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### Home Language, Mother Tongue and Knowledge of Languages 1991 Census of Canada

Tomorrow, a special issue of *The Daily* will present data from the 1991 Census of Canada on home language, mother tongue and knowledge of languages.

As well, two publications will be released tomorrow: *Home Language and Mother Tongue* (93-317, \$40) and *Knowledge of Languages* (93-318, \$40). Each publication presents data for Canada, the provinces/territories and, in some cases, census metropolitan areas. Together, they offer a wealth of information on English, French and non-official languages in Canada.

Data on ethnic origin will be released on February 23, 1993.



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## MAJOR RELEASES

### New Motor Vehicle Sales

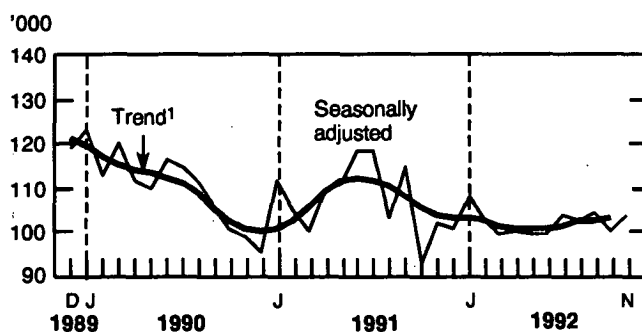
November 1992

#### Highlights

##### Seasonally Adjusted Sales

- Preliminary estimates indicate that new motor vehicle sales totalled 104,000 units in November 1992, an increase of 3.7% from the revised October figure. This increase was due to stronger truck sales (+10.3%), while car sales rose marginally (+0.2%).

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.*

#### Unadjusted Sales

- Sales of all new motor vehicles for November 1992 were 88,000 units, down 1.0% from November 1991. Sales of passenger cars declined 7.5%, but truck sales increased by 11.3%.
- The November decrease in passenger car sales stemmed from a drop of 6.8% for North American passenger cars and a drop of 1.3% for cars manufactured in Japan.
- The North American share of the Canadian passenger car market remained constant at 64% in November 1992 compared to November 1991, but the Japanese share rose from 27% to 29% for the same period.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 64.

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

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

# New Motor Vehicle Sales - Canada November 1992

	Seasonally Adjusted Data			
	August 1992 <sup>r</sup>	September 1992 <sup>r</sup>	October 1992 <sup>r</sup>	November 1992 <sup>p</sup>
	Units % Change	Units % Change	Units % Change	Units % Change
<b>Total New Motor Vehicles</b>	<b>102,414</b> -1.3	<b>104,125</b> +1.7	<b>99,994</b> -4.0	<b>103,737</b> +3.7
<b>Passenger Cars by Origin:</b>				
North America	41,979 -4.5	41,052 -2.2	41,033 --	41,944 +2.2
Overseas	23,924 -2.2	24,789 +3.6	24,114 -2.7	23,350 -3.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>65,902</b> -3.7	<b>65,841</b> -0.1	<b>65,147</b> -1.1	<b>65,294</b> +0.2
<b>Trucks, Vans and Buses</b>	<b>36,512</b> +3.4	<b>38,284</b> +4.9	<b>34,847</b> -9.0	<b>38,443</b> +10.3
	Unadjusted Sales			
	November 1992	Change 1992/91	January- November 1992	Change 1992/91
	Units	%	Units	%
<b>Total New Motor Vehicles</b>	<b>88,063</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>1,143,390</b>	<b>-5.8</b>
<b>Passenger Cars by Origin:</b>				
North America	34,812	-6.8	472,987	-13.1
Japan	15,688	-1.3	221,308	-1.6
Other Countries	3,416	-32.0	54,337	-6.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,916</b>	<b>-7.5</b>	<b>748,632</b>	<b>-9.5</b>
<b>Trucks, Vans and Buses by Origin:</b>				
North America	29,949	+16.5	339,667	+4.5
Overseas	4,198	-15.4	55,091	-11.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,147</b>	<b>+11.3</b>	<b>394,758</b>	<b>+1.9</b>

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary.

<sup>r</sup> Revised.

-- Amount too small to be expressed.

## New Housing Price Index

November 1992

The New Housing Price Index (1986=100) for Canada stood at 134.8 in November, up 0.1% from October 1992. The estimated House Only index increased 0.4%, but the Land Only index decreased 0.3%.

