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#### Education Matters: Insights on Education, Learning and Training in Canada

March 2009

This issue of Statistics Canada's free online publication, *Education Matters: Insights on Education, Learning and Training in Canada*, contains two articles.

The first article, "Self-reported delinquency of immigrant youth, Toronto 2006," uses data from the International Youth Survey to explore factors related to delinquency as reported by a sample of youth in grades 7, 8 and 9 living in Toronto in 2006. Rates of self-reported delinquency were lower for youth who aspired to a university education, spent most of their time with their families and, in the case of violent delinquency, reported having a close relationship with their mothers. Immigrant youth who had arrived in Canada after the age of five were more likely to exhibit these characteristics than both Canadian-born youth and other immigrant youth and, as a result, were less likely to report committing property delinquency.

The second article, "Earnings differences between immigrants and the Canadian-born: The role of literacy skills," summarizes the results of a recent Statistics Canada report that found that increasing immigrants' average literacy skill levels to match those of their Canadian-born counterparts would eliminate the earnings gap between the two groups. The earnings gains associated with stronger literacy skills were highest for male immigrants who had completed all of their education abroad.

The March 2009 issue of *Education Matters: Insights on Education, Learning and Training in Canada*, Vol. 5, no. 5 (81-004-XIE, free), is now available from the *Publications* module of our website.

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## Farm Product Price Index

December 2008

Prices farmers received for their commodities in December were down 1.2% from November 2008, as the overall crops index declined 2.5%, while the livestock and animal products index increased 0.6%.

The main contributors to the crops index decline were grains, oilseeds and special crops. Volatility continued in the global financial and economic markets and crop reports continued to indicate ample supply for the 2008 crop year. The final 2008 crop production for Canada was released by Statistics Canada in December, reporting record yields and production for many crops.

The hogs index was up 3.0% from November 2008. Starting 2008 at 49.0, the hogs index fluctuated month to month to settle at 71.9 by December.

Despite mostly monthly decreases in December, all of the livestock components remained above December 2007 levels, when livestock producers faced rising feed grain costs and a higher Canadian dollar.

**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.

**Available on CANSIM: tables 002-0021 and 002-0022.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5040.**

The December 2008 issue of *Farm Product Price Index*, Vol. 8, no. 12 (21-007-XWE, free), is now available. From the *Publications* module on our website, under *All subjects* choose *Agriculture*.

For more information, or to order data, call Client Services (toll-free 1-800-465-1991). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Gail-Ann Breese (204-983-3445; fax: 204-983-7543; [gail-ann.breese@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:gail-ann.breese@statcan.gc.ca)), Agriculture Division.

## Farm Product Price Index

	December 2007 <sup>r</sup>	November 2008 <sup>r</sup>	December 2008 <sup>p</sup>	December 2007 to December 2008	November to December 2008
	(1997=100)			% change	
<b>Farm Product Price Index</b>	<b>113.2</b>	<b>117.0</b>	<b>115.6</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>-1.2</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>138.5</b>	<b>130.3</b>	<b>127.0</b>	<b>-8.3</b>	<b>-2.5</b>
Grains	166.5	117.0	113.8	-31.7	-2.7
Oilseeds	111.5	124.2	118.8	6.5	-4.3
Specialty crops	152.3	185.8	173.3	13.8	-6.7
Fruit	118.8	167.3	169.2	42.4	1.1
Vegetables	121.4	121.5	120.2	-1.0	-1.1
Potatoes	125.5	169.5	182.3	45.3	7.6
<b>Livestock and animal products</b>	<b>94.2</b>	<b>106.1</b>	<b>106.7</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>0.6</b>
Cattle and calves	88.7	99.9	98.4	10.9	-1.5
Hogs	50.9	69.8	71.9	41.3	3.0
Poultry	104.9	121.2	121.1	15.4	-0.1
Eggs	104.0	109.5	109.4	5.2	-0.1
Dairy	141.4	145.2	145.1	2.6	-0.1

<sup>r</sup> revised  
<sup>p</sup> preliminary

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## Biotechnology scientific activities in federal government departments and agencies

2007/2008

The federal government spent \$921 million on science and technology activities in biotechnology in the fiscal year 2007/2008, up 4.6% over the previous fiscal year in current dollars.

Of the total, 29% went to intramural activities, and the remaining 71% to extramural performers.

Intramural spending consists of in-house activities performed by the government department or agency. Extramural spending consists of contracts or grants to organizations and individuals outside the department, such as business enterprises and higher education.

The higher education sector continued to be the major recipient of spending on science and technology in biotechnology directed to extramural performers, accounting for 80% of the total.

The vast majority (95%) of total science and technology spending went to research and development activities.

In 2007/2008, 2,112 full-time equivalent federal government personnel were dedicated to biotechnology science and technology activities. About three-quarters of these personnel were dedicated to research and development.

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 4212.**

The article "Biotechnology scientific activities in federal government departments and agencies, 2007/2008" is now available as part of the series *Science Statistics*, Vol. 33, no. 1 (88-001-XWE, free), from the *Publications* module of our website.

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## Canadian Foreign Post Indexes

March 2009

Data on Canadian foreign post indexes are now available for March.

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2322.**

The March 2009 issue of *Canadian Foreign Post Indexes* (62-013-XIE, free) is now available from the *Publications* module of our website.

For more information on these indexes, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-866-230-2248; 613-951-9606; [prices-prix@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:prices-prix@statcan.gc.ca)). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Claudio Perez (613-951-1733; [claudio.perez@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:claudio.perez@statcan.gc.ca)), Prices Division. ■

## Small area data on crops

2008

Small area data on crops are now available for 2008.

To obtain these data, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Dave Burroughs (613-951-5138; [dave.burroughs@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:dave.burroughs@statcan.gc.ca)) or Dave Roeske (613-951-0572; [dave.roeske@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:dave.roeske@statcan.gc.ca)), Agriculture Division. ■

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