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## OTHER RELEASES

### Crude oil and natural gas

October 1997

In October, natural gas production rose 2.0% over the same period in 1996 as a result of advances in exports and steady domestic sales. This was the 18th consecutive monthly year-over-year advance in natural gas production. Strong demand from the United States led to a 3.0% increase in exports of natural gas in October compared with the same month a year earlier. Year-to-date exports were up 2.2% over the same period in 1996.

Crude oil production increased a modest 0.9% over October 1996 levels, following several months of relatively strong growth. The weakness was due largely to a decline in the production of light crude oil. Exports rose only 1.1% from October 1996. However, year-to-date exports of crude oil were up 8.2% over the same period in 1996.

Imports of crude oil rose 27.5% from the October 1996 level. For the first 10 months of 1997, imports were up strongly (+9.9% compared with the same period in 1996), partly to meet the needs of Ontario refineries.

### Crude oil and natural gas

	Oct. 1996	Oct. 1997	Oct. 1996 to Oct. 1997
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	thousands of cubic metres		% change
<b>Crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons<sup>1</sup></b>			
Production	10 417.1	10 515.4	0.9
Exports	5 688.5	5 750.8	1.1
Imports <sup>2</sup>	3 209.4	4 091.6	27.5
Refinery receipts	7 885.1	8 743.8	10.9

	millions of cubic metres		% change
<b>Natural gas<sup>3</sup></b>			
Marketable production	13 089.1	13 349.5	2.0
Exports	6 808.6	7 015.3	3.0
Canadian sales <sup>4</sup>	4 977.1	5 018.7	0.8

	Jan. 1996 to Oct. 1996	Jan. 1997 to Oct. 1997	Jan.-Oct. 1996 to Jan.-Oct. 1997
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	thousands of cubic metres		% change
<b>Crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons<sup>1</sup></b>			
Production	97 350.1	100 813.4	3.6
Exports	53 076.5	57 449.2	8.2
Imports <sup>2</sup>	33 129.2	36 416.1	9.9
Refinery receipts	77 408.3	79 777.4	3.1

	millions of cubic metres		% change
<b>Natural gas<sup>3</sup></b>			
Marketable production	125 995.9	128 769.6	2.2
Exports	65 861.1	67 296.3	2.2
Canadian sales <sup>4</sup>	52 626.7	54 050.9	2.7

<sup>1</sup> Disposition may differ from production due to inventory change, industry own-use, etc.

<sup>2</sup> Crude oil received by Canadian refineries from foreign countries for processing. Data may differ from International Trade Division (ITD) estimates due to timing differences and the inclusion of crude oil landed in Canada for future re-export in the ITD data.

<sup>3</sup> Disposition may differ from production due to inventory change, usage as pipeline fuel, pipeline losses, line-pack fluctuations, etc.

<sup>4</sup> Includes direct sales.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 530 and 539.**

The October 1997 issue of *Crude petroleum and natural gas production* (26-006-XPB, \$19/\$186) will be available shortly. See *How to order publications*.

For further information on this release, contact Gérard O'Connor (613-951-3562; Internet: [oconger@statcan.ca](mailto:oconger@statcan.ca)), Energy Section, Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

**Coal and coke statistics**

October 1997

Higher demand for thermal coal (mainly used for electric power generation) and stronger exports caused coal production to rise in October. Coal production totalled 6 961 kilotonnes, up 4.9% from October 1996. The year-to-date production figure stood at 65 280 kilotonnes, up 2.5%.

Exports in October increased 4.3% from October 1996 to 2 794 kilotonnes. However, exports to Japan (the largest consumer of Canadian coal) increased 50.8% to 1 956 kilotonnes during the same period, making up for two months of large decreases. This partly compensated for lower exports in Europe and the rest of Asia. Year-to-date figures show total exports of 30 253 kilotonnes, 3.6% above last year's level.

Coke production in October 1997 increased to 299 kilotonnes, up 12.2% from October 1996.

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**Steel primary forms**

Week ending December 20, 1997 (preliminary)

Steel primary forms production for the week ending December 20, 1997, totalled 288 551 metric tonnes, up 0.5% from the week-earlier 287 117 metric tonnes and down 3.1% from the year-earlier 297 899 metric tonnes. The cumulative total at the end of the week was 14 930 364 metric tonnes, a 5.2% increase compared to 14 198 894 metric tonnes for the same period in 1996.

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**Catalogue number 51-004-XPB**  
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**Canadian civil aviation, 1996**  
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**Gas utilities, September 1997**  
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**Electric power statistics, October 1997**  
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6	<b>Raw Materials Price Index</b>	November 1997
7	<b>Help-wanted Index</b>	December 1997
9	<b>Labour Force Survey</b>	December 1997

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