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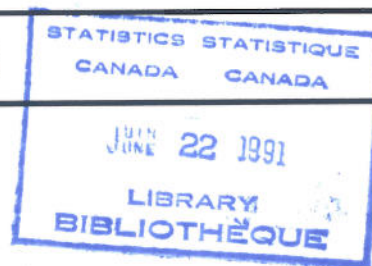
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Wholesale Trade

April 1993 (Preliminary)

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Seasonally Adjusted

Sales for seven of the nine trade groups decreased in April. The most significant monthly declines (in dollar terms) were recorded by wholesalers of other machinery, equipment and supplies (-3.9%) followed by food, drug and tobacco suppliers (-2.8%). After four consecutive periods of growth, wholesalers of lumber and building materials recorded a decline of 4.2%.

The largest monthly increase was recorded by wholesalers of other products (paper products, agricultural supplies, industrial and household chemicals, etc.), up 1.2% from March.

Seven of the provinces and territories posted lower sales in April. The decreases ranged from -1.4% in Alberta to -4.0% in Ontario.

In April, wholesale merchants' inventories totalled \$26.0 billion, up 1.3% from March. The inventories-to-sales ratio at the end of April was 1.60:1, up from 1.54:1 the previous month.

Wholesalers interact with various sectors of the economy both in buying and selling goods. More specifically, wholesalers purchase through a network of importers, manufacturers and other wholesalers. They sell to other wholesalers, retailers, household consumers, industrial and commercial users, and to foreign markets.

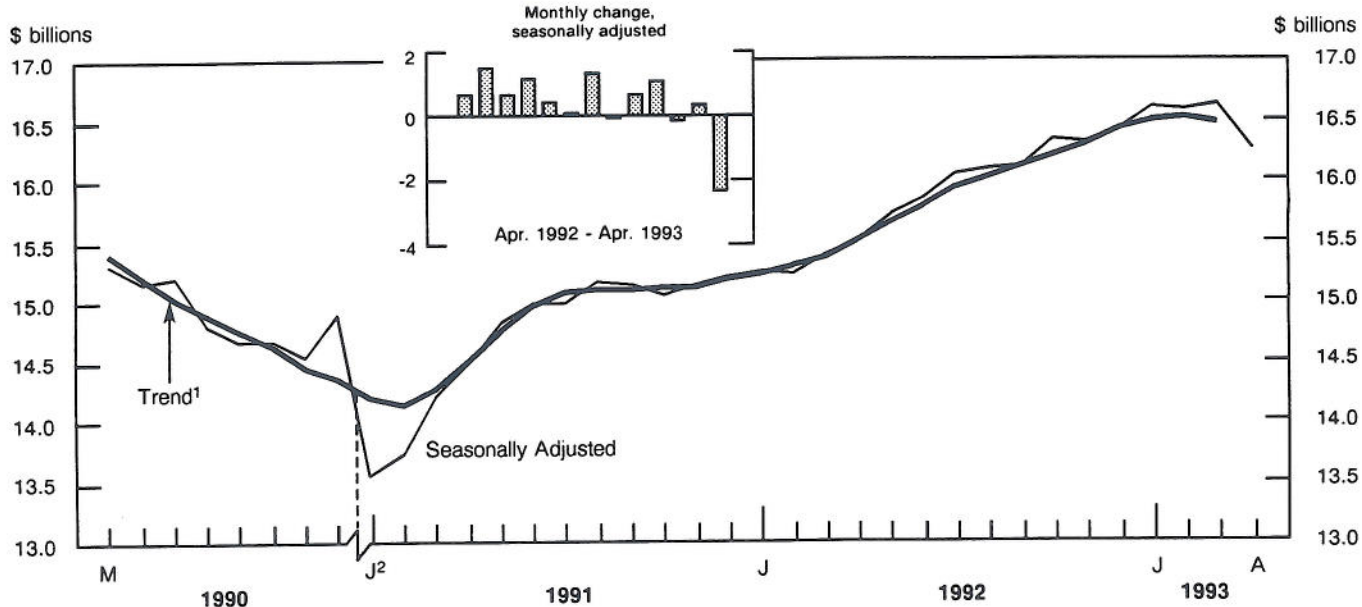
Available on CANSIM: matrices 59, 61, 648 and 649.

The April issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-008, \$14.40/\$144) will be available the second week of July. See "How to Order Publications".

