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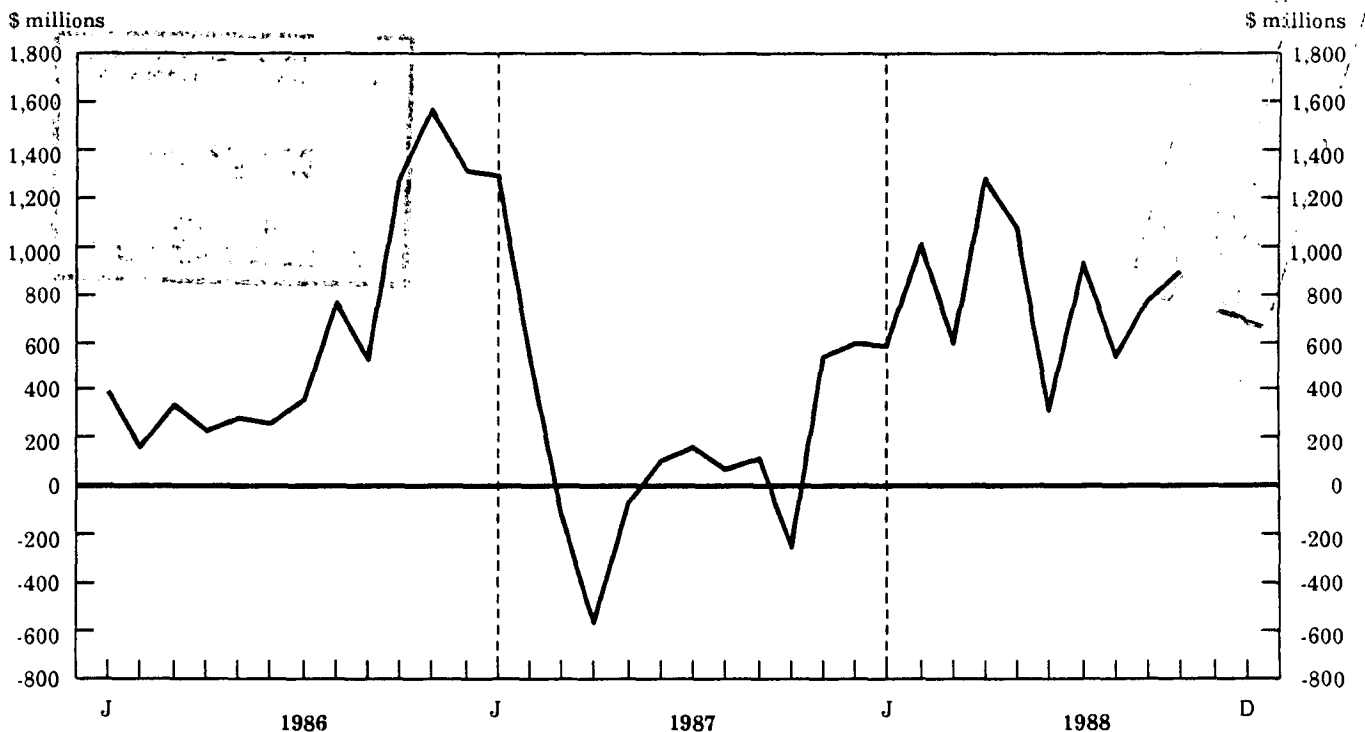


