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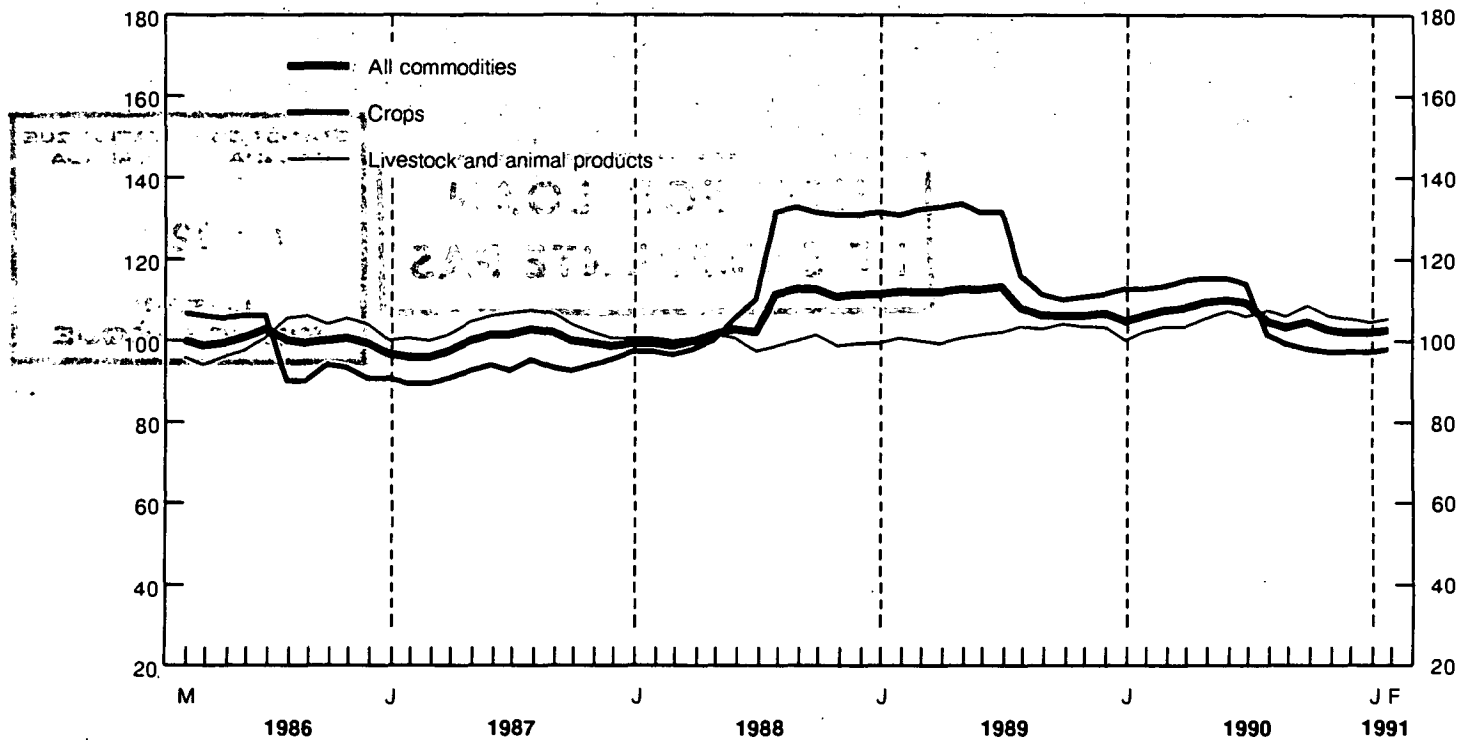
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MAJOR RELEASE

Farm Product Price Index (1986 = 100)



Farm Product Price Index

February 1991

The Farm Product Price Index (1986 = 100) for Canada stood at 102.3 in February, up 0.7% from the revised January level of 101.6. Both the crops and the livestock and animal products indexes rose, by 0.8% and 0.7%, respectively. However, the overall index remained 3.4% below the year-earlier level of 105.7.

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 January and February 1991 by province were as

follows: Newfoundland (-0.6%), Prince Edward Island (-0.3%), Nova Scotia (+1.0%), New Brunswick (+2.1%), Quebec (+2.2%), Ontario (+0.1%), Manitoba (+0.8%), Saskatchewan (+0.4%), Alberta (+0.7%), British Columbia (0.0%).

