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## OTHER RELEASES

### Domestic sales of refined petroleum products

March 2001 (preliminary)

Sales of refined petroleum products totalled 7 811 800 cubic metres in March, up 4.9% from March 2000. Sales increased for six of the seven major product groups, with the largest gains recorded for heavy fuel oil (+174 900 cubic metres or +33.1%), light fuel oils (+98 800 cubic metres, +19.7%), motor gasoline (+57 400 cubic metres, +1.9%) and diesel fuel (+54 900 cubic metres, +2.9%). The advance in heavy fuel oil sales reflects higher usage of the product by utilities for electricity generation.

Sales of premium motor gasoline and regular non-leaded motor gasoline increased by 4.0% and 1.9%, respectively, compared with March 2000. Sales of mid-grade motor gasoline dropped 4.0% over the same period.

### Sales of refined petroleum products

|                                       | March 2000 <sup>r</sup>         | March 2001 <sup>p</sup>         | March 2000 to March 2001           |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                                       | thousands of cubic metres       |                                 | % change                           |
| <b>Total, all products</b>            | <b>7 448.5</b>                  | <b>7 811.8</b>                  | <b>4.9</b>                         |
| Motor gasoline                        | 3 052.1                         | 3 109.5                         | 1.9                                |
| Diesel fuel oil                       | 1 865.0                         | 1 919.9                         | 2.9                                |
| Light fuel oil                        | 502.7                           | 601.5                           | 19.7                               |
| Heavy fuel oil                        | 527.8                           | 702.7                           | 33.1                               |
| Aviation turbo fuels                  | 447.0                           | 450.7                           | 0.8                                |
| Petrochemical feedstocks <sup>1</sup> | 410.2                           | 363.8                           | -11.3                              |
| All other refined products            | 643.7                           | 663.7                           | 3.1                                |
|                                       | Jan. to March 2000 <sup>r</sup> | Jan. to March 2001 <sup>p</sup> | Jan.-March 2000 to Jan.-March 2001 |
| <b>Total, all products</b>            | <b>22 495.9</b>                 | <b>23 556.5</b>                 | <b>4.7</b>                         |
| Motor gasoline                        | 8 912.3                         | 9 036.3                         | 1.4                                |
| Diesel fuel oil                       | 5 513.9                         | 5 573.0                         | 1.1                                |
| Light fuel oil                        | 1 937.1                         | 2 167.5                         | 11.9                               |
| Heavy fuel oil                        | 1 626.2                         | 2 156.8                         | 32.6                               |
| Aviation turbo fuels                  | 1 355.0                         | 1 388.3                         | 2.5                                |
| Petrochemical feedstocks <sup>1</sup> | 1 116.8                         | 1 129.8                         | 1.2                                |
| All other refined products            | 2 034.7                         | 2 104.9                         | 3.5                                |

<sup>r</sup> Revised data.

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary data.

<sup>1</sup> Materials produced by refineries that are used by the petrochemical industry to produce chemicals, synthetic rubber and a variety of plastics.

Year-to-date sales of refined petroleum products were up 1 060 600 cubic metres or 4.7% higher than in the same period in 2000. Sales increased for all seven major product groups, the largest advances were for heavy fuel oil (+530 600 cubic metres or +32.6%), light fuel oil (+230 400 cubic metres or +11.9%), and motor gasoline (+124 000 cubic metres or 1.4%).

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### Steel primary forms

Week ending April 28, 2001 (preliminary)

Steel primary forms production for the week ending April 28 totalled 266 355 metric tonnes, down 11.4% from 300 557 tonnes a week earlier and down 6.0% from 283 300 tonnes in the same week of 2000. The year-to-date total at the end of the reference week was 4 728 892 tonnes, down 12.7% from 5 418 266 tonnes produced in the same period of 2000.

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### Farm product prices

January to March 2001

Monthly farm product prices for January to March are now available.

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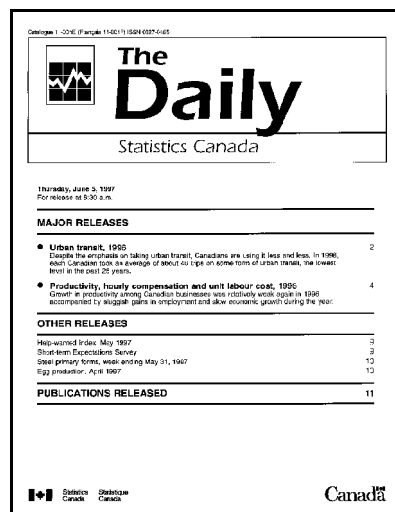
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