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### Farm Cash Receipts

January-October 1986

Farm cash receipts for the period January-October 1986 were estimated at \$16.8 billion, a 1.9% increase from the revised 1985 level of \$16.5 billion. Direct payments to producers made under various federal and provincial programs combined with higher livestock and animal products receipts were responsible for the increase. Total crop receipts decreased 4.0% over this period.

#### Highlights

#### Livestock and Animal Products

Livestock and animal products receipts increased 4.1% for the period on the strength of higher hog, dairy products and poultry receipts.

- Hog receipts rose about 14% due to a 20% increase in the year-to-date average price. Although hog prices fell in October 1986, they still remain 29% higher than those received in October 1985.
- Increased fluid milk marketings combined with higher overall dairy prices were responsible for the 3% gain in dairy receipts.
- Poultry receipts increased 3% largely due to increased marketings of both chickens and turkeys.

#### Crops

Total crop receipts were down 4.0% from the same period a year earlier, despite large increases in barley and tobacco receipts. These increases were more than offset by lower Canadian Wheat Board payments and declines in wheat, corn and oilseed receipts.

- January-October 1986 barley marketings were up 71% compared to the same period last year. However, barley receipts were up only 40% since prices dropped by 18%.

- Tobacco receipts were 157% above the January to October 1985 level. The large increase can be attributed to the fact that virtually all of the 1985 tobacco crop was sold in 1986 due to a delay in the Ontario tobacco auction.
- Wheat marketings for the January-October 1986 period were up only 1.1% as wheat deliveries for October 1986 were 1.7 million tonnes compared to an October 1985 level of 4.4 million tonnes. October 1986 deliveries were much lower than those for the same month in 1985 because Canadian Wheat Board quotas have been much lower. Combined with a drop of 11% in the year-to-date average price, wheat receipts fell by 10%.
- The combined receipts from oilseeds (flaxseed, canola and soybeans) were down 22% despite higher farm deliveries. Average prices for oilseeds have fallen about 24% from the same period a year earlier.

#### Other Cash Receipts

Other cash receipts, which include forest and maple product receipts as well as some program payments, totalled \$780 million, up 60% from \$489 million in 1985. The increase was almost entirely due to 1985 drought relief payments paid in 1986.

#### User Notes

Farm cash receipts measure the gross returns to farmers in current dollars from the sale of all agricultural products except those associated with direct sales between farms in the same province. They also include Canadian and Ontario Wheat Board payments, cash advances paid on farm-stored commodities, deferred grain receipts and direct payments to farmers from various federal and provincial programs.

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Realized net farm income, which takes into account producers' operating expenses and depreciation charges, is published in the new publication, *Agriculture Economic Statistics* (21-603).

Users should also note that the January-October 1985 cash receipts used for comparison purposes reflect the revised receipts data that were released on November 28, 1986.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 175 and 450-459.

Order the January-October 1986 issue of *Farm Cash Receipts* (21-001, \$7/\$70), scheduled for release on December 23, 1986. This publication is also available immediately on ENVOY 100, an electronic messaging system. Contact: Lambert Gauthier or Jacqueline Leblanc-Cooke (613-990-8706), Agriculture/ Natural Resources Division.

**Attention Data Users:**

The January-December 1986 *Farm Cash Receipts* will be the last monthly issue. The publication will thereafter appear only on a quarterly basis, beginning with the January-March 1987 issue.

**Total Cash Receipts from Farming Operations**  
January-October

	1985 <sup>r</sup>	1986	% change 1986/1985
	(millions of dollars)		
Newfoundland	35.7	36.7	2.7
Prince Edward Island	137.9	141.6	2.7
Nova Scotia	209.3	215.0	2.8
New Brunswick	178.4	174.2	-2.4
Quebec	2,447.8	2,537.1	3.6
Ontario	4,267.8	4,481.2	5.0
Manitoba	1,678.1	1,752.7	4.4
Saskatchewan	3,552.1	3,494.3	-1.6
Alberta	3,167.3	3,144.4	-0.7
British Columbia	820.7	827.0	0.8
<b>Canada</b>	<b>16,495.2</b>	<b>16,804.3</b>	<b>1.9</b>

<sup>r</sup> Revised.

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding.

## Farm Product Price Index

October 1986

The Farm Product Price Index (1981=100) for Canada stood at 92.3 in October, up 0.4% from the revised September level of 91.9. This was the second consecutive monthly increase in the index. Despite the increase, the index was 0.1% lower than the year-earlier level of 92.4.

