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## MAJOR RELEASES

### Sales of Refined Petroleum Products

February 1991

#### Highlights

#### Seasonally Adjusted Sales

- Preliminary estimates of February sales of refined petroleum products totalled 6.5 million cubic metres (m<sup>3</sup>), a decrease of 2.6% from January 1991.
- Of the four main products, only diesel fuel oil reported an increase (4.2%). The other three main products registered decreased sales. Motor gasoline was down 3.5%, the third decline in the last four months. Light fuel oil decreased 6.2% after an increase in January (which was the first increase in six months). Similarly, heavy fuel oil had a decrease of 10.1%, following January's increase, which was the only one in the last four months.

#### Unadjusted Sales

- Preliminary estimates indicate that total sales of refined petroleum products declined 8.6% from February 1990, recording a volume of 6.0 million m<sup>3</sup>. Sales of motor gasoline dropped 4.5%, diesel fuel oil 1.6%, light fuel oil 6.2% and heavy fuel oil 33.9%, all primarily due to reduced imports.
- The results for the first two months of 1991 are 6.8% below the volumes recorded in the first two months of 1990. By product, heavy fuel oil decreased 28.9%, light fuel oil 5.9%, diesel fuel oil 2.7% and motor gasoline 1.2%.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 628-642 and 644-647.**

The February 1991 issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, \$18.20/\$182) will be available the third week of May. See "How to Order Publications".

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

### Sales of Refined Petroleum Products

	November 1990 <sup>r</sup>	December 1990 <sup>r</sup>	January 1991 <sup>r</sup>	February 1991 <sup>p</sup>	February 1991/ January 1991
Adjusted for Seasonal Variation					
	(thousands of cubic metres)				%
<b>Total, All Products</b>	<b>6 731.6</b>	<b>6 104.1</b>	<b>6 701.9</b>	<b>6 526.7</b>	<b>-2.6</b>
<b>Main Products:</b>					
Motor Gasoline	2 761.4	2 628.8	2 816.5	2 718.8	-3.5
Diesel Fuel Oil	1 389.7	1 223.0	1 332.6	1 388.3	4.2
Light Fuel Oil	510.2	440.2	541.1	507.3	-6.2
Heavy Fuel Oil	643.6	584.9	649.4	583.7	-10.1
Total					Total
	February 1990	February 1991	January- February 1990	January- February- 1991	Cumulative 1991/1990
Unadjusted for Seasonal Variation					
	(thousands of cubic metres)				%
<b>Total, All Products</b>	<b>6 580.0</b>	<b>6 013.5</b>	<b>13 468.5</b>	<b>12 545.2</b>	<b>-6.8</b>
<b>Main Products:</b>					
Motor Gasoline	2 431.9	2 323.8	4 910.6	4 851.5	-1.2
Diesel Fuel Oil	1 206.3	1 187.2	2 461.9	2 396.1	-2.7
Light Fuel Oil	868.9	815.5	1 887.1	1 776.8	-5.9
Heavy Fuel Oil	928.9	613.6	1 813.6	1 288.7	-28.9

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary.  
<sup>r</sup> Revised.

## Crude Oil and Natural Gas

December 1990

### Highlights

- Preliminary figures indicate that production of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons amounted to 8.4 million cubic metres, an increase of 3.8% over December 1989. This represents the fifth gain in the last six months. December exports of crude oil rose 7.8% over the same month in 1989. Imports, up 27.1% over December 1989, registered the eighth increase of the year. Deliveries to refineries posted an increase of 7.0% over December 1989. Year-to-date figures show production down 0.4% and exports and imports are up, 1.1% and 10.3%, respectively, over the previous year. Refinery receipts are ahead by 2.8% on a comparable basis.

- Marketable production of natural gas, at 10.0 billion cubic metres, rose 6.7% over December 1989, the ninth increase of the year. Exports of natural gas posted the tenth gain of 1990, rising 2.3% over December 1989. Domestic sales of natural gas registered a decrease of 3.6% from December 1989 for the eleventh decrease of the year. On a cumulative basis, marketable production is up 2.3% over 1989; exports have risen 7.3% while domestic sales dropped by 4.2% over the same period.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 127 and 128.

The December 1990 issue of *Crude Oil and Natural Gas Production* (26-006 \$10/\$100) will be available the second week of April. See "How to Order Publications".

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

## Crude Oil and Natural Gas

	December 1990	% Change from December 1989	January- December 1990	% Change from January - December 1989
(thousands of cubic metres)				
<b>Crude Oil and Equivalent</b>				
Production	8 413.2	3.8	96 906.0	-0.4
Exports	3 588.4	7.8	37 975.8	1.1
Imports	3 229.1	27.1	31 167.7	10.3
Refinery Receipts	8 108.4	7.0	90 207.0	2.8
(millions of cubic metres)				
<b>Natural Gas</b>				
Marketable Production	10 017.7	6.7	98 773.2	2.3
Exports	4 088.5	2.3	40 666.0	7.3
Canadian Sales	6 325.8	-3.6	54 544.2	-4.2

## Short-term Expectations Survey

### Note to Users:

For the past year, Statistics Canada has been canvassing a small group of economists and asking them to forecast each month the year-over-year change in the Consumer Price Index, the unemployment rate and the merchandise trade balance. On average 23 economists participate in the survey.

