



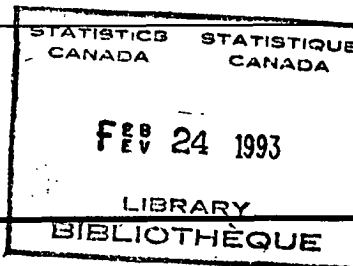
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Unemployment Insurance Statistics

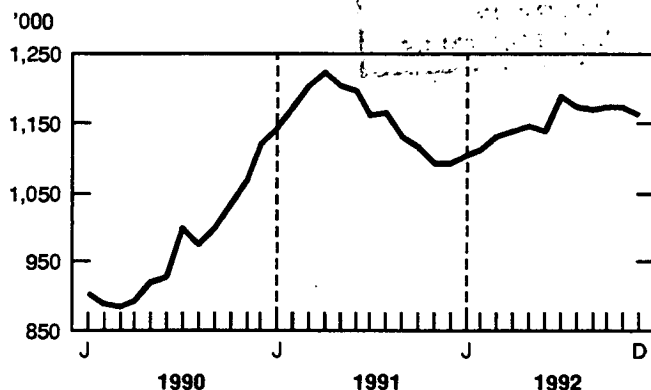
December 1992

Seasonally Adjusted Data

- For the week ended December 12, 1992, the number of beneficiaries¹ who received regular unemployment insurance benefits totalled an estimated 1,160,000, down 1.0% from November.

Beneficiaries Receiving Regular Unemployment Insurance Benefits, Canada

Seasonally adjusted



- Between November and December 1992, the number of beneficiaries who received regular benefits decreased 2.9% in the Yukon and 2.8% both in Ontario and Newfoundland. Increases were noted in the Northwest Territories (1.9%) and Nova Scotia (1.0%). The other provinces had changes of less than 1%.

Data Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variation

- In December 1992, the estimated number of beneficiaries¹ (including all persons qualifying for regular and special unemployment insurance benefits) was 1,400,000, up 1.5% from December 1991. Over the same 12-month period, the number of male beneficiaries remained virtually the same at 793,000, but the number of female beneficiaries increased 3.1% to 607,000.

- In the following census metropolitan areas the year-over-year percentage change in the number of beneficiaries exceeded $\pm 10\%$:

	Beneficiaries December 1992	% Change December 1992/1991
Thunder Bay	5,760	18%
Calgary	31,690	17%
Quebec City	35,740	16%
Trois-Rivières	9,940	15%
Regina	5,840	12%
Toronto	143,040	12%
Sherbrooke	8,600	12%
Ottawa	18,740	11%
St. Catharines-Niagara	18,090	11%
Kitchener	12,020	-11%
London	11,430	-14%

- In December 1992, disbursements of unemployment insurance benefits^{2,3} totalled \$1.6 billion, up 16.3% from December 1991. (The increase was in part explained by the greater number of working days available in December 1992 compared to December 1991.) In 1992, a total of \$19.3 billion was disbursed, up 9.1% from 1991. Year-over-year for the same 12-month period, the average weekly payment rose 4.4% to \$254.72 and the number of benefit weeks rose 3.3% to 73.8 million.

- A total of 388,000 claims² (applications) for unemployment insurance benefits were received in December 1992, an increase of 5.0% from December 1991. During 1992, a total of 3,806,000 claims were received, down 1.8% compared to 1991.

¹ The number of beneficiaries is a count of persons who qualified for unemployment insurance benefits during a specific week of the reference month.

² Benefit payments, number of benefit weeks, and number of claims received relate to a complete calendar month. These data are usually final estimates when released. These estimates are affected by the number of working days available during the reference month to process claims and to pay benefits. If short-term comparisons are made, it is not uncommon to observe different trends between these data and the number of beneficiaries.

³ The unemployment insurance disbursements shown include monies paid to schools and colleges to train beneficiaries (starting in February 1991) and funds made available to claimants as self-employment assistance (since June 1992).

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

For more information, please call Carole Lacroix (613-951-4039) or André Picard (613-951-4045), Labour Division (fax: 613-951-4087).

The December 1992 issue of *Unemployment Insurance Statistics* (73-001, \$14.70/\$147) will contain data for October, November and December 1992, and will be available in March. See "How to Order Publications".

