

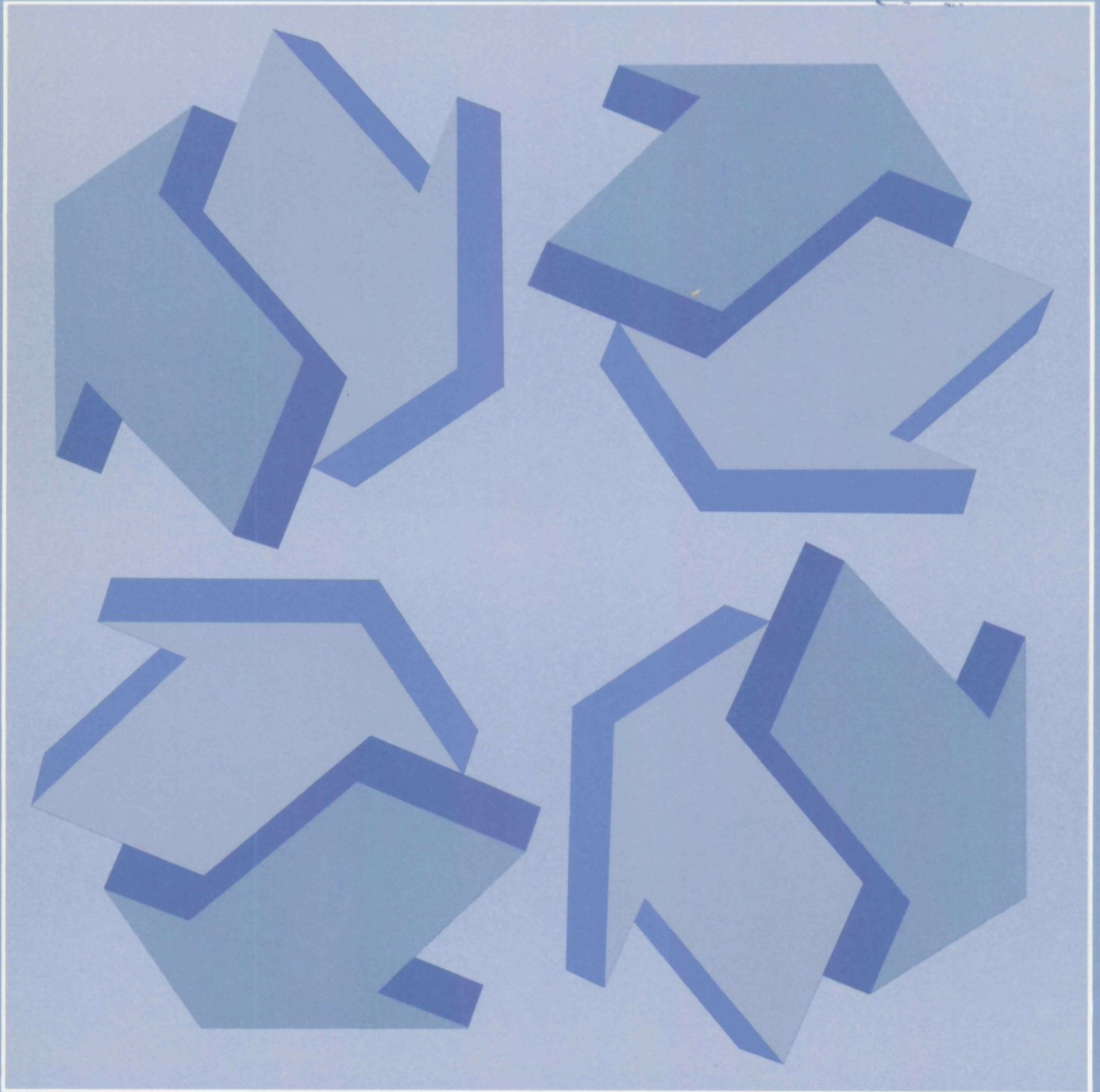
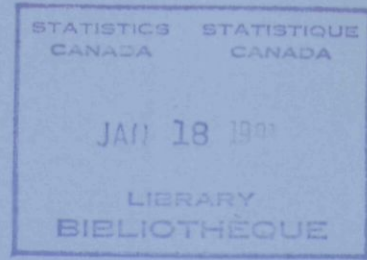


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HIGHLIGHTS

- Exports dropped by \$857.4 million in November, to reach \$12.0 billion, the lowest level of exports registered since April 1990.
- Imports plunged \$1.1 billion, the largest monthly decline ever observed, bringing November's import level to \$10.7 billion, lower than any monthly total since July 1989.
- As a result of the much larger drop in imports relative to exports, the trade surplus rose by \$243.5 million to a level of \$1.3 billion.
- Significant declines in imports of machinery and equipment, industrial goods and materials, and automotive products were consistent with Canada's recessionary climate.

Monthly Summary

The merchandise trade figures for November behaved consistently with the current economic recession in Canada. Both exports and imports decreased considerably, and because of the much larger drop in imports, the trade surplus increased. The import trend continued to decrease for the sixth consecutive month, but at a slower pace than observed at the beginning of the 1981-82 recession, while the export trend fell for the second consecutive month.

November figures show exports falling by \$857.4 million, primarily as a result of decreased sales to the United States (-\$578.6 million). Commodities which have helped boost Canadian exports seem to have lost strength in November. The largest decline in exports occurred in the automotive products sector, which plunged \$486.5 million in November. Car exports, which fell by \$241.4 million, were at their lowest level since April 1990.

Furthermore, exports of industrial goods and materials as well as machinery and equipment also decreased substantially. Overall exports of energy products declined significantly despite the continued increase of crude petroleum exports.

Partially offsetting these decreases, wheat and forestry products exports rose \$49.2 million and \$51.7 million respectively. However, aside from the record

low observed in October, wheat exports in November were lower than for any other month in 1990.

Imports decreased substantially in November. The decrease was concentrated in key areas such as machinery and equipment (-\$410.2 million), which accounted for almost 40 per cent of the decline, and industrial goods and materials (-\$296.9 million). The decline in machinery and equipment imports is probably indicative of reduced investment consistent with current recessionary conditions.

In spite of a drop of \$209.4 million for energy products, the November import level of \$739.3 million was higher than the January to September average.

Also registering declines in November were imports of other consumer goods, cars and trucks, coinciding with consumer uncertainty.