Crops

The crops index was up 0.8% in February to 97.8, as increases of 5.4% in the potatoes index and 1.1% in the cereals index more than offset a 0.3% decrease in the oilseeds index. The crops index stood 13.0% below the year-earlier level of 112.4.

- The cereals index increased 1.1% in February to a level of 90.9. The rise was mainly due to higher prices for wheat, barley and corn in most provinces. The index stood 16.7% below the level attained a year ago.

- The oilseeds index fell 0.3% in February to a level of 105.1, mainly as a result of lower prices for flax. The index was at its lowest level since December 1987. Canadian flax production recovered from low production levels in 1988 and 1989, jumping 88% in 1990. The oilseeds index was 12.1% below the year-earlier level.
- The potatoes index increased 5.4% in February to a level of 126.7. This was the second increase in the index following eight monthly decreases. The index remained 23.2% below the level attained one year earlier, as Canadian production increased 4% in 1990.

Livestock and Animal Products

The livestock and animal products index increased 0.7% in February to a level of 105.1, as increases in the hogs and poultry indexes more than offset decreases in the cattle and eggs indexes.

- The hogs index rose 8.4% to a level of 89.3 in February. The index peaked at 107.4 in June 1990, its highest level since August 1987, but trended downwards from June 1990 through January 1991, in response to rising hog slaughter


in the U.S. in the second half of 1990. In February, U.S. prices increased about 3%. In the first quarter of 1991, U.S. slaughter is expected to be down 1% from the first quarter of 1990, while Canadian slaughter is expected to be down 6%. The index remained 16.3% above the year-earlier level of 76.8, which was the second lowest level attained in 1990.

- The cattle index decreased 1.4% to a level of 107.9 in February. 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. cattle slaughter in 1990 was 4% below 1989 levels, while in Canada, slaughter fell 8.5%. The index stood 0.3% above its level of one year ago.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 176.

The February 1991 issue of *Farm Product Price Index* (62-003, \$7.10/\$71) is scheduled for release on April 18. See "How to Order Publications".

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



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DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Railway Carloadings

10-day Period Ending March 31, 1991

Highlights

- Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the week totalled 5.4 million tonnes, a decrease of 19.9% from the same period last year.
- Piggyback traffic decreased 31.2% from the same period in 1990. The number of cars loaded also decreased 22.1% during the same period.
- The tonnage of revenue freight loaded to date this year is 5.4% lower than that loaded in 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. ■

Railway Carloadings

February 1991

Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada totalled 18.3 million tonnes in February 1991, an increase of 1.0% from February 1990. The carriers received an additional 0.9 million tonnes from American connections.

Total year-to-date loadings in Canada decreased 4.6% from the 1990 period, while receipts from American connections decreased 1.2%.

All 1990 figures and 1991 cumulative data have been revised.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 1431.

The February 1991 issue of *Railway Carloadings* (52-001, \$8.30/\$83) is to be released the third week of April.

For seasonally adjusted revenue freight loadings, contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2484), Transportation Division. ■

Sugar Sales

March 1991

Canadian sugar refiners reported total sales of 69 720 tonnes for all types of sugar in March 1991, comprising 63 655 tonnes in domestic sales and 6 065 tonnes in export sales. The 1991 year-to-date sales reported for all types of sugar totalled 210 680 tonnes (193 447 tonnes in domestic sales and 17 233 tonnes in export sales).

In comparison, there were total sales of 77 822 tonnes in March 1990, of which 73 850 tonnes were domestic sales and 3 972 tonnes were export sales. The 1990 year-to-date sales for all types of sugar were 216 040 tonnes (202 738 tonnes in domestic sales and 13 302 tonnes in export sales).

The March 1991 issue of *The Sugar Situation* (32-013, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Brian Preston (613-951-3511), Industry Division. ■

The Dairy Review

February 1991

Creamery butter production in Canada totalled 7 872 tonnes in February, a 1.7% decrease from a year earlier. Production of cheddar cheese amounted to 9 137 tonnes, an increase of 6.5% from February 1990.

An estimated 589 718 kilolitres of milk were sold off Canadian farms for all purposes in January 1991, a decrease of 1.4% from January 1990.

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

The February 1991 issue of *The Dairy Review* (23-001, \$12.20/\$122) is scheduled for release on April 24. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Production of Eggs

February 1991

Canadian egg production in February 1991 was 36.5 million dozen, a 2.1% increase from February 1990. The average number of layers decreased 0.4% between February 1990 and 1991, while the number of eggs per 100 layers increased to 2,057 from 2,007.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1145, 1146 and 5689-5691.

