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Lower prices in Toronto, Vancouver and Kitchener-Waterloo contributed to a 0.9% decrease in October for the Canada Total New Housing Price Index.
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Farm prices decreased 0.5% from September.

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## MAJOR RELEASES

### New Housing Price Index

October 1990

The New Housing Price Index (1986 = 100) for Canada stood at 138.1 in October, down 0.9% from September 1990. Price decreases in Toronto (-1.4%), Vancouver (-1.4%) and Kitchener-Waterloo (-1.5%) contributed to this decline.

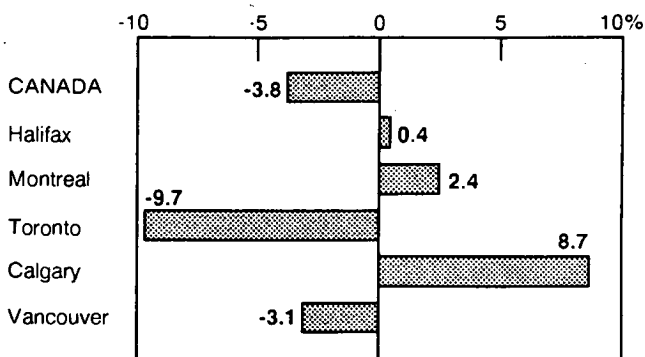
The estimated House Only Index was down 1.2% while the estimated Land Only Index decreased 0.1%.

Since Toronto accounts for over one-third of the Canada total index weight, Toronto's significant decrease was a major factor in the Canada level decrease. Vancouver's drop also had a notable impact on the Canada total index.

This index of Canadian housing contractors' selling prices now stands 3.8% lower than the year-earlier level. This was the largest decline since May 1983. Toronto was the major factor in this downward movement with a yearly decrease of 9.7% in October 1990.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2032.

Percentage Change in New Housing Price Index from Same Month of the Previous Year, Canada and Selected Cities, October 1990



The fourth quarter 1990 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$18/\$72) will be available in March 1991. See "How to Order Publications".

