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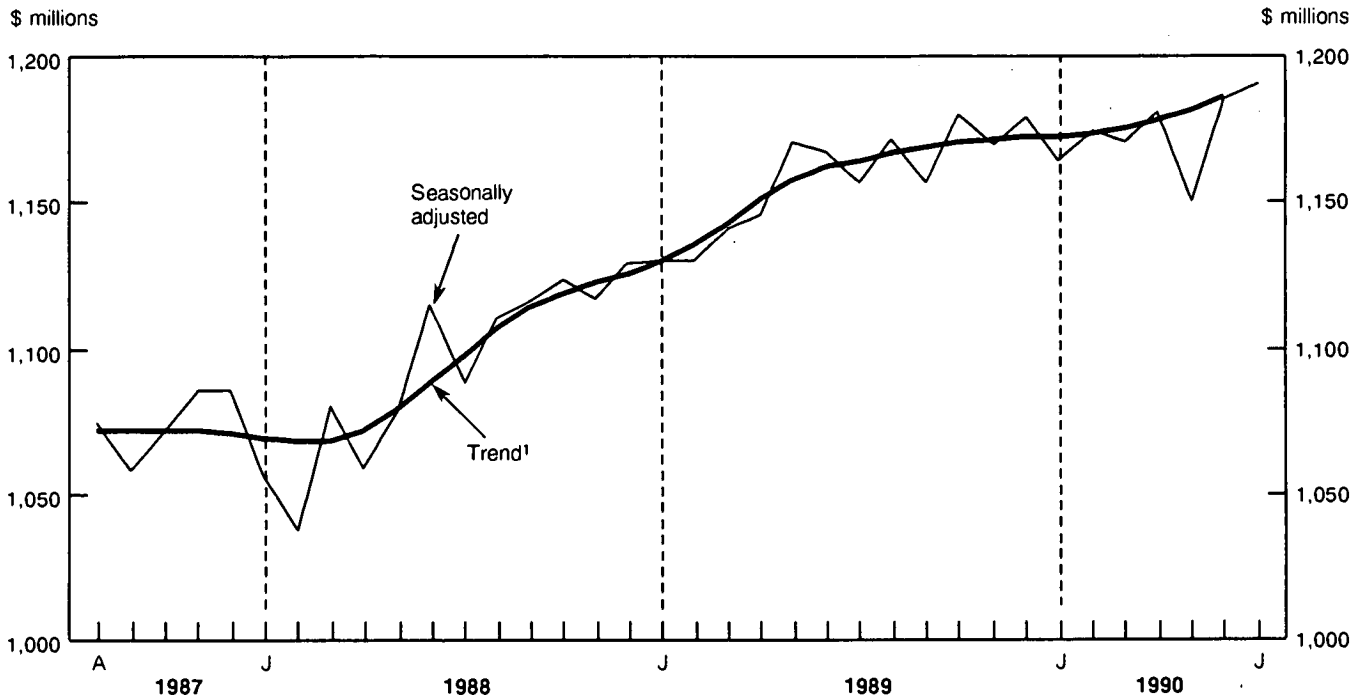
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## MAJOR RELEASES

### Department Store Sales, Canada



<sup>1</sup> The short-term trend represents a weighted average of the data.

### Department Store Sales and Stocks

July 1990

#### Highlights

##### Seasonally Adjusted Data

- Adjusted for seasonal fluctuations and the number of trading days, department store sales including concessions totalled \$1,191 million in July 1990, an increase of 0.5% over the previous month's revised total of \$1,185 million.
- In spite of relatively strong growth in June and July, department stores registered only modest overall sales growth in the first seven months of 1990. During this period, sales advanced on average by about 0.2% on a monthly basis.

