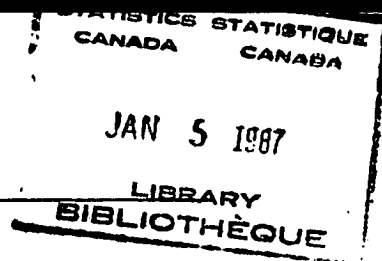


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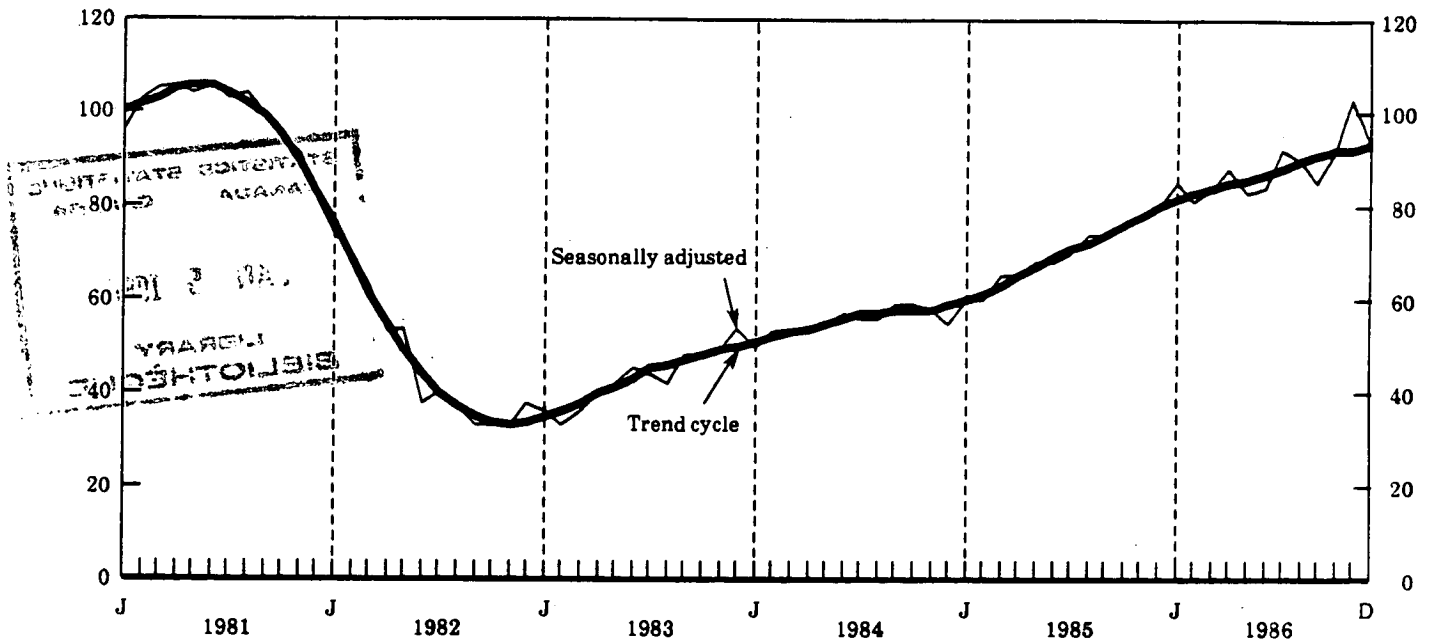
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January 1981 to December 1986



Help-wanted Index

December 1986

The Help-wanted Index measures the demand for labour by monitoring the space devoted to help-wanted ads published in 18 major metropolitan area newspapers.

The seasonally adjusted Help-wanted Index for Canada (1981=100) decreased to 93 in December 1986 from the revised¹ estimate of 103 a month earlier. While the index fluctuated throughout the year, the overall trend has been slightly upward. Between November and December the index declined in Quebec (to 97 from 121), where it returned to levels recorded in August and September, and in the Atlantic region (to 108 from 119). There was little change in the other regions.