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

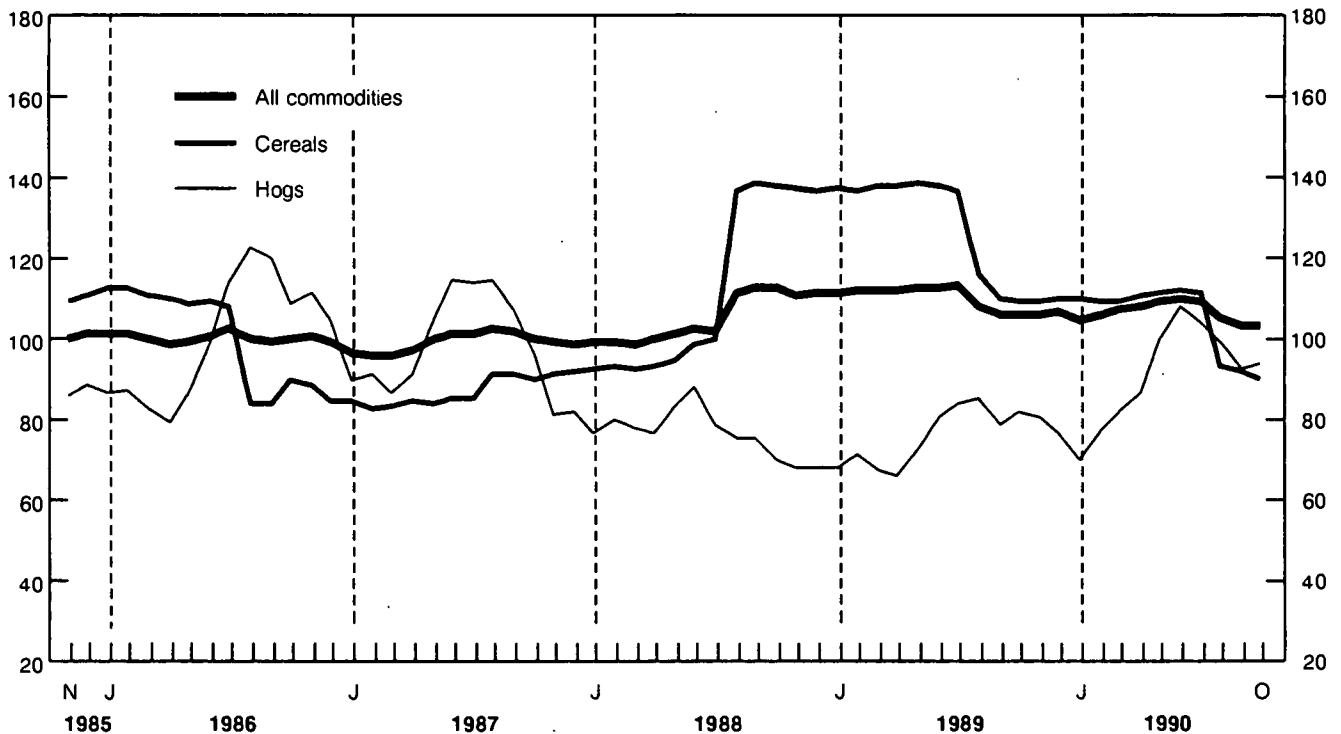
### New Housing Price Indexes

1986 = 100

	October 1990	September 1990	October 1989	October 1990/ September 1990	October 1990/ October 1989
	% change				
Canada Total	138.1	139.3	143.6	-0.9	-3.8
Canada (House only)	127.6	129.2	136.5	-1.2	-6.5
Canada (Land only)	165.4	165.6	163.5	-0.1	1.2
St. John's	119.1	119.1	116.6	-	2.1
Halifax	109.6	109.6	109.2	-	0.4
Saint John-Moncton-Fredericton	113.6	113.6	112.0	-	1.4
Quebec City	132.1	131.8	128.0	0.2	3.2
Montreal	134.4	134.4	131.2	-	2.4
Ottawa-Hull	123.1	122.7	120.8	0.3	1.9
Toronto	164.8	167.2	182.6	-1.4	-9.7
Hamilton	141.5	142.7	143.7	-0.8	-1.5
St. Catharines-Niagara	136.4	136.4	134.5	-	1.4
Kitchener-Waterloo	137.8	139.9	139.6	-1.5	-1.3
London	145.7	145.5	140.7	0.1	3.6
Windsor	128.8	128.8	123.9	-	4.0
Sudbury-Thunder Bay	133.5	133.5	128.0	-	4.3
Winnipeg	109.1	109.1	107.0	-	2.0
Regina	109.3	109.3	108.0	-	1.2
Saskatoon	107.7	107.7	107.7	-	-
Calgary	136.4	136.4	125.5	-	8.7
Edmonton	139.7	139.4	121.6	0.2	14.9
Vancouver	126.3	128.1	130.3	-1.4	-3.1
Victoria	119.3	119.6	118.6	-0.3	0.6

- Nil or zero.

## Farm Product Price Index (1986 = 100)



## Farm Product Price Index

October 1990

The Farm Product Price Index (1986=100) for Canada stood at 102.5 in October, down 0.5% from the revised September level of 103.0. The crops index fell 2.5%, while the livestock and animal products index rose 0.8%. The overall index remained 3.1% below the year-earlier level of 105.8.

Canadian production of the major grains for the 1990-91 crop year (August 1-July 31) was at record levels, 21% above the previous year. Larger-than-average expected world cereal harvests and weak export demand for both food and feed grains continue to exert downward pressure on prices.

The percentage changes in the index between September and October 1990 by province were as follows:

• Newfoundland	-5.5%
• Prince Edward Island	-0.1%
• Nova Scotia	+0.4%
• New Brunswick	-6.9%
• Quebec	-1.9%
• Ontario	-0.6%
• Manitoba	+1.3%
• Saskatchewan	0.0%
• Alberta	+0.1%
• British Columbia	+0.2%
• <b>Canada</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>

### Crops

The crops index fell 2.5% in October to a level of 96.5, as the indexes for cereals, oilseeds, and potatoes all decreased. The crops index stood 12.0% below the year-earlier level of 109.7.