With the exception of the United Kingdom, exports to all of Canada's major trading partners declined in November. Imports decreased from all major trading partners except "Other O.E.C.D. countries", which showed an increase of \$117.8 million. Reduced imports from the United States brought their level to \$7.3 billion, the lowest observed since July 1989.

The United States was the only major trading partner with which Canada posted a trade surplus (\$2.0 billion).

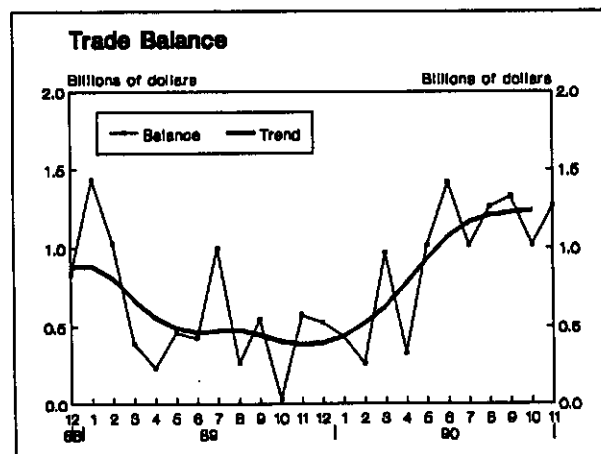
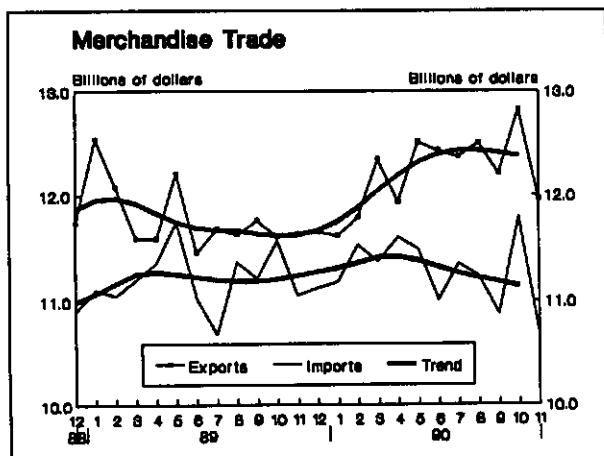


Table 1
Merchandise Trade of Canada
November 1990

	Customs Basis		Balance of Payments Basis							
	Exports	Imports	Raw Values		Seasonally Adjusted			Period-to-period change		
			Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Balance	Exports	Imports	Balance
			\$ millions							%
1984	112,384	95,460	111,330	91,493	111,330	91,492	19,838	22.9	25.2	2,381
1985	119,474	104,355	119,061	102,669	119,061	102,669	16,392	6.9	12.2	-3,446
1986	120,670	112,511	120,318	110,374	120,317	110,374	9,943	1.1	7.5	-6,449
1987	125,087	116,239	126,226	115,119	126,225	115,119	11,106	4.9	4.3	1,163
1988	137,550	131,172	138,435	128,321	138,434	128,321	10,113	9.7	11.5	-993
1989	138,340	135,033	141,462	134,528	141,461	134,528	6,934	2.2	4.8	-3,180
1988										
First quarter	33,966	35,191	33,731	32,903	33,647	32,001	1,646	2.1	2.7	-172
Second quarter	36,217	33,574	36,444	33,165	35,250	31,799	3,452	4.8	-0.6	1,806
Third quarter	32,137	30,432	32,679	30,215	34,593	31,932	2,661	-1.9	0.4	-791
Fourth quarter	35,231	31,975	35,580	32,037	34,944	32,589	2,355	1.0	2.1	-305
1989										
First quarter	34,656	33,747	35,798	33,540	36,214	33,357	2,857	3.6	2.4	502
Second quarter	36,281	36,426	36,978	36,079	35,262	34,138	1,124	-2.6	2.3	-1,733
Third quarter	32,228	31,425	32,791	31,605	35,080	33,268	1,813	-0.5	-2.5	688
Fourth quarter	35,174	33,435	35,895	33,304	34,905	33,765	1,139	-0.5	1.5	-673
1990										
First quarter	36,172	35,161	35,538	34,927	35,761	34,088	1,673	2.5	1.0	533
Second quarter	39,174	35,828	38,673	35,552	36,886	34,117	2,769	3.1	0.1	1,096
Third quarter	35,153	31,309	34,677	31,525	37,091	33,483	3,608	0.6	-1.9	839
1989										
January	11,362	10,584	11,873	10,578	12,543	11,107	1,436	6.8	1.8	600
February	11,248	11,009	11,655	10,904	12,077	11,049	1,028	-3.7	-0.5	-408
March	12,045	12,153	12,270	12,058	11,594	11,201	393	-4.0	1.4	-635
April	11,700	11,900	11,774	11,804	11,590	11,357	233	0.0	1.4	-160
May	12,539	12,618	13,142	12,476	12,213	11,749	464	5.4	3.4	231
June	12,042	11,909	12,061	11,800	11,459	11,032	427	-6.2	-6.1	-37
July	9,850	9,503	10,014	9,640	11,685	10,685	1,000	2.0	-3.1	573
August	10,811	11,071	11,146	11,033	11,630	11,368	263	-0.5	6.4	-738
September	11,568	10,851	11,630	10,931	11,765	11,215	550	1.2	-1.3	287
October	11,919	12,215	12,223	11,970	11,611	11,578	33	-1.3	3.2	-516
November	12,345	11,414	12,501	11,393	11,638	11,061	577	0.2	-4.5	543
December	10,910	9,805	11,171	9,941	11,656	11,126	529	0.2	0.6	-48
1990										
January	11,397	10,820	11,156	10,676	11,622	11,183	438	-0.3	0.5	-91
February	11,445	11,384	11,335	11,424	11,794	11,531	262	1.5	3.1	-176
March	13,330	12,958	13,048	12,827	12,346	11,374	972	4.7	-1.4	709
April	12,266	11,595	12,065	11,553	11,939	11,606	333	-3.3	2.0	-639
May	13,782	12,374	13,583	12,395	12,514	11,496	1,018	4.8	-0.9	685
June	13,127	11,859	13,025	11,604	12,433	11,015	1,418	-0.6	-4.2	401
July	11,193	10,071	11,100	10,077	12,376	11,357	1,018	-0.5	3.1	-400
August	11,777	10,932	11,545	11,066	12,504	11,242	1,263	1.0	-1.0	244
September	12,183	10,306	12,031	10,382	12,211	10,884	1,327	-2.3	-3.2	64
October	13,731	12,239	13,626	12,120	12,823	11,799	1,024	5.0	8.4	-303
November	12,481	11,453	12,452	11,181	11,966	10,698	1,268	-6.7	-9.3	244
Year-to-date										
1989	127,430	125,228	130,291	124,587	129,806	123,401	6,404	2.5	5.1	-2,873
1990	136,712	125,990	134,966	125,305	134,527	124,186	10,341	3.6	0.6	3,937

