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## Consumer Price Index

April's Consumer Price Index rose 0.6% to a level of 205.2, up from 204.0 in March, with the 12-month rise at 9.2%, down from 9.3% registered between March 1979 and March 1980. Transportation and housing charges were major contributors to the monthly rise. All-items-excluding-food rose 0.7%, down from 1.1% in March. The food index advanced 0.3%, down from 0.9%.

Selected fresh fruits and vegetables were largely responsible for the 0.4% increase in the food-at-home index. Also contributing: cereal and bakery products and dairy products. Impact was significantly dampened by lower prices for selected beef and pork cuts, turkey and for sugar. In April, the food-at-home index stood 7.0% above its level of April 1979. Food-away-from-home advanced 0.2%, an increase of 10.4%.

Higher prices for new cars (reflecting in part the removal of rebates on certain models) with increased automobile operation and maintenance expenses for such items as gasoline, tires, batteries and repairs were significant contributors to the 0.7% increase in all-items-excluding-food. Other notable contributors include higher owned-accommodation charges and increased clothing prices, especially for women's and men's seasonal wear items. Higher prices affected tobacco products (especially in Newfoundland and Québec) and alcoholic beverages (especially in Saskatchewan and Alberta). Domestic gas rates and electricity charges advanced in several cities and air fares increased on selected routes. Partially offsetting these price increases were lower prices for furniture and textiles in Québec resulting from removal of provincial retail sales tax on these items. Lower average transit fares in Montréal followed introduction of monthly passes. Between April 1979 and April 1980 the index for all-items-excluding-food advanced 9.8%.

Viewed in terms of goods and services the price level for goods advanced 0.7%, that for services 0.6%. Between April 1979 and April 1980 the price level for goods advanced 9.9%, that for services 8.3%.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, the All-items CPI rose 0.7% between March and April, a 0.3% increase in the food index and a 0.8% increase in all-items-excluding-food.

Between March and April, consumer prices rose in all cities monitored with

## LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

### EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

			Previous Month	% Change From Year Ago
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Feb	306.09p	302.70r	10.2
Labour Income (\$ million)	Feb	12,379.8p	12,252.7r	11.1
Persons with Jobs (million)	Apr	10.35	10.29	3.5
Unemployed	Apr	937,000	969,000	-0.6

### INVENTORIES

Department Store (\$ million)	Mar.*	2,412.4p	2,300.3p	7.8
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Mar.*	26,905.5p	26,877.4r	19.7
Wholesale (\$ million)	Mar.	12,727.7p	12,538.4p	18.8

### ORDERS

Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Mar.*	14,181.9p	13,581.5r	4.5
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Mar.*	18,384.9p	18,228.9r	19.4

### PRICES

Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	Apr.*	205.2	204.0	9.2
Non-food (CPI) Component	Apr.*	190.2	188.9	9.8
New House Price Index (1976=100)	Feb.	114.7	113.4	6.6
22-city Composite Wage, Building (1971=100)	Feb.	230.9	230.9	5.1
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	Mar.	238.5p	240.3r	13.4

### CONSTRUCTION

Building Permits (\$ million)	Feb.	850.5p	1,639.7p	41.5
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Mar.	6,153	23,087	-11.8

### ENERGY

Coal Production (thousand metric tonnes)	Feb.	2 587.7	5 184.5	-3.9
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	Feb.	33.5	69.1	3.8
Natural Gas Production (million cubic metres)	Jan.	10,466.7	10 466.7	0.8
Petroleum Refining (million cubic metres)	Mar.*	9.94p	28.42p	3.1

### FOREIGN TRADE

Exports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	Mar.	6,451.5p	18,507.6p	22.5
Imports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	Mar.	5,973.6p	16,836.8p	13.3

