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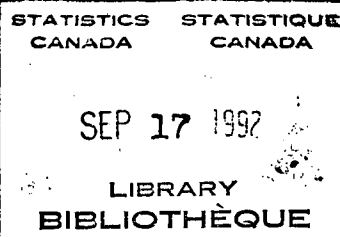
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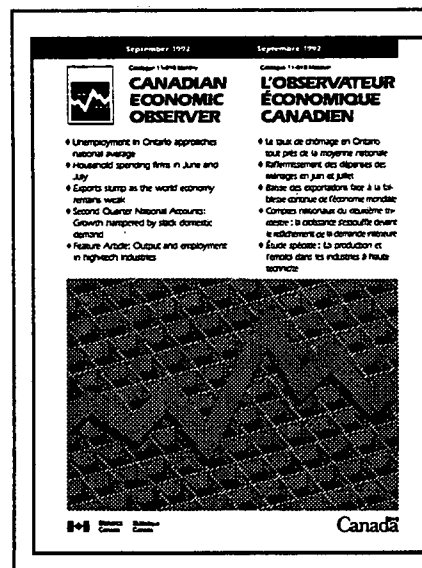
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Canadian Economic Observer September 1992

The September issue of *Canadian Economic Observer*, Statistics Canada's flagship publication for economic statistics, is now available.

The September issue contains a monthly summary of the economy, major economic events in August, the second quarter national accounts, and a feature article on output and employment in high-tech industries. A statistical summary contains a wide range of tables and graphs on the principal economic indicators for Canada, the provinces and major industrial nations.

Canadian Economic Observer (11-010, \$22/\$220) can now be ordered from Publication Sales. See "How to Order Publications".

For more information, call Philip Cross (613-951-9162), Current Analysis Section.



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Preliminary Statement of Canadian International Trade

July 1992

Seasonally adjusted merchandise exports climbed in July by \$412 million to \$13.1 billion, more than offsetting the drop observed in June. Most of the increase stemmed from a surge in wheat exports, which rose by \$434 million to \$761 million, but relatively large increases were also registered for machinery and equipment (\$209 million) and energy products (\$47 million). Moderating the increases were lower exports of automotive products (-\$150 million), forestry products (-\$103 million), industrial goods (-\$80 million) and miscellaneous consumer goods (-\$13 million).

Seasonally adjusted imports were up \$195 million to \$12.5 billion in July. Increases were registered for machinery and equipment (\$280 million), industrial goods (\$49 million) and agricultural and fishing products (\$32 million). Partially offsetting these increases were reduced imports of energy products (-\$130 million), automotive products (-\$62 million) and miscellaneous consumer goods (-\$44 million).

The larger rise in exports compared to imports caused the merchandise trade surplus to increase by \$217 million in July to \$623 million.

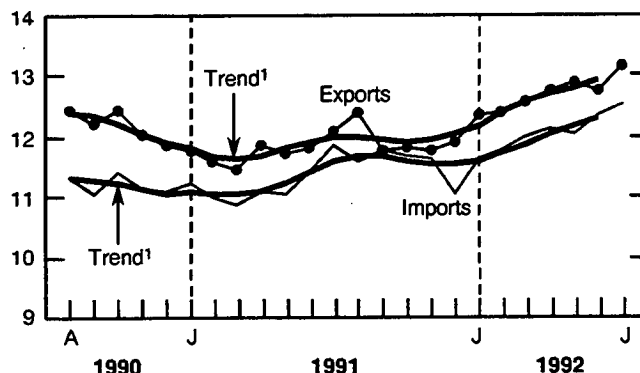
The seasonally adjusted merchandise trade data series have been further smoothed using moving averages, in order to more clearly discern underlying trends. They show the export trend rose for the eighth consecutive month with the largest increase stemming from wheat exports, up by over 10% this month. Increases were also noted for industrial goods (excluding precious metals), machinery and equipment (excluding aircraft and other transportation equipment), miscellaneous consumer goods, energy products and automotive products. Contributing a downward influence on the trend were exports of aircraft and other transportation equipment, precious metals and forestry products.

The import trend has been increasing since the beginning of the year and was up by over 1% this month. Increases were recorded for imports of all commodity groups except precious metals. Office machines imports increased to a level almost 30% higher than in September 1990. Petroleum and coal products have risen some 60% during the last four months, mostly due to significant growth in import volumes. Imports of cars, trucks and parts all continued to rise.