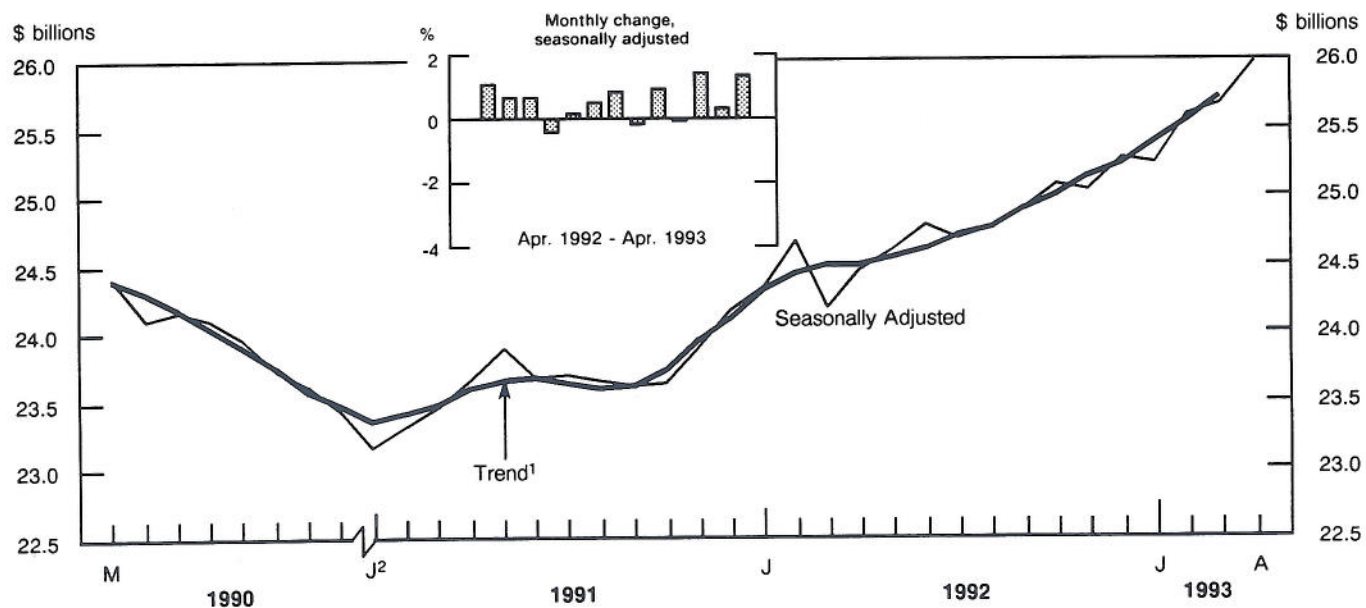
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Wholesale Merchants' Sales



Wholesale Merchants' Inventories



¹ The short-term trend represents a weighted average of data.

² Prior to 1991, data includes Federal Sales Tax. Its successor, the Goods and Services Tax is not included in the 1991 and later data.

Wholesale Merchants' Sales

	April 1992	March 1993 ^r	April 1993 ^p	April 1992 to April 1993	April 1992	January 1993 ^r	February 1993 ^r	March 1993 ^r	April 1993 ^p	March 1993 to April 1993	April 1992 to April 1993
	unadjusted				seasonally adjusted						
	\$ millions		%		\$ millions		%				
Trade group											
Food, beverage, drug and tobacco products	3,989	4,245	4,284	7.4	3,953	4,395	4,412	4,399	4,278	-2.8	8.2
Apparel and dry goods	350	557	411	17.4	369	450	438	435	429	-1.4	16.2
Household goods	516	588	547	6.0	541	592	597	595	575	-3.4	6.3
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories	2,000	2,110	1,874	-6.3	1,821	1,801	1,771	1,798	1,746	-2.9	-4.1
Metals, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies	1,100	1,165	1,154	4.9	1,081	1,178	1,151	1,145	1,141	-0.4	5.5
Lumber and building materials	1,433	1,503	1,627	13.5	1,420	1,603	1,630	1,682	1,611	-4.2	13.4
Farm machinery, equipment and supplies	443	324	423	-4.7	354	354	361	345	348	0.9	-1.6
Other machinery, equipment and supplies	3,551	4,215	3,480	-2.0	3,488	3,618	3,631	3,652	3,509	-3.9	0.6
Other products	2,576	2,684	2,692	4.5	2,464	2,608	2,580	2,567	2,598	1.2	5.4
Total, all trades	15,960	17,391	16,491	3.3	15,490	16,599	16,572	16,619	16,235	-2.3	4.8
Provinces/Territories											
Newfoundland	141	152	157	11.3	162	171	171	172	177	3.2	9.7
Prince Edward Island	41	35	36	-11.6	43	42	42	41	40	-3.3	-8.7
Nova Scotia	340	344	348	2.4	340	376	373	354	345	-2.6	1.4
New Brunswick	239	227	225	-5.8	249	245	246	239	232	-2.9	-6.9
Quebec	3,880	4,098	3,916	0.9	3,840	3,968	3,943	4,021	3,940	-2.0	2.6
Ontario	6,727	7,489	6,843	1.7	6,384	6,951	6,909	6,907	6,628	-4.0	3.8
Manitoba	520	556	578	11.2	519	575	576	588	586	-0.3	13.0
Saskatchewan	440	459	496	12.7	460	492	504	513	520	1.5	13.1
Alberta	1,484	1,541	1,511	1.8	1,427	1,515	1,519	1,495	1,474	-1.4	3.3
British Columbia	2,130	2,470	2,362	10.9	2,048	2,242	2,269	2,269	2,271	0.1	10.9
Yukon and Northwest Territories	18	19	20	6.9	18	23	21	20	21	4.5	16.7