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## Major Releases

### Net Trade in Outstanding Canadian Bonds With All Non-residents (Net Sales + / Net Purchases-)



### Transactions in Outstanding Securities with Non-residents October 1988

#### Outstanding Canadian Securities

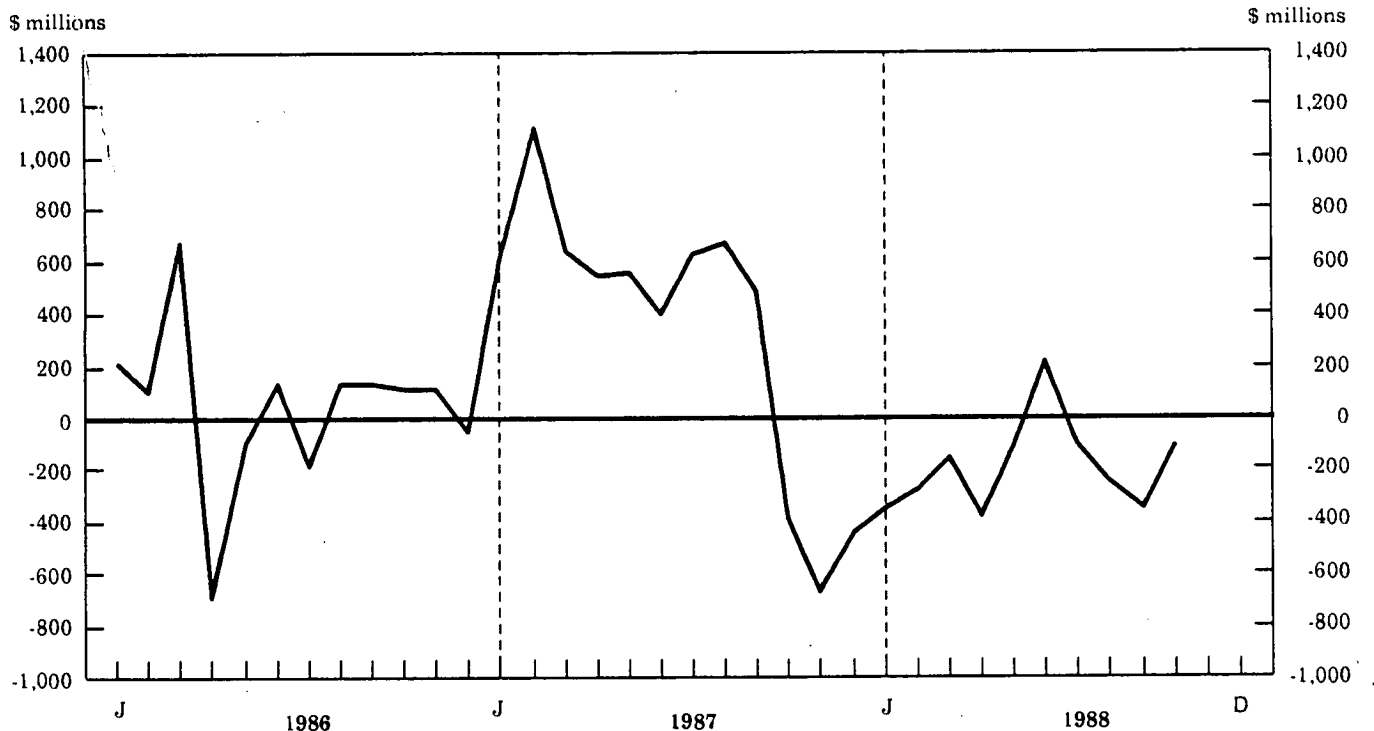
In October, non-residents continued to invest heavily in outstanding Canadian bonds, with a net investment of \$889 million. This brought the year-to-date net investment to \$8 billion, surpassing the record amount invested in 1986. October's net

investment was widely distributed geographically. Gross trading activity (sales and purchases) jumped by over 50% to its highest level this year.

Non-residents reduced, however, their holdings of Canadian stocks by a further \$106 million in October, bringing the net disinvestment this year to \$1.9 billion. Gross trading activity remained in line with the low levels recorded in the previous three months.

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**Net Trade in Outstanding Canadian Stocks With All Non-residents  
(Net Sales + / Net Purchases-)**



**Outstanding Foreign Securities**

(See table on next page)

In October residents reduced their holdings of foreign stocks by about \$400 million, offsetting a net investment of a similar magnitude recorded in the preceding four months. The bulk of the net disinvestment resulted from trading in United States stocks. Residents acquired, however, \$256 million of outstanding foreign bonds, bringing the net investment in the last three months to over \$400 million.

The October 1988 issue of *Security Transactions with Non-residents* (67-002, \$15/\$150) will be available in January 1989. See "How to Order Publications".

For more information on this release, contact J. Motala (613-951-9052), International and Financial Economics Division.

