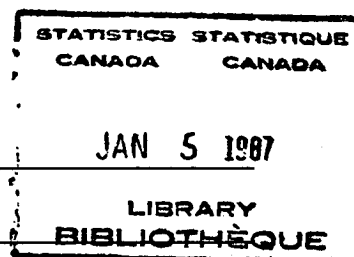


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Highlights

- Preliminary figures indicate that production of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons in Canada in September amounted to 7 672.4 thousand cubic metres, a 4.1% increase from September 1985. On a cumulative basis, production stood at 67 981.2 thousand cubic metres, up 0.7% from the January-September 1985 period.
- Crude oil exports for the first nine months in 1986 reached 25 045.8 thousand cubic metres, an increase of 20.6% over the same period last year, while imports rose significantly by 32.6% to reach 15 137.3 thousand cubic metres. (It should be noted that exports are primarily through pipeline systems, while imports are primarily by boat, a single arrival of which can materially influence the import data.)

- Marketable production of natural gas declined by 10.9% from September 1985, while year-to-date production was off 7.5%. Sales in Canada, for both the current month and the year-to-date period, showed little difference from last year's levels. Export deliveries, however, were down 10.2% for the month and 22.2% for the January-September period.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 127 and 128.

Order the September 1986 issue of *Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production* (26-006, \$8/\$80), to be released the fourth week of January 1987. Contact: G. O'Connor (613-991-3562), Industry Division.

Crude Oil and Natural Gas

	Sept. 1986	% Change from Sept. 1985	Jan.-Sept. 1986	% Change from Jan.-Sept. 1985
(thousand of cubic metres)				
Crude oil and equivalent				
Production	7 672.4	4.1	67 981.2	0.7
Exports	2 784.2	8.3	25 045.8	20.6
Imports	1 908.2	10.4	15 137.3	32.6
Refinery receipts	6 751.8	-	58 737.2	-0.1
(millions of cubic metres)				
Natural gas				
Marketable production	4 871.5	-10.9	50 998.0	-7.5
Exports	1 537.1	-10.2	14 701.7	-22.2
Canadian sales	2 803.6	-3.4	34 780.3	-2.4

- Nil or zero.

Leading Indicator of Building Construction Activity in Canada

August 1986

The leading indicator of building construction activity in Canada (1981 = 100) increased 1.5% in August to 107.5 from a revised index of 105.9 in July. This is the highest level registered by the leading indicator since 1976. The gain was attributable to the strength of both the residential and non-residential sectors.

The filtered index of residential construction moved up 1.8% to 119.9 in August. This increase reflected gains in the multi-family dwelling sector and, to a lesser extent, in the single dwelling sector. The trend-cycle of residential permits issued showed rising intentions were widespread across the country.

The filtered index of non-residential construction (excluding engineering projects) increased 1.3% to 94.5 in August. The commercial component posted the largest increase (2.1%) followed by the governmental (0.4%) and the industrial (0.3%) components. The trend-cycle of non-residential permits issued was up in Quebec and Ontario, down in the Atlantic region and remained relatively unchanged in western Canada.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 80 (level 9-15).

Order the September 1986 issue of *Building Permits* (64-001, \$20/200), scheduled for release the third week of January 1987. Contact: Francine Monette (613-991-2583), Science, Technology and Capital Stock Division.

Leading Indicator of Building Construction Activity in Canada

(1981 = 100)

	Aug. 1986	July 1986	June 1986	May 1986	Aug. 1985	July 1985	June 1985	May 1985	% Variation	
									Aug. '86/ July '86	Aug. '86/ Aug. '85
Total index	107.5	105.9	104.1	102.2	90.9	89.9	88.4	86.5	1.5	18.3
Residential	119.9	117.8	115.7	113.6	100.5	98.0	95.1	91.8	1.8	19.3
Non-residential	94.5	93.3	91.9	90.2	80.9	81.3	81.3	80.9	1.3	16.8
Industrial	77.9	77.7	77.8	77.7	79.4	79.8	80.1	80.2	0.3	-1.9
Commercial	96.3	94.3	92.0	89.6	75.7	75.1	74.2	72.9	2.1	27.2
Public	104.0	103.6	102.9	101.6	93.1	94.4	95.3	95.6	0.4	11.7

Data Availability Announcements

Steel Ingots

Week Ending January 3, 1987

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel ingot production for the week ending January 3, 1987 totalled 233 321 tonnes, an increase of 11.5% from the preceding week's total of 209 204 tonnes but down 2.2% from the year-earlier level of 238 689 tonnes.

The cumulative total in 1987 was 233 321 tonnes, a decrease of 2.2% from 238 689 tonnes for the same period in 1986.

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

Railway Carloadings

November 1986

Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada totalled 19.8 million tonnes in November 1986, a decrease of 1.7% from the previous year. The carriers received an additional 1.0 million tonnes from United States connections, a decrease of 6.4% from November 1985.

The total loadings in Canada for the year-to-date showed a decrease of 0.7% from the 1985 period, while receipts from United States connections decreased by 0.9%.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 1431.

Order the November 1986 issue of *Railway Carloadings* (52-001, \$7.50/\$75), to be released the second week of January 1987. For seasonally adjusted revenue freight loadings contact: the Rail Unit (613-990-6154), Transportation Division.

Railway Carloadings

Seven Days Ending December 14, 1986

Freight tonnages loaded by railways in Canada for the week ending December 14, 1986 totalled 4.7 million tonnes, a decrease of 5.5% from the 1985 figure. Loadings decreased in the East by 11.0% and were down in the West by 1.3%.

Container-trailer or piggyback tonnages (included above) decreased in the East by 3.9% and declined in the West by 0.1%; there was an over-all national decrease of 2.7%.

The year-to-date rail freight loadings totalled 227.0 million tonnes, a decrease of 0.9% from the previous year. During the same period, piggyback cars loaded increased 3.0%.

Order the Vol. 2, No. 46 issue of *Railway Carloadings* (52-005, \$75 a year), scheduled for release the week of January 12. Contact: Mamady Kaba (613-990-6154), Surface Transport Section, Transportation Division.

The Dairy Review

November 1986

Creamery butter production in Canada totalled 6 347 tonnes in November 1986, an increase of 6.5% from November 1985. The November 1986 production of cheddar cheese in Canada amounted to 8 348 tonnes, a decrease of 6.7% from the previous year.

An estimated 570 062 kilolitres of milk were sold off Canadian farms for all purposes in October 1986, a decrease of 1.4% from October 1985. This brought the total estimate of milk sold off farms during the first 10 months of 1986 to 6 153 619 kilolitres, an increase of 0.5% over the January-October 1985 period.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 5632-5638, 5650-5663, 5666 and 5667.

Order the November 1986 issue of *The Dairy Review* (23-001, \$10/\$100), scheduled for release January 22. Contact: Dave Burroughs (613-991-2550), Agriculture/Natural Resources Division.

Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers

November 1986

Canadian manufacturers shipped 187 993 thousand square metres of corrugated boxes and wrappers in November 1986, an increase of 8.9% from the 172 576 thousand square metres shipped a year earlier.

January to November 1986 shipments totalled 2 011 141 thousand square metres, up 5.7% from 1 902 539 thousand square metres for the same period in 1985.

Order the November 1986 issue of *Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers* (36-004, \$4/\$40), to be released the week of January 12. Contact: Katherine Blais (613-991-3531), Industry Division.

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