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Sales of Refined Petroleum Products

September 1990

Highlights

- Seasonally adjusted, preliminary estimates of September sales of refined petroleum products totalled 7.1 million cubic metres (m³), a decrease of 7.3% from August. This monthly decline followed gains registered in the two previous months.
- All four major products contributed to the September decline. Motor gasoline sales, down 6.6%, and diesel fuel sales, down 9.7%, both fell following two consecutive months of growth. September light fuel sales decreased 14.6% after August sales had risen 30.7%. Heavy fuel sales dropped by 20.1% from August when sales had reached a 12-month high.

Unadjusted Sales

- Preliminary estimates indicate that total sales of refined petroleum products in September were 7.0 million m³, a decrease of 0.3% from September 1989. Only one of the four main

products contributed to the monthly decline. The decrease of 2.9% in sales of motor gasoline was not quite offset by gains of 1.2% in diesel fuel, 13.0% in light fuel and 2.4% in heavy fuel sales.

- On a cumulative basis, total product sales lag 0.2% behind volumes recorded in the first three quarters of last year. Within this total, heavy fuel oil sales have risen 8.2% and light fuel sales are up 0.4%. Both motor gasoline and diesel fuel sales are 1.2% below levels recorded last year.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 628-642 and 644-647.

The September 1990 issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, \$18.20/\$182) will be available the third week of December. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Gérard O'Connor (613-951-3562), Energy Section, Industry Division. □

Sales of Refined Petroleum Products

	Seasonally Adjusted				
	June 1990 ^r	July 1990 ^r	August 1990 ^r	September 1990 ^p	September 1990/ August 1990
	(thousands of cubic metres)				%
Total, All Products	7 020.5	7 401.1	7 640.8	7 083.4	-7.3
Main Products:					
Motor Gasoline	2 862.5	2 924.4	2 967.1	2 765.0	-6.6
Diesel Fuel Oil	1 333.6	1 437.4	1 559.8	1 408.2	-9.7
Light Fuel Oil	641.1	565.4	738.9	631.3	-14.6
Heavy Fuel Oil	709.5	888.8	1 080.3	863.1	-20.1
	Unadjusted				
	September 1989	September 1990	Total January- September 1989	Total January- September 1990	Cumulative 1990/1989
	(thousands of cubic metres)				%
Total, All Products	6 993.0	6 972.1	63 532.2	63 437.9	-0.2
Main Products:					
Motor Gasoline	2 891.9	2 807.6	25 964.7	25 659.8	-1.2
Diesel Fuel Oil	1 516.3	1 535.1	12 743.6	12 595.3	-1.2
Light Fuel Oil	318.9	360.2	4 612.6	4 631.8	+ 0.4
Heavy Fuel Oil	663.3	678.9	6 810.8	7 367.3	+ 8.2

^p Preliminary.
^r Revised.

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Railway Carloadings

Seven-day Period Ending October 21, 1990

Highlights

- Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the week totalled 5.1 million tonnes, a decrease of 3.0% from the same period last year.
- Piggyback traffic decreased 13.2% from the same period last year. The number of cars loaded also decreased 8.6% during the same period.
- The tonnage of revenue freight loaded to date this year is 0.9% lower than that loaded in the previous year.

Note: Piggyback traffic includes trailers and containers on flat cars. Piggyback traffic numbers are included in total carload traffic. All 1989 figures and 1990 cumulative data have been revised.

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

Process Cheese and Instant Skim Milk Powder

September 1990

Production of process cheese in September 1990 totalled 8 007 422 kilograms, an increase of 3.2% from August 1990 but a decrease of 7.1% from September 1989. The 1990 year-to-date production totalled 62 956 257 kilograms, compared to the corresponding 1989 amount of 59 661 272 kilograms.

Total production of instant skim milk powder during the month was 327 935 kilograms, an increase of 23.3% from August 1990 and an increase of 1.4% from September 1989. Cumulative year-to-date production totalled 3 247 598 kilograms, compared to the 3 511 364 kilograms reported for the corresponding period in 1989.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 188 (series 1.10).

The September 1990 issue of *Production and Inventories of Process Cheese and Instant Skim Milk*

Powder (32-024, \$5/\$50) 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. ■

Asphalt Roofing

September 1990

Shipments of asphalt shingles totalled 3 551 348 metric bundles in September 1990, a decrease of 7.4% from the 3 835 738 bundles shipped a year earlier.

January to September 1990 shipments were 31 061 218 bundles, up 0.7% from 30 831 770 bundles shipped during the same period in 1989.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 32 and 122 (series 27 and 28).

The September 1990 issue of *Asphalt Roofing* (45-001, \$5/\$50) 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. ■

Shipments of Solid Fuel-burning Heating Products

Third Quarter 1990

Shipments of solid fuel-burning heating products totalled \$16.7 million for the third quarter of 1990, a decrease of 13.0% from the \$19.2 million shipped during the third quarter of 1989.

Manufacturers' shipments of Canadian-made solid fuel-burning heating products are now available, as are data on the number of units shipped.

The 1990 third quarter issue of *Shipments of Solid Fuel-burning Heating Products* (25-002, \$4.75/\$19) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Bruno Pépin (613-951-9837), Industry Division. ■

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