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The Canadian Economic Observer

August 1990

The August issue of the *Canadian Economic Observer*, Statistics Canada's flagship publication for economic statistics, is now available.

The August issue contains a monthly summary of the economy, major economic events in July, and a feature article on capital investment intentions and realizations for manufacturing plants, 1979-1988. A statistical summary contains a wide range of tables and graphs on the principal economic indicators for Canada, the provinces and major industrial nations.

The *Canadian Economic Observer* (11-010, \$22/\$220) can now be ordered from Publication Sales (613-951-7277). For more information, call Philip Cross (613-951-9162), Current Analysis Section.



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Crude Oil and Natural Gas

May 1990

Highlights

- Preliminary figures indicate that production of crude oil and equivalent in May 1990 amounted to 7.7 million cubic metres, down 5.8% from May 1989, the 15th decrease in the last 16 months. Exports climbed 2.9%, only the second increase since January 1989. Imports were also up, 5.3% over the May 1989 level. Year-to-date figures show production and exports down 3.7% and 4.8% respectively, while imports are up 10.1% over the 1989 period. Refinery receipts are running at 1.1% above the level of the first five months of 1989.

- Marketable production of natural gas, at 8.1 billion cubic metres, increased 8.0% over May 1989, the 14th increase in the last 16 months. Exports were up 13.4%, while Canadian sales were off 3.7% for the same period. On a cumulative basis, production was up 0.9%, exports up 5.7%, and domestic sales down 5.1%.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 127 and 128.

The May 1990 issue of *Crude Oil and Natural Gas Production* (26-006 \$10/\$100) will be available the first week of September. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Gérard O'Connor (613-951-3562), Energy Section, Industry Division.

Crude Oil and Natural Gas

	May 1990	% Change from May 1989	January- May 1990	% Change from January- May 1989
(thousands of cubic metres)				
Crude oil and equivalent				
Production	7 748.2	-5.8	38 857.0	-3.7
Exports	3 386.8	2.9	15 000.3	-4.8
Imports	2 308.2	5.3	12 804.1	10.1
Refinery receipts	6 935.0	-5.7	36 866.7	1.1
(millions of cubic metres)				
Natural Gas				
Marketable production	8 057.6	8.0	42 028.9	0.9
Exports	3 298.4	13.4	16 358.8	5.7
Canadian sales	3 750.4	-3.7	27 437.7	-5.1

Highway Construction Price Indexes

1989

The Highway Construction Price Index (1986 = 100) at the Canada level advanced in 1989-1990 to 102.7, up 3.3% over the previous fiscal year's level of 99.4. Price increases for highway construction ranged from a low of 1.5% in Saskatchewan to a high of 7.2% in Alberta, while decreases occurred in Newfoundland (-4.6%) and Nova Scotia (-1.2%).

- Contractors' bid prices, which account for nearly 80% of expenditures, rose 4.6%. Increases for the contract components of grading, granular base course and paving were all in the same range at 4.6%, 4.3% and 4.9% respectively. Provincially, prices for the contract portion of the highway index fell in Newfoundland (-4.6%) and Nova Scotia (-1.6%). Increases ranged from a low of 3.8% in Quebec to a high of 9.4% in Alberta.
- Price changes for grading (including the supply component) ranged from a low of -4.2% in Nova Scotia to a high of 15.4% in Alberta. Granular base course prices were more varied with Newfoundland prices declining -4.9% and British Columbia rising 24.5%. Paving prices (including

the supply component) fluctuated from a low of -6.4% in Newfoundland to a high of 14.0% in British Columbia.

- For the fourth consecutive year, prices for materials supplied by the provincial departments of highways continued their downward trend. The 2.9% decrease for the 1989-1990 fiscal year was, however, a slower rate of change than was exhibited in the 1986-1987 fiscal year (-21.6), the 1987-1988 fiscal year (-12.8) and the 1988-1989 fiscal year (-9.5). Provincially, the largest decreases were recorded in New Brunswick (-16.4%), followed by Ontario (-8.4%). All other provinces excluding British Columbia, Quebec and Nova Scotia displayed decreases between -0.2% and -4.1%. Quebec's and Nova Scotia's supply indexes increased 1.9% and 1.2% respectively, while British Columbia's remained unchanged.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2039.

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

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

Highway Construction Price Indexes, 1986 = 100

1989 Fiscal Year

Province	Total ¹			Total Contract	Total Supplies	Province total		% Change 1989/88
	Grading	Granular Base	Paving			1989	1988	
Newfoundland	95.8	95.3	89.9	95.1	85.6	93.9	98.4	-4.6
Nova Scotia	100.7	115.9	104.2	108.6	91.1	106.0	107.3	-1.2
New Brunswick	93.6	116.7	104.1	108.7	80.0	102.3	98.8	3.5
Quebec	115.1	123.7	85.2	113.7	80.7	107.0	103.3	3.6
Ontario	127.0	139.6	100.0	127.3	76.7	117.9	113.9	3.5
Manitoba	114.2	105.0	90.4	109.0	75.0	103.9	100.7	3.2
Saskatchewan	110.3	93.7	75.8	102.5	75.6	92.8	91.4	1.5
Alberta	110.5	90.6	74.4	93.7	71.9	88.3	82.4	7.2
British Columbia	130.6	87.7	78.7	111.3	70.2 ²	105.4	100.8	4.6
Canada								
1989	115.1	110.5	86.6	109.2	76.6	102.7		
1988	110.1	105.9	85.7	104.4	78.9		99.4	
% Change 1989/1988	4.5	4.3	1.1	4.6	-2.9			3.3 ³

¹ Includes contract and supplies

² Estimate

³ 1989 Canada total/1988 Canada total

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Gypsum Products

July 1990

Manufacturers shipped 20 753 thousand square metres of plain gypsum wallboard in July 1990, down 0.3% from the 20 813 thousand square metres shipped in July 1989 and down 13.8% from the 24 088 thousand square metres shipped in June 1990.

Year-to-date shipments were 155 369 thousand square metres, a decrease of 4.4% from the January to July 1989 period.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 39 and 122 (series 11).

The July 1990 issue of *Gypsum Products* (44-003, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Roland Joubert (613-951-3527), Industry Division. ■

Restaurants, Caterers and Taverns

June 1990

Restaurant, caterer and tavern receipts totalled \$1,622 million in 1990, an increase of 3.9% over the \$1,561 million reported for the same period of last year.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 52.

The June 1990 issue of *Restaurants, Caterers and Taverns* (63-011, \$6.10/\$61), will be available in approximately three weeks time. See "How to Order Publications".

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

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