Merchandise Trade

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Balance of Payments Basis

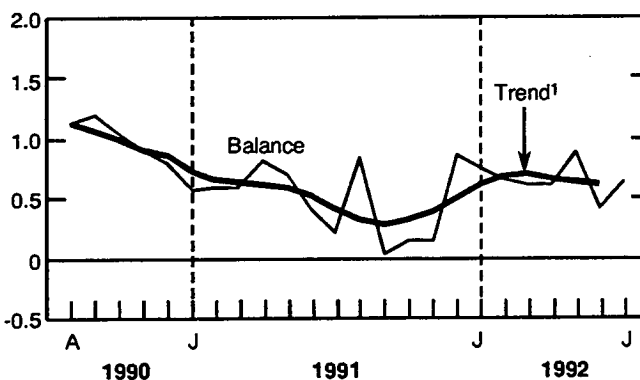
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Merchandise Trade Balance

Seasonally Adjusted
Balance of Payments Basis

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¹ The short-term trend represents a weighted average of the data.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3620-3629, 3651, 3685-3713, 3718, 3719, 3887-3913.

Current account data, which incorporate merchandise trade statistics as well as data concerning trade in services and capital account movements, are available on a quarterly basis in *Canada's Balance of International Payments* (67-001, \$27.50/\$110).

For further information on international trade statistics (detailed tables, charts and a more complete analysis), *Preliminary Statement of Canadian International Trade* (65-001P, \$10/\$100) is now available. For more timely receipt of the data, a fax service is available on the morning of release (10-002, \$250). See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on statistics, concepts and definitions, the July 1992 issue of *Summary of Canadian International Trade* (65-001, \$18.20/\$182) will be available the first week of October, or contact Gordon Blaney (613-951-9647), Client Services Section, International Trade Division.

Merchandise Trade of Canada (Seasonally Adjusted, Balance of Payments Basis)
(\$ millions)

	Exports				Imports			
	July 1992	June 1992	May 1992	July 1991	July 1992	June 1992	May 1992	July 1991
United States	10,130	9,908	9,882	9,121	8,848	8,682	8,491	8,182
Other Trading Areas	3,003	2,813	2,988	2,925	3,662	3,633	3,506	3,670
Total	13,133	12,721	12,870	12,046	12,510	12,315	11,997	11,852
Agricultural and Fishing								
Products	1,673	1,220	1,135	1,104	809	777	762	767
Energy Products	1,293	1,246	1,304	1,172	551	681	486	615
Forestry Products	1,534	1,637	1,793	1,567	116	116	117	104
Industrial Goods and								
Materials	2,392	2,472	2,390	2,507	2,215	2,165	2,205	2,137
Machinery and Equipment	2,645	2,437	2,595	2,252	4,044	3,765	3,863	3,659
Automotive Products	3,014	3,164	3,124	2,979	2,810	2,872	2,646	2,767
Other Consumer Goods	320	333	306	252	1,529	1,573	1,523	1,441
Special Transactions Trade	296	251	263	248	391	306	347	307

Merchandise Trade of Canada, Monthly Variation of the Trend
(percentage change)

	Exports				Imports			
	July 1992	June 1992	May 1992	July 1991	July 1992	June 1992	May 1992	July 1991
Agricultural and Fishing								
Products	4.4	3.9	2.7	-1.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.0
Energy Products	0.8	0.8	1.2	0.1	4.4	4.5	4.9	3.0
Forestry Products	-1.7	-1.1	-0.6	-1.4	0.7	1.5	1.7	1.6
Industrial Goods and								
Materials	0.9	1.0	1.0	-0.4	-0.9	-0.2	0.0	0.7
Machinery and Equipment	0.4	0.8	1.0	0.9	1.4	1.9	2.0	1.0
Automotive Products	-0.3	0.3	0.7	2.9	0.4	0.8	1.0	3.3
Other Consumer Goods	1.7	1.9	2.1	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.8	1.4
Special Transactions Trade	1.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	0.9	0.9	0.5	-0.8

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Export and Import Price Indexes

July 1992

Current- and fixed-weighted export and import price indexes (1986 = 100) on a balance of payments basis are now available. Price indexes are listed from January 1986 to July 1992 for the five commodity sections and 62/61 major commodity groups.

Customs-based current- and fixed-weighted U.S. price indexes (1986 = 100) are also available. Price indexes are listed from January 1986 to July 1992. Included with the U.S. commodity indexes are the 10 all countries and U.S. only SITC section indexes.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3620-3629, 3651 and 3685.

The July 1992 issue of *Summary of Canadian International Trade* (65-001, \$18.20/\$182) will be available the first week of October. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Denis Pilon (613-951-4808), Price Index Unit, International Trade Division. ■

Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin

September 1992

- Canadian Level I air carriers reported a poorer operating performance in the second quarter of 1992 compared to the year-earlier period. Although passenger counts were up, carriers noted a decrease in margins due to competitive forces.
- Preliminary data for the first quarter of 1992 showed the first year-over-year increase in total enplaned and deplaned passengers since the third quarter of 1990. However, in absolute terms, traffic volume was still below its first quarter 1987 level.

