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Railway carloadings

May 2011

Total rail freight traffic, consisting of loadings originating in Canada and received from the United States, was up 3.7% from the same month in 2010 to 26.1 million tonnes in May.

The Canadian railway's main domestic transportation systems, non-intermodal and intermodal, accounted for about 89% of the total traffic carried in May, and their combined freight rose 2.4% from May 2010 to 23.3 million tonnes.

Non-intermodal freight loadings represented the majority of the total domestic cargo loaded in May, rising 2.7% from May 2010 to 21.0 million tonnes. The gain was attributed to increased loadings in more than half of the commodity classifications carried by the railways. The commodity groups that had the largest gains in tonnage were potash, wood pulp and lumber.

Intermodal freight loadings, which involve the movement of cargo between two or more modes of transportation, fell 0.2% on a year-over-year basis to 2.3 million tonnes in May. The drop was the result of a decline in trailers loaded on flat cars.

From an international perspective, rail freight traffic received from the United States rose 16.3% from May 2010 to 2.8 million tonnes. The gain stemmed from non-intermodal traffic, which increased 17.5% from the same month a year earlier to 2.7 million tonnes in May.

Geographically, 58.6% of the freight traffic originating in Canada was loaded in the Western Division of Canada, with the remainder loaded in the Eastern Division. For statistical purposes, the Eastern and Western Divisions are separated by an imaginary line running from Thunder Bay to Armstrong, Ontario. Freight loaded at Thunder Bay is included in the Western Division while loadings at Armstrong are reported in the Eastern Division.

Available on CANSIM: table 404-0002.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2732.

The May 2011 issue of *Monthly Railway Carloadings*, Vol. 88, no. 5 (52-001-X, free), is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-866-500-8400; transportationstatistics@statcan.gc.ca), Transportation Division. ■

Motor vehicle fuel sales

2010 (preliminary)

Gross sales of gasoline in Canada rose 2.1% from 2009 to 41.9 billion litres in 2010.

The driving force behind this gain was increased fuel consumption in Ontario, British Columbia, Quebec and Alberta.

The country's two most populous provinces, Ontario and Quebec, combined for 59.0% of the total gasoline consumption in Canada in 2010. Ontario represented 38.6% of the total with 16.2 billion litres, while Quebec accounted 20.4% with 8.6 billion litres.

Nationally, gasoline sales peaked during July and August, the result of a busy summer driving season in which motorists typically drive longer distances.

Note: Data on the volume of gasoline (in litres) sold in Canada are now available. Included are both gross and net annual volume figures from 1993 to 2010, inclusively. Gross sales represent the total volume sold, while net sales correspond to the volume sold on which taxes were paid. Breakdowns by province and territory as well as by month are also available. Annual sales volumes between 1993 and 2010 are also provided by province for diesel.

Motor vehicle fuel sales data for 2009 have been revised.

Available on CANSIM: tables 405-0002 and 405-0003.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2746.

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Sawmills

May 2011

Lumber production by sawmills decreased 4.9% from April to 4 533.3 thousand cubic metres in May. Lumber production increased 2.3% in May compared with the same month last year.

Sawmills shipped 4 627.1 thousand cubic metres of lumber in May, down 1.9% from April.

Available on CANSIM: table 303-0009.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2134.

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Placement of hatchery chicks and turkey poults

June 2011 (preliminary)

Data on placements of hatchery chicks and turkey poults are now available for June.

Available on CANSIM: table 003-0021.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5039.

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Cancer incidence in Canada

2009

A tabulation master file of cancer incidence is now available for 2009.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3207.

The publication *Cancer Incidence in Canada* (82-231-X) and related CANSIM tables will be available in the fall of 2011.

For more information, to order custom tabulations, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Client Services (613-951-1746; fax: 613-951-0792; hd-ds@statcan.gc.ca), Health Statistics Division. ■

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