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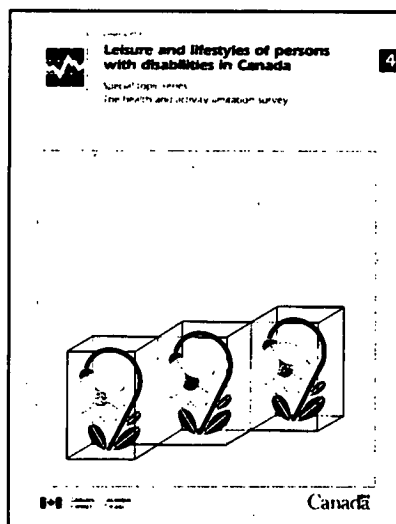
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Seasonally adjusted, new motor vehicle sales decreased by 3.5% in December, the sixth consecutive monthly decline.
- **Farm Product Price Index, December 1990** 6
Farm prices decreased 0.6% from November.

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Leisure and Lifestyles of Persons with Disabilities in Canada

Special Topic Report, 1986-87

- About 48% of disabled Canadians aged 15 and over perform no physical activities during their leisure time.
- Of adults with disabilities, 46% need help with heavy household chores, 23% with shopping, 22% with general housework, 14% with management of personal finances and 12% with meal preparation.

The fourth of nine special topic reports on disability in Canada is now available. The authors are Jean-Pierre Morin and Mylène Lavigne of Social Survey Methods Division.

The data are from the Health and Activity Limitation Survey (HALS), a post-censal survey of persons with disabilities. This report analyzes the recreation and lifestyles of disabled adults living in households, including their participation in leisure activities, smoking and drinking habits and support services needed for daily activities.

To obtain further information or to order *Leisure and Lifestyles of Persons with Disabilities in Canada* (82-615, Vol. 4, \$35), contact Janet Pantalone (613-951-2050), Post-censal Surveys Program, or your nearest Regional Reference Centre. This publication is also available on audio cassettes.



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New Motor Vehicle Sales

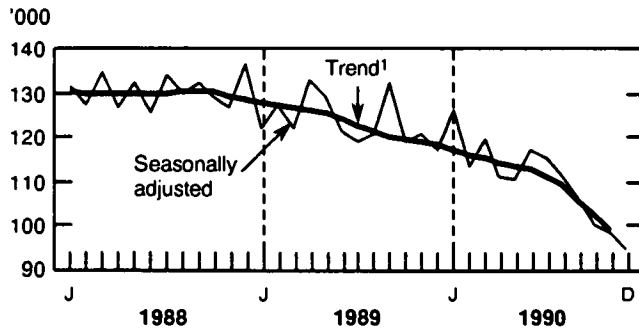
December 1990

Highlights

Seasonally Adjusted Sales

- Preliminary estimates indicate that sales of all new motor vehicles totalled 94,000 units in December 1990, a decline of 3.5% from the revised November 1990 level. In December, passenger car sales decreased by 4.2%, while truck sales posted a decline of 2.3%.

Monthly Sales of New Motor Vehicles, Canada, Seasonally Adjusted, in Units, 1988-1990



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

- The December decline extended the trend of generally declining sales observed since the beginning of 1989. New motor vehicle sales have declined in nine of the last 12 months.
- On an origin basis, sales of North American passenger cars decreased by 6.3% in December 1990 to a level of 40,000 units, while sales of imported passenger cars recorded a modest decline of 0.3% to a level of 24,000 units. The December decline for North American passenger car sales constitutes the sixth consecutive monthly decrease.

Note to Users

North American vehicles: motor vehicles manufactured or assembled in North America. These vehicles may be built by domestic or foreign-owned companies.

Imported vehicles: motor vehicles manufactured or assembled overseas and marketed in Canada by domestic or foreign-owned companies.

Unadjusted Sales

- Sales of all new motor vehicles totalled 71,000 units in December 1990, down 20.6% from the December 1989 level. Sales of passenger car decreased by 21.2%, while truck sales recorded a decline of 20.0%.
- Unit sales of North American passenger cars declined by 28.7%, while imported passenger cars were down by 3.6% from their level in December 1989. The decline by imported passenger cars was attributable to a 3.4% decrease in Japanese cars and to a 4.3% drop in cars imported from other countries.
- All provinces with the exception of Alberta (+0.9%) registered lower unit sales of motor vehicles in December 1990 compared to December 1989. The decreases ranged from 26.7% in Ontario to 5.3% in Prince Edward Island.