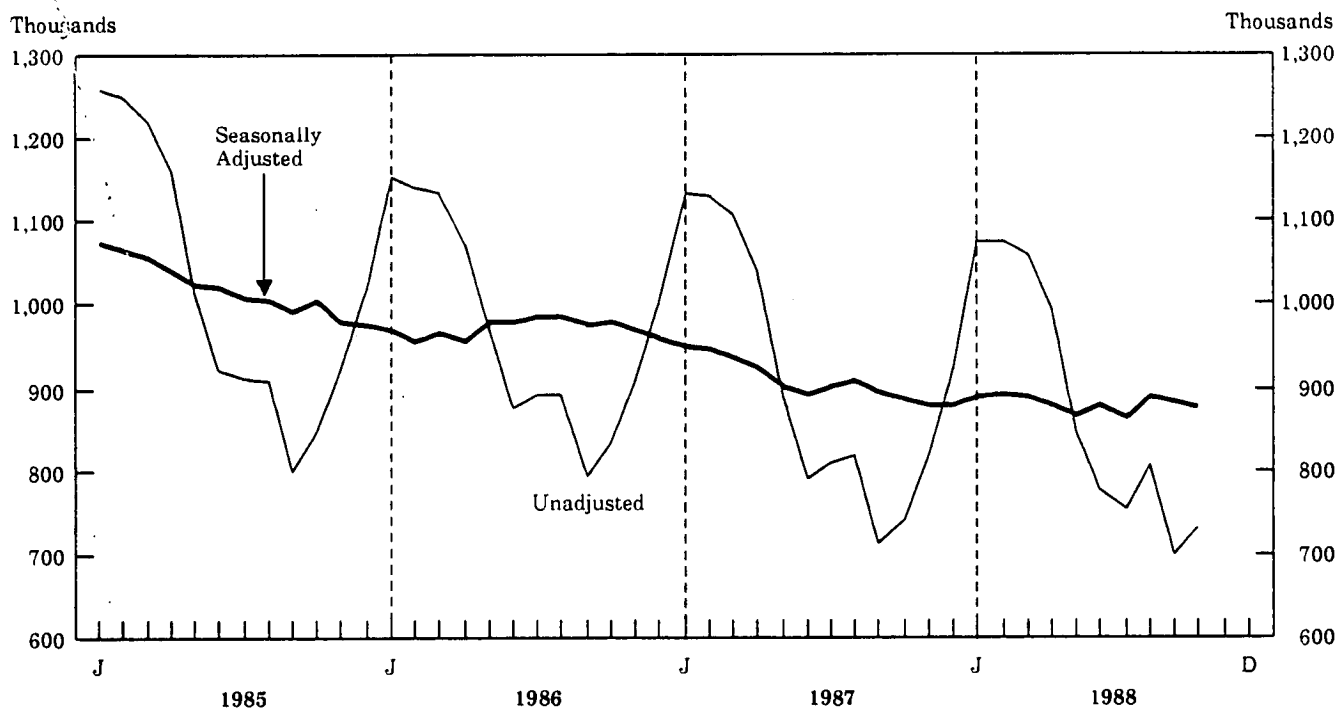
# **Transactions in Outstanding Securities with Non-residents**

October 1988

(\$ millions)

Type of security	Sales to Non-residents	Purchases from Non-residents	Net Sales (+)
<b>Canadian securities:</b>			
Bonds	5,918	5,029	+ 889
Common and preferred stocks	1,218	1,324	- 106
<b>Total - October 1988</b>	<b>7,137</b>	<b>6,353</b>	<b>+ 783</b>
<b>Total - September 1988</b>	<b>4,757</b>	<b>4,339</b>	<b>+ 418</b>
<b>Foreign securities:</b>			
Bonds	3,253	3,509	- 256
Common and preferred stocks	2,002	1,610	+ 391
<b>Total - October 1988</b>	<b>5,254</b>	<b>5,119</b>	<b>+ 135</b>
<b>Total - September 1988</b>	<b>3,661</b>	<b>3,861</b>	<b>- 200</b>

## Number of Beneficiaries Receiving Regular Benefits, Canada, 1985-1988



## Unemployment Insurance Statistics

### Seasonally Adjusted Data

- For the week ending October 15, 1988, preliminary estimates show that the number of beneficiaries<sup>1</sup> receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits stood at 876,000, little changed (-0.6%) from the previous month or the level observed in October 1987.
- Between September and October 1988, the seasonally-adjusted number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits decreased 3.1% in New Brunswick, 2.4% in British Columbia and Newfoundland, 2.1% in Ontario, and 1.3% in the Northwest Territories. Saskatchewan registered the only increase (1.6%), and there were only small changes in the other provinces.