- Department store stocks (at selling value) totalled \$4,861 million at the end of July, a gain of 1.2% over the June 1990 revised value of \$4,805 million. This advance constitutes the second consecutive monthly increase.
- The ratio of stocks to sales stood at 4.08:1 in July, a slight decline from the average ratio of 4.09:1 observed in the three previous months.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 112, levels 1-3, series 4, 5, 6.**

Order the July 1990 issue of *Department Store Sales and Stocks* (63-002, \$13/\$130), available the third week of November. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Maurice Massaad (613-951-9682) or Roger Laplante (613-951-3552), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division. □

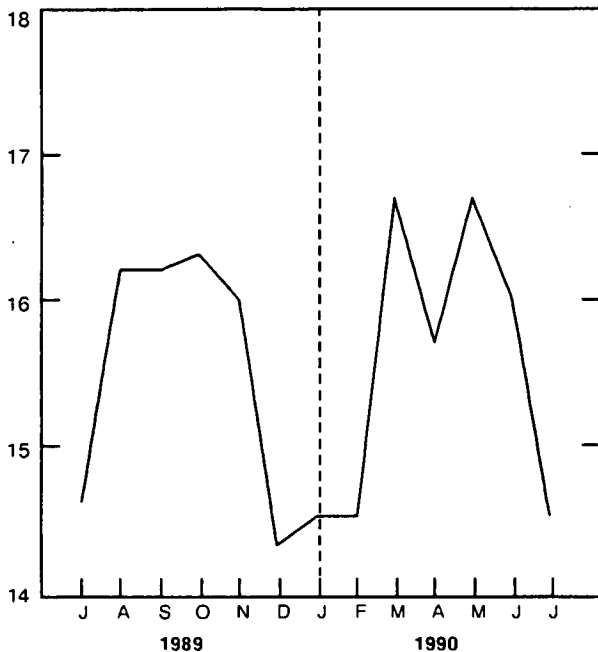
**Department Store Sales, Canada (including concessions)**

	Unadjusted				Seasonally Adjusted						
	July 1989	June 1990	July 1990	July 1990/ July 1989	July 1989	April 1990 <sup>r</sup>	May 1990 <sup>r</sup>	June 1990 <sup>r</sup>	July 1990 <sup>p</sup>	July 1990/ June 1990	July 1990/ July 1989
	millions of \$		%		millions of \$			%			%
Total Sales	974.9	1,164.8	990.0	1.5	1,156.2	1,180.6	1,149.8	1,185.3	1,191.1	0.5	3.0
Total Stocks	4,467.8	4,537.0	4,630.6	3.6	4,719.1	4,796.2	4,767.3	4,804.7	4,861.0	1.2	3.0
Stock to Sales Ratio	4.58	3.90	4.68		4.08	4.06	4.15	4.05	4.08		

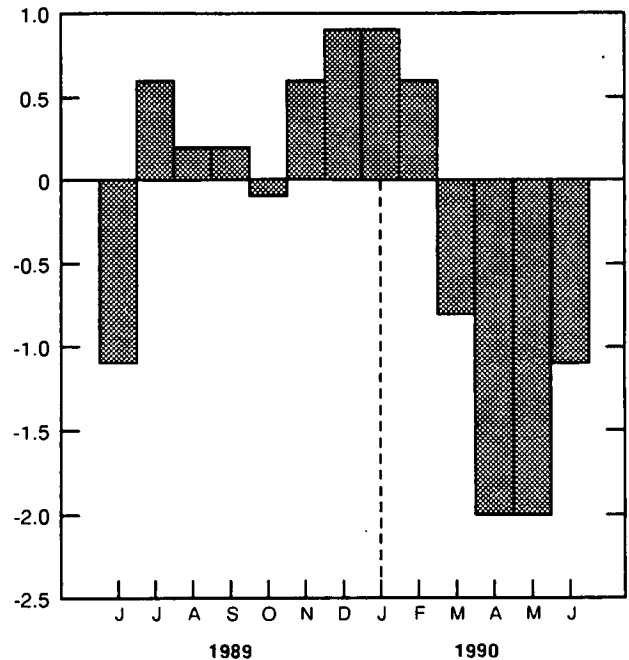
<sup>p</sup> Preliminary  
<sup>r</sup> Revised

