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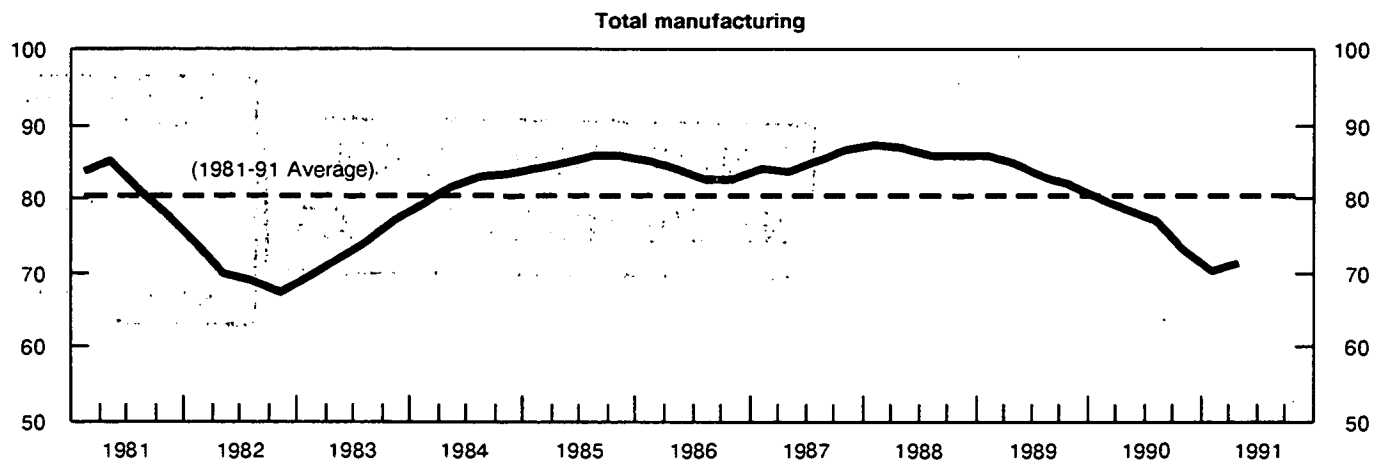
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## MAJOR RELEASE

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### Capacity Utilization Rates, 1981-1991



### Capacity Utilization in Canadian Manufacturing Industries

Second Quarter 1991

Capacity utilization in the manufacturing industries increased 1.7% in the second quarter to 71.3%. This marks the first gain in capacity utilization since the first quarter of 1989. The higher rates for 16 of the 22 industry major groups were the result of increased production. Of the six industries for which rates declined, four had increased shipments but maintained them through inventories rather than higher production. Only the paper and allied industries and machinery industries recorded both shipments and production decreases.

In the durable goods manufacturing industries, the capacity utilization rate rose 3.8% in the second quarter to 68.6%.

- With construction activity expanding, capacity utilization increased 8.1% in the wood industries and 9.2% in the non-metallic mineral products industries.
- As interest rates declined, demand for automobiles strengthened. Capacity utilization increased 6.9% in the transportation equipment manufacturing industries.

- The primary metals industries benefited from the higher levels of construction and automobile manufacturing and capacity utilization gained 3.1%.

In the non-durable goods manufacturing industries, capacity utilization showed no change in the second quarter, remaining at 74.3%, as gains by some industries were offset by declines in others.

- With the economy rebounding, production of intermediate goods increased. Capacity utilization rates increased 5.8% in the plastic products industries, 3.0% in the primary textiles industries, and 2.0% in the rubber products industries.
- Even though shipments of consumer goods increased, some industries used the opportunity to reduce their inventories of finished goods. In the tobacco products industries, beverage industries and clothing industries, capacity utilization fell 4.1%, 0.7% and 0.3%, respectively.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 3540.**

For further information on this release, contact David Wallace (613-951-9685), Investment and Capital Stock Division. □

**Capacity Utilization Rates in Canadian Manufacturing Industries**  
Second Quarter 1991 and Quarterly Percentage Changes

