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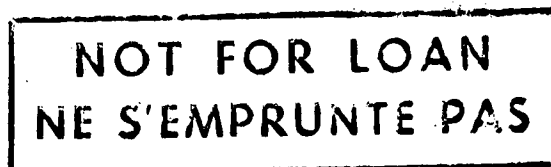
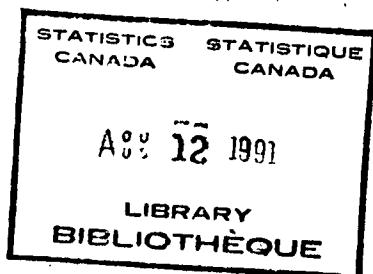
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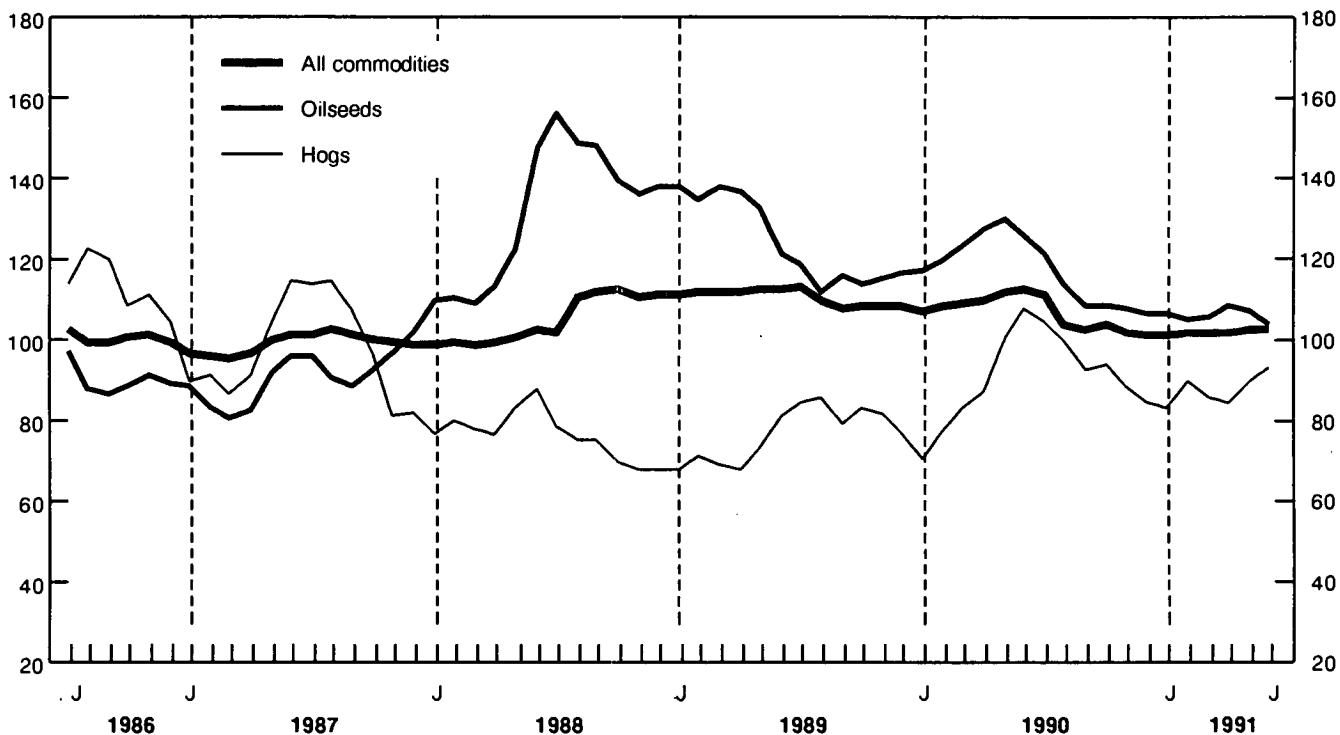
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Farm Product Price Index (1986 = 100)



Farm Product Price Index

June 1991

The Farm Product Price Index (1986 = 100) for Canada stood at 102.1 in June, down 0.2% from the revised May level of 102.3. The crops index fell by 0.7%, while the livestock and animal products index was up 0.2%. The overall index remained 9.1% below the year-earlier level of 112.3 as Canadian production of the major grains for the 1990-91 crop year (August 1-July 31) was at record levels.

The percentage changes in the index between May and June, 1991, by province, were as follows: Newfoundland (-0.5%), Prince Edward Island (-0.9%), Nova Scotia (+0.6%), New Brunswick (+0.7%), Quebec (+0.6%), Ontario (+0.3%), Manitoba (-1.0%), Saskatchewan (-0.4%), Alberta (-1.0%) and British Columbia (+0.3%).

Crops

The crops index was down 0.7% in June to 98.0 as decreases in the cereals and oilseeds indexes more than offset an increase in the potatoes index. The crops index stood 19.9% below the year-earlier level of 122.3, as above-average production combined with weak world demand has depressed grain prices throughout the 1990-91 crop year.

