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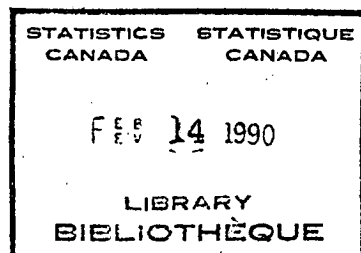
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Machinery and Equipment Price Indexes

Fourth Quarter 1989

The Machinery and Equipment Price Index by industry of purchase (1971 = 100, MEPI) reached a preliminary level of 319.1 in the fourth quarter of 1989, up 0.1% over the revised third quarter level of 318.7.

The domestic price index rose 0.5%, while the component for imported machinery and equipment fell 0.2%, influenced in part by the effect of a generally stronger Canadian dollar compared to the U.S. dollar during the fourth quarter.

On a year-over-year basis, the MEPI composite index rose 2.4%, based on an increase in the domestic prices component of 4.5% and a rise in the imported component of 0.4%. This represents the first deceleration in the year-over-year rate of change

of the composite index since the second quarter of 1988.

Among the industry divisions, trade showed the largest quarterly price increase for machinery and equipment at 1.0%, followed by the finance, insurance and real estate division at 0.9%. On a year-over-year basis, the community, business and personal services and fishing divisions had the largest increases at 3.5%.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 4000, 4002 and 4027.

The fourth quarter 1989 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$17.25/\$69) will be available in March. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Machinery and Equipment Price Indexes (1971 = 100)

	Relative Importance ¹	Index			Percent Change	
		4th Q. 1989	3rd Q. 1989	4th Q. 1988	4th Q. 1989/ 3rd Q. 1989	4th Q. 1989/ 4th Q. 1988
Machinery and Equipment Price Index	100.0	319.1	318.7	311.6	0.1	2.4
SIC Divisions						
1. Agriculture	10.3	319.7	319.8	314.9	0.0	1.5
2. Forestry	0.7	337.1	335.9	328.0	0.4	2.8
3. Fishing	0.6	351.7	349.6	339.8	0.6	3.5
4. Mines, Quarries and Oil Wells	6.5	362.2	362.9	355.2	-0.2	2.0
5. Manufacturing	30.4	354.5	354.1	345.1	0.1	2.7
6. Construction	4.1	296.4	297.6	291.6	-0.4	1.6
7. Transportation, Communication, Storage and Utilities	25.5	303.9	303.9	298.3	0.0	1.9
8. Trade	4.8	295.1	292.1	285.9	1.0	3.2
9. Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	1.5	261.3	259.0	252.6	0.9	3.4
10. Community, Business and Personal Services	9.4	251.4	250.1	242.9	0.5	3.5
11. Public Administration	6.2	306.8	305.6	297.7	0.4	3.1

* These indexes are preliminary.

¹ Division weights are based on 1971 value of capitalized expenditures on new machinery and equipment by industry (Survey of Private and Public Investment in Canada, 1971).

- Amount too small to be expressed.

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Restaurants, Caterers and Taverns

December 1989

Restaurant, caterer and tavern receipts totalled \$1,501.8 million for December 1989, an increase of 11.3% over the \$1,348.9 million reported for the same period last year.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 52.

The December 1989 issue of *Restaurants, Caterers and Taverns* (63-011, \$5.80/\$58) will be available in approximately three weeks time. See "How to Order Publications."

For further information on this release, contact William Birbeck, Services Division (613-951-3506). ■

Production of Eggs

December 1989

Canadian egg production in December 1989 was 40.1 million dozen, a 0.5% decrease from December 1988. The average number of layers decreased 3.0% between December 1988 and 1989, while the number of eggs per 100 layers increased to 2,230 from 2,173.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1145, 1146 and 5689-5691.

To order *Production and Stocks of Eggs and Poultry* (\$115/year), a statistical bulletin, contact Guy Gervais (613-951-2453).

For further information on this release contact Ruth McMillan (613-951-2549), Livestock and Animal Products Section, Agriculture Division. ■



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