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1991 Census of Agriculture – Population

Tomorrow, *The Daily* will contain an addendum featuring new data from the 1991 Census of Agriculture – Population. This will mark the first time that the Census of Agriculture has produced data comparing farms with one operator to those with two or more operators. These data will help measure the contribution that female farm operators make to Canada's farms and will also summarize the characteristics of the Canadian farm population.

To find out more about Census of Agriculture products and services, contact Lynda Kemp (613-951-8711 or toll-free in Canada 1-800-465-1991), User Services Unit, Census of Agriculture.

MAJOR RELEASES

Monthly Survey of Manufacturing

September 1992

Seasonally Adjusted

The value of shipments dropped 2.5% in September following a 4.5% increase in August. The September decrease was broadly based as 15 of 22 major groups recorded lower shipment levels. A drop of 11.9% in motor vehicle, parts and accessories industries accounted for about three-quarters of the overall decrease in shipments. Temporary plant shutdowns due to labour disputes and poor automotive sales contributed to this decrease. The August increase was also broadly based. Again, it was motor vehicle, parts and accessories industries, with a jump of 16.7%, which accounted for most of the overall change in shipments.

Unfilled orders decreased 0.8% in September following increases in two of the previous three months. Large declines in transportation equipment and electrical and electronic products industries more than offset increases in primary metal and fabricated metal industries. Inventory levels in September increased for the second consecutive month.

The **short-term trend** smooths out irregular month-to-month movements which are not sustained over a longer period. The trend for shipments increased for the seventh consecutive period. Increases in the trend for 14 major groups more than offset decreases in the remaining eight. The trend for motor vehicle, parts and accessories industries has dropped in the four most recent periods following three monthly increases. For the rest of manufacturing, the trend declined from March 1989 to January 1992 but it has now sustained six months of increase, although at a slower pace in the last two periods.

The trend for unfilled orders decreased at an average rate of 0.9% from September 1991 to February 1992, but since then it has been decreasing at a progressively slower pace. The inventory trend has declined for more than 30 months but has fallen at a slower pace over the last few months.

Highlights

- Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian manufacturers' **shipments** dropped 2.5% to $23.2 billion in September. Fifteen of 22 major groups (accounting for 76% of shipment values) decreased, but seven increased. The largest decreases, in dollar terms, were recorded in the transportation equipment industry (-9.9%), notably in motor vehicle, parts and accessories, and in chemical products industries (-2.3%). The wood industry recorded the most significant gain (4.9%). This was largely due to price increases, a resumption of work following recent stoppages in the paper industry and an increase in demand for housing materials as a result of Hurricane Andrew.

