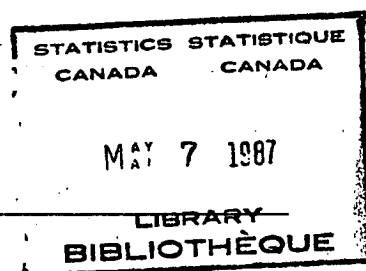


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Construction Building Material Price Index: Residential

March 1987

The price index for residential construction building materials (1981 = 100) rose to 132.2 in March, up 0.3% from the revised figures for the previous month, and up 4.5% from a year earlier.

Between February and March, the main price increases were for lumber and mineral wool, which more than offset decreases recorded for plywood and polyethylene sheets.

Between March 1986 and March 1987, prices for architectural materials rose 5.2%, due primarily to increases for gypsum wall-board and metal roofing and siding. This was

followed by a 3.9% increase in the price of mechanical materials, due mainly to higher prices for elevator and escalator equipment, wash basins, toilet tanks, plumbing fittings and sanitary ware. Structural materials increased 3.5% due to increases for roof trusses and concrete bricks and blocks while prices for electrical materials rose 2.4%.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 423.

Order the first quarter 1987 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$15/\$60), available in June. Contact the Information Service (613-990-9607), Prices Division.

Construction Building Material Price Indexes: Residential

March 1987

(1981 = 100)

	Mar. '87	Feb. '87	Mar. '86	% Change	
				Mar. '87/- Feb. '87	Mar. '87/ Mar. '86
Total materials	132.2	131.8	126.5	0.3	4.5
Architectural materials	132.6	132.9	126.1	-0.2	5.2
Structural materials	134.5	132.2	130.0	1.7	3.5
Mechanical materials	130.3	130.0	125.4	0.2	3.9
Electrical materials	120.5	120.5	117.7	-	2.4

- Nil or zero.

Construction Building Material Price Index: Non-residential March 1987

The non-residential construction building material price index (1981=100) rose to 128.5 in March, up 0.1% from the previous month's revised index of 128.4 and a gain of 3.8% from a year earlier.

Between February and March, there were several minor price changes. The most significant increases were for lumber, thermal insulation and mineral wool which more than offset price decreases for polyethylene sheets, plywood, and foamed and expanded plastics.

Between March 1986 and March 1987, prices for architectural materials increased 4.7%; mechanical materials 3.3%; electrical materials 3.0% and structural materials 2.8%. Price increases which had a significant impact on the total index were for metal roofing and siding, ready-mix concrete and concrete bricks and blocks.

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Construction Building Material Price Indexes: Non-residential March 1987 (1981=100)

	Mar. '87	Feb. '87	Mar. '86	% Change	
				Mar. '87/ Feb. '87	Mar. '87/ Mar. '86
Total materials	128.5	128.4	123.8	0.1	3.8
Architectural material	130.4	130.6	124.5	-0.2	4.7
Structural materials	127.3	126.8	123.8	0.4	2.8
Mechanical materials	130.6	130.5	126.4	0.1	3.3
Electrical materials	121.3	121.3	117.8	-	3.0

- Nil or zero.

Data Availability Announcements

The Dairy Review

March 1987

Creamery butter production in Canada in March 1987 totalled 7 549 tonnes, a decrease of 6.2% from the previous year. The March 1987 production of cheddar cheese in Canada amounted to 11 249 tonnes, an increase of 22.7% compared to March 1986.

An estimated 534 717 kilolitres of milk were sold off Canadian farms for all purposes in February 1987, an increase of 1.3% over February 1986. This brought the total estimate of milk sold off farms during the first two months of 1987 to 1 119 070 kilolitres, an increase of 1.4% over the January-February period a year earlier.

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

Order the March 1987 issue of *The Dairy Review* (23-001, \$10/\$100), scheduled for release on May 20. Contact Dave Burroughs (613-991-2550), Agriculture/Natural Resources Division.

Footwear Statistics

March 1987

Canadian manufacturers produced 3,730,957 pairs of footwear in March 1987, an increase of 3.7% from the 3,599,395^r (revised figure) pairs produced a year earlier.

Year-to-date production for January to March 1987 totalled 9,969,263 pairs of footwear, down 7.6% from 10,793,653^r pairs produced during the same period in 1986.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 8.

Order the March issue of *Footwear Statistics* (33-002, \$4/\$40), to be released the week of May 15. Contact Carla Mouradian (613-990-9834), Industry Division.

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