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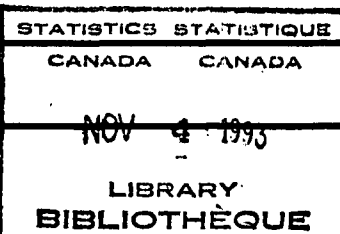
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### Unemployment Insurance Statistics

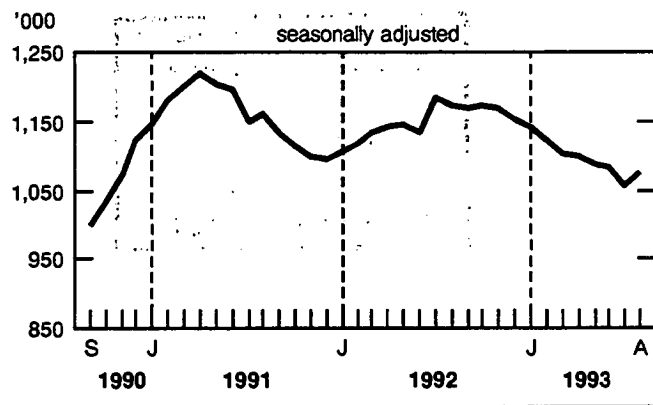
August 1993

For the week ended August 14, 1993, the preliminary estimate of the number of beneficiaries who received regular unemployment insurance benefits stood at 1,075,000, up 2.1% from a month earlier.

#### Seasonally adjusted

Between July and August 1993, the number of beneficiaries who received regular benefits increased 3.6% in Quebec, 2.5% in Manitoba, 2.1% in Saskatchewan, 1.8% in Prince Edward Island, 1.4% in New Brunswick and 1.2% in Nova Scotia. Decreases were observed in the Yukon (-1.8%) and the Northwest Territories (-1.4%). The number of such beneficiaries in the other provinces changed by less than 1.0%.

#### Beneficiaries of regular U. I. benefits



#### Unadjusted

In August 1993, the estimated number of beneficiaries (including all persons qualifying for regular and special unemployment insurance benefits) was 1,173,000, down 9.6% from August 1992. Year-over-year, the number of male beneficiaries

#### Note to users

The number of beneficiaries represents those who qualified for unemployment insurance benefits during a specific week of the reference month.

Data on benefit payments, number of benefit weeks and number of claims received relate to a complete calendar month and are usually final estimates. These estimates are affected by the number of working days in the reference month to process claims and pay benefits. It is common when making short-term comparisons to observe different trends between these data and the number of beneficiaries.

Benefits shown here include disbursements to schools and colleges to train beneficiaries (since February 1991) and disbursements to claimants as self-employment assistance (since June 1992).

decreased 11.7% to 561,000 and the number of female beneficiaries declined 7.5% to 612,000.

#### Number of beneficiaries (all types of benefits)

	August 1993	August 1992 to August 1993
		% change
<b>Census metropolitan area</b>		
St. John's	12,240	-13.9
Halifax	13,710	-3.7
Saint John	5,250	-13.1
Chicoutimi-Jonquière	9,750	-9.3
Québec	32,410	-1.2
Sherbrooke	6,780	-17.6
Trois-Rivières	8,430	-2.3
Montréal	153,530	-10.9
Hull	10,760	5.4
Ottawa	18,360	-9.2
Oshawa	8,620	-33.0
Toronto	142,780	-10.3
Hamilton	20,760	-14.7
St. Catharines-Niagara	14,570	-12.1
Kitchener	12,190	-12.7
London	11,480	-7.7
Windsor	8,310	-21.5
Sudbury	7,380	-3.5
Thunder Bay	5,700	5.8
Winnipeg	23,910	-4.1
Regina	4,850	-5.3
Saskatoon	7,070	-6.9
Calgary	25,140	-15.0
Edmonton	30,720	-3.8
Vancouver	57,290	-5.9
Victoria	8,660	-10.6

Unemployment insurance disbursements in August 1993 totalled \$1.4 billion, almost the same level (-0.6%) as in August 1992. From January to August 1993, \$13.1 billion was paid in benefits, a decrease of 3.1% from the corresponding period in 1992. Comparing the same eight-month periods, the average weekly payment increased 2.7% to \$261.28 but the number of benefit weeks decreased 5.8% to 48.9 million.

A total of 214,000 claims (applications) for unemployment insurance benefits were received in August 1993, down 9.7% from the same month a year ago. For January to August 1993, 2,034,000

claims were received, a 14.5% decrease from the same period in 1992.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 26 (series 1.6), 5700-5717 and 5735-5736.**

The August 1993 issue of *Unemployment Insurance Statistics* (73-001, \$14.70/\$147), containing data for June, July and August 1993, will be available in November. See "How to Order Publications".

For more information, please call Carole Lacroix (613-951-4039) or Horst Stiebert (613-951-4044), Labour Division (fax: 613-951-4087).

