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## Preliminary Statement of Canadian International Trade

Seasonally Adjusted, Balance of Payments Basis
April 1987

## Month-to-month Overview

The seasonally adjusted value of total imports fell more than $\$ 1$ billion in April, with imports from the United States accounting for $\$ 650$ million of the drop. This decrease pulled the value of imports down to $\$ 8.4$ billion, which is the lowest level since April 1985, and contrasts with the monthly average of $\$ 9.3$ billion recorded between September 1986 and March 1987. Total exports also dropped, but not as much, falling by $\$ 480$ miltion to a level of $\$ 10.0$ billion. With the decrease in imports more pronounced than that in exports, Canada's merchandise trade surplus grew by more than $\$ 500$ million, reaching $\$ 1.6$ billion. This is the largest surplus in the trade balance in 12 months.

## Short-term Trend (excludes latest month)

## Exports

The short-term trend for exports continued upward for a third consecutive month, although the rate of increase was lower than that of the month before. Among the goods that contributed most to this increase for exports were fabricated materials, trucks and wheat. The largest decreases were in exports of passenger autos, steel bars, rods and plates, iron ores and barley.

## Imports

The imports short-term trend continued downward for a third straight month and at a faster rate than the month before. End products (especially aircraft), fabricated materials and crude petroleum were the main commodities contributing to the decrease. The most important exceptions to this downward trend were imports of passenger autos and precious metals.

## Commodity Highlights

## Exports

The drop of $4.6 \%$ in exports noted for April 1987 is attributable primarily to the decline recorded in exports of transportation equipment. Exports of passenger autos alone fell by $\$ 212$ million, dropping to $\$ 1.0$ billion, the lowest level since November 1983. Exports of motor vehicle parts and aircraft (including parts) fell by $\$ 78$ million and $\$ 55$ million, respectively, dropping to $\$ 952$ million and $\$ 219$ million. (The total decrease in exports of passenger autos for March and April 1987 was $\$ 450$ million.) The most notable increases in April were recorded for exports of trucks $(+\$ 72$ million), woodpulp ( $+\$ 61$ million) and crude petroleum ( $+\$ 51$ million). Wheat exports totalled $\$ 397$ million, their highest level in the last 19 months.

## Imports

Imports fell by $11 \%$ in April, following increases of $1 \%$ in February and $2 \%$ in March 1987. Imports of motor vehicle parts posted the largest decrease ( $-\$ 290$ million), following increases of $\$ 153$ million and $\$ 113$ million in February and March. Imports of passenger autos fell for a second straight month, dropping by $\$ 127$ million, while imports of crude petroleum declined by $\$ 111$ million from the figure a month before. Aircraft imports, which had fluctuated around the $\$ 200$ miltion mark in the previous few months, dropped by $\$ 106$ million in April, falling to $\$ 118$ million. The downward movement for imports was reflected in most of the commodity groups; only imports of precious metals posted an increase worthy of mention - a gain of $\$ 31$ million from the figure a month before.
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## Trading Partner Highlights

## Exports

Exports to the United States dropped to $\$ 7.5$ billion in April from $\$ 7.9$ billion in March, a second consecutive decrease. Exports to Japan fell by $\$ 83$ million and those to the United Kingdom were down by $\$ 74$ million. However, there were increases in exports to "Other Countries" ( $+\$ 39$ million), "Other OECD Countries" ( $+\$ 12$ million) and the EEC, excluding the United Kingdom ( $+\$ 4$ million). Exports to "Other Countries", which have continued to grow since January 1987 and rose to $\$ 1.0$ billion in April, now represent $10 \%$ of all Canadian exports.

## Imports

Imports from the United States fell by $\$ 650$ million in April, dropping to $\$ 5.8$ billion, a markedly lower level than the $\$ 6.4$ billion recorded in February and March. There were also decreases in imports from Japan (-\$224 million), the EEC, excluding the United Kingdom ( $-\$ 110$ million) and the United Kingdom (-\$54 million). Imports from "Other OECD Countries" rose by $\$ 3.0$ million and those from "Other Countries" were up $\$ 4.0$ million.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3651-3678, 3685-3713, 3718 and 3719.
(see tables on pages 5 and 6)

Order the April 1987 issue of Summary of Canadian International Trade (65-001, $\$ 15 / \$ 150$ ), available the fourth week of June. Contact G Blaney (613-990-9647), Trade Information Unit, or Jean-Pierre Simard (613-990-9787) (for analysis information) or John Butterill (613-991-4804) (for price index information), Trade Measures and Analysis Section, International Trade Division.

