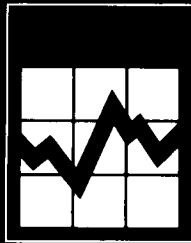


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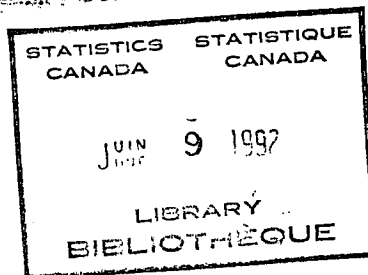
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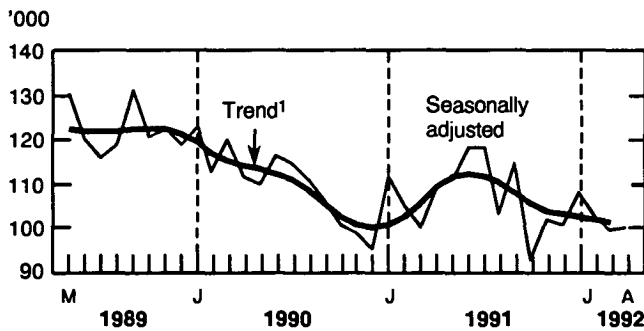
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#### Highlights

##### Seasonally Adjusted Series

- Preliminary estimates indicate that new motor vehicle sales totalled 100,000 units in April 1992, an increase of 0.5% from the revised March level. This marginal increase was due to stronger sales of passenger cars (+2.8%), while truck sales declined (-3.7%).

**Monthly Sales of New Motor Vehicles, Canada, Seasonally Adjusted, in Units, 1989-1992**



<sup>1</sup> The short-term trend represents a moving average of the data.

#### Note to Users

*North American vehicles: motor vehicles manufactured or assembled in North America. These vehicles may be built by domestic or foreign-owned companies.*

*Imported vehicles: motor vehicles manufactured or assembled overseas and marketed in Canada by domestic or foreign-owned companies.*

- The slight increase of 0.5% in April reflected a continuation of the weak sales reported throughout the past two years.

#### Unadjusted Sales

- Sales of all new motor vehicles for April 1992 were 125,000 units, down 10.7% from April 1991. Sales of passenger cars recorded a decline of 9.7%, while truck sales decreased by 12.7%.
- The April decrease in passenger car sales stemmed from a drop of 14.3% for North American automobiles and a decrease of 3.8% for cars manufactured in Japan.
- The North American share of the Canadian passenger car market fell to 62% in April 1992 from 66% a year earlier; the Japanese share rose marginally from 28% to 29% over the same period.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 64.

The April 1992 issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, \$14.40/\$144) will be available in July. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Tom Newton (613-951-3552) or Diane Lake (613-951-9824), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division. □

**New Motor Vehicle Sales - Canada**  
April 1992

	Seasonally Adjusted Data			
	January 1992 <sup>r</sup>	February 1992 <sup>r</sup>	March 1992 <sup>r</sup>	April 1992 <sup>p</sup>
	Units % Change	Units % Change	Units % Change	Units % Change
<b>Total New Motor Vehicles</b>	<b>107,502</b> + 7.2	<b>102,250</b> - 4.9	<b>99,033</b> - 3.1	<b>99,574</b> + 0.5
<b>Passenger Cars by Origin:</b>				
North America	47,348 + 13.0	43,301 - 8.5	38,957 - 10.0	41,032 + 5.3
Overseas	24,640 + 0.9	23,327 - 5.3	25,694 + 10.1	25,421 - 1.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>71,988</b> + 8.5	<b>66,628</b> - 7.4	<b>64,651</b> - 3.0	<b>66,453</b> + 2.8
<b>Trucks, Vans and Buses</b>	<b>35,514</b> + 4.6	<b>35,622</b> + 0.3	<b>34,383</b> - 3.5	<b>33,120</b> - 3.7
	Unadjusted Sales			
	April 1992	Change 1992/1991	January- April 1992	Change 1992/1991
	Units	%	Units	%
<b>Total New Motor Vehicles</b>	<b>124,848</b>	<b>-10.7</b>	<b>396,739</b>	<b>-4.3</b>
<b>Passenger Cars by Origin:</b>				
North America	51,910	-14.3	163,016	-11.9
Japan	24,521	-3.8	77,535	+ 2.3
Other Countries (Including South Korea)	6,947	+ 10.9	19,414	-3.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>83,378</b>	<b>-9.7</b>	<b>259,965</b>	<b>-7.4</b>
<b>Trucks, Vans and Buses by Origin:</b>				
North America	36,041	-10.1	118,686	+ 4.9
Overseas	5,429	-26.7	18,088	-12.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,470</b>	<b>-12.7</b>	<b>136,774</b>	<b>+ 2.2</b>

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

## Farm Product Price Index

April 1992

The Farm Product Price Index (1986=100) for Canada stood at 95.9 in April, up 0.3% from the revised March level of 95.6. The crops index was unchanged in April at 88.8; an increase in the potatoes index offset a drop in the oilseeds index, while the cereals index remained unchanged. The livestock and animal products index rose 0.5% to 100.3. Over the last nine months, the total index has been at levels not seen since the 1979-1980 crop year, due mainly to lower Canadian Wheat Board (CWB) initial prices for wheat and barley that became effective August 1, the beginning of the 1991-92 crop year.