The Canada trend-cycle², which has generally been increasing since December 1982, continued its advance in December 1986 (see chart). The rate of increase was lower in 1986

than in 1985 in all regions, except in Ontario where the rate of change was similar in both years.

¹ The seasonally adjusted Help-wanted Indexes are revised annually when data for a complete calendar year become available. The 1986 revisions were marginal and were never greater than four points for the Canada index. Further, to reduce the variability of the Atlantic provinces Help-wanted Index the data collection process of one newspaper in that region was revised. A description of this change will be available in the 1986 report of the Help-wanted Index (71-204).

² The trend cycle provides an indication of the direction in the demand for labour as measured by the Help-wanted Index. It is calculated by the X-11 ARIMA seasonal adjustment program. Essentially, the calculation involves a moving average which smooths irregular fluctuations in the seasonally adjusted data.

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Compared to 1985, the 1986 12-month averages of the seasonally adjusted Help-wanted Indexes increased in all regions. The 12-month averages for 1986 (with 1985 averages in parentheses) were as follows:

Available on CANSIM: matrix 105.

Contact: Jean-Pierre Maynard or Horst Stiebert at (613-990-9900), Labour Division.

- **Canada** 88 (70);
- **Atlantic Region** 113 (99);
- **Quebec** 96 (77);
- **Ontario** 115 (87);
- **Prairie Region** 44 (41);
- **British Columbia** 40 (32).

Help-wanted Index, Canada and Regions

(1981 = 100)

Seasonally Adjusted

Year and month	Canada	Atlantic Region	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Region	British Columbia
1985						
December	80	120	90	98	45	41
1986						
January	85	108	93	107	43	38
February	81	115	89	98	46	41
March	84	109	90	105	46	43
April	88	98	93	120	45	40
May	83	101	95	107	44	37
June	84	109	87	113	44	41
July	92	117	93	132	43	40
August	90	129	97	118	44	39
September	85	95	98	107	43	41
October	92	144	102	118	42	43
November	103	119	121	128	46	40
December	93	108	97	130	44	37

Farm Product Price Index

November 1986

The Farm Product Price Index (1981 = 100) for Canada stood at 92.0 in November, up 0.4% from the revised October level of 91.6. The index has shown little change over the past four months. Despite the November 1986 increase, the index stood 0.6% lower than the year-earlier level of 92.6.

The percentage changes in the index from October to November for the provinces were as follows:

• Newfoundland	2.5%;
• Prince Edward Island	-2.3%;
• Nova Scotia	-0.9%;
• New Brunswick	0.0%;
• Quebec	1.1%;
• Ontario	1.6%;
• Manitoba	-0.2%;
• Saskatchewan	-0.6%;
• Alberta	-0.6%;
• British Columbia	-0.1%;
• Canada	0.4%.

Livestock and Animal Products

The total livestock and animal products index increased 0.8% in November to 115.2. After rising six of the past seven months, the index stood 1.6% below its all-time high set in September 1986. Higher hog and cattle prices offset lower prices for poultry. Milk and egg prices showed little change.

- Hog prices increased 2.3% in November 1986 after falling 9.0% the previous month. The index has risen 29.4% since the beginning of the year.
- Slaughter and feeder cattle prices rose in November, resulting in an advance of 1.2% in the cattle index. The index has generally been rising since June 1986.

Crops

The crops index fell 0.4% in November 1986 and stood at 66.7. The index has risen only twice in 1986 and, since August, has been near an eight-year low. The decrease in November was mainly attributed to lower prices for cereals.

- The cereals index stood at 57.3, a 1.5% decrease from October 1986. A larger proportion of low quality wheat was delivered to the Canadian Wheat Board in November, resulting in lower prices for this crop. The index, which has been relatively stable since August 1986, is now in the range set in July 1978.
- After falling each month from February to September 1986, the oilseeds index rose for the second consecutive month in November and has regained one-quarter of the loss experienced earlier in the year. Between January and September 1986 the index decreased 28.1%. Prices increased for canola and soybeans in November while flaxseed prices were lower.

