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## MAJOR RELEASE

• Farm Input Price Index (FIPI), First Quarter 1990 The Farm Input Price Index fell 0.2% from the previous quarter, but increased 1% over a year earlier.

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This database provides demographic and income statistics at the postal walk level, the route taken by a Canada Post letter carrier to deliver the mail every day. The database contains socio-economic characteristics of the taxfiler population for close to 16,000 postal walks across Canada.

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For further information, contact the Small Area and Administrative Data Division (613-951-9720).

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#### Farm Input Price Index (FIPI)

First Quarter 1990

The Farm Input Price Index (1981 = 100) stood at a preliminary level of 116.6 for the first quarter 1990, down 0.2% from the previous quarter, but an increase of 1.0% over a year earlier. Of nine major group indexes of the FIPI, three decreased and six rose.

- The animal production index, which dropped 1.5% in the first quarter, contributed the most to the quarterly decrease of the total FIPI. Within this major group, prices declined 2.1% for feeder cattle, 0.1% for weanling pigs and 2.0% for prepared feed, while prices for grain feed rose 2.0%.
- The crop production index decreased 1.4%, due to lower prices for seed (-2.9%), fertilizer (-1.3%), and pesticides (-1.4%).
- An increase in the interest index of 1.8% over the quarter accounted for most of the offsetting effect on the total index, mainly due to higher interest rates for non-mortgage types of loans.

On a year-to-year basis, the increases of 4.4% in the machinery and motor vehicle index and 8.7% in the interest index were the main contributors to the total increase. However, there were declines in both the animal and crop production indexes. The animal production index declined (-4.9%), mainly due to lower prices for feed (-13.6%). The crop production index decreased 1.3% over the year, as decreases for all other group indexes outweighed a large increase of 45.5% in the crop insurance index.

Data users should note that, in accordance with the revision schedule of this series, some indexes for 1988 and 1989 have been changed. The indexes for 1988 are now final.

#### Available on CANSIM: matrices 1900-1909.

The first quarter 1990 issue of *Farm Input Price Indexes* (62-004, \$12.25/\$49) will be available at the end of May. See "How to Order Publications".

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

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Farm Input Price Indexes (1981 = 100)

				% Change		
	First Quarter 1990	Fourth Quarter 1989	First Quarter 1989	First Quarter 1990/ Fourth Quarter 1989	Firs Quarte 1990/1985	
		Eastern Canada				
Total Farm Input <sup>p</sup>	119.0	119.5	119.2	-0.4	-0.:	
Building and fencing	153.6	153.7	146.2	-0.1	5.	
Machinery and motor vehicles	129.2	128.5	122.7	0.5	5.	
Crop production	110.1	113.1	116.4	-2.7	-5.	
Animal production	106.4	108.9	114.7	•2.3	-7.	
Supplies and services	149.3	147.4	142.1	1.3	5.	
Hired farm labour	152.7	151.8	145.1	0.6	5.	
Property taxesp	146.1	132.2	132.2	10.5	10.	
InterestP	104.2	102.3	95.1	1.9	9.	
Farm rentP	87.7	81.8	81.8	7.2	7.	
	Western Canada					
Total Farm Input <sup>p</sup>	114.9	114.7	112.8	0.2	1.	
Building and fencing	131.4	131.5	126.3	-0.1	4.	
Machinery and motor vehicles	120.9	120.5	116.3	0.3	4.	
Crop production	98.7	99.2	96.9	-0.5	1.	
Animal production	116.6	117.6	119.7	-0.9	-2.	
Supplies and services	128.2	127.7	126.1	0.4	1.	
Hired farm labour	135.3	134.8	133.0	0.4	1.	
Property taxesp	163.2	155.9	155.9	4.7	4.	
InterestP	96.3	94.7	89.1	1.7	8.	
Farm rentP	94.7	93.4	· 93.4	1.4	1.	
	Canada					
Total Farm Input <sup>p</sup>	116.6	116.8	115.5	-0.2	1.	
Building and fencing	142.9	143.0	136.6	-0.1	4.	
Machinery and motor vehicles	123.6	123.1	118.4	0.4	4.	
Crop production	103.1	104.6	104.5	-1.4	-1.	
Animal production	111.5	113.2	117.2	-1.5	-4.	
Supplies and services	137.9	136.8	133.4	0.8	3.	
Hired farm labour	145.2	144.4	139.9	0.6	3.	
Property taxesp	157.3	147.7	147.7	6.5	6.	
InterestP	99.7	97.9	91.7	1.8	8.	
Farm rentP	93.1	90.8	90.8	2.5	2.	

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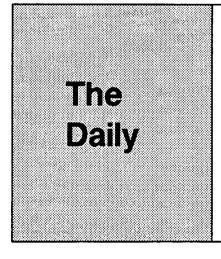
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