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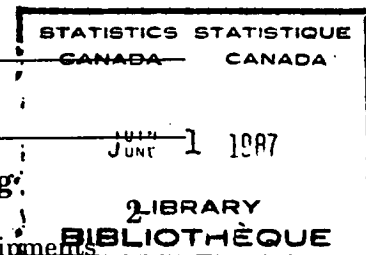
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### Major Release

#### Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries, March 1987

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#### Census Metropolitan Areas and Census Agglomerations A 1986 and 1981 Comparison

*Census Metropolitan Areas and Census Agglomerations: A 1986 and 1981 Comparison*, released today, is the first in a series of reference documents designed to assist users in finding, understanding and comparing 1986 Census data.

This publication provides comparisons of 1986 census metropolitan areas (CMAs) and census agglomerations (CAs) and their 1981 versions. These and other pertinent geographic areas are defined, and changes from the 1981 Census are explained. The publication lists those census subdivisions (CSDs) that make up the 1986 version of each CMA and CA, and shows corresponding delineation for 1981.

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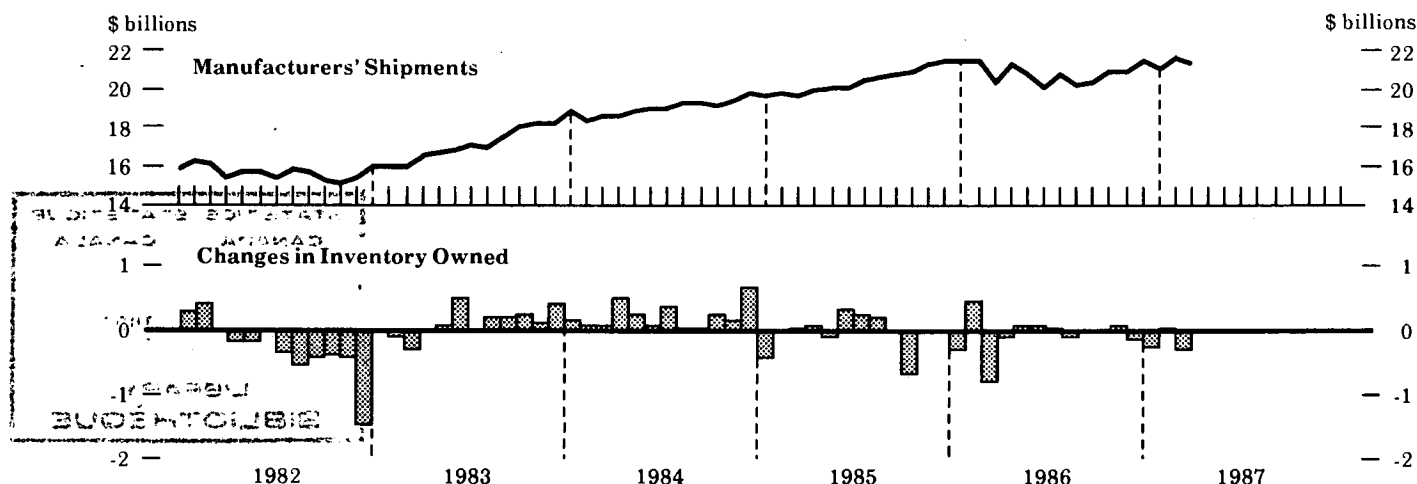
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### Manufacturers' Shipments and Changes in Inventory Owned, 1982-1987

(Seasonally adjusted)



### Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries

March 1987

Following a generally downward trend in manufacturing shipments during the first half of 1986 and despite a decrease in March, some indication of an upturn can be observed within the fluctuating pattern of changes recorded over the last eight months. The value of shipments, nonetheless, was only slightly below the January 1986 peak.

#### Highlights

- Preliminary estimates indicate that the seasonally adjusted value of **shipments** for all Canadian manufacturing industries decreased 2.1% to \$21,153 million in March, following a substantial increase in February. This continued the fluctuating

pattern observed since August 1986. Most of the March decrease was concentrated in the transportation equipment industries.

