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Major Release

Farm Input Price Index Second Quarter 1987

The Farm Input Price Index (1981 = 100) for the second quarter of 1987 stood at a preliminary level of 110.2, up 0.6% from the previous quarter and an increase of 2.9% from a year earlier. While five major group indexes rose over the quarter, two declined.

- The largest quarterly increase was recorded for the machinery and motor vehicles index (1.5%), mainly as a result of a 9.3% rise in petroleum product prices. In the West, the increase in the petroleum products index (12.2%) was more significant than in the East (1.7%). Over the year, Western Canada prices rose 8.9%, while those for Eastern Canada declined 1.8%.
- The index for animal production also recorded advances – up 0.8% from the first quarter and 9.3% from the second quarter of 1986. Higher prices for feeder livestock were the main factor; feeder calf prices in particular increased on average 5.1% over the quarter and 22.3% over the year. These movements suggest a growing demand associated with a herd expansion period in the beef cycle. The prices for feeder calves rose faster in the West (25.2% annually), likely due to lower feed prices, than in the East (16.5%).

- The index for feed was down 4.8% over the quarter and 9.4% over the year. On a year-to-year basis, Western feed prices declined 11.9% compared to 8.2% for Eastern Canada; these movements include decreases in feed grain prices, down 24.7% for the West and 15.5% for the East.
- The crop production index for Canada declined 0.6% over the quarter and 3.7% over the year. The corresponding decreases in Western Canada (2.6% and 7.1%) were partially offset by increases in Eastern Canada (2.2% and 1.7%). In the East, as well as in the West, most of the items in this component recorded an increase. The decline in the index for Western Canada was mainly due to a decrease of 20.1% in crop insurance premiums.
- The index for interest decreased 1.6% quarterly and 8.2% annually as declines were recorded for both mortgage and non-mortgage loans.

(see table on page 3)

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1900-1909.

Order the Second Quarter 1987 issue of *Farm Input Price Indexes* (62-004, \$10/\$40), available at the end of August. Contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-990-9607), Prices Division.

Farm Input Price Indexes
(1981 = 100)

	% Change				
	2 nd Quarter 1987	1 st Quarter 1987	2 nd Quarter 1986	2 nd Q 1987/ 1 st Q 1987	2 nd Q 1987/ 2 nd Q 1986
Eastern Canada					
Total farm input ^P	110.5	110.1	108.0	0.4	2.3
Building and fencing	136.3	135.8	130.9	0.4	4.1
Machinery and motor vehicles	118.0	116.8	117.0	1.0	0.9
Crop production	107.5	105.2	105.7	2.2	1.7
Animal production	107.9	108.4	103.6	-0.5	4.2
Supplies and services	131.8	129.4	125.2	1.9	5.3
Hired farm labour	135.1	132.7	128.2	1.8	5.4
Property taxes ^P	135.2	135.2	128.3	0.0	5.4
Interest ^P	75.8	77.0	82.9	-1.6	-8.6
Farm Rent ^P	78.0	78.0	75.7	0.0	3.0
Western Canada					
Total farm input ^P	110.0	109.1	106.4	0.8	3.4
Building and fencing	126.2	125.9	123.2	0.2	2.4
Machinery and motor vehicles	115.1	113.3	113.0	1.6	1.9
Crop production	95.1	97.6	102.4	-2.6	-7.1
Animal production	120.0	117.5	104.7	2.1	14.6
Supplies and services	124.4	123.3	120.7	0.9	3.1
Hired farm labour	121.5	121.4	121.9	0.1	-0.3
Property taxes ^P	144.5	144.5	140.9	0.0	2.6
Interest ^P	74.9	76.0	81.3	-1.4	-7.9
Farm rent ^P	94.9	94.9	97.1	0.0	-2.3
Canada					
Total farm input ^P	110.2	109.5	107.1	0.6	2.9
Building and fencing	131.4	131.0	127.2	0.3	3.3
Machinery and motor vehicles	116.1	114.4	114.3	1.5	1.6
Crop production	99.9	100.5	103.7	-0.6	-3.7
Animal production	113.8	112.9	104.1	0.8	9.3
Supplies and services	127.8	126.1	122.8	1.3	4.1
Hired farm labour	129.2	127.8	125.5	1.1	2.9
Property taxes ^P	141.3	141.3	136.5	0.0	3.5
Interest ^P	75.3	76.5	82.0	-1.6	-8.2
Farm rent ^P	91.1	91.1	92.3	0.0	-1.3

^P Preliminary figures.

