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### Household Facilities and Equipment 1991

The year 1991 is seeing Canadians continue their affection for leisure and time-saving equipment. A video cassette recorder can now be found in 68.6% of homes, up from 66.3% in 1990, 35.4% in 1986 and only 6.4% in 1983. Multiple VCR ownership rose to 7.5% in 1991, from 5.7% last year. Almost three-quarters (73.5%) of Canadian homes have a microwave oven, an increase from 68.2% last year and from 33.7% in 1986. In 1981, only 8.0% of households had a microwave oven. One new consumer favourite, the compact disc (CD) player, made steady gains last year. CD players are now in 20.9% of homes, a large jump from 15.4% in 1990 and from 11.6% two years ago.

Other highlights from the report, *Household Facilities and Equipment, 1991*, released today, include:

- The home computer is another product gaining in popularity, although not as quickly as CD players: 18.6% of households now have a computer compared to 16.3% in 1990 and 10.4% in 1986.
- The proportion of households with a cassette player or tape recorder had been stable for two years but jumped to 72.7% in 1991 from 67.4% last year.
- The proportion of homes with a built-in dishwasher increased to 34.1% from 31.7% in 1990 and 26.2% in 1986. Over the same time period, similar increases occurred for gas

barbecues (to 48.1% from 45.9% and 32.2%), and for central air conditioning (to 15.6% from 13.8% and 8.3%).

- Data on golf equipment, collected for the first time in 1991, show 26.2% of households have at least a set of golf clubs. The most avid golfers are in the Prairie provinces: 30.6% of households in Manitoba have golf equipment, 33.1% in Saskatchewan, and 36.0% in Alberta.
- The use of various home-heating fuels has seen moderate changes over the last three years. The slight increases in the use of piped gas (to 44.2% of households in 1991) and of electricity (33.5%) as principal heating fuels are at the expense of oil (16.9%).
- While piped gas is the leading home-heating fuel, its preference as a cooking fuel remains low at 4.3%.
- The proportion of households occupying single-detached dwellings (57.0%), single attached (8.5%), apartments (32.1%) and mobile homes (2.3%) has remained virtually unchanged since 1986.

For both national and provincial estimates, order the 1991 issue of *Household Facilities and Equipment* (64-202, \$28), now available. See "How to Order Publications".

For more information concerning these data or on the availability of special request tabulations, contact the Income and Housing Surveys Section (613-951-9778 or FAX: 613-951-0562), Household Surveys Division. ■

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## DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Milling and Crushing Statistics

September 1991

#### Milling

The total amount of wheat milled in September 1991 was 229 880 tonnes, up 10% from the 209 801 tonnes milled in September 1990.

The resulting wheat flour production increased 10% to 174 348 tonnes in September 1991 from 158 046 tonnes in September 1990.

#### Crushing

Canola crushings for September 1991 amounted to 141 467 tonnes, up 11% from the 127 628 tonnes crushed in September 1990. The resulting oil production increased 8% to 53 985 tonnes from 49 996 tonnes in September 1990. Meal production increased 2%, to 80 212 tonnes from 78 915 tonnes in September 1990.

Soybean crushings for the same month increased 8% to 79 892 tonnes in 1991 from 73 854 tonnes a year earlier. As a result, oil production increased 5% to 14 412 tonnes in September 1991 from 13 670 tonnes in September 1990. Meal production increased 8% to 62 167 tonnes from 57 491 tonnes in September 1990.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 5687.**

The September 1991 issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review* (22-007, \$13.80/\$138) is scheduled for release in December. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact A.Y. Bertrand (613-951-3859), Agriculture Division. ■

### The Dairy Review

September 1991

Creamery butter production in Canada totalled 8 000 tonnes in September, an 11.1% increase from a year earlier. Production of cheddar cheese amounted to 9 500 tonnes, an increase of 4.4% over September 1990.

An estimated 622 000 kilolitres of milk were sold off Canadian farms for all purposes in August 1991, a

decrease of 1.4% from August 1990. This brought the total estimate of milk sold off farms during the first eight months of 1991 to 4 909 000 kilolitres, a decrease of 2.3% from the January-August 1990 period.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 3428, 5632-5638, 5650-5661, 5664-5667 and 5673.**

The September 1991 issue of *The Dairy Review* (23-001, \$12.20/\$122) is scheduled for release on November 25. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, contact David Burroughs (613-951-2511), Agriculture Division. ■

