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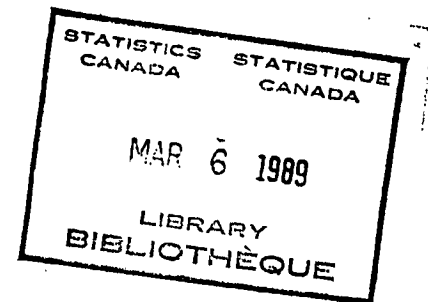
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Data Availability Announcements

Housing Starts

January 1989

Highlights

Total (all areas)

- Seasonally adjusted at an annual rate, January housing starts increased 5.3% to 239,000 units from the revised level of 227,000 in December.
- Gains in the multiple dwelling sector more than offset declines in the single dwelling sector.

Urban centres of 10,000 population and over

- Housing starts in urban centres jumped 11.8% in January to 209,000 units (105,000 single dwellings and 104,000 multiple dwellings).
- On a regional basis, increases were reported in Ontario and British Columbia while the rest of the country reported drops.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 25, 29, 4091, 4092.

The January 1989 issue of *Housing Starts and Completions* (64-002, \$16.50/\$165) is scheduled for release the third week of April. See "How to Order Publications".

For more information on this release, contact F. Monette (613-951-2583), Science, Technology and Capital Stock Division.

Railway Carloadings

Seven-day Period Ending February 21, 1989

Highlights

- Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the week totalled 4.4 million tonnes, a decrease of 5.2% from the previous year.
- Piggyback traffic increased 5.1% from the same period last year. The number of cars loaded increased 5.1% during the same period.
- The tonnage of revenue freight loaded to date this year is 6.2% lower than that loaded in the previous year.

Railway Carloadings

	Seven-day Period Ending February 21, 1989	Year-to-date *
Carload Traffic		
Tonnes	4 394 219	31 688 676
% change from previous year	-5.2	-6.2
Cars	64,788	467,864
% change from previous year	-5.6	-5.0
Piggyback Traffic		
Tonnes	270 640	1 840 661
% change from previous year	5.1	1.3
Cars	9,202	62,833
% change from previous year	5.1	2.3

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

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

Coal and Coke Statistics

December 1988

Highlights

Canadian production of coal totalled 6 295 kilotonnes in December 1988, up 9.6% from the corresponding month last year. The year-to-date production figure stands at 70 644 kilotonnes, up 15.4%.

Exports in December fell 5.5% from December 1987 to 2 396 kilotonnes while imports jumped 7.8% to 2 451 kilotonnes. Cumulative figures for the year show exports of 31 724 kilotonnes, 18.6% above last year's level.

Coke production decreased to 378 kilotonnes, down 3.2% from December 1987.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 9.

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

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

Wool Production and Supply

1988

Wool production in Canada in 1988 is estimated at 1,087,700 kilograms, down 5% from 1987, at 1,143,500 kilograms. Wool prices increased by 34% from \$1.45 per kilogram in 1987 to \$1.94 per kilogram in 1988.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1184-1186.

The 1988 issue of *Wool Production and Supply* (\$15), a statistical bulletin, is available by contacting Guy Gervais (613-951-2453).

For further information on this release, contact B. Rosien (613-951-2509), Agriculture Division.

Footwear Statistics

January 1989

Canadian manufacturers produced 2,575,323 pairs of footwear in January 1989, an increase of 1.8% from the 2,528,678 pairs (revised figure) produced a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 8.

The January 1989 issue of *Footwear Statistics* (33-002, \$4.50/\$45) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more information on this release, contact Don Grant (613-951-5998), Industry Division.



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Publications Released

Farm Cash Receipts, January-December 1988.

Catalogue number 21-001

(Canada: \$10/\$40; Other Countries: \$11/\$44).

Fruit and Vegetable Preservation, Vol.17, No.9,

Pack of Processed Plums, 1988.

Catalogue number 32-023

(Canada: \$7/\$115; Other Countries: \$8/\$125).

Fruit and Vegetable Preservation, Vol.17, No.10,

Pack of Canned Pears, 1988.

Catalogue number 32-023

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Asphalt Roofing, January 1989.

Catalogue number 45-001

(Canada: \$4.50/\$45; Other Countries: \$5.50/\$55).

Retail Trade, October 1988.

Catalogue number 63-005

(Canada: \$16/\$160; Other Countries: \$17/\$170).

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