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### Machinery and equipment price indexes

Third quarter 1998

The Machinery and Equipment Price Index (MEPI) reached 130.9 in the third quarter of 1998 (1986=100), up 1.5% from the previous quarter and 4.9% higher compared with the third quarter of 1997. The domestic (+0.6%) and imported (+2.2%) components of the index increased from the previous quarter and were up 2.4% and 7.1% respectively from the third quarter of 1997.

Among the industries, the largest contributors to the quarterly price movement in the index were manufacturing (+2.1%), transportation, communication, storage and utilities (+1.4%), mines, quarries and oil wells (+2.1%), construction (+2.5%) and community, business and personal services (+0.9%).

Year-over-year, the largest contributors to the quarterly price movement in the index were manufacturing (+6.3%), transportation, communication, storage and utilities (+4.1%), mines, quarries and oil wells (+6.9%), agriculture (+2.7%) and community, business and personal services (+3.2%).

The industrial products that contributed substantially to changes in machinery and equipment prices since the second quarter of 1998 include

specialized industrial equipment (+2.4%), commercial trucks and tractors (+0.9%), aircraft (+3.2%), packaging machinery and lubricating equipment (+2.4%), cutting and forming tools (+2.5%), marine engines and turbines (+1.4%) and specialized aircraft equipment (+3.8%). Although the passenger automobile price index (-0.2%) was the only commodity to have fallen in the entire price index products, the impact of the decline was minimal.

Much of the increase in prices was due to the appreciation of the U.S. dollar, which moved up 3.2% against the Canadian dollar since the second quarter of 1998 and up 8.5% since the third quarter of 1997.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 2023-2025.**

The third quarter issue of *Construction price statistics* (62-007-XPB, \$24/\$79) will be available in December. See *How to order publications*.

For further information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods and data quality of this release, contact Robert Gamson (613-951-3349; fax: 613-951-1539; [infounit@statcan.ca](mailto:infounit@statcan.ca)), Client Services Unit, Prices Division.

### Machinery and equipment price indexes

(1986=100)

	Relative importance	Third quarter 1998 <sup>P</sup>	Second to third quarter 1998	Third quarter 1997 to third quarter 1998
			% change	
<b>Machinery and Equipment Price Index</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>130.9</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>4.9</b>
<b>Industry</b>				
Agriculture	11.0	154.5	0.0	2.7
Forestry	1.5	141.7	0.9	4.1
Fishing	0.6	128.7	1.4	6.0
Mines, quarries and oil wells	6.0	133.8	2.1	6.9
Manufacturing	29.9	138.4	2.1	6.3
Construction	3.5	137.3	2.5	7.3
Transportation, communication, storage and utilities	25.9	122.4	1.4	4.1
Trade	4.0	118.8	1.3	4.0
Finance, insurance and real estate	1.8	109.1	0.9	2.6
Community, business and personal services	11.1	110.8	0.9	3.2
Public administration	4.7	128.8	1.7	5.6

<sup>P</sup> Preliminary figures.

## Industrial monitor on CD-ROM

November 1998

The Industrial Monitor on CD-ROM offers up-to-date data on more than 150 manufacturing industries and 33 other industries covering construction, wholesale trade and retail trade. This information is offered for 24 sectors, and can be purchased by individual sector or as a complete package.

For each industry, up to 50 variables are organized in the Table Viewer according to five table types: supply, demand, price, labour/employment, and investment/capital stock. The underlying database is also available via the Series Browser for more extensive time series analysis and inter-industry comparisons.

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The November 1998 issue of the *Industrial monitor on CD-ROM* is now available. An annual subscription (one CD-ROM per month) to the full package (15F0015XCB) costs \$995, a savings of more than 80% off the annual subscription price of \$258 per individual sector.

For further information, or to request a free demonstration CD-ROM, contact Kim Lauzon (613-951-9417; fax: 613-951-3688; [lauzonk@statcan.ca](mailto:lauzonk@statcan.ca)), Industry Measures and Analysis Division, or contact your nearest Statistics Canada Regional Reference Centre. ■

## Steel primary forms

Week ending November 7, 1998 (preliminary)

Steel primary forms production for the week ending November 7, 1998, totalled 250 796 metric tonnes, down 9.2% from the week-earlier 276 101 tonnes and down 20.7% from the year-earlier 316 177 tonnes. The cumulative total at the end of the week was 13 642 836 tonnes, a 3.6% increase compared with 13 174 679 tonnes for the same period in 1997.

