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## MAJOR RELEASES

### Industrial Product Price Index

May 1992

According to preliminary figures, the Industrial Product Price Index (IPPI, 1986=100) increased 0.5% to 108.5 in May 1992 from April's revised level of 108.0. Fourteen of the 21 major groups of products increased while five decreased and two remained unchanged. A significant influence in May was the 2.0% increase in the U.S. dollar and its upward impact on exports priced in U.S. dollars; the indices most affected were autos, trucks and other transport equipment (1.2%), lumber, sawmill and other wood products (1.4%) and paper and paper products (0.8%). These increases were partially offset by price decreases for chemical and chemical products (-0.3%), beverages (-0.3%) and rubber, leather, and plastic fabricated products (-0.2%).

Compared to May 1991, the IPPI was 0.2% lower. This 12-month decline lessened for the fourth consecutive month - in January the decline was -3.5%. The main indexes which declined over the last 12 months were paper and paper products (-6.3%), petroleum and coal products (-7.4%) and primary metal products (-2.7%). These declines were partially offset by increases in the autos, trucks and other transport equipment index (4.6%) and in the lumber, sawmill and other wood products index (4.4%).

The 12-month change for the index excluding petroleum and coal products was 0.3%, the first annual increase in this index since March 1991.

On a year-to-year basis, the intermediate goods index was down 1.4%, due mainly to the 4.2% decrease in the first-stage intermediate goods index. However, since January 1992, the intermediate goods index has increased by 1.4% as both the first- and second-stage intermediate goods indexes increased. Over the last 12 months, the finished goods index rose 1.6%, led by capital equipment (2.9%) but slowed by finished foods and feeds (0.3%).

### Highlights

- The autos, trucks and other transportation equipment index rose 1.2% in May, mainly due to the 2.0% increase in the exported passenger automobiles index, primarily as a result of the increase in the U.S. dollar.

- The lumber, sawmill and other wood products index showed an increase of 1.4% in May. This rise was largely due to the increase in the index of other wood fabricated materials (2.1%). This increase was fuelled by price rises, particularly for shakes (21.6%) and shingles (9.7%), which were supported by a strong export price increase. A decline in the veneer and plywood index (-2.3%) slightly slowed the overall increase in the lumber, sawmill and other wood products index.
- The primary metal products index increased 1.1% in May, mainly due to a 2.3% increase in prices for aluminum products (despite a generally weak world market in aluminum) and to a 6.3% increase in refined zinc prices in a tight market. The primary metal products index was 2.7% lower than it was a year earlier, primarily due to lower iron and steel product prices. Iron and steel prices have been declining since October 1990.
- The paper and paper products index increased 0.8% in May, mainly due to a 2.3% increase in prices for bleached sulphate woodpulp. Export prices rose 2.1% and domestic prices rose 2.7% in an improving market. May's price increases, however, left the woodpulp price index 4.8% lower than it was in May 1991.

### Meat, Fish, and Dairy Products, 1991-1992



The meat, fish, and dairy product price index is made up of 50 primary commodity indexes. During the last year, it declined for most of the first eight months and then recovered during the last four. The main reason was that beef herds and pork supplies were seasonally high and have since declined relative to demand.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2000-2008.

The May 1992 issue of *Industry Price Indexes* (62-011, \$18.20/\$182) will be available near the end of July. See "How to Order Publications".