Unemployment Insurance Statistics

Seasonally adjusted data	December 1992	November 1992	October 1992	December 1991	% change December 1992/ November 1992
Regular Benefits					
Beneficiaries (000)	1,160 P	1,171 P	1,173 r	1,090	-1.0
Amount paid (\$000)	1,333,358	1,343,715	1,334,735	1,164,723	-0.8
Weeks of benefits (000)	5,182	5,215	5,187	4,645	-0.6
Unadjusted data	December 1992	November 1992	October 1992	December 1991	% change December 1992/ December 1991
Beneficiaries (000) - All	1,400 P	1,263 P	1,197 r	1,379	1.5
Beneficiaries (000) - Regular	1,166 P	1,050 P	984 r	1,119	4.2
Claims received (000)	388	393	338	369	5.0
Amount paid (\$000)	1,642,919	1,440,072	1,303,193	1,412,509	16.3
Weeks of benefits (000)	6,049	5,353	5,024	5,282	14.5
Average weekly benefit (\$)	260.33	256.53	252.97	253.93	2.5
Year-to-date	January to December				% change 1992/1991
	1992		1991		
Beneficiaries - Average (000)	1,386 P		1,365		1.5
Claims received (000)	3,806		3,877		-1.8
Amount paid (\$000)	19,308,233		17,695,617		9.1
Weeks of benefits (000)	73,795		71,460		3.3
Average weekly benefit (\$)	254.72		243.91		4.4

P Preliminary figures.

r Revised figures.

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

Wholesale Trade

December 1992

Highlights

Seasonally Adjusted Sales

- Preliminary estimates indicate that wholesale merchants' sales totalled \$16.4 billion in December, up 0.4% from the preceding month. December's increase, following a flat November, represented a return to the growth evident since March 1992.
- Six of the nine trade groups posted sales increases. The most significant monthly gain in dollar terms was recorded by distributors of food, beverage, drug and tobacco products (+1.7%). Also recording higher sales were wholesalers of lumber and building materials (+3.0%) and suppliers of metals, hardware, plumbing and heating supplies (+3.7%).
- Lower sales were reported by distributors of other machinery, equipment and supplies (-2.2%), the second consecutive monthly decline for this group.
- Regionally, in dollar terms, British Columbia registered the greatest increase in sales, up 1.4% from November. Other notable sales increases were recorded in Manitoba (+2.8%) and Saskatchewan (+3.0%).
- For 1992, wholesale merchants' sales totalled \$190.1 billion, up 7.8% from 1991. All nine trade groups recorded higher year-over-year sales. The

Note to Users

Wholesalers interact with various sectors of the economy both in buying and selling goods. More specifically, wholesalers purchase through a network of importers, manufacturers and other wholesalers. They sell to other wholesalers, retailers, household consumers, industrial and commercial users, and to foreign markets.

largest increases in dollar terms were by distributors of other machinery, equipment and supplies (+11.0%) followed by suppliers of food, beverage, drug and tobacco products (+9.5%).