To order the statistical bulletin, *Production and Stocks of Eggs and Poultry* (\$115 annually), contact Guy Gervais (613-951-2453).

For further information on this release, contact Benoît Lévesque (613-951-2550), Livestock and Animal Products Section, Agriculture Division. ■

Oils and Fats

February 1991

Production by Canadian manufacturers of all types of deodorized oils in February 1991 totalled 56 160 tonnes, an increase of 5.3% from the 53 316^r (revised) tonnes produced in January 1991. The 1991 year-to-date production totalled 109 997^r tonnes, an increase of 12.8% from the corresponding 1990 figure of 97 476 tonnes.

Manufacturers' packaged sales of shortening totalled 10 176 tonnes in February 1991, up from the 9 560 tonnes sold the previous month. The year-to-date sales were 19 736 tonnes compared to the cumulative sales of 17 505^r tonnes in 1990.

Sales of packaged salad oil increased to 6 371 tonnes in February 1991 from 5 123^r tonnes in January 1991. The cumulative sales to date in 1991 were 12 019^r tonnes, compared to 12 285^r tonnes in 1990.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 184.

The February 1991 issue of *Oils and Fats* (32-006, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Brian Preston (613-951-3511), Industry Division. ■

Particleboard, Waferboard and Fibreboard

February 1991

Canadian firms produced 96 030 cubic metres of waferboard in February 1991, a decrease of 42.5%

from the 167 005 cubic metres produced in February 1990. Particleboard production was 74 569 cubic metres, down 19.2% from 92 328 cubic metres the previous year. Production of fibreboard for February 1991 was 7 306 thousand square metres (basis 3.175mm), a decrease of 4.8% from the 7 671 thousand square metres (basis 3.175mm) of fibreboard produced in February 1990.

Cumulative production of waferboard during 1991 totalled 198 805 cubic metres, down 44.4% from the 357 378 cubic metres produced during the previous year. Particleboard production was 146 106^r cubic metres, down 25.4% from the 195 765 cubic metres in January-to-February 1990. Year-to-date production of fibreboard was 13 630 thousand square metres (basis 3.175mm), down 12.3% from the 15 549^r thousand square metres (basis 3.175mm) for the same period in 1990.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 31 (series 2, 3 and 4) and 122 (series 8 and 34).

The February 1991 issue of *Particleboard, Waferboard and Fibreboard* (36-003, \$5/\$50) 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. ■

Canadian Civil Aviation Statistics

January 1991

Preliminary monthly operational data for January 1991 are now available. Data reported by Canadian Level I air carriers on scheduled services for the first month of 1991 show that domestic passenger-kilometres decreased by 11.1%, while international passenger-kilometres decreased by 16.3% compared to January 1990.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 385.

Preliminary civil aviation data for January 1991 will be available in the April 1991 issue of *Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin* (51-004, \$9.30/\$93). See "How to Order Publications".

For more information on this release, contact Bradley Snider (819-997-6195), Aviation Statistics Centre, Transportation Division. ■

PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics,
February 1991.

Catalogue number 25-001

(Canada: \$6.10/\$61.00; United States:
US\$7.30/US\$73.00; Other Countries:
US\$8.50/US\$85.00).

Footwear Statistics, February 1991.

Catalogue number 33-002

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

Specified Domestic Electrical Appliances,
February 1991.

Catalogue number 43-003

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

Factory Sales of Electric Storage Batteries,
February 1991.

Catalogue number 43-005

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

Industrial Chemicals and Synthetic Resins,
February 1991.

Catalogue number 46-002

(Canada: \$5.60/\$56.00; United States:
US\$6.70/US\$67.00; Other Countries:
US\$7.80/US\$78.00).

Oil Pipe Line Transport, January 1991.

Catalogue number 55-001

(Canada: \$10.00/\$100.00; United States:
US\$12.00/US\$120.00; Other Countries:
US\$14.00/US\$140.00).

Telephone Statistics, January 1991.

Catalogue number 56-002

(Canada: \$8.30/\$83.00; United States:
US\$10.00/US\$100.00; Other Countries:
US\$11.60/US\$116.00).

Trusted Pension Funds, Financial Statistics 1989.

Catalogue number 74-201

(Canada: \$39.00; United States: US\$47.00;
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16	Travel Between Canada and Other Countries	February 1991
18	Preliminary Statement of Canadian International Merchandise Trade	February 1991
18	Monthly Survey of Manufacturing	February 1991
19	The Consumer Price Index	March 1991
19	Sales of Natural Gas	February 1991

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