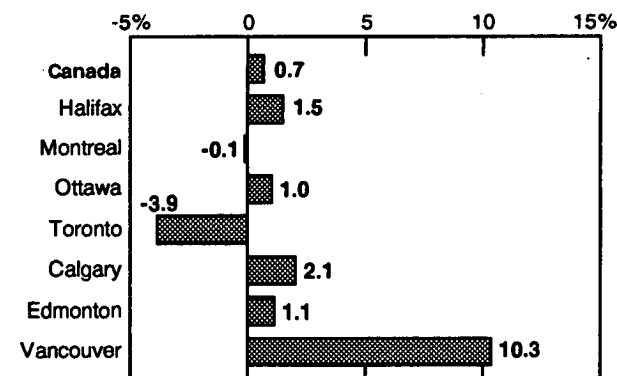
The largest monthly decrease in new housing prices was in Hamilton (-0.5%), while the largest monthly increase was in Regina (0.9%), followed by Vancouver (0.7%) and Victoria (0.5%).

This index of Canadian housing contractors' selling prices was up 0.7% from the year-earlier level. This movement was influenced by a year-over-year increase of 10.3% in Vancouver and by increases in Victoria (5.8%) and Regina (5.7%). However, these increases were partly offset by decreases in Hamilton (-4.2%), Toronto (-3.9%), Kitchener-Waterloo (-2.9%) and St. Catharines-Niagara (-2.8%).

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2032.

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

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



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

	November 1992	October 1992	November 1991	% change	
				November 1992/ October 1992	November 1992/ November 1991
Canada Total	134.8	134.7	133.9	0.1	0.7
Canada (House Only)	124.7	124.2	125.0	0.4	-0.2
Canada (Land Only)	165.8	166.3	160.1	-0.3	3.6
St. John's	127.0	127.0	126.5	-	0.4
Halifax	111.0	111.0	109.4	-	1.5
Saint John-Moncton-Fredericton	115.8	115.4	114.4	0.3	1.2
Quebec City	134.7	134.9	134.7	-0.1	-
Montreal	134.7	134.8	134.8	-0.1	-0.1
Ottawa-Hull	123.6	123.8	122.4	-0.2	1.0
Toronto	138.9	139.1	144.5	-0.1	-3.9
Hamilton	128.7	129.3	134.4	-0.5	-4.2
St. Catharines-Niagara	129.4	129.3	133.1	0.1	-2.8
Kitchener-Waterloo	124.9	124.6	128.6	0.2	-2.9
London	146.0	146.0	145.7	-	0.2
Windsor	127.8	127.8	127.6	-	0.2
Sudbury-Thunder Bay	132.8	132.8	132.8	-	-
Winnipeg	108.8	108.7	108.4	0.1	0.4
Regina	119.3	118.2	112.9	0.9	5.7
Saskatoon	107.4	107.4	106.7	-	0.7
Calgary	134.3	134.2	131.5	0.1	2.1
Edmonton	143.1	143.4	141.5	-0.2	1.1
Vancouver	140.8	139.8	127.7	0.7	10.3
Victoria	130.3	129.7	123.1	0.5	5.8

- Nil or zero.

## Farm Product Price Index

November 1992

The Farm Product Price Index (1986=100) for Canada stood at 97.1 in November, up 1.1% from the revised October level of 96.0. The crops index was up 2.0% to 84.9; the cereals, oilseeds and potatoes indexes all increased. The livestock and animal products index rose 0.7% to 104.6, with an increase of 2.8% in the hogs index and an increase of 0.5% in the cattle and calves index. Still, the overall index remained at low levels not seen since the 1979/1980 crop year. The Canadian Wheat Board's initial prices for wheat and barley for 1992/93 were set slightly above prices that prevailed in July; however, the low quality of the 1992/93 crop has depressed average prices.

### Percentage Changes In the Farm Product Price Index between October and November 1992, by Province

Newfoundland	+1.5%
Prince Edward Island	-4.7%
Nova Scotia	-0.4%
New Brunswick	-1.9%
Quebec	+1.5%
Ontario	+0.1%
Manitoba	+1.6%
Saskatchewan	+2.3%
Alberta	+2.9%
British Columbia	-1.1%
<b>Canada</b>	<b>+1.1%</b>

### Crops

The crops index was up 2.0% in November to 84.9 as the cereals, oilseeds and potatoes indexes increased. The index fell 6.9% below the year-earlier level.

