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### Machinery and Equipment Price Index

Third quarter 1999

The Machinery and Equipment Price Index stood at 131.7 for the third quarter of 1999 (1986=100), up 0.2% from the previous quarter. The domestic and imported components increased by 0.1% and 0.2% respectively. Compared with the third quarter of 1998, the overall index rose 0.5%, with the domestic component increasing 1.2% and the imported component falling 0.2%.

The quarterly increase in the index was due to manufacturing (+0.4%) and, more precisely, the chemicals and chemical products industry (+0.9%). The gain for manufacturing represents 73% of the total increase. Gains were also seen in the mines, quarries and oil wells industry (+0.4%) and the construction industry (+0.3%). Decreases for the community, business and personal services (-0.5%) and agriculture (-0.3%) industries eased the price rise.

Year-over-year, the largest contributors to the quarterly price movement in the index were agriculture (+2.1%) and manufacturing (+0.7%), while community, business and personal services decreased 1.4%.

Only a few products contributed substantially to the increase of the index over the second quarter of 1999. These industrial products include specialized industrial equipment (+0.6%) and parts for aircraft modifications (+0.9%). Among specialized industrial equipment, the imported component for the chemical machinery and petrochemical machinery industries increased 2.2%. Dampening the rise of the overall index were declines for passenger automobiles (-0.8%), commercial trucks and tractors (-0.4%) and photographic equipment (-2.1%).

In the third quarter, the exchange rate of the U.S. dollar with the Canadian dollar contributed less to the quarterly price increase than in previous quarters. The U.S. dollar increased 0.4% from the second quarter.

### Machinery and Equipment Price Index

(1986=100)

	Relative importance	Third quarter 1999 <sup>P</sup>	Second to third quarter 1999	Third quarter 1998 to third quarter 1999
			% change	
<b>Machinery and Equipment Price Index</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>131.7</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>
Agriculture	11.0	158.8	-0.3	2.1
Forestry	1.5	144.1	0.1	1.5
Fishing	0.6	128.0	0.1	-0.6
Mines, quarries and oil wells	6.0	134.3	0.4	0.3
Manufacturing	29.9	139.3	0.4	0.7
Construction	3.5	138.2	0.3	0.7
Transportation, communication, storage and utilities	25.9	123.0	0.1	0.2
Trade	4.0	118.6	-0.2	-0.3
Finance, insurance and real estate	1.8	108.6	0.1	-0.4
Community, business and personal services	11.1	109.0	-0.5	-1.4
Public administration	4.7	128.4	0.1	-0.4

<sup>P</sup> Preliminary figures.

**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 more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods and data quality of this release, contact Louise Chaîné (613-951-3350; fax: 613-951-4513; [infounit@statcan.ca](mailto:infounit@statcan.ca)), Client Services Unit, Prices Division. ■

### Apartment Building Construction Price Index

Third quarter 1999

In the third quarter of 1999, the composite price index for apartment building construction increased 0.3% to 113.8 (1992=100) over the previous quarter, and by 1.8% over the third quarter of 1998.

Toronto registered the highest quarterly change (+0.7%), followed by Ottawa (+0.6%), Montreal (+0.5%), Halifax (+0.3%) and Calgary and Edmonton (+0.2%). Vancouver registered no change over the third quarter of 1999.

Toronto also had the highest year-over-year change (+3.1%) compared with the third quarter

of 1998. Of the other urban areas surveyed, Calgary registered a 2.8% annual gain, followed by Halifax (+2.7%), Ottawa (+2.6%), Edmonton (+2.5%) and Montreal (+2.0%). Vancouver registered the lowest year-over-year change (+1.1%).

### Apartment Building Construction Price Index (1992=100)

	Third quarter 1999	Third quarter 1998 to third quarter 1999	Second to third quarter 1999
	% change		
<b>Composite</b>	<b>113.8</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>0.3</b>
Halifax	108.5	2.7	0.3
Montreal	111.8	2.0	0.5
Ottawa	113.2	2.6	0.6
Toronto	115.7	3.1	0.7
Calgary	115.4	2.8	0.2
Edmonton	114.5	2.5	0.2
Vancouver	115.1	1.1	0.0

**Note:** The apartment building construction price indexes provide an indication of new construction cost changes in seven major urban areas (Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver). Besides each of the urban areas' indexes and the composite index, there are further breakdowns of cost changes by trade groups within the building (structural, architectural, mechanical and electrical). These price indexes are derived from surveys of general and special trade-group contractors who report on the categories of costs (material, labour, equipment, taxes, overhead and profits) relevant to the detailed construction specifications included in the surveys.

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### Steel primary forms

Week ending November 6, 1999 (preliminary)

Steel primary forms production for the week ending November 6, 1999 totalled 263 414 tonnes, down 9.3% from the week-earlier 290 566 tonnes and up 5.0% from the year-earlier 250 796 tonnes. The cumulative total at the end of the week was 13 629 250 tonnes, virtually unchanged from 13 618 537 tonnes for the same period in 1998.

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

### Industrial monitor on CD-ROM

November 1999

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 25 sectors and can be purchased by individual sector or as a complete package.

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For more information, or to request a free demonstration CD-ROM, contact Yolande Chantigny (1 800 887-IMAD (4623); 613-951-IMAD (4623); fax: 613-951-3688; [imad@statcan.ca](mailto:imad@statcan.ca)), Industry Measures and Analysis Division, or contact your nearest Statistics Canada Regional Reference Centre. ■

## **Egg production**

September 1999 (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), contact Julie Gordon (613-951-5039), Agriculture Division.

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

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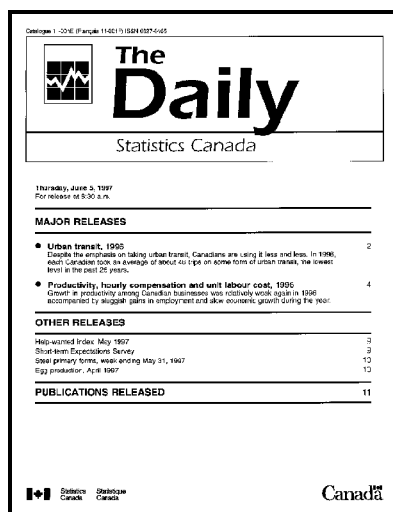
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