### PRODUCTION

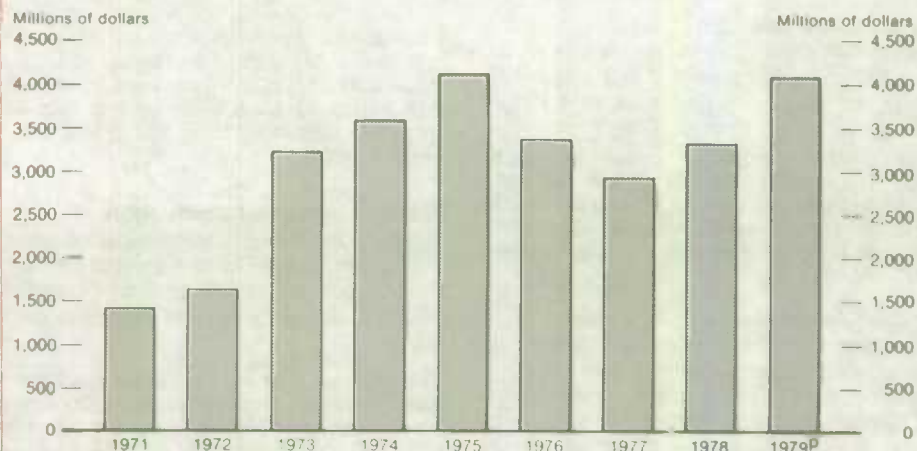
Steel (ingots — thousand metric tonnes)	Apr.	1 368.5p	5 362.2p	2.4
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### SALES

Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Mar.	616.0p	1,698.0p	10.0
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Mar.*	14,025.9p	39,551.2p	11.4
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Mar.	1,083.0	2,737.4	6.5
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Mar.	6,200.2	7,591.4p	8.8
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Mar.	6,432.7p	18,031.5p	6.4

Statistics are not seasonally adjusted. p - preliminary, r - revised. \* - new this week.

## Farm Net Income, Canada\*



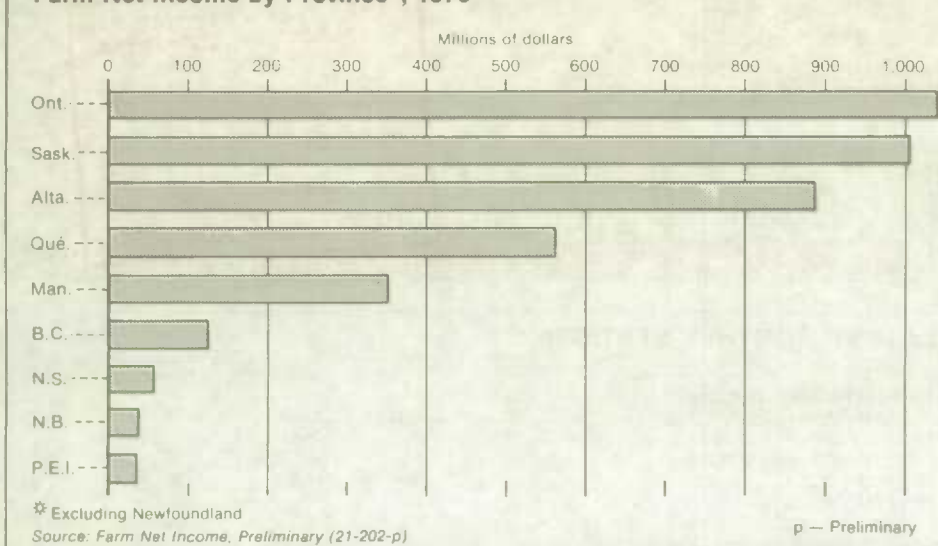
\* Excluding Newfoundland and the Territories

Source: Farm Net Income, Preliminary (21-202-p)

p — Preliminary



### Farm Net Income by Province\*, 1979<sup>p</sup>



increases from 0.3% in Montréal to 1.1% in St. John's and Calgary. Montréal reflected — among other things — removal of the sales tax on furniture and textiles and the reduction in local transit expenses. The higher than national average increase in St. John's resulted in part from electricity and tobacco products: in Calgary the 1.1% increase reflected — among other things — higher food prices for selected items that were "on special" in early March. Higher prices for selected new car models coupled with increased automobile operation and maintenance expenses were recorded in all cities.