- Preliminary data for the first quarter of 1992 indicated that the number of passengers travelling on international charter services increased by 12% compared to the corresponding 1991 figure. International charter operations appeared to be on the rebound following a poor first quarter in 1991.
- In 1991, total movements at all Transport Canada towered airports decreased by 7% from the year-earlier period.
- In 1991, 69% of passengers on duopolistic routes (i.e., served by two carriers) travelled on a discounted ticket, compared to 59% on oligopolistic routes (i.e., served by three or more carriers) and 57% on monopolistic routes (i.e., served by one carrier).
- In 1989, after PWA Corporation took over Wardair, the discount air fares on oligopolistic routes increased by 10%. During 1989, the discount air fares increased more substantially on monopolistic (17%) and duopolistic (30%) routes.

The Vol. 24, No. 9 issue of *Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin* (51-004, \$9.30/\$93) will be available shortly. See "How to Order Publication".

For more detailed information on this release, contact K. Tieman (819-997-6173), Aviation Statistics Centre, Transportation Division. ■

Steel Primary Forms

Week Ending September 12, 1992

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel primary forms production for the week ending September 12, 1992 totalled 281 217 tonnes, a 5.3% increase from the preceding week's total of 267 088 tonnes and up 4.7% from the year-earlier level of 268 520 tonnes. The cumulative total in 1992 was 9 523 922 tonnes, a 7.1% increase from 8 892 729 tonnes for the same period in 1991.

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

Average Prices of Selected Farm Inputs

August 1992

August 1992 average prices for selected farm inputs are now available on CANSIM by geographic region as follows:

Matrix	Geographic Region
550	Newfoundland
551	Prince Edward Island
552	Nova Scotia
553	New Brunswick
554	Quebec - East
555	Quebec - South
556	Quebec - West-central
557	Quebec - East-central
558	Quebec - West
559	Ontario - South
560	Ontario - North
561	Ontario - Central
562	Ontario - East
563	Ontario - West
564	Manitoba - Southwest
565	Manitoba - Northwest
566	Manitoba - Central
567	Manitoba - East
568	Saskatchewan - Southeast
569	Saskatchewan - Southwest
570	Saskatchewan - West-central
571	Saskatchewan - East-central
572	Saskatchewan - North
573	Alberta - Southeast
574	Alberta - South-central
575	Alberta - Southwest
576	Alberta - East-central
577	Alberta - West-central
578	Alberta - Northeast
579	Alberta - Northwest
580	British Columbia - West
581	British Columbia - East
582	British Columbia - North

For further information, contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit 613-951-9607), Prices Division. ■

Soft Drinks

August 1992

Data on production of soft drinks for August 1992 are now available.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 196.

Monthly Production of Soft Drinks (32-001, \$2.70/\$27) will be released at a later date.

For further information, contact Peter Zylstra (613-951-3511), Industry Division. ■

Oils and Fats

July 1992

Production by Canadian manufacturers of all types of deodorized oils in July 1992 totalled 61 518 tonnes, a decrease of 9.7% from the 68 115 tonnes produced in June 1992. Year-to-date production in July 1992 totalled 437 185 tonnes, an increase of 6.7% from the year-earlier 409 677 tonnes.

Manufacturers' packaged sales of shortening totalled 11 029 tonnes in July 1992, up from the 9 473 tonnes sold the previous month. The cumulative sales to date were 66 013 tonnes in 1992 compared to year-earlier cumulative sales of 71 614 tonnes.

Sales of packaged salad oil totalled 5 451 tonnes in July 1992. Year-to-date sales in July 1992 were 38 839 tonnes, compared to 42 073 tonnes a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 184.

The July 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. ■

Restaurants, Caterers and Taverns

July 1992

Restaurant, caterer and tavern receipts totalled \$1,706 million for July 1992, an increase of 5.6% from the \$1,616 million reported for the same period of 1991.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 52.

The July 1992 issue of *Restaurants, Caterers and Taverns* (63-011, \$6.10/\$61) will be available in approximately three weeks. See "How to Order Publications"

For more detailed information on this release, contact William Birbeck (613-951-3506), Services, Science and Technology Division. ■

Stocks of Frozen Poultry Products

September 1, 1992

Preliminary data on cold storage of frozen poultry products at September 1, 1992 and revised figures for August 1, 1992 are now available.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 5675-5677.

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

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

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