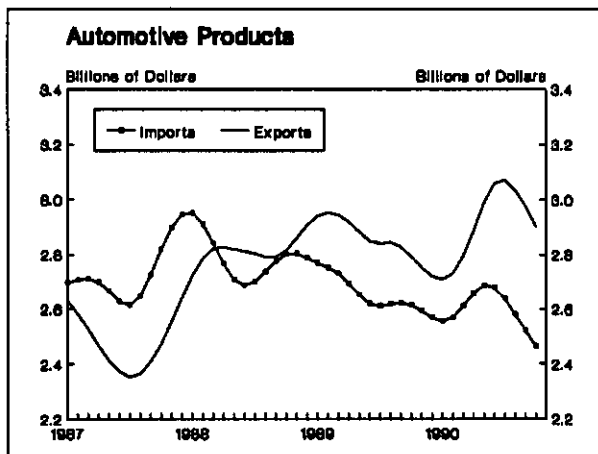
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Short-Term Trend

Exports

The export trend for October decreased by 0.2%, the second consecutive monthly drop (based on revised data). The trend began increasing in November 1989, but the rate of increase began to slow in April 1990.

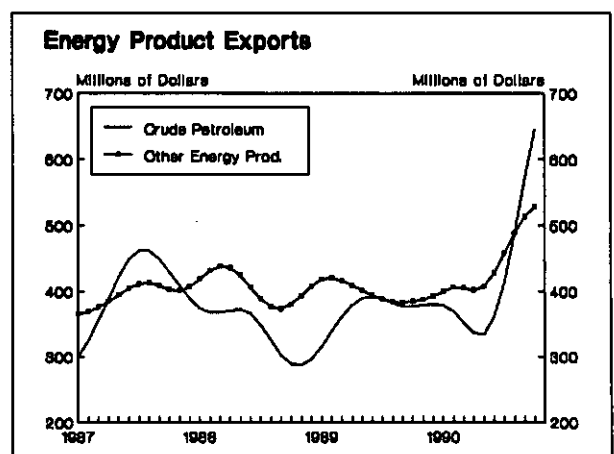
- The export trend for wheat decreased in October, continuing the accelerating rate of decline begun in April 1990. The October drop of 15.7% was the largest observed this year.
- Automotive products declined by 2.5% in October, with all three components contributing to the decrease. The export trends for cars and trucks (-1.5% and -1.8% respectively) continued the downward movement first noted in August. Parts dropped more significantly (-4.9%); the decrease in the trend for parts began in July and has been accelerating since then.



- The trend for exports of machinery and equipment fell by 1.4%, chiefly because of a 2.3% decline in the trend for office machines, telecommunications equipment, etc., classified as "other machinery and equipment".
- These declining trends were offset somewhat by increases in the trends for energy products (6.8%), industrial goods and materials (0.6%) and forestry products (0.1%). The trend for energy products began rising in May, but the rate of increase has been slowing since August. Crude petroleum prices have been the major driver, with the export trend increasing by 13.4% in October; however,

this was lower than the increase of 18.1% observed in August. The increase in the trend for forestry products, though small, is significant because it marks the first monthly increase following ten monthly declines.

- The trend for exports to the United States, though continuing to increase in October (0.2%), was lower than the rise observed in September. Similarly, the export trend to the United Kingdom rose by 1.2%, but this increase was not as great as noted in previous months. Trends for exports to "Other E.E.C. countries" and "Other O.E.C.D. countries" also advanced in October. Although the export trend for Japan (-1.6%) has been declining since April, October's decrease was smaller than the declines posted for July through September. Exports to non-O.E.C.D. countries declined for the sixth consecutive month (-5.4% in October), following eleven months of consecutive increases.



Imports

The import trend continued the decline first observed in May 1990. The 0.4% drop was larger than the decline of 0.3% posted in September, but it was not as large as decreases observed in June and July.

- In decline since June, the trend for automotive products fell by 2.3% in October. Car imports fell by 5.5%. With the exception of March and April, this trend has been decreasing all year. Trucks fell by 3.1% in October, continuing the decline first noted in June. The 0.2% drop in the trend for parts imports was lower than decreases experienced earlier in the year.

- Machinery and equipment imports decreased by 1.4%. Their trend has been falling since April, but the decrease noted for October was less than the peak rate of decline of 1.9% noted in August.
- Decreases were also observed for other consumer goods (-0.8%), chiefly because of a 1.9% decline in the trend for apparel and footwear. In addition, the import trend declined for industrial goods and materials (-0.1%).
- There were some offsetting increases in October. Agricultural and fishing products rose by 0.4%, while energy products advanced by 9.5%, driven by a 12.3% increase in the trend for crude petroleum due, of course, to price increases.
- Declines in the trend for imports from the following trading partners were observed in October: United States (-1.0%); "Other E.E.C. countries" (-1.4%), and non-O.E.C.D. countries (-1.5%). The trend for imports from Japan remained unchanged in October, while increases were observed for the United Kingdom (10.0%) and "Other O.E.C.D. countries" (5.1%).