Industry	QII 1991	QI 1991	QIV 1990	QIII 1990	Quarterly % Change		
					QII 1991/ QI 1991	QI 1991/ QIV 1990	QIV 1990/ QIII 1990
<b>Total Manufacturing</b>	<b>71.3</b>	<b>70.1</b>	<b>73.0</b>	<b>76.9</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>-4.0</b>	<b>-5.1</b>
<b>Durable Manufacturing Industries</b>	<b>68.6</b>	<b>66.1</b>	<b>70.3</b>	<b>75.4</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>-6.0</b>	<b>-6.8</b>
Wood Industries	68.2	63.1	69.6	73.4	8.1	-9.3	-5.2
Furniture and Fixtures	65.0	64.1	66.4	69.0	1.4	-3.5	-3.8
Primary Metals	79.1	76.7	75.8	84.0	3.1	1.2	-9.8
Fabricated Metal Products	67.0	66.2	70.5	75.0	1.2	-6.1	-6.0
Machinery	56.1	60.2	65.3	70.7	-6.8	-7.8	-7.6
Transportation Equipment	65.5	61.3	67.3	73.6	6.9	-8.9	-8.6
Electrical and Electronic Products	75.3	73.7	76.6	78.1	2.2	-3.8	-1.9
Non-metallic Mineral Products	66.8	61.2	68.9	76.9	9.2	-11.2	-10.4
Other Manufacturing Industries	65.9	63.8	66.5	69.3	3.3	-4.1	-4.0
<b>Non-durable Manufacturing Industries</b>	<b>74.3</b>	<b>74.3</b>	<b>75.8</b>	<b>78.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>-3.6</b>
Food Industry	77.7	77.4	78.8	79.9	0.4	-1.8	-1.4
Beverage Industry	73.2	73.7	76.8	77.9	-0.7	-4.0	-1.4
Tobacco Products	66.3	69.1	68.4	67.9	-4.1	1.0	0.7
Rubber Products	66.9	65.6	70.5	75.1	2.0	-7.0	-6.1
Plastic Products	63.5	60.0	63.8	68.6	5.8	-6.0	-7.0
Leather and Allied Products	60.6	58.6	63.1	67.4	3.4	-7.1	-6.4
Primary Textiles	66.1	64.2	63.6	68.4	3.0	0.9	-7.0
Textile Products	63.1	62.8	66.4	70.0	0.5	-5.4	-5.1
Clothing Industry	60.2	60.4	63.7	69.1	-0.3	-5.2	-7.8
Paper and Allied Products	80.2	82.9	78.7	82.6	-3.3	5.3	-4.7
Printing, Publishing and Allied Industries	63.1	64.0	67.6	71.3	-1.4	-5.3	-5.2
Refined Petroleum and Coal Products	87.5	83.7	90.8	89.3	4.5	-7.8	1.7
Chemicals and Chemical Products	83.6	82.3	85.2	87.7	1.6	-3.4	-2.9

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## DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Railway Operating Statistics

June 1991

The seven major railways reported a combined net gain of \$29.4 million in June 1991. Operating revenues of \$588.9 million were up \$18.1 million or 3.2% from the June 1990 figure.

Revenue freight tonne-kilometres were up 6.8%. Freight train-kilometres registered an increase of 10.2% while freight car-kilometres increased by 6.1% compared to June 1990.

All 1990 figures have been revised.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 142.**

The June 1991 issue of the *Railway Operating Statistics* (52-003, \$10.50/\$105) is to be released the fourth week of September.

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

### Particleboard, Waferboard and Fibreboard

July 1991

Canadian firms produced 137 495 cubic metres of waferboard in July 1991, a decrease of 19.3% from the 170 347 cubic metres produced in July 1990. Particleboard production totalled 79 535 cubic metres, down 0.6% from 80 009 cubic metres the previous year. Production of fibreboard for July 1991 was 8 466 thousand square metres, basis 3.175 mm, an increase of 38.8% from the 6 098 thousand square metres, basis 3.175 mm, of fibreboard produced in July 1990.

Cumulative production of waferboard during the year 1991 totalled 827 137 cubic metres, down 34.4% from the 1 261 673 cubic metres produced during the previous year. Particleboard production was 599 698<sup>r</sup> (revised) cubic metres, down 14.7% from the 702 666 cubic metres in January to July 1990. Year-to-date production of fibreboard was 56 832 thousand square metres, basis 3.175 mm, down 0.1% from the 56 884 thousand square metres, basis 3.175 mm, for the same period in 1990.

