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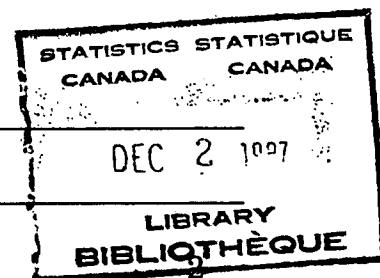
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### The Changing Face of Farming, 1986 Census

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### The Changing Face of Farming 1986

Women have long contributed significantly to agriculture and continue to do so, with some notable changes. 1986 Census data from Statistics Canada reveal that nearly 5% of all farm operators are now female.

According to data released today, the number of female farm operators increased 23% to 13,409 in 1986 from 10,914 in 1981. The number of Canadian farms declined by more than 8% during the same period. Increases in female farmers have occurred for nearly every type of farm, while the number of male operators has declined.

#### Other highlights include:

- Of all farms operated by women, 25% are wheat or small grain farms and a further 23% are cattle farms.
- Of all farm types, goat farming has the highest proportion of female operators, at 21%. About 12% of all horse and pony farms, greenhouses and sheep farms are also run by women.
- Female farmers tend to be older and less likely to be married than male farmers. Also, women farmers are more likely than male farmers to be full-owners of the land they farm.

- Although farms operated by women tend to be smaller and earn less than those of their male counterparts, women are making many gains in farming: the average size of their farms increased by 20% between 1981 and 1986 while their gross sales rose by nearly 70%.

This information is derived from Statistics Canada's Census of Agriculture and Census of Population databases. By linking the two databases, a profile of female farm-operators emerges that differs radically from the image of traditional farmers.

Through the linkage of the databases, six new variables (age, sex, marital status, mother tongue, tenure and type of dwelling) have been added to the Census of Agriculture database. Demographic characteristics of farm operators can now be cross-classified with characteristics of their farms.

This link provides information only on women who have identified themselves as farm operators. Once the 20% sample file is available, further analysis of women's contribution to agriculture will be possible. This file will provide additional information not only on female farm operators but also on the operator's spouse and all other women members of the farm operator's family.

Contact Rick Burroughs (613-951-8711), Census of Agriculture.

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### Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics

September 1987

In September 1987, a total of 68 Canadian urban transit systems with gross annual total operating revenues of \$500,000 or more (subsidies included) carried 133,848,543 fare passengers, an increase of 28.1% from the previous month. Operating revenues totalled \$90,819,218 - up 22.7% from August 1987.

During the same period, 19 passenger bus carriers earning \$500,000 or more annually from intercity and rural bus operations carried 1,844,574 fare passengers, down 13.6% from the previous month. Earnings for these carriers totalled \$19,024,494 - a 22.6% decrease from August 1987 operating revenues.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 351 and 352.

Order the September 1987 issue of *Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics* (53-003, \$6.50/\$65), available the second week of December. Contact Angus McLean (613-951-2484), Rail Unit, Transportation Division.

### Particleboard, Waferboard and Hardboard

September 1987

Canadian firms produced 163 870 cubic metres of waferboard in September 1987, an increase of 46.4% from the 111 914 cubic metres produced a year earlier. Particleboard production reached 122 745 cubic metres in September 1987, up 25.0% from 98 208 cubic metres the previous year. Production of hardboard for September 1987 was 3 181 thousand square metres, basis 3.175 mm (34,236 thousand square feet, basis 1/8-inch). Production figures for September 1986 are confidential.

Production of waferboard during January to September 1987 totalled 1 206 099 cubic metres, up 16.4% from the 1 036 282 cubic metres produced during the same period a year earlier. Particleboard production was 1 000 345 cubic metres, up 17.4% from 851 726 cubic metres in January to September 1986. Production of hardboard reached 31 358 thousand square metres, basis 3.175 mm (337,534 thousand square feet, basis 1/8-inch). Production figures for January to September 1986 are confidential.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 31 (series 2-4) and 122 (series 8 and 34).

Order the September 1987 issue of *Particleboard, Waferboard and Hardboard* (36-003, \$4/\$40), to be released this week. Contact Jacques Lepage (613-951-3516), Industry Division.

### Gypsum Products

October 1987

Manufacturers shipped 29 732 909 square metres of plain gypsum wallboard in October 1987, up 7.2% from the 27 745 988 square metres shipped in October 1986 and up 1.0% from the 29 443 388 square metres shipped in September 1987. Year-to-date shipments were 283 189 820 square metres, an increase of 15.9% over the January to October 1986 period.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 39 and 122 (series 11 and 12).

Order the October 1987 issue of *Gypsum Products* (44-003, \$4/\$40), to be released the week of December 14. Contact Sharon McLinton (613-951-3527), Industry Division.

## Sawmills East of the Rockies

September 1987

Production of lumber in sawmills east of the Rockies increased 3.0% to 2 223 608 cubic metres (942,313,000 feet board measure) in September 1987 from 2 157 939 cubic metres (914,483,000 feet board measure) after revisions in September 1986.

Stocks on hand at the end of September 1987 totalled 2 062 508 cubic metres (873,890,000 feet board measure), an increase of 5.8% compared to 1 949 066 cubic metres (825,968,000 feet board measure) in September 1986.

Year-to-date production in 1987 amounted to 18 148 480 cubic metres (7,690,892,000 feet board measure) after revisions, an increase of 2.4% compared to 17 717 356 cubic metres (7,508,191,000 feet board measure) after revisions for the same period in 1986.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 53 (except series 1.2, 2.2) and 122 (series 2).

Order the September 1987 issue of *Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies* (35-002, \$8/\$80), to be released the week of December 7. Contact Jacques Lepage (613-951-3516), Industry Division.

## Steel Ingots

Week Ending November 28, 1987

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel ingot production for the week ending November 28, 1987 totalled 281 192 tonnes, an increase of 20.5% from the preceding week's total of 233 325 tonnes but down 5.2% from the year-earlier level of 296 649 tonnes.

The cumulative total in 1987 was 13 332 001 tonnes, an increase of 4.7% from 12 730 580 tonnes for the same period in 1986.

Contact Gerry Barrett (613-951-3515), Industry Division.

## Full-time Enrolment in Trade and Vocational Training Programs 1983-85

Data on full-time enrolments in trade and vocational programs of community colleges, public vocational schools and related institutions are now available for all provinces for the 1983-84 and 1984-85 survey years.

Contact V. Hewitt or R. Lortie (613-951-1529/1525), Postsecondary Education Section, Education, Culture and Tourism Division.

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