- **New orders** followed a pattern similar to shipments, with a decline of 2.2% following a strong increase in February.
- **Inventories owned** were down 1.0% to \$33,440 million in March, the lowest level recorded in the last two years.
- The **ratio** of seasonally adjusted total inventory owned to seasonally adjusted shipments rose from 1.56:1 in February to 1.58:1 in March. This was the second consecutive month that the ratio has remained below the 1.60:1 to 1.70:1 range recorded throughout 1986.

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- The seasonally adjusted **unfilled orders backlog** increased 0.2% in March to \$23,850 million. This was the third increase following the six-month downward trend first observed in June 1986.
- Not adjusted for seasonal variation, manufacturers' shipments in March 1987 were estimated at \$21,913 million, 3.9% higher than the March 1986 level. Cumulative shipments for the first three months of 1987 have been estimated at \$61,632 million, 0.6% higher than the value for the corresponding period in 1986.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 9550-9580.

Order the March 1987 issue of *Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries* (31-001, \$15/\$150), available in about three weeks time. Data for shipments by province in greater detail than normally published may be available on request. Contact Suzette Desrosiers (613-990-9497) or the Shipments, Inventories and Orders Section (613-990-9832), Industry Division.

**Estimated Value of Shipments, Inventories and Orders in all Manufacturing Industries**  
Based on 1982 Census of Manufactures Benchmarks  
(millions of dollars)

	March 1987 <sup>p</sup>	Feb. 1987 <sup>r</sup>	Jan. 1987	March 1986
Not adjusted for seasonal variation				
Shipments - Total	21,913.2	20,206.3	19,512.1	21,100.1
New Orders - Total	22,022.3	20,504.0	19,545.4	21,239.8
Unfilled Orders - Total	23,994.7	23,885.6	23,587.9	24,811.4
Inventory Owned - Total	33,996.4	34,076.6	33,847.5	34,591.0
Adjusted for seasonal variation				
Shipments - Total	21,153.4	21,607.4	21,008.7	20,364.5
New Orders - Total	21,212.3	21,690.3	20,600.4	20,442.6
Unfilled Orders - Total	23,850.0	23,791.1	23,708.3	24,662.9
Inventory owned - Total	33,440.4	33,781.8	33,732.6	34,006.8
Ratio of total inventories owned to shipments	1.58	1.56	1.61	1.67

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary figures.

<sup>r</sup> Revised figures.

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## Data Availability Announcements

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### Gypsum Products

April 1987

Manufacturers shipped 27 417 221 square metres of plain gypsum wallboard in April 1987, up 10.5% from the 24 801 690 square metres shipped in April 1986 but down 5.0% from the 28 859 324 square metres shipped in March 1987. Year-to-date shipments were 107 835 482 square metres, an increase of 16.8% over the January to April 1986 period.

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

Order the April 1987 issue of *Gypsum Products* (44-003, \$4/\$40), to be released the week of June 8. Contact Sharon M. Boyer (613-991-3520), Industry Division.

### Rigid Insulating Board

April 1987

Shipments of rigid insulating board totalled 4 905 thousand square metres (12.7 mm basis) in April 1987, an increase of 0.2% compared to 4 896 thousand square metres (12.7 mm basis) in April 1986.

For January to April 1987, year-to-date shipments amounted to 17 339 thousand square metres (12.7 mm basis), an increase of 5.6% from 16 414 thousand square metres (12.7 mm basis) posted in the same period in 1986.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 31 and 122 (series 4-7).

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### Oilseed Crashings

April 1987

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

- Canola-rape seed, April 1987: 129 484 tonnes of crashings, with 52 915 tonnes of oil and 74 348 tonnes of meal produced.
- Soybeans, April 1987: 84 808 tonnes of crashings, with 13 406 tonnes of oil and 65 994 tonnes of meal produced.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5687.

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

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**The Dairy Review**, March 1987.

**Catalogue number 23-001**

(Canada: \$10/\$100; Other Countries: \$11/\$110).

