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Department Store Sales and Stocks

August 1991

Highlights

Seasonally Adjusted Data

- Department store sales (including concessions) totalled \$1,091 million in August 1991, virtually unchanged from the previous month's revised estimates.
- Department store sales have fluctuated markedly since the beginning of the year. However, sales have shown little strength as the level for August was virtually unchanged from that of February 1991.
- Department store stocks (at selling value) totalled \$5,096 million at the end of August, a gain of 1.4% over the July 1991 revised value of \$5,026 million. This increase followed a drop of 0.7% in July 1991.

Note to Users

Department store sales estimates exclude the Goods and Services Tax (GST). Prior to January 1991, sales data included the Federal Sales Tax (FST). Due to this change in indirect taxes, data for 1991 are not strictly comparable with those of previous years. For users interested in deriving comparable data, an estimate of the amount of FST included in department store sales for 1990 is available for Canada.

- The ratio of stocks to sales stood at 4.67:1 in August, an increase over the 4.61:1 ratio observed in July.

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

The August 1991 issue of *Department Store Sales and Stocks* (63-002, \$13/\$130) will be available the third week of December.

For more information, contact Roger Laplante (613-951-3552), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division.

Department Store Sales, Canada (including concessions)

August 1991

	Unadjusted			Seasonally Adjusted				
	August 1990	July 1991	August 1991	August 1990	May 1991 ^r	June 1991 ^r	July 1991 ^r	August 1991 ^p
	millions of \$			millions of \$				
Total Sales	1,128	934	1,073	1,179	1,090	1,089	1,091	1,091
Total Stocks	4,934	4,781	5,108	4,964	4,997	5,062	5,026	5,096
Stock to Sales Ratio	4.37	5.12	4.76	4.21	4.59	4.65	4.61	4.67

^r Revised.

^p Preliminary.

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Steel Primary Forms

Week Ending October 12, 1991

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel primary forms production for the week ending October 12, 1991 totalled 260 078 tonnes, an increase of 9.4% from the preceding week's total of 237 828 tonnes and up 93.1% from the year-earlier level of 134 707 tonnes. The cumulative total in 1991 was 10 052 317 tonnes, a decrease of 0.02% from 10 054 671 tonnes for the same period in 1990.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Greg Milsom (613-951-9827), Industry Division. ■

Grain Marketing Situation Report

September 1991

The situation report for September 1991 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. ■

Processed Fruits And Vegetables

August 1991

Data on processed fruits and vegetables for August 1991 are now available. The publication *Canned and Frozen Fruits and Vegetables-Monthly* (32-011, \$5/\$50) will be released at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, contact Peter Zylstra (613-951-3511), Industry Division. ■



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Railway Operating Statistics, June 1991.

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