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MAJOR RELEASE

New Housing Price Index

September 1992

The New Housing Price Index (1986=100) for Canada stood at 134.5 in September, down 0.1% from August 1992. The estimated House Only index decreased 0.3% but the Land Only index increased 0.1%.

The largest monthly decreases in new housing prices were registered in Quebec City (-0.8%), Toronto (-0.8%) and St.Catharines-Niagara (-0.7%), while the largest monthly increases were recorded for Windsor (0.6%), Halifax (0.5%) and Victoria (0.5%).

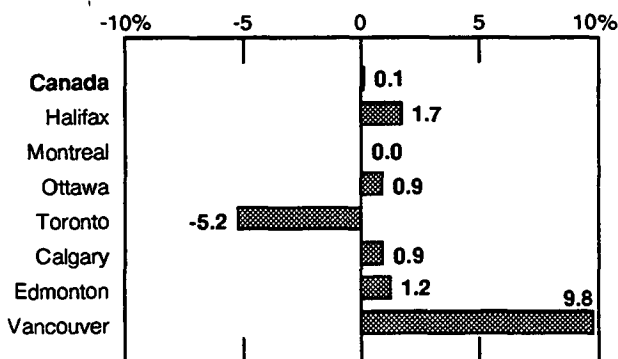
This index of Canadian housing contractors' selling prices was up 0.1% in September from the year-earlier level. This movement mainly reflects the offsetting impacts of decreases, such as in Toronto (-5.2%), Kitchener-Waterloo (-3.4%) and Hamilton (-3.2%), compared to increases in cities such as Vancouver (9.8%), Regina (5.8%) and Victoria (4.5%).

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2032.

The third quarter 1992 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$18/\$72) will be available in December. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, please contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-951-9607), Prices Division. □

Percentage Changes in New Housing Price Index from Same Month of the Previous Year, Canada and Selected Cities, September 1992



New Housing Price Indexes

1986 = 100

	September 1992	August 1992	September 1991	% change	
				September 1992/ August 1992	September 1992/ September 1991
Canada Total	134.5	134.7	134.4	-0.1	0.1
Canada (House Only)	124.1	124.5	125.5	-0.3	-1.1
Canada (Land Only)	165.3	165.2	160.9	0.1	2.7
St. John's	127.0	127.0	126.5	-	0.4
Halifax	111.1	110.5	109.2	0.5	1.7
Saint John-Moncton-Fredericton	115.4	115.1	114.3	0.3	1.0
Quebec City	135.1	136.2	134.8	-0.8	0.2
Montreal	134.7	134.5	134.7	0.1	-
Ottawa-Hull	123.9	123.7	122.8	0.2	0.9
Toronto	139.2	140.3	146.8	-0.8	-5.2
Hamilton	130.1	130.7	134.4	-0.5	-3.2
St. Catharines-Niagara	129.7	130.6	133.7	-0.7	-3.0
Kitchener-Waterloo	124.7	124.7	129.1	-	-3.4
London	146.2	146.2	147.3	-	-0.7
Windsor	127.9	127.1	127.1	0.6	0.6
Sudbury-Thunder Bay	133.0	133.0	133.0	-	-
Winnipeg	108.7	108.7	108.1	-	0.6
Regina	118.2	117.7	111.7	0.4	5.8
Saskatoon	107.4	107.2	106.7	0.2	0.7
Calgary	133.6	133.5	132.4	0.1	0.9
Edmonton	142.8	142.7	141.1	0.1	1.2
Vancouver	138.6	138.2	126.2	0.3	9.8
Victoria	129.0	128.4	123.4	0.5	4.5

- Nil or zero.

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Railway Carloadings

10-day Period Ending October 31, 1992

Highlights

- Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the 10-day period totalled 5.9 million tonnes, a decrease of 12.8% from the same period last year.
- Piggyback traffic decreased 1.4% from the same period last year. The number of cars loaded decreased 4.4% during the same period.
- The tonnage of revenue freight loaded as of October 31, 1992 decreased 3.9% from the previous year.

Note: Piggyback traffic includes trailers and containers on flat cars. Piggyback traffic numbers are included in total carload traffic. All 1991 figures and 1992 cumulative data have been revised.

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

Oils and Fats

September 1992

Production by Canadian manufacturers of all types of deodorized oils in September 1992 totalled 66 186 tonnes, an increase of 10.8% from the 59 758^r (revised) tonnes produced in August 1992.

January to September 1992 year-to-date production totalled 562 588^r tonnes, an increase of 6.5% from the year-earlier 528 227^r tonnes.

Manufacturers' packaged sales of shortening totalled 12 515 tonnes in September 1992, up from the 11 072 tonnes sold the previous month. From January to September, sales were 89 485^r tonnes compared to cumulative sales of 93 761^r tonnes in 1991.