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

**Industrial Product Price Index**  
(1986 = 100)

Index	Relative Importance <sup>1</sup>	Index May 1992 <sup>2</sup>	May 1992/ April 1992	May 1992/ May 1991
				% change
<b>Industrial Product Price Index - Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>108.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
<b>Total IPPI excluding petroleum and coal products</b>	<b>93.6</b>	<b>110.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Intermediate goods</b>	<b>60.4</b>	<b>106.7</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>-1.4</b>
First-stage intermediate goods	13.4	104.5	0.7	-4.2
Second-stage intermediate goods	47.0	107.4	0.5	-0.5
<b>Finished goods</b>	<b>39.6</b>	<b>111.1</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.6</b>
Finished foods and feeds	9.9	115.5	0.3	0.3
Capital equipment	10.4	111.0	0.5	2.9
All other finished goods	19.3	108.9	0.6	1.8
<b>Aggregation by commodities:</b>				
Meat, fish and dairy products	7.4	110.2	0.6	-0.4
Fruit, vegetable, feed, miscellaneous food products	6.3	114.1	0.5	1.6
Beverages	2.0	120.6	-0.3	-0.4
Tobacco and tobacco products	0.7	146.8	0.1	8.5
Rubber, leather, plastic fabric products	3.1	113.7	-0.2	-0.9
Textile products	2.2	109.3	0.1	-0.2
Knitted products and clothing	2.3	114.2	-0.2	0.7
Lumber, sawmill, other wood products	4.9	113.4	1.4	4.4
Furniture and fixtures	1.7	118.1	0.0	-0.3
Paper and paper products	8.1	104.5	0.8	-6.3
Printing and publishing	2.7	127.4	0.2	1.8
Primary metal products	7.7	102.6	1.1	-2.7
Metal fabricated products	4.9	112.1	0.0	0.0
Machinery and equipment	4.2	116.5	0.1	1.1
Autos, trucks, other transportation equipment	17.6	103.3	1.2	4.6
Electrical and communications products	5.1	111.3	-0.1	0.8
Non-metallic mineral products	2.6	110.4	0.4	-0.5
Petroleum and coal products <sup>3</sup>	6.4	86.1	0.2	-7.4
Chemical, chemical products	7.2	113.0	-0.3	-2.2
Miscellaneous manufactured products	2.5	111.5	0.2	0.0
Miscellaneous non-manufactured commodities	0.4	70.4	0.1	-6.4

<sup>1</sup> Weights are derived from the "make" matrix of the 1986 Input/Output table.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes are preliminary.

<sup>3</sup> This index is estimated for the current month.

## Raw Materials Price Index

May 1992

Preliminary estimates for the Raw Materials Price Index (RMPI, 1986=100) showed a 3.1% increase to 106.2 in May 1992, its fourth consecutive monthly increase. The main contributors to this increase were the indexes for mineral fuels (6.6%), animal and animal products (2.0%) and vegetable products (2.9%). These increases were partially offset by lower prices in the non-metallic minerals index (-0.3%). The RMPI excluding mineral fuels increased 1.8% in May.

In May 1992, the RMPI was up 3.1% from May 1991. The increase was a result of higher prices for mineral fuels (6.7%) and for wood (7.0%). These increases were partially offset by decreases in prices for animal and animal products (-1.6%) and non-metallic minerals (-6.8%). The RMPI excluding mineral fuels increased 1.6% between May 1991 and May 1992.

### Highlights

- The mineral fuels price index rose 6.6% in May as a result of higher prices for crude mineral oils (6.8%). Compared to May 1991, the mineral fuels index was up 6.7%, due primarily to a 6.8% increase in the prices of crude mineral oils.
- The animal and animal products index was up 2.0% in May, reflecting higher prices for hogs (12.8%) and calves for slaughter (3.9%). These increases were partially offset by decreases in prices for fish (-0.7%). Compared to a year earlier, the prices for animal and animal products were down 1.6%. The main contributions to this decline came from lower prices for hogs

(-14.5%), cattle and calves (-1.9%) and turkeys (-5.0%).

- The vegetable products index was up 2.9% in May 1992. This increase was a result of higher prices for grains (3.5%), oilseeds (4.0%), unrefined sugar (4.5%) and potatoes (6.4%). Lower prices for cocoa, coffee and tea (-1.7%) moderated the overall decline. On a year-to-year basis, the vegetable products index was up 4.5% due to increases in prices for grains (17.8%) and unrefined sugar (28.3%). On the other hand, prices were down for vegetable textile fibres (-26.2%), potatoes (-16.1%) and for cocoa, coffee and tea (-13.9%).
- The wood price index rose 1.2% in May, its fourth consecutive monthly increase. The main change was a 1.7% increase in logs and bolts, moderated by a 0.1% decrease in the prices of pulpwood. From the same period last year, the wood price index was up 7.0%, due primarily to a 10.5% increase in logs and bolts prices. This increase was partially offset by lower prices in pulpwood (-0.9%).
- The non-metallic minerals index decreased 0.3% in May, mainly because of lower prices for stone (-2.2%). Higher prices for sand and gravel (1.9%) moderated this monthly decrease. Compared to a year ago, the non-metallic minerals index was 6.8% lower. The main contributions to this decline were lower prices for sulphur (-64.4%) and stone (-4.9%).