Seasonally Adjusted Inventories

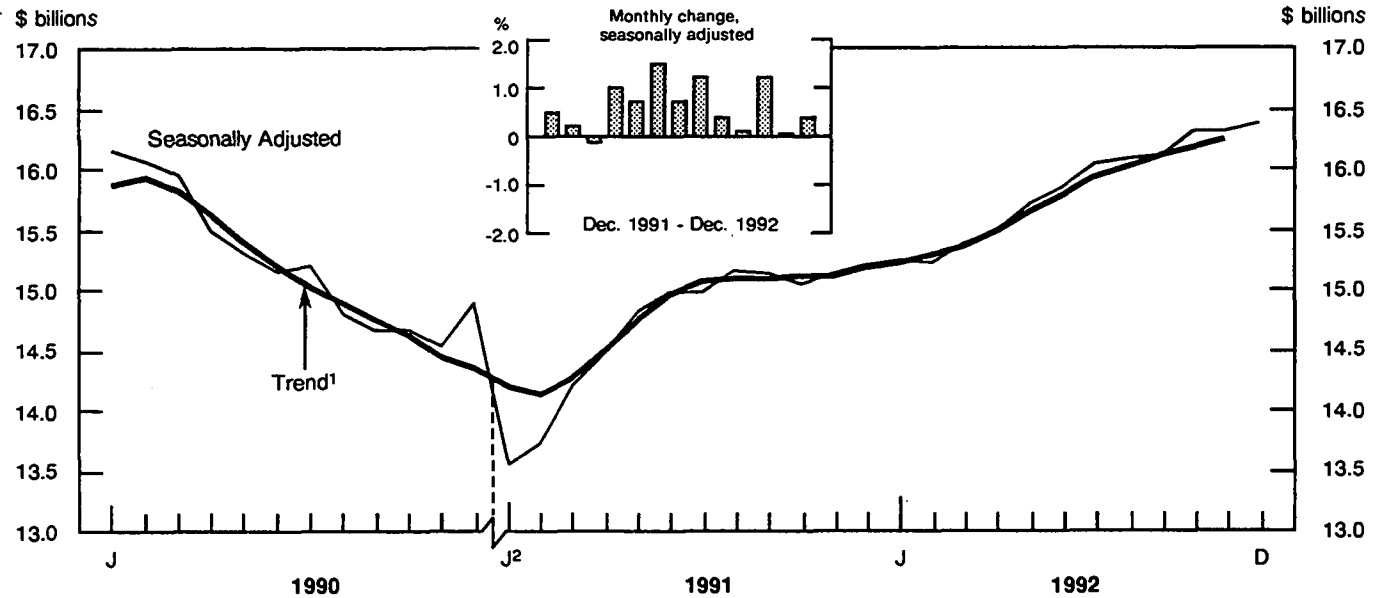
- In December, wholesale merchants' inventories amounted to \$25.3 billion, up 1.0% from November.
- The inventories-to-sales ratio at the end of December rose slightly to 1.54:1 from 1.53:1 in November.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 649 (sales, seasonally adjusted), 648 (sales, not seasonally adjusted), 61 (inventories, seasonally adjusted) and 59 (inventories, not seasonally adjusted).

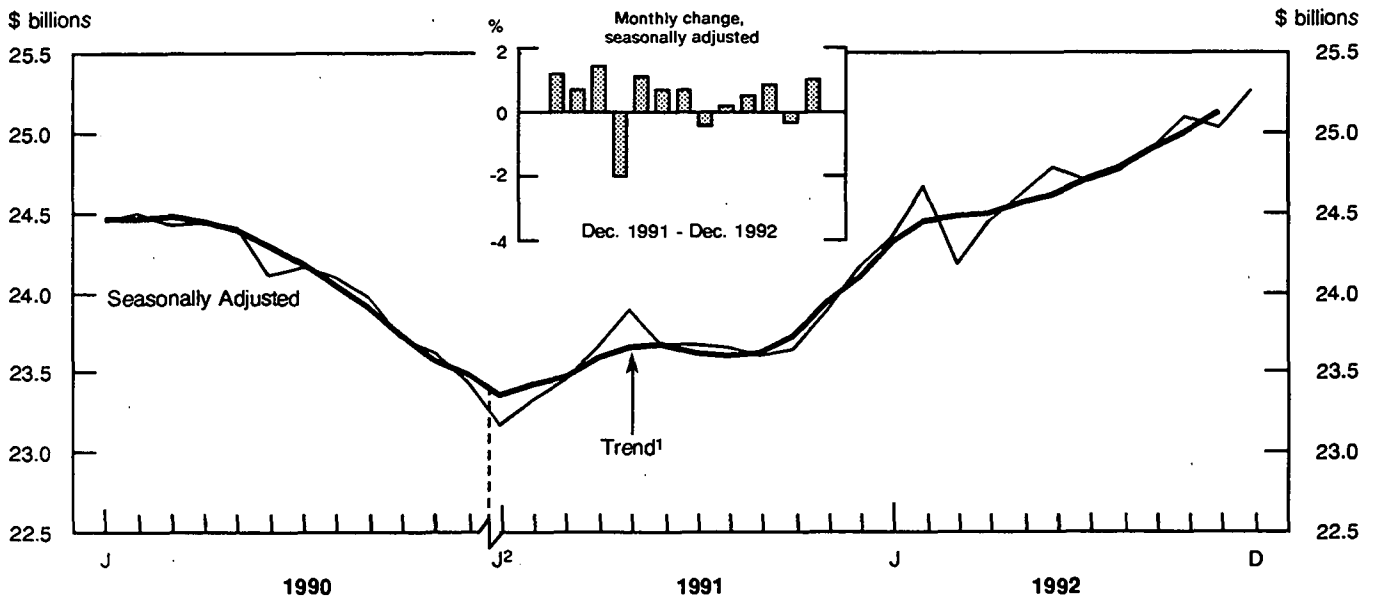
The December issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-008, \$14.40/\$144) will be available the second week of March. See "How to Order Publications".