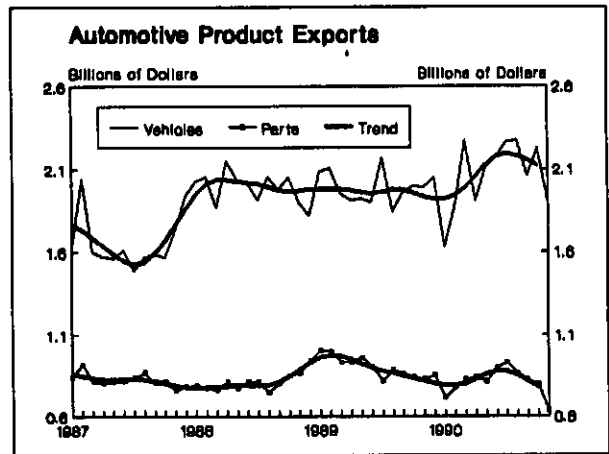
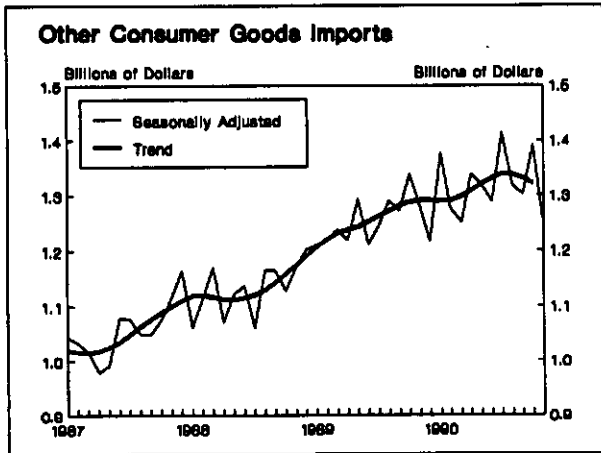
Detailed Analysis by Commodities and Trading Partners

Commodities

Total exports dropped by \$857.4 million in November to reach \$12.0 billion, the lowest level registered since April 1990. This drop followed an increase in October of \$611.9 million.

Export declines were noted in the automotive products, industrial goods and materials, machinery and equipment, and energy products sectors.

The largest decline occurred in the automotive products sector, which plunged by \$486.5 million in November, to reach \$2.5 billion. Cars alone fell \$241.4 million, followed by parts, which decreased by \$161.4 million and trucks, which fell by \$83.7 million. Car exports, at \$1.3 billion, were at their lowest since April 1990. Truck exports fell to \$622.7 million, the lowest level observed since February, while exports of parts, at \$635.8 million, were the lowest registered since July 1983. The decrease in exports of automotive parts can be explained by a reduction in motor vehicle production in November in the United States.



Industrial goods and materials exports decreased \$240.3 million, to reach \$2.5 billion. The four major components within this sector declined. Within the metal ores group, where exports tumbled by \$110.9 million, an increase in exports of both iron ores and nickel ores partially offset large drops in copper, zinc and other ores. The metals and alloys group also registered a significant decrease in November (-\$68.9 million), caused primarily by a \$53.9 million drop in precious metals exports. A

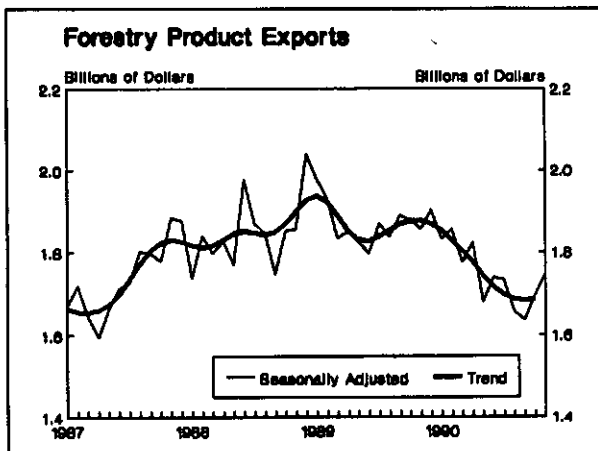
marginal increase was noted in the export of steel bars (\$0.6 million), reflecting the settlement of widespread strikes which had occurred in the steel industry beginning in August.

In spite of a significant decrease in exports of machinery and equipment of \$217.2 million, year-to-date levels remained higher than those observed for the first eleven months of 1989.

Energy products exports fell by \$86.7 million, to reach \$1.5 billion. Crude petroleum exports continued to rise (\$48.3 million) but this increase was lower than those registered in August, September and October. Exports of other energy products declined by \$119.4 million, with decreases noted for coal and other bituminous products, petroleum and coal products and electricity.

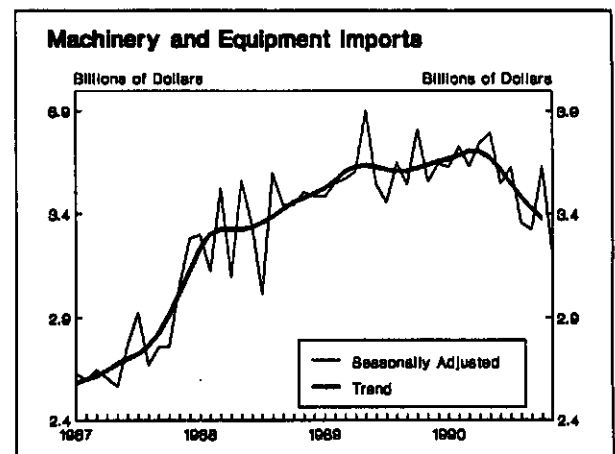
Partially offsetting these decreases were increased exports of wheat (\$49.2 million) and forestry products (\$51.7 million). The rise in wheat exports followed two consecutive monthly declines. Still, aside from October's record low, the November level was lower than any other monthly level in 1990. Nevertheless, the year-to-date exports continued to be higher than for the same period in 1989.

Exports of forestry products continued to rebound. The November increase was the second monthly increase following three months of declining exports. Increases in exports of lumber and sawmill products of \$41.8 million and newsprint and other paper of \$51.1 million were offset to a certain extent by declines in the export of woodpulp and other wood products (-\$41.2 million).



Following a strong increase of \$914.9 million between September and October, total imports decreased dramatically in November, by \$1.1 billion, to reach \$10.7 billion, the lowest monthly level of imports since July 1989. This represents the largest monthly decline ever observed.

The largest decrease in imports occurred in the machinery and equipment sector. Imports dropped \$410.2 million in November, to a level of \$3.2 billion, the lowest level recorded since July 1988. All series registered decreases, with other machinery and equipment falling the most (-\$216.6 million), bringing these imports to \$1.5 billion, the lowest level since July 1989.



Imports of industrial goods and materials also dropped considerably in November (-\$296.9 million) with all major components registering declines. Metals and metal ores fell by \$83.3 million, chemicals and plastics by \$75.0 million, and other industrial goods and materials by \$138.6 million.

A large decrease was also observed in energy products imports. The November drop of \$209.4 million brought total energy imports for the month to \$739.3 million, but this level was still higher than the January to September average, and the year-to-date total was considerably higher than for 1989. Both crude petroleum and other energy products registered decreases.