- In October 1988, total benefit payments, adjusted for seasonal variations and the number of working days, increased 1.7% from the preceding month to \$895 million. During the same period, the number of benefit weeks remained unchanged at 4.5 million.

### Unadjusted

- In October 1988, the total number of beneficiaries<sup>1</sup> (including all persons qualifying for regular and special unemployment insurance benefits) stood at 847,000, almost the same level (-0.7%) as was observed a year ago. For the same month, the number of male beneficiaries decreased by 1.8% to 405,000, while the number of female beneficiaries remained virtually unchanged at 442,000.

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<sup>1</sup> The number of beneficiaries represents a count of persons who qualified for unemployment insurance benefits during a specific week of the reference month.

- Benefits paid during October 1988 totalled \$734 million<sup>2</sup>, up 10.9% from October 1987. Since January 1988, benefit payments amounted to \$9,021 million, increasing 2.7% from the same period last year. The year-to-date change resulted from a 6.4% increase in the average weekly benefit to \$201.40, which was partially offset by a 3.5% decrease in the number of benefit weeks to 44.8 million.
- A total of 294,000 claims<sup>2</sup> (applications) for unemployment insurance benefits were received in October 1988, up 1.1% from the same month a year ago. Since the start of 1988, the number of claims received totalled 2,535,000, up slightly (0.8%) from the same period last year.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 26 (series 1.6), 5700-5717, 5735 and 5736. The last two matrices contain monthly data, starting in January 1984, on beneficiaries by sex and census metropolitan area (CMA) or census agglomeration (CA).

Data for the months of August, September and October 1988 will be published in the October 1988 issue of *Unemployment Insurance Statistics* (73-001, \$13/\$130), available at the beginning of January 1989. Unpublished beneficiaries data are also available on request, including statistics for small areas as defined by data users.

For special tabulations or further information contact Jean-Pierre Maynard (613-951-4045) or Horst Stiebert (613-951-4044), Labour Division.

<sup>2</sup> Benefits paid, number of benefit weeks, and number of claims received relate to a complete calendar month. It should be noted that these data are affected by the number of working days available during the reference month to process claims and to pay benefits. In making short-term comparisons it is not uncommon to observe different trends between these data and the number of beneficiaries.

# Unemployment Insurance Statistics

	October 1988	September 1988	August 1988	October 1987	% change from	
					September 1988	August 1988
<b>Seasonally adjusted</b>						
<b>Benefits</b>						
Amount paid (\$000)	894,741	880,000	927,077	844,558	1.7	- 5.1
Weeks of benefit (000)	4,461	4,449	4,496	4,348	0.3	- 1.0
<b>Beneficiaries</b>						
Regular benefit (000)	876 <sup>p</sup>	882 <sup>p</sup>	900 <sup>r</sup>	884 <sup>r</sup>	- 0.6	- 2.0
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					% change from October 1987	
<b>Unadjusted</b>						
<b>Benefits</b>						
Amount paid (\$000)	733,950	722,190	877,750	661,786		10.9
Weeks of benefit (000)	3,632	3,621	4,418	3,483		4.3
Average weekly benefit (\$)	202.05	199.43	198.67	190.02		6.3
<b>Claims received (000)</b>	294	265	238	291		1.1
<b>Beneficiaries<sup>1</sup> (000)</b>						
Total	847 <sup>p</sup>	807 <sup>p</sup>	927 <sup>r</sup>	853 <sup>r</sup>		- 0.7
Regular benefits	731 <sup>p</sup>	699 <sup>p</sup>	817 <sup>r</sup>	741 <sup>r</sup>		- 1.3
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	1988	January to October		1987	% Change 1988/1987	
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<b>Benefits</b>						
Amount paid (\$000)	9,021,318		8,785,603			2.7
Weeks of benefit (000)	44,793		46,423			- 3.5
Average weekly benefit (\$)	201.40		189.25			6.4
<b>Claims received (000)</b>	2,535		2,515			0.8
<b>Beneficiaries / Year-to-date average<sup>1</sup> (000)</b>						
	1,012 <sup>p</sup>		1,040 <sup>r</sup>			- 2.6

<sup>1</sup> The beneficiaries include all claimants who receive benefits through the computer pay system. Excluded are year-round fishermen, a few seasonal fishermen and a small number of work sharing and job creation claimants who are paid through the manual pay system.

