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Farm Product Price Index January 2009

Prices farmers received for their commodities in January rose 0.6% from January 2008, as recovering hog, cattle and calf prices slightly outpaced falling crop prices.

The prices producers received for livestock and animal products in January were 15.4% higher compared with those in January 2008. All of the livestock index components were up, continuing the year-over-year price increases posted since July 2008. Prior to that, cattle and hog producers, faced with rising feed grain costs and an appreciating Canadian dollar, had seen monthly year-over-year declines since June 2007.

Conversely, the total crops index was 14.6% below its January 2008 level, as grain prices declined. However, at 123.9, the crops index remained well above its level of 96.1 recorded in September 2006, when it started to post year-over-year increases until November 2008. Tight supplies and growing demand have been replaced with crop reports that indicate ample supplies and a demand sector in an uncertain financial and economic environment.

On a monthly basis, prices farmers received for their commodities were down 0.9 % in January 2009 from December 2008, as both the total crops index and the livestock and animal products index fell.

The total index stood at 114.6 (1997=100) in January, down from the December 2008 index of 115.6.

Note: The growth rate of the total Farm Product Price Index (FPPI) is not a weighted average of the growth rates of its crop and livestock components. The growth rate of the total FPPI is derived from a weighted average of the component indices using a different set of weights in consecutive months. Given this, the growth rate of the composite FPPI can lie outside the growth rate of the components.

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Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5040.

The January 2009 issue of *Farm Product Price Index*, Vol. 9, no. 1 (21-007-XWE, free), is now available. From the *Publications* module on our website, under *All subjects* choose *Agriculture*.

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Farm Product Price Index

	January 2008 ^r	December 2008 ^r	January 2009 ^p	January 2008 to January 2009	December 2008 to January 2009
	(1997=100)			% change	
Farm Product Price Index	113.9	115.6	114.6	0.6	-0.9
Crops	145.0	127.0	123.9	-14.6	-2.4
Grains	176.9	113.8	114.9	-35.0	1.0
Oilseeds	119.7	118.8	119.9	0.2	0.9
Specialty crops	157.6	173.3	172.9	9.7	-0.2
Fruit	137.4	169.2	138.3	0.7	-18.3
Vegetables	117.2	120.2	124.1	5.9	3.2
Potatoes	124.5	182.3	180.6	45.1	-0.9
Livestock and animal products	92.2	106.7	106.4	15.4	-0.3
Cattle and calves	86.1	98.4	98.6	14.5	0.2
Hogs	49.0	71.9	75.2	53.5	4.6
Poultry	104.8	121.1	114.4	9.2	-5.5
Eggs	103.5	109.4	109.2	5.5	-0.2
Dairy	135.4	145.1	142.2	5.0	-2.0

^r revised

^p preliminary



Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index

February 2009

The Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index decreased 3.4% from the previous month to 135.1 (2003=100) in February. The courier portion fell 4.1%, while the local messengers component rose 0.2%.

Note: The Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index is a monthly price index measuring the change over time in prices for courier and messenger services provided by long and short distance delivery companies to Canadian-based business clients.

These indexes are available at the Canada level only.

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Placement of hatchery chicks and turkey poults

February 2009 (preliminary)

Placements of hatchery chicks on farms totalled 53.5 million birds in February, down 2.0% from February 2008. Placements of turkey poults on farms decreased 9.6% to 1.6 million birds.

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Production and disposition of tobacco products

February 2009

Canadian manufacturers produced 1.4 billion cigarettes in February, down 11.1% from the previous month. The total number of cigarettes sold increased by 10.8% to 1.5 billion, and closing inventories decreased by 3.0% to 2.0 billion cigarettes in February.

Note: This survey collects data on the production of tobacco products in Canada by Canadian manufacturers and the disposition or sales of this production. It does not collect data on imported tobacco products. Therefore, sales information in this release is not a proxy for domestic consumption of tobacco products.

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Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2142.

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For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact the dissemination officer (toll-free 1-866-873-8789; 613-951-9497; manufact@statcan.gc.ca), Manufacturing and Energy Division. ■

**Commercialization of innovation in
Canadian firms**

2007

Data from the 2007 Survey on the Commercialization of Innovation are now available.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5140.

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Culture services trade

1997 to 2006

Culture services trade data for 1997 to 2006 are now available.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5045.

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