalanced by a 2 p.c. drop in silk and the Fibres index remained at 67.2. Reductions in the prices of groundwood pulp and newsprint brought the index for Wood and Its Products down from 76.5 to 76.3. Iron and Steel and Non-Metallics were unchanged at 97.8 and 86.7 respectively. Non-Ferrous Metals advanced from 70.3 to 70.8. An unrelieved shortage of electrolytic copper at London was followed by higher prices, both there and in American markets, and tin also moved upward. Higher quotations for fertilizers were chiefly instrumental in raising the index of Chemicals from 79.1 to 79.3.

Canadian Farm Products dropped from 71.8 to 69.8. Field products were 2.8 points lower at 63.5, but animal products at 80.4 showed a recession of 0.6 points.

	No. of	1937		1938				
		Price	Series	July	July	July		
				30	8	15	22	29
Total Index 567 Commodities .....	567	86.7	79.1	79.2	78.6	78.0		
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS								
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	92.0	74.7	74.9	74.7	72.8		
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	79.2	78.6	78.9	78.4	78.1		
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	74.1	67.5	67.4	67.2	67.2		
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper .....	49	78.0	76.7	76.5	76.5	76.3		
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	105.6	100.8	100.8	97.8	97.8		
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	85.6	70.1	70.4	70.3	70.8		
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	87.0	87.1	87.1	86.7	86.7		
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....	77	81.6	80.1	80.1	79.1	79.3		
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	89.8	72.2	72.5	71.8	69.8		