Imports of other consumer goods fell by \$145.6 million in November, led by a drop of \$109.4 million in miscellaneous consumer goods. This decrease likely reflects a more cautious attitude on the part of the buying public due to concerns about the recession.

Decreases in the imports of cars (-\$100.9 million) and trucks (-\$15.8 million) were partially offset by increases in the imports of parts (\$59.7 million). At \$2.4 billion, automotive products imports in November were almost the same as the September level. Imports for the first eleven months of 1990 were \$28.2 billion compared to \$29.4 billion for the same period last year.

Trading Partners

Following increases (based on revised figures) to all major trading partners in October, exports declined in November to all countries with the exception of the United Kingdom. Exports to the United States dropped by \$578.6 million, bringing November's level to \$9.3 billion, the lowest since May. At \$565.0 million, November exports to Japan were at their lowest all year, after dropping \$81.7 million from their October level.

With the exception of increased imports from "Other O.E.C.D. countries" (\$117.8 million), imports from all major trading partners declined.

Imports from the United States dropped by \$774.2 million, bringing November's figure (\$7.3 billion) to the

lowest monthly level since July 1989. Conversely, imports from the United Kingdom, while lower by \$112.9 million than those registered in October, remained well above average monthly imports for January to September.

Decreases were also posted for imports from non-O.E.C.D. countries (-\$209.7 million), "Other E.E.C. countries" (-\$116.4 million) and Japan (-\$5.6 million).

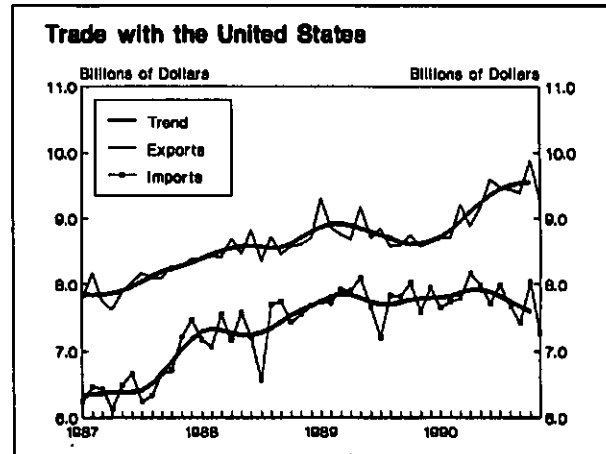


Table 2
Merchandise Trade by Principal Trading Areas
 November 1990
 Balance of Payments Basis
 Seasonally Adjusted

	Oct.	Nov.	Period-to-period change				Year-to-date Total	Change over previous year	
			Oct.	Nov.	Oct.	Nov.		%	\$ millions
	\$ millions		%	%	\$ millions		\$ millions	%	\$ millions
Exports to:									
United States	9,876	9,297	5.0	-5.9	474	-579	101,780	5.1	4,942
United Kingdom	288	326	1.4	13.0	4	37	3,205	-2.4	-77
E.E.C. 86 excl. U.K.	790	674	2.6	-14.7	20	-116	7,624	2.6	190
Japan	647	565	8.3	-12.6	50	-82	7,065	-9.5	-743
Other O.E.C.D. 86 *	311	279	0.7	-10.2	2	-32	3,240	4.2	130
Other countries	911	825	7.3	-9.5	62	-87	11,612	2.5	279
Total	12,823	11,966	5.0	-6.7	612	-857	134,527	3.6	4,721
Imports from:									
United States	8,042	7,267	8.3	-9.6	617	-774	85,462	-0.1	-60
United Kingdom *	579	466	49.2	-19.5	191	-113	4,325	1.3	55
E.E.C. 86 excl. U.K.	856	740	8.8	-13.6	69	-116	9,106	0.5	49
Japan	646	641	-5.5	-0.9	-38	-6	7,599	0.2	14
Other O.E.C.D. 86 *	398	516	-3.6	29.6	-15	118	4,374	18.2	673
Other countries *	1,278	1,069	7.6	-16.4	90	-210	13,319	0.4	53
Total	11,799	10,698	8.4	-9.3	915	-1,101	124,186	0.6	784
Balance with:									
United States	1,834	2,030			-143	196	16,318		5,001
United Kingdom	-290	-140			-187	150	-1,120		-132
E.E.C. 86 excl. U.K.	-66	-65			-49	0	-1,482		141
Japan	0	-76			87	-76	-535		-757
Other O.E.C.D. 86 *	-88	-237			17	-149	-1,133		-543
Other countries	-367	-244			-28	123	-1,708		226
Total	1,024	1,268			-303	244	10,341		3,936

* Raw values

Table 2A
Statistical Alignment of Canadian Exports to the United States with United States Imports from Canada
 Customs Basis
 November 1990

	\$ millions
Total Canadian exports to United States	9,623.2
Freight and other related charges incurred in bringing the merchandise to the Canadian border	-235.0
Canadian re-exports of goods of foreign origin to United States	-508.5
United States imports of goods of Canadian origin from other countries	22.6
Re-exports of U.S. goods returned through Canada and designated as Canadian origin by the U.S.	342.1
Monthly average exchange rate (\$US/\$Cdn)	1.1631
Total United States imports from Canada (Country of Origin and F.O.B. place of lading Basis)	US \$7,948.1

Notes:

1. United States trade data includes Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands.
2. Totals may not add due to rounding.
3. Readers interested in aligning Canadian imports from United States to United States exports to Canada should refer to the *United States Department of Commerce News Release (FT900)* or contact International Trade Division Data Dissemination Section at 613-951-9647.

