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### Dangerous goods accident information system

1998

Statistics Canada, in co-operation with Transport Canada, today releases the *Dangerous goods accident information system*. This is a database of all reported accidents involving the transport of dangerous goods.

These reports are filed if an accident involving dangerous goods results in a release that presents a danger to health, life, property or the environment. Reports are also filed for accidents involving death or injury, or damage to containment due to impact stress or fatigue. The data are presented annually.

There is great detail available for each accident, ranging from the date, time and location to the emergency personnel who responded at the scene. Also, any additional written comments, which were provided with the report, are included on the diskette and are accessible to FoxPro users. The data contained in this database are current up to 1998.

To order the database (50F0002XDB, \$100), contact Carole Stuart, (613-951-5936; fax: 613-951-4513; [stuacar@statcan.ca](mailto:stuacar@statcan.ca)), Dissemination Division. For information about the data, contact Jonathan Rose (613-990-1142; fax: 613-993-5925; [rosej@tc.gc.ca](mailto:rosej@tc.gc.ca)), Transport Canada.



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## OTHER RELEASES

### Help-wanted Index

October 1999

The Help-wanted Index (1996=100) increased 1.3% in October to 162.

Alberta had the highest increase (+5.3%), marking the province's second consecutive monthly advance after several months of negative or no growth. Other increases in Prince Edward Island (+3.2%), Saskatchewan (+2.4%) and Ontario (+1.7%) were partially offset by decreases in Manitoba, Quebec and Nova Scotia.

The index was 11.9% higher compared with a year earlier.

### Help-wanted Index

(1996=100)

	Oct. 1998	Sept. 1999	Oct. 1999	Oct. 1998 to Oct. 1999	Sept. to Oct. 1999
seasonally adjusted and smoothed					
	% change				
<b>Canada</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Newfoundland	138	163	164	19.2	0.6
Prince Edward Island	152	188	194	27.6	3.2
Nova Scotia	151	172	170	12.9	-1.2
New Brunswick	158	180	182	15.3	1.1
Quebec	144	159	156	8.5	-1.9
Ontario	155	178	181	16.9	1.7
Manitoba	165	176	169	2.2	-4.0
Saskatchewan	132	127	130	-1.9	2.4
Alberta	138	131	138	-0.2	5.3
British Columbia	120	131	133	10.6	1.5

**Note:** The Help-wanted Index is compiled from the number of help-wanted ads published in 22 newspapers in 20 major metropolitan areas. The index is a measure of companies' intentions to hire new workers. These indexes have been seasonally adjusted and smoothed to ease month-to-month comparisons.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 105 (levels 8 to 10).**

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### Short-term Expectations Survey

September to December 1999

According to the Short-term Expectations Survey of economic forecasters, the performance of the economy is expected to show little change in the coming months.

The mean forecast of year-over-year inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index is 2.5% for October and 2.4% for both November and December. Actual inflation, meanwhile, was slightly higher than previously expected — the average forecast for September was 2.1% compared with the actual rate of 2.6%.

The mean monthly growth forecast for the gross domestic product in August was 0.4%, slightly lower than the actual rate of 0.5%. Analysts expect about the same growth in September and October, with mean monthly growth rates of 0.3%.

Forecasts for international trade show a small change in the trade surplus from September to November, with mean forecasts of \$3.7 billion in both September and October and \$3.8 billion in November. Average forecasts show a slight increase in both exports and imports over these months.

The actual seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in September was 7.5% and the participation rate was 65.4%. Forecasters anticipate an unemployment rate of 7.5% for October, November and December. Very slight increases in the participation rate are expected, with an average rate of 65.4% in October, 65.5% in November and 65.6% in December.

## Short-term Expectations Survey

	Average forecasts					Actual figures	
	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Aug.	Sept.
	% yearly growth						
<b>Consumer Price Index</b>							
Initial forecast	1.6	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.4	2.1	2.6
First revision	1.7	1.9	2.0	2.4	..		
Second revision	1.8	2.1	2.5	..	..		
	% monthly growth, seasonally adjusted, constant \$1992						
<b>Gross domestic product</b>							
Initial forecast	0.2	0.3	0.3	..	..	0.5	..
First revision	0.3	0.3	..	..	..		
Second revision	0.4	..	..	..	..		
	\$ billion						
<b>Exports</b>							
Initial forecast	29.0	29.6	30.5	31.6	..	31.2	..
First revision	29.4	30.3	31.5	..	..		
Second revision	30.1	31.3	..	..	..		
<b>Imports</b>							
Initial forecast	26.5	27.1	27.3	27.8	..	27.6	..
First revision	26.7	27.1	27.8	..	..		
Second revision	27.0	27.6	..	..	..		
<b>Balance</b>							
Initial forecast	2.5	2.5	3.2	3.8	..	3.6	..
First revision	2.7	3.2	3.7	..	..		
Second revision	3.1	3.7	..	..	..		
	seasonally adjusted %						
<b>Unemployment rate</b>							
Initial forecast	8.1	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.5	7.8	7.5
First revision	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.5	..		
Second revision	7.7	7.8	7.5	..	..		
<b>Labour force participation rate</b>							
Initial forecast	66.0	65.6	65.7	65.6	65.6	65.4	65.4
First revision	65.6	65.6	65.5	65.5	..		
Second revision	65.5	65.5	65.4	..	..		

