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OTHER RELEASES

Machinery and Equipment Price Index

Fourth quarter 2000

The Machinery and Equipment Price Index (1986=100) was 135.6 in the fourth quarter, up 1.7% from the third quarter. This rise was led by the imported component, which jumped 2.5%; the domestic component was up 0.6%. Compared with the fourth quarter of 1999, the overall index advanced 2.5%; the domestic component was up 1.3% and the imported component 3.5%.

Compared with the third quarter, all industry groups showed significant rises. The index increase was the result of rises in manufacturing (+1.9%), transport (+1.4%) and community, business and personal services (+2.2%). Although mining and construction have lower relative importance to the index, they recorded the biggest quarterly increase (+2.3%). The largest contributors to the rise in manufacturing were paper and allied products (+1.9%), chemicals (+1.7%) and primary metals (+2.0%). In the transport sector, electricity and air transport climbed 1.2% and 3.3%, respectively.

The largest contributors to the year-over-year price increase were manufacturing (+3.3%), transport (+2.2%), mining (+3.6%) and community, business and personal services (+2.3%). The rise in manufacturing was caused mainly by paper and allied products (+3.6%), chemicals (+3.0%), primary metals (+3.0%) and food and beverages (+3.5%). In the case of transport, the growth was driven by electricity (+2.3%) and air transport (+5.6%). The telephone industry (-0.5%) is the only industry that recorded a decrease, owing to weak prices throughout the year.

Compared with the third quarter, almost all commodities showed significant rises, with the top four commodities accounting for 38% of the increase. Specialized industrial equipment (+2.2%), trucks (+1.7%), passenger cars (+2.1%) and aircraft (+3.9%) contributed substantially. In the specialized industrial equipment category, the imported and domestic components were up 3.0% and 0.7%, respectively. The biggest increases in the imported specialized component were in mining (+3.7%) and food and beverages (+4.6%). On the domestic side, finance, insurance and real estate (+4.4%), furniture (+3.8%) and gas distribution (+3.7%) saw higher price rises.

The contribution of the four major commodities to the annual increase represents 87% of the total change. Specialized industrial equipment (+3.3%), trucks (+2.1%), other equipment (+1.8%) and aircraft

(+7.9%) contributed the most to the increase. However, telephone and telegraph line apparatus and radar equipment fell 1.4% and 3.4%, respectively.

The Canadian dollar was worth an average of 65.4 U.S. cents in the fourth quarter, down 2.9% from the third quarter and 3.4% from the fourth quarter of 1999.

Machinery and Equipment Price Index (1986=100)

	Relative importance	Fourth quarter 2000 ^P	Third to fourth quarter 2000	Fourth quarter 1999 to fourth quarter 2000
			% change	
Machinery and Equipment Price Index	100.0	135.6	1.7	2.5
Agriculture	11.0	160.0	0.7	0.4
Forestry	1.5	147.2	1.2	1.8
Fishing	0.6	129.5	1.4	2.0
Mines, quarries and oil wells	6.0	139.6	2.3	3.6
Manufacturing	29.9	144.4	1.9	3.3
Construction	3.5	143.8	2.3	3.7
Transportation, communication, storage and utilities	25.9	126.6	1.4	2.2
Trade	4.0	122.1	1.7	2.4
Finance, insurance and real estate	1.8	110.7	1.4	1.4
Community, business and personal services	11.1	112.6	2.2	2.3
Public administration	4.7	132.5	2.0	3.0

^P Preliminary figures.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2023-2025.

The fourth quarter 2000 issue of *Construction price statistics* (62-007-XPB, \$24/\$79) will be available in March. See *How to order products*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Denise Potvin (613-951-3350; fax: 613-951-1539; infounit@statcan.ca), Prices Division. ■

Dairy statistics

December 2000 and January 2001 (preliminary)

Monthly dairy statistics for December and January are now available.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3428, 5632-5638, 5650-5661, 5664-5667 and 5673.

The October–December 2000 issue of *The dairy review* (23-001-XIB, \$27/\$89; 23-001-XPB, \$36/\$119) will be available in February. See *How to order products*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Anna Michalowska (1-800-465-1991; 613-951-2442; fax: 613-951-3868), Agriculture Division. ■

Travel arrangement services

1998

Data on travel arrangement services for 1998 are now available. These data measure items such as revenue, salaries and wages, profit margin, the percentage distribution of revenue by type of service, expenditures and client base.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Adib Farhat (613-951-6306; farhadi@statcan.ca) or Randy Smadella (613-951-3472), Service Industries Division. ■

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