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NEW PRODUCTS

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Domestic sales of refined petroleum products

March 2003 (preliminary)

Sales of refined petroleum products totalled 7 740 100 cubic metres in March, up 0.3 % from March 2002. Sales increased in three of the seven major product groups, with diesel fuel oil up 64 700 cubic metres or 3.5%. Aviation turbo fuel rose 63 200 cubic metres or 14.4 %, and light fuel oil was up 42 600 cubic metres or 7.1%. Motor gasoline sales dropped 41 800 cubic metres or 1.3%.

Sales of mid-grade (-12.2%), premium (-10.6%) and regular non-leaded (-0.1%) gasoline fell from March 2002.

Year-to-date sales of refined petroleum products at the end of March increased 4.5% from the same period of 2002. Sales rose in four of the seven major product groups, with the largest increase in heavy fuel oil (+432 600 cubic metres or +30.1%). Year-to-date sales of aviation turbo fuels dropped 83 700 cubic metres or 6.1% from the same period of 2002.

Sales of refined petroleum products

	March 2002 ^r	March 2003 ^p	March 2002 to March 2003 % change
	Thousands of cubic metres		% change
Total, all products	7 717.3	7 740.1	0.3
Motor gasoline	3 231.1	3 189.3	-1.3
Diesel fuel oil	1 825.4	1 890.1	3.5
Light fuel oil	602.2	644.8	7.1
Heavy fuel oil	542.9	537.1	-1.1
Aviation turbo fuels	439.1	502.3	14.4
Petrochemical feedstocks ¹	410.2	368.4	-10.2
All other refined products	666.5	608.0	-8.8
	Jan. to March 2002 ^r	Jan. to March 2003 ^p	Jan.-March 2002 to Jan.-March 2003 % change
	Thousands of cubic metres		% change
Total, all products	22 510.3	23 522.2	4.5
Motor gasoline	9 218.4	9 444.8	2.5
Diesel fuel oil	5 334.0	5 602.4	5.0
Light fuel oil	1 949.3	2 271.5	16.5
Heavy fuel oil	1 438.7	1 871.3	30.1
Aviation turbo fuels	1 368.5	1 284.8	-6.1
Petrochemical feedstocks ¹	1 172.0	1 105.7	-5.7
All other refined products	2 029.4	1 941.7	-4.3

^r Revised figures.

^p Preliminary figures.

¹ Materials produced by refineries that are used by the petrochemical industry to produce chemicals, synthetic rubber and a variety of plastics.

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Farm product prices

March 2003

Prices received by farmers in March for grains, oilseeds, specialty crops, fruits, vegetables, cattle, hogs, poultry, eggs and dairy products are now available.

The price of canola in Saskatchewan in March was \$371.18 per metric tonne, down 4% from February but still 15% above the March 2002 price of \$322.12.

The price of slaughter calves in Ontario for March, at \$115.27 per hundredweight, was down 1% from February and 13% below the March 2002 price of \$132.53.

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Provincial distribution of federal expenditures on science and technology 1994/95 to 2000/01

The working paper *Provincial distribution of federal expenditures and personnel on science and technology* provides data in tabular format on federal regional spending on science and technology, including research and development, in the fiscal years 1994/95 to 2000/01.

It also contains data on the number of people working in federal establishments that perform science and technology activities.

In 2000/01, the federal government spent nearly \$4.0 billion on science and technology, 34% of which was allocated to Ontario and 26% to Quebec. (This excludes funding for science and technology performed by the federal government in its own departments and agencies within the National Capital Region.)

In addition, the federal government awarded \$544 million in grants and contracts in natural sciences

to Canadian industry in 2000/01. About 43% of the total was allocated to industries in Ontario, and 34% to those in Quebec.

Information on methods and data quality available in the Integrated Meta Data Base: survey number 4212.

The working paper *Provincial distribution of federal expenditures and personnel on science and technology, 1994/95 to 2000/01* (88F0006XIE2003008,

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