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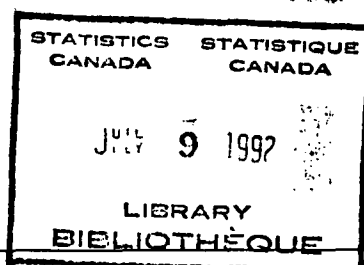
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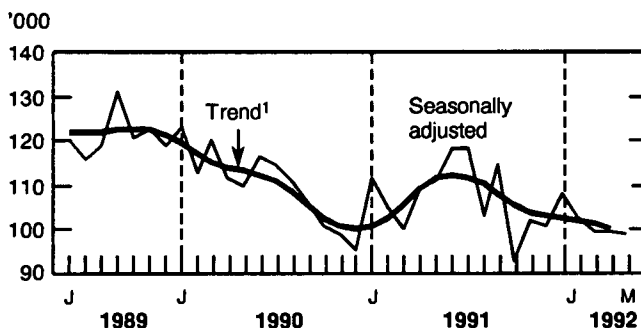
May 1992

Highlights

Seasonally Adjusted Sales

- Preliminary estimates indicate that new motor vehicle sales totalled 98,000 units in May 1992, a decrease of 1.1% from the revised April level. This decrease was due to weaker sales of passenger cars (-1.7%), while truck sales remained unchanged from April.
- The 1.1% decrease in May reflects a continuation of the downtrend in evidence since July 1991.

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



¹ 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.

Unadjusted Sales

- Sales of all new motor vehicles for May 1992 were 125,000 units, down 14.8% from May 1991. Sales of passenger cars declined 17.1% and truck sales decreased 9.5%.
- The May decrease in passenger car sales stemmed from a drop of 21.0% for North American passenger cars and a decrease of 10.3% for cars manufactured in Japan.
- The North American share of the Canadian passenger car market fell to 64% in May 1992 from 67% a year earlier, but the Japanese share rose from 26% to 29% for the same period.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 64.

The May 1992 issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, \$14.40/\$144) will be available in September. 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
May 1992

| | Seasonally Adjusted Sales | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| | February 1992 ^r | March 1992 ^r | April 1992 ^r | May 1992 ^p |
| | Units % Change | Units % Change | Units % Change | Units % Change |
| Total New Motor Vehicles | 102,247 -4.9 | 98,886 -3.3 | 99,353 + 0.5 | 98,251 -1.1 |
| Passenger Cars by Origin: | | | | |
| North America | 43,292 -8.6 | 38,903 -10.1 | 40,897 + 5.1 | 40,186 -1.7 |
| Overseas | 23,355 -5.2 | 25,693 + 10.0 | 25,433 -1.0 | 25,001 -1.7 |
| Total | 66,647 -7.4 | 64,596 -3.1 | 66,329 + 2.7 | 65,187 -1.7 |
| Trucks, Vans and Buses | 35,600 + 0.2 | 34,290 -3.7 | 33,023 -3.7 | 33,063 + 0.1 |

| | Unadjusted Sales | | | |
|--|------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| | May 1992 | Change 1992/1991 | January - May 1992 | Change 1992/1991 |
| | Units | % | Units | % |
| Total New Motor Vehicles | 125,257 | -14.8 | 521,996 | -7.0 |
| Passenger Cars by Origin: | | | | |
| North America | 54,243 | -21.0 | 217,259 | -14.3 |
| Japan | 24,140 | -10.3 | 101,675 | -1.0 |
| Other Countries (Including South Korea) | 6,413 | -3.7 | 25,827 | -3.3 |
| Total | 84,796 | -17.1 | 344,761 | -10.0 |
| Trucks, Vans and Buses by Origin: | | | | |
| North America | 34,783 | -5.7 | 153,469 | + 2.3 |
| Overseas | 5,678 | -27.6 | 23,766 | -16.5 |
| Total | 40,461 | -9.5 | 177,235 | -0.7 |

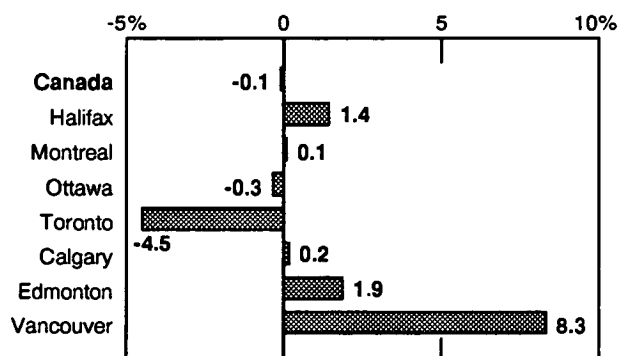
^p Preliminary.
^r Revised.