### Unemployment insurance statistics

		August 1992	June 1993	July 1993	August 1993	July 1993 to August 1993
		seasonally adjusted				% change
<b>Regular Benefits</b>						
Beneficiaries	'000	1,170	1,082 <sup>r</sup>	1,053 <sup>p</sup>	1,075 <sup>p</sup>	2.1
Amount paid	\$'000	1,319,151	1,208,956	1,207,612	1,218,327	0.9
Weeks of benefits	'000	5,165	4,696	4,680	4,732	1.1
		August 1992	June 1993	July 1993	August 1993	August 1992 to August 1993
		unadjusted				% change
All beneficiaries	'000	1,298	1,197 <sup>r</sup>	1,138 <sup>p</sup>	1,173 <sup>p</sup>	-9.6
Regular beneficiaries	'000	1,096	995 <sup>r</sup>	958 <sup>p</sup>	991 <sup>p</sup>	-9.6
Claims received	'000	237	248	294	214	-9.7
Amount paid	\$'000	1,449,948	1,423,836	1,275,124	1,441,352	-0.6
Weeks of benefits	'000	5,664	5,479	4,882	5,563	-1.8
Average weekly benefit	\$	251.74	255.42	253.28	255.13	1.3
		January to August				1992 to 1993
		1992	1993			% change
<b>Year-to-date</b>						
Beneficiaries - Average	'000	1,451	1,370 <sup>p</sup>			-5.6
Claims received	'000	2,379	2,034			-14.5
Amount paid	\$'000	13,510,231	13,091,399			-3.1
Weeks of benefits	'000	51,886	48,863			-5.8
Average weekly benefit	\$	254.34	261.28			2.7

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary figures.

<sup>r</sup> Revised figures.

"All beneficiaries" includes all claimants who receive regular benefits (e.g., because of lay-off) or special benefits (e.g., in case of sickness). ■

## Farm Input Price Index

Third Quarter 1993

The Farm Input Price Index (1986 = 100) for the third quarter of 1993 stood at a preliminary level of 113.7, up 0.4% from the previous quarter and an increase of 5.1% from a year earlier. Five major group indexes rose in the quarter, two declined.

The animal production index, up 2.2%, had the largest impact on the quarterly increase, mainly as a consequence of higher prices for weanling pigs (+10.3%) and feed (+4.0%). Lower prices for feeder cattle (-0.5%) partially offset the increases. Over the year, the animal production index rose by 14.3% as all its component indexes increased: feeder cattle 23.4%, weanling pigs 30.8%, feed 6.0%, artificial insemination 15.3% and veterinary services 6.4%.

The machinery and motor vehicles index was up 0.3% over the quarter, with equal increases for machinery replacement and for machinery and motor vehicle operation. The index stood 3.4% above its year-earlier level.

The crop production index increased 0.3%. Small declines in prices for pesticides (-0.1%) and twine (-0.6%) only partially offset higher prices for fertilizer (+0.7%). Compared to the third quarter 1992, the index was up by 4.4%.

The interest index was estimated to have fallen by 3.2% compared to the previous quarter as the non-mortgage component declined by 3.9% and the mortgage component declined by 2.0%. Compared to its level a year earlier, the interest index was down 9.2%, with decreases in the non-mortgage interest (-10.8%) and mortgage interest (-6.0%) components.

After increases in the first half of this year, lumber prices declined in the third quarter and caused the building and fencing index to decrease by 3.2%.

Quarterly changes in the provincial totals fluctuated between -0.1% in Saskatchewan, through +0.1% in Atlantic provinces and Ontario to +1.2% in British Columbia. On the year-to-year comparison, all the provincial totals rose, ranging from 2.2% in New Brunswick and 2.8% in Saskatchewan to 7.9% in Ontario.

The Eastern Canada total index rose 0.3% over the quarter, showing the same pattern as the Canada total index. Of the major group indexes that are updated quarterly, five recorded an increase and two declined. The most significant increase occurred in the animal production index (+1.2%) as weanling pig prices rose by 12.9%. The interest index declined by 3.0%, owing mainly to a 3.8% decline in the non-mortgage component. The total index for Eastern Canada was 6.1% higher than a year earlier.

The Western Canada total index increased 0.5% from its level in the second quarter of this year. In this region, higher prices for feeder cattle (+4.4%) was the principal cause for a quarterly increase of 3.6% in the animal production index. Increases in four of the major components outweighed three decreases in component indexes: building and fencing (-4.7%), hired farm labour (-0.1%) and interest (-3.3%). The total FIPI for the West was 4.3% above its year-earlier level.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 2050-2063.**

The third quarter 1993 issue of *Farm Input Price Indexes* (62-004, \$18/\$72) will be available end of November. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-951-9606), Prices Division. □

# Farm Input Price Index

(1986 = 100)

