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Housing Starts July 1987

Highlights

Total (all areas)

- Seasonally adjusted at annual rates, July housing starts increased 3.9% to 264,000 units from a level of 254,000 in June.
- The single family dwelling sector registered an 11% advance, following a 10% drop in June. The multiple dwelling sector posted a smaller increase (3%).

Urban Centres of 10,000 Population and Over

- The gain in July housing starts was mainly concentrated in urban areas which reported a 7.2% increase over June.
- On a regional basis, starts decreased in the Atlantic provinces, levelled off in Quebec and increased in all other provinces.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 25, 29 and 4091

Order the July 1987 issue of Housing Starts and Completions (64-002, \$15/\$150), scheduled for release the third week of October. Contact P. Pichette (613-990-9689), Science, Technology and Capital Stock Division.

Tobacco Products August 1987

Canadian tobacco product firms produced 3,960,599,000 cigarettes in August 1987, an 8.9% decrease from the 4,345,264,000 cigarettes manufactured during the same period in 1986. Production for January to August 1987 totalled 35,089,844,000 cigarettes, down from 36,098,026,000 cigarettes for the corresponding period in 1986.

Domestic sales in August 1987 totalled 4,466,654,000 cigarettes, a decrease of 3.1% from the August 1986 amount of 4,608,683,000 cigarettes. Year-to-date sales in 1987 totalled 33,529,480,000 cigarettes, down 5.3% from the 1986 cumulative amount of 35,388,302,000 cigarettes.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 46.

Order the August 1987 issue of *Production* and *Disposition of Tobacco Products* (32-022, \$4/\$40), to be released the week of September 21. Contact Brian Preston (613-991-3511), Industry Division.

Sugar Sales August 1987

Canadian sugar refiners reported total sales of 97 777 766 kilograms for all types of sugar in August 1987, comprising 89 301 694 kilograms in domestic sales and 8 476 072 kilograms in export sales. The 1987 year-to-date sales reported for all types of sugar totalled 688 508 636 kilograms: 646 266 075 kilograms in domestic sales and 42 242 561 in export sales

This compares to total sales of 87 074 000 kilograms (revised figure) in August 1986, of which 84 383 000 kilograms were domestic sales and 2 691 000 kilograms were export sales. The 1986 year-to-date sales for all types of sugar totalled 684 198 000 kilograms, of which 651 898 000 kilograms were in domestic sales and 32 300 000 in export sales.

Order the August 1987 issue of *The Sugar Situation* (32-013, \$4/\$40), to be released the week of October 5. Contact Brian Preston (613-991-3511), Industry Division.

Electrical Appliances July 1987

Canadian electrical appliance firms produced 84,996 kitchen appliances in July 1987, down 11.5% from the 96,003 appliances produced a year earlier. Production of household vacuum cleaners and home comfort products is confidential.

Year-to-date production for all of the above is also confidential. Corresponding data for January to July 1986 show 1,272,455 electrical appliances were shipped.

Order the July 1987 issue of Specified Domestic Electrical Appliances (43-003, \$4/\$40), to be released next week. Contact J.P. Beauparlant (613-991-3526), Industry Division.

Paper Grocery Bags and Checkstand Sacks

July 1987

In July 1987, with corresponding figures for July 1986 in brackets, Canadian firms shipped 160,932,000 (212,288,000) standard grocery bags, a decrease of 24.2% from a year earlier. Shipments of checkstand sacks totalled 57,549,000 (76,246,000), a drop of 24.5%.

Year-to-date shipments of grocery bags totalled 1,124,233,000 (1,145,765,000r), a decrease of 1.9% while shipments of checkstand sacks totalled 429,374,000 (529,032,000r), a decrease of 18.8%.

Contact Jacques Lepage (613-991-3516), Industry Division.

Particleboard, Waferboard and Hardboard

July 1987

Canadian firms produced 131 040 cubic metres of waferboard in July 1987, an increase of 35.0% from the 97 066 cubic metres produced a year earlier. Particleboard production reached 100 855 cubic metres in July 1987, up 35.0% from 74 688 cubic metres the previous year. Production of hardboard for July 1987 was 3 501 thousand square metres, basis 3.175 mm (37,684 thousand square feet, basis 1/8-inch), a decrease of 10.3% from the 3 904 thousand square metres, basis 3.175 mm (42,026 thousand square feet, basis 1/8-inch).

Production of waferboard during January to July 1987 totalled 886 814 cubic metres, up 8.8% from the 815 380 cubic metres produced during the same period a year earlier. Particleboard production was 771 424 cubic metres, up 14.8% from 672 224 cubic metres in January to July 1986. Production of hardboard reached 24 295 thousand square metres, basis 3.175 mm (261,506 thousand square feet, basis 1/8-inch), a decrease of 21.7% from 31 027 thousand square metres, basis 3.175 mm (333,973 thousand square feet, basis 1/8-inch) for the first seven months in 1986.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 31 (series 2-4) and 122 (series 8 and 34).

Order the July 1987 issue of Particleboard, Waferboard and Hardboard (36-003, \$4/\$40), to be released the week of September 21. Contact Jacques Lepage (613-991-3516), Industry Division.

Construction Type Plywood July 1987

Canadian firms produced 184 244 cubic metres (208,209,000 square feet, 3/8-inch basis) of construction type plywood during July 1987, an increase of 12.6% from the 163 613 cubic metres (184,894,000 square feet, 3/8-inch basis) produced during July 1986.

January to July 1987 production totalled 1299 601 cubic metres (1,468,642,000 square feet, 3/8-inch basis), an increase of 4.1% over the 1248 064 cubic metres (1,410,401,000 square feet, 3/8-inch basis) produced during the same period in 1986.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 122 (level 1).

Order the July 1987 issue of Construction Type Plywood (35-001, \$4/\$40), to be released the week of September 28. Contact Jock Dobie (604-666-2671), British Columbia and Yukon Regional Office, Sinclair Centre, 757 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6C 3C9.

Exports by Commodity July 1987

Commodity-country export trade statistics for July 1987 are now available on microfiche, computer printouts or magnetic tapes in advance of the monthly publication.

Available on CANSIM (for selected information): matrices 3686-3713 and 3719.

Order the July 1987 issue of Exports by Commodity (65-004, \$50/\$500), available the last week of September. Contact G. L. Blaney (613-990-9647), International Trade Division.

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Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics, July 1987. Catalogue number 25-001 (Canada: \$5/\$50; Other Countries: \$6/\$60).

Production and Stocks of Tea, Coffee and Cocoa, Quarter Ended June 1987. Catalogue number 32-025 (Canada: \$5/\$20; Other Countries: \$6/\$24).

Other Manufacturing Industries – Sporting Goods Industry, 1985 Census of Manufactures. Catalogue number 47-250B 3931 (Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).

Electric Power Statistics, June 1987. Catalogue number 57-001 (Canada: \$8/\$80; Other Countries: \$9/\$90).

Electric Power Statistics, Volume II, Annual Statistics, 1985. Catalogue number 57-202 (Canada: \$20; Other Countries: \$21).

Consumer Price Index, August 1987. Catalogue number 62-001 (Canada: \$8/\$80; Other Countries: \$9/\$90). Available September 18 at 7:00 a.m.

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