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Domestic sales of refined petroleum products

May 2009 (preliminary)

Sales of refined petroleum products totalled 7 964.1 thousand cubic metres in May, down 544.3 thousand cubic metres (-6.4%) from May 2008. (One cubic metre equals a thousand litres.)

All seven major petroleum product groups posted declines from the same month the previous year. The decrease in product sales was led by heavy fuel oil (-28.8%), the "other" products category (-15.8%) and petrochemical feedstock (-25.2%).

Motor gasoline and diesel fuel oil sales combined represented about 73% of total refined petroleum product sales in May.

Sales of motor gasoline totalled 3 604.2 thousand cubic metres, down 15.2 thousand cubic metres (-0.4%) from May 2008. Diesel fuel oil sales fell 2.8%.

Regular unleaded, which accounted for about 90% of total gasoline sales, declined 1.2% from May 2008. Premium unleaded gasoline advanced 9.3%. Mid-grade gasoline fell slightly on very small volumes.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2150.

Note: Preliminary domestic sales of refined petroleum products data are not available on CANSIM.

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Sales of refined petroleum products

	May 2008 ^r	May 2009 ^p	May 2008 to May 2009
	thousands of cubic metres		% change
Total, all products	8 508.4	7 964.1	-6.4
Motor gasoline	3 619.4	3 604.2	-0.4
Diesel fuel oil	2 300.6	2 235.5	-2.8
Light fuel oil	210.7	179.5	-14.8
Heavy fuel oil	617.7	439.7	-28.8
Aviation turbo fuels	481.1	466.2	-3.1
Petrochemical feedstocks ¹	402.2	300.9	-25.2
All other refined products	876.8	738.0	-15.8

^r revised

^p preliminary

1. Materials produced by refineries that are used by the petrochemical industry to produce chemicals, synthetic rubber and a variety of plastics.

Crude oil and natural gas: Supply and disposition

April 2009 (preliminary)

Domestic production of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons totalled 13.2 million cubic metres in April, up 3.8% over April 2008.

Deliveries of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons to the export market decreased by 4.1% in April compared with the same month in 2008. In April 2009, 64.2% of Canada's total production went to the export market.

Marketable natural gas production totalled 11.6 billion cubic metres in April, down 11.3% compared with April 2008.

Natural gas exports fell by 15.2% in April from the same month in 2008. In April 2009, exports made up 62.7% of marketable natural gas production.

Domestic sales of natural gas fell 12.4% in April from the same month in 2008. This decrease was the result of lower sales to all three sectors (residential, commercial and industrial).

Available on CANSIM: tables 126-0001 and 131-0001.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2198.

Note: Preliminary data are available on CANSIM at the national level to April 2009 inclusive. At the national and provincial level detailed information is available for crude oil (126-0001) up to March 2009 inclusive, and for natural gas (131-0001) up to January 2009 inclusive.

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Crude oil and natural gas: Supply and disposition (key indicators)

	April 2008	April 2009 ^p	April 2008 to April 2009
	thousands of cubic metres		% change
Crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons			
Supply ¹			
Production	12 735.1	13 223.7	3.8
Imports ²	4 319.1	4 134.4	-4.3
Disposition			
Refinery receipts ³	8 538.9	7 576.4	-11.3
Exports	8 858.7	8 491.5	-4.1
	millions of cubic metres		% change
Natural gas			
Supply ⁴			
Marketable production ⁵	13 059.4	11 580.0	-11.3
Imports	1 493.7	2 128.5 ^E	42.5
Disposition			
Domestic sales ⁶	6 293.3	5 511.0	-12.4
Exports	8 565.8	7 260.6	-15.2

^P preliminary

^E use with caution

1. Disposition may differ from supply because of inventory change, own consumption, losses and adjustments.

2. Data may differ from International Trade Division estimates because of timing and the inclusion of crude oil landed in Canada for future re-export.

3. Volumetric receipts at refineries of all domestic and imported crude oils for refinery processing or storage.

4. Disposition may differ from supply because of inventory change, usage as pipeline fuel, pipeline losses, line-pack fluctuations.

5. Receipts from fields after processing for the removal or partial removal of some constituents and impurities and that meet specifications for residential, commercial and industrial use; and including other adjustments.

6. Domestic sales includes residential, commercial, industrial and direct sales (for example direct, non-utility, sales for consumption where the utility acts solely as transporter).

Fruit and vegetable production

2009

Canadian farmers reported planting 528,000 acres of fruits and vegetables in the spring of 2009, down 3.0% from the spring of 2008.

Vegetable growers planted about 240,000 acres of vegetables, of which they expect to harvest 238,000 acres.

Harvesting area is down 1.3% from the previous year. More than half (58.2%) of the 2009 crop will go to fresh markets, and the rest for processing.

Quebec and Ontario continue to represent 83.7% of the expected vegetable area.

The five major processing vegetables, sweet corn, green peas, carrots, beans and tomatoes, accounted for 58.7% of the total expected vegetable area in Canada.

Farmers indicated increased plantings of lettuce, broccoli, cucumbers and gherkins, leeks and shallots. They reported, however, fewer green peas, tomatoes, dry onions and carrots.

Fruit operators planned to cultivate 288,000 acres of fruit, of which 190,000 acres, around two-thirds of the area, will bear fruit this year. This fruit-bearing area is down 3.6% from a year earlier.

About two-thirds of the fruit from the fruit-bearing area will be processed, including almost all the low-bush blueberry, cranberry, vinifera grape and sour cherry area.

Apples, blueberries and grapes account for 82.6% of the planted area in 2009. New planting for apples along with other tree fruit such as peaches and pears has declined, specifically in Ontario. On the other hand, new plantings of vinifera grapes and cranberries increased this spring.

Data from the Fruit and Vegetable Area Survey, conducted in the spring of 2009, are now available.

Available on CANSIM: tables 001-0009, 001-0012 and 001-0013.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 3407 and 3411.

The June 2009 issue of *Fruit and Vegetable Production*, Vol. 78, no. 1 (22-003-X, free), will soon be available.

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Coal and coke statistics

April 2009

Data on coal and coke are now available for April.

Available on CANSIM: tables 135-0001 and 135-0002.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 2003 and 2147.

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10	Canadian international merchandise trade	May 2009
10	New Housing Price Index	May 2009