New Housing Price Index

May 1992

The New Housing Price Index (1986=100) for Canada stood at 134.2 in May, up 0.1% from April 1992. The estimated House Only index decreased 0.1%, but the Land Only index increased 0.3%.

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



The largest monthly increases in housing prices were registered in Regina (1.7%), Quebec City (1.4%), Edmonton (0.9%), Halifax (0.8%), Vancouver (0.8%) and Victoria (0.7%). The largest monthly decreases were recorded in Hamilton (-1.6%) and St. Catharines-Niagara (-1.0%).

Note to Users

Users should note that the NHPI reflects selling price changes from the contractor's perspective rather than the purchaser's. The analytical index more closely follows a purchase price concept, although it has not been adjusted for all possible costs.

This index of Canadian housing contractors' selling prices was 0.1% lower in May 1992 than a year earlier. This movement mainly reflected the offsetting impacts of decreases in cities such as Hamilton (-4.6%), Toronto (-4.5%) and Kitchener-Waterloo (-3.6%) compared to increases in cities such as Vancouver (8.3%), Regina (5.5%) and Victoria (3.5%).

Analytical Index

Prices Division has calculated an analytical index in which current regulations concerning the GST and relevant new housing rebates are applied to the current price sample to calculate an index that includes the estimated net effect of the GST on purchasers of these houses. In May 1992 this index was 140.0, up 0.1% from the Canada Total level of 139.9 for April 1992.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2032.

The second quarter 1992 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$18/\$72) will be available in September. 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. □

New Housing Price Indexes

1986 = 100

| | May 1992 | April 1992 | May 1991 | % change | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | | May 1992/ April 1992 | May 1992/ May 1991 |
| Canada Total | 134.2 | 134.1 | 134.4 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| Canada (House only) | 124.5 | 124.6 | 125.6 | -0.1 | -0.9 |
| Canada (Land only) | 162.8 | 162.3 | 160.5 | 0.3 | 1.4 |
| St. John's | 126.8 | 126.8 | 126.5 | - | 0.2 |
| Halifax | 110.7 | 109.8 | 109.2 | 0.8 | 1.4 |
| Saint John-Moncton-Fredericton | 115.7 | 115.4 | 114.2 | 0.3 | 1.3 |
| Quebec City | 137.1 | 135.2 | 134.2 | 1.4 | 2.2 |
| Montreal | 134.7 | 134.8 | 134.5 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| Ottawa-Hull | 122.8 | 122.9 | 123.2 | -0.1 | -0.3 |
| Toronto | 141.1 | 141.8 | 147.8 | -0.5 | -4.5 |
| Hamilton | 130.4 | 132.5 | 136.7 | -1.6 | -4.6 |
| St. Catharines-Niagara | 131.7 | 133.0 | 134.1 | -1.0 | -1.8 |
| Kitchener-Waterloo | 125.1 | 125.4 | 129.8 | -0.2 | -3.6 |
| London | 146.6 | 146.5 | 145.9 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| Windsor | 127.4 | 127.3 | 127.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Sudbury-Thunder Bay | 131.8 | 131.5 | 134.2 | 0.2 | -1.8 |
| Winnipeg | 108.5 | 108.3 | 108.4 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Regina | 117.3 | 115.3 | 111.2 | 1.7 | 5.5 |
| Saskatoon | 107.2 | 107.2 | 106.4 | - | 0.8 |
| Calgary | 132.9 | 132.9 | 132.6 | - | 0.2 |
| Edmonton | 142.3 | 141.0 | 139.6 | 0.9 | 1.9 |
| Vancouver | 134.2 | 133.1 | 123.9 | 0.8 | 8.3 |
| Victoria | 127.7 | 126.8 | 123.4 | 0.7 | 3.5 |

- Nil or zero.

Farm Product Price Index

May 1992

The Farm Product Price Index (1986=100) for Canada stood at 96.6 in May, up 1.4% from the revised April level of 95.3. The crops index was up 0.3% to 89.2, as the cereals, oilseeds and potatoes indexes all showed increases. The livestock and animal products index rose 2.0% to 101.2, with increases in the cattle and calves, hogs, and poultry indexes. But despite increases in recent months, the total index has remained at low levels not seen since the 1979-1980 crop year; this has been due mainly to lower Canadian Wheat Board (CWB) initial prices for wheat and barley.

