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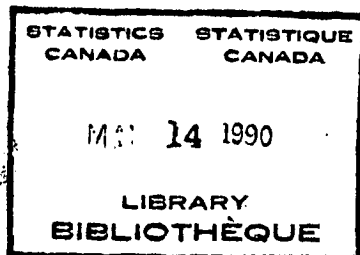
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With an increase of 0.1% in March, the 12-month change was 1.0%.

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Construction Building Materials Price Index: Residential

March 1990

The Residential Construction Building Materials Price Index (1981 = 100) rose 0.3% over the revised figure for February 1990, to 144.3 in March. This was 1.6% higher than a year ago.

Between February and March 1990, there were several price increases, notably for plywood other than Douglas Fir (2.2%), lumber (0.9%), and clay bricks and blocks (1.4%), which more than offset decreases for roof trusses (-4.9%), concrete bricks and blocks (-0.1%), and gypsum wallboard (-0.1%).

Between March 1989 and March 1990, prices for structural materials rose 2.2%, due principally to increases for ready-mix concrete (4.8%) and particle-board (15.3%). A 1.8% increase in prices for architectural materials was due mainly to price increases for clay bricks and blocks (12.8%), wooden doors

(8.9%), plywood other than Douglas Fir (11.6%), and windows and sashes (6.5%). Mechanical materials increased 1.5%, as a result of increases in prices for plumbing fittings (5.7%), sheet metal pipes and ducts (3.6%), sanitaryware (3.5%), and wash basins and toilet tanks (4.7%). Electrical materials decreased 3.2%, due mainly to decreases in prices for building wires and cables (-22.6%).

Available on CANSIM: matrix 423 (level 1).

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

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

Note: This index is terminated with the release of March data in today's *Daily*.

Construction Building Materials Price Indexes: Residential

March 1990
(1981 = 100)

	March 1990	February 1990	March 1989	% Change	
				March/ February 1990	March 1990/1989
Total materials	144.3	143.9	142.0	0.3	1.6
Architectural materials	142.6	142.2	140.1	0.3	1.8
Structural materials	144.2	144.5	141.1	-0.2	2.2
Mechanical materials	158.7	158.4	156.3	0.2	1.5
Electrical materials	135.1	134.0	139.6	0.8	-3.2

Construction Building Materials Price Index: Non-residential

March 1990

The price index for non-residential construction building materials (1981=100) rose 0.1% over the revised figure for February 1990, to 144.3 in March. This was 1.0% higher than a year ago.

Between February and March 1990, a number of price increases were observed, notably for metal doors and windows (0.6%), clay bricks and blocks (1.4%), and building wires and cables (1.1%), which more than offset decreases in prices for concrete reinforcing bars (-1.7%) and plumbing fixtures and sanitaryware (-0.7%).

Between March 1989 and March 1990, prices for structural materials rose 2.2%, mainly attributable to price increases for ready-mix concrete (4.8%) and particleboard (15.3%). Prices for mechanical materials increased 2.1%, principally due to price

increases for plumbing fittings (5.7%), plumbing fixtures and sanitaryware (8.9%), and sanitaryware (3.5%). Architectural materials were up 1.2%, due mainly to price increases for clay bricks and blocks (12.8%), wooden doors (8.9%) and thermal insulations (7.3%). Electrical materials decreased 4.0%, primarily due to decreases in prices for building wires and cables (-27.0%).

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Construction Building Materials Price Indexes: Non-residential

March 1990
(1981 = 100)

	March 1990	February 1990	March 1989	% Change	
				March/ February 1990	March 1990/1989
Total materials	144.3	144.1	142.9	0.1	1.0
Architectural materials	144.3	144.0	142.6	0.2	1.2
Structural materials	142.0	142.1	139.0	-0.1	2.2
Mechanical materials	157.3	157.4	154.1	-0.1	2.1
Electrical materials	133.2	132.9	138.7	0.2	-4.0

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Provincial and Territorial Government Employment

September 1989

Highlights

Provincial and territorial general government employment, excluding Saskatchewan, remained relatively stable in September 1989 compared with September 1988. General government includes departments, agencies, boards, commissions, and government-owned institutions engaged in education, health and welfare but excludes government enterprises. General government data for the province of Saskatchewan are not currently available but will be released with provincial and territorial employment data for December 1989.

General government employment in September 1989, excluding Saskatchewan, is estimated at 479,000, a decrease of less than 1,000 employees from September 1988.

Provincial and territorial government enterprise employment totalled 162,000 as at September 1989, an increase of 3.8% or 6,000 employees over the September 1988 level. Increases were registered in several provinces and resulted from higher levels of seasonal employment. In Ontario, a major contributor was the filling of vacant positions and higher construction employment for Ontario Hydro.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2722 for monthly data by province or territory. Series 1 and 2 - general government employment and pay data; Series 3 and 4 - government enterprise employment and pay data. Data are also available through special tabulation.

For more information on this service or general inquiries on Public Institutions Division's products, contact Patricia Phillips, Data Dissemination (613-951-0767).

For more information on this release, contact Peter Dudley (613-951-1851), Employment Section, Public Institutions Division. ■

Dairy Review

March 1990

Creamery butter production in Canada totalled 9 615 tonnes in March, a 7.6% decrease from a year earlier. Production of cheddar cheese amounted to 9 267 tonnes, a decrease of 1.4% from March 1989.

An estimated 551 457 kilolitres of milk were sold off Canadian farms for all purposes in February 1990, a decrease of 1.8% from February 1989. This brought the total estimate of milk sold off farms during the first two months of 1990 to 1 149 622 kilolitres, a decrease of 2.2% from the January-February 1989 period.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3428, 5632-5638, 5650-5661, 5664-5667 and 5673.

The March 1990 issue of *The Dairy Review* (23-001, \$12.20/\$122) is scheduled for release on June 1. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, contact David Burroughs (613-951-2510), Agriculture Division. ■

Production of Eggs

March 1990

Canadian egg production in March 1990 was 40.1 million dozen, a 1.4% decrease from March 1989. The average number of layers decreased 2.6% between March 1989 and 1990, while the number of eggs per 100 layers increased to 2,244 from 2,218.

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 Product Section, Agriculture Division. ■

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Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products,
March 1990.

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Factory Sales of Electric Storage Batteries,
March 1990.

Catalogue number 43-005

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Other Countries: US\$7.00/\$70.00).

Industrial Chemicals and Synthetic Resins,
March 1990.

Catalogue number 46-002

(Canada: \$5.60/\$56.00;

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Private and Public Investment in Canada,
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