- The cereals index rose 1.5% to 69.6 in November. Wheat prices in Western Canada rebounded in response to improvements in the quality of grain marketed. Barley prices rose due to an adjustment to the CWB initial prices of Special Select 2- and 6-Row (designated) barley effective November 5, 1992. The index stood 12.5% below the year-earlier level.

- The oilseeds index increased by 6.3% to 112.5, its highest level since August 1990. Flaxseed and canola prices rose strongly, while soybean prices were steady. The index stood 22.3% above the November 1991 level.
- The potatoes index rose 4.9% in November following three consecutive monthly declines. In spite of this increase, the index remained 10.2% below its year-earlier level. Canadian potato production for 1992/93 is estimated to be 23.4% above last year's level.

### Livestock and Animal Products

The livestock and animal products index rose 0.7% to 104.7 in November. The cattle and calves index and the hogs and poultry indexes increased, while the dairy products and eggs indexes decreased.

- The hogs index rose 2.8% to 81.0 in November, its third consecutive monthly increase. Prices in the United States were steady throughout the month. The U.S. slaughter to the end of November stood 7.7% above the year-earlier level, while Canadian slaughter was up 6.3%. The November 1992 index stood 24.8% above the year-earlier level, which was one of the lowest levels on record.
- The cattle and calves index increased 0.5%. The U.S. prices were stable throughout November, trending upward slightly during the last week of the month. The U.S. cattle slaughter to the end of November was up just 0.3% over the previous year, but calves slaughter was down 4.9%. Canadian slaughter for the same period was up 4.0% for cattle but down 6.3% for calves. At 109.8, the November index stood 8.7% above the November 1991 level.

### Available on CANSIM: matrix 176.

The November issue of the *Farm Product Price Index* (62-003, \$7.10/\$71) is scheduled for release on January 20. 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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### Milling and Crushing Statistics

November 1992

#### Milling

The total amount of wheat milled in November 1992 was 203 425 tonnes, up 2% from the 198 573 tonnes milled in November 1991. The resulting wheat flour production increased 1% to 152 146 tonnes in November 1992 from 150 678 tonnes in November 1991.

#### Crushing

Canola crushings for November 1992 amounted to 155 399 tonnes, down 1% from 157 318 tonnes crushed in November 1991. The resulting oil production decreased 0.01% to 64 289 tonnes from 64 322 tonnes in November 1991. Meal production decreased 2% to 93 199 tonnes from 95 182 tonnes in November 1991.

Data on soybean crushings are now confidential.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 5687.**

The November 1992 issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review* (22-007, \$13.80/\$138) is scheduled for release in January. See "How to Order Publications".

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

### Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics

November 1992

Pulpwood receipts amounted to 3 221 035 cubic metres in November 1992, a decrease of 11.6% from 3 643 255<sup>r</sup> (revised) cubic metres a year earlier. Receipts of wood residue totalled 5 506 903 cubic metres, up 11.3% from 4 949 380<sup>r</sup> cubic metres in November 1991. Consumption of pulpwood and wood residue was reported at 8 334 470 cubic metres, an increase of 1.5% from 8 209 564<sup>r</sup> cubic metres the previous year. November's closing inventory of pulpwood and wood residue decreased 18.3% to 14 961 767<sup>r</sup> cubic metres, down from 18 319 193<sup>r</sup> cubic metres a year earlier.

At the end of November 1992, year-to-date receipts of pulpwood totalled 32 864 509<sup>r</sup> cubic metres, a decrease of 12.2% from 37 414 427<sup>r</sup> cubic metres a year earlier. Year-to-date receipts of wood residue increased 3.9% to 56 821 297<sup>r</sup> cubic metres from the year-earlier 54 694 046<sup>r</sup> cubic metres. Year-to-date consumption of pulpwood and wood residue, at 90 583 421<sup>r</sup> cubic metres, was down 2.1% from 92 529 873<sup>r</sup> cubic metres a year earlier.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 54.**

The November 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. ■

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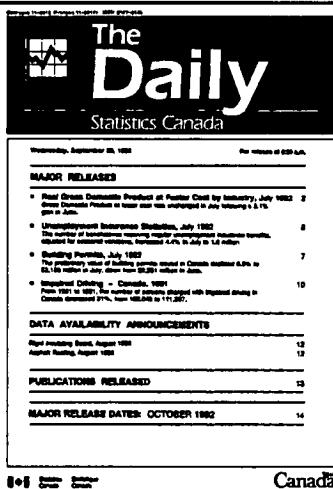
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