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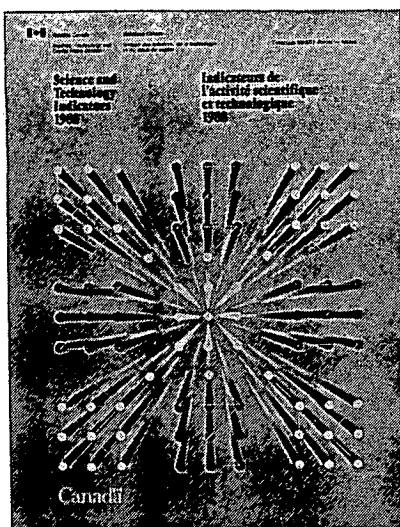
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Science and Technology Indicators

Scientific and technological change is one of the factors which determines the competitiveness of a firm, business sector, regional or national economy. For that reason it is important to develop indicators of this activity that describe and thus lead to a better understanding of the scientific and technological system and its role in our society and the Canadian economy.

Science and Technology Indicators 1988 addresses this need by presenting such indicators of scientific and technological activities as: human resources for science and technology, expenditures on research and development, Canadian research output, the application of technology and the international transfer of technology.

Science and Technology Indicators 1988 (88-201,\$44/46) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

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Crude Oil and Natural Gas December 1988

Highlights

Preliminary figures for December 1988 indicate that marketable production of natural gas, at 9.1 billion cubic metres, registered a 4.8% increase over a year earlier. Similarly, exports rose 4.3% over the same month last year. Canadian sales of natural gas, which include direct sales, posted a gain of 11.5%.

Production of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons in December 1988 amounted to 8.5 million cubic metres, a decrease of 0.4% from a year earlier. Crude oil exports maintained this year's pattern of growth by posting a twelfth consecutive gain, up 20.8% over the same period last year. Imports decreased 23.6% from December 1987, bringing year-to-date imports to 10.9% above those for 1987. Refinery receipts recorded a loss of 4.8% from December 1987.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 127 and 128.

The December 1988 issue of Crude Oil and Natural Gas Production (26-006, \$9/\$90) will be available the last week of April. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Gerard O'Connor (613-951-3562), Energy Section, Industry Division.

Crude Oil and Natural Gas

	Dec. 1988	% Change from Dec. 1987	Jan. - Dec. 1988	% Change from Jan. - Dec. 1987
(thousand of cubic metres)				

Crude oil and equivalent

Production	8 538.1	-0.4	100 288.8	5.1
Exports	3 462.7	20.8	41 284.2	14.6
Imports	2 014.0	-23.6	26 033.7	10.9
Refinery receipts	7 073.0	-4.8	85 972.1	5.1

(millions of cubic metres)

Natural gas

Marketable production	9 057.8	4.8	90 912.1	16.2
Exports	3 543.2	4.3	35 912.8	28.2
Canadian sales	6 103.0	11.5	52 734.7	9.6

Data Availability Announcements

Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics

February 1989

Pulpwood receipts amounted to 4 578 884 cubic metres in February 1989, an increase of 5.1% from 4 357 144 cubic metres a year earlier. Receipts of wood residue totalled 4 281 646 cubic metres, down 4.1% from 4 466 140 cubic metres in February 1988. Consumption of pulpwood and wood residue was reported as 8 288 270 cubic metres, a decrease of 1.0% from 8 374 502 cubic metres the previous year. The closing inventory of pulpwood and wood residue totalled 21 753 641 cubic metres, an increase of 10.4% from 19 697 596 cubic metres a year earlier.

Year-to-date receipts of pulpwood totalled 8 991 665^r cubic metres, an increase of 9.9% from 8 183 271 cubic metres a year earlier. Receipts of wood residue decreased 0.4% to 8 545 724^r cubic metres from the year-earlier level of 8 577 120 cubic metres. Consumption of pulpwood and wood residue, at 17 275 183^r cubic metres, was up 2.6% from 16 840 856 cubic metres a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 54.

The February 1989 issue of *Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics* (25-001, \$5.80/\$58) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Industrial Chemicals and Synthetic Resins

February 1989

Canadian chemical firms produced 115 689 tonnes of polyethylene synthetic resins in February 1989, a decrease of 3.7% from the 120 138 tonnes (revised figure) produced in February 1988.

January to February 1989 production totalled 243 094 tonnes, down 1.2% from 245 999 tonnes (revised figure) produced during the same period in 1988.

Data are also available on Canadian production of three other types of synthetic resins and 26 industrial chemicals for February 1989, February 1988 and corresponding cumulative figures.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 951.

The February 1989 issue of *Industrial Chemicals and Synthetic Resins* (46-002, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Raj Sehdev (613-951-3513), Industry Division.

Oils and Fats

February 1989

Production by Canadian manufacturers of all types of deodorized oils in February 1989 totalled 51 404 tonnes, an increase of 10.9% from the 46 341^r tonnes (revised figure) produced in January 1989. The 1989 year-to-date production totalled 97 745 tonnes, a decrease of 2.9% from the corresponding 1988 figure of 100 622 tonnes.

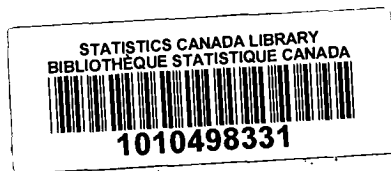
Manufacturers' packaged sales of shortening totalled 10 179 tonnes in February 1989, up from the 8 561^r tonnes sold the previous month. The cumulative sales to date were 18 740^r tonnes compared to the cumulative sales of 16 745^r tonnes in 1988.

Sales of packaged salad oil increased to 7 615 tonnes in February 1989 from 7 137 tonnes in January 1989. The cumulative sales to date in 1989 were 14 752 tonnes, compared to the cumulative sales 12 625^r tonnes in 1988.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 184.

The February 1989 issue of *Oils and Fats* (32-006, \$4.70/\$47) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

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



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Refined Petroleum Products, December 1988.

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