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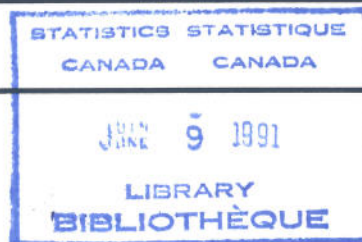


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MAJOR RELEASES

New Motor Vehicle Sales

April 1993 (Preliminary)

Seasonally adjusted estimates indicate that new motor vehicle sales totalled 100,000 units in April 1993, a 1.0% increase from the revised March figure. This increase was due to stronger truck sales (+2.5%). Passenger car sales remained unchanged.

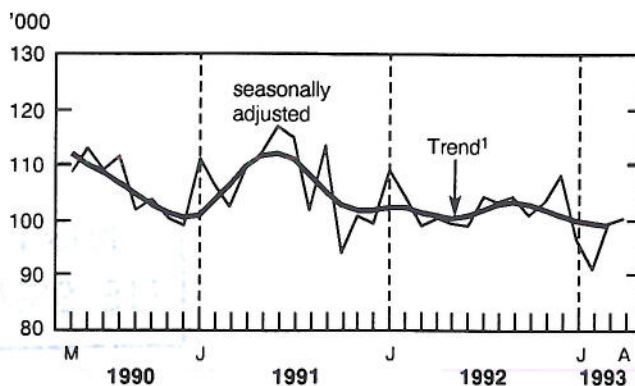
Unadjusted

Sales of all new motor vehicles for April 1993 were 124,000 units, down 0.9% from April 1992. Sales of passenger cars decreased 5.8%, but truck sales rose 9.0%.

April's decrease in passenger car sales stemmed from a 1.4% decrease for North American passenger cars and a 10.4% decrease for cars manufactured in Japan.

In April, the North American share of the Canadian passenger car market rose to 65.0% from 62.1% a year earlier; the Japanese share fell from 29.6% to 28.1% for the same period.

Monthly Sales of New Motor Vehicles, in Units



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

Available on CANSIM: matrix 64.

The April 1993 issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, \$14.40/\$144) will be available in July. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Diane Lake (613-951-9824), Industry Division.

New Motor Vehicle Sales

April 1993

	January 1993 ^r		February 1993 ^r		March 1993 ^r		April 1993 ^p	
	units	% change	units	% change	units	% change	units	% change
seasonally adjusted								
Total New Motor Vehicles	96,272	-10.8	91,030	-5.4	99,253	+ 9.0	100,245	+ 1.0
Passenger Cars by Origin:								
North America ¹	41,183	-9.8	34,967	-15.1	41,824	+ 19.6	40,923	-2.2
Imported ²	21,247	+ 0.7	21,478	+ 1.1	21,546	+ 0.3	22,529	+ 4.6
Total	62,430	-6.5	56,445	-9.6	63,370	+ 12.3	63,452	+ 0.1
Trucks, Vans and Buses	33,842	-17.9	34,586	+ 2.2	35,883	+ 3.8	36,793	+ 2.5
unadjusted								
	April 1993		April 1992 to April 1993		January to April 1993		January- April 1992 to January- April 1993	
	units	% change	units	% change	units	% change	units	% change
Total New Motor Vehicles	123,786	-0.9			374,361			-5.7
Passenger Cars by Origin:								
North America ¹	51,040	-1.4			152,854			-6.1
Japan ²	22,092	-10.4			65,130			-16.2
Other Countries ²	5,448	-21.6			17,356			-10.9
Total	78,580	-5.8			235,340			-9.5
Trucks, Vans and Buses by Origin:								
North America ¹	39,743	+ 10.3			122,186			+ 2.9
Imported ²	5,463	+ 0.6			16,835			-6.9
Total	45,206	+ 9.0			139,021			+ 1.6

¹ North American vehicles: motor vehicles manufactured or assembled in North America. These vehicles may be built by domestic or foreign-owned companies.

² Imported vehicles: motor vehicles manufactured or assembled overseas and marketed in Canada by domestic or foreign-owned companies.

^p Preliminary figures.

^r Revised figures.

Farm Product Price Index

April 1993

The Farm Product Price Index (1986=100) for Canada stood at 101.7 in April, up 1.0% from the revised March level of 100.7. The livestock and animal products index rose 0.4% to 109.9 – another record high – with increases in the cattle and calves index and in the hogs index. The crops index rose 2.2% to 88.4. The cereals and potatoes indexes increased, while the oilseeds index increased marginally.

