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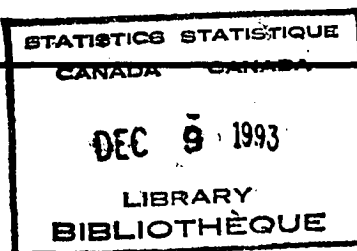


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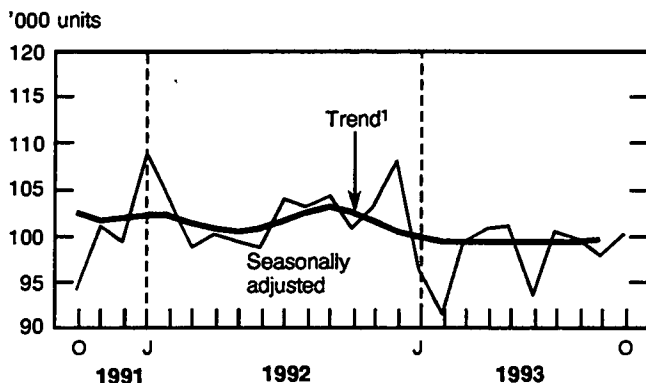
MAJOR RELEASES

New Motor Vehicle Sales

October 1993 (Preliminary)

Seasonally adjusted, new motor vehicle sales totalled 100,000 units in October 1993, a 2.4% increase from the revised September figure. October's increase resulted from very different movements in the components: North American passenger car sales and total truck sales increased by 9.6% and 3.9% respectively, but imported passenger car sales tumbled 13.7%.

New motor vehicle sales



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

Unadjusted

Sales of all new motor vehicles for October 1993 totalled 95,000 units, down 1.2% from October 1992. Passenger car sales decreased 9.5%; truck sales increased by 14.9%.

October's decrease in passenger car sales stemmed from a decline of 30.9% for cars manufactured in Japan and an increase of 5.9% for cars manufactured in North America.

In October, the North American share of the Canadian passenger car market rose to 70.7%, from 60.4% a year earlier; the Japanese share fell to 24.4% in October, from 32.0% a year earlier.

Provincial growth rates for new motor vehicle sales varied considerably, with sizable increases in New Brunswick (+13.7%), Prince Edward Island (+9.3%) and Alberta (+7.6%). Notable decreases were observed in British Columbia (-9.1%), Quebec (-6.0%) and Manitoba (-5.0%).

Available on CANSIM: matrix 64.

The October 1993 issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, \$14.40/\$144) will be available in January 1994. See "How to Order Publications".

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

New motor vehicle sales

	July 1993 ^r	August 1993 ^r	September 1993 ^r	October 1993 ^p
	units % change	units % change	units % change	units % change
seasonally adjusted				
Total new motor vehicles	100,381 + 7.6	99,297 -1.1	97,554 -1.8	99,924 + 2.4
Passenger cars by origin				
North America ¹	40,643 + 5.8	41,448 + 2.0	39,195 -5.4	42,955 + 9.6
Imported ²	21,498 +11.8	21,392 -0.5	20,888 -2.4	18,033 -13.7
Total	62,142 + 7.8	62,839 + 1.1	60,084 -4.4	60,988 + 1.5
Trucks, vans and buses	38,240 + 7.3	36,458 -4.7	37,470 + 2.8	38,936 + 3.9
	October 1993	October 1992 to October 1993	January to October 1993	January-October 1992 to January-October 1993
	units	% change	units	% change
unadjusted				
Total new motor vehicles	95,386	-1.2	1,015,934	-3.7
Passenger cars by origin				
North America ¹	40,920	+ 5.9	420,696	-3.3
Japan ²	14,115	-30.9	175,139	-16.2
Other countries ²	2,829	-41.7	43,620	-14.5
Total	57,864	-9.5	639,455	-8.0
Trucks, vans and buses by origin				
North America ¹	33,253	+ 19.8	331,884	+ 7.2
Imported ²	4,269	-12.7	44,595	-12.4
Total	37,522	+ 14.9	376,479	+ 4.4

¹ North American vehicles: motor vehicles manufactured or assembled in North America. These vehicles may be built by domestic or foreign-owned companies.