For summary information, available on the day of release, order the Preliminary Statement of Canadian International Trade (65-001P, $\$ 5 / \$ 50$ ).

## Data User Note

The Impact of Seasonal Adjustment on Trade Statistics

International trade statistics are subject to monthly fluctuations due to seasonal and irregular factors. To better isolate turning points and bring out the fundamental trend in the data, trade statistics are seasonally adjusted monthly. The X-11 ARIMA seasonal adjustment method allows for the forecasting a year in advance of factors to be used to remove the effect of seasonality of individual series. Every year, the latest data are incorporated into the calculation to derive new projected seasonal factors for the coming year. The addition of this new information may result in noticeable revisions to the seasonally adjusted data for prior years. In particular, the July 1986 trade figures were subject to large revisions.

Merchandise Trade of Canada
April 1987
Balance of Payments Basis

|  | Total exports ${ }^{1}$ raw | Imports raw |  | Imports S.A. ${ }^{3}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Balance } \\ \text { S.A. }{ }^{3} \end{gathered}$ | Period-to-period change ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Total exports ${ }^{1}$ S.A. ${ }^{3}$ |  |  | Total exports ${ }^{1}$ S.A. ${ }^{3}$ | Imports S.A. 1 | Balance S.A. ${ }^{1}$ |
|  |  |  | \$ millions |  |  | \% | \% | \$ millions |
| 1981 | 84,432 | 77,140 | 84,432 | 77,140 | 7,292 | 10.1 | 13.6 | -1.486 |
| 1982 | 84,728 | 66,739 | 84,728 | 66,739 | 17,990 | 0.4 | -13.5 | 10,698 |
| 1983 | 90,793 | 73,098 | 90,793 | 73,098 | 17,695 | 7.2 | 9.5 | -295 |
| 1984 | 112,086 | 91,493 | 112,086 | 91,493 | 20,593 | 23.5 | 25.2 | 2,898 |
| 1985 | 120,028 | 102,641 | 120,028 | 102,641 | 17,387 | 7.1 | 12.2 | -3,206 |
| 1986 | 120,965 | 110,205 | 120,965 | 110,205 | 10,760 | 0.8 | 7.4 | -6,627 |
| 1985 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First quarter | 28,842 | 23,676 | 29,475 | 24,106 | 5,369 | 1.7 | 3.1 | -247 |
| Second quarter | 31,525 | 27,180 | 30,060 | 25,226 | 4,833 | 2.0 | 4.6 | -536 |
| Third quarter | 28,097 | 25,352 | 29,571 | 26,274 | 3,297 | -1.6 | 4.2 | -1.536 |
| Fourth quarter | 31,564 | 26,433 | 30,922 | 27,034 | 3,888 | 4.6 | 2.9 | 591 |
| 1986 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First quarter | 29,642 | 27,031 | 30,477 | 27,943 | 2,533 | -1.4 | 3.4 | -1.355 |
| Second quarter | 31,277 | 28,936 | 29,723 | 26,495 | 3,228 | -2.5 | -5.2 | 694 |
| Third quarter | 28,654 | 26,769 | 30.050 | 27,630 | 2,419 | 1.1 | 4.3 | . 808 |
| Fourth quarter | 31,393 | 27,469 | 30,717 | 28,137 | 2,580 | 2.2 | 1.8 | 161 |
| 1987 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First Quarter | 30,046 | 27,448 | 30,809 | 27,876 | 2,932 | 0.3 | -0.9 | 353 |
| 1986 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 10,220 | 9,079 | 10,782 | 9,665 | 1,117 | 4.7 | 5.9 | -58 |
| February | 9,532 | 9,385 | 10,010 | 9,647 | 363 | -7.2 | -0.2 | . 754 |
| March | 9,890 | 8,566 | 9,685 | 8,632 | 1,053 | -3.2 | -10.5 | 689 |
| April | 10,711 | 10,098 | 10,309 | 8,698 | 1,611 | 6.4 | 0.8 | 559 |
| May | 10,276 | 9,374 | 9,757 | 8,783 | 974 | -5.4 | 1.0 | . 637 |
| June | 10,290 | 9,463 | 9,656 | 9,014 | 642 | -1.0 | 2.6 | -332 |
| July | 9,343 | 9,672 | 9,921 | 9,594 | 327 | 2.7 | 6.4 | -315 |
| August | 8,643 | 8,221 | 9,684 | 8,859 | 825 | -2.4 | -7.7 | 498 |
| September | 10,668 | 8,877 | 10,444 | 9,177 | 1,267 | 7.8 | 3.6 | 442 |
| October | 10,823 | 9,763 | 10,226 | 9,430 | 796 | -2.1 | 2.8 | -471 |
| November | 10,527 | 9,136 | 10,234 | 9,249 | 985 | 0.1 | -1.9 | 189 |
| December | 10,043 | 8,569 | 10,256 | 9,458 | 798 | 0.2 | 2.3 | . 186 |
| 1987 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 9,277 | 8,500 | 9,904 | 9,184 | 720 | -3.4 | -2.9 | . 79 |
| February | 10,016 | 9,027 | 10,471 | 9,264 | 1,207 | 5.7 | 0.9 | 488 |
| March | 10,753 | 9,921 | 10.433 | 9,429 | 1,005 | -0.4 | 1.8 | -203 |
| April | 10,248 | 9,340 | 9,953 | 8,398 | 1.555 | -4.6 | -10.9 | 550 |
| Year-to-date |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1986 | 40,353 | 37,129 | 40,786 | 36,641 | 4,145 | 3.0 | 13.5 | -3,187 |
| 1987 | 40,294 | 36,788 | 40,762 | 36,274 | 4,488 | -0.1 | -1.0 | 343 |