### Oil Pipeline Transport

August 1991

#### Highlights

- In August, net receipts of crude oil and refined petroleum products into Canadian pipelines increased 5.9% from the same period last year to 15 076 580 cubic metres (m<sup>3</sup>). Year-to-date receipts, now at 114 488 497 m<sup>3</sup>, are up 1.7% from 1990.
- Pipeline exports of crude oil increased 10.3% compared to August 1990 while pipeline imports rose 53.7% for the same period. On a cumulative basis, exports in 1991 are now up 20.5% from 1990 levels, while imports are up by 37.9%.
- Deliveries of crude oil by pipeline to Canadian refineries this month declined 6.8% from 1990 while deliveries of liquid petroleum gases and refined petroleum products decreased 17.0%.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 181.**

The August 1991 issue of *Oil Pipeline Transport* (55-001, \$10/\$100) will be available the third week of November. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact G. O'Connor (613-951-3562), Energy Section, Industry Division. ■

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## Railway Carloadings

10-day Period Ending October 31, 1991

### Highlights

- Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the period totalled 6.9 million tonnes, a decrease of 1.4% from the same period last year.
- Piggyback traffic increased 0.6% from the same period last year. The number of cars loaded decreased 2.5% during the same period.
- The tonnage of revenue freight loaded to date this year is unchanged from the previous year.

**Note:** *Piggyback traffic includes trailers and containers on flat cars. Piggyback traffic numbers are included in total carload traffic. All 1990 figures and 1991 cumulative data have been revised.*

For more detailed information on this release, contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2484), Surface Transport Unit, Transportation Division. ■

## Electric Lamps

October 1991

Canadian light bulb and tube manufacturers sold 28,546,876 light bulbs and tubes in October 1991, a decrease of 13.2% from the 32,880,377 units sold a year earlier. Year-to-date sales for 1991 amounted to 222,351,755 (revised) light bulbs and tubes, up 5.8% from the 210,162,121 sold during the same period in 1990.

The October 1991 issue of *Electric Lamps* (43-009, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications". For more detailed information on this release, contact Laurie Vincent (613-951-3523), Industry Division. ■

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**Cement, September 1991.**

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Other Countries: US\$7/US\$70).

**Building Permits, August 1991.**

**Catalogue number 64-001**

(Canada: \$22.10/\$221; United States:  
US\$26.50/US\$265; Other Countries:  
US\$30.90/US\$309).

**Household Facilities and Equipment, 1991.**

**Catalogue number 64-202**

(Canada: \$28; United States: \$34;  
Other Countries: \$39).

**Unemployment Insurance Statistics, August 1991.**

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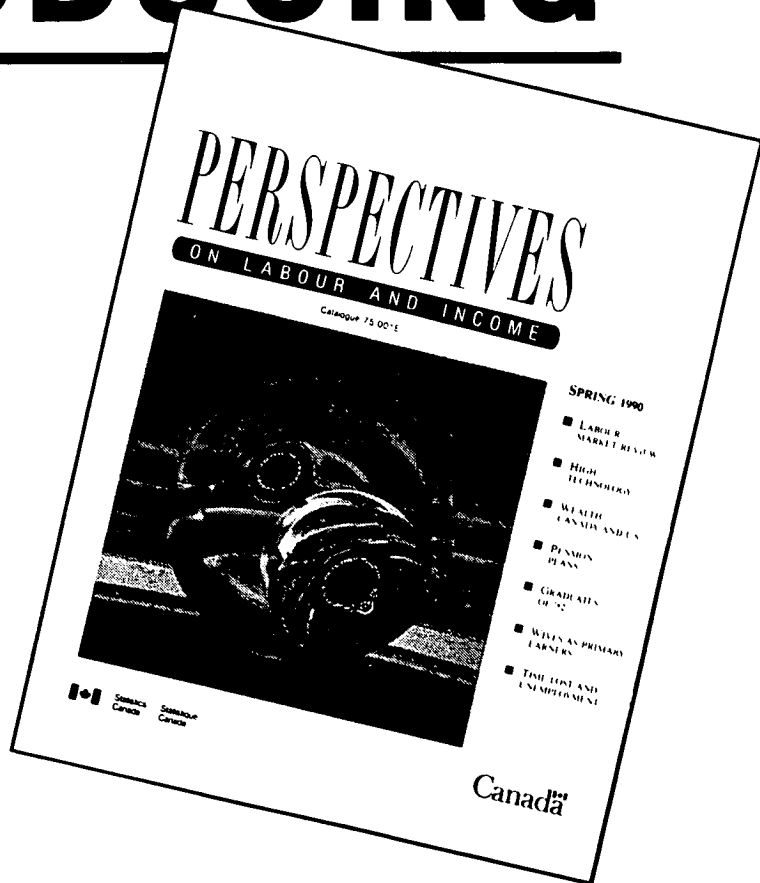
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