Data Availability Announcements

Railway Carloadings

Seven-day Period Ending July 14, 1987

Highlights

- Revenue freight tonnages loaded by railways in Canada during the week totalled 4.5 million tonnes, a decrease of 0.3% from the previous year.
- Piggyback traffic increased 1.1% from the same period last year. The number of cars loaded decreased 1.5% during the same period.
- The tonnage of revenue freight loaded to date this year is 2.6% more than that loaded in the same period the previous year.

Note: Piggyback traffic includes trailers and containers on flat cars. The 1986 figures and the 1987 year-to-date figures have been revised. Piggyback traffic numbers are included in total carload traffic.

Contact the Surface Transport Unit (613-991-2484), Transportation Division.

	Seven-day Period ending July 14, 1987	Year-to-date
Carload Traffic		
Tonnes	4 510 710	132 462 663
% change from previous year	-0.3	+2.6
Cars	67,150	1,963,527
% change from previous year	-1.6	+1.3
Piggyback Traffic		
Tonnes	239 626	6 830 489
% change from previous year	+1.1	+5.3
Cars	8,720	246,395
% change from previous year	-1.5	+5.5

Solid Fuel-burning Heating Products

Second Quarter 1987

Shipments of solid fuel-burning heating products totalled \$13.9 million for the second quarter of 1987, an increase of 44.8% from the \$9.6 million shipped during the previous quarter.

The value of shipments of solid fuel-burning heating products for the year-to-date totalled \$23.5 million.

Manufacturers' shipments of Canadian made solid fuel-burning heating products are now available, as are data on the number of units shipped.

Order the second quarter 1987 issue of *Shipments of Solid Fuel-burning Heating Products* (25-002, \$3/\$12), scheduled for release the week of August 17. Contact Michel J. Cormier (613-991-3522), Industry Division.

Coal and Coke Statistics

May 1987

Highlights

- Canadian production of coal totalled 4 694 kilotonnes in May 1987, up 1.8% from the corresponding month in 1986. The year-to-date production figure stands at 23 605 kilotonnes, down 4.6% from the same period a year earlier.
- Exports in May fell 35.2% from May 1986 to 1 785 kilotonnes. Cumulative figures for the year show exports of 10 028 kilotonnes, 12.3% below last year's level.
- Coke production increased 6.3% to stand at 418 kilotonnes in May 1987.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 9.

Order the May 1987 issue of *Coal and Coke Statistics* (45-002, \$8/\$80), available the second week in August. Contact Dave Madsen (613-990-9823), Energy Section, Industry Division.

Electric Power Statistics

May 1987

Highlights

Net generation of electric energy in Canada in May 1987 increased to 36 839 gigawatt hours (gwh), up 6% from the corresponding month last year. Exports increased 18.4% to 3 643 gwh, while imports decreased 450 gwh to 302 gwh.

Year-to-date figures show net generation at 209 948 gwh, up 6.2% over the previous year's period. Exports, at 20 651 gwh, were up 29.9%, while imports, at 1 055 gwh, were down 59.5%.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3987-3999.

Order the May 1987 issue of *Electric Power Statistics* (57-001, \$8/\$80), available the third week in August. Contact Dave Madsen (613-991-3565), Energy Section, Industry Division.

Employment in Canada

1978-1985

Special tabulations showing the job creation and job disappearance dynamics of firms for the 1978-1985 period are now available. The data are produced by industry group, province, and size of firm. A "life status" is defined for each firm, i.e. whether the firm represents the entrance of a new employer or the exit of a former employer. For employers in continuous existence across 1978-1985, there is a distinction presented between those that increased their employment and those suffering declines. The 180 page tabulation (including methodology) is available at \$400. Tabulations for the intermediary years are also available.

Contact John Skelton (613-991-3751), Small Business Statistics Project.

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