Annual 1990

- Canadian sales of new motor vehicles were sluggish for a second consecutive year, following robust sales of over 1,500,000 units in each year of the 1985-88 period. New motor vehicle sales declined 11.2% to 1,318,000 units in 1990, following a 5.2% decrease in 1989. The 1990 drop, the steepest since 1982, was due to declines in both passenger cars (-10.5%) and trucks (-12.6%). The decrease in passenger car sales constituted the fifth consecutive yearly drop, whereas truck sales were down for the second year in a row.

- Of the total passenger cars sold in 1990, vehicles manufactured in North America accounted for 579,000 units, down 14.2% from the previous year, while overseas-built passenger cars accounted for 305,000 units, a decline of 2.4% from a year earlier. The decrease in imported passenger cars was attributable to an 11.9% drop in sales of cars imported from "other countries". Slightly offsetting this decrease was a 0.5% gain in Japanese car sales.
- A total of 361,000 North American built trucks were sold in Canada in 1990, a decline of 14.5% from a year earlier, while sales of imported trucks decreased by 2.0% to 72,000 units.
- North American manufacturers held 65.5% of the Canadian passenger car market in 1990 (based on unit sales), down from the 68.3% share held in 1989. The Japanese market share rose to 27.2%

from 24.2% a year earlier. Overseas manufacturers other than Japan held 7.3% of the passenger car market, down from 7.5% in 1989.

- The retail sales value of all new motor vehicles sold totalled \$24,878 million, a decrease of 7.7% from 1989. Passenger car sales accounted for \$15,253 million, down 7.8%, while commercial vehicle sales contributed \$9,625 million to the total, a decrease of 7.6%.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 64.

The December 1990 issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, \$9/\$90) will be available the third week of April. See "How to Order Publications".

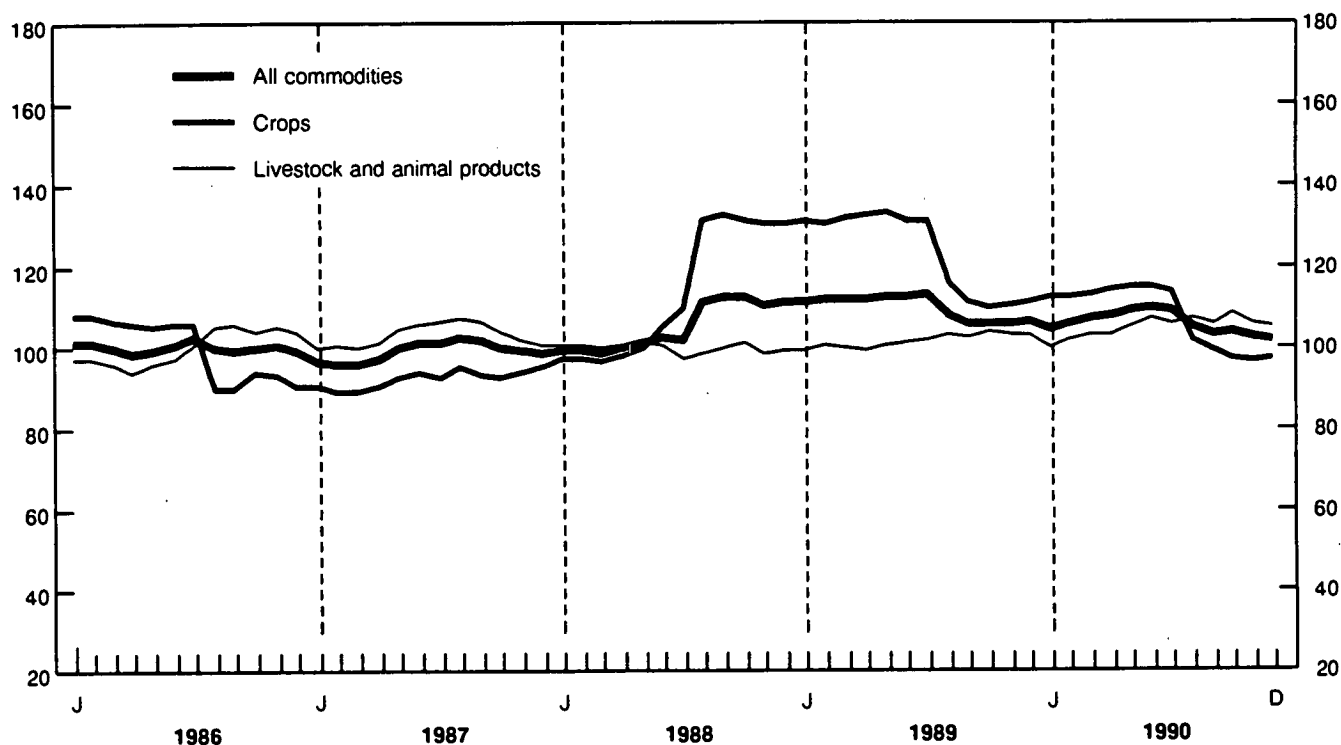
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New Motor Vehicle Sales - Canada
December 1990