Wholesale Merchants' Inventories

Trade group											
Food, beverage, drug and tobacco products	2,857	3,065	3,278	14.7	2,884	3,288	3,268	3,195	3,301	3.3	14.4
Apparel and dry goods	866	951	931	7.5	841	952	945	929	910	-2.0	8.2
Household goods	1,155	1,188	1,250	8.3	1,155	1,112	1,143	1,188	1,250	5.3	8.3
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories	3,601	3,970	4,176	16.0	3,535	3,560	3,799	3,830	4,073	6.3	15.2
Metals, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies	2,120	2,134	2,228	5.1	2,050	2,188	2,155	2,159	2,162	0.1	5.4
Lumber and building materials	2,660	2,805	2,899	9.0	2,522	2,525	2,556	2,650	2,682	1.2	6.3
Farm machinery, equipment and supplies	1,506	1,299	1,282	-14.9	1,416	1,272	1,291	1,235	1,209	-2.2	-14.6
Other machinery, equipment and supplies	7,250	7,139	7,198	-0.7	7,056	7,061	7,114	7,103	7,020	-1.2	-0.5
Other products	3,059	3,487	3,475	13.6	2,983	3,285	3,323	3,372	3,385	0.4	13.5
Total, all trades	25,075	26,038	26,718	6.6	24,442	25,243	25,592	25,662	25,992	1.3	6.3

^r Revised figures.^p Preliminary figures.

— Amount too small to be expressed.

Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Industry – Volume and Value of Marketable Production; Capital and Operating Expenditures

1992 (Preliminary) and 1991 (Final)

In 1992, production of crude petroleum and natural gas increased by 6.9% from 1991, while capital and operating expenditures decreased by 23.0%.

Marketable Production

The total value of marketable production of crude oil, natural gas and natural gas by-products in 1992 increased by 6.9% from 1991.

Preliminary estimates indicate that production of crude oil during 1992 amounted to 93 256 thousand cubic metres, a 3.9% increase over 1991. Value of production is estimated at \$10,908 million, a 4.3% increase over 1991.

Natural gas production during 1992 was 116 664 million cubic metres, a 10.8% increase from 1991. Value of production in 1992 is estimated at \$5,923 million.

Production of natural gas by-products reached 26 734 thousand cubic metres, a 7.3% increase from 1991. Value of production is estimated at \$2,435 million, up 11.8% from 1991.

Capital and Operating Expenditures

Capital expenditures by Canada's oil and gas producing industry decreased 23.0% in 1992 to \$6.0 billion. Operating costs (excluding royalties) declined 2.0% to \$7.2 billion.

The conventional (not oil sands) sector's capital expenditures during 1992 totalled \$5.3 billion, a 20.0% decrease from \$6.7 billion in 1991. These expenditures relate to land acquisition and retention (mineral rights), geological and geophysical activity, exploration drilling, development drilling, production facilities, non-production facilities, enhanced recovery projects and natural gas processing plants.

The conventional sector's operating expenditures in 1992 totalled \$5.6 billion, a 2.9% decrease from \$5.8 billion in 1991. These expenditures relate to natural gas processing plants, field, well and gathering operations, and taxes.

The non-conventional sector's capital expenditures in 1992 totalled \$0.6 billion, down 41.4% from \$1.1 billion in 1991. These expenditures relate to exploratory and delineation drilling, research and development, fixed installations, machinery and equipment, housing, and pollution control equipment.

The non-conventional sector's operating expenditures in 1992 amounted to \$1.6 billion, a 1.6% increase over 1991. These expenditures relate to taxes, administration expense, land acquisition and retention, reclamation, and other expenses.

The 1992 issue of *Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Industry* (26-213, \$26) will be available the third week of September.