Sales of packaged salad oil totalled 8 845 tonnes in September 1992. The year-to-date sales in September 1992 totalled 52 593^r tonnes, compared to the year-earlier 53 770^r tonnes.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 184.

The September 1992 issue of *Oils and Fats* (32-006, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

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

Production and Value of Maple Products 1991 and 1992

Production and value data for 1991 and preliminary 1992 production data for maple products are now available.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 1057.

To order *Production and Value of Honey and Maple Products* (\$10), contact Guy Gervais (613-951-2453).

For further information, contact Gerry Mason (613-951-3857), Agriculture Division. ■

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Canada: A Portrait, 1993.
Catalogue number 11-403E
(Canada: \$34.95; United States: US\$41.95;
Other Countries: US\$48.95).

Gross Domestic Product by Industry,
August 1992.
Catalogue number 15-001
(Canada: \$12.70/\$127; United States:
US\$15.20/US\$152; Other Countries:
US\$17.80/US\$178).

Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics,
September 1992.
Catalogue number 25-001
(Canada: \$6.10/\$61; United States: US\$7.30/US\$73;
Other Countries: US\$8.50/US\$85).

Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products,
September 1992.
Catalogue number 41-006
(Canada: \$5/\$50; United States: US\$6/US\$60;
Other Countries: US\$7/US\$70).

Industrial Chemicals and Synthetic Resins,
September 1992.
Catalogue number 46-002
(Canada: \$5.60/\$56; United States: US\$6.70/US\$67;
Other Countries: US\$7.80/US\$78).

Employment, Earnings and Hours, August 1992.
Catalogue number 72-002
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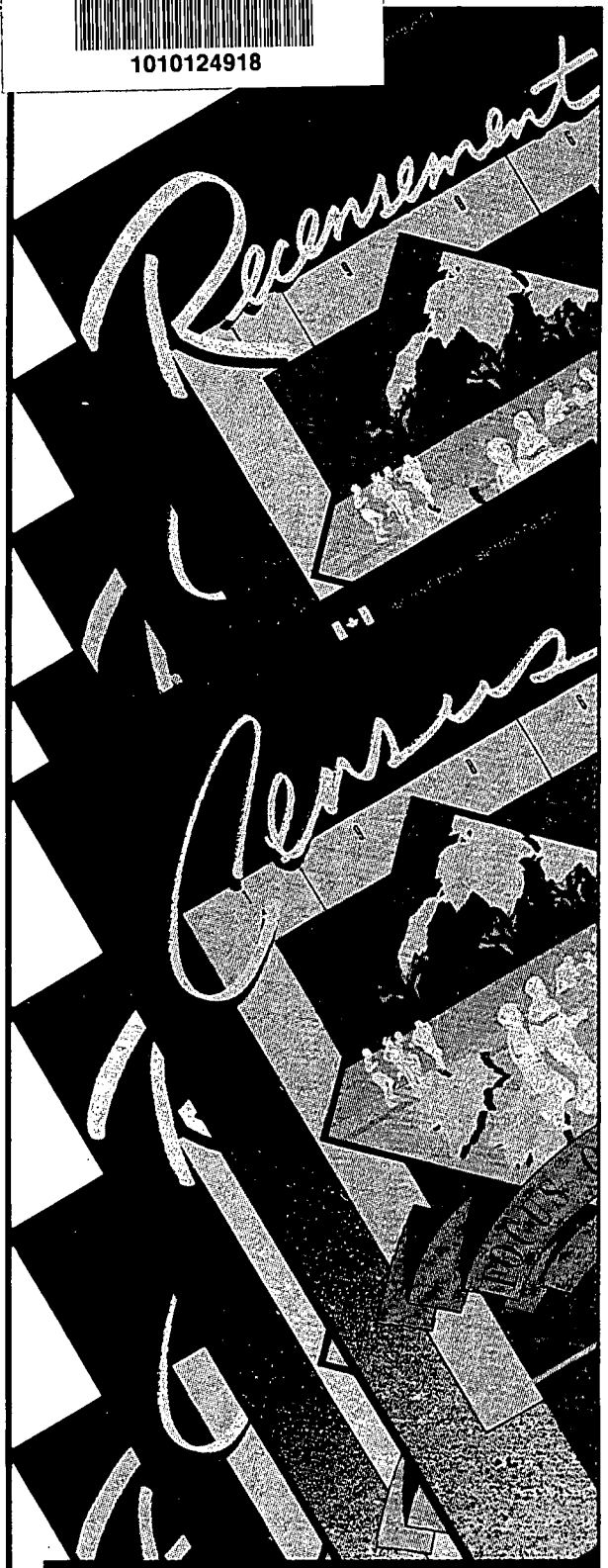


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