	Seasonally Adjusted Data			
	September 1990 ^r	October 1990 ^r	November 1990 ^r	December 1990 ^p
	Units % Change	Units % Change	Units % Change	Units % Change
Total New Motor Vehicles	105,783 -4.5	99,873 -5.6	97,732 -2.1	94,263 -3.5
Passenger Cars by Origin:				
North America	48,038 -1.5	43,678 -9.1	42,878 -1.8	40,192 -6.3
Overseas	24,189 -3.9	24,556 + 1.5	23,739 -3.3	23,657 -0.3
Total	72,227 -2.3	68,234 -5.5	66,617 -2.4	63,849 -4.2
Trucks, Vans and Buses:	33,556 -8.9	31,639 -5.7	31,115 -1.7	30,414 -2.3
	Unadjusted Sales			
	December 1990	Change 1990/89	January- December 1990	Change 1990/89
	Units	%	Units	%
Total New Motor Vehicles	70,962	-20.8	1,317,620	-11.2
Passenger Cars by Origin:				
North America	29,081	-28.7	579,372	-14.2
Japan	12,774	-3.4	240,626	0.5
Other Countries (Including South Korea)	3,814	-4.3	64,539	-11.9
Total	45,669	-21.2	884,537	-10.5
Trucks, Vans and Buses by Origin:				
North America	20,880	-21.2	361,220	-14.5
Overseas	4,413	-13.8	71,863	-2.0
Total	25,293	-20.0	433,083	-12.6

p Preliminary.
r Revised.

Farm Product Price Index (1986 = 100)



Farm Product Price Index

December 1990

The Farm Product Price Index (1986 = 100) for Canada stood at 101.8 in December, down 0.6% from the revised November level of 102.4. An increase of 0.2% in the crops index was more than offset by a decrease of 0.9% in the livestock and animal products index. The overall index remained 4.1% below the year-earlier level of 106.1.

Canadian production of the major grains for the 1990-91 crop year (August 1-July 31) was at record levels, 21% above the previous year. World wheat production in 1990 was at record levels, up almost 10% from 1989 levels, while export trade for 1990-91 is projected to fall to 1987-88 levels. World coarse grain production also increased in 1990, up 4% over 1989 levels.

The percentage changes in the index between November and December 1990 by province were as follows:

• Newfoundland	+ 0.4%
• Prince Edward Island	-0.2%
• Nova Scotia	-0.2%
• New Brunswick	-1.3%
• Quebec	-2.5%
• Ontario	-0.9%
• Manitoba	-0.2%
• Saskatchewan	+ 1.5%
• Alberta	0.0%
• British Columbia	-0.9%
• Canada	-0.6%

Livestock and Animal Products

The livestock and animal products index decreased 0.9% in December to a level of 104.9, as decreases in the cattle, hogs, and poultry indexes more than offset a slight increase in the eggs index.

- The hogs index fell 4.9% to a level of 83.9 in December, the fifth decrease in the last six months. December hogs slaughter was up 14% over November. The index remained 10% above

the year-earlier level, as December slaughter was 5% lower than in 1989.

- The cattle index decreased 0.2% to a level of 108.1 in December. Over the last two years, the cattle index has fluctuated in a narrow range, between 105.2 and 109.5. The 1989 annual average index was 107.5, while in 1990 it was 108.0. U.S. beef production for 1990 is expected to be close to 1989 levels. The index stood 0.6% below its level of one year ago.

Crops

The crops index rose 0.2% in December to a level of 96.9, as the cereals index increased while the oilseeds and potatoes indexes decreased. The crops index stood 12.9% below the year-earlier level of 111.3

- The cereals index increased 0.9% in December to a level of 89.8. The rise was mainly due to higher prices for wheat and corn in most provinces. Wheat prices rose in response to a greater proportion of deliveries of higher-priced Number 1 Canadian Western Red Spring Wheat. The index stood 18.1% below the level one year

ago, and 34.6% below the level in December 1988.