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

| | |
|----------------------|---------------|
| Newfoundland | + 1.1% |
| Prince Edward Island | + 2.3% |
| Nova Scotia | + 1.1% |
| New Brunswick | + 1.9% |
| Quebec | + 1.7% |
| Ontario | + 2.8% |
| Manitoba | + 1.7% |
| Saskatchewan | + 0.3% |
| Alberta | -0.2% |
| British Columbia | + 1.3% |
| Canada | + 1.4% |

Crops

The crops index was up 0.3% in May to 89.2, as the cereals (+0.1%), oilseeds (+0.2%) and potatoes (+4.1%) indexes all increased. Still, the crops index remained 10.2% below the year-earlier level.

- The cereals index was up 0.1% to 75.9 in May as prices increased for oats, non-board barley and corn. This was the sixth consecutive month in which the index either rose or remained stable,

increasing 5.3% since November 1991. In spite of this, the index remained 17.1% below the year-earlier level.

- The oilseeds index rose to 101.0, an increase of 0.2% from April. The index has risen in five of the last six months, and in May stood 9.8% above the November 1991 level. Soybean and canola price increases in May offset lower flaxseed prices. The index remained 5.5% below the same month last year.

Livestock and Animal Products

The livestock and animal products index rose 2.0% to 101.2 in May. The cattle and calves, hogs and poultry indexes increased, while the eggs and dairy products indexes remained almost unchanged.

- The cattle and calves index rose 2.0% to 108.0, as U.S. prices increased through the first half of the month in response to lower marketings of feeder cattle. Since December, the index has increased by 12.9% and in May 1992 stood 3.2% below the May 1991 level.
- The hogs index increased by 9.0% to 75.0 in May, following normal seasonal trends. The U.S. prices trended up throughout the month before dropping in the first week of June. However, the index remained 16.2% below the year-earlier level, as inspected slaughter in the U.S. for the first five months of 1992 was 7.6% above the year-earlier level.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 176.

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

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

Crude Oil and Natural Gas

March 1992

Highlights

- Preliminary estimates indicate that production of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons in March amounted to 8.7 million cubic metres, an increase of 5.2% from March 1991. Year-to-date production rose 2.7% over the same period in 1991, to 25.0 million cubic metres.
- Imports of crude oil decreased 22.3% from March 1991 to 2.4 million cubic metres. Year-to-date imports for 1992 amounted to 7.1 million cubic metres, a decrease of 6.5% from 1991. Exports increased 9.6% from March 1991 to 4.1 million cubic metres. Year-to-date exports in March 1992 were 12.2 million cubic metres, 4.0% higher than in 1991.
- Marketable production of natural gas, at 9.9 billion cubic metres, posted a 6.7% gain over March 1991. Year-to-date production in 1992 was 6.7% higher than last year.
- Exports of natural gas, at 4.9 billion cubic metres, rose 21.1% over March 1991. Year-to-date exports, at 14.0 billion cubic metres, posted a 17.8% gain over 1991.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 127 and 128.

The March 1992 issue of *Crude Oil and Natural Gas Production* (26-006, \$10/\$100) will be available during the second week of July. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Gerry O'Connor (613-951-3562), Energy Section, Industry Division.

Crude Oil and Natural Gas

| | March 1992 | % Change from March 1991 | January - March 1992 | % Change from January - March 1991 |
|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| (thousands of cubic metres) | | | | |
| Crude oil and equivalent | | | | |
| Production | 8 690.3 | 5.2 | 25 030.4 | 2.7 |
| Exports | 4 145.4 | 9.6 | 12 216.2 | 4.0 |
| Imports | 2 395.5 | -22.3 | 7 142.2 | -6.5 |
| Refinery receipts | 6 732.5 | -7.2 | 20 051.0 | -0.8 |
| (millions of cubic metres) | | | | |
| Natural Gas | | | | |
| Marketable production | 9 933.3 | 6.7 | 29 486.7 | 6.7 |
| Exports | 4 916.4 | 21.1 | 13 987.6 | 17.8 |
| Canadian sales | 5 890.7 | -1.2 | 18 991.6 | -0.6 |

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Census of Agriculture Small Area Data 1991 Census

The 1991 Census of Agriculture data at the census consolidated subdivision level are now available. The non-catalogued print version presents, for each province, basic counts and totals for all the 1991 Census of Agriculture variables at the province, census division and census consolidated subdivision levels. The electronic version will be released on July 31.

For more information, please contact Lynda Kemp (613-951-8711), User Services and Marketing, Agriculture Division. ■

Sugar Sales June 1992

Canadian sugar refiners reported total sales of 102 876 tonnes for all types of sugar in June 1992, comprising 90 341 tonnes in domestic sales and 12 535 tonnes in export sales. In June, the 1992 year-to-date sales reported for all types of sugar totalled 512 799 tonnes: 448 259 tonnes in domestic sales and 64 540 tonnes in export sales.

