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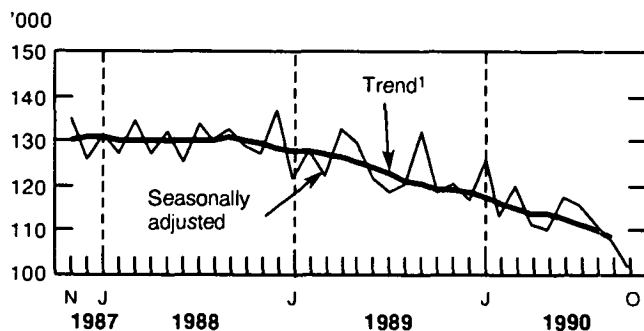
October 1990

Highlights

Seasonally Adjusted Sales

- Preliminary estimates indicate that sales of all new motor vehicles totalled 101,000 units in October 1990, a decline of 5.4% from the revised September 1990 level. In October, truck sales decreased by 5.7% while passenger car sales posted a decline of 5.2%.

Monthly Sales of New Motor Vehicles, Canada, Seasonally Adjusted, in Units, 1987-1990



¹ The short-term trend represents a weighted average of the data.

- The decline in October, the fourth consecutive monthly decrease, extended the trend of generally declining sales observed since the beginning of 1989. During the January to October 1990 period, new motor vehicle sales decreased on average by about 1.2% a month.
- On an origin basis, sales of North American passenger cars decreased by 8.6% in October 1990 to a level of 45,000 units, while sales of imported passenger cars recorded an increase of 1.7% to a level of 25,000 units. The October decline for North American passenger car sales constitutes the fourth consecutive monthly decrease whereas the increase in imported car sales followed a decline of 3.7% in September.

Note to Users

North American vehicles: motor vehicles manufactured or assembled in North America. These vehicles may be built by domestic or foreign-owned companies.

Imported vehicles: motor vehicles manufactured or assembled overseas and marketed in Canada by domestic or foreign-owned companies.

Unadjusted Sales

- Sales of all new motor vehicles totalled 106,000 units in October 1990, down 14.3% from the October 1989 level. Sales of trucks decreased by 20.4%, while passenger car sales recorded a decline of 11.2%.
- Unit sales of North American passenger cars declined by 15.5% while imported passenger cars were down by 2.4% from their level in October 1989. The decline of imported passenger cars was attributable to a 4.8% sales decrease for Japanese cars. Partly offsetting this decline was a 7.3% increase for cars imported from "other countries".
- The Japanese share of the Canadian passenger car market rose to 28.3% in October 1990 from 26.5% a year earlier. This gain was mainly at the expense of North American manufacturers, as their market share declined to 63.7% from 67.0% in October 1989.
- All provinces registered lower unit sales of motor vehicles in October 1990 compared to October 1989. The decreases ranged from 21.0% in New Brunswick to 2.6% in Alberta.
- For the first 10 months of 1990, total new motor vehicle sales decreased 9.6% from the same period last year to 1,158,000 units. Sales of domestic passenger cars were down by 12.6% to 512,000 units, while imported passenger car sales decreased by 1.5% to 267,000 units. Sales of trucks totalled 379,000 units during this period, down 10.6% from a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 64.

The October 1990 issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, \$9/\$90) will be available the third week of February 1991. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Roger Laplante (613-951-3552) or Maurice Massaad (613-951-9682), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division. ☐

New Motor Vehicle Sales – Canada
October 1990

	Seasonally Adjusted Data			
	July 1990 ^r	August 1990 ^r	September 1990 ^r	October 1990 ^p
	Units % Change	Units % Change	Units % Change	Units % Change
Total New Motor Vehicles	114,952 -1.9	111,189 -3.3	107,150 -3.6	101,408 -5.4
Passenger Cars by Origin:				
North America	51,323 -0.6	48,938 -4.6	48,751 -0.4	44,536 -8.6
Overseas	25,424 -10.5	25,295 -0.5	24,366 -3.7	24,776 + 1.7
Total	76,747 -4.1	74,233 -3.3	73,117 -1.5	69,312 -5.2
Trucks, Vans and Buses	38,205 + 3.0	36,957 -3.3	34,033 -7.9	32,097 -5.7

	Unadjusted Sales			
	October 1990	Change 1990/89	January- October 1990	Change 1990/89
	Units	%	Units	%
Total New Motor Vehicles	106,023	-14.3	1,157,643	-9.6
Passenger Cars by Origin:				
North America	46,218	-15.5	511,754	-12.6
Japan	20,557	-4.8	211,537	+ 1.9
Other Countries (Including South Korea)	5,742	+ 7.3	55,368	-12.5
Total	72,517	-11.2	778,659	-9.1
Trucks, Vans and Buses by Origin:				
North America	27,428	-23.1	316,331	-12.7
Overseas	6,078	-5.6	62,653	+ 1.6
Total	33,506	-20.4	378,984	-10.6

^p Preliminary.
^r Revised.
- Nil or Zero.

Farm Input Price Index

Third Quarter 1990

The Farm Input Price Index (1986 = 100) for the third quarter of 1990 stood at a preliminary level of 110.3, up 0.4 % from the previous quarter and an increase of 1.2% from a year earlier. While four major group indexes rose in the quarter, three declined and two remained unchanged.

