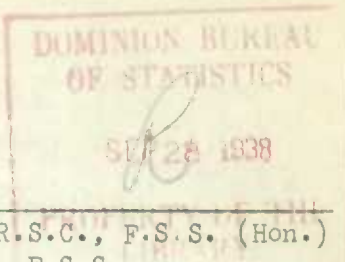


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1937-1938
(1926=100)

Wholesale commodity price changes were mixed, but with recessions predominating, during the week ending September 23 and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index declined to 74.4 from 74.5 for the preceding week. Animal Products, Wood and Non-Ferrous Metals weakened, while Vegetable Products and Iron advanced. Disquieting news from Europe continued to have a major influence upon price movements.

Vegetable Products rose from 61.5 to 61.6. Milled products, vegetable oils, raw rubber, raw sugar, coffee and potatoes moved upward while grains were slightly lower. Wheat prices were most responsive to political developments and dropped sharply in the first half of the week, but on Thursday the termination of the Chamberlain-Hitler discussions coincided with large export sales and prices rose almost to closing levels of the previous week. Animal Products fell from 76.5 to 75.8. Fish, milk and eggs were buoyant but hides, livestock, meats, fowl, butter and lard decreased. The livestock index dropped sharply from 81.6 to 74.8 at which point it compared with 102.7 for last year, but still approximated levels of 1935 and 1936. Textiles remained at 66.7 as increases in raw cotton and raw wool offset reductions in cotton fabrics and knit goods, but Wood Products dipped from 77.2 to 77.0 because of lower prices for pulp. Scrap iron moved higher raising the index for Iron from 97.9 to 98.2, while Non-Ferrous Metals fell from 71.2 to 70.7 when decreases in copper, lead and zinc outweighed advances in antimony and tin. Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals were unchanged at 87.0 and 79.4 respectively.

Canadian Farm Products moved from 63.9 to 63.4. Field Products remained at 53.4 when reductions in grains, hay and onions were neutralized by a rise in potatoes, but Animal Products declined from 81.6 to 80.2 as decreases in livestock, hides and poultry were of more consequence than advances in milk, eggs and wool.

	No. of	1937					1938				
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		Price	Series	Price	Series	Price	Series	Price	Series	Price	Series
Total Index 567 Commodities	567	85.0	74.6	74.0	74.5	74.4					
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS											
I. Vegetable Products	135	86.7	62.5	60.5	61.5	61.6					
II. Animals and Their Products	76	81.8	75.7	75.8	76.5	75.8					
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	85	71.4	66.8	66.7	66.7	66.7					
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	49	77.2	77.1	77.1	77.2	77.0					
V. Iron and Its Products	44	105.4	97.9	97.9	97.9	98.2					
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	82.3	69.8	70.2	71.2	70.7					
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	87.2	86.7	86.7	87.0	87.0					
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	77	81.7	79.3	79.3	79.4	79.4					
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	70	85.5	63.1	63.0	63.9	63.4					

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