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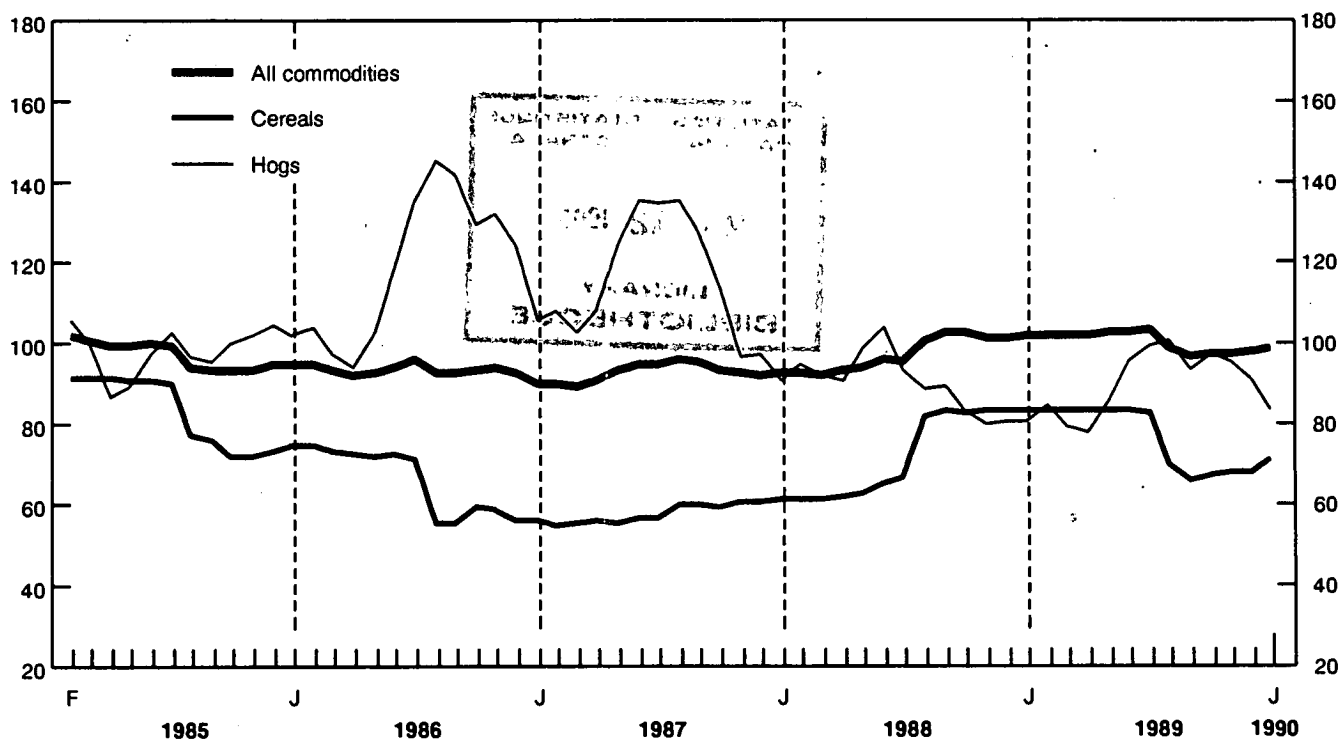
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Farm Product Price Index (1981 = 100)



Farm Product Price Index

January 1990

The Farm Product Price Index (1981=100) for Canada stood at 98.0 in January, up 0.5% over the revised December level of 97.5. The crops index recorded a 4.4% increase, while the livestock and animal products index declined by 2.0%. The overall index remained 3.4% below the year-earlier level of 101.4. Cereal and oilseed prices have been much lower for the 1989-90 crop year (August 1 to July 31) compared to the previous crop year, as 1989 North American grain production rebounded from the drought-reduced 1988 level.