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Marketable Production of the Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Industry

	Crude Oil		Natural Gas		Natural Gas By-products ¹	
	m ³ thousands	\$ millions	m ³ millions	\$ millions	m ³ thousands	\$ millions
1992^P						
Saskatchewan	13 355.1	1,415.9	6 182.1	327.5	128.8	12.4
Alberta	74 505.0	8,823.9	95 180.3	4,940.8	25 798.1	2,346.4
British Columbia	2 060.3	262.8	14 292.8	588.0	772.1	72.5
Other Provinces/Canada Lands	3 335.4	405.2	1 008.3	67.0	35.5	3.6
Canada	93 255.8	10,907.8	116 663.5	5,923.3	26 734.5	2,434.9
1991^f						
Saskatchewan	12 390.1	1,186.5	6 041.8	332.3	122.0	10.8
Alberta	72 477.7	8,675.4	85 477.3	4,435.4	24 107.5	2,103.8
British Columbia	2 046.2	266.1	12 933.8	564.4	654.2	59.8
Other Provinces/Canada Lands	2 874.4	328.4	790.8	62.0	35.1	3.7
Canada	89 788.4	10,456.4	105 243.7	5,394.1	24 918.8	2,178.1

¹ Excludes volume and value of elemental sulphur.

^P Preliminary figures.

^f Final figures.

Capital and Operating Expenditures of the Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Industry

	Canada Lands ¹		Provinces		Canada	
	1991 ^f	1992 ^P	1991 ^f	1992 ^P	1991 ^f	1992 ^P
	\$ millions					
Capital Expenditures						
Conventional	747.8	829.6	5,913.2	4,497.4	6,661.0	5,327.0
Non-conventional	—	—	1,090.5	639.1	1,090.5	639.1
Total	747.8	829.6	7,003.7	5,136.5	7,751.5	5,966.1
Operating Expenditures²						
Conventional	92.7	136.5	5,696.0	5,483.4	5,788.7	5,619.9
Non-conventional	—	—	1,554.1	1,579.2	1,554.1	1,579.2
Total	92.7	136.5	7,250.1	7,062.6	7,342.8	7,199.1

¹ Canada Lands includes East Coast Offshore, West Coast Offshore, Yukon Territory, Northwest Territories, Arctic Islands and Hudson Bay.

² Excludes royalties.

^P Preliminary figures.

^f Final figures.

— Nil or zero.

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tobacco Products

May 1993

Tobacco product firms produced 4.01 billion cigarettes in May 1993, a 4.5% decrease from 4.20^r (revised) billion cigarettes produced in May 1992. Production from January to May 1993 totalled 20.75 billion cigarettes, up 6.7% from 19.45^r billion cigarettes in the year-earlier period.

Domestic sales in May 1993 totalled 2.91 billion cigarettes, a 1.0% decrease from 2.94 billion cigarettes sold in May 1992. Year-to-date sales at the end of May 1993 totalled 12.37 billion cigarettes, down 13.2% from 14.25^r billion cigarettes the year before.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 46.

The May 1993 issue of *Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products* (32-022, \$5/\$50) will be available shortly. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, contact Peter Zylstra (613-951-3511), Industry Division. ■

Shipments of Rolled Steel

April 1993

Rolled steel shipments for April 1993 totalled 1 157 215 tonnes, a 1.9% decrease from 1 180 095 tonnes a month earlier but an 11.4% increase from 1 039 011 tonnes a year earlier.

Year-to-date shipments at the end of the month totalled 4 464 053 tonnes, up 16.9% from 3 820 233 tonnes the previous year.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 58 and 122 (series 22-25).

The April 1993 issue of *Primary Iron and Steel* (41-001, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Greg Milsom (613-951-9827), Industry Division. ■

Air Carrier Fare Basis Statistics

Third Quarter 1992 (Preliminary)

Preliminary estimates on fare type utilization, according to data from the four major carriers (AirBC, Air Canada, Canadian Airlines International and Time Air), are now available for the third quarter of 1992.

On domestic scheduled services, 69.3% of passengers travelled on discount fares, down from the record 71.2% reported in the third quarter of 1991, but still higher than the third quarter of all other years since 1983.

Discount fares accounted for 74.0% of total passenger-kilometres in the third quarter of 1992, down from the record 76.6% reported in the third quarter of 1991, but, again, still higher than any year before that.

The highest rate of discount fare use was recorded on long-haul services in the southern domestic (deregulated) sector, where 74.7% of passengers travelled on a discount fare.

The average fare (all types) paid by passengers on all domestic city-pairs was \$179, down slightly from the \$180 average of 1991 and down 7.7% from the \$194 average of 1990.

For further information on this release, contact Lisa Di Pi  tro (819-997-6176) or Bradley Snider (819-997-1989), Aviation Statistics Centre, Transportation Division. ■



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Mineral Wool Including Fibrous Glass Insulation, May 1993.

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