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Non-residential building construction price indexes

Second quarter 1999

The composite price index for non-residential building construction (1992=100) for the second quarter of 1999 stands at 114.2, a 0.9% increase over the previous quarter and up 1.9% from the same quarter one year ago.

The index for Toronto and Calgary increased 1.1% from the first to the second quarter of 1999, followed by Ottawa (+0.9%), Edmonton (+0.7%), and Halifax, Montreal and Vancouver (+0.5%).

Non-residential building construction price indexes

Second quarter 1999, (1992=100)

	Second quarter 1999	Second quarter 1998 to second quarter 1999	First to second Quarter 1999
	% change		
Composite	114.2	1.9	0.9
Halifax	106.2	1.8	0.5
Montreal	111.4	1.6	0.5
Ottawa	113.0	2.1	0.9
Toronto	115.4	2.6	1.1
Calgary	115.2	2.1	1.1
Edmonton	114.5	1.8	0.7
Vancouver	115.9	1.0	0.5

Note: Non-residential building construction price indexes provide an indication of changes in construction costs in seven major urban areas across Canada (Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver). Three construction categories (industrial, commercial and institutional buildings) are represented by selected models (a light factory building, an office building, a warehouse, a shopping centre and a school).

Besides the city indexes and seven city composites, a further breakdown of the changes in costs is available by trade group (structural, architectural, mechanical and electrical) within the building types. These price indexes are derived from surveys of general and special trade group contractors. They report data on various categories of costs (material, labour, equipment, taxes, overhead

and profit) relevant to the detailed construction specifications included in the surveys.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 9930-9931.

The second quarter 1999 issue of *Construction price statistics* (62-007-XPB, \$24/\$79) will be available in September. See *How to order publications*.

For further information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods and data quality of this release, contact Louise Chainé (613-951-3350; fax: 613-951-1539; chailou@statcan.ca), Client Services Unit, Prices Division. ■

Railway carloadings

Seven-day period ending July 14, 1999

Non-intermodal traffic loaded during the seven-day period ending July 14, 1999, increased 6.0% to 4.4 million tonnes compared with the same period last year. The number of cars loaded increased 7.0%.

Intermodal traffic tonnage totalled 356 000 tonnes, a 2.3% increase from the same period last year. The year-to-date figures show an increase of 12.1%.

Total traffic increased 5.7% during the period. This brought the year-to-date total to 135.1 million tonnes, a decrease of 2.2% from the previous year.

All year-to-date figures have been revised.

For further information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Robert Larocque (613-951-2486, fax: 613-951-0009; laroque@statcan.ca), Transportation Division. ■

Egg production

June 1999 (preliminary)

Egg production estimates for June are now available.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 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,

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Sawmills and planing mills

May 1999


Sawmills in Canada produced 5 725.4 thousand cubic metres of lumber and ties in May 1999, an increase of 7.4% from 5 332.5 thousand cubic metres (after revisions) produced in May 1998.



January to May 1999 production was 28 790.7 thousand cubic metres, up 3.4% from 27 850.3 thousand cubic metres (after revisions) produced over the same period in 1998.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 53 and 122 (series 2).

The May 1999 issue of *Sawmills and planing mills* (35-003-XIB, \$9/\$86) will be available shortly. See *How to order publications*.

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