[^0]Note: Due to rounding monthly data may not add up to quarterly data and quarterly data may not add up to annual data.

## Merchandise Trade by Principal Trading Areas

April 1987
Seasonally Adjusted, Balance of Payments Basis

|  |  |  | Period-to-period change |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Year-to- } \\ \text { date } \end{array}$ | Change uver previous year |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mar. | April | Mar. | April | Mar. | April |  |  |  |
|  | \$ millions |  | \% | \% | \$ millions |  | \$ millions | \% | \$ millions |
| Total exports to: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United States | 7,884.3 | 7,505.7 | -2.3 | -4.8 | -184.1 | -378.6 | 30,993.5 | -2.6 | . 833.0 |
| Japan | 519.0 | 435.6 | 5.1 | -16.1 | 25.0 | -83.4 | 1,976.6 | 2.8 | 53.7 |
| United Kingdom | 327.9 | 254.1 | 22.1 | -22.5 | 59.4 | -73.8 | 1,110.7 | 29.5 | 252.9 |
| Other EEC Countries | 532.9 | 537.1 | 4.2 | 0.8 | 21.5 | 4.3 | 2,108.5 | 26.5 | 441.3 |
| Other OECD Countries* | 203.8 | 216.2 | 17.2 | 6.1 | 29.9 | 12.3 | 766.6 | 2.2 | 16.5 |
| Other Countries | 965.5 | 1,004.2 | 1.1 | 4.0 | 10.4 | 38.7 | 3,805.7 | 1.2 | 44.3 |
| Total | 10,433.4 | 9,952.9 | -0.4 | -4.6 | -37.9 | -480.5 | 40,761.6 | -0.1 | -24.4 |
| Imports from: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United States | 6,427.2 | 5,777.4 | -0.4 | -10.1 | -22.9 | -649.7 | 24,892.5 | -2.9 | $-752.6$ |
| Japan | 713.7 | 490.0 | 12.4 | -31.4 | 78.7 | -223.8 | 2,485.6 | 2.6 | 63.8 |
| United Kingdom* | 412.4 | 358.0 | 42.8 | -13.2 | 123.6 | -54.4 | 1,416.9 | 14.0 | 174.2 |
| Other EEC Countries | 764.2 | 654.7 | -1.3 | -14.3 | -10.4 | -109.5 | 2,971.6 | 0.4 | 13.1 |
| Other OECD Countries* | 252.9 | 255.8 | 3.7 | 1.1 | 9.0 | 2.9 | 996.6 | 20.4 | 168.6 |
| Other Countries* | 858.1 | 861.8 | -1.5 | 0.4 | -13.1 | 3.7 | 3,510.7 | -1.0 | -34.1 |
| Total | 9,428.5 | 8,397.7 | 1.8 | -10.9 | 164.9 | -1030.8 | 36,273.9 | -1.0 | -367.0 |
| Balance with: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United States | 1,457.2 | 1,728.3 |  |  | -161.2 | 271.1 | 6,101.0 |  | -80.4 |
| Japan | -194.7 | -54.4 |  |  | -53.8 | 140.4 | -509.1 |  | -10.1 |
| United Kingdom | -84.5 | -103.9 |  |  | -64.3 | -19.4 | -306.2 |  | 78.7 |
| Other EEC Countries | -231.4 | -117.6 |  |  | 32.0 | 113.8 | -863.1 |  | 428.2 |
| Other OECD Countries* | -49.1 | -39.6 |  |  | 20.9 | 9.5 | -230.0 |  | -152.1 |
| Other Countries | 107.4 | 142.4 |  |  | 23.5 | 34.9 | 295.0 |  | 78.4 |
| Total | 1,004.9 | 1,555.3 |  |  | -202.9 | 550.3 | 4,487.7 |  | 342.6. |