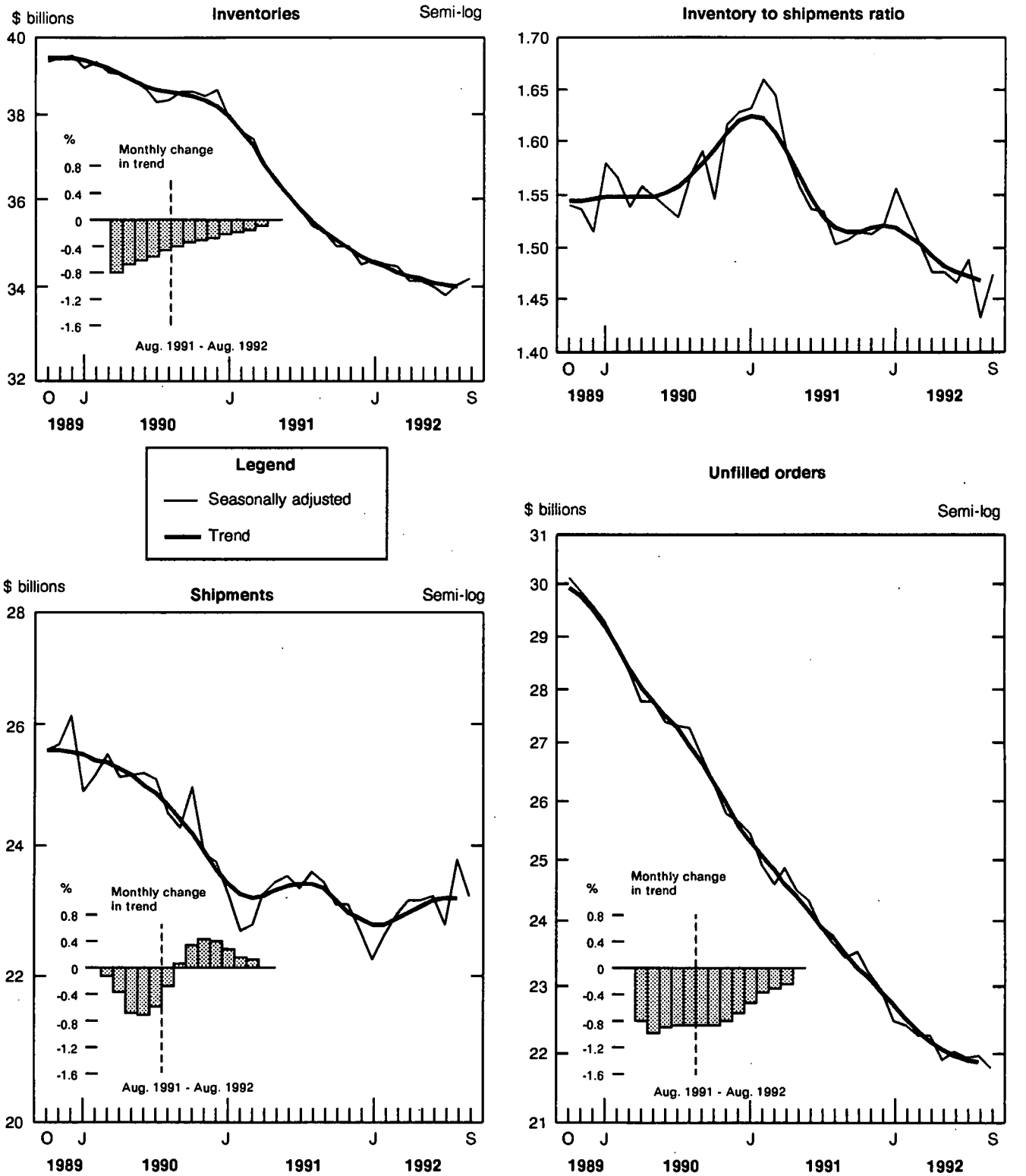
- The **trend** for shipments rose for the seventh period in a row, but at a progressively slower rate for the last four months. The trend for 14 of 22 major groups (accounting for 64% of shipment values) continued to increase in the most recent period. However, nine of these 14 major groups experienced slower growth rates. The most significant of these, in order of dollar impact, were in refined petroleum and coal products and electrical and electronic products industries. Transportation equipment industries recorded the largest decline in the trend.

- **Inventories** (owned) increased 0.3% in September to $34.1 billion, the second increase in a row. Eleven of 22 major groups recorded increases with transportation equipment (3.2%) and machinery industries (1.9%) recording the largest increases. In contrast, food (-1.3%) and wood (-1.4%) industries recorded the largest declines. The **trend** for inventories (owned) has been declining since January 1990 but the decline has slowed to a rate of -0.1% per month over the two most recent periods.

- The **inventories to shipments ratio** rose from 1.43 in August to 1.47 in September, the result of an increase in inventory levels and the drop in shipments. The **trend**, which steadily declined from January to June, remained unchanged over the three most recent periods.

- **Unfilled orders** decreased 0.8% to $21.8 billion. Increases in primary metal (3.5%) and fabricated metal (2.4%) industries were more than offset by declines observed in transportation equipment (-1.3%) and electrical and electronic products (-1.7%) industries. The **trend** continued to fall but at a slower pace over the last six periods.

Manufacturers' Inventories, Shipments and Unfilled Orders, Seasonally Adjusted, September 1992



Unfilled orders are the stock of orders which will generate future shipments, assuming that orders are not cancelled.

New orders are defined as the sum of shipments for the current month (i.e., orders received this month and shipped within the same month) plus the change in unfilled orders.

- **New orders** dropped 3.4% to $23.0 billion following a 5.1% increase in August. The **trend** for new orders has continued to rise since February 1992, but at a slower pace over the last three periods.

Year-to-date

- Manufacturers' shipments for the first nine months of 1992 were estimated at $206.8 billion, 1.1% lower than the value for the corresponding period in 1991.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 9550-9580.

For more information, please consult the September 1992 issue of *Monthly Survey of Manufacturing* (31-001, $17.30/$173), which will be available shortly.

