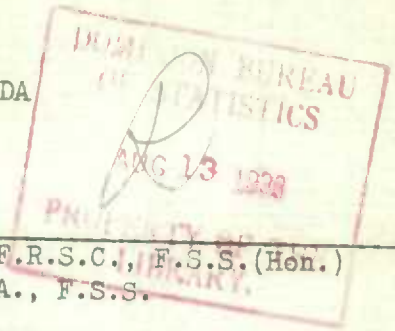


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1937-1938
(1926=100)

General wholesale commodity prices registered still further recessions during the week of August 5. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index moved down from 78.0 for the week ended July 29 to 77.2. This represented a drop of 2.3 p.c. from July 8 and was 10.2 p.c. below the first week of August 1937.

All groups, except Wood Products, Iron and Steel and Chemicals suffered setbacks but the major losses occurred in the vegetable and the animal products series. An index for grains moved down from 65.2 to 60.2. Trading in wheat at Winnipeg was dull awaiting price setting developments. Following the announcement of a minimum of 80¢ per bushel for No.1 Manitoba Northern, a wave of liquidation set in which carried prices for that grade down 3¢ per bushel on August 5. The weekly average for Manitoba northern wheat at 84.1¢ was 8¢ below that of the previous week. The livestock index fell from 93.3 to 90.4. Cattle markets were irregularly lower. The decline for hogs was sharp and general. Prices at Winnipeg were down \$2.25 per cwt, to \$10.00, but losses of \$1.25 and \$1.51 per cwt. at Montreal and Toronto were somewhat less drastic. Eggs were generally easier although some exceptions were noted, and the index changed from 67.4 to 67.3. The weakness was credited to a lowering of quality accompanied by less active retail demand.

Canadian Farm Products was reduced from 69.8 to 66.7 with both field and animal products sharing in the loss. Owing mainly to reductions for grains field products receded from 63.5 to 58.8. Animal products were influenced mostly by recessions for livestock and the index moved down from 80.4 to 80.0.

	No. of Series	1937		1938		
		Aug.	July	July	July	Aug.
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	86.0	79.2	78.6	78.0	77.2
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS						
I. Vegetable Products	135	88.7	74.9	74.7	72.8	70.5
II. Animals and Their Products	76	80.0	78.9	78.4	78.1	77.6
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	74.1	67.4	67.2	67.2	67.1
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	78.0	76.5	76.5	76.3	76.6
V. Iron and Its Products	44	105.6	100.8	97.8	97.8	97.8
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	87.2	70.4	70.3	70.8	70.7
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	87.0	87.1	86.7	86.7	86.6
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	81.7	80.1	79.1	79.3	79.4
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	84.8	72.5	71.8	69.8	66.7