The percentage changes in the index between December 1989 and January 1990 by province were as follows:

Newfoundland	-2.9%
Prince Edward Island	+1.5%

Nova Scotia	-1.7%
New Brunswick	+3.4%
Quebec	-0.9%
Ontario	-1.5%
Manitoba	+3.0%
Saskatchewan	+3.6%
Alberta	+0.6%
British Columbia	+1.1%
Canada	+0.5%

Crops

The crops index rose 4.4% in January to 83.1, as prices for cereals, oilseeds and potatoes all increased, but the index still stood 10.4% below the year-earlier level of 92.7. Grain prices for the 1989-90 crop year have fallen below those of the previous crop year. Prices in 1988-89 were the highest in four years, as drought in North America reduced crop production.

- The cereals index increased 5.6% to 71.2 in January, as wheat and barley prices increased as a result of Canadian Wheat Board adjustment payments effective January 9, 1990. The price of wheat, excluding durum, increased \$10 per tonne, while designated barley rose \$25 per tonne. Despite the January increase, the cereals index remained 14.4% below year-earlier levels.
- The potatoes index rose 12.4% in January to 116.7, following a 5.7% increase in December. Canadian January 1st potato stocks were at their lowest level since January 1984. Although the January index stood 21.9% above the year-earlier level, it remained 26.9% below the record level attained in July 1989.

Livestock and Animal Products

The livestock and animal products index decreased 2.0% in January to 111.6, as both hog and cattle prices declined. Dairy, poultry and egg prices also fell. Although the livestock index declined in January,

it generally trended higher through 1989, mainly as a result of stronger hog prices from May to December.

- The hog index fell 8.6% to 82.7 in January, from 90.5 in December, to reach the lowest level since April 1989. Industry uncertainty created by the countervailing duty on Canadian pork exports to the U.S. and large marketings before Christmas may have contributed to lower prices in January.
- The cattle index decreased by less than 1% to 112.2 in January, from 113.3 in December. It was 2.7% higher than the year-earlier level of 109.2. Reduced cattle slaughter in North America in 1989 has contributed to the slight upward trend in cattle prices in the last 12 months.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 176.

The January issue of the *Farm Product Price Index* (62-003,\$6.80/\$68) is scheduled for release on April 2. See "How to Order Publications".

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

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Department Store Sales by Province and Metropolitan Area

January 1990

Department stores sales including concessions totalled \$777 million in January 1990, up 5.2% over the January 1989 level of \$738 million. Concessions sales totalled \$46.7 million, 5.9% of total department store sales. Adjusted for trading day differences, department store sales increased 2.2% over January 1989.

Department store sales during January 1990 for the provinces and the 10 metropolitan areas surveyed were as follows (with the percentage change from January 1990 in parentheses):

Province

- Newfoundland, \$7.6 million (2.4%);
- Prince Edward Island, \$4.7 million (1.5%);
- Nova Scotia, \$22.9 million (6.2%);
- New Brunswick, \$14.9 million (5.6%);
- Quebec, \$140.4 million (2.0%);
- Ontario, \$323.9 million (4.2%);
- Manitoba, \$32.9 million (6.2%);
- Saskatchewan, \$21.7 million (1.3%);
- Alberta, \$90.5 million (6.5%);
- British Columbia, \$117.4 million (12.1%).

Metropolitan Area

- Calgary, \$35.6 million (8.4%);
- Edmonton, \$39.6 million (5.1%);
- Halifax-Dartmouth, \$12.7 million (2.8%);
- Hamilton, \$23.2 million (0.7%);
- Montreal, \$77.8 million (-1.7%);
- Ottawa-Hull, \$36.2 million (4.2%);
- Quebec City, \$19.4 million (3.7%);
- Toronto, \$134.0 million (6.6%);
- Vancouver, \$67.9 million (11.0%);
- Winnipeg, \$30.1 million (6.5%).

Note to Users:

Trading days have a significant impact on department store sales. Estimates shown in this release are not adjusted for trading day differences.

These estimates include concession sales. A concession is a separately owned business, usually operated as a department within the department store premises, under licence or contractual agreement.

Information on department store sales and stocks by department will be released in The Daily during the week of March 26, 1990.

Order the January 1990 issue of Department Store Monthly Sales, by Province and Selected Metropolitan Area (63-004, \$2/\$20), available the third week of March.

