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## Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries <br> January 1988

Canadian manufacturing shipments and inventories continued to hit new highs in January. New orders remained at the same level as in December, and the ratio of inventories to shipments declined to a new low.

Since shipments continued to outpace the growth in inventories, the inventories to shipments ratio dropped to a new low. Shipments have increased an average of $1 \%$ a month for the last 10 months, while inventories have increased at half this rate over the same period. Unfilled orders declined in January, and new orders remained at the same level as in December.

The increase in January shipments was mainly the result of a rebound in transportation equipment industry shipments and an increase for fabricated metal products industries. These increases were partially offset by declines for chemical and chemical products industries and primary metal industries.

## Highlights

## Seasonally Adjusted

- Preliminary estimates indicate that the value of shipments increased $1.5 \%$ in January to a level of $\$ 23.5$ billion. The January increase was the tenth consecutive increase since March 1987 and pushed monthly shipments to a new high.
- New orders, at $\$ 23.3$ billion, remained at the same level as in December. New orders have increased at an average of about $1 \%$ a month from March 1987 to January 1988.
- Inventories increased $0.3 \%$ to $\$ 34.9$ billion in January. Consecutive increases in the last seven months have continued to push inventories to record levels.
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- The inventories to shipments ratio fell to a new low of 1.49:1 in January. This ratio has declined despite an increasing trend for inventories because of an even stronger upward trend for shipments.
- The unfilled orders backlog decreased $0.5 \%$ to $\$ 24.9$ billion in January. Unfilled orders had increased an average of $0.6 \%$ a month from April to December 1987, despite a decline in October.


## Unadjusted

- Manufacturers' shipments in January were estimated at $\$ 21.3$ billion, $8.7 \%$ higher than the January 1987 level.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 9550-9580.

Note: Inventories referred to in the text above are inventories owned, which exclude inventory for which manufacturers have received payment, but which they are still holding (e.g. shipbuilding). At the all-industry level, inventory owned accounts for the largest part of inventory held.

Data in this release are based on 1983 Census of Manufactures Benchmarks.

The January 1988 issue of Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries (31-001, $\$ 16.50 / \$ 165$ ) will be available in about three weeks time. See "How to Order Publications".

Data for shipments by province in greater detail than normally published may be available on request. For other more detailed information on this release, contact Peter Hewer (613-951-9497) or the Shipments, Inventories and Orders Section (613-951-9832), Industry Division.

Estimated Value of Shipments, Inventories and Orders in all Manufacturing Industries (billions of dollars)

|  | Dec. 1986 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ 1987 \end{gathered}$ | Nov. 1987 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec. } \\ 1987 \text { r } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ \text { 1988p } \end{gathered}$ |
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|  | Adjusted for Seasonal Variation |  |  |  |  |
| Shipments | 21.2 | 21.2 | 22.9 | 23.1 | 23.5 |
| New orders | 21.4 | 20.8 | 23.0 | 23.3 | 23.3 |
| Unfilled orders | 24.1 | 23.7 | 24.8 | 25.0 | 24.9 |
| Inventories | 33.4 | 33.3 | 34.5 | 34.8 | 34.9 |
| Ratio of inventories to shipments | 1.57 | 1.57 | 1.51 | 1.50 | 1.49 |
|  | Unadjusted |  |  |  |  |
| Shipments | 20.1 | 19.6 | 23.1 | 22.0 | 21.3 |
| New orders | 19.8 | 19.6 | 23.0 | 21.7 | 21.6 |
| Unfilled orders | 23.5 | 23.6 | 24.6 | 24.3 | 24.7 |
| Inventories | 32.9 | 33.4 | 34.3 | 34.3 | 34.9 |

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## Report On Energy Supply-Demand In Canada <br> Third Quarter 1987

