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Trucking industry 2002

In 2002, the roughly 2,000 long-distance, for-hire trucking companies based in Canada that had annual operating revenues of \$1 million or more generated \$15.6 billion in revenues, up 6.1% from 2001. These long-distance carriers hauled 294 million metric tonnes of freight, up 1.9%.

Domestic shipments accounted for 72% of this total tonnage and 53% of revenues. Carriers hauled 31 million shipments within Canada, weighing 212.8 million tonnes. Domestic shipments generated 8.3 billion in revenues.

In terms of revenue, trucking continued to be the dominant mode for transporting goods between Canada and the United States. About 55% of the exports to the United States and over 80% of imports from the United States were moved by truck in 2002.

Transborder movements accounted for 21% of total shipments and 47% of revenues. Carriers hauled 7.9 million shipments across the Canada-US border, with freight totalling 81 million tonnes. These transborder shipments generated \$7.3 billion in revenues.

The most frequent single commodity moved to or from the United States, other than miscellaneous transported products, was vehicles including parts and accessories.

In total, the transportation sector employed 474,800 people in 2002. The trucking industry was by far the largest employer accounting for 34% (or 163,400) of the people working in the sector.

Data showed that carriers were generally profitable in 2002. For-hire trucking companies generated \$19.3 billion in total revenues and had \$18.3 billion in total expenses. The overall operating profit margin was lower at 5.1%, compared with 5.7% in 2001. However, operating profit margins for large carriers (those with annual revenues of between \$12 million and \$25 million) increased from 3.9% in 2001 to 4.7% in 2002.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 2741, 2742 and 2748.

The 2002 issue of *Trucking in Canada* (53-222-XIB, \$42) is now available. See *How to order products*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release,

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Farming operating revenues and expenses 2002 (final estimates)

According to taxation records, the average operating revenues per farm increased 4.8% to \$202,660 from 2001 to 2002. In the same period, average operating expenses went up 4.9% to \$172,410. Consequently, operating margins dropped 0.1 cents to 14.9 cents per dollar of revenue. Compared with the five-year average from 1997 to 2001, average operating revenues in 2002 were up 20.4% in current dollars. The 2002 operating margins were identical to the previous five-year average (1997 to 2001) operating margins.

The overall rise in average operating revenues is partly explained by the 9.2% increase in average crop revenues. This was largely because of a 25.8% jump in the sales of forage crops. The export demand for potato products resulted in higher average revenues from the sale of potatoes (+24.4%). Greenhouse, nursery and floriculture products (+9.3%) also contributed to the advance in the crop sector. Sales of grains and oilseeds rose on average 6.3%, mostly because of a 26.7% increase in sales of corn.

Average operating expenses climbed in 2002, mainly because of higher livestock expenses (+6.3%). In particular, higher feed costs (+16.5%) contributed to the rise. Total crop expenses rose by 3.3%, for the most part because of an 11.0% increase in seed costs. Expenses for insurance (+12.6%), rent (+12.4%), custom work (+10.6%) and salaries (+7.6%) also rose significantly.

Among all farm types, poultry and egg farms ranked first in average operating revenues (\$722,630) in 2002, followed closely by hog and pig farms (\$720,461) and greenhouse, nursery and floriculture production (\$683,518). Potato farms posted the largest percentage increase (+14.5%) over 2001, averaging \$620,995. All farm types except poultry and egg farms reported higher average operating revenues.

In 2002, hog and pig farms had the highest average operating expenses (\$666,569), followed by poultry and egg farms (\$641,468) and greenhouse, nursery and floriculture production (\$615,728). Other vegetable (excluding potato) and melon farms recorded the largest percentage increase in average operating expenses

(+10.9%) over 2001. Poultry and egg farms were the only farm type posting lower average operating expenses over 2001.

Grain and oilseed farms had the highest operating margins at 23.9 cents per dollar of revenue, up 1.1 cents from 2001. Dairy farms ranked second at 23.4 cents, down 0.8 cents from 2001. These were the only two farm types with operating margins above 20 cents per dollar of revenue. Eight of the 11 major farm types posted higher operating margins in 2002. Other animal production (excluding cattle, dairy, hog and poultry and egg) posted the largest increase (+3.4 cents) while hog and pig farms experienced the largest decrease (-5.9 cents).

On a revenue-class basis, farms with operating revenues of between \$100,000 and \$249,999 had the highest operating margins, estimated at 21.2 cents, a decrease of 0.4 cents from 2001. All revenue classes below \$250,000 reported a decrease in operating margins, while all revenue classes of \$250,000 and above reported an increase in operating margins.

Farms with sales of \$500,000 and over now accounted for 53.2% of farming revenues in 2002, compared with 38.7% in 1997, according to taxation records.

Note: These estimates cover unincorporated farms with gross operating revenues of \$10,000 and over, and corporations with total farm sales of \$25,000 and over for which 50% or more of sales come from agricultural activities. Estimates presented in this release include communal organizations. Operating margin is defined as one dollar minus operating expenses (before depreciation) per dollar of revenue.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3447.

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Average operating revenues and expenses per farm and operating margins 2002 (final estimates)

	Average operating revenues	Average operating expenses	Operating margins ¹
	Dollars		Cents
All farms	202,660	172,410	14.9
Poultry and egg	722,630	641,468	11.2
Hog and pig	720,461	666,569	7.5
Greenhouse, nursery and floriculture	683,518	615,728	9.9
Potato	620,995	501,150	19.3
Dairy and milk production	299,244	229,245	23.4
Other vegetable and melon	292,599	248,236	15.2
Beef cattle and feedlots	181,816	166,989	8.2
Other animal	148,217	132,354	10.7
Fruit and tree nut	142,574	124,016	13.0
Grain and oilseed	131,891	100,338	23.9
Other crop	98,543	79,197	19.6

¹ Defined as one dollar less operating expenses (before depreciation) per dollar of revenue.

Federal electoral districts (2003 representation order) cartographic boundary file March 2004

The *Federal Electoral Districts (2003 Representation Order) Cartographic Boundary File* depicts the boundaries of the 308 federal electoral districts based on the 2001 Census geographic infrastructure, together with the shoreline around Canada. A federal electoral district is an area represented by a member of the House of Commons. A separate file indicates the large inland lakes and double-line rivers. The co-ordinates

are latitude and longitude and are based on the North American Datum of 1983.

The *Federal Electoral Districts (2003 Representation Order) Cartographic Boundary File* (92F0194XCE \$100) is now available on CD-ROM. See *How to order products*. The reference guide for the *Federal Electoral Districts (2003 Representation Order) Cartographic Boundary File* (92F0194GIE, free) is also available in electronic format.

For more information, or to order these files, contact your nearest Statistics Canada Regional Reference Centre.

Steel primary forms, weekly data

Week ending March 27, 2004 (preliminary)

Steel primary forms production for the week ending March 27 totalled 325 944 metric tonnes, up 4.0% from 313 442 tonnes a week earlier, but down 1.4% from 330 546 tonnes in the same week of 2003.

The year-to-date total as of March 27 was 3 806 807 tonnes, up 0.8% from 3 777 926 tonnes in the same period of 2003.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2131.

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Asphalt roofing

February 2004

Data on asphalt roofing for February are now available.

Available on CANSIM: table 303-0006.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2123.

The February 2004 issue of *Asphalt Roofing*, Vol. 56, no. 2 (45-001-XIB, \$6/\$51) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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Construction type plywood

January 2004

Data on construction type plywood for January are now available.

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Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2138.

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
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