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2009.

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

## Raw Materials Price Index (1986 = 100)

	Relative Importance	Index May 1992 <sup>1</sup>	% Change	
			May 1992/ April 1992	May 1992/ May 1991
<b>Raw Materials total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>106.2</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.1</b>
Mineral fuels	32	105.6	6.6	6.7
Vegetable products	10	93.4	2.9	4.5
Animal and animal products	25	105.8	2.0	-1.6
Wood	13	133.3	1.2	7.0
Ferrous materials	4	94.4	1.6	4.5
Non-ferrous metals	13	96.7	1.5	0.5
Non-metallic minerals	3	98.6	-0.3	-6.8
Total excluding mineral fuels	68	106.6	1.8	1.6

<sup>1</sup> These indexes are preliminary.

## Sales of Refined Petroleum Products

May 1992

### Highlights

#### Seasonally Adjusted Sales

- Preliminary estimates indicate that sales of refined petroleum products totalled 6.6 million cubic metres in May 1992, a decrease of 1.6% from April 1992.
- The May decrease was attributable to lower sales of light fuel oil (-8.7), "all other refined products" (-4.8%), heavy fuel oil (-3.7%) and motor gasoline (-0.7%). Diesel fuel oil sales, however, increased 3.6%.

#### Unadjusted Sales

- Total sales of refined petroleum products decreased 6.7% from May 1991, to 6.4 million

cubic metres. Sales of all four main products decreased: heavy fuel oil (-11.9%), light fuel oil (-7.2%), motor gasoline (-7.1%) and diesel fuel oil (-1.4%).

- Cumulative sales of refined petroleum products for the first five months of 1992 amounted to 32.3 million cubic metres, up 1.9% from the corresponding period in 1991. Within this total, heavy fuel oil increased 10.2%, light fuel oil 7.0%, motor gasoline 0.8% and diesel fuel oil 0.1%.

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

The May 1992 issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, \$18.20/\$182) will be available the third week of August. 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

	February 1992 <sup>r</sup>	March 1992 <sup>r</sup>	April 1992 <sup>r</sup>	May 1992 <sup>p</sup>	May 1992/ April 1992
Seasonally Adjusted					
thousands of cubic metres					
<b>Total, All Products</b>	<b>6 697.6</b>	<b>6 705.0</b>	<b>6 676.0</b>	<b>6 568.6</b>	<b>-1.6</b>
Motor Gasoline	2 792.6	2 782.1	2 751.7	2 732.1	-0.7
Diesel Fuel Oil	1 301.4	1 305.1	1 339.2	1 387.8	3.6
Light Fuel Oil	506.4	526.8	524.3	478.9	-8.7
Heavy Fuel Oil	674.7	761.3	682.5	657.5	-3.7
All Other Refined Products	1 422.5	1 329.7	1 378.3	1 312.3	-4.8
Total					
	May 1991	May 1992 <sup>p</sup>	January- May 1991	January- May <sup>p</sup> 1992	Total Cum. 1992/ Cum. 1991
Unadjusted					
thousands of cubic metres					
<b>Total, All Products</b>	<b>6 863.7</b>	<b>6 400.9</b>	<b>31 717.9</b>	<b>32 329.8</b>	<b>1.9</b>
Motor Gasoline	2 930.8	2 721.8	12 920.1	13 022.0	0.8
Diesel Fuel Oil	1 492.1	1 471.3	6 030.7	6 039.3	0.1
Light Fuel Oil	311.4	288.9	3 254.6	3 483.9	7.0
Heavy Fuel Oil	712.5	628.0	3 327.3	3 665.7	10.2
All Other Refined Products	1 416.9	1 290.9	6 185.2	6 119.9	-0.7

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

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## DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Fruit and Vegetable Area, Inter-censal Revisions

1987-1990

Inter-censal revisions are now available for planted areas of fruits and vegetables for the years 1987 to 1990 at the provincial level.