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

The July 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. ■

### Steel, Primary Forms

July 1991

Steel, primary forms, production for July 1991 totalled 849 062 tonnes, a decrease of 20.7% from 1 070 432<sup>r</sup> (revised) tonnes the previous year.

Year-to-date production totalled 7 354 347 tonnes, down 12.2% from 8 377 372<sup>r</sup> tonnes a year earlier.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 58 (level 2, series 3).**

The July 1991 issue of *Primary Iron and Steel* (41-001, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Gerry Barrett (613-951-3515), Industry Division. ■

### The Dairy Review

July 1991

Creamery butter production in Canada totalled 7 212 tonnes in July, a 16.5% decrease from a year earlier. Production of cheddar cheese amounted to 9 700 tonnes, a decrease of 7.2% from July 1990.

An estimated 638 035 kilolitres of milk were sold off Canada farms for all purposes in June 1991, a decrease of 3.9% from June 1990. This brought the total estimate of milk sold off farms during the first six months of 1991 to 3 658 997 kilolitres, a decrease of 2.4% from the January-June 1990 period.

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

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

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

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**Pack of Processed Asparagus, 1991.**

**Catalogue number 32-233**

(Canada: \$13.00; United States: US\$16.00; Other Countries: US\$18.00).

**Footwear Statistics, July 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).

**Surface and Marine Transport, Vol.7, No. 5, Rail Financial and Traffic Statistics and Private Trucking Statistics.**

**Catalogue number 50-002**

(Canada: \$9.40/\$75.00; United States: US\$11.25/US\$90.00; Other Countries: US\$13.15/US\$105.00).

**Consumer Price Index, August 1991.**

**Catalogue number 62-001**

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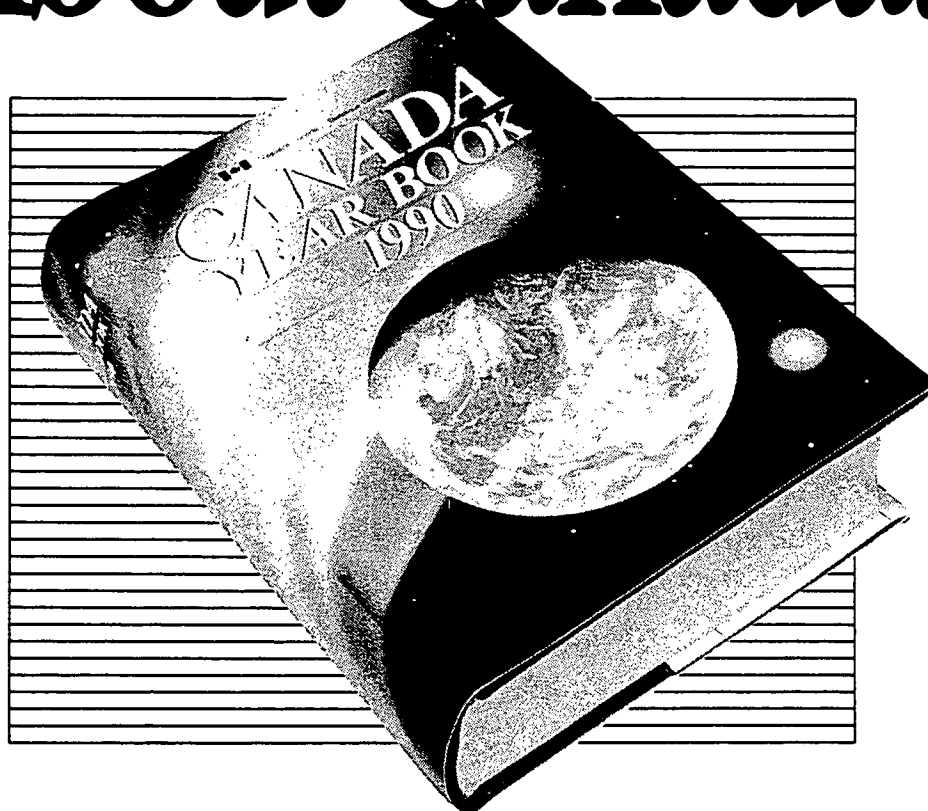
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