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Natural gas sales

September 2007 (preliminary)

Cooler than normal temperatures in all Western provinces led to an increase in natural gas sales in the residential sector in September.

Higher sales volume in the residential sector (+3.0%), combined with a higher volume (+1.4%) of industrial sales (including direct sales), more than offset the 6.7% decline registered in the commercial sector.

Natural gas sales totalled 4 209 million cubic metres, up 0.7% from September 2006.

On a year-to-date basis, sales at the end of September were up 3.7% from the same nine-month period last year in the wake of across-the-board increases in all sectors.

Volume of sales to the industrial sector (including direct sales) has risen only 0.4% so far in 2007, while sales were up 9.5% in the residential sector and 7.9% in the commercial sector.

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Natural gas sales

	September 2007 ^P	September 2006	September 2006 to September 2007 % change
	thousands of cubic metres		
Total sales	4 209 301	4 179 760	0.7
Residential	514 749	499 711	3.0
Commercial	411 721	441 084	-6.7
Industrial and direct	3 282 831	3 238 965	1.4
	Year-to-date		
	2007 ^P	2006	2006 to 2007
	thousands of cubic metres		% change
Total sales	51 167 377	49 335 035	3.7
Residential	12 222 009	11 164 318	9.5
Commercial	8 910 944	8 260 484	7.9
Industrial and direct	30 034 424	29 910 233	0.4

^P preliminary

Honey and maple products

2007 (preliminary)

Canadian honey production in 2007 reached 61.4 million pounds, a drop of more than 40% from 2006's record production, which exceeded 100 million pounds. Most provinces pointed to higher than normal winter losses for the drop in production, though other factors such as weather, pests and availability of nectar sources also affected honey production. The yields per colony declined to 111 pounds of honey per hive, the lowest levels in 15 years. While the number of colonies fell by 11.6%, colony splitting enabled beekeepers to maintain the number of managed hives, though these

hives usually produce less honey. Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan collectively produced over 85% of Canadian honey in 2007.

Production of maple products decreased from 2006, with almost 800,000 gallons less produced in 2007. Quebec, which generates the majority of Canadian maple products produced and sold, reported 14.3% lower production, which was attributed to poor weather conditions in parts of the maple growing regions. Despite the drop in volume, prices in Quebec were unchanged at \$31 per gallon. The total value of maple products in Canada was 10.0% less than in 2006, with \$168 million worth sold in 2007. Maple products include maple syrup, maple sugar and maple butter.

Available on CANSIM: tables 001-0007 and 001-0008.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 3414 and 3419.

The 2007 issue of *Production and Value of Honey and Maple Products* (23-221-XWE, free) is now available online. From the *Publications* module of our website, choose *Free Internet publications*, then *Agriculture*.

For further information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Lorie Shinder (613-951-0524), Agriculture Division. ■

Canadian potato production

2004, 2005 and 2006 (revised), 2007 (preliminary)

For the first time, this publication contains tables from the United States' National Agricultural Statistics Service. These potato tables will become an ongoing part of this release. They contain data on area planted and harvested, production and value estimates by harvest season.

Good growing conditions in most of Canada resulted in a yield of 279.0 cwt per acre (31.27 tonnes per hectare), which approached the record yield of 287.1 cwt per acre (32.18 tonnes per hectare) seen in 2006. An excellent fall for harvesting in all provinces except British Columbia resulted in only 1% of the area not being harvested.

At the Canadian level, the area planted in 2007 was down 1% compared with 2006, to 397,000 acres (160,666 hectares), and the yield was down 3%. Overall production was down 2% to 109,591,000 cwt (4,971,048 tonnes).

Manitoba's production increased 10% in 2007 in response to increased contracts for processing potatoes. Alberta and Quebec also showed increases, with production up 4% and 2%, respectively. The greatest decreases occurred in Ontario, down 32% due to poor yields, and Newfoundland and Labrador, down 24%.

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Sawmills

September 2007

Monthly lumber production by sawmills rose 2.4% to 5 843.5 thousand cubic meters in September.

In September, sawmills shipped 5 678.8 thousand cubic meters of lumber, a decrease of 3.9% from August. Compared with September 2006, lumber shipments fell 16.5%.

Between August and September, stocks increased 1.4% to 7 965.1 thousand cubic meters.

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Shipments of solid fuel burning heating products

Third quarter 2007

Data on shipments of solid fuel burning heating products are now available for the third quarter of 2007.

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