This compares to total sales of 85 855 tonnes in June 1991, of which 80 461 tonnes were domestic sales and 5 394 tonnes were export sales. The June 1991 year-to-date sales reported for all types of sugar totalled 465 810 tonnes: 430 692 tonnes in domestic sales and 35 118 tonnes in export sales.

The June 1992 issue of *The Sugar Situation* (32-013, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

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

Particleboard, Waferboard and Fibreboard May 1992

Canadian firms produced 165 656 cubic metres of waferboard in May 1992, an increase of 28.7% from the 128 746^r (revised) cubic metres produced in May 1991. Particleboard production reached 108 517

cubic metres in May, up 9.5% from 99 097^r cubic metres the previous year. Production of fibreboard for May 1992 was 8 332 thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, a decrease of 9.9% from the 9 248^r thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, of fibreboard produced in May 1991.

Cumulative production of waferboard for January to May 1992 totalled 791 149 cubic metres, up 44.5% from the 547 479^r cubic metres produced during the 1991 period. Particleboard production was 471 512 cubic metres, up 13.5% from the 415 413^r cubic metres produced from January to May 1991. Year-to-date production of fibreboard totalled 38 591 thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, down 2.0% from the 39 397^r thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, for the same period in 1991.

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

The May 1992 issue of *Particleboard, Waferboard and Fibreboard* (36-003, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

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

Steel Primary Forms Week Ending July 4, 1992

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel primary forms production for the week ending July 4, 1992 totalled 275 658 tonnes, a 1.5% decrease from the preceding week's total of 279 760 tonnes but up 33.6% from the year-earlier level of 206 311 tonnes. The cumulative total in 1992 was 7 063 426 tonnes, a 6.6% increase from 6 623 177 tonnes for the same period in 1991.

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

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Survey Methodology, June 1992. Vol. 18, No. 1.
Catalogue number 12-001

(Canada: \$35; United States: US\$42; Other Countries: US\$49).

Gross Domestic Product by Industry, April 1992.
Catalogue number 15-001

(Canada: \$12.70/\$127; United States: US\$15.20/US\$152; Other Countries: US\$17.80/US\$178).

Factory Sales of Electric Storage Batteries, May 1992.

Catalogue number 43-005

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

Department Store Sales and Stocks, November 1991.

Catalogue number 63-002

(Canada: \$14.40/\$144; United States: US\$17.30/US\$173; Other Countries: US\$20.20/US\$202).

Labour Force Information, June 1992.

Catalogue number 71-001P

(Canada: \$6.30/\$63; United States: US\$7.60/US\$76; Other Countries: US\$8.80/US\$88).

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Post-censal Annual Estimates of Population for Census Divisions and Census Metropolitan Areas, June 1, 1990.

Catalogue number 91-212

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

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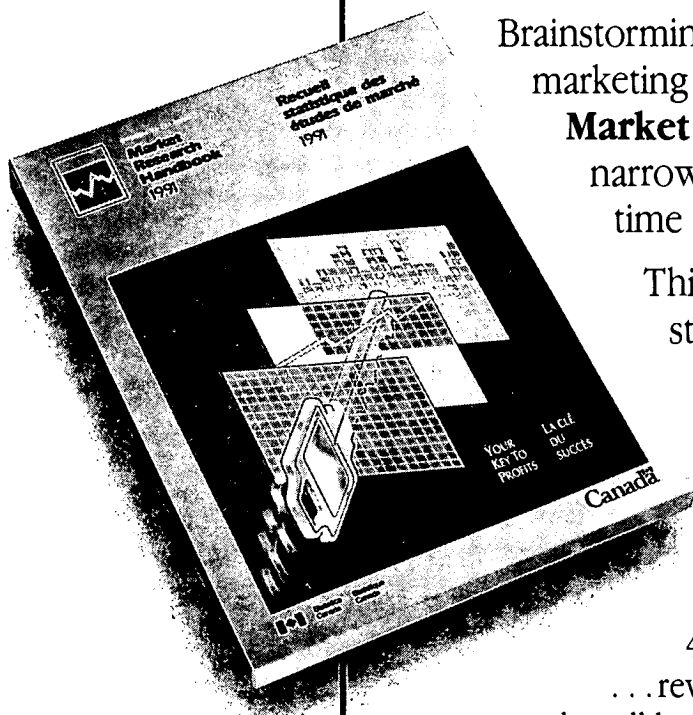
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