Percentage increases with annual change in brackets: St. John's 1.1% (10.7%), Charlottetown/Summerside 0.4% (9.4%), Halifax 0.8% (10.2%), Saint John 0.5% (9.2%), Québec 0.5% (9.8%), Montréal 0.3% (8.9%), Ottawa 0.4% (8.7%), Toronto 0.6% (9.7%), Thunder Bay 0.9% (9.1%), Winnipeg 0.7% (9.3%), Saskatoon 0.6% (9.9%), Regina 0.5% (9.1%), Edmonton 1.0% (8.9%), Calgary 1.1% (8.9%), and Vancouver 0.9% (8.2%).

For further information, order the April 1980 issue of *Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities* (62-001, \$2.50/\$25).

### Wholesale Trade

March wholesale sales rose 9.4% to \$6,432.7 million from \$5,878.3 million in 1979. Wholesale inventories: \$12,727.7 million, up 18.8% from \$10,716.7 million.

For further information, order the March 1980 issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-008, \$1.50/\$15), or contact the Wholesale Trade Section (613-996-9307), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

### Paints/Varnishes/Lacquers Sales

Manufacturers' first quarter sales of paints, varnishes and lacquers (trade and industrial) reached \$145,679,805 compared with \$128,060,530 a year earlier.

For further information, order the March 1980 quarter issue of *Sales of Paints, Varnishes and Lacquers* (46-001, \$1.50/\$15), or contact J. Dornan (613-996-3226).

### Railway Carloadings

March revenue freight loaded by railways totalled 21.9 million short tons (19.9 million t), up 3.6% from a year earlier, with an additional 1.9 million short tons (1.7 million t) received from the United States, down 10.9%.

Commodities showing notable percentage change: copper-nickel ores and concentrates (up 1,351.8% due to 1979 strike at INCO), wheat (up 11.2%), potash (down 14.6%) and coal (up 18.9%).

Three months saw total loadings register a 7.5% increase from 1979 (U.S. connections declined 2.6%).

For further information, order the March 1980 issue of *Railway Carloadings* (52-001, \$1.50/\$15). For seasonally-adjusted revenue freight loadings, contact W.R. Burr (613-995-1976), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

### Refined Petroleum

Refineries produced 9 938.5 thousand m3 of refined petroleum products in March, down 1.4% from 10 076.7 a year earlier. Net sales of all refined petroleum products: 8 545.3 thousand m3, up 3.6% from 8 251.4.

For further information, order the March 1980 issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, \$2.50/\$25), or contact G.R. Kitchen (613-996-3139), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

### Index of Industrial Production

The seasonally-adjusted Index of Industrial Production rose 1.3% to a level of 138.8 in March from 137.0 in February. Output of mining, manufacturing and utilities increased.

For further information, order the March 1980 issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry* (including the Index of Industrial Production) (61-005, \$3/\$30), or contact R.W. Collins (613-995-0443), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

### Farm Net Income, 1979

Realized net income (preliminary 1979) from farming (excluding Newfoundland and the Territories) rose 23.5% to \$3,348.0 million from revised 1978's \$3,115.0 million.

Realized gross income — the sum of all cash receipts and income-in-kind — increased 17.6% to \$14,220.4 million.

Total farm cash receipts for all provinces except Newfoundland were an estimated \$13,970.9 million, up 17.6% from \$11,880.3 million. Crop receipts and receipts from the sale of livestock and livestock products each increased approximately 18%. Total estimates include cash receipts from the sale of farm products, Canadian Wheat Board payments, net cash advances and deferred grain receipts in Western Canada and deficiency payments.

Farm operating expenses and depreciation charges increased 15.5% to \$10,372.4 million from \$8,980.7 million. Notable increases were recorded for expenditures on fertilizer, feed, interest payments on farm business debt and depreciation of farm buildings. Total machinery expenses increased very slightly from 1978.

Adjusting realized net income by \$257.0 million to account for the value of change in farm inventories resulted in a total net income of \$4,105.0 million.

For further information, order *Farm Net Income, Preliminary 1979 (21-202-p, \$4.50)*, or contact M. Trant or P. Lys (613-995-4895), Agriculture Statistics Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6. The publication contains three new series: farm number, Newfoundland farm income and Newfoundland operating expenses and depreciation charges and a special feature entitled *Exit, Entry and Structural Change of Census-farm Operators, 1966-1971-1976: Results from the 1966-1971-1976 Census of Agriculture Match*.