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary figures.

<sup>r</sup> Revised figures.

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## Data Availability Announcements

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### Provincial and Territorial Government Employment

June 1988

- Provincial and territorial general government employment, excluding the province of Alberta<sup>1</sup>, decreased in June 1988 compared to June 1987. General government includes departments, agencies, boards, commissions, and government-owned institutions but excludes government-owned enterprises.
- There were 435,487 general government employees in June 1988, excluding Alberta, a decrease of 1.2% or 5,229 employees from the June 1987 level of 440,716.
- Provincial and territorial government enterprise employment increased by 0.3% or 491 employees from the June 1987 figure to 156,593.
- Compared to June 1987, total provincial and territorial government employment, excluding Alberta general government, decreased 0.8% or 4,738 employees to 592,080 in June 1988.

<sup>1</sup> General government data for Alberta are not yet available.

Available on CANSIM: monthly data by province or territory are located in matrix 2722. General government data are in series 1 to 1.12 and their corresponding payroll in series 2 to 2.12. Government enterprise employment data are in series 3 to 3.12 and their corresponding payroll in series 4 to 4.12.

The April-June 1988 issue of *Provincial and Territorial Government Employment* (72-007, \$16.50/\$66) is scheduled to be released in February. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Peter Dudley (613-951-1845), Public Institutions Division.

### Chain Store Stocks

October 1988

- Retail chain store stocks totalled \$4.972 million at the end of October 1988, an increase of 1.8% over the level reached in October 1987.
- The inventories to sales ratio stood at 1.01:1 in October 1988, down significantly compared to the ratio of 1.13:1 observed a year earlier but up compared to the average ratio of 0.93:1 observed in the three previous months.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 194.

The October 1988 issue of *Merchandising Inventories* (63-014, \$13/\$130) will be available the third week of February 1989.

For further detailed information, contact Maurice Massaad (613-951-9682), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division.

### Steel Ingots

Week Ending December 17, 1988

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel ingot production for the week ending December 17, 1988 totalled 290 664 tonnes, a decrease of 3.0% from the preceding week's total of 299 732 tonnes but up 0.8% from the year-earlier level.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Greg Milsom (613-951-9827), Industry Division.



## Asphalt Roofing

November 1988

Shipments of asphalt shingles totalled 2 108 500 bundles in November 1988, an increase of 4.4% from the 2 019 306 bundles shipped a year earlier.

January to November shipments were 35 651 314 bundles, down 3.3% from the 36 870 256 bundles shipped during the same period in 1987.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 32 and 122 (series 27 and 23).

The November 1988 issue of *Asphalt Roofing* (45-001, \$4.50/\$45) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more information on this release, contact Sandra Bohatyretz (613-951-3531), Industry Division.

## Coal and Coke Statistics

October 1988

### Highlights

Canadian production of coal totalled 6 005 kilotonnes in October 1988, up 3.2% from the corresponding month last year. The year-to-date production figure stands at 58 255 kilotonnes, up 17.7%.

Exports in October rose 5.8% from October 1987 to 2 685 kilotonnes while imports jumped 8.2% to 1 755 kilotonnes. Cumulative figures for the year show exports of 26 863 kilotonnes, 22.0% above last year's level.

Coke production increased to 388 kilotonnes, 4.7% over October 1987.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 9.

The October 1988 issue of *Coal and Coke Statistics* (45-002, \$9/\$90) will be available the second week of January. See "How to Order Publications".

For more information on this release, contact Dave Madsen (613-951-9823), Industry Division.

