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Livestock Feed Requirements Study 1999, 2000 and 2001

The 2001 Livestock Feed Requirements Study is now available. This release provides preliminary estimates of grain and roughage consumption by Canadian livestock for 2001 and revised estimates for 1999 and 2000. The study is based on 1999 feed coefficients applied to livestock populations for the three years of this release. The study releases information by species at the national and provincial levels.

In 2001, Canadian livestock required 24.3 million metric tonnes of grain-based feed and 45.3 million tonnes of roughage, compared with 23.2 million tonnes of feed and 44.2 million tonnes of roughage in 1999.

Alberta's livestock industry topped the demand for feed in 2001, requiring 6.4 million tonnes of grain-based rations and 18.1 million tonnes of roughage. Ontario came in second, requiring 5.9 million tonnes of grain-based rations and 6.4 million tonnes of roughage. Quebec, which consumed 5.3 million tonnes of grain-based rations and 4.7 million tonnes of roughage, was third. Saskatchewan, with the second largest beef cow herd in Canada, was also a big user of roughage, at 8.0 million tonnes.

Hogs were the largest users of grain-based feed, consuming 37% of the national total. The beef industry consumed 76% of the roughage. Grain corn was the most popular ingredient in the grain-based rations, 31% by weight.

Livestock Feed Requirements Study (23-501-XIE, free) is now available on Statistics Canada's website (www.statcan.ca). From the *Our products and services* page, under *Browse our Internet publications*, choose *Free*, then *Agriculture*.

For more information, call 1-800-465-1991 or send an e-mail to agriculture@statcan.ca. To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Barb McLaughlin (902-893-7251; barbara.mclaughlin@statcan.ca), Agriculture Division. ■

Farm product prices November 2002

Prices received by farmers in November for grains, oilseeds, specialty crops, fruits, vegetables, cattle, hogs, poultry, eggs and dairy products are now available.

The Quebec hog price in November was \$56.43 per hundredweight, down 9% from October but still well above the low of \$24.96 in December 1998.

The Saskatchewan flaxseed price in November, at \$410.95 per metric tonne, was up 9% from October, and 36% higher than the \$301.01 recorded in November 2001.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Gail-Ann Breese (204-983-3445; fax: 204-983-3122; gail-ann.breese@statcan.ca), Agriculture Division. ■

Sawmills and planing mills October 2002

Sawmill production increased 13.3% in October, the third consecutive monthly increase. The sustained activity in residential construction, especially in Canada, is still boosting sawmill production. The most recent releases on building permits do not reveal any sign of a slowdown in new housing construction.

Canadian sawmills increased the pace of production from a smaller number of plants in order to lower operational costs and cope with the penalties imposed by the United States.

Lumber shipments increased 15.9% from September to 7 058.1 thousand cubic metres, up 8.5% from October 2001. This increase was also due to strong demand for lumber by the construction sector and the result of building permits remaining at high levels in the United States, even though they decreased 11.4% in October.

Similarly, lumber exports, as measured by the International Trade Division, increased 8.3% from September (unadjusted data), extending the upward trend initiated in June. Exports reached 4 503.8 thousand cubic metres in October.

Because sawmills shipped more lumber than the quantities produced, stocks went down 1.5% to 8 455.0 thousand cubic metres, extending the downward trend started in May.

Lumber prices, as measured by the Industrial Product Price Index, increased slightly (+0.9%) from September, the first increase since July. This was due to the strong demand for lumber by residential construction, which should continue considering the high level of building permits issued recently. The value of building permits totalled \$4.0 billion in October, up 6.9% from September.

Year-to-date production at the end of October reached 61 565.9 thousand cubic metres, up 3.2% from 59 643.7 thousand cubic metres in the same period of 2001. This increase can be attributed to

the strength in residential construction, since building permits increased 28.5% in October from October 2001.

Available on CANSIM: table 303-0009.

Information on methods and data quality available in the Integrated Meta Data Base: survey number 2134.

The October 2002 issue of *Sawmills and planing mills*, Vol. 56, no. 10 (35-003-XIB, \$9/\$86) is now available. See *How to order products*.

For general information or to order data, contact the dissemination officer (1-866-873-8789; 613-951-9497; manufact@statcan.ca). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Gilles Simard (613-951-3516; simales@statcan.ca), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

Construction type plywood

October 2002

Data on construction type plywood are now available for October.

Available on CANSIM: table 303-0005.

Information on methods and data quality available in the Integrated Meta Data Base: survey number 2138.

The October 2002 issue of *Construction type plywood*, Vol. 50, no. 10 (35-001-XIB, \$5/\$47) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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Survey of Innovation: Statistical tables, manufacturing industries, Canada

A series of statistical tables based on results of the 1999 Survey of Innovation is now available. This document includes a description of survey methodology, and statistical tables for manufacturing industries at the national level for all non write-in questions from the Survey of Innovation 1999 questionnaire.

Tables present survey results on the following subjects: competitive environment, firm success factors, percentage of innovative firms, unsuccessful or not yet completed innovation projects, activities linked to innovation, sources of information, objectives, problems and obstacles, impact, cooperative and collaborative arrangements, most important innovation, building and construction products, natural resource products, research and development, intellectual property, human resources, and government support programs.

Survey of Innovation, statistical tables, manufacturing industries, Canada, 1999 (88F0006XIE, no. 16, free) is now available on Statistics Canada's website (www.statcan.ca). From the *Our products and services* page, under *Browse our Internet publications*, choose *Free*, then *Science and technology*.

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