## Highlights

- Canadian production of primary energy in the third quarter of 1987 reached 2416 petajoules (PJ), up $8.0 \%$ from the corresponding quarter the previous year. Production of crude oil accounted for $39.4 \%$ of the total in the most current quarter, natural gas and byproducts $33.1 \%$, coal $14.3 \%$ and hydro and nuclear electricity $13.0 \%$. On a year-to-date basis, energy production stood at 7398 PJ, up $4.0 \%$ from 1986.
- Exports of energy commodities for the third quarter of 1987 climbed $15.3 \%$ from the year-earlier period to 943 PJ. Of this total, crude oil contributed $37.7 \%$, natural gas and byproducts $27.0 \%$, coal $20.7 \%$, electricity $4.8 \%$ and other energy forms $9.8 \%$. Imports for the same period were 470 PJ, with crude oil and coal accounting for $83.6 \%$ of these imports. The trade balance of energy products in the third quarter stood at +473 PJ.
- The amount of energy available to Canadians for consumption rose to 1801 PJ, up $5.4 \%$ from the corresponding quarter in 1986. Per capita consumption (based on population estimates at the beginning of the quarter) stood at 70 gigajoules, $4.5 \%$ above that of a year earlier.
- Energy and non-energy use in the industrial sector totalled 658 PJ in the third quarter, up $9.0 \%$ from a year earlier; on a cumulative basis it increased $5.3 \%$, reaching 1983 PJ. Of this increase, nonenergy uses accounted for $19.8 \%$ in the current quarter and $38.2 \%$ on a cumulative basis.
- Residential and farm use (excluding motor gasoline and diesel) was down slightly (2 PJ or $1.2 \%$ ) in the third quarter, falling to 150 PJ. For the first nine months of the year, the cumulative decline was 30 PJ or $3.5 \%$, down to 808 PJ .
- Transportation uses (including all aviation fuel use) increased 25 PJ to 464 PJ in the third quarter of 1987, up $5.7 \%$ from 1986. Cumulative use rose 57 PJ to 1282 PJ , up 4.7\% from January to September 1986.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 7976-8001.
The third quarter 1987 issue of Quarterly Report on Energy Supply-Demand in Canada (57.003, \$28.75/\$115) is scheduled to be released the second week of April. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Don Wilson (613-951-3566), Industry Division.

## Data Availability Announcements

## Stocks of Frozen Meats

March 1, 1988
Total frozen meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of March a mounted to 31860 tonnes, up from 27282 tonnes a month earlier and 30490 tonnes a year ago.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 87 and 95179525.

The March issue of Stocks of Frozen Meat Products ( $32-012, \$ 11.50 / \$ 115$ ) is scheduled for release on April 6. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact P.L. Beerstecher (613-9518714), Agriculture Division.

## Selected Financial Indexes

February 1988
February 1988 figures are now available for the selected financial indexes.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 412.
The first quarter 1988 issue of Construction Price Statistics (62-007, $\$ 16.50 / \$ 66$ ) will be available in June. See "How to Order Publications".

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

## Publications Released

Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics, December 1987. Catalogue number 25-001 (Canada: $\$ 5.50 / \$ 55$; Other Countries: \$6.50/\$65).

Production and Disposition of Tobacco
Products, January 1988.
Catalogue number 32-022
(Canada: $\$ 4.50 / \$ 45$; Other Countries:
\$5.50/\$55).
Particleboard, Waferboard and Hardboard, December 1987.
Catalogue number 36-003
(Canada: $\$ 4.50 / \$ 45$; Other Countries:
$\$ 5.50 / \$ 55)$.
Factory Sales of Electric Storage Batteries, December 1987. Catalogue number 43-005
(Canada: \$4.50/\$45; Other Countries:
$\$ 5.50 / \$ 55)$.

Fuel Consumption Survey - Passenger Cars, Light Trucks and Vans, JulySeptember 1986. Catalogue number 53-007 Free.

Fuel Consumption Survey - Passenger Cars, Light Trucks and Vans, OctoberDecember 1986. Catalogue number 53-007 Free.

The Labour Force, February 1988. Catalogue number 71-001
(Canada: $\$ 22 / \$ 220$; Other Countries: \$24/\$240).

Culture Communiqué Service Bulletin, Vol. 11, No. 1, Periodical Publishing, 1985-86. Catalogue number 87-001
(Canada: $\$ 4.50 / \$ 45$; Other Countries:
$\$ 5.50 / \$ 55$ ).

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Publications may also be ordered through Statistics Canada's offices in St. John's, Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa, Sturgeon Falls, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver, or from authorized bookstore agents or other booksellers.

A national toll-free telephone order service is now in operation at Statistics Canada. The toll-free line (1-800-267-6677) can be used by Canadian customers for the ordering of Statistics Canada products and services.


[^0]:    - Preliminary figures.
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