Short-term forecasts of the unemployment rate and the year-over-year change in the Consumer Price Index for March 1991 and the trade balance for February 1991 are released in this issue.

The mean forecast of the year-over-year increase in the Consumer Price Index for March was 6.0%, with minimum and maximum values of 5.5% and 6.6%, respectively. The actual number for February 1991 was 6.2% while the mean of the estimates was 6.3%, a return to a more normal gap compared to January 1991 (with a gap of 1.2%).

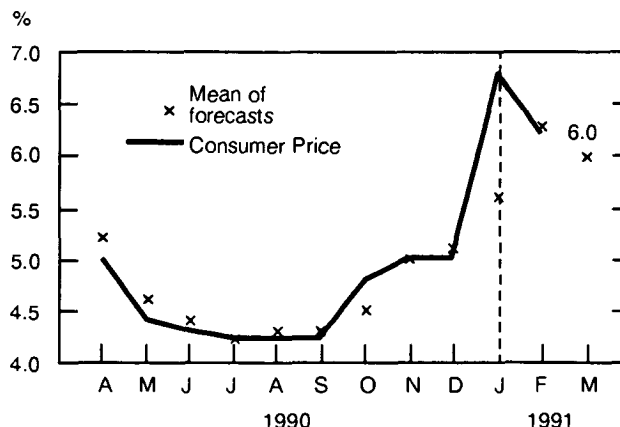
The mean forecast of the unemployment rate for March was 9.9% (minimum 5.0%, maximum 10.6%). The tendency to underestimate unemployment persisted in a period when the actual unemployment rate went from 8.4% in September to 10.2% in February 1991.

The mean forecast for the trade balance was \$679 million. The minimum and maximum values ranged from \$225 million to \$1,300 million. The tendency to underestimate the trade balance was also in evidence as the forecasted average monthly balance from March 1990 to February 1991 was \$747 million while the actual average of the trade balance from March 1990 to January 1991 was \$941 million.

For a complete set of tables or more information concerning this survey, contact Diane Lachapelle (613-951-0568) or Christian Lajule (613-951-3351).

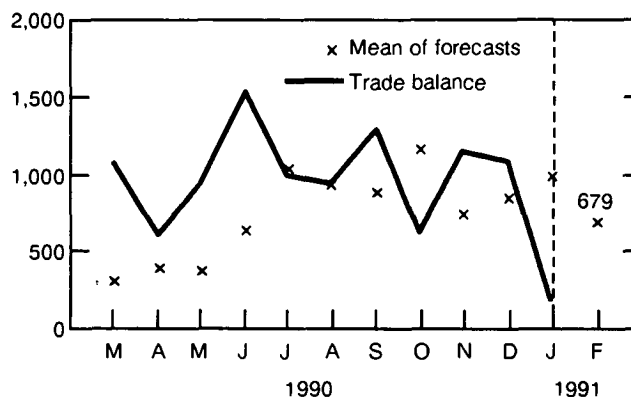
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### Year-to-Year Percentage Change of the Consumer Price Index

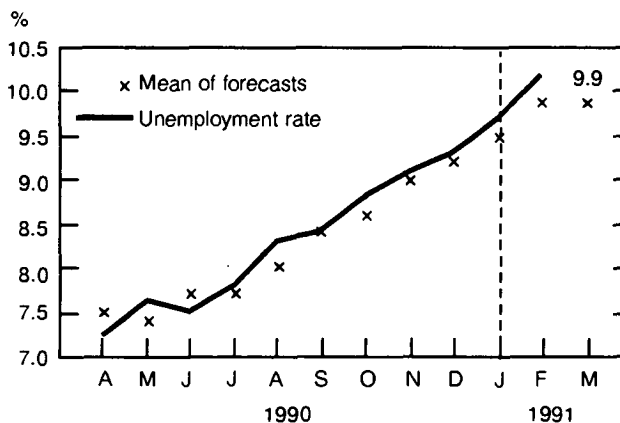


### Trade Balance

Millions of dollars



### Unemployment Rate



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## DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Steel Primary Forms

Week Ending March 30, 1991

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel primary forms production for the week ending March 30, 1991 totalled 275 924 tonnes, an increase of 5.7% from the preceding week's total of 260 997 tonnes, and down 6.8% from the year-earlier level of 295 903 tonnes. The cumulative total in 1991 was 3 346 806 tonnes, a decrease of 3.4% from 3 462 875 tonnes for the same period in 1990.

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

### Pack of Processed Cauliflower

1990

The data on pack of processed cauliflower for 1990 are now available. *Pack of Selected Processed Vegetables* (32-240, \$13) will be released at a later date.

For further information, contact Brian Preston (613-951-3511), Industry Division. ■

### Pack of Processed Pumpkin and Squash

1990

The data on pack of processed pumpkin and squash for 1990 are now available. *Pack of Selected Processed Vegetables* (32-240, \$13) will be released at a later date.

For further information, contact Brian Preston (613-951-3511), Industry Division. ■



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**Mechanical Trade Contractors, The Construction Industry 1987.**  
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