- The oilseeds index fell 1.2% in December to a level of 106.1, as a result of lower prices for flax and canola. This was the seventh consecutive monthly decrease in the index, following six monthly increases. Canadian canola production in 1990 was at record levels, up 6% from 1989. Flax production recovered from low production levels in 1988 and 1989, jumping 88% in 1990. The index was 8.3% below the year-earlier level, and stood 22.9% below the December 1988 level.
- The potatoes index decreased 3.7% in December to a level of 117.7. The index has been falling since April, and is at its lowest level since June 1988. The index stood 18.3% below the level attained one year earlier, as Canadian production increased 4%.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 176.

The December issue of the *Farm Product Price Index* (62-003, \$7.10/\$71) is scheduled for release on February 21. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Liz Leckie (613-951-2436), Farm Income and Prices Section, Agriculture Division. ■

Farm Input Price Index

Fourth Quarter 1990

The Farm Input Price Index (1986 = 100) for the fourth quarter of 1990 stood at a preliminary level of 110.7, up 0.3% from the previous quarter and up 2.3% from a year earlier. Three major group indexes rose from the third quarter level, while four declined.

- The machinery and motor vehicles index rose by 2.9%. Higher prices for motor vehicles (4.7%) and petroleum products (9.4%) were the main factors, while the machinery replacement index increased by 0.5%.
- The supplies and services index was up 2.5% because of a significant increase in heating fuel prices.
- The animal production index, down 1.4%, had the largest offsetting effect on the quarterly change.

This was mainly a consequence of lower prices for feed (-5.9%). Prices of weanling pigs were also down (-2.7%) over the quarter, while feeder cattle prices rose (3.0%).

- The crop production index declined by 1.2%; prices of seed declined (-6.6%), fertilizer did not change and pesticides rose (0.1%).
- The index for interest declined by 1.1% over the quarter as the non-mortgage component decreased by 1.9%.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2010-2019.

The fourth quarter 1990 issue of *Farm Input Price Indexes* (62-004, \$12.25/\$49) will be available at the end of February. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Farm Input Price Indexes
(1986 = 100)

				% Change	
	Fourth Quarter 1990	Third Quarter 1990	Fourth Quarter 1989	4th Quarter/1990 3rd Quarter/1990	4th Quarter/1990 4th Quarter/1989
Eastern Canada					
Total Farm Input ^P	112.8	112.4	110.3	0.4	2.3
Building and fencing	117.9	117.8	117.1	0.1	0.7
Machinery and motor vehicles	113.1	110.9	109.9	2.0	2.9
Crop production	108.1	107.5	108.2	0.6	-0.1
Animal production	103.9	104.8	103.6	-0.9	0.3
Supplies and services	112.2	109.9	106.2	2.1	5.6
Hired farm labour	127.9	125.7	123.0	1.8	4.0
Property taxes ^P	119.3	119.3	107.4	0.0	11.1
Interest ^P	135.4	137.2	128.1	-1.3	5.7
Farm rent ^P	118.4	118.4	110.5	0.0	7.1
Western Canada					
Total Farm Input ^P	109.1	108.9	106.4	0.2	2.5
Building and fencing	106.2	107.5	106.9	-1.2	-0.7
Machinery and motor vehicles	109.9	106.2	104.5	3.5	5.2
Crop production	96.5	98.7	98.3	-2.2	-1.8
Animal production	108.2	110.5	108.2	-2.1	0.0
Supplies and services	107.3	104.2	103.5	3.0	3.7
Hired farm labour	119.7	117.3	113.2	2.0	5.7
Property taxes ^P	112.1	112.1	107.2	0.0	4.6
Interest ^P	129.9	131.2	123.2	-1.0	5.4
Farm rent ^P	96.8	96.8	95.2	0.0	1.7
Canada					
Total Farm Input ^P	110.7	110.4	108.2	0.3	2.3
Building and fencing	112.4	113.0	112.3	-0.5	0.1
Machinery and motor vehicles	110.9	107.8	106.3	2.9	4.3
Crop production	100.6	101.8	101.8	-1.2	-1.2
Animal production	105.7	107.2	105.6	-1.4	0.1
Supplies and services	109.8	107.1	104.9	2.5	4.7
Hired farm labour	124.2	121.9	118.6	1.9	4.7
Property taxes ^P	113.6	113.6	107.2	0.0	6.0
Interest ^P	132.0	133.5	125.1	-1.1	5.5
Farm rent ^P	102.2	102.2	99.0	0.0	3.2

^P Preliminary figures.