- The cereals index decreased 0.7% in June to a level of 90.5. The drop was mainly due to lower prices for off-board wheat and barley, and oats and rye in most provinces. Since August 1990, the cereals index has been stable, ranging between 89.2 and 92.7, as Canadian Wheat Board initial prices for wheat have remained unchanged throughout the crop year. In June, the index stood 26.1% below the level attained a year earlier.

- The oilseeds index fell 2.7% in June to a level of 103.9, as flaxseed and canola prices dropped. This was the second consecutive monthly decrease following slight seasonal increases in March and April. In June, the oilseeds index was 17.3% below the year-earlier level.
- The potatoes index increased 1.0% in June to a level of 148.3. Decreases in table potato prices were more than offset by increases in processing potato prices. The index remained 11.6% below the level attained a year earlier, as Canadian production increased 4% in 1990.

Livestock and Animal Products

The livestock and animal products index was up 0.2% in June to a level of 104.6, as increases in hog and egg prices more than offset decreases in cattle and poultry prices.

- The hog index rose 4.0% to a level of 93.1 in June, as prices continued to rebound from the declines experienced in March and April. Although

U.S. pork production increased by 3% in the second quarter of 1991, Canadian production decreased by 4%. The index stood 13.3% below the recent peak seen in June 1990, when the index was at its highest level in almost four years.

- The cattle and calves index decreased 0.9% to a level of 111.1 in June. The index has increased in four of the last six months and stood 2.0% above its level of a year ago. Canadian slaughter for the second quarter of 1991 was 7% below second quarter 1990 levels, while U.S. slaughter was down 4%.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 176.

The June issue of the *Farm Product Price Index* (62-003, \$7.10/\$71) is scheduled for release on August 16. 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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Milling and Crushing Statistics

June 1991

Milling

The total amount of wheat milled in June 1991 was 207 821 tonnes, down 4% from the 217 084 tonnes milled in June 1990.

The resulting wheat flour production decreased 1% to 157 743 tonnes in June 1991 from 159 135 tonnes in June 1990.

Crushing

Canola crushings for June 1991 amounted to 125 624 tonnes, up 46% from the 85 968 tonnes crushed in June 1990. The resulting oil production increased 53% to 50 521 tonnes from 33 061 tonnes in June 1990. Meal production increased 44% to 76 546 tonnes from 53 314 tonnes in June 1990.

Soybean crushings for June decreased 19% to 74 991 tonnes from 92 889 tonnes a year earlier. As a result, oil production decreased 22% to 12 911 tonnes in June from 16 543 tonnes in June 1990. Meal production decreased 20% to 57 397 tonnes from 71 795 tonnes in June 1990.

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

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

Oils and Fats

June 1991

Production by Canadian manufacturers of all types of deodorized oils in June 1991 totalled 64 402 tonnes, an increase of 10.8% from the 58 138 tonnes produced in May 1991. The 1991 year-to-date production totalled 352 574 tonnes, an increase of

15.7% from the corresponding 1990 figure of 304 610^r (revised) tonnes.

Manufacturers' packaged sales of shortening totalled 11 117 tonnes in June, up from the 10 077 tonnes sold the previous month. The cumulative sales to date were 61 347 tonnes compared to the cumulative sales of 56 208^r tonnes in 1990.

Sales of packaged salad oil increased to 6 337 tonnes in June from 6 158 tonnes in May. The cumulative sales to date in 1991 were 37 673 tonnes, compared to the cumulative sales of 36 371 tonnes in 1990.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 184.

The June 1991 issue of *Oils and Fats* (32-006, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Construction Type Plywood

June 1991

Canadian firms produced 160 970 cubic metres of construction type plywood during June 1991, a decrease of 7.4% from the 173 869 cubic metres produced during June 1990.

January-to-June 1991 production totalled 822 351 cubic metres, a decrease of 24.6% from the 1 090 371 cubic metres produced during the same period in 1990.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 122 (level 1).

The June 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. ■

Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics

June 1991

In June 1991, a total of 73 Canadian urban transit systems with gross annual total operating revenues of \$1,000,000 or more (subsidies included) carried 122,322,243 fare passengers, an increase of 1.9% from the previous month. Operating revenues totalled \$106,204,885, up 2.8% from May 1991.

During the same period, 22 passenger bus carriers earning \$1,000,000 or more annually from intercity and rural bus operations carried 1,516,342 fare passengers, up 14.6% from the previous month. Earnings of these carriers totalled \$21,570,832, a 7.7% increase over the May 1991 operating revenues.

All 1990 figures and 1991 cumulative data have been revised.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 351 and 352.

The June 1991 issue of *Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics* (53-003, \$7.10/\$71) will be available the fourth week of August. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2484), Transportation Division. ■

Railway Carloadings

10-day Period Ending July 31, 1991

Highlights

- Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the week totalled 6.6 million tonnes, an increase of 8.4% from the same period last year.
- Piggyback traffic decreased 8.2% from the same period last year. The number of cars loaded also decreased 0.6% during the same period.
- The tonnage of revenue freight loaded to date this year was 0.6% 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. ■



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