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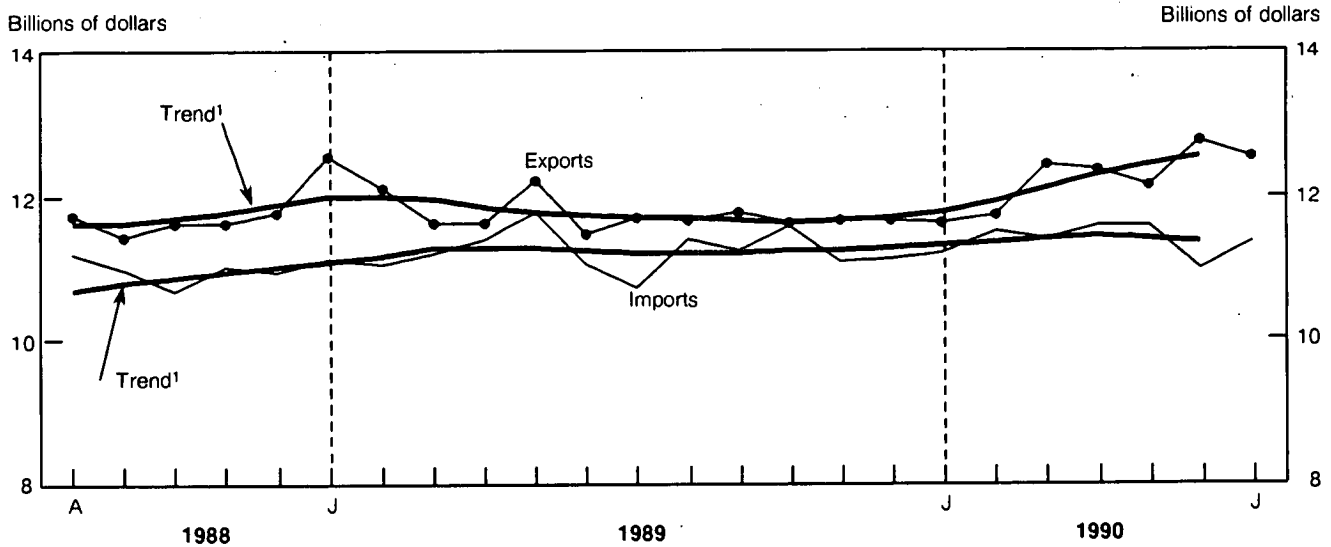
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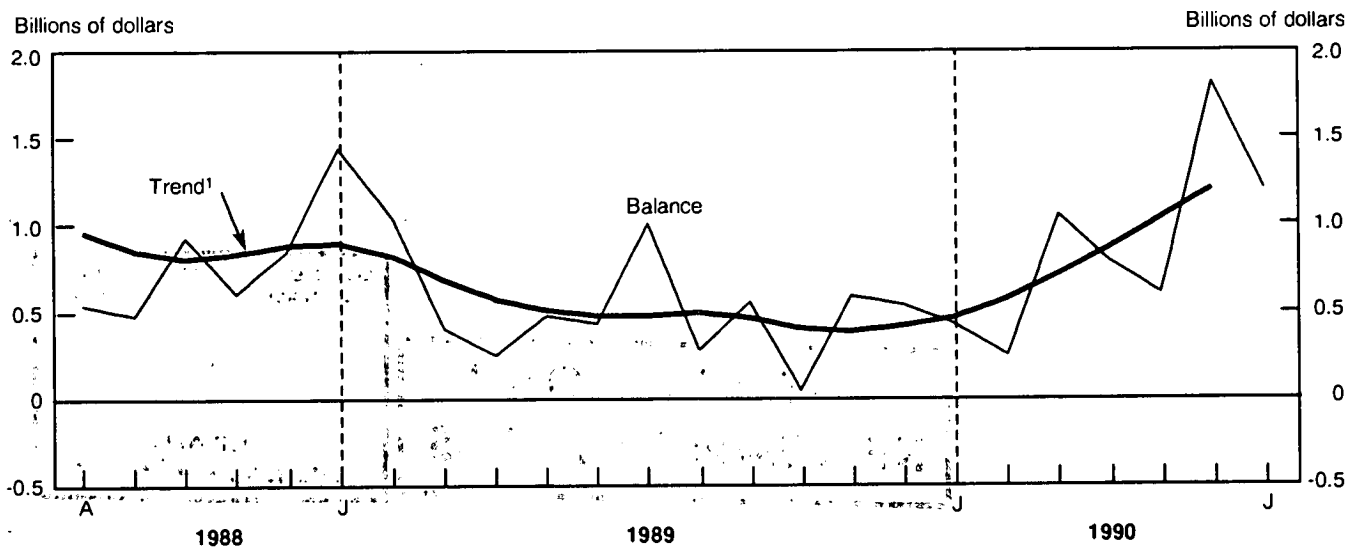
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Merchandise Trade (Seasonally Adjusted) Balance of Payments Basis



Merchandise Trade Balance (Seasonally Adjusted) Balance of Payments Basis



¹ The short-term trend represents a weighted average of the data.