Table 3
Exports by Commodity Groupings
 November 1990
 Balance of Payments Basis

	Seasonally adjusted					Raw values		
	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Year-to-date		Percentage change		
				Value	% change	Nov.'90/Nov.'89/Nov.'88/Nov.'87	Nov.'89	Nov.'88
	\$ millions							
AGRICULTURAL AND FISHING PRODUCTS	945	916	925	11,706	9.2	-15.3	1.7	8.9
Wheat	200	100	150	3,036	31.4	-48.8	5.3	11.3
Other agricultural and fishing products	745	815	775	8,670	3.1	0.4	0.1	7.8
ENERGY PRODUCTS	1,558	1,540	1,453	12,988	15.5	48.7	7.4	-10.3
Crude petroleum *	627	681	729	4,991	22.7	105.6	30.4	-32.8
Natural gas	278	299	283	2,995	8.4	12.6	0.3	4.9
Other energy products	653	560	441	5,002	13.4	21.7	-3.5	3.1
FORESTRY PRODUCTS	1,636	1,696	1,748	19,178	-6.7	-8.8	-0.8	1.8
Lumber and sawmill products	505	526	568	6,058	-5.9	-11.7	10.6	-19.6
Woodpulp and other wood products	472	511	470	5,478	-13.3	-17.2	-2.0	17.2
Newsprint and other paper and paperboard	659	659	710	7,642	-2.1	0.2	-8.1	12.3
INDUSTRIAL GOODS AND MATERIALS	2,553	2,760	2,520	27,689	-6.2	-2.2	-1.9	14.3
Metal ores	518	558	447	5,043	-2.2	8.4	-7.7	-4.9
Chemicals, plastics and fertilizers	544	646	628	6,521	1.6	11.6	-18.2	25.2
Metals and alloys	1,014	1,069	1,000	10,979	-14.7	-8.0	8.6	19.3
Other industrial goods and materials	477	487	444	5,147	1.3	-13.3	4.0	11.6
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	2,196	2,517	2,300	26,491	16.3	6.3	7.2	4.6
Industrial and agricultural machinery	440	526	485	5,522	10.6	5.0	-0.1	16.4
Aircraft and other transportation equipment	490	640	561	6,024	21.0	13.7	39.0	-13.5
Other machinery and equipment	1,266	1,351	1,254	14,946	16.7	3.7	0.5	7.2
AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS	2,884	3,024	2,538	31,631	-0.5	-14.0	2.6	17.4
Passenger autos and chassis	1,340	1,521	1,279	15,120	6.2	-4.9	11.9	3.8
Trucks and other motor vehicles	722	706	623	7,596	-0.2	-16.2	-8.0	40.7
Motor vehicle parts	822	797	636	8,916	-10.4	-27.1	-1.5	22.3
OTHER CONSUMER GOODS	234	244	242	2,577	7.2	13.3	-11.6	0.3
SPECIAL TRANSACTIONS TRADE *	238	167	276	2,717	93.3	75.7	50.2	111.6
UNALLOCATED ADJUSTMENTS *	-35	-41	-36	-452	-26.7	-45.8	-139.5	154.7
TOTAL	12,211	12,823	11,966	134,527	3.6	-0.4	0.4	9.4

* Raw values

Table 4
Imports by Commodity Groupings
 November 1990
 Balance of Payments Basis

	Seasonally adjusted					Raw values		
	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Year-to-date		Percentage change		
				Value	% change	Nov.'90/Nov.'89/Nov.'87	Nov.'89	Nov.'88
	\$ millions							
AGRICULTURAL AND FISHING PRODUCTS	720	748	743	8,036	7.1	9.9	0.9	8.2
Fruits and vegetables	243	250	255	2,682	7.0	14.1	-1.6	10.4
Other agricultural and fishing products	477	498	488	5,354	7.1	7.9	2.1	7.1
ENERGY PRODUCTS	692	949	739	6,997	22.0	22.2	33.0	-18.2
Crude petroleum	527	691	513	4,567	34.3	29.7	68.4	-18.6
Other energy products	165	257	226	2,430	4.0	10.5	-0.2	-17.8
FORESTRY PRODUCTS	93	101	90	1,231	-1.2	-19.2	10.5	4.6
INDUSTRIAL GOODS AND MATERIALS	2,198	2,330	2,033	24,034	-1.2	-5.3	3.1	11.3
Metals and metal ores	632	657	573	6,450	-7.3	1.1	-4.0	-4.1
Chemicals and plastics	708	734	659	7,636	2.1	-1.1	1.6	24.9
Other industrial goods and materials	858	939	801	9,948	0.6	-12.5	9.6	15.6
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	3,329	3,629	3,218	39,224	-1.1	-7.1	4.6	14.1
Industrial and agricultural machinery	955	1,038	939	11,567	-7.3	-15.5	0.9	19.4
Aircraft and other transportation equipment	342	368	344	4,408	-13.6	-9.8	-15.4	-8.4
Office machines and equipment	508	543	473	5,769	0.7	-6.5	3.2	5.4
Other machinery and equipment	1,523	1,679	1,463	17,480	6.8	-0.9	14.3	23.1
AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS	2,388	2,445	2,388	28,235	-3.8	-3.8	-11.5	-6.8
Passenger autos and chassis	808	783	682	9,815	-8.4	-21.8	-21.5	0.5
Trucks and other motor vehicles	266	269	253	3,173	-0.1	-2.0	-14.0	-10.1
Motor vehicle parts	1,314	1,393	1,453	15,247	-1.4	7.2	-3.3	-11.1
OTHER CONSUMER GOODS	1,303	1,392	1,246	14,531	5.2	-1.0	12.2	5.7
Apparel and footwear	293	322	286	3,445	7.9	-7.9	32.0	-7.8
Miscellaneous consumer goods	1,010	1,070	960	11,086	4.3	0.6	8.5	8.7
SPECIAL TRANSACTIONS TRADE *	230	286	316	2,741	4.3	37.0	-5.9	32.7
UNALLOCATED ADJUSTMENTS *	-68	-81	-76	-843	-4.0	-5.6	-0.7	9.3
TOTAL	10,884	11,799	10,698	124,186	0.6	-1.9	1.6	4.7

* Raw values

Table 5
Merchandise Trade of Canada
 Constant Dollars, Laspeyres Price Indexes and Terms of Trade
 November 1990
 Seasonally Adjusted, Balance of Payments Basis