The crops and livestock components of the index moved in opposite directions, largely offsetting one another at the Canada level.

The monthly percentage changes in the index of farm prices for October for the provinces were as follows:

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|------------------------|--------|
| • Newfoundland         | -1.5%; |
| • Prince Edward Island | 0.9%;  |
| • Nova Scotia          | -1.0%; |
| • New Brunswick        | 2.5%;  |
| • Quebec               | -3.0%; |
| • Ontario              | -1.7%; |
| • Manitoba             | 2.8%;  |
| • Saskatchewan         | 5.8%;  |
| • Alberta              | 1.9%;  |
| • British Columbia     | -1.4%; |
| • Canada               | 0.4%.  |

### Crops

The crops index rose 5.1% in October 1986 after being at its lowest level since July 1978 the previous month. The increase was attributed to higher prices for cereals, oilseeds and potatoes.

- The cereals index stood at 58.1, a 7.4% increase from September 1986. A larger proportion of high quality wheat and oats were delivered to the Canadian Wheat Board in October, resulting in higher prices for these crops.
- The oilseeds index rose for the first time since January 1986 as prices increased for canola and flaxseed. Soybean prices fell for the sixth consecutive month.

### Note to Users

This marks the first release of the rebased (1981=100) Farm Product Price Index. The index was formerly called Index Numbers of Farm Prices of Agricultural Products and had a time base of 1971=100. New quantity weights are being used to calculate the index. Note that an annual series of linked index numbers on a 1981=100 base are available from 1950 to date and that the publication has been expanded to provide additional information such as indexes for crops and livestock and animal products.

### Livestock and Animal Products

The total livestock and animal products index declined 1.9% to 114.7. Before the decrease in October 1986 this index had risen for five consecutive months and stood at its highest level ever in September 1986. There were price decreases for hogs and poultry. Cattle prices were higher in October while milk and egg prices showed little change.

- Hog prices decreased 9.0% in October 1986. This was the second monthly decrease in the hog index after the record levels set in August 1986.
- Cattle prices rose in October resulting in an advance of 0.6% in the cattle index. The index has risen for four consecutive months and reached its highest point since December 1980.

The index is designed to measure (as closely as can be determined) changes in prices received by producers when ownership of a commodity first changes hands. Prices used in the index for western wheat, oats and barley sold to the Canadian Wheat Board prior to August 1985 are final prices. Beginning in August 1985, initial prices are used and therefore exclude any forthcoming adjustment or final payments. Sub-indexes for livestock, crops and their components are also available on a provincial basis.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 176.

Order the October issue of *Farm Product Price Index* (62-003, \$6/\$60), scheduled for release December 29. Contact: Paul Murray (613-991-2437), Farm Income and Prices Section, Agriculture/Natural Resources Division.

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## Data Availability Announcements

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### Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics

October 1986

In October 1986, a total of 66 Canadian urban transit systems with gross annual total operating revenues of \$500,000 or more (subsidies included) carried 132,817,193 fare passengers, a decrease of 2.1% from the previous month. Operating revenues totalled \$84,886,210 - down 6.2% from September.

During the same period, 20 passenger bus carriers earning \$500,000 or more annually from intercity and rural bus operations carried 1,781,950 fare passengers, down 6.8% from the previous month. Earnings for these carriers totalled \$17,773,688 - a 4.6% decline from September 1986 operating revenues.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 351 and 352.

Order the October 1986 issue of *Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics* (53-003, \$6.50/\$65), available the third week of December. Contact: Mamady Kaba (613-990-6154), Transportation Division.

### Railway Carloadings

Nine Days Ending November 30, 1986

Freight tonnages loaded by railways in Canada for the period ending November 30, 1986 totalled 5.8 million tonnes, an increase of 3.6% from the 1985 figure. Loadings decreased in the East by 3.7% while in the West they rose by 10.9%.

Container-trailer or piggyback tonnages (included above) advanced 24% in the East and were up 8.3% in the West; there was an overall national increase of 19.6%.

The year-to-date rail freight loadings for 1986 totalled 217.3 million tonnes, a decrease of 0.9% from the previous year. During the same period, piggyback cars loaded increased 3.1%.