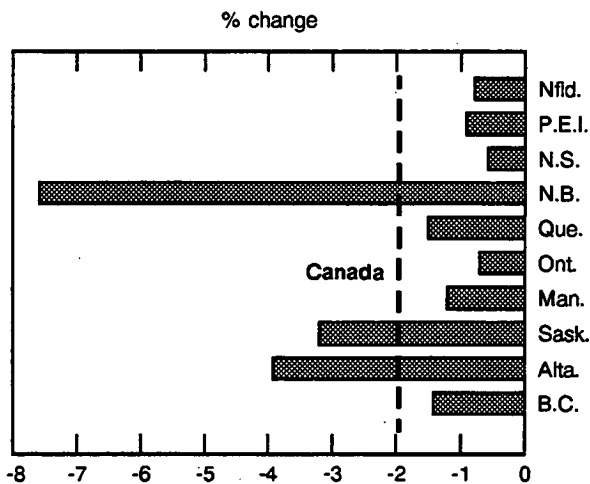
² Imported vehicles: motor vehicles manufactured or assembled overseas and marketed in Canada by domestic or foreign-owned companies. ■

Farm Product Price Index

October 1993

The Farm Product Price Index (1986=100) for Canada stood at 102.5 in October, down 2.0% from the revised September level of 104.6. The crops index fell 2.6% to 85.3. Decreases occurred in the cereals, oilseeds and potatoes indexes. The livestock and animal products index decreased 1.7% to 113.1, after reaching a record high in September.

Farm product price index September 1993 to October 1993



Crops

The crops index fell 2.6% in October to 85.3, as the cereals (-3.0), oilseeds (-1.1) and potatoes (-12.4) indexes all declined. This was the lowest the crops index has been since the 1970s. Since the beginning of the 1992/93 crop year in August 1992, the index has remained at lows not seen since 1986/87. In October, the index stood 1.2% below its year-earlier level.

The cereals index fell 3.0% in October to 65.7. Aggressive pricing by Canada's competitors and sluggish world trade are keeping prices down. Since September 1992, the cereals index has been at its lowest levels since 1972/73. The cereals index in October stood 13.0% below its year-earlier level, largely a result of lower Canadian Wheat Board (CWB) initial prices for wheat and barley.

The oilseeds index decreased 1.1% to 115.1. A decrease in canola prices was responsible for the drop. Year-over-year, however, the index was up 15.9%. Oilseeds have shown year-over-year price increases since June 1992.

After increasing sharply during the summer, the potatoes index dropped 11.6% in September and a further 12.4% in October. Despite these declines, the index stood at 149.1, which was 39.5% above the previous year. (Potato prices tend to drop in the fall as supplies from the new harvest become available.)

Livestock and animal products

The livestock and animal products index fell 1.7% to 113.1. This was only the third decline in the index during the last 12 months. The index has stood at or near record highs since the beginning of 1993. In October, the index stood 9.0% above its year-earlier level.

The cattle and calves index decreased 3.8% to 122.7, after reaching a record high in September. Cattle and calves prices have shown year-over-year increases since August 1992. In October, the cattle and calves index stood 12.5% above its year-earlier level.

In the United States, Omaha slaughter steer prices dropped 2.8%, from US\$71.78 in September to US\$69.79 in October. Prices could fall further because the beef supply is expected to exceed that of a year-earlier. Indeed, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's *Cattle-on-feed Report* of October 1, 1993 puts feedlot numbers 9% above a year earlier. In Canada, cattle and calves slaughter to the end of October was off 4.5% from the same period last year; in the United States, cattle and calves slaughter was up 1.8% from year-earlier levels.

The hogs index dropped 1.9% to 92.7 in October. Hog prices, however, have been rising generally since the beginning of 1992. In 1993, the market has moved upward because of the declining dollar exchange rate and the brisk bidding by Canadian packers. The hogs index stood 17.6% above its year-earlier level.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 176.

