

## Challenging planting and growing conditions across most of Canada this spring



Farmers across Canada are facing challenging planting and growing conditions this spring. Warm weather and not enough rain are affecting farmers in British Columbia. Although planting

has proceeded on the Prairies, cool dry weather and topsoil conditions have farmers concerned. In Central and Eastern Canada, too much rain and cool temperatures have delayed planting.

Source: [Crop Condition Assessment Program, 2019](#)

## Employment holds steady in May, while the unemployment rate falls to its lowest level on record

Employment held steady in May following a record high increase in April. A sharp drop in the number of people looking for work brought the unemployment rate down 0.3 percentage points to 5.4%, the lowest level since the current series began in 1976.



Source: [Labour Force Survey, May 2019](#)

## Lung cancer killed more Canadians in 2016 than any other cancer

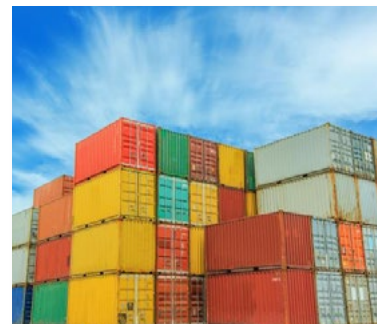
Lung cancer was the second most commonly diagnosed cancer in Canada after breast cancer in 2016, representing 12% of all new cancer cases. It was also the leading cause of cancer death, mostly due to the disease often being diagnosed at stage 4. Women were more likely to survive five years after initial diagnosis than men, but they also accounted for almost half of all lung cancer deaths in Canada (48%) in 2016, up from 40% in 2000.



Source: [Infographic: Lung Cancer in Canada, 2000 to 2016](#)

## Canada posts smallest trade deficit in six months in April

Higher exports of gold helped push Canada's exports up 1.3% in April. Imports were down 1.4% on lower imports of aircrafts. As a result, Canada's merchandise trade deficit with the world narrowed from \$2.3 billion in March to \$1.0 billion in April, the lowest deficit since October 2018.



Source: [Study: Canadian international merchandise trade, April 2019](#)