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### Computer use and Internet use by rural households

*Computer use and Internet use by members of rural households* is the seventh in Statistics Canada's series of analysis bulletins to profile trends in rural Canada. The series is published in collaboration with the Rural Secretariat, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

The share of rural and small town individuals with a computer at home increased from 14% in 1989 to 22% in 1994. The largest increase was for individuals with at least high school graduation and for individuals in households with total income of \$40,000 or more.

In 1989, 12% of rural and small town residents used a computer at work, increasing to 17% in 1994. Among these individuals, 40% were affected by the introduction of computers at work. Two-thirds of this group noted that an increased skill level was needed to do their job once computers were introduced.

In 1997, 29% of rural households had one member who had used computer communications at least once (from any location). In 10% of rural households, one person used computer communications from home in a typical month. General browsing and e-mail were the most common uses while electronic banking and shopping were much less common. Only 3% of rural households used computer communications for a self-employed business in a typical month.

*Computer use and Internet use by members of rural households* (21-006-XIE, free) 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 Ray Bollman (613-951-3747; 1-800-465-1991; fax: 613-951-3868; [bollman@statcan.ca](mailto:bollman@statcan.ca)), Agriculture Division. ■

### Railway carloadings

Nine-day period ending April 30, 1999

Non-intermodal traffic loaded during the nine-day period ending April 30, 1999, increased 3.3% to 6.5 million tonnes compared with the same period in 1998. The number of cars loaded increased 2.0%.

Intermodal traffic tonnage totalled 545 000 tonnes, a 14.0% increase from the same period of last year. The year-to-date figures increased 12.9%.

Total traffic rose 4.1% during the period. This brought the year-to-date total to 83.2 million tonnes, a 3.8% decrease from the previous year.

All year-to-date figures have been revised.

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### Particleboard, oriented strandboard and fibreboard

March 1999

Oriented strandboard production in March totalled 643 331 cubic metres, a 25.2% increase from 513 758 cubic metres in March 1998. Particleboard production reached 196 223 cubic metres, a decrease of 5.1% from 206 686 cubic metres in March 1998. Fibreboard production was 82 912 cubic metres, up 18.8% from 69 764 cubic metres in March 1998.

Year-to-date production of oriented strandboard totalled 1 905 860 cubic metres, a 27.5% increase from 1 494 535 cubic metres for the same period last year. Particleboard production reached 577 017 cubic metres, up 3.5% from 557 629 cubic metres in 1998. Year-to-date fibreboard production reached 221 782 cubic metres, up 17.5% from 188 767 cubic metres during the same period in 1998.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 31 (series 2, 3, 5) and 122 (series 8).**

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### Construction-type plywood

March 1999

Canadian firms produced 172 033 cubic metres of construction-type plywood during March, a 2.4% decrease from the 176 282 cubic metres produced during March 1998.

Year-to-date production totalled 471 862 cubic metres, a 1.8% decrease from the 480 610 cubic metres produced during the same period in 1998.

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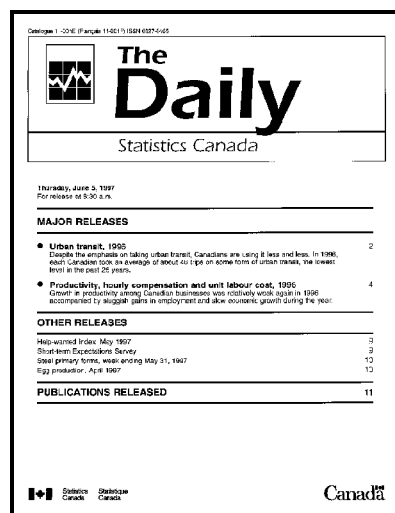
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