**Industry Price Indexes**, March 1987.

**Catalogue number 62-011**

(Canada: \$15/\$150; Other Countries: \$16/\$160).

**Stocks of Food Commodities in Cold Storage and Other Warehouses**, 1986.

**Catalogue number 32-217**

(Canada: \$30; Other Countries: \$31).

**Summary of Canadian International Trade**, March 1987.

**Catalogue number 65-001**

(Canada: \$15/\$150; Other Countries: \$16/\$160).

**Electric Power Statistics**, February 1987.

**Catalogue number 57-001**

(Canada: \$8/\$80; Other Countries: \$9/\$90).

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**Comparison. Catalogue number 99-105E**

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Shake Industry	1985 Census of Manufactures	May 22, 1987
Shingle Industry	1985 Census of Manufactures	May 22, 1987
Silverware Industry	1985 Census of Manufactures	May 8, 1987
Soft Drinks, Production	April 1987	May 22, 1987
Sound Recording Industry	1985 Census of Manufactures	May 8, 1987
Steel Ingots	March 1987	May 15, 1987
	April 1987	May 13, 1987
	Week Ending May 9, 1987	May 14, 1987
	Week Ending May 16, 1987	May 21, 1987
	Week Ending May 2, 1987	May 6, 1987
	Week Ending May 23, 1987	May 27, 1987
Steel Pipe and Tubing	March 1987	May 15, 1987
Steel Price Indexes, Structural	First Quarter 1987	May 27, 1987
Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products	March 1987	May 8, 1987
Steel, Shipments of Rolled	March 1987	May 12, 1987
Store Stocks, Chain	March 1987	May 29, 1987
Sugar Sales	April 1987	May 12, 1987
Sugar and Chocolate Confectionery Industry	1985 Census of Manufactures	May 1, 1987
Tapes, Pre-Recorded	March 1987	May 12, 1987
Taverns	March 1987	May 14, 1987
Telephone Statistics	March 1987	May 21, 1987
Television Receiver Industry	1985 Census of Manufactures	May 29, 1987
Textile Materials, Household Products	1985 Census of Manufactures	May 1, 1987
Tobacco Products	April 1987	May 15, 1987
Toilet Preparations Industry	1985 Census of Manufactures	May 22, 1987
Transit, Urban	March 1987	May 21, 1987
Travel Account, International	First Quarter 1987	May 22, 1987
Travel Between Canada and Other Countries	March 1987	May 4, 1987
Travel Survey, Canadian	Fourth Quarter 1986	May 19, 1987
Truck and Bus Body Industry	1985 Census of Manufactures	May 1, 1987
Tubing, Steel	March 1987	May 15, 1987
Typesetting Industry	1985 Census of Manufactures	May 15, 1987
Unemployment Insurance Statistics	March 1987	May 27, 1987



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Urban Transit	March 1987	May 21, 1987
Urban Transit Statistics	1985	May 22, 1987
Varnish Industry	1985 Census of Manufactures	May 5, 1987
Vegetable Industry, Frozen	1985 Census of Manufactures	May 22, 1987
Vegetable Production	1986	May 4, 1987
Vehicle Plastic Parts Industry, Motor	1985 Census of Manufactures	May 15, 1987
Vehicle Sales, New Motor	March 1987	May 19, 1987
Waferboard	March 1987	May 14, 1987
Waferboard Industry	1985 Census of Manufactures	May 8, 1987
Wheat Flour, Exports	March 1987	May 25, 1987
Wire Products Industries, Other	1985 Census of Manufactures	May 8, 1987
Wire and Wire Rope Industry	1985 Census of Manufactures	May 1, 1987
Wire, Steel and Specified Wire Products	March 1987	May 8, 1987
Wiring Devices Industry, Non-current Carrying	1985 Census of Manufactures	May 22, 1987
Women in the Workplace		May 1, 1987
Women, Professional	1971-1981	May 28, 1987
Woodworking Machinery, Sawmill and Woodworking	1985 Census of Manufactures	May 22, 1987
Workplace, Women in the		May 1, 1987
Wrappers, Corrugated	March 1987	May 1, 1987