- The cereals index decreased 2.6% in October to 89.4. The drop was mainly due to lower prices for wheat and barley in most provinces. The index in October was at its lowest level since October 1987, and stood 35% below the level attained in October 1988.
- The oilseeds index fell 1.0% in October to 107.2 as a result of lower prices for soybeans, and for canola in some provinces. This was the fifth consecutive monthly decrease following six monthly increases. World oilseed production for 1990-91 is forecast to reach record levels, 2% above 1989-90 levels. The index was 3.4% below a year earlier, and stood 24% below the October 1988 level.
- The potatoes index decreased 16.7% in October to a level of 110.8. The index stood 16.9% below the level attained one year earlier, as Canadian production increased 4%.
- The hogs index rose 1.6% to 93.5 in October. This increase followed three monthly decreases. U.S. slaughter is expected to be at year-earlier levels in the fourth quarter of 1990, while Canadian slaughter is expected to be down 4%. The index remained 14.7% above the year-earlier level.
- The cattle index increased 1.2% to 108.6 in October. Beef production in the U.S. is expected to be 3% below the level attained in the fourth quarter of 1989, while in Canada, it is expected to be 2% lower. The index stood 1.3% above its level of one year ago.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 176.**

The October issue of the *Farm Product Price Index* (62-003, \$7.10/\$71) is scheduled for release on December 21. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Liz Leckie (613-951-2436), Farm Income and Prices Section, Agriculture Division. ■

#### **Livestock and Animal Products**

The livestock and animal products index increased 0.8% in October to a level of 106.3, as increases in both cattle and hogs indexes (1.2% and 1.6%) more than offset decreases in the poultry and eggs indexes.

## DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Department Store Sales by Province and Metropolitan Area

October 1990

- Department stores sales including concessions totalled \$1,215 million in October 1990, up 5.2% over the October 1989 level of \$1,155 million. After allowing for differences in trading days, department store sales increased 2.7% on a year-over-year basis. Concessions sales totalled \$93.1 million, 7.7% of total department store sales.
- Department store sales during October 1990 for the provinces and the 10 metropolitan areas surveyed were as follows (with the percentage change from October 1989 in parentheses):

#### Department Store Sales Including Concessions

##### Province

- Newfoundland, \$18.0 million (+ 28.9%);
- Prince Edward Island, \$6.7 million (-5.7%);
- Nova Scotia, \$40.2 million (+ 2.9%);
- New Brunswick, \$26.6 million (+ 3.9%);
- Quebec, \$229.6 million (+ 5.0%);
- Ontario, \$488.5 million (+ 4.7%);
- Manitoba, \$50.9 million (+ 5.5%);
- Saskatchewan, \$35.6 million (+ 12.2%);
- Alberta, \$140.7 million (+ 7.0%);
- British Columbia, \$177.9 million (+ 3.2%).

##### Metropolitan Area

- Calgary, \$52.9 million (+ 4.1%);
- Edmonton, \$61.6 million (+ 4.9%);
- Halifax-Dartmouth, \$21.7 million (+ 1.8%);
- Hamilton, \$31.4 million (-6.2%);
- Montreal, \$125.6 million (+ 2.7%);
- Ottawa-Hull, \$56.3 million (+ 4.5%);
- Quebec City, \$31.2 million (+ 2.5%);
- Toronto, \$196.6 million (+ 4.8%);
- Vancouver, \$97.0 million (-2.5%);
- Winnipeg, \$45.2 million (+ 2.6%).

#### Note to Users:

Users should note that the year-over-year movements for some provinces and census metropolitan areas are exaggerated due to the inclusion of some outlets previously classified to the general merchandise category.

Information on department store sales and stocks by department will be released in *The Daily* during the week of December 17, 1990.

### Department Store Sales Excluding Concessions

#### Province

- Newfoundland, \$15.8 million (+ 25.8%);
- Prince Edward Island, \$6.2 million (-7.0%);
- Nova Scotia, \$37.2 million (+ 2.5%);
- New Brunswick, \$24.5 million (+ 4.0%);
- Quebec, \$215.7 million (+ 5.3%);
- Ontario, \$447.0 million (+ 4.3%);
- Manitoba, \$45.9 million (+ 5.3%);
- Saskatchewan, \$32.7 million (+ 12.1%);
- Alberta, \$130.8 million (+ 6.9%);
- British Columbia, \$165.9 million (+ 2.2%).