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Department Store Sales by Province and Metropolitan Area

December 1990

Highlights

- Department stores sales including concessions totalled \$2,275 million in December 1990, up 3.5% over the December 1989 level of \$2,199 million. After allowing for differences in trading days, department store sales increased 3.6% on a year-over-year basis. Concessions sales totalled \$135.7 million, 6.0% of total department store sales.
- Department store sales during December 1990 for the provinces and the 10 metropolitan areas surveyed were as follows (with the percentage change from December 1989 in parentheses):

Department Stores Sales Including Concessions

Province

• Newfoundland	\$34.9 million	(+ 26.7%)
• Prince Edward Island	\$13.3 million	(-2.9%)
• Nova Scotia	\$80.3 million	(+ 0.3%)
• New Brunswick	\$51.9 million	(-1.8%)
• Quebec	\$409.4 million	(+ 5.1%)
• Ontario	\$947.2 million	(+ 1.7%)
• Manitoba	\$94.2 million	(+ 6.0%)
• Saskatchewan	\$65.4 million	(+ 7.6%)
• Alberta	\$252.7 million	(+ 5.8%)
• British Columbia	\$326.1 million	(+ 3.3%)

Metropolitan Area

• Calgary	\$93.3 million	(+ 1.8%)
• Edmonton	\$109.0 million	(+ 4.8%)
• Halifax-Dartmouth	\$42.0 million	(-2.3%)
• Hamilton	\$74.4 million	(+ 6.5%)
• Montreal	\$228.9 million	(+ 4.7%)
• Ottawa-Hull	\$105.0 million	(+ 5.0%)
• Quebec City	\$53.0 million	(+ 2.6%)
• Toronto	\$370.6 million	(-1.0%)
• Vancouver	\$177.2 million	(-0.2%)
• Winnipeg	\$83.3 million	(+ 3.3%)

Note to Users

Users should note that the year-over-year movements for some provinces and census metropolitan areas are exaggerated due to the inclusion of some outlets previously classified to the general merchandise category.

Information on department store sales and stocks by major commodity lines and seasonally adjusted estimates will be released in The Daily during the week of February 18.

Department Stores Sales Excluding Concessions

Province

• Newfoundland	\$30.4 million	(+ 22.7%)
• Prince Edward Island	\$12.7 million	(-3.8%)
• Nova Scotia	\$74.8 million	(-0.3%)
• New Brunswick	\$48.1 million	(-2.2%)
• Quebec	\$388.2 million	(+ 5.5%)
• Ontario	\$890.2 million	(+ 2.3%)
• Manitoba	\$86.6 million	(+ 6.4%)
• Saskatchewan	\$60.6 million	(+ 8.2%)
• Alberta	\$239.3 million	(+ 6.4%)
• British Columbia	\$308.9 million	(+ 3.0%)

Metropolitan Area

• Calgary	\$88.0 million	(+ 3.4%)
• Edmonton	\$103.7 million	(+ 4.3%)
• Halifax-Dartmouth	\$39.6 million	(-3.2%)
• Hamilton	\$70.5 million	(+ 7.2%)
• Montreal	\$217.7 million	(+ 4.6%)
• Ottawa-Hull	\$100.2 million	(+ 5.8%)
• Quebec City	\$50.3 million	(+ 2.9%)
• Toronto	\$350.3 million	(-1.0%)
• Vancouver	\$168.8 million	(-0.2%)
• Winnipeg	\$76.6 million	(+ 3.3%)

Available on CANSIM: matrices 111 and 112 (series 10 to 12).

Order the December 1990 issue of *Department Store Monthly Sales, by Province and Selected Metropolitan Area* (63-004, \$2/\$20), available the fourth week of February.

Contact Maurice Massaad (613-951-9682), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division. ■

The Dairy Review

December 1990

Creamery butter production in Canada totalled 7 429 tonnes in December, a 7.8% decrease from a year earlier. Production of cheddar cheese amounted to 9 545 tonnes, an increase of 16.8% over December 1989.

An estimated 548 809 kilolitres of milk were sold off Canadian farms for all purposes in November 1990, a decrease of 0.2% from November 1989. This brought the total estimate of milk sold off farms during

the first 11 months of 1990 to 6 739 676 kilolitres, a decrease of 0.3% from the January-November 1989 period.

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

The December 1990 issue of *The Dairy Review* (23-001, \$12.20/\$122) is scheduled for release on February 21. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, contact David Burroughs (613-951-2510), Agriculture Division. ■

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(Canada: \$12.70/\$127.00; United States: US\$15.20/US\$152.00; Other Countries: US\$17.80/US\$178.00).

Leisure and Lifestyles of Persons with Disabilities in Canada, Special Topic Series, Vol. 4, The Health and Activity Limitation Survey, 1986-87.

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