* Series has no seasonality. Figures are unadjusted.

Note: Prior to 1986, Portugal and Spain were not included in the EEC.

## The Canadian Composite Leading Index ( $1971=100$ )

Janunary 1981 to March 1987


## Composite Leading Indicator

 March 1987The Canadian leading indicator rose $0.8 \%$ to 182.3 in March, after a $0.7 \%$ gain in February. The gain in March is the highest recorded in nearly a year, and was accompanied by a $0.9 \%$ increase in the unfiltered index. The acceleration in February and March is attributable to sharp increases in housing activity, real exports, and the stock market observed since the beginning of the year. Eight of the 10 components of the index rose in March.

Following lacklustre growth in the second half of 1986, the monthly measures of real GDP and employment posted vigorous growth at the beginning of 1987. The increases in GDP were particularly strong in February ( $1.1 \%$ ) and March ( $0.6 \%$ ), resulting in the strongest quarterly gain in more than a year.

Employment continued to strengthen into May, when the labour force survey estimate rose by $0.5 \%$, compared to an average monthly gain of $0.3 \%$ between January and April.
(see table on page 8)
Available on CANSIM: matrix 161.
Additional data and further analysis of the Leading Indicator are available in the monthly Current Economic Indicators (13-005, $\$ 10 / \$ 100$ ). This publication also contains the Monthly Economic Review. The June issue of this publication will be released mid-June. For further information on data published in this issue and the next release dates, or about ordering, contact L. Bussière (613-990-1640). For general information contact $P$. Cross (613-990-9162), International and Financial Economics Division.

Canadian Leading Indicators

|  | Percentage change |  |  |  |  |  | Level |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | March | March |
| Composite Leading Index$(1971=100)$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Filtered | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 182.3 |
| Unfiltered | 1.0 | -0.2 | 1.3 | 0.5 | 1.4 | 0.9 | 186.3 |
| Retail trade |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Furniture and appliance sales | 1.2 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 132,7574 |
| New motor vehicle sales | 0.1 | -1.0 | -0.5 | -1.5 | -0.6 | 0.7 | 703,414 4 |
| Residential construction index ${ }^{1}$ | 2.1 | 2.0 | 1.4 | 0.9 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 118.0 |
| Manufacturing |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New orders-durable | -0.2 | -0.1 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | -0.3 | 3,412 ${ }^{5}$ |
| Shipment to inventory ratio-(finished goods) ${ }^{2}$ | -. 00 | -. 00 | . 01 | . 01 | . 02 | . 02 | 1.73 |
| Average workweek (hours) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 38.8 |
| Percentage change in price per unit labour cost ${ }^{2}$ | . 01 | -. 01 | -. 03 | -. 04 | -. 06 | -. 07 | . 0.2 |
| United States composite leading index (1972 = 100) | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 185.2 |
| TSE 300 stock price index (excluding oil and gas) | . 0.3 | -0.4 | -0.6 | 0.6 | 2.0 | 3.2 | 3,308 |
| Money supply (M1)(\$1971) ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 10,585 ${ }^{5}$ |

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## Farm Product Price Index <br> April 1987

The Farm Product Price Index ( $1981=100$ ) for Canada stood at 89.2 in April, up $1.4 \%$ from the March level of 88.0. This was the first increase in the index in five months. The April 1987 index stood $2.5 \%$ lower than the year-earlier level of 91.5.