## Wholesale Merchants Sales

\$ billions, actual



% monthly change, seasonally adjusted  
(three-month moving average)



## Wholesale Trade

July 1990

### Highlights

#### Unadjusted Sales - July 1990

- In July, wholesale merchants' sales were \$14.5 billion, a decrease of 0.5% from the same month a year earlier. The downward trend continued as year-over-year sales decreases were recorded by wholesalers for the fifth consecutive month.
- The overall decline between July 1989 and July 1990 sales was primarily attributable, in order of dollar impact, to decreases reported by wholesalers of metals, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies (-15.7%) and wholesalers of lumber and building materials (-7.5%). Wholesalers of other products (farm and paper products; agricultural supplies; industrial and household chemicals; etc.) reported a significant gain of 16.8%.

- Regionally, four provinces posted sales decreases, ranging from -4.0% in New Brunswick to -2.8% for Quebec.

#### Year-to-date

- In the first seven months of 1990, cumulative sales were estimated at \$108.6 billion, 1.1% lower than the value for the corresponding period in 1989.

#### Seasonally Adjusted Sales - June 1990

- Wholesale merchants' sales on a seasonally adjusted basis were down 1.1% from the previous month, to \$15.2 billion in June 1990. Sales declined for the fourth consecutive month.
- Eight of the nine trade groups registered lower sales. The trade groups having the most significant dollar impact on the overall sales decreases were wholesalers of other machinery.

equipment and supplies (-3.1%), wholesalers of metals, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies (-3.7%) and wholesalers of lumber and of building materials (-1.8%).

- Regionally, declines were registered in seven provinces, ranging from -3.4% in Yukon and Northwest Territories to -0.8% for Ontario. A notable gain of 2.1% was recorded in Manitoba.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 648 and 649.

The July 1990 issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-008, \$14.40/\$144) will be available the first week of October. See "How to Order Publications".

For more information on this release contact Gilles Berniquez (613-951-3540), Industry Division.

### Wholesale Merchants Sales, by Trade Group and Region

July 1990

Trade Group	Unadjusted				Seasonally adjusted						
	July 1989	June 1990 <sup>r</sup>	July 1990 <sup>p</sup>	July 1990/1989	June 1989	March 1990 <sup>r</sup>	April 1990 <sup>r</sup>	May 1990 <sup>r</sup>	June 1990 <sup>p</sup>	June 1990/1990/1989	June 1990/1990/1989
	millions of \$			%	millions of \$			%			
<b>Canada</b>											
Food, beverage, drug and tobacco products	3,469	3,621	3,592	3.5	3,467	3,618	3,569	3,558	3,541	-0.5	2.2
Apparel and dry goods	419	258	363	-13.4	432	397	397	372	356	-4.3	-17.5
Household goods	446	498	468	4.9	516	567	558	543	534	-1.6	3.5
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories	1,657	1,815	1,564	-5.6	1,777	1,770	1,736	1,695	1,685	-0.6	-5.2
Metals, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies	1,225	1,157	1,033	-15.7	1,308	1,279	1,238	1,191	1,147	-3.7	-12.3
Lumber and building materials	1,718	1,783	1,589	-7.5	1,612	1,574	1,553	1,533	1,505	-1.8	-6.6
Farm machinery, equipment and supplies	420	407	399	-5.2	388	383	383	381	379	-0.5	-2.1
Other machinery, equipment and supplies	3,161	3,758	3,085	-2.4	3,715	3,859	3,741	3,656	3,541	-3.1	-4.7
Other products	2,052	2,733	2,397	16.8	2,223	2,502	2,459	2,398	2,473	3.1	11.2
<b>Total, all trades</b>	<b>14,568</b>	<b>16,032</b>	<b>14,491</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>15,438</b>	<b>15,949</b>	<b>15,636</b>	<b>15,328</b>	<b>15,162</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>-1.8</b>
<b>Regions</b>											
Newfoundland	157	168	166	5.4	163	157	158	159	159	0.6	-2.3
Prince Edward Island	35	37	37	4.5	37	39	39	37	37	0.0	0.6
Nova Scotia	388	432	407	5.0	395	413	407	402	398	-1.0	0.6
New Brunswick	280	287	269	-4.0	286	274	270	269	266	-0.9	-6.8
Quebec	3,537	3,861	3,437	-2.8	3,819	3,976	3,834	3,749	3,691	-1.5	-3.3
Ontario	5,899	6,470	5,729	-2.9	6,272	6,361	6,294	6,177	6,127	-0.8	-2.3
Manitoba	486	566	523	7.7	503	522	514	512	523	2.1	3.9
Saskatchewan	511	542	530	3.6	516	522	514	510	519	1.8	0.7
Alberta	1,371	1,617	1,395	1.7	1,456	1,498	1,507	1,488	1,463	-1.7	0.5
British Columbia	1,881	2,031	1,976	5.1	1,982	2,150	2,104	2,028	2,004	-1.2	1.1
Yukon and Northwest Territories	22	20	22	-3.3	16	19	18	17	16	-3.4	2.2