User Note

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 November issue of *Farm Product Price Index* (62-003, \$6/\$60), scheduled for release January 21, 1987. Contact: Paul Murray (613-991-2437), Farm Income and Prices Section, Agriculture/Natural Resources Division.

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Farm Wages in Canada

November 15, 1986

The average hourly wage paid to agricultural labour, without board or lodging provided, at November 15, 1986 was \$5.63, up 3.9% from one year ago. Comparable daily wages were \$46.04 and monthly wages \$1,031.

User Notes: Comparisons among quarters may not be valid, as the number and skills of hired labour vary throughout the year. For example, an increase in the average wage rate may reflect a greater proportion of skilled workers in the labour force, rather than higher wages.

The Farm Wages Report survey, the source of the farm wage rate estimates released in this announcement, was conducted for the last time on November 15, 1986. The farm wage rate series is being discontinued and CANSIM matrix 174 is being terminated. This issue of *Farm Wages in Canada* (21-002) will be the final issue produced.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 174.

Order the November 15, 1986 final issue of *Farm Wages in Canada* (21-002, \$7/\$28), scheduled for release January 15. Contact: Elizabeth Leckie (613-991-2442), Agriculture/Natural Resources Division.

Major Appliances

November 1986

Canadian firms produced 225,700 major appliances during November 1986, a decrease of 10.7% from the 252,667 units produced in the previous month and an increase of 19.3% from the 189,182 units produced in the same month of 1985.

Year-to-date production to November 1986 amounted to 2,236,131 major appliances, up 16.1% from 1,925,249 for the same period in 1985.

Domestic sales of major appliances by these Canadian firms decreased to 176,310 units in November 1986, down 19.8% from 219,729 units in October 1986 but up 3.3% from the 170,756 units sold in the same month of 1985.

Year-to-date domestic sales to November 1986 amounted to 1,989,468 units, an increase of 8.7% from the 1,830,404 units for the same period in 1985.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 65, 66 and 122 (series 30).

Order the November 1986 issue of *Production, Sales and Stocks of Major Appliances* (43-010, \$4/\$40), to be released the week of January 12, 1987. Contact: J.P. Beauparlant (613-991-3526), Industry Division.

Electric Lamps

November 1986

Canadian light bulb and tube manufacturers sold 23,905,818 light bulbs and tubes in November 1986, a decrease of 11.5% from the 27,006,620 units sold a year earlier.

Year-to-date sales for 1986 amounted to 230,598,551 light bulbs and tubes, down 6.7% from the 247,218,718 sold during the January-November period in 1985.

Order the November 1986 issue of *Electric Lamps* (43-009, \$4/\$40), available the week of January 12, 1987. Contact: J. P. Beauparlant (613-991-3526), Industry Division.

Oilseed Crushings

November 1986

Domestic crushings of vegetable oilseeds and the subsequent production of oil and meal for the latest periods were as follows:

- Canola-rape seed, November 1986: 131 872 tonnes of crushings, with 53 802 tonnes of oil and 75 517 tonnes of meal produced.
- Soybeans, November 1986: 90 136 tonnes of crushings, with 14 512 tonnes of oil and 69 646 tonnes of meal produced.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5687.

Order the November 1986 issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review* (22-007, \$10/\$100), scheduled for release at the end of January 1987. Contact: Allister Hickson (204-949-2856), Agriculture/Natural Resources Division, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0K4 or A. Dupuis (613-991-3871), Agriculture/Natural Resources Division, Ottawa.

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**Capacity Utilization Rates
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Monthly Production of Soft

Drinks, November 1986

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Oils and Fats,

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Refined Petroleum Products,

September 1986

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Mover and Electric Generating
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**Construction Price Statistics,
Third Quarter 1986**

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**System of National Accounts,
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Canadian Balance of International
Payments, Third Quarter 1986**

Catalogue number 67-001

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**Security Transactions with
Non-residents, September 1986**

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**Labour Force Survey,
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