

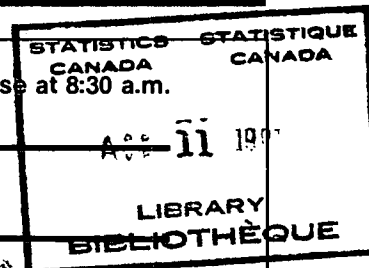


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### Department Store Sales by Province and Metropolitan Area

February 1991

#### Highlights

- Department store sales including concessions totalled \$705 million in February 1991. After removing the Federal Sales Tax from the 1990 data, department store sales decreased 5.7% from February 1990. Concession sales totalled \$47.5 million, 6.7% of total department store sales.

- Department store sales during February 1991 for the provinces and the 10 metropolitan areas surveyed were as follows:

#### Department Store Sales Including Concessions

##### Province

• Newfoundland	\$9.7 million
• Prince Edward Island	\$3.0 million
• Nova Scotia	\$22.4 million
• New Brunswick	\$15.1 million
• Quebec	\$125.1 million
• Ontario	\$292.6 million
• Manitoba	\$30.0 million
• Saskatchewan	\$20.2 million
• Alberta	\$80.6 million
• British Columbia	\$106.5 million

##### Metropolitan Area

• Calgary	\$30.5 million
• Edmonton	\$34.8 million
• Halifax-Dartmouth	\$11.8 million
• Hamilton	\$20.8 million
• Montreal	\$66.9 million
• Ottawa-Hull	\$33.5 million
• Quebec City	\$16.4 million
• Toronto	\$112.7 million
• Vancouver	\$58.9 million
• Winnipeg	\$26.5 million

#### Note to Users:

Estimates of department store sales 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 equals 3.5% at the Canada level. The reliability of this estimate does not permit adjustments at the provincial or metropolitan area level.

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 April 22.

#### Department Store Sales Excluding Concessions

##### Province

• Newfoundland	\$8.4 million
• Prince Edward Island	\$2.9 million
• Nova Scotia	\$20.8 million
• New Brunswick	\$13.9 million
• Quebec	\$117.6 million
• Ontario	\$273.5 million
• Manitoba	\$27.2 million
• Saskatchewan	\$18.6 million
• Alberta	\$75.1 million
• British Columbia	\$99.5 million

##### Metropolitan Area

• Calgary	\$27.6 million
• Edmonton	\$32.5 million
• Halifax-Dartmouth	\$11.1 million
• Hamilton	\$19.4 million
• Montreal	\$63.1 million
• Ottawa-Hull	\$31.9 million
• Quebec City	\$15.5 million
• Toronto	\$105.5 million
• Vancouver	\$55.1 million
• Winnipeg	\$24.2 million

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

The February 1991 issue of *Department Store Monthly Sales, by Province and Selected Metropolitan Area* (63-004, \$2/\$20) will be available the fourth week of April. Contact Roger Laplante (613-951-3552), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division. ■

## Deliveries of Major Grains

February 1991

Producer deliveries of major grains by prairie farmers showed an increase from February 1990, except in the case of oats and flaxseed where marketings decreased. Deliveries for February 1990 and February 1991 were as follows (in thousand tonnes):

	1990	1991
• Wheat (excluding durum)	1116.5	1609.2
• Durum wheat	85.2	240.5
• <b>Total wheat</b>	<b>1201.7</b>	<b>1849.7</b>
• Oats	65.5	41.1
• Barley	422.3	605.7
• Rye	23.0	23.8
• Flaxseed	39.1	25.4
• Canola	195.8	263.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>1947.4</b>	<b>2809.4</b>

Available on CANSIM: matrices 976-981.

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

For further detailed information on this release, contact Anthony Dupuis (613-951-3871), Agriculture Division. ■

## Motor Carrier Freight Quarterly Survey

Fourth Quarter 1990

Results of the Motor Carrier Freight Quarterly Survey, covering the activities of the 46 largest carriers of the for-hire trucking industry in the fourth quarter of 1990, are now available.

### Highlights

- The 46 largest carriers, earning \$25 million or over annually, generated total operating revenues of \$773.9 million during the fourth quarter of 1990. Some 81.3% of the revenues were generated domestically while 18.7% were from international movements.

- Of total operating expenses, salaries and wages accounted for 36.9%, fuel 6.7%, payments to owner-operators 20.9% and other purchased transportation expenses 8.1%.
- Operating expenses were \$783.2 million for the quarter, yielding an operating ratio of 1.012.
- This ratio is a deterioration from the 0.972 ratio for the third quarter of 1990.

For further information, contact Yasmin Sheikh (613-951-2518), Transportation Division. ■

## Construction Type Plywood

February 1991

Canadian firms produced 111 475 cubic metres of construction type plywood during February 1991, a decrease of 36.3% from the 174 985 cubic metres produced during February 1990. January-to-February 1991 production totalled 225 987 cubic metres, a decrease of 36.3% from the 354 930 cubic metres produced during the same period in 1990.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 122 (level 1).

The February 1991 issue of *Construction Type Plywood* (35-001, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Jock Dobie (604-666-2671), Pacific Region, Statistics Canada, Sinclair Centre, 757 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6C 3C9. ■

## Steel Primary Forms

Week Ending April 6, 1991

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel primary forms production for the week ending April 6, 1991 totalled 241 600 tonnes, a decrease of 12.4% from the preceding week's total of 275 924 tonnes and down 5.1% from the year-earlier level of 254 665 tonnes. The cumulative total in 1991 was 3 596 104 tonnes, a decrease of 4.0% from 3 745 827 tonnes for the same period in 1990.

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



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