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### Non-residential Construction Output Price Index

Fourth Quarter 1986

Prices charged by contractors for non-residential building construction rose 2.0% in the fourth quarter of 1986, the strongest quarterly increase in five years. The non-residential construction output price index (1981=100) at 114.5 was up 5.8% from the fourth quarter of 1985, the largest four-quarter rise since the third quarter of 1982.

By city, the strongest quarterly increases in prices for non-residential building construction were observed in Toronto (3.0%) and Montreal (2.2%). In western Canada lesser increases

were recorded for Vancouver (0.6%), Calgary (0.5%) and Edmonton (0.4%). The smallest increase occurred in Halifax (0.3%).

For the year 1986 three western cities recorded their strongest annual increases since 1982, with 3.1% for Vancouver, 2.3% for Calgary and 0.8% for Edmonton.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 414 and 415.

Order the fourth quarter issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$15/\$60), available in March. Contact: the Prices Division (613-990-9608).

### Output Price Indexes of Non-residential Construction

Fourth Quarter 1986  
(1981=100)

Seven cities and composite indexes								
	Halifax	Montreal	Ottawa	Toronto	Calgary	Edmonton	Vancouver	Composite
Quarterly indexes								
1985 Q4	116.7	119.2	122.4	124.5	91.8	92.4	105.9	108.2
1986 Q1	118.2	121.2	123.2	125.6	92.4	92.3	106.6	109.2
1986 Q2	119.7	123.0	123.7	128.1	93.1	92.1	107.0	110.7
1986 Q3	120.0	125.2	124.4	130.3	93.9	92.5	108.1	112.3
1986 Q4	120.4	127.9	125.8	134.2	94.4	92.9	108.7	114.5
% change								
Q2'86/Q1'86	1.3	1.5	0.4	2.0	0.8	-0.2	0.4	1.5
Q3'86/Q2'86	0.2	1.8	0.6	1.7	0.9	0.4	1.0	1.4
Q4'86/Q3'86	0.3	2.2	1.1	3.0	0.5	0.4	0.6	2.0
Q4'86/Q4'85	3.2	7.3	2.8	7.8	2.8	0.5	2.6	5.8

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## Data Availability Announcements

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### Livestock Report

January 1, 1987

Total pig numbers for Canada, at January 1, 1987 were estimated at 10,825,500 - up 2% from the January 1, 1986 total of 10,664,000. Sows for breeding and bred gilts were estimated at 1,112,200 - an increase of 2% from the previous year's total of 1,086,600. Farrowings increased by 2% during the fourth quarter of 1986 and are expected to increase by 2% during both the first and second quarters of 1987.

Total cattle and calves in Canada, at January 1, 1987 were estimated at 10,492,700 head compared to 10,590,700 at January 1, 1986, a decrease of 1%. Beef cows were estimated at 2,974,500 - 1% more than the year-earlier level of 2,948,200. Beef cows increased by 2% in the East and by 1% in the West. Dairy cows declined to an estimated 1,646,900 at January 1, 1987, down 2% from the year-earlier total of 1,674,300.

Sheep and lamb numbers in Canada, at January 1, 1987 were estimated at 498,800 - down 2% from 511,000 the year before. Sheep one year and over decreased by 1% and lambs under one year dropped by 6%.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1151, 1166 5645 and 9500-9510.

Order the January 1, 1987 issue of *Livestock Report* (23-008, \$15/\$60), available the first week of March. Contact: Bernard E. Rosien (613-991-2509), Agriculture/Natural Resources Division.

### Shipments of Paper Grocery Bags and Checkstand Sacks

December 1986

In December 1986, with corresponding revised figures for December 1985 in brackets, Canadian firms shipped 139,774,000 (148,193,000) standard grocery bags, a decrease of 5.7% and 68,185,000 (83,380,000) checkstand sacks, down 18.2%.

Year-to-date shipments of grocery bags amounted to 2,007,500,000 (2,034,242,000), a decrease of 1.3% and shipments of checkstand sacks totalled 874,948,000 (1,016,074,000), a decline of 13.9%.

Contact: Katherine Blais (613-991-3531), Industry Division.

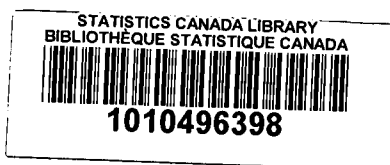
### Residential General Contractors and Developers

1984

#### Highlights

- Total operating revenues for 1984 increased by 6.6% over 1983 to a level of \$5.97 billion. The construction of single family dwellings dominated the industry's output at 75%, while multiple housing units accounted for 19%. Non-residential construction represented the balance at 6%.
- Net operating profit as a percentage of operating revenue increased to 3.6% in 1984 from 3.0% in 1983. Regionally, profit margins were as follows: Ontario 5.1%, Quebec 4.8%, Atlantic provinces 3.8%, British Columbia 0.9 and the Prairies 0.8%.

Complete census data will be available in the 1984 issue of *Residential General Contractors and Developers* (64-208, \$15), to be released in April. Contact: P. Zylstra (613-991-3502), Construction Census Section, Industry Division.



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## Publications Released

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**Canned and Frozen Fruits and Vegetables, October 1986.**

**Catalogue number 32-011**

(Canada: \$4/\$40; Other Countries: \$5/\$50).

**Beverage and Tobacco Products**

**Industries – Brewery Products**

**Industry, 1985 Census of Manufactures.**

**Catalogue number 32-251B 1131**

(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).

**Rubber and Plastic Products Industries –**

**Foamed and Expanded Plastic Products**

**Industry, 1985 Census of Manufactures.**

**Catalogue number 33-250B 1611**

(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).

**Textile Products Industries –**

**Carpet, Mat and Rug Industry,**

**1985 Census of Manufactures.**

**Catalogue number 34-251B 1921**

(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).

**Textile Products Industries – Hygiene**

**Products of Textile Materials Industry,**

**1985 Census of Manufactures.**

**Catalogue number 34-251B 1994**

(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).

**Printing, Publishing and Allied**

**Industries – Business Forms Printing**

**Industry, 1985 Census of Manufactures.**

**Catalogue number 36-251B 2811**

(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).

**Electric Lamps, December 1986.**

**Catalogue number 43-009**

(Canada: \$4/\$40; Other Countries: \$5/\$50).

**Production, Sales and Stocks of Major Appliances, December 1986.**

**Catalogue number 43-010**

(Canada: \$4/\$40; Other Countries: \$5/\$50).

**Cement, December 1986.**

**Catalogue number 44-001**

(Canada: \$4/\$40; Other Countries: \$5/\$50).

**Gypsum Products, December 1986.**

**Catalogue number 44-003**

(Canada: \$4/\$40; Other Countries: \$5/\$50).

**Non-metallic Mineral Products**

**Industries – Asbestos Products**

**Industry, 1985 Census of Manufactures.**

**Catalogue number 44-250B 3592**

(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).

**Refined Petroleum and Coal Products**

**Industries – Refined Petroleum Products**

**Industry (Except Lubricating Oil and**

**Grease), 1985 Census of Manufactures.**

**Catalogue number 45-250B 3611**

(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).

**Aviation Statistics Centre Service**

**Bulletin, February 1987.**

**Catalogue number 51-004**

(Canada: \$8.50/\$85; Other Countries:

\$9.50/\$95).

**Railway Carloadings, 10-day Period**

**Ending January 31, 1987.**

**Catalogue number 52-005**

(Canada: \$75; Other Countries: \$100).

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