	Constant 1986 dollars (1)				Laspeyres price index (2)					
	Exports		Imports		1986=100.0			Period-to-period change (4)		
					Exports	Imports	Terms of Trade(3)	Exports	Imports	Terms of Trade(3)
	\$ millions		%		Exports	Imports	Terms of Trade(3)	%		
1986	120,317	110,374	100.0	100.0	100.0
1987	124,717	117,271	3.7	6.2	101.8	98.8	103.0	1.8	-1.2	3.0
1988	136,376	133,265	9.3	13.6	103.0	97.5	105.6	1.2	-1.4	2.5
1989	137,498	139,647	0.8	4.8	104.8	97.9	107.0	1.8	0.4	1.3
1988										
First quarter	33,201	32,762	3.3	3.4	102.0	97.8	104.3	-1.4	-1.8	1.9
Second quarter	34,955	33,047	5.3	0.9	101.9	96.9	105.2	-0.2	-0.9	0.8
Third quarter	34,003	33,280	-2.7	0.7	103.4	97.0	106.6	1.5	0.1	1.4
Fourth quarter	34,217	34,176	0.6	2.7	104.3	97.6	106.9	0.9	0.7	0.3
1989										
First quarter	34,920	34,522	2.1	1.0	105.6	97.3	108.6	1.3	-0.3	1.7
Second quarter	33,848	35,155	-3.1	1.8	106.2	98.2	108.1	0.5	0.9	-0.4
Third quarter	34,390	34,582	1.6	-1.6	104.2	97.8	106.5	-1.9	-0.5	-1.5
Fourth quarter	34,341	35,387	-0.1	2.3	103.8	97.6	106.4	-0.4	-0.2	-0.2
1990										
First quarter	35,172	34,911	2.4	-1.3	104.3	99.5	104.8	0.5	2.0	-1.5
Second quarter	36,822	35,547	4.7	1.8	102.9	98.6	104.4	-1.3	-1.0	-0.4
Third quarter	36,752	34,638	-0.2	-2.6	103.3	98.8	104.6	0.3	0.3	0.2
1989										
January	12,107	11,526	5.7	0.4	105.5	97.3	108.4	1.0	-0.1	1.0
February	11,605	11,439	-4.2	-0.8	105.5	97.4	108.3	0.1	0.1	-0.1
March	11,208	11,557	-3.4	1.0	106.0	97.3	108.9	0.4	0.0	0.6
April	11,114	11,599	-0.8	0.4	106.3	98.2	108.2	0.3	0.9	-0.6
May	11,738	12,182	5.6	5.0	106.4	98.3	108.2	0.1	0.1	0.0
June	10,997	11,374	-6.3	-6.6	106.0	98.5	107.6	-0.4	0.3	-0.6
July	11,384	11,002	3.5	-3.3	105.0	98.1	107.0	-0.9	-0.4	-0.5
August	11,389	11,884	0.0	8.0	104.0	97.3	106.9	-0.9	-0.8	-0.1
September	11,616	11,696	2.0	-1.6	103.6	97.7	106.0	-0.4	0.4	-0.8
October	11,356	12,073	-2.2	3.2	104.4	97.9	106.6	0.7	0.2	0.6
November	11,468	11,623	1.0	-3.7	103.9	97.7	106.3	-0.5	-0.3	-0.3
December	11,517	11,691	0.4	0.6	103.6	97.2	106.6	-0.3	-0.4	0.2
1990										
January	11,423	11,551	-0.8	-1.2	103.7	98.7	105.1	0.1	1.6	-1.4
February	11,472	11,695	0.4	1.2	105.7	100.5	105.2	2.0	1.8	0.1
March	12,278	11,665	7.0	-0.3	103.7	99.4	104.3	-2.0	-1.1	-0.8
April	11,927	12,115	-2.9	3.9	102.9	98.5	104.5	-0.7	-0.9	0.1
May	12,440	11,939	4.3	-1.5	103.4	98.8	104.7	0.4	0.3	0.2
June	12,454	11,492	0.1	-3.7	102.6	98.5	104.2	-0.8	-0.3	-0.5
July	12,482	11,856	0.2	3.2	101.4	97.8	103.7	-1.1	-0.7	-0.5
August	12,453	11,688	-0.2	-1.4	102.6	98.1	104.6	1.2	0.3	0.9
September	11,818	11,093	-5.1	-5.1	105.8	100.5	105.3	3.1	2.4	0.7
October	12,340	11,849	4.4	6.8	106.7	101.5	105.1	0.8	1.0	-0.1
November	11,435	10,829	-7.3	-8.6	106.6	101.3	105.2	0.0	-0.2	0.1
Year-to-date										
1989	125,981	127,955	0.8	5.1						
1990	132,521	127,773	5.2	-0.1						

(1) The Paasche current weighted price index used to calculate constant dollars can be derived by dividing current values by the constant dollars above.

(2) The Laspeyres price index uses fixed weights based on 1986 trade and therefore reflects changes in price only.

(3) The Terms of Trade are the ratios of export price indexes to import price indexes, multiplied by 100.

(4) Change over previous period.

Note: Due to rounding, monthly data may not add up to quarterly data and quarterly data may not add up to annual data.

... figures not appropriate.

Table 6
Exports by Commodity Groupings in 1986 Dollars
 November 1990
 Balance of Payments Basis

	Seasonally adjusted					Raw values		
	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Year-to-date		Percentage change		
				Value	% change	Nov.'90/Nov.'89/Nov.'88/Nov.'87	Nov.'89	Nov.'88
	\$ millions							
AGRICULTURAL AND FISHING PRODUCTS	959	899	937	11,333	14.5	-11.6	9.4	-6.1
Wheat	222	111	167	2,888	58.5	-35.8	26.3	-30.4
Other agricultural and fishing products	737	788	770	8,446	4.6	-1.9	3.8	6.1
ENERGY PRODUCTS	1,374	1,319	1,161	13,473	3.2	2.6	-5.1	14.2
Crude petroleum *	356	347	365	3,860	0.1	9.2	-10.6	12.9
Natural gas	433	453	402	4,500	8.8	7.2	6.1	9.9
Other energy products	585	519	395	5,113	1.0	-6.6	-9.8	19.1
FORESTRY PRODUCTS	1,491	1,568	1,626	17,411	-1.6	-2.5	-0.7	1.0
Lumber and sawmill products	528	555	595	6,203	-4.6	-7.7	8.5	-9.1
Woodpulp and other wood products	327	369	352	3,703	-4.7	1.0	-9.2	1.9
Newsprint and other paper and paperboard	637	643	680	7,505	2.8	0.6	-3.7	10.3
INDUSTRIAL GOODS AND MATERIALS	2,457	2,683	2,476	27,110	1.1	0.7	4.9	10.4
Metal ores	448	492	426	4,419	1.2	10.7	-3.6	-3.0
Chemicals, plastics and fertilizers	567	696	647	6,677	8.0	21.3	-18.4	25.8
Metals and alloys	927	971	919	10,361	-5.4	-7.5	30.0	5.5
Other industrial goods and materials	515	523	484	5,653	6.6	-11.4	3.2	12.9
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	2,102	2,399	2,170	25,413	14.6	3.4	5.8	3.7
Industrial and agricultural machinery	383	459	421	4,827	7.2	2.5	-4.1	13.4
Aircraft and other transportation equipment	434	566	501	5,360	18.9	12.6	34.2	-17.5
Other machinery and equipment	1,286	1,374	1,248	15,227	15.7	0.4	1.5	8.1
AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS	3,031	3,138	2,623	33,301	-0.5	-15.1	4.4	20.8
Passenger autos and chassis	1,425	1,589	1,328	16,200	6.8	-6.7	14.7	7.5
Trucks and other motor vehicles	770	737	648	8,053	-1.1	-17.7	-6.0	44.9
Motor vehicle parts	836	812	646	9,048	-10.9	-27.2	-1.3	24.5
OTHER CONSUMER GOODS	207	215	213	2,246	5.4	15.1	-16.9	-3.1
SPECIAL TRANSACTIONS TRADE *	231	160	264	2,679	96.2	70.6	47.3	110.2
UNALLOCATED ADJUSTMENTS *	-34	-40	-34	-445	-25.7	-47.4	-138.7	153.0
TOTAL	11,818	12,341	11,435	132,521	5.2	-3.3	1.5	10.0