For further information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods and data quality of this release, contact Greg Milsom (613-951-7093; [milsomg@statcan.ca](mailto:milsomg@statcan.ca)), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

## Egg production

September 1998 (preliminary)

Egg production estimates for September are now available.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 1145, 1146 and 5689-5691.**

To order *Production of eggs* (23-003-XPB, \$110 annual), contact Julie Gordon (613-951-5039), Agriculture Division.

For further information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods and data quality of this release, contact Sandy Giefeldt (613-951-2505), Livestock and Animal Product Section, Agriculture Division. ■

## Production and value of honey and maple products

1998 (preliminary)

After two consecutive years of diminished production, Canadian honey producers increased crop yields in 1997, and are expected to surpass record levels in 1998.

For most producers in Eastern Ontario, Southern Quebec and parts of New Brunswick, the 1998 maple season was disappointing due to the ice storm in January.

Production and value for 1997 and a preliminary production estimate for 1998 are now available for honey and maple products.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 1056 and 1057.**

The annual publication *Production and value of honey and maple products* (23-221-XIB, free) is now available on the Internet ([www.statcan.ca](http://www.statcan.ca)).

For further information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods and data quality of this release, contact Bill Parsons (613-951-8727), Agriculture Division. ■

## Environmental protection spending by businesses

1996 (preliminary)

Investment in the pulp and paper industry for environmental protection declined 28% in 1996 compared with 1995. This decline was expected as

the pulp and paper industry had completed projects to meet tighter federal and provincial regulations on water pollution by the end of 1995. Even so, the amount invested was still the largest amount of any Canadian industry for environmental protection, that is \$592.2 million.

In the primary metals industry, investment in environmental protection doubled to \$231.8 million in 1996, following the modernization and renovation of smelters to make them more environmentally-sound.

Overall, the surveyed industries spent \$1.6 billion on capital projects for environmental purposes in 1996. Combined with \$2.5 billion in operating expenditures, business spending on environmental protection totalled some \$4.2 billion in 1996.

Among the various environmental protection activities, changes integrated to the production process (to prevent generation of pollutants from the production process) are increasingly popular. Indeed, investment of this type more than doubled compared with 1995.

Preliminary results of the Survey of Environmental Protection Expenditures 1996 are now available. This survey covered capital and operating expenditures made by businesses because of environmental regulation, convention or agreement. Certain firms may also invest in activities that may have an environmental benefit but are not necessarily made in compliance with any regulation or voluntary action. This type of investment was not covered in principle.

Additional information on expenditures by province, by activity and by environmental domain, and on purchase of environmental services will be available at the beginning of December. A detailed analytical report of the survey will be released at the beginning of 1999 on Statistics Canada's Internet site.

For further information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods and data quality of this release, contact Anik Lacroix (613-951-1807; [environ@statcan.ca](mailto:environ@statcan.ca)), Environment Statistics Program. □