The percentage changes in the index between March and April 1987 by province were as follows:

| - Newfoundland | $1.1 \%$; |
| :--- | ---: |
| - Prince Edward Island | $-0.4 \% ;$ |
| - Nova Scotia | $0.4 \% ;$ |
| - New Brunswick | $2.6 \% ;$ |
| Quebec | $1.9 \% ;$ |
| - Ontario | $1.4 \% ;$ |
| - Manitoba | $1.2 \% ;$ |
| Saskatchewan | $1.0 \% ;$ |
| - Alberta | $1.8 \% ;$ |
| - British Columbia | $0.3 \% ;$ |
| - Canada | $1.4 \%$. |

- Prince Edward Island -0.4\%;
- Nova Scotia 0.4\%;
- New Brunswick $2.6 \%$;
- Quebec 1.9\%,
- Manitoba 1.2\%;
- Saskatchewan 1.0\%;
- British Columbia $0.3 \%$ :
- Canada $1.4 \%$.


## Livestock and Animal Products

The total livestock and animal products index increased $1.6 \%$ in April 1987 to 111.7. Hog, cattle and poultry prices rose while those for eggs decreased. Prices for milk showed little change. The livestock and animal products index in April stood 7.9\% above its year-earlier level.

- Hog prices rose $5.0 \%$ in April. The hog index, at 107.6 , was $15.0 \%$ above its yearearlier level, but $26.0 \%$ below the record set in August 1986.
- The cattle index increased $1.9 \%$ in April due to higher prices in most provinces for slaughter and feeder cattle and calves. The cattle index, at 112.4 after three consecutive monthly increases, reached a record level for the 16 years during which it has been calculated.
- The egg index dropped $1.5 \%$ to 101.5 due to a decrease in the prices of eggs in the provinces from Quebec to British Columbia, as set by the Canadian Egg Marketing Agency on April 5.
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## Crops

The crops index increased $0.9 \%$ in April and stood at 64.7. The index has been relatively steady since August 1986 but was $17.6 \%$ below its April 1986 level. Cereal, oilseed and potato prices were higher in April at the Canada level.

- The cereals index stood at 54.3 in April, a $0.9 \%$ increase from the previous month. In April, a larger proportion of high quality wheat was delivered to the Canadian Wheat Board (CWB), resulting in slightly higher prices. However, the index remained $24.8 \%$ below its year-earlier level, largely due to lower CWB initial prices for wheat, oats and barley. Since August 1986, the index has been at a level similar to the one set in July 1978.
- The oilseeds index increased $2.4 \%$ in April to a level of 68.8. This was the first increase in the index in five months. During the past 12 months, the index has fallen $21.9 \%$ and is now at about the same level as in April 1976. In April, prices rose for soybeans, flaxseed and canola.
- The potato index rose $4.3 \%$ in April to 95.0 due to higher prices in several provinces for table, seed and processing potatoes. The index has now risen $80 \%$ from the relatively low level set in April 1986.


## User Note

The index is designed to measure 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 1986 are final prices. Beginning in August 1986, 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 April issue of Farm Product Price Index ( $62-003, \$ 6 / \$ 60$ ), scheduled for release June 23. Contact Paul Murray (613-991-2437), Farm Income and Prices Section, Agriculture Division.

## Data Availability Announcements

## Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin

March 1987
Highlights from the March issue of the Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin are as follows:

- Preliminary operational data for March 1987 show that passengers on major Canadian air carriers increased by $2.2 \%$ over March 1986. (Available on CANSIM: matrix 385 .)
- Air passenger origin and destination data for the third quarter of 1986 indicate that $2,209,020$ passengers travelled on scheduled services between Canada and the United States, up 21.5\% compared to the third quarter of 1985.
- Preliminary airport activity data for July 1986 indicate that Vancouver International recorded a $35.9 \%$ increase in the volume of scheduled passenger traffic compared to July 1985.
- The volume of cargo enplaned and deplaned on scheduled services at the top 30 Canadian airports showed a decrease of $4.0 \%$ for the second quarter of 1986 relative to the previous year.

Order the Vol. 19, No. 6 issue of Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin (51-004, $\$ 8.50 / \$ 85$ ), or contact the Aviation Statistics Centre (819-997-1986), Transportation Division.

## Chain Store Stocks

March 1987

- Retail chain store stocks totalled $\$ 4,243$ million at the end of March 1987, a modest $0.3 \%$ increase over the level reached in March 1986.
- The inventories to sales ratio stood at 1.10:1 in March 1987, up from the average ratio of 1.07:1 observed in the three previous months.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 194.
Order the March 1987 issue of Merchandising Inventories (63-014, \$12/\$120), available the fourth week of June. Contact: Roger Laplante (613-991-3549), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division.