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

Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

January 1990

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

Shipments totalled 56 926 tonnes in January 1990, an increase of 38.4% over the 41 133 tonnes shipped during the previous month.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 122 (series 19).

The January 1990 issue of *Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products* (41-006, \$4.70/\$47) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Postcensal Estimates of Census Families, Canada, Provinces and Territories

June 1, 1989

At June 1, 1989, the total number of census families in Canada was estimated to be 6,949,200, an increase of 76,200 over the 1988 level. This represents an annual growth rate of 1.1%, compared to the average annual growth rate of 1.3% for the 1981-86 period. The decrease is mainly attributable to the increase in the number of divorces, following the modifications of the law on divorce in June 1986. In 1988-89, an increase in the number of divorces and deaths, as well as a decrease in the number of marriages and common-law unions, explain 69% of the growth slowdown in the number of families.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan registered decreases in the number of families for the first time since 1970. Growth rates for Nova Scotia and Quebec were slightly under the national rate. In all other areas, the percentage increase was over 1.1%. The three highest rates were recorded in Prince Edward Island, British Columbia and Ontario.

Number of Census Families, Canada, Provinces and Territories

June 1, 1988 and 1989

	Number		
	1988 ^{PR}	1989 ^{PP}	Growth Rate (%)
Canada	6,854.3	6,930.5	1.11
Newfoundland	144.8	146.8	1.37
Prince Edward Island	33.1	33.8	2.09
Nova Scotia	234.4	236.8	1.02
New Brunswick	190.1	192.3	1.15
Quebec	1,785.4	1,802.2	0.94
Ontario	2,519.7	2,553.8	1.34
Manitoba	280.3	279.9	-0.14
Saskatchewan	259.4	256.5	-1.12
Alberta	619.0	627.2	1.32
British Columbia	788.1	801.1	1.64
Yukon	6.6	6.7	1.50
Northwest Territories	11.6	12.0	3.39

^{PR} Updated postcensal estimates.

^{PP} Preliminary postcensal estimates.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 6513 (total number of census families).

The postcensal estimates of the total number of census families and of their characteristics for Canada, the provinces and the territories as of June 1, 1989 are available today and will be published in *Postcensal Estimates of Families for Canada, Provinces and Territories*, June 1, 1989 (91-204, \$20).

For further information, contact the nearest regional reference centre, or Lise Champagne (613-951-2320), Demography Division. ■

Steel Pipe and Tubing

January 1990

Steel pipe and tubing production for January 1990 totalled 142 643 tonnes, an increase of 11.6% over the 127 812 tonnes produced a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 35.

The January 1990 issue of *Steel Pipe and Tubing* (41-011 \$4.70/\$47) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Blow-moulded Plastic Bottles

Fourth Quarter 1989

Figures for the fourth quarter 1989 for blow-moulded plastic bottles are now available.

Production and Shipments of Blow-moulded Plastic Bottles (47-006, \$6.50/\$26) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

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



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PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

Livestock Report, January 1, 1990.

Catalogue number 23-008

(Canada: \$15.75/\$63; Other Countries: \$19/\$76).

Electric Lamps (Light Bulbs and Tubes), January 1990.

Catalogue number 43-009

(Canada: \$4.70/\$47; Other Countries: \$5.60/\$56).

Asphalt Roofing, January 1990.

Catalogue number 45-001

(Canada: \$4.70/\$47; Other Countries: \$5.60/\$56).

Gas Utilities, November 1989.

Catalogue number 55-002

(Canada: \$12.10/\$121; Other Countries: \$14.50/\$145).

Electric Power Statistics, December 1989.

Catalogue number 57-001

(Canada: \$9.50/\$95; Other Countries: \$11.40/\$114).

Telephone Statistics, December 1989.

Catalogue number 56-002

(Canada: \$7.90/\$79; Other Countries: \$9.50/\$95).

Business Services, 1985-1987.

Catalogue number 63-232

(Canada: \$29; Other Countries: \$35).

Exports by Commodity (H.S. Based), December 1989.

Catalogue number 65-004

(Canada: \$52.50/\$525; Other Countries: \$63/\$630).

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