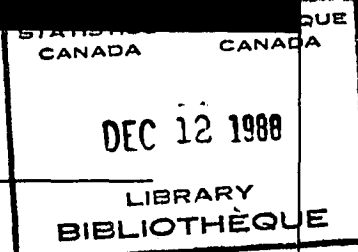


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Major Releases

Construction Building Material Price Index: Non-residential October 1988

Highlights

- The non-residential construction building materials price index (1981 = 100) stood at 138.6 in October, down 0.1% from the revised figure for the previous month, but up 4.1% from a year earlier.
- Between September and October 1988, there were decreases in prices for polyethylene sheets, foamed and expanded plastics, particleboard and ready-mix concrete which more than offset a few minor increases.
- Between October 1987 and October 1988, mechanical materials increased 6.2%, mainly due to increases in prices for sanitaryware, air

conditioning equipment and elevator and escalator equipment. Electrical materials rose 5.3%, primarily attributable to building wires and cables. An increase of 3.9% for structural materials was due mainly to increases for ready-mix concrete, concrete bricks and blocks and concrete reinforcing bars. Architectural materials increased 3.2%, because of higher prices for polyethylene sheets, metal roofing and siding and colorless plate and sheet glass.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 423 (level 2).

The fourth quarter 1988 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$16.50/\$66) will be available in March. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-951-9607), Prices Division.

Construction Building Material Price Indexes: Non-residential October 1988 (1981 = 100)

| | Oct. 1988 | Sept. 1988 | Oct. 1987 | % Change | |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | Oct. 1988/ Sept. 1988 | Oct. 1988/ Oct. 1987 |
| Total materials | 138.6 | 138.8 | 133.2 | -0.1 | 4.1 |
| Architectural materials | 139.5 | 139.6 | 135.2 | -0.1 | 3.2 |
| Structural materials | 137.3 | 137.8 | 132.1 | -0.4 | 3.9 |
| Mechanical materials | 144.9 | 144.8 | 136.5 | 0.1 | 6.2 |
| Electrical materials | 130.8 | 130.7 | 124.2 | 0.1 | 5.3 |

Construction Building Material Price Index: Residential

October 1988

Highlights

- The price index for residential construction building materials (1981=100) fell to 139.2 in October, down 0.1% from the revised figure for the previous month, but 1.1% higher than a year ago. This is the smallest year-over-year increase since July 1984.
- Between September and October 1988, decreases in prices for lumber, particleboard, polyethylene sheets and foamed and expanded plastics more than offset increases in prices for copper pipe and fittings, plywood other than Douglas fir, coated building paper and paints.
- Between October 1987 and October 1988, prices for mechanical materials rose 8.4%, mainly as a result of increases in copper pipe and fittings, sanitaryware, sheet metal pipes and ducts and

plumbing fittings. Electrical materials increased 6.7%, principally due to increases for building wires and cables. A 0.5% increase for architectural materials arose from gains in prices for polyethylene sheets, metal roofing and siding, structural and architectural metal products and mineral wool. Structural materials decreased 1.6%, attributable to lumber, particleboard and roof trusses.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 423 (level 1).

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Construction Building Material Price Indexes: Residential

October 1988
(1981=100)

| | Oct. 1988 | Sept. 1988 | Oct. 1987 | % Change | |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | Oct. 1988/ Sept. 1988 | Oct. 1988/ Oct. 1987 |
| Total materials | 139.2 | 139.4 | 137.7 | -0.1 | 1.1 |
| Architectural materials | 138.2 | 138.2 | 137.5 | - | 0.5 |
| Structural materials | 140.5 | 141.6 | 142.8 | -0.8 | -1.6 |
| Mechanical materials | 147.3 | 146.2 | 135.9 | 0.8 | 8.4 |
| Electrical materials | 130.8 | 131.1 | 122.6 | -0.2 | 6.7 |

- Nil.

Data Availability Announcements

Railway Carloadings

Nine-day Period Ending November 30, 1988

Highlights

- Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the week totalled 6.7 million tonnes, an increase of 4.1% from the previous year.
- Piggyback traffic increased 18.6% from the same period last year. The number of cars loaded increased 20.2% during the same period.
- The tonnage of revenue freight loaded to date this year is 4.5% higher than that loaded in the previous year.

| | Nine-day Period Ending November 30, 1988 | Year to date ^r |
|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Carload Traffic | | |
| Tonnes | 6 725 286 | 238 097 597 |
| % change from previous year | 4.1 | 4.5 |
| Cars | 96,925 | 3,439,440 |
| % change from previous year | 4.2 | 2.4 |
| Piggyback Traffic | | |
| Tonnes | 361,342 | 12 622 261 |
| % change from previous year | 18.6 | 7.8 |
| Cars | 12,172 | 424,582 |
| % change from previous year | 20.2 | 1.9 |

^r Revised figure.

Note: Piggyback traffic includes trailers and containers on flat cars. Piggyback traffic numbers are included in total carload traffic.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2484), Surface Transport Unit, Transportation Division.

Steel Ingots

October 1988

Steel ingot production for October 1988 totalled 1 300 918 tonnes, an increase of 2.8% from 1 265 618 tonnes the previous year.

Year-to-date production reached 12 264 359 tonnes, up 0.1% from 12 255 487 tonnes a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 58 (level 2, series 3).

The October 1988 issue of *Primary Iron and Steel* (41-001, \$4.50/\$45) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Gerry Barrett (613-951-3515), Industry Division.

Oils and Fats

October 1988

Production by Canadian manufacturers of all types of deodorized oils in October 1988 totalled 54 624 tonnes, an increase of 5.0% from the 52 001 tonnes produced in September 1988. The 1988 year-to-date production totalled 511 223 tonnes, an increase of 2.1% from the corresponding 1987 figure of 500 826 tonnes (revised figure).

Manufacturers' packaged sales of shortening totalled 9 914 tonnes in October 1988, up from the 9 286 tonnes sold the previous month. The cumulative sales to date were 96 688 tonnes, compared to 85 744 tonnes (revised figure) for the same period in 1987.

Sales of packaged salad oil decreased to 5 970 tonnes in October 1988 from 8 678 tonnes a month earlier. The cumulative sales to date reached 64 559 tonnes, compared to the cumulative sales of 57 196 tonnes (revised figure) in 1987.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 184.

The October 1988 issue of *Oils and Fats* (32-006, \$4.50/\$45) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Brian Preston (613-951-3511), Industry Division.

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(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).

Fabricated Metal Products Industries – Other Hardware and Cutlery Industries, 1986 Census of Manufactures.
Catalogue number 41-251B 3069
(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).

Fabricated Metal Products Industries – Heating Equipment Industry, 1986 Census of Manufactures.
Catalogue number 41-251B 3071
(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).

Profiles – Census Tracts – Regina: Part 2, 1986 Census.
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