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### **Crude oil and natural gas: Supply and disposition, April 2012 (preliminary data)**

Domestic production of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons was up 10.5% to 15.7 million cubic metres in April from April 2011.

During the same period, crude oil exports rose 10.0%.

Marketable natural gas production was down 3.4% to 11.1 billion cubic metres.

Domestic sales of natural gas decreased 0.7%, while natural gas exports declined 2.1%.

From March to April, domestic production of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons increased 0.4%.

#### **Note to readers**

*Preliminary data are available on CANSIM at the national level to April 2012 inclusive. At the national and provincial level detailed information is available for crude oil (126-0001) up to December 2011 inclusive, and for natural gas (131-0001) up to March 2012 inclusive.*

**Table 1**  
**Crude oil and natural gas: Supply and disposition (key indicators)**

	April 2011	March 2012	April 2012 <sup>P</sup>	March to April 2012	April 2011 to April 2012
	thousands of cubic metres			% change	
<b>Crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons</b>					
Supply <sup>1</sup>					
Production	14 184.1	15 615.1	15 669.8	0.4	10.5
Imports <sup>2</sup>	3 260.6	3 158.3	3 091.2	-2.1	-5.2
Disposition					
Refinery receipts <sup>3</sup>	7 595.8	8 149.8	7 774.7	-4.6	2.4
Exports <sup>4</sup>	10 065.4	12 094.2	11 071.8	-8.5	10.0
	millions of cubic metres			% change	
<b>Natural gas</b>					
Supply <sup>5</sup>					
Marketable production <sup>6</sup>	11 519.6	12 401.5	11 127.0	-10.3	-3.4
Imports	2 438.2	2 845.2	2 537.6	-10.8	4.1
Disposition					
Domestic sales <sup>7</sup>	6 666.1	8 172.4	6 620.5	-19.0	-0.7
Exports	7 264.6	7 379.2	7 114.0	-3.6	-2.1

<sup>P</sup> preliminary

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. Exports may include some volumes that are not included in the supply, such as imports used for re-export and diluents that are blended in exports.

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

6. 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.

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

**Available without charge in CANSIM: tables 126-0001 and 131-0001.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2198.**

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## Quarterly Retail Commodity Survey, first quarter 2012

Retail sales rose 5.6% in the first quarter from the first quarter of 2011. Higher sales were reported in all major commodity groups.

The largest year-over-year increase occurred in sales of motor vehicles, parts and services (+11.0%). The gain was led by higher sales of new passenger cars (+22.5%) and new trucks, vans, minivans and sport utility vehicles (+6.3%). Sales of used automotive vehicles (+15.0%) and automotive parts, accessories and services (+4.3%) were also up. The New Motor Vehicle Sales Survey reported a 9.1% rise in unit sales in the first quarter from the first quarter of 2011, led by strong sales of new passenger cars in January.

Food and beverage sales grew 4.4%. According to the Consumer Price Index, the prices of food purchased from stores increased 3.9% between the first quarter of 2011 and the first quarter of 2012.

Sales of automotive fuels, oils and additives were up 6.3%. This was the smallest year-over-year increase registered since the fourth quarter of 2009. Consumer prices for gasoline rose 7.4% in the first quarter of 2012 compared with the same quarter in 2011.

Warmer than usual weather in March advanced the purchase of spring merchandise such as clothing, footwear and lawn and garden products.

Retail sales of clothing, footwear and accessories increased 9.0% in the first quarter. Clothing and accessories (+8.3%), footwear (+10.1%) and luggage and jewellery (+12.6%) all registered sales growth.

Hardware, lawn and garden product sales grew 4.0%. Higher receipts for hardware and home renovation products (+2.3%) and lawn and garden products (+14.5%) contributed equally to the gain.

Sales of sporting and leisure goods rose 1.1%. Increased sales of sporting goods (+6.9%) more than offset lower sales of pre-recorded CDs, DVDs and audio and video tapes (-9.1%).

### **Note to readers**

*The Quarterly Retail Commodity Survey collects national level retail sales by commodity, from a sub-sample of businesses in the Monthly Retail Trade Survey.*

*Quarterly data have not been adjusted for seasonality. No adjustment has been made for the extra day in February for the leap year. All percentage changes are year over year.*

*Data have been revised back to the first quarter of 2010. The revisions take into account the late reporting or correction of respondent information and classification changes. The revised data are now available on CANSIM.*

**Table 1**  
**Sales by commodity, all retail stores – Seasonally unadjusted**

	First quarter 2011 <sup>r</sup>	Fourth quarter 2011 <sup>r</sup>	First quarter 2012 <sup>p</sup>	First quarter 2011 to first quarter 2012
	millions of dollars			% change
<b>Commodity, total</b>	<b>97,235</b>	<b>122,614</b>	<b>102,650</b>	<b>5.6</b>
Food and beverages	24,143	28,367	25,194	4.4
Health and personal care products	9,773	11,050	10,019	2.5
Clothing, footwear and accessories	6,822	11,986	7,436	9.0
Furniture, home furnishings and electronics	8,545	12,073	8,566	0.2
Motor vehicles, parts and services	19,466	23,032	21,612	11.0
Automotive fuels, oils and additives	11,891	13,221	12,642	6.3
Housewares	1,797	2,454	1,873	4.2
Hardware, lawn and garden products	5,084	6,982	5,285	4.0
Sporting and leisure goods	2,685	4,569	2,715	1.1
All other goods and services	7,028	8,880	7,306	4.0

<sup>r</sup> revised

<sup>p</sup> preliminary

**Note(s):** Data may not add to totals as a result of rounding.

**Available without charge in CANSIM: table 080-0022.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2008.**

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## Steel pipe and tubing, May 2012

Data on the production and shipments of steel pipe and tubing are now available for May.

### **Note to readers**

*Revised data for July, November and December 2011 and for March 2012 are also available.*

**Available without charge in CANSIM: table 303-0046.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2105.**

The May 2012 issue of *Steel, Tubular Products and Steel Wire* (41-019-X, free) will soon be available.

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## Steel wire and specified wire products, May 2012

Data on the production of steel wire and specified wire products are now available for May.

### **Note to readers**

*Revised data for April to August and November 2011 and for February and March 2012 are also available.*

**Available without charge in CANSIM: table 303-0047.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2106.**

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## Prepared Food and Beverage Sales Survey, 2011

Data from the Prepared Food and Beverage Sales Survey are now available for the province of Ontario for 2011.

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5175.**

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## **New products and studies**

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There are no new products today.

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17	Monthly Survey of Manufacturing	May 2012
17	Investment in non-residential building construction	Second quarter 2012
18	Health Reports	July 2012
18	Travel between Canada and other countries	May 2012
18	Job vacancies	April 2012
19	Employment Insurance	May 2012
19	Wholesale trade	May 2012
20	Consumer Price Index	June 2012

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