<sup>r</sup> Revised figure  
<sup>p</sup> Preliminary figure

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### Production, Shipments and Stocks of Sawmills East of the Rockies

July 1990

Production of lumber in sawmills east of the Rockies decreased 13.8% to 1 397 595 cubic metres in July 1990 from 1 621 625 cubic metres after revisions in July 1989.

Stocks on hand at the end of July 1990 totalled 2 220 808 cubic metres, a decrease of 6.0% compared to 2 362 681 cubic metres in July 1989.

Year-to-date production in 1990 amounted to 12 980 915 cubic metres, a decrease of 4.0% compared to 13 526 291 cubic metres after revisions for the same period in 1989.

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

The July 1990 issue of *Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies* (35-002, \$10/\$100) 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. ■

### Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers

August 1990

Canadian domestic shipments of corrugated boxes and wrappers totalled 173 642 thousand square metres in August 1990, a decrease of 11.6% from a revised 196 529 thousand square metres shipped a year earlier.

January to August 1990 domestic shipments totalled 1 396 061 thousand square metres, down 6.6% from the 1 494 316 thousand square metres for the same period in 1989.

The August 1990 issue of *Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers* (36-004, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

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

### Stocks of Frozen Meat Products

September 1, 1990

Total frozen meat in cold storage as of September 1 amounted to 29 470 tonnes as compared with 30 330 tonnes last month and 31 665 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. ■

### Grain Marketing Situation Report

August 1990

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

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

### User's Guide

1986 Census

Two *User's Guide to 1986 Census Data* are presently available, one concerning data on income (ISBN 0-660-13344-X, \$23 Canada/\$24 other) and a second, concerning data on age, sex and marital status (ISBN 0-660-13339-3, \$23 Canada/\$24 other).

For more information, please contact Sonia Thériault (613-951-0490), Census Operations Division. ■

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**Monthly Production of Soft Drinks, August 1990.**

**Catalogue number 32-001**

(Canada: \$2.70/\$27.00; United States: US\$3.20/US\$32.00; Other Countries: US\$3.80/US\$38.00).

**Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products, August 1990.**

**Catalogue number 32-022**

(Canada: \$5.00/\$50.00; United States: US\$6.00/US\$60.00; Other Countries: US\$7.00/US\$70.00).

**Refined Petroleum Products, June 1990.**

**Catalogue number 45-004**

(Canada: \$18.20/\$182.00; United States: US\$21.80/US\$218.00; Other Countries: US\$25.50/US\$255.00).

**Education Statistics Bulletin, Vol. 12, No. 5, Full-time Enrolment in Trade and Vocational Programs in Canada, 1987-88.**

**Catalogue number 81-002**

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