Crops

The crops index rose 2.2% to 88.4 as the cereals and potatoes indexes both increased. Since the beginning of the 1992/93 crop year in August 1992, the index has remained at lows not seen since 1977/78. In April, the index stood 11.1% below its year-earlier level.

The cereals index rose 4.0% to 72.0. Throughout 1992/93, the cereals index has been at its lowest levels since 1972/73. In April, Canadian Wheat Board wheat prices increased due to greater marketings of high-protein wheat. Except for a rise in corn prices, prices for most other cereals were stable. The cereals index in April stood 21.7% below its year-earlier level.

The oilseeds index decreased by 0.9% to 117.0. Flaxseed prices were up strongly, but soybean and canola prices fell. The oilseeds index has decreased in the last three months, but was 16.2% above its year-earlier level in April.

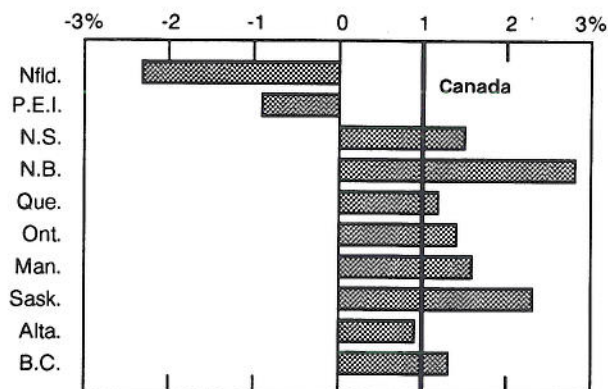
Livestock and Animal Products

The livestock and animal products index rose 0.4% to 109.9 – a new record high for the third consecutive month. The livestock and animal products index in April stood 10.7% above its year-earlier level.

The cattle and calves index also reached a new record, increasing 0.1% to 120.1. In each of the last four months, the cattle and calves index has

Farm Product Price Index

% Change March 1993 to April 1993



established a new record. (In the United States, Omaha slaughter steer prices fell 0.1%, following increases of 3.6% in March, 0.7% in February and 3.6% in January. Oklahoma feeder steer prices were up 3.9%.) In Canada, cattle and calves slaughter to the end of April was off 7.4% from the same period last year. In April, the cattle and calves index stood 13.5% above its year-earlier level.

The hogs index rose 0.7% to 83.6, the seventh increase in the last eight months. For the first four months of 1993, Canadian slaughter was up 0.8% from the same period last year, while U.S. slaughter was up 0.6%. The hogs index stood 21.5% above its year-earlier level, one of its lowest levels in recent years.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 176.

The April issue of the *Farm Product Price Index* (62-003, \$7.10/\$71) is scheduled for release on June 17. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, please contact Liz Leckie (613-951-2441), Farm Income and Prices Section, Agriculture Division. □

Farm Product Price Index
(1986 = 100)

	April 1992	March 1993	April 1993	April 1992 to April 1993	March 1993 to April 1993
				% change	
Total Index	99.3	100.7	101.7	2.4	1.0
Crops Index	99.4	86.5	88.4	-11.1	2.2
Cereals Index	92.0	69.2	72.0	-21.7	4.0
Oilseeds Index	100.7	118.1	117.0	16.2	-0.9
Potatoes Index	130.6	95.4	102.3	-21.7	7.2
Livestock and Animal Products Index	99.3	109.5	109.9	10.7	0.4
Cattle and Calves Index	105.8	120.0	120.1	13.5	0.1
Hogs Index	68.8	83.0	83.6	21.5	0.7

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Raw Materials Price Index – Early Estimate

May 1993

The Raw Materials Price Index is estimated to have increased 1.2% in May 1993 from April 1993. The wood index led the upward movement with an increase of 5.5%, followed by animal and vegetable products (+0.8%). Declines by the mineral fuels (-0.5%) and metals (-0.3%) indexes moderated the overall increase. The RMPI excluding mineral fuels is estimated to have risen 1.9% in May.

This is an early estimate of the May movement of the Raw Materials Price Index based on partial returns and other indicators. The regular index will be published at the end of this month.