## Major Appliances

November 1988

Domestic sales of major appliances by Canadian manufacturers decreased to 226,547 units in November 1988, down 4.5% from 237,100 units in October 1988. However, sales were up 8.5% from the 208,805 units sold in the same month of 1987.

Year-to-date domestic sales to November 1988 amounted to 2,280,987 units compared to 2,198,053 units for the same period of 1987, or a 3.8% increase.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 65, 66 and 122 (series 30).

The November 1988 issue of *Production, Sales and Stocks of Major Appliances* (43-010, \$4.50/\$45) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more information on this release, contact J.P. Beauparlant (613-951-3526), Industry Division.

## Sawmills East of the Rockies

October 1988

Production of lumber in sawmills east of the Rockies decreased 7.6% to 2 020 003 cubic metres (856,029,000 feet board measure) in October 1988 from 2 186 860 cubic metres (926,739,000 feet board measure) after revisions in October 1987.

Stocks on hand at the end of October 1988 totalled 2 437 778 cubic metres (1,033,072,000 feet board measure), an increase of 12.5% compared to 2 166 491 cubic metres (918,108,000 feet board measure) in October 1987.

Year-to-date production in 1988 amounted to 19 898 142 cubic metres (8,432,356,000 feet board measure), a decrease of 2.5% compared to 20 401 953 cubic metres (8,645,859,000 feet board measure) after revisions for the same period in 1987.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 53 (except series 1.2, 2.2, 3.2) and 122 (series 2).

The October 1988 issue of *Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies* (35-002, \$9/\$90) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more information on this release, contact Jacques Lepage (613-951-3516), Industry Division.

## Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers

November 1988

Canadian domestic shipments of corrugated boxes and wrappers totalled 191 435 thousand square metres in November 1988, an increase of 4.7% from the 182 784<sup>r</sup> thousand square metres shipped a year earlier.

January to November 1988 domestic shipments totalled 2 099 222 thousand square metres, up 3.5% from the 2 027 813<sup>r</sup> thousand square metres for the same period in 1987.

The November 1988 issue of *Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers* (36-004, \$4.50/ \$45) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Sandra Bohatyretz (613-951-3531), Industry Division.

## Exports of Wheat Flour and Barley Malt

October 1988

Customs exports of wheat flour and malt were relatively unchanged from October 1987 levels.

	1988	1987
	(in thousand tonnes)	
• Wheat flour	29.2	28.1
• Malt	14.1	14.5

Available on CANSIM: matrices 5612 (series 1) and 5630. CANSIM matrix 5613 has been terminated. Refer to matrix 5630 for replacement data expressed in terms of wheat equivalent.

The October 1988 issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review* (22-007, \$11.50/\$115) is scheduled for release in January 1989. See "How to Order Publications".

For further detailed information on this release, contact A. Dupuis (613-951-3871), Agriculture Division.

## Processed Fruits And Vegetables

October 1988

Data on processed fruits and vegetables for October 1988 are now available.

The publication *Canned and Frozen Fruit and Vegetables-Monthly* (32-011, \$4.50/\$45) will be released at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, contact Brian Preston (613-951-3511), Industry Division.

## Processed Peaches

1988

Data on processed peaches for 1988 are now available.

The publication *Pack of Processed Peaches* (32-023 Vol.17, No.11, \$7/\$115) will be released at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, contact Brian Preston (613-951-3511), Industry Division.

## Processed Raspberries

1988

Data on processed raspberries for 1988 are now available.

The publication *Pack of Processed Raspberries* (32-023, Vol.17, No.02, \$7/\$115) will be released at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, contact Brian Preston (613-951-3511), Industry Division.

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**Production and Stocks of Eggs and Poultry**, September 1988. Catalogue number 23-003  
(Canada: \$11/\$110; Other Countries: \$12/\$120).

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(Canada: \$20; Other Countries: \$21).

**Residential General Contractors and Developers, The Construction Industry 1986**. Catalogue number 64-208  
(Canada: \$20; Other Countries: \$21).

**Work Injuries, 1985-87**. Catalogue number 72-208  
(Canada: \$22; Other Countries: \$23).

**Unemployment Insurance Statistics, September 1988**. Catalogue number 73-001  
(Canada: \$13/\$130; Other Countries: \$14/\$140).

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