Preliminary Statement of Canadian International Merchandise Trade

July 1990

Merchandise exports for the month of July totalled \$12.5 billion, a drop of \$229 million or 1.8% from the \$12.8 billion high recorded in June. In spite of the decline, July exports remained substantially above the monthly average for the first six months of 1990. The overall downturn in July was somewhat softened by the continued rise in exports of passenger automobiles and trucks.

Imports, for their part, climbed 3.5% or \$382 million in July, reaching a total of \$11.3 billion. This increase follows a \$591 million decline observed for June and a relatively unchanged situation in May. The automotive industry was also a determining factor in the movement in imports: automotive parts imports climbed \$257 million to total \$1.6 billion.

The July decline in exports and rise in imports brought the merchandise trade surplus down \$611 million to \$1.2 billion. Opposite movements observed in June had pushed the trade surplus up to \$1.8 billion, \$1.2 billion higher than the surplus posted for May. Movement in the trade balances of June and July was, to a large extent, a reflection of the levels

posted with the United States: \$792 million in May, \$2.2 billion in June, and \$1.7 billion in July. In July, the only other trade surplus Canada posted with its principal trading partners was \$66 million with Japan.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3686 to 3713, 3718, 3719, 3887 to 3913.

For further information on international trade statistics (detailed tables, charts and a more complete analysis) order *Preliminary Statement of Canadian International Trade* (65-001P, \$10/\$100), now available. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on statistics, concepts and definitions, order the July 1990 issue of *Summary of Canadian International Trade* (65-001, \$18.20/\$182), available the first week of October, or contact Gordon Blaney (613-951-9647), Trade Information Unit, or François Bordé (613-951-4809) (for analysis information), or Denis Pilon (613-951-4808) (for price index information), Trade Measures and Analysis Section, International Trade Division.

Current account data, which incorporate merchandise trade statistics as well as data concerning trade in services and capital account movements, are available on a quarterly basis in *Canada's Balance of International Payments* (67-001). ■

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Export and Import Price Indexes

July 1990

Current and fixed weighted export and import price indexes, on a balance of payments basis, are now available on a 1986=100 basis. Price indexes are listed from January 1986 to July 1990 for the five commodity sections and 62/61 major commodity groups.

Customs based current and fixed weighted U.S. price indexes are also available. Price indexes are listed from January 1986 to July 1990 on a 1986=100 basis. Included with the U.S. commodity indexes are the 10 "All Countries" and "U.S. only" SITC section indexes.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3620-3629, 3651 and 3685.

The July 1990 issue of *Summary of Canadian International Trade (H.S. Based)* (65-001, \$18.20/\$182) will be available the first week of October. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Denis Pilon (613-951-4808), Price Index Unit, International Trade Division. ■

Particleboard, Waferboard and Fibreboard

July 1990

Canadian firms produced 170 347 cubic metres of waferboard in July 1990, a decrease of 3.1% from the 175 770^r cubic metres produced in July 1989. Particleboard production was 80 009 cubic metres, down 5.2% from 84 354^r cubic metres the previous year. Production of fibreboard for July 1990 was 6 098 thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, a decrease of 14.3% from the 7 114^r thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, of fibreboard produced in July 1989.

Cumulative production of waferboard during the year 1990 totalled 1 261 673 cubic metres, up 5.5% from the 1 196 130^r cubic metres produced during the previous year. Particleboard production was 702 666 cubic metres, down 1.0% from the 709 936^r cubic metres in January to July 1989. Year-to-date production of fibreboard reached 56 884 thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, up 2.7% from the 55 380^r thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, for the same period in 1989.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 31 (series 2, 3 and 4) and 122 (series 8 and 34).

The July 1990 issue of *Particleboard, Waferboard and Fibreboard* (36-003, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Stocks of Frozen Poultry Products

September 1, 1990

Preliminary cold storage of frozen poultry products at September 1st, 1990 and revised figures for August 1st, 1990 are now available.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 5675-5677.

To order *Production and Stocks of Eggs and Poultry* (\$115/year), a statistical bulletin, contact Guy Gervais (613-951-2453).

For more detailed information on this release contact Ruth McMillan (613-951-2549), Livestock and Animal Products Section, Agriculture Division. ■

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