Data for shipments by province in greater detail than normally published may be available on request. For further information, please contact Bob Traversy (613-951-9497) or the Monthly Survey of Manufacturing Section (613-951-9832), Industry Division. □

Shipments, Inventories and Orders in all Manufacturing Industries
September 1992

Period	Not seasonally adjusted				Seasonally adjusted			
	Shipments	Inventories	Unfilled orders	New orders	Shipments	Inventories	Unfilled orders	New orders
	$ millions							
September 1991	24,329	34,794	23,573	24,031	23,403	35,213	23,465	23,180
October 1991	25,037	34,568	23,503	24,967	23,047	34,868	23,546	23,128
November 1991	23,286	34,589	23,098	22,880	23,062	34,865	23,234	22,750
December 1991	20,873	33,825	22,555	20,331	22,684	34,465	22,960	22,410
January 1992	20,532	34,763	22,451	20,428	22,221	34,562	22,519	21,780
February 1992	21,479	35,177	22,463	21,491	22,577	34,481	22,441	22,499
March 1992	23,839	35,163	22,377	23,753	22,904	34,405	22,289	22,752
April 1992	23,458	34,648	22,397	23,478	23,122	34,092	22,291	23,123
May 1992	24,105	34,374	22,105	23,813	23,121	34,089	21,926	22,756
June 1992	25,290	33,704	22,011	25,196	23,165	33,945	22,049	23,288
July 1992	21,127	33,348	21,946	21,061	22,746	33,794	21,948	22,646
August 1992	23,180	33,732	22,155	23,389	23,764	34,016	21,992	23,808
September 1992	24,798	33,693	21,857	24,501	23,171	34,119	21,812	22,991

	Seasonally Adjusted									
	Shipments		Inventories		Inventory to shipments ratio		Unfilled orders		New orders	
	S.A.	Trend	S.A.	Trend	S.A.	Trend	S.A.	Trend	S.A.	Trend
	Month-to-month % change				Ratio		Month-to-month % change			
September 1991	-0.7	-0.4	-0.5	-0.7	1.50	1.51	-0.9	-1.0	-0.7	-0.5
October 1991	-1.5	-0.7	-1.0	-0.6	1.51	1.51	0.3	-0.9	-0.2	-0.6
November 1991	0.1	-0.7	0.0	-0.5	1.51	1.52	-1.3	-0.9	-1.6	-0.7
December 1991	-1.6	-0.6	-1.1	-0.5	1.52	1.52	-1.2	-0.8	-1.5	-0.6
January 1992	-2.0	-0.3	0.3	-0.4	1.56	1.52	-1.9	-0.8	-2.8	-0.3
February 1992	1.6	0.1	-0.2	-0.4	1.53	1.51	-0.3	-0.9	3.3	0.1
March 1992	1.5	0.3	-0.2	-0.3	1.50	1.50	-0.7	-0.8	1.1	0.4
April 1992	0.9	0.4	-0.9	-0.3	1.47	1.49	0.0	-0.7	1.6	0.6
May 1992	0.0	0.4	0.0	-0.2	1.47	1.48	-1.6	-0.5	-1.6	0.6
June 1992	0.2	0.3	-0.4	-0.2	1.47	1.47	0.6	-0.4	2.3	0.4
July 1992	-1.8	0.2	-0.4	-0.1	1.49	1.47	-0.5	-0.3	-2.8	0.2
August 1992	4.5	0.1	0.7	-0.1	1.43	1.47	0.2	-0.2	5.1	0.2
September 1992	-2.5	*	0.3	*	1.47	*	-0.8	*	-3.4	*

* *The short-term trend represents a weighted average of the data.*

Machinery and Equipment Price Index

Third Quarter 1992

The Machinery and Equipment Price Index by industry of purchase (1986 = 100) was at a preliminary 103.6 in the third quarter of 1992, up 0.4% from its revised second-quarter level. The domestic and import components increased by 0.1% and 0.7%, respectively.

The total index in the third quarter was up 3.2% over the third quarter of 1991, due to increases in the domestic (1.4%) and import (4.8%) components.

Among the industry divisions, prices in construction (1.0%) and mines, quarries and oil wells (0.8%) showed the largest increases, while prices for agriculture showed the only decrease (-0.2%). Between the third quarters of 1991 and 1992, the greatest price increases were noted in construction (4.4%), agriculture (4.1%), public administration (4.0%), mines, quarries and oil wells (3.8%) and manufacturing (3.7%).

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2023-2025.