**Expenditures on environmental protection by industry and type of activity**  
1996  
(preliminary)

Industry	Environmental monitoring	Environmental assessments and audits	Reclamation and decommissioning	Wildlife and habitat protection	Waste management and sewerage services	PAC end-of-pipe <sup>1</sup> facilities	PAC integrated processes	Fees, fines and licences	Other	Total
millions of dollars										
<b>Operating expenditures</b>										
Logging	2.8	6.3	18.5	63.1	6.2	4.5	x	x	1.4	107.3
Mining	27.3	6.8	63.6	5.1	6.2	103.1	13.7	4.9	21.0	251.7
Crude petroleum and natural gas	12.4	3.5	58.2	5.2	36.7	82.7	2.4	2.5	23.4	226.9
Food	5.9	1.6	3.0	0.9	30.9	14.6	1.9	3.1	2.8	64.8
Beverage	1.0	0.3	0.3	-	10.2	1.7	0.1	2.0	2.0	17.5
Pulp and paper	83.5	11.1	6.7	15.7	33.4	175.6	27.5	8.5	18.8	380.9
Primary metals	30.8	4.9	37.7	6.3	100.6	171.0	73.7	6.2	18.1	449.3
Transportation equipment	3.5	1.4	3.2	0.1	44.9	21.3	2.4	0.5	6.4	83.8
Non-metallic mineral products	3.3	1.1	3.9	0.1	5.9	5.2	0.2	1.9	2.5	24.0
Refined petroleum and coal products	9.8	1.0	2.2	x	16.6	147.4	17.6	x	9.6	205.4
Chemical products	30.6	7.3	30.2	0.4	35.4	55.9	10.2	1.6	12.6	184.2
Other manufacturing	..	..	..	..	78.3	..	..	..	..	208.4
Oil and gas transport and gas distribution <sup>2</sup>	1.4	2.6	5.6	x	2.4	8.9	-	x	12.5	35.4
Electric power	8.5	22.4	13.2	x	18.4	76.4	x	41.0	23.0	294.1
<b>Total operating expenditures, excluding other manufacturing<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>220.8</b>	<b>70.4</b>	<b>246.3</b>	<b>114.5</b>	<b>347.8</b>	<b>868.2</b>	<b>224.4</b>	<b>78.5</b>	<b>154.2</b>	<b>2325.2</b>
<b>Total operating expenditures</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>426.1</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>2533.6</b>
<b>Capital expenditures</b>										
Logging	0.3	0.2	1.0	1.4	...	7.5	0.9	...	...	11.4
Mining	1.5	1.4	10.8	0.4	...	45.0	12.5	...	...	71.7
Crude petroleum and natural gas	5.3	3.0	62.5	2.9	...	130.4	14.5	...	...	218.5
Food	1.0	0.3	0.2	-	...	23.3	18.1	...	...	42.9
Beverage	1.7	0.1	0.6	-	...	2.9	1.3	...	...	6.6
Pulp and paper	15.0	2.0	11.9	1.2	...	280.7	281.4	...	...	592.2
Primary metals	4.9	x	0.6	x	...	58.3	166.4	x	...	231.8
Transportation equipment	0.5	0.2	2.1	0.5	...	16.8	20.4	...	...	40.5
Non-metallic mineral products	1.5	x	0.9	x	...	25.2	4.6	...	...	32.5
Refined petroleum and coal products	2.0	2.3	3.0	-	...	54.1	30.4	...	...	91.8
Chemical products	19.1	x	5.0	x	...	39.0	13.6	...	...	77.1
Other manufacturing	..	..	..	..	...	..	..	...	...	80.8
Oil and gas transport and gas distribution <sup>2</sup>	0.8	2.8	7.3	2.3	...	20.4	11.4	...	...	45.0
Electric power	6.9	x	6.2	x	...	36.8	7.7	...	...	96.1
<b>Total capital expenditures, excluding other manufacturing<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>60.5</b>	<b>36.4</b>	<b>112.1</b>	<b>25.4</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>740.5</b>	<b>583.3</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>1558.0</b>
<b>Total capital expenditures</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>1638.9</b>

<sup>x</sup> Confidential to meet secrecy requirements of the Statistics Act.

.. Figures not available.

... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.

- Nil or zero.

— Amount too small to be expressed.

1. (PAC) Pollution abatement and control.

2. Includes the crude oil and natural gas pipeline transport and gas distribution systems industries.

3. Detail of the expenditure breakdown by type of environmental protection activity is only available for the listed industries.

**Note:** Preliminary estimates figures may not add due to rounding.

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**Infomat - A weekly review**, November 13, 1998  
**Catalogue number 11-002-XIE**  
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**Infomat - A weekly review**, November 13, 1998  
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**Production and value of honey and maple products**, 1998  
**Catalogue number 23-221-XIB**  
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**Pulpwood and wood residue statistics**, July 1998  
**Catalogue number 25-001-XPB**  
(Canada: \$8/\$73; outside Canada: US\$8/US\$73).

**Shipments of solid fuel burning heat products**,  
third quarter 1998  
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