Order the Vol. 2, No. 44 issue of *Railway Carloadings* (52-005, \$75 a year), scheduled for release mid-December. Contact: Mamady Kaba (613-990-6154), Surface Transport Section, Transportation Division.

### Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics

October 1986

Roundwood production amounted to 4 900 193 cubic metres in October 1986, an increase of 8.9% from 4 498 384 cubic metres a year earlier. Consumption of roundwood and wood residue was reported at 8 198 487 cubic metres, an increase of 0.5% from the 8 156 828 cubic metres reported the previous year.

Receipts of wood residue totalled 3 915 535 cubic metres, down 10.9% from 4 392 527 cubic metres in October 1985. The closing inventory of pulpwood and wood residue totalled 17 950 094 cubic metres, a decrease of 18.8% from 22 116 088 cubic metres a year earlier.

Year-to-date production of roundwood for 1986 was 36 438 763 cubic metres, a decrease of 0.2% from 36 518 609<sup>r</sup> (revised figure) cubic metres a year earlier. Consumption of roundwood and wood residue, at 78 148 182 cubic metres, was up 5.1% from 74 335 839<sup>r</sup> cubic metres in October 1985. Receipts of wood residue increased 3.8% to 39 446 008 cubic metres from the year-earlier level of 38 011 407 cubic metres.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 54.

Order the October 1986 issue of *Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics* (25-001, \$5/\$50), to be released the week of December 22. Contact: Patrick Martin (613-991-3516), Industry Division.

### **Broad Knitted Fabric Industry**

1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the broad knitted fabric industry (SIC 1831) totalled \$355.5 million, down 5.7% from the \$377.0 million in 1984.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5428 and to be released shortly in catalogue 34-250 B1831. Commodity data for this industry will become available in January 1987.

Contact: T. Raj Sehdev (613-991-3510), Industry Division.

### **Steel Pipe and Tube Industry**

1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the steel pipe and tube industry (SIC 2921) totalled \$1,216.5 million, up 9.0% from the \$1,115.9 million in 1984.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5508 and to be released shortly in catalogue 41-250 B2921. Commodity data for this industry will become available in February 1987.

Contact: G.W. Barrett (613-991-3515), Industry Division.

### **Natural Fibres and Felt Products Industry**

1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the natural fibres and felt products industry (SIC 1911) totalled \$113.3 million, up 2.1% from the \$111.0 million in 1984.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5430 and to be released shortly in catalogue 34-251 B1911. Commodity data for this industry will become available in March 1987.

Contact: T. Raj Sehdev (613-991-3510), Industry Division.

### **Primary Glass and Containers Industry**

1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the primary glass and containers industry (SIC 3561) totalled \$731.3 million, up 1.8% from the \$718.3 million in 1984.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 6856 and to be released shortly in catalogue 44-250 B3561. Commodity data for this industry will become available in April 1987.

Contact: Sharon M. Boyer (613-991-3520), Industry Division.

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**Crude Petroleum and  
Natural Gas Production,**

August 1986

**Catalogue number 26-006**

(Canada: \$8/\$80; Other Countries: \$9/\$90)

**Pulp and Paper Industries, 1984**

**Catalogue number 36-204**

(Canada: \$20; Other Countries: \$21)

**Operating Results –**

**Retail Florists, 1983**

**Catalogue number 63-608**

(Canada: \$15; Other Countries: \$16)

**Housing Starts and**

**Completions, September 1986**

**Catalogue number 64-002**

(Canada: \$15/\$150; Other Countries: \$16/\$160)

**Gas Utilities, August 1986**

**Catalogue number 55-002**

(Canada: \$10/\$100; Other Countries: \$11/\$110)

**Provincial Government Finance –  
Assets, Liabilities, Source and  
Application of Funds,**

Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 1985

**Catalogue number 68-209**

(Canada: \$25; Other Countries: \$26)

**Trusteed Pension Plans,**

**Financial Statistics, 1984**

**Catalogue number 74-201**

(Canada: \$35; Other Countries: \$36)

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16	Building Permits	September 1986
17	Retail Trade	October 1986
18	Department Store Sales and Stocks	October 1986
18	Leading Indicator of Building Construction Activity	August 1986
18-19	Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries	October 1986
18-19	Capacity Utilization Rates in Canadian Manufacturing Industries	Third Quarter 1986
19	The Consumer Price Index	November 1986
19	Sales of Refined Petroleum Products	October 1986

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