These revisions ensure consistency of the series between the 1986 and 1991 Censuses of Agriculture. For tree fruits, grapes and berries, estimates are available for total cultivated area and bearing area.

Vegetable and bearing fruit areas planted include detail on areas for the fresh and processing markets.

The revisions will be incorporated, where possible, into the planted area series published in the August issue of *Fruit and Vegetable Production* (22-003, \$18/\$72). Special tabulations are available on a cost-recovery basis.

For further information, please contact John Brunette (613-951-3866) or Sandra Hanisch (613-951-3873), Agriculture Division. ■

### Stocks of Frozen Meat Products

June 1, 1992

Total frozen meat in cold storage as of June 1 amounted to 29 870 tonnes as compared with 31 790 tonnes the previous month and 26 930 tonnes a year earlier.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 87 and 9517-9525.**

To order *Stocks of Frozen Meat Products* (\$11.50/\$115), a statistical bulletin, contact Guy Gervais (613-951-2453).

For more information on this release, contact Russell Kowaluk (613-951-2511), Agriculture Division. ■

### Tobacco Products Industry

1990 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1990, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the tobacco products industry (SIC

1221) totalled \$1,561.3 million, up 4.4% from \$1,459.9 million in 1989.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 5408.**

The data for this industry will be released in *Beverage and Tobacco Products Industries* (32-251, \$35).

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

### Soap and Cleaning Compounds Industry

1990 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1990, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the soap and cleaning compounds industry (SIC 3761) totalled \$1,745.0 million, down 3.7% from \$1,812.4 million in 1989.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 6878.**

The data for this industry will be released in *Chemical and Chemical Products Industries* (46-250, \$35).

For more detailed information on this release, contact T. Raj Sehdev (613-951-3513), Industry Division. ■

### Asbestos Products Industry

1990 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1990, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the asbestos products industry (SIC 3592) totalled \$20.0 million, down 23.3% from \$26.1 million in 1989.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 6861.**

The data for this industry will be released in *Non-Metallic Mineral Products Industries* (44-250, \$35).

For more detailed information on this release, contact A. Shinnan (613-951-3520), Industry Division. ■

### **Industrial Fastener Industry**

1990 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1990, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the industrial fastener industry (SIC 3053) totalled \$509.4 million, down 8.2% from \$554.8 million in 1989.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 5529.**

The data for this industry will be released in *Fabricated Metal Products Industries* (41-251, \$35).

For more detailed information on this release, contact Bruno Pépin (613-951-9837), Industry Division. ■

### **Women's Blouse and Shirt Industry**

1990 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1990, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the women's blouse and shirt industry (SIC 2444) totalled \$197.2 million, up 0.1% from \$197.0 million in 1989.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 5448.**

The data for this industry will be released in *Clothing Industries* (34-252, \$35).

For more detailed information on this release, contact M. Labonté (613-951-3510), Industry Division. ■

### **Occupational Clothing Industry**

1990 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1990, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the occupational clothing industry (SIC 2492) totalled \$247.7 million, down 0.1% from \$247.9 million in 1989.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 5452.**

The data for this industry will be released in *Clothing Industries* (34-252, \$35).

For more detailed information on this release, contact M. Labonté (613-951-3510), Industry Division. ■

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## PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

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**Survey of Canadian Nursery Trades Industry, 1990 and 1991.**

**Catalogue number 22-203**

(Canada: \$22; United States: US\$26;  
Other Countries: US\$31).

**The Dairy Review, April 1992.**

**Catalogue number 23-001**

(Canada: \$12.20/\$122; United States:  
US\$14.60/US\$146; Other Countries:  
US\$17.10/US\$171).

**Electric Lamps, May 1992.**

**Catalogue number 43-009**

(Canada: \$5/\$50; United States: US\$6/US\$60;  
Other Countries: US\$7/US\$70).

**Quarterly Demographic Statistics, January-March 1992.**

**Catalogue number 91-002**

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30	<b>Building Permits</b>	April 1992
30	<b>Field Crop Reporting Series: No. 4 – Preliminary Estimates of Principal Field Crop Area, Canada</b>	
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