* Raw values

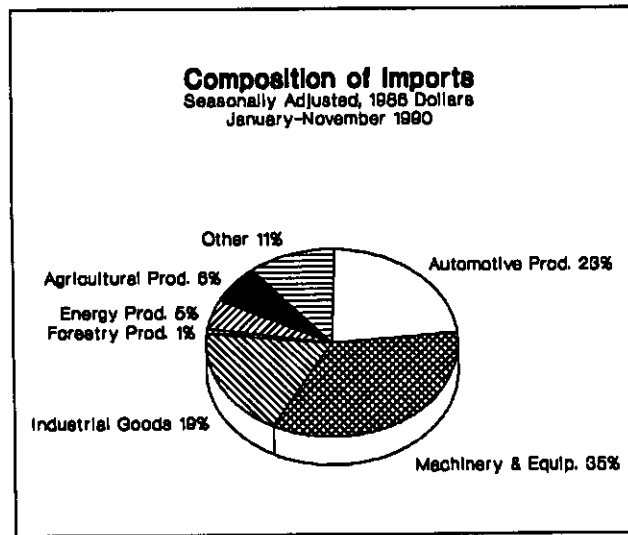
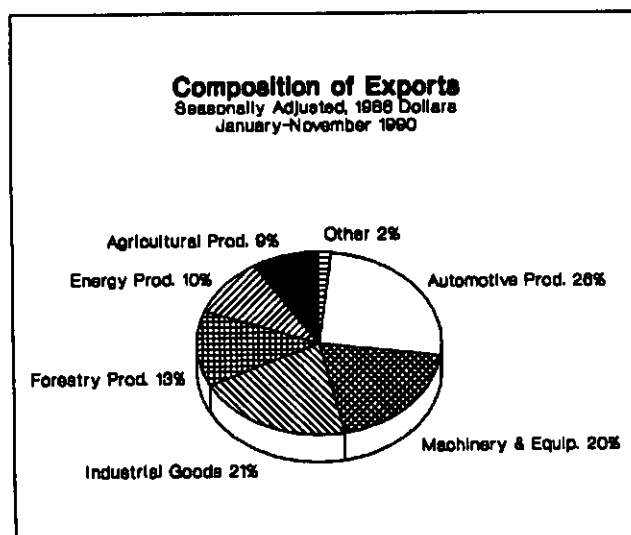


Table 7
Imports by Commodity Groupings in 1986 Dollars
 November 1990
 Balance of Payments Basis

	Seasonally adjusted					Raw values		
	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Year-to-date		Percentage change		
				Value	% change	Nov.'90/Nov.'89/ Nov.'89	Nov.'88	Nov.'87
	\$ millions							
AGRICULTURAL AND FISHING PRODUCTS	724	735	752	8,155	7.5	8.3	5.1	5.2
Fruits and vegetables	231	228	241	2,579	6.7	9.4	5.6	-0.5
Other agricultural and fishing products	492	507	511	5,576	7.9	7.9	4.9	7.8
ENERGY PRODUCTS	527	603	505	6,443	4.3	-14.5	7.1	9.0
Crude petroleum	330	372	304	3,755	9.1	-20.8	20.9	25.5
Other energy products	197	231	201	2,688	-1.7	-6.0	-7.3	-4.2
FORESTRY PRODUCTS	87	96	86	1,123	4.8	-11.8	16.6	-12.0
INDUSTRIAL GOODS AND MATERIALS	2,188	2,288	2,003	23,672	0.0	-5.6	7.5	6.1
Metals and metal ores	593	624	525	6,071	-4.3	-1.9	5.4	-13.3
Chemicals and plastics	749	749	690	7,915	7.3	1.7	5.6	19.4
Other industrial goods and materials	846	916	788	9,686	-2.5	-13.4	10.4	12.9
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	3,741	4,070	3,587	43,624	0.0	-7.2	7.9	17.6
Industrial and agricultural machinery	1,007	1,092	984	12,175	-8.9	-17.5	1.0	23.8
Aircraft and other transportation equipment	349	383	358	4,554	-13.9	-11.2	-15.2	-6.6
Office machines and equipment	846	904	787	9,286	11.8	1.3	18.8	13.0
Other machinery and equipment	1,539	1,690	1,459	17,609	5.7	-3.1	15.8	25.4
AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS	2,400	2,519	2,470	28,666	-5.3	-3.9	-10.5	-5.9
Passenger autos and chassis	690	731	628	8,741	-10.6	-19.9	-24.1	-6.1
Trucks and other motor vehicles	284	281	267	3,397	-2.4	-6.3	-13.7	-6.5
Motor vehicle parts	1,427	1,508	1,576	16,529	-2.8	4.4	-1.1	-5.7
OTHER CONSUMER GOODS	1,261	1,332	1,184	14,138	3.3	-4.2	11.5	7.2
Apparel and footwear	220	234	211	2,614	-1.7	-14.4	25.7	-15.9
Miscellaneous consumer goods	1,041	1,098	973	11,523	4.5	-2.4	9.3	11.9
SPECIAL TRANSACTIONS TRADE *	234	288	319	2,818	-0.8	26.1	-2.4	36.3
UNALLOCATED ADJUSTMENTS *	-69	-81	-77	-867	-8.6	-13.1	2.9	12.2
TOTAL	11,093	11,849	10,829	127,773	-0.1	-4.6	3.0	6.4

* Raw values