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Manufacturers strongly curtailed production in November. Shipments increased, but did not match production. As a result, inventories were higher than in November 1999.

In November, 3.9 billion cigarettes were produced, 17% less than in October but 2% more than in November 1999. Year-to-date production reached 43 billion cigarettes, 2% below production in the same period of 1999.

Manufacturers shipped 3.8 billion cigarettes in November, 6% more than in October and also 6% more than in November 1999. Year-to-date shipments to the end of November were 42 billion cigarettes, 2% lower than shipments in the same period in 1999.

Inventories expanded during November, which is usual as manufacturers prepare for the holiday season. Closing inventories increased to 4.4 billion cigarettes, which was 5% more than the 4.2 billion opening inventory and also 5% above the 4.2 billion in inventory at the end of November 1999.

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The November 2000 issue of *Production and disposition of tobacco products* (32-022-XIB, \$5/\$47) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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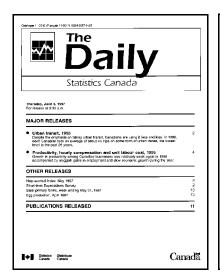
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