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### Hog inventories

October 1, 1999

On October 1, 1999, hog inventories were estimated at 12.2 million head, down 1.6% from July 1 and down 2.8% from the peak of October 1, 1998. The number of hogs has decreased this quarter, following the normal cyclic hog pattern. Current levels are below those for October 1998 partially because of the rapid, reactive decline in inventories following last winter's extremely low prices. However, production appears optimistic as the farrowing intention for the next quarter is 2.0% higher than farrowing in the current quarter.

Canada's hog industry continues to evolve. A high number of small farms have gone out of hog production because hog prices have not yet rebounded enough to offset last year's losses. Most of these small farms were in the East (provinces east of Manitoba).

In contrast, large operations are still expanding and have now reached a new plateau in efficiency of production. Both efficiency gains and contractual arrangements have helped larger farms/corporations absorb price fluctuations more easily.

Industry is also changing in response to hog supply. The country's newest and largest hog processing plant has recently opened and several other plants have expanded their processing capacities to compete for market hogs. The third quarter results reflect a marked increase in hog slaughter, 6.3% higher than at July 1, 1999 and 13.4% higher than at October 1 last year, when hog prices were heading for a decline.

Exports are up 2.9% from the second quarter, and down 3.3% from a year ago. More hogs are now being processed in Canada, with the result being increased opportunities and benefits for producers, processors and local communities.

**Note:** These data come from the October Hog Survey, a telephone survey of 2,500 hog farm operators conducted during two weeks in September. Farmers were asked to report the number of hogs on their farm as of October 1, 1999.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 9500-9510.**

Data will appear in *Livestock statistics update* (23-603-UPE, \$45/\$149), which will be available in November. See *How to order publications*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Pat MacGregor, (613-951-6480;

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### Wool disposition and farm value

1998

The quantity, price and farm value of purchased wool and wool for home use by the producer are now available for 1998 by province and for Canada.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 1185.**

The 1998 wool statistics will appear in *Livestock statistics, supplement 3* (23-603-UPE, \$45/\$149), which will be available in November. See *How to order publications*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality for this release, contact Barb McLaughlin (902-893-7251; [stctruro@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:stctruro@ns.sympatico.ca)), Agriculture Division. ■

### Civil aviation operating statistics

July and August 1999

Canadian Airlines reported monthly decreases in July (-3%) and August (-4%) for the passenger-kilometres flown in international operations (seasonally adjusted). Air Canada levels grew slightly in both months.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 385 (series 1 to 6).**

The July and August 1999 data on civil aviation (operational data) for Air Canada and Canadian Airlines will appear respectively in the October and November issues of *Aviation: Service bulletin* (51-004-XIB, \$8/\$82). A print-on-demand service is also available at a different price. See *How to order publications*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods and data quality of this release, contact Robert Lund (613-951-0125), Aviation Statistics Centre, Transportation Division. ■

### Air charter statistics

First quarter 1999 (preliminary)

During the first quarter of 1999, 244,316 passengers travelled on domestic charter flights and 1,438,446

passengers travelled on international charter flights. This was a 49.6% advance for the domestic sector and a 2.0% decline for the international sector compared with the first quarter of 1998. The large jump for the domestic sector was mostly a result of an increase in flights offered by some carriers.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Brent Day (613-951-0145; [daybren@statcan.ca](mailto:daybren@statcan.ca)), Aviation Statistics Centre, Transportation Division. ■

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**Catalogue number 11-002-XIE**  
(Canada: \$3/\$109).

**Wholesale trade**, August 1999  
**Catalogue number 63-008-XIB**  
(Canada: \$14/\$140).

**Infomat - A weekly review**, October 22, 1999  
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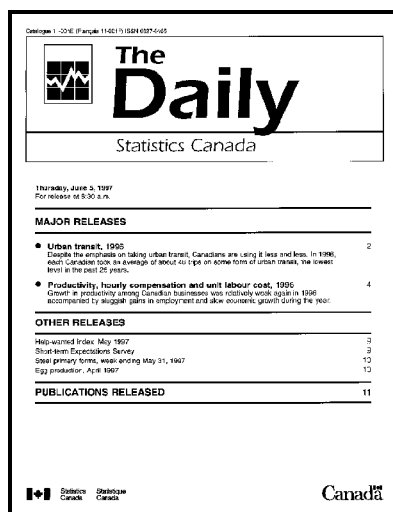
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