- The animal production index, up 1.0%, had the largest impact on the quarterly increase, mainly as a consequence of higher prices for feed, up 2.0%. Over the year, the index declined as lower prices for feed (-7.0%) outweighed higher feeder livestock prices (4.5%).
- The index for interest was estimated to have risen by 1.6% compared to the previous quarter as the non-mortgage component rose by 1.7% and the mortgage component by 1.3%. Compared to its level a year ago, the interest index was up 8.0% with increases in non-mortgage interest of 9.4% and mortgage interest of 4.0%.
- The machinery and motor vehicles index was down 0.6% over the quarter; prices declined for motor vehicle replacement (-3.9%) and for the machinery and motor vehicle operation (-0.5%). The index stood 2.1% above its year-ago level.

Note to Users:

With the release of the third quarter 1990 data and in line with the policy of Statistics Canada to convert its economic series to 1986 = 100 as its time reference year, the Farm Input Price Index (FIPI) is now produced on a 1986 = 100 base. All current series that have a history prior to 1986 have had their data converted to 1986 = 100 for the period prior to 1986. For more information, contact Prices Division at the number listed below.

- The crop production index decreased marginally (-0.2%), reflecting small declines in prices for fertilizer (-0.4%) and pesticides (-0.5%). Compared to the third quarter of 1989, the index was down 2.4%.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2010-2019.

The third quarter 1990 issue of *Farm Input Price Indexes* (62-004, \$12.25/\$49) will be available at the end of December. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Farm Input Price Indexes
(1986 = 100)

				% Change	
	Third Quarter 1990	Second Quarter 1990	Third Quarter 1989	3rd Quarter 1990/ 2nd Quarter 1990	3rd Quarter 1990/ 3rd Quarter 1989
Eastern Canada					
Total Farm Input ^P	112.2	112.1	111.6	0.1	0.5
Building and Fencing	117.7	117.6	116.7	0.1	0.9
Machinery and motor vehicles	110.4	111.1	108.2	-0.6	2.0
Crop production	107.5	107.2	111.7	0.3	-3.8
Animal production	104.7	104.7	107.1	0.0	-2.2
Supplies and services	108.0	109.5	105.3	-1.4	2.6
Hired farm labour	125.7	125.0	123.0	0.6	2.2
Property taxes ^P	119.3	119.3	107.4	0.0	11.1
Interest ^P	137.4	135.1	126.5	1.7	8.6
Farm rent ^P	118.4	118.4	110.5	0.0	7.1
Western Canada					
Total Farm Input ^P	108.8	108.2	107.0	0.6	1.7
Building and Fencing	107.6	107.4	106.4	0.2	1.1
Machinery and motor vehicles	105.9	106.5	103.7	-0.6	2.1
Crop production	98.7	99.3	100.4	-0.6	-1.7
Animal production	110.5	108.1	110.6	2.2	-0.1
Supplies and services	104.9	105.6	102.3	-0.7	2.5
Hired farm labour	117.3	114.6	113.9	2.4	3.0
Property taxes ^P	112.1	112.1	107.2	0.0	4.6
Interest ^P	131.2	129.3	121.9	1.5	7.6
Farm rent ^P	96.8	96.8	95.2	0.0	1.7
Canada					
Total Farm Input ^P	110.3	109.9	109.0	0.4	1.2
Building and Fencing	113.0	112.8	111.9	0.2	1.0
Machinery and motor vehicles	107.4	108.0	105.2	-0.6	2.1
Crop production	101.8	102.0	104.3	-0.2	-2.4
Animal production	107.2	106.1	108.6	1.0	-1.3
Supplies and services	106.5	107.6	103.8	-1.0	2.6
Hired farm labour	121.9	120.4	118.9	1.2	2.5
Property taxes ^P	113.6	113.6	107.2	0.0	6.0
Interest ^P	133.6	131.5	123.7	1.6	8.0
Farm rent ^P	102.2	102.2	99.0	0.0	3.2

^P Preliminary figures.

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steel Pipe and Tubing

October 1990

Steel pipe and tubing production for October 1990 totalled 131 261 tonnes, an increase of 3.2% from the 127 207 tonnes produced a year earlier.

Year-to-date production totalled 1 254 547 tonnes, down 5.4% from the 1 325 578 tonnes produced during the same period in 1989.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 35.

The October 1990 issue of *Steel Pipe and Tubing* (41-011, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Gerry Barrett (613-951-3515), Industry Division. ■

Steel, Primary Forms

October 1990

Steel, primary forms, production for October 1990 totalled 707 508 tonnes, a decrease of 44.8% from 1 281 327 tonnes the previous year.

Year-to-date production was 10 489 423^r (revised) tonnes, down 19.5% from 13 024 253 tonnes a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 58 (level 2, series 3).

The October 1990 issue of *Primary Iron and Steel* (41-001, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Gerry Barrett (613-951-3515), Industry Division. ■

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September 1990.

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(Canada: \$12.70/\$127.00; United States: US\$15.20/
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Wholesale Trade, September 1990.

Catalogue number 63-008

(Canada: \$14.40/\$144.00; United States: US\$17.30/
US\$173.00; Other Countries: US\$20.20/US\$202.00).

Unemployment Insurance Statistics,
September 1990.

Catalogue number 73-001

(Canada: \$14.70/\$147.00; United States: US\$17.60/
US\$176.00; Other Countries: US\$20.60/US\$206.00).

Quarterly Estimates of Trusteed Pension Funds,
Second Quarter 1990.

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