## Steel Ingots

Week Ending June 6, 1987
Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel ingot production for the week ending June 6, 1987 totalled 298223 tonnes, a decrease of $1.2 \%$ from the preceding week's total of 301774 tonnes but up $10.2 \%$ from the year-earlier level of 270650 tonnes.

The cumulative total in 1987 was 6566578 tonnes, an increase of $4.7 \%$ from 6272862 tonnes for the same period in 1986.

Contact Gerry Barrett (613-991-3515), Industry Division.

## Railway Carloadings

April 1987
Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada totalled 19.9 million tonnes in April 1987, a decrease of $7.3 \%$ from the previous year. The carriers received an additional 1.1 million tonnes from United States connections, a decrease of $2.8 \%$ from April 1986.

Total loadings in Canada for the year to date showed an increase of $0.9 \%$ from the 1986 period, while receipts from United States connections decreased by $1.5 \%$.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 1431.
Order the April 1987 issue of Railway Carloadings (52-001, $\$ 7.50 / \$ 75$ ), to be released in the first week of July. For seasonally adjusted revenue freight loadings, contact the Rail Unit (613-991-2484), Transportation Division.

## Production of Eggs

April 1987
Canadian egg production decreased $0.3 \%$ to 40.5 million dozen in April 1987 from 40.6 million a year earlier. The average number of layers increased by 0.9\% from April 1986 to 1987, while the number of eggs per 100 layers decreased to 2,050 from 2,074 .

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1145,1146 and 5689-5691.

Order the April 1987 issue of Production and Stocks of Eggs and Poultry (23-003, $\$ 10 / \$ 100$ ), scheduled for release June 30 . Contact Peter Beerstecher (613-991-2505), Agriculture Division.


## Publications Released

Food Industries - Frozen Fruit and
Vegetable Industry, 1985 Census of Manufactures. Catalogue
number 32-250B 1032
(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).
Wood Industries - Shingle and Shake Industry, 1985 Census of Manufactures.
Catalogue number 35-250B 2511
(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).
Wood Industries - Particle Board Industry, 1985 Census of Manufactures.
Catalogue number 35-250B 2592
(Canada: $\$ 4$; Other Countries: $\$ 5$ ).
Furniture and Fixture Industries Wooden Household Furniture Industry, 1985 Census of Manufactures.
Catalogue number 35-251B 2611
(Canada: $\$ 4$; Other Countries: $\$ 5$ ).
Furniture and Fixture Industries - Hotel,
Restaurant and Institutional Furniture and
Fixture Industry, 1985 Census of
Manufactures. Catalogue
number 35-251B 2692
(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).
Furniture and Fixture Industries - Other Furniture and Fixture Industries n.e.c., 1985 Census of Manufactures.
Catalogue number 35-251B 2699
(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).
Fabricated Metal Products Industries Other Wire Products Industries Including Upholstery and Coil Spring Industry, 1985
Census of Manufactures. Catalogue
number 41-251B 3058
(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).
Machinery Industries (except Electrical
Machinery) - Agricultural Implement
Industry, 1985 Census of Manufactures.
Catalogue number 42-250B 3111
(Canada: $\$ 4$; Other Countries: $\$ 5$ ).

Machinery Industries (except Electrical
Machinery) - Sawmill and Woodworking
Machinery Industry, 1985 Census of
Manufactures. Catalogue
number 42-250B 3193
(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).
Transportation Equipment Industries Other Motor Vehicle Accessories, Parts and Assemblies Industries, 1985 Census of Manufactures. Catalogue number 42-251 B 3259
(Canada: $\$ 4$; Other Countries: $\$ 5$ ).
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Devices Industry, 1985 Census of
Manufactures. Catalogue
number 43-250B 3392
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[^0]:    1 Total Exports $=$ Domestic Exports + Re-exports.
    2 Year-to-year,quarter-to-quarter, month-to-month.
    3 Seasonally Adjusted.

[^1]:    1 Composite index of housing starts (units), building permits (constant dollars) and nortgage loan approvals (numbers).
    2 Difference from previous month.
    Deflated by the consumer price index for all items.

    - Thousands of 1971 dollars.

    Millions of 1971 dollars.

