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Steel Primary Forms (Steel Ingots)

Week Ending March 17, 1990

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel primary forms production for the week ending March 17, 1990 totalled 271 365 tonnes, a decrease of 0.4% from the preceding week's total of 272 365 tonnes and down 13.3% from the year-earlier level of 313 121 tonnes. The cumulative total in 1990 was 2 915 449 tonnes, a decrease of 13.4% from 3 365 599 tonnes for the same period in 1989.

For further information on this release, contact Greg Milsom (613-951-9827), Industry Division.

Railway Carloadings

Seven-day Period Ending March 7, 1990

Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the week totalled 4.6 million tonnes, an increase of 5.4% over the same period last year.

Piggyback traffic decreased 5.6% and the number of cars loaded decreased 2.7% from the same period last year.

The tonnage of revenue freight loaded to date this year is 5.5% higher 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 further information on this release, contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2484), Surface Transport Unit, Transportation Division.

Stocks of Frozen Meat Products T O March 1, 1990

Total frozen meat in cold storage as of March 1 totalled 31 221 tonnes; up from 30 879 tonnes last month, but down from 32 968 tonnes a year ago.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 87 and 9517-9525.

To order Stocks of Frozen Meat Products (\$11.50/\$115), a statistical bulletin, contact Guy Gervais (613-951-2453).

For more information on this release, contact David Burroughs (613-951-2510), Agriculture Division.

Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers

February 1990

Canadian domestic shipments of corrugated boxes and wrappers totalled 157 495 thousand square metres in February 1990, a decrease of 9.1% from the 173 208r thousand square metres shipped a year earlier.

January-to-February 1990 domestic shipments totalled 325 104 thousand square metres, down 8.5% from the 355 327 thousand square metres for the same period in 1989.

The February 1990 issue of Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers (36-004, \$4.70/\$47) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Sandra Bohatyretz (613-951-3531), Industry Division.

Major Appliances

February 1990

Domestic sales of major appliances by Canadian manufacturers totalled 161,332 units in February 1990, down 10.8% from 180,804 units in February 1989 and also down 2.5% from the 165,420 units sold in January 1990.

Year-to-date domestic sales to February 1990 totalled 326,752 units, a 5.8% decrease from 346,914 units for the same period of 1989.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 65, 66 and 122 (series 30).

The February 1990 issue of Production, Sales and Stocks of Major Appliances (43-010, \$4.70/\$47) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact J.P. Beauparlant (613-951-3526), Industry Division. ■

Telephone Statistics

January 1990

Canada's 13 major telephone systems reported monthly revenues of \$1,076.8 million in January 1990, up 8.6% over January 1989.

Operating expenses were \$771.7 million, an increase of 12.2% over January 1989. Net operating revenue was \$305.0 million, an increase of 0.4% over January 1989.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 355.

The January 1990 issue of *Telephone Statistics* (56-002, \$7.90/\$79) is scheduled for release the week of April 2. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact J.R. Slattery (613-951-2205), Services Division.

Production, Shipments and Stocks of Sawmills East of the Rockies January 1990

Production of lumber in sawmills east of the Rockies decreased 0.1% to 1 841 615 cubic metres in

January 1990, from 1 843 092 cubic metres (after revisions) in January 1989.

Stocks on hand at the end of January 1990 totalled 2 682 480 cubic metres, an increase of 0.7% over 2 663 794 cubic metres in January 1989.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 53 (except series 1.2, 2.2, 3.2) and 122 (series 2).

The January 1990 issue of *Production, Shipments* and *Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies* (35-002, \$9/\$90) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Jacques Lepage (613-951-3516), Industry Division. ■

Grain Marketing Situation ReportFebruary 1990

The situation report for February is now available. This report presents up-to-date information on the Canadian and world grain supply and market situation.

For further information on this release, contact Karen Gray (204-983-2856), Agriculture Division.

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