	Third Quarter 1992	Second Quarter 1993	Third Quarter 1993	Third Quarter 1992 to Third Quarter 1993	Second Quarter 1993 to Third Quarter 1993
	% change				
Canada					
Total Farm Input	108.2	113.3	113.7	5.1	0.4
Building and fencing	114.2	122.9	119.0	4.2	-3.2
Machinery and motor vehicles	113.2	116.7	117.1	3.4	0.3
Crop production	101.0	105.1	105.4	4.4	0.3
Animal production	99.9	111.7	114.2	14.3	2.2
Supplies and services	114.2	117.9	118.0	3.3	0.1
Hired farm labour	130.7	131.6	132.7	1.5	0.8
Property taxes	121.8	125.5	125.5	3.0	0.0
Interest	109.2	102.5	99.2	-9.2	-3.2
Farm rent	98.5	101.0	101.0	2.5	0.0
Eastern Canada					
Total Farm Input	110.8	117.2	117.6	6.1	0.3
Building and fencing	120.7	127.4	124.9	3.5	-2.0
Machinery and motor vehicles	117.7	121.5	121.9	3.6	0.3
Crop production	110.0	111.2	111.4	1.3	0.2
Animal production	96.4	110.2	111.5	15.7	1.2
Supplies and services	121.3	125.2	125.2	3.2	0.0
Hired farm labour	137.3	138.8	141.0	2.7	1.6
Property taxes	124.6	128.3	128.3	3.0	0.0
Interest	111.9	105.6	102.4	-8.5	-3.0
Farm rent	124.4	128.2	128.2	3.1	0.0
Western Canada					
Total Farm Input	106.3	110.3	110.9	4.3	0.5
Building and fencing	106.9	117.9	112.4	5.1	-4.7
Machinery and motor vehicles	110.9	114.3	114.6	3.3	0.3
Crop production	96.5	102.4	102.7	6.4	0.3
Animal production	104.5	113.8	117.9	12.8	3.6
Supplies and services	107.1	110.7	110.7	3.4	0.0
Hired farm labour	122.7	123.0	122.9	0.2	-0.1
Property taxes	121.1	124.7	124.7	3.0	0.0
Interest	107.5	100.5	97.2	-9.6	-3.3
Farm rent	89.7	91.8	91.8	2.3	0.0

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### Apartment Construction Price Index

Third Quarter 1993

The Apartment Construction Price Index (1986 = 100) is now available for the third quarter of 1993. The seven-city composite index rose 0.5% in the third quarter of 1993 and rose 1.6% from a year earlier, to a level of 117.6.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 2046.**

The third quarter 1993 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$18/\$72) will be available in December. See "How To Order Publications".

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

### Footwear Statistics

Third Quarter 1993

Manufacturers produced 5,853,824 pairs of footwear in the third quarter of 1993, down 0.3% from 5,868,640<sup>r</sup> (revised) pairs a year earlier.

Year-to-date production for January to September 1993 totalled 16,930,292 pairs, down 0.9% from 17,076,395<sup>r</sup> pairs the year before.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 8.**

The third quarter 1993 issue of *Footwear Statistics* (33-002, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Don Grant (613-951-5998), Industry Division. ■

### Civil Aviation Statistics

September 1993 (Preliminary)

Preliminary monthly operational data for September 1993 are now available. In September 1993, Level I

air carriers reported that the passenger load factor improved over the comparable 1992 figure, for the fourth consecutive month. Capacity was down 4% in September and demand was unchanged.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 385.**

Preliminary civil aviation data for September 1993 will be in the December issue of *Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin* (51-004, \$9.30/\$93). See "How to Order Publications".

For more information on this release, contact Robert Lund (819-997-6188), Aviation Statistics Centre, Transportation Division. ■

### Steel Primary Forms

Week Ending October 30, 1993 (Preliminary)

Steel primary forms production for the week ending October 30, 1993 totalled 258 611 tonnes, down 6.6% from the week-earlier 276 966 tonnes and down 10.2% from the year-earlier 287 983 tonnes.

The cumulative total at the end of the week was 11 869 970 tonnes, a 4.0% increase from 11 415 041 tonnes for the same period in 1992.

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

### Pack of Processed Sour Cherries

1993

Data for 1993 on the pack of processed sour cherries are now available.

*Pack of Selected Fruits (excluding apples), 1993* (32-234, \$13) will be released at a later date.

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

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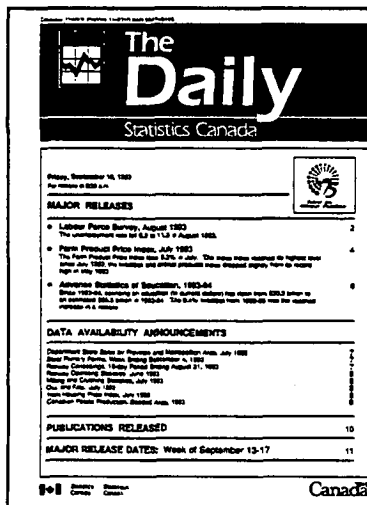
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