.. Not available.

The next release of the Short-term Expectations Survey will be on December 1.

For more information, for a set of tables, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Jamie Brunet (613-951-6684; fax: 613-951-1572; [jamie.brunet@statcan.ca](mailto:jamie.brunet@statcan.ca)), Small Business and Special Surveys Division. ■

## Sugar sales

Third quarter 1999

Refiners' sales totalled 302 208 metric tonnes for all types of sugar in the third quarter of 1999, comprising 299 924 metric tonnes in domestic sales and 2 284 metric tonnes in export sales.

This compares with total sales of 287 236 metric tonnes for the third quarter of 1998, of which 285 228 metric tonnes were domestic sales and 2 008 metric tonnes were export sales.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 141.

The third quarter 1999 issue of *The sugar situation* (32-013-XIB, \$10/\$31) is now available. See *How to order publications*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods and data quality of this release, contact Peter Zylstra (613-951-3511; [zylspet@statcan.ca](mailto:zylspet@statcan.ca)), Manufacturing, Construction, and Energy Division. ■

## Economic overview of farm incomes: Fruit and vegetable farms 1996

The sixth bulletin in the series *Economic overview of farm incomes*, which is a joint publication of Statistics Canada and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, is now available.

*Economic overview of farm incomes* offers farm financial information and analysis based on data from the Taxation Data Program and other agricultural surveys. The sixth bulletin provides a detailed analysis of fruit and vegetable farms, including information on farm-level revenues, expenses and net operating income before depreciation by revenue class and province. Information on the concentration and specialization of production as well as on the physical characteristics of fruit and vegetable farms by revenue class is also included.

*Economic overview of farm incomes: fruit and vegetable farms* (21-005-XIE, vol. 1, no. 6) is now available free on Statistics Canada's Web site ([www.statcan.ca](http://www.statcan.ca)). The menu path is *Products and services* then *Downloadable publications (free)*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods, and data quality of this release, contact Lina Di Piéto (613-951-3171 or 1 800 465-1991; fax: 613-951-3868) or Alain Bertrand (613-951-5027), Agriculture Division. ■

## Farm product prices

January to September 1999

Monthly farm product prices from January to September are now available.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Bernie Rosien (613-951-2441; fax: 613-951-3868), Farm Income and Prices Section, Agriculture Division. ■

## Supply and disposition of major grains

1998/99

Data on the supply and disposition of major grains for the 1998/99 crop year are now available.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 5629, 5674, 5679-5685 and 5688.**

The supply and disposition data are contained in the August 1999 issue of *Cereals and oilseeds review* (22-007-XPB, \$15/\$149), which is now available. See *How to order publications*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Karen Gray (204-983-2856; [karen.gray@statcan.ca](mailto:karen.gray@statcan.ca)), or Les Macartney (613-951-8714; [les.macartney@statcan.ca](mailto:les.macartney@statcan.ca)), Grain Marketing Unit, Agriculture Division. ■

## Logging industry

1997

The 1997 principal statistics for the logging industry are now available.

The 1997 issue of *Logging industry* (25-201-XPB, \$34) will be available shortly. See *How to order publications*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods and data quality of this release, contact Gilles Simard (613-951-3516; [simales@statcan.ca](mailto:simales@statcan.ca)), Manufacturing, Construction, and Energy Division. ■

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**Livestock statistics updates**, November 1999  
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**Catalogue number 32-013-XIB**  
(Canada: \$10/\$31).

**Food consumption in Canada, part II, 1998**  
**Catalogue number 32-230-XIB**  
(Canada: \$26).

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
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Despite the emphasis on taking urban transit, Canadians are using it less and less. In 1995, each Canadian took an average of about 40 trips on some form of urban transit, the lowest level in the past 25 years.	
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