For further information, contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-951-9607), Prices Division. ■

Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics

April 1993

In April 1993, a total of 82 urban transit systems with annual operating revenues of \$1 million or more (subsidies included) carried 118.2 million fare passengers, up 3.5% from April 1992. Operating revenues totalled \$118.9 million, up 10.7% from April 1992.

During the same period, 22 passenger bus carriers earning \$1 million or more annually from intercity and rural bus operations carried 0.9 million fare passengers, down 5.0% from April 1992. Operating revenues from the same services totalled \$19.8 million, a 2.0% increase over April 1992.

All 1992 figures and 1993 cumulative data have been revised.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 351 and 352.

The April 1993 issue of *Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics* (53-003, \$7.10/\$71) will be available the second week of June.

For further information on this release, contact Morteza Doroudian (613-951-2528), Transportation Division. ■

Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics

April 1993

Pulpwood receipts totalled 1 053 512 cubic metres in April 1993, a decrease of 18.1% from 1 286 189^r (revised) cubic metres a year earlier. Receipts of wood residue totalled 5 693 339 cubic metres, up 3.2% from 5 515 430^r cubic metres in April 1992. Consumption of pulpwood and wood residue was 8 496 159 cubic metres, a 1.5% increase from 8 373 623^r cubic metres in April 1992. April's closing inventory of pulpwood and wood residue decreased 18.4% to 12 541 797 cubic metres from 15 371 811^r cubic metres in April 1992.

Year-to-date receipts of pulpwood at the end of April 1993 totalled 11 544 774^r cubic metres, a 3.1% decrease from 11 908 402^r cubic metres a year earlier. Year-to-date receipts of wood residue increased 10.0% to 22 703 035^r cubic metres from the year-earlier 20 646 536^r cubic metres. Year-to-date consumption of pulpwood and wood residue, at 34 769 424^r cubic metres, rose 1.1% from 34 375 387^r cubic metres a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 54.

The April 1993 issue of *Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics* (25-001, \$6.10/\$61) will be available at a later date.

For more detailed information on this release contact Jacques Lepage (613-951-3516), Industry Division. ■

Periodical Publishing

1991-92

Preliminary data from the 1991-92 Periodical Publishing Survey are now available.

After two consecutive years of decline, the total annual circulation of Canadian periodicals edged up slightly, following an increase in the frequency of some periodicals. The circulation of 1,440 periodicals published in Canada in 1991-92 rose 1% from the previous year to 521.5 million copies. Total (combined) circulation per issue, however, was down 1% to 39 million copies. Paid circulation accounted for 54% of the total circulation per issue, down from 55% in 1990-91.

Total revenues of Canadian periodicals declined for a second year in a row to \$838 million in 1991-92, down 4% from the previous year. This was due mainly to a 5% decrease in advertising revenues.

Culture Statistics: Periodical Publishing, 1991-92 (87-203, \$17) will be available in the fall.

For further information, contact Fidelis Ifedi (613-951-1569), Education, Culture and Tourism Division. ■

Poultry and Egg Production

1992

Data on the production, disposition and farm value by province for turkey meat, chicken meat, stewing hens and eggs are now available.

Layer numbers and egg production data have been revised from 1986 to date to reflect the results of the 1991 Census of Agriculture. No revisions were required to poultry meat production data because of the 1991 Census of Agriculture.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1136, 1137, 1139-1141 and 1144.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Conrad Barber-Dueck (613-951-2549), Livestock and Animal Products Section, Agriculture Division. ■

Average Prices of Selected Farm Inputs

May 1993

Average prices of selected farm inputs for May 1993 are now available by geographic region.

Available from CANSIM: matrix 550-582.

For further information, contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-951-9606), Prices Division. ■



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Wholesale Trade, March 1993.

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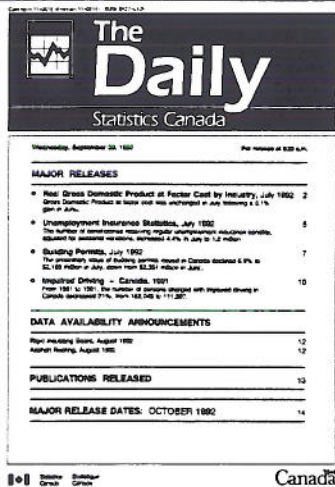
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