#### Metropolitan Area

- Calgary, \$48.8 million (+ 5.0%);
- Edmonton, \$57.5 million (+ 3.5%);
- Halifax-Dartmouth, \$20.3 million (+ 0.9%);
- Hamilton, \$29.0 million (-6.0%);
- Montreal, \$118.8 million (+ 2.6%);
- Ottawa-Hull, \$53.1 million (+ 4.9%);
- Quebec City, \$29.3 million (+ 2.2%);
- Toronto, \$182.2 million (+ 4.1%);
- Vancouver, \$91.1 million (-3.2%);
- Winnipeg, \$41.2 million (+ 3.1%).

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 111 and 112 (series 10 to 12).**

Order the October 1990 issue of *Department Store Monthly Sales, by Province and Selected Metropolitan Area* (63-004, \$2/\$20), available the fourth week of December 1990. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Maurice Massaad (613-951-9682), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division. ■

## Sugar Sales

November 1990

Canadian sugar refiners reported total sales of 78 689 tonnes for all types of sugar in November 1990, comprising 74 701 tonnes in domestic sales and 3 988 tonnes in export sales. The 1990 year-to-date sales reported for all types of sugar totalled 866 823 tonnes: 812 704 tonnes in domestic sales and 54 119 tonnes in export sales.

This compares to total sales of 83 789 tonnes in November 1989, of which 79 146 tonnes were domestic sales and 4 643 tonnes were export sales. The 1989 year-to-date sales reported for all types of sugar totalled 894 909 tonnes: 849 187 tonnes in domestic sales and 45 722 tonnes in export sales.

The November 1990 issue of *The Sugar Situation* (32-013, \$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. ■

## Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

October 1990

Factory shipments of steel wire and specified wire products for October 1990 are now available, as are production and export market data for selected commodities.

Shipments totalled 48 235 tonnes in October 1990, an increase of 10.9% from the 43 482 tonnes shipped during the previous month.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 122 (series 19).**

The October 1990 issue of *Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products* (41-006, \$5/\$50) 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. ■

## Oil Pipeline Transport

September 1990

### Highlights

- In September, net receipts of crude oil and refined petroleum products into Canadian pipelines decreased 1.4% from the same period

last year to 13 967 402 cubic metres (m<sup>3</sup>). Year-to-date receipts, now at 126 487 776 m<sup>3</sup>, are down 1.3% from 1989.

- Pipeline exports of crude oil decreased 1.6% compared to September 1989 while pipeline imports declined 19.9% for the same period. On a cumulative basis, exports in 1990 are now down 1.0% from 1989 levels, while imports are down by 2.5%.
- Deliveries of crude oil by pipeline to Canadian refineries this month rose 1.0% from 1989 while deliveries of liquid petroleum gases and refined petroleum products increased 12.0%.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 181.**

The September 1990 issue of *Oil Pipeline Transport* (55-001, \$10/\$100) will be available the last week of December. See "How to Order Publications".

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

## For-hire Trucking Survey

First and Second Quarters 1989

Output of the for-hire trucking industry is measured by estimates of inter-city (distances of 25 km or more) commodity movements transported by Canadian-domiciled carriers. These data are now being released on a quarterly, instead of an annual, basis.

Highlights from the preliminary results for the Canadian-domiciled for-hire trucking companies transporting shipments domestically and internationally show that, for the first six months of 1989:

- Revenue earned was \$3.5 billion compared to the annual figure for 1988 of \$7.0 billion.
- Some 84.7 million tonnes of commodities were transported compared to 206 million tonnes for the full year 1988.
- Over 36.9 billion tonne-kilometres were recorded compared to 82.6 billion tonne-kilometres during the year 1988.

The 1988 annual *Trucking in Canada* (53-222) was released recently.

For more information on this release, contact Kathie Davidson (613-951-8779), Transportation Division. ■

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**Non-metal Mines, 1988.**

**Catalogue number 26-224**

(Canada: \$22.00; United States: US\$26.00; Other Countries: US\$31.00).

**Air Passenger Origin and Destination, Domestic Report, 1989.**

**Catalogue number 51-204**

(Canada: \$38.00; United States: US\$46.00; Other Countries: US\$53.00).

**Touriscope - International Travel, National and Provincial Counts, July-September 1990.**

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