The percentage changes in the index between March and April 1992, by province, were as follows:

Newfoundland	-1.3%
Prince Edward Island	-2.7%
Nova Scotia	-4.6%
New Brunswick	-3.5%
Quebec	+0.7%
Ontario	0.0%
Manitoba	-0.6%
Saskatchewan	+0.3%
Alberta	+1.9%
British Columbia	+0.1%
<b>Canada</b>	<b>+0.3%</b>

### Crops

The crops index was stable in April at 88.8, as an increase in the potatoes index offset a decrease in the oilseeds index, while the cereals index was unchanged. The index remained 10.5% below the level of one year earlier.

- The cereals index was unchanged at 75.7 in April. Price increases for CWB wheat and barley and non-board barley were balanced by a price drop for non-board wheat and oats. The index remained 17.6% below the year-earlier level.
- The oilseeds index fell to 100.5, a decrease of 0.5% from March. Flaxseed and canola price drops were largely offset by increased soybean prices. The index in April stood 7.5% below the level of a year earlier.

### Livestock and Animal Products

The livestock and animal products index rose 0.5% to 100.3 in April. The cattle and calves and the hogs indexes increased by 0.8% and 1.2%, respectively, but the poultry index decreased by 5.8%. The eggs and dairy products indexes remained almost unchanged.

- The cattle and calves index rose 0.8% to 106.1, in response to higher United States (U.S.) slaughter cattle prices. The index increased by 10.9% over the last four months but still stood 3.0% below the April 1991 level.
- The hogs index increased by 1.2% to 69.0, in response to higher U.S. prices. In spite of the rise, the index remained 18.3% below the level seen one year earlier. Inspected slaughter in the U.S. for the first four months of 1992 was 7.8% above the same period a year earlier.

### Available on CANSIM: matrix 176.

The April issue of the *Farm Product Price Index* (62-003, \$7.10/\$71) is scheduled for release on June 17. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, please contact Liz Leckie (613-951-2441), Farm Income and Prices Section, Agriculture Division. ■

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## DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics**

April 1992

Pulpwood receipts amounted to 1 330 296 cubic metres in April 1992, a decrease of 15.6% from 1 576 713<sup>r</sup> (revised) cubic metres a year earlier. Receipts of wood residue totalled 5 523 486 cubic metres, up 8.1% from 5 110 626<sup>r</sup> cubic metres in April 1991. Consumption of pulpwood and wood residue was reported at 8 337 344 cubic metres, an increase of 2.3% from 8 151 977<sup>r</sup> cubic metres reported the previous year. The closing inventory of pulpwood and wood residue decreased 16.9% to 15 901 282 cubic metres, down from 19 130 375<sup>r</sup> cubic metres a year earlier.

Year-to-date receipts of pulpwood for 1992 totalled 11 798 906 cubic metres, a decrease of 14.2% from 13 756 302<sup>r</sup> cubic metres a year earlier. Receipts of wood residue increased 7.6% to 20 644 479 cubic metres from the year-earlier level of 19 186 016<sup>r</sup> cubic metres. Consumption of pulpwood and wood residue, at 34 297 529 cubic metres, was up 0.1% from 34 251 313<sup>r</sup> cubic metres a year earlier.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 54.**

The April 1992 issue of *Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics* (25-001, \$6.10/\$61) will be available at a later date.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Jacques Lepage (613-951-3516), Industry Division. ■

### **Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products**

April 1992

Data on factory shipments of steel wire and specified wire products for April 1992 are now available, as are production and export market data for selected commodities.

Shipments totalled 59 854 tonnes in April 1992, a decrease of 1.4% from the 60 720 tonnes shipped during the previous month.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 122 (series 19).**

The April 1992 issue of *Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products* (41-006, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

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

### **Steel Primary Forms**

April 1992

Steel primary forms production for April 1992 totalled 1 162 295 tonnes, an increase of 15.2% from 1 008 580 tonnes the previous year.

Year-to-date production reached 4 561 097 tonnes, up 4.0% from 4 386 643 tonnes a year earlier.

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

The April 1992 issue of *Primary Iron and Steel* (41-001, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Greg Milsom (613-951-9827), Industry Division. ■

### **Steel Pipe and Tubing**

April 1992

Steel pipe and tubing production for April 1992 totalled 97 501 tonnes, a decrease of 39.5% from the 161 220<sup>r</sup> (revised) tonnes produced a year earlier.

Year-to-date production totalled 471 670 tonnes, down 21.9% from the 603 877<sup>r</sup> tonnes produced during the same period in 1991.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 35.**

The April 1992 issue of *Steel Pipe and Tubing* (41-011, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Greg Milsom (613-951-9827), Industry Division. ■

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**Supply and Disposition of Major Grains  
and Oilseeds**

1990-91

Supply and disposition tables for Canada pertaining to the major grains and oilseeds (wheat, oats, barley, rye, flax, canola, corn and soybeans) are now available for the 1990-91 crop year (August 1 to July 31).

Available on CANSIM: matrices 5629, 5674, 5679-5685 and 5688.

The 1990-91 issue of *Grain Trade of Canada* (22-201, \$39) is scheduled for release in June. See "How to Order Publications".

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

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**Farm Cash Receipts, January-March 1992.**  
**Catalogue number 21-001**  
(Canada: \$11/\$44; United States: US\$13.25/US\$53;  
Other Countries: US\$15.50/US\$62).

**Coal and Coke Statistics, March 1992.**  
**Catalogue number 45-002**  
(Canada: \$10/\$100; United States: US\$12/US\$120;  
Other Countries: US\$14/US\$140).

**Traveller Accommodation Statistics, 1987-1989.**  
**Catalogue number 63-204**  
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Countries: US\$31).

**Imports by Country, January-March 1992.**  
**Catalogue number 65-006**  
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