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

For further information on this release, contact Bernie Rosien (613-951-2441), Farm Income and Prices Section, Agriculture Division. □

Farm Product Price Index
1986 = 100

	October 1992	September 1993	October 1993	October 1992 to October 1993	September 1993 to October 1993
				% change	
Total index	97.2	104.6	102.5	5.5	-2.0
Crops	86.3	87.6	85.3	-1.2	-2.6
Cereals	75.5	67.7	65.7	-13.0	-3.0
Oilseeds	99.3	116.4	115.1	15.9	-1.1
Potatoes	106.9	170.2	149.1	39.5	-12.4
Livestock and animal products	103.8	115.1	113.1	9.0	-1.7
Cattle and calves	109.1	127.6	122.7	12.5	-3.8
Hogs	78.8	94.5	92.7	17.6	-1.9

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steel Primary Forms

Week Ending December 4, 1993 (Preliminary)

Steel primary forms production for the week ending December 4, 1993 totalled 279 717 tonnes, up 4.8% from the week-earlier 266 851 tonnes but down 4.7% from the year-earlier 293 610 tonnes.

The cumulative total at the end of the week was 13 252 764 tonnes, a 3.7% increase from 12 782 727 tonnes for the same period in 1992.

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

Steel Primary Forms

October 1993

Steel primary forms production for October 1993 totalled 1 128 095 tonnes, a 4.7% decrease from 1 183 240 tonnes the previous year.

At the end of October 1993, year-to-date production reached 11 892 926 tonnes, up 4.1% from 11 428 332 tonnes a year earlier.

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

The October 1993 issue of *Primary Iron and Steel* (41-001, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

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

Deliveries of Major Grains

October 1993

Except for wheat, October deliveries of major grains by prairie farmers increased from October 1992.

Deliveries of major grains

	October 1992	October 1993
	thousand tonnes	
Total, major grains	2 732.5	3 015.1
Wheat (excluding durum)	1 508.3	1 283.4
Durum wheat	165.4	335.6
Total, wheat	1 673.7	1 619.0
Oats	131.5	262.6
Barley	300.3	343.7
Rye	15.4	17.9
Flaxseed	50.0	115.1
Canola	561.6	656.8

Available on CANSIM: matrices 976-981.

The October 1993 issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review* (22-007, \$13.80/\$138) is scheduled for release in January 1994. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Alain Y. Bertrand (613-951-3859) or Karen Gray (204-983-2856), Agriculture Division. ■

Characteristics of International Travellers

Second Quarter 1993

Data on the characteristics (age group, purpose of trip, etc.) of Canadians who travel abroad are now available for the second quarter of 1993. Also available for the same period are data on residents of the United States and other countries who travel to Canada.

For further information, contact Ruth McMillan (613-951-1791), International Travel Section, Education, Culture and Tourism Division. ■

Air Charter Statistics

1992

The domestic charter market increased by 20% from 439,000 passengers in 1991 to 527,000 passengers in 1992. This continued the upturn, which began in 1989, in the domestic charter market.

Domestically, Toronto-Vancouver was the top city-pair in 1992 with 180,000 passengers inbound and outbound. Calgary-Toronto was a distant second with 65,000 passengers. Internationally, Montréal-Fort Lauderdale was the most popular city-pair across the board for all charter regions, with 310,000 passengers in 1992.

The total number of charter passengers travelling to and from Canada increased by 9% between 1991 and 1992, from 4.3 million to 4.7 million. This increase in 1992 occurred after two consecutive years of international charter decreases.

The 1992 edition of *Air Charter Statistics* (51-207, \$36) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Packaging Survey

1992

In 1992, an estimated 5.5 million tonnes of packaging material were produced. Domestic use of packaging by industry was 10.5 million tonnes; 36% of this material was re-used packaging. The packaging used came from both foreign and domestic sources. The amount of packaging material recycled was 2.4 million tonnes.

The 1992 National Packaging Survey was conducted as a special survey for the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment, in order to monitor packaging practices and packaging waste management as called for in the National Packaging Protocol.

For more information, contact Greg Peterson (613-951-0224), Small Business and Special Surveys Division. ■



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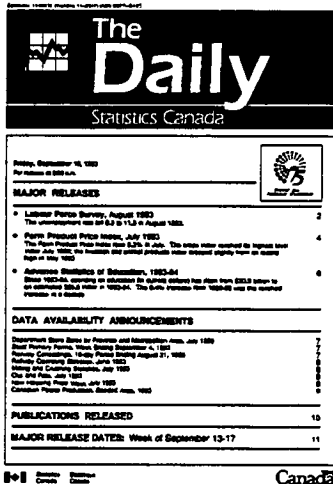
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