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

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

Machinery and Equipment Price Indexes

(1986 = 100)

	Relative Importance[1]	Index			Percentage Change	
		3rd Q. 1992	2nd Q. 1992	3rd Q. 1991	3rd Q. 1992/ 2nd Q. 1992	3rd Q. 1992/ 3rd Q. 1991
Machinery and Equipment Price Index:	**100.0**	**103.6***	**103.2***	**100.4**	**0.4**	**3.2**
SIC Divisions:						
1. Agriculture	11	116.0	116.2	111.4	-0.2	4.1
2. Forestry	1.5	113.8	113.3	110.7	0.4	2.8
3. Fishing	0.6	104.4	103.7	102.5	0.7	1.9
4. Mines, Quarries and Oil Wells	6	102.1	101.3	98.4	0.8	3.8
5. Manufacturing	29.9	106.0	105.4	102.2	0.6	3.7
6. Construction	3.5	102.4	101.4	98.1	1.0	4.4
7. Transportation, Communication, Storage and Utilities	25.9	101.4	101.1	99.4	0.3	2.0
8. Trade	4	96.3	95.7	103.9	0.6	-7.3
9. Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	1.8	97.4	97.2	95.8	0.2	1.7
10. Community, Business and Personal Services	11.1	92.7	92.6	90.9	0.1	2.0
11. Public Administration	4.7	102.3	101.6	98.4	0.7	4.0

* *These indexes are preliminary.*

[1] *Division weights are based on the value of capitalized expenditures on new machinery and equipment for the years 1979-1983 at 1986 prices (Public and Private Investment in Canada, 1979-1983).* ■

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Department Store Sales
October 1992 (Advance Release)

Department stores sales including concessions for October were $1,146 million. Sales for the major department stores were $629 million and sales for the junior category were $516 million.

For further information on this release, contact Diane Lake (613-951-9824), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division. ■

Profiles of Census Divisions and Subdivisions - Part A
Electronic Product
1991 Census

This product provides a statistical overview for census divisions and subdivisions in all of the provinces and territories, based on data collected on a 100% basis from the 1991 Census.

The profiles show population counts by age, sex and marital status; dwelling counts by type and tenure; households by size; and families by size, structure and presence of never-married sons and daughters. This product is offered in two formats for individual provinces and territories. One format is diskette (service number 846-031) and the other is magnetic tape (reference number A9102).

To obtain this electronic product or for more information on pricing, contact your nearest Statistics Canada Regional Reference Centre. ■

Population Estimates for Census Divisions and Census Metropolitan Areas by Age and Sex
June 1, 1990

The postcensal annual estimates of population for census divisions and census metropolitan areas by age and sex as of June 1, 1990 are now available.

Please note that the estimates are still based on the 1986 Census counts as well as on the 1986 Census geographical boundaries. Also, they will not be the subject of any specific publication.

These data as well as those from June 1, 1981 to June 1, 1989 may be obtained by contacting Lise Champagne (613-951-2320), Demography Division or the nearest Statistics Canada Regional Reference Centre. For information on methodology, call Robert Riordan (613-951-2287). ■

Fabricated Structural Steel Price Index
Third Quarter 1992

Price indexes for the third quarter of 1992 for fabricated structural steel-in-place are now available. These indexes at the Canada level decreased 0.3% from the second quarter of 1992 and decreased 3.9% from the previous year.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2044.

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. ■

Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics
September 1992

In September 1992, a total of 77 Canadian urban transit systems with annual operating revenues of $1 million or more (subsidies included) carried 120.4 million fare passengers, up 2.6% compared to September 1991. Operating revenues totalled $116.5 million, up 15.6% from September 1991.

During the same period, 22 passenger bus carriers earning $1 million or more annually from intercity and rural bus operations carried 0.9 million fare passengers, down 19.9% compared to September 1991. Operating revenues from the same services totalled $18.9 million, a 7.4% decrease from September 1991.

All 1991 figures and 1992 cumulative data have been revised.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 351 and 352.

The September 1992 issue of *Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics* (53-003, $7.10/$71) will be available during the third week of November. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Production of Eggs

September 1992

Canadian egg production in September 1992 was 38.8 million dozen, a 1.1% increase from September 1991. The average number of layers decreased by 0.9% between September 1991 and September 1992, but the number of eggs per 100 layers increased to 2,231 from 2,187 during the same period.

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

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

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

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Catalogue number 55-002
(Canada: $12.70/$127; United States: US$15.20/US$152; Other Countries: US$17.80/US$178).

Communications Service Bulletin: Telephone Statistics, 1991. Vol. 22, No. 3.
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(Canada: $8.20/$49; United States: US$9.85/US$59; Other Countries: US$11.50/US$69).

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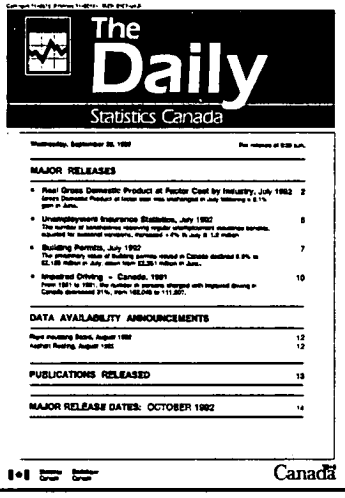
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