### Farm Cash Receipts

Farmers' cash receipts from January-March farming operations totalled \$3,761.8 million compared with \$3,380.6 million in 1979. Receipts from farming operations by province with 1979 comparisons in brackets: Prince Edward Island \$39.5 million (\$36.3 million), Nova Scotia \$45.2 million (\$40.1 million), New Brunswick \$33.4 million (\$33.6 million), Québec \$432.6 million (\$426.1 million), Ontario \$898.6 million (\$942.0 million), Manitoba \$326.2 million (\$275.5 million), Saskatchewan \$972.4 million (\$779.8 million), Alberta \$861.3 million (\$718.1 million), British Columbia \$152.6 million (\$129.1 million).

For further information, order the January-March 1980 issue of *Farm Cash Receipts* (21-001, \$1.50/\$15), or contact P. Lys (613-995-4895), Agriculture Division.

### Sugar Sales

Refineries report total April sales of 75 117 364 kilograms (165,605,468 lbs) of all types of sugar, 74 389 000 (163,999,881) in domestic sales and 728 282 (1,605,587) in export.

For further information, contact J.G. Pett (613-996-3226), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.



### Retail Trade

Retail trade reached \$6,200.2 million, up 1.0% from a year earlier. Sales were higher in 17 of 28 trade groups with largest gains in jewellery stores (13.8%) and personal accessories stores (13.0%). Largest decreases: household furniture stores (22.4%) and furniture, TV, radio, appliance stores (14.7%). Sales advanced in five provinces, from 11.5% for Alberta to 0.3% for New Brunswick. Largest decreases: Prince Edward Island and Québec 6.0%, Nova Scotia 2.9%. Montréal sales decreased 6.7%. Toronto sales rose 3.2%, Winnipeg sales 5.9% and Vancouver sales 4.1%.

Seasonally-adjusted retail sales rose 0.9% to \$6,755.4 million from \$6,694.6 million in February. Sales fell in 11 of 28 trade groups with motor vehicle dealers down 8.2%, specialty shoe stores 5.4% and family shoe stores 5.1%. Biggest gains: book and stationery stores (11.4%), garages (5.9%) and grocery, confectionery and sundries stores (5.1%). Four provinces saw sales fall, from 2.9% drop for Saskatchewan to 0.4% for New Brunswick. Six provinces reported increased sales, from 10.4% for Newfoundland to 0.3% for Québec.

Revised February retail trade, unadjusted, reached \$5,750.0 million, up 14.6% from 1979. Cumulative sales totalled \$17,591.4 million, up 8.8% from the same quarter 1979.

For further information, order the March 1980 issue of *Retail Trade* (63-005, \$2.50/\$35), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

### Department Store Sales/Stocks

March department store sales rose 0.8% to \$616.0 million from the \$611.1 million in 1979. Sales rose in 20 of 40 departments. Largest increases: food and kindred products (26.4%), plumbing, heating and building materials (17.2%) and china and glassware (14.4%). Furs fell (30.3%), millinery (22.8%) and women's and misses' coats and suits (19.0%). Sales rose in six provinces, from 13.1% for British Columbia, the Yukon and Northwest Territories to 0.4% for Saskatchewan. Largest sales decreases: Québec (10.0%) and Ontario (2.2%). Sales, percentage changes for metropolitan areas: Montréal \$70.2 million, down 11.1%, Toronto \$87.0 million, down 1.9%, Winnipeg \$31.1 million, up 1.0% and Vancouver \$71.2 million, up 14.0%.

Selling value of stocks at \$2,412.4 million were up 7.8% from a year earlier. Inventories were higher in 30 of the 40 departments.

For further information, order the March 1980 issue of *Department Store Sales and Stocks* (63-002, \$2.50/\$25), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4. The March issue contains a special supplement giving revised estimates of sales and stocks for 1979 as well as seasonally-adjusted estimates of sales and stocks by department for the period 1977-1980.

### Department Store Sales/Stocks, 1979

1979 data, department store sales and stocks, are now revised and available on CANSIM (Matrix 112). Revised data will appear in the March 1980 issue of *Department Store Sales and Stocks* (63-002, \$2.50/\$25).

For further information, contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

### Domestic And Foreign Control, Manufacturing Establishments, 1976

Foreign-controlled manufacturing establishments accounted for 51.0% of shipments of goods of own manufacture in 1976, unchanged from 1974. The share of foreign-controlled shipments was highest in Ontario — at 60.4% — and in Nova Scotia — at 58.0%. Foreign control of manufacturing was lowest in New Brunswick and Saskatchewan with foreign-controlled establishments accounting for 17.5% and 25.5% of shipments.

Foreign-controlled establishments accounted for more than 50% of shipments in 10 of the 20 major groups. Level of foreign control was highest in the tobacco products industries (99.7% of shipments), petroleum and coal products industries (92.3%) and transportation equipment industries (84.6%). Canadian-controlled establishments shipped more than 80% of major group shipments in printing, publishing and allied industries, clothing industries, furniture and fixtures industries, knitting mills and leather industries.

Establishments controlled in the United States accounted for 41.0% of shipments — those controlled in other foreign countries accounted for 10.0% of shipments. Those in the latter category were relatively important in the tobacco products industries, non-metallic mineral products industries and petroleum and coal products industries.

Further information including industry, province and metropolitan area detail and mining and logging industry detail will be published later in *Domestic and Foreign Control of Manufacturing, Mining and Logging Establishments in Canada, 1976* (31-401). For further information, contact H.D. Porter (613-992-9654), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

### Steel Ingots

Steel ingots production, April, reached 1,508,467 short tons (1 368 458 t) compared with 1,444,567 (1 310 489) a year earlier.

For further information, order the April 1980 issue of *Steel Ingots and Pig Iron* (41-001, \$2.50/\$25), or contact J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

### Inventories/Shipments/Orders

Manufacturers' shipments in March were estimated at \$14,025.9 million, an increase of 7.7% from revised February's \$13,022.2 million.

Seasonally-adjusted shipments rose 1.0% to \$13,532.8 million from the revised February level of \$13,394.6 million. Shipments of durable goods decreased 1.2% to \$5,918.4 million from \$5,992.4 million; non-durable goods shipments rose 2.9% to \$7,614.4 million from \$7,402.2 million.

New orders in all manufacturing industries, seasonally adjusted: \$13,490.5 million, down 1.3% from \$13,670.6 million. New orders for durable goods decreased 6.0% to \$5,902.9 million from \$6,280.6 million; non-durable goods new orders were up 2.7% to \$7,587.6 million from \$7,390.0 million.

Unfilled orders decreased fractionally to \$18,089.7 million from \$18,132.0 million. Unfilled orders for durable goods decreased 0.1% to \$16,133.2 million from \$16,148.7 million, those for non-durable goods dropped 1.4% to \$1,956.5 million from \$1,983.3 million.

Total inventory owned by manufacturers, seasonally adjusted: \$26,545.3 million, 0.3% lower than the revised February value of \$26,524.6 million. Total inventory held dropped fractionally to \$27,564.3 million from \$27,604.1 million with decreases of 0.9% in raw materials and 0.5% in finished products, and an increase of 1.4% in goods in process.

The seasonally-adjusted ratio of total inventory owned to shipments was 1.95:1 compared with 1.98:1 (revised) for February. The finished products to shipments ratio was 0.66:1, down from the revised February ratio of 0.67:1.

For further information, order the March 1980 issue of *Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries* (31-001, \$3.50/\$35), or contact H.D. Wightman (613-996-7008), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

### Appliance Production

Production of washing machines (electric, automatic) during March 1980 totalled 44,403, production of clothes dryers (electric, automatic) 35,003, refrigerators 49,428 and freezers 33,706.

For further information, order the March 1980 issues of *Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers* (43-002, \$1.50/\$15), and *Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers* (43-001, \$1.50/\$15), or contact J. Pell (613-996-3226), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

### Phonograph Records/Tapes

March saw manufacturers produce 7,521,975 phonograph records (8,663,162 a year earlier). Production of pre-recorded tapes reached 1,673,269 (1,997,363).

For further information, order the March 1980 issue of *Production and Sales of Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes in Canada* (47-004, \$1.50/\$15), or contact G. Elliot (613-996-3226), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.



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