For more information on this release, contact Larry Murphy (613-951-3542) or Gilles Berniquez (613-951-3540), Industry Division. □

Wholesale Merchants' Sales



Wholesale Merchants' Inventories



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

² Prior to 1991, data includes Federal Sales Tax. Its successor, the Goods and Services Tax is not included in the 1991 and later data.

Wholesale Merchants' Sales, by Trade Group and Region
 December 1992

Trade group	Unadjusted				Seasonally adjusted							
	Dec. 1991	Nov. 1992 ^r	Dec. 1992 ^p	Dec. 1992/ 1991	Dec. 1991	Sept. 1992 ^r	Oct. 1992 ^r	Nov. 1992 ^r	Dec. 1992 ^p	Dec./ Nov. 1992	Dec. 1992/ 1991	
	millions of \$						millions of \$					
	%										%	
Canada												
Food, beverage, drug and tobacco products	3,830	4,312	4,492	17.3	3,854	4,232	4,302	4,308	4,379	1.7	13.6	
Apparel and dry goods	214	358	265	23.8	367	393	406	423	426	0.6	16.2	
Household goods	511	747	589	15.2	523	584	589	610	604	-0.9	15.6	
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories	1,376	1,727	1,472	6.9	1,692	1,750	1,718	1,723	1,760	2.2	4.0	
Metals, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies	891	1,154	993	11.4	1,062	1,127	1,135	1,121	1,163	3.7	9.5	
Lumber and building materials	915	1,459	1,147	25.4	1,278	1,482	1,500	1,504	1,550	3.0	21.2	
Farm machinery, equipment and supplies	275	274	321	16.6	324	349	354	342	353	3.0	8.9	
Other machinery, equipment and supplies	3,690	3,662	3,877	5.1	3,555	3,705	3,762	3,715	3,633	-2.2	2.2	
Other products	2,422	2,562	2,459	1.5	2,539	2,485	2,537	2,565	2,507	-2.3	-1.3	
Total, all trades	14,126	16,255	15,614	10.5	15,194	16,107	16,303	16,311	16,375	0.4	7.8	
Regions												
Newfoundland	163	182	169	3.6	167	172	167	170	168	-0.6	0.8	
Prince Edward Island	39	43	42	9.8	37	44	43	41	43	4.7	15.8	
Nova Scotia	319	337	352	10.4	325	340	356	350	356	1.5	9.3	
New Brunswick	215	234	229	6.9	223	231	240	231	235	2.0	5.6	
Quebec	3,376	4,083	3,696	9.5	3,727	4,034	4,078	4,030	4,013	-0.4	7.7	
Ontario	5,914	6,909	6,598	11.6	6,369	6,691	6,798	6,880	6,886	0.1	8.1	
Manitoba	442	528	510	15.4	495	560	558	549	564	2.8	13.9	
Saskatchewan	452	434	448	-0.8	488	481	465	448	461	3.0	-5.4	
Alberta	1,310	1,413	1,422	8.6	1,374	1,447	1,451	1,455	1,461	0.4	6.3	
British Columbia	1,881	2,073	2,127	13.1	1,968	2,081	2,123	2,134	2,165	1.4	10.0	
Yukon and Northwest Territories	17	19	20	20.7	20	26	24	23	22	-1.9	13.2	

Wholesale Merchants' Inventories, by Trade Group
 December 1992

Trade group	Unadjusted				Seasonally adjusted						
	Dec. 1991	Nov. 1992 ^r	Dec. 1992 ^p	Dec. 1992/ 1991	Dec. 1991	Sept. 1992 ^r	Oct. 1992 ^r	Nov. 1992 ^r	Dec. 1992 ^p	Dec./ Nov. 1992	Dec. 1992/ 1991
	millions of \$		%		millions of \$				%		%
Food, beverage, drug and tobacco products	2,734	3,209	3,304	20.9	2,748	3,100	3,161	3,196	3,299	3.2	20.1
Apparel and dry goods	753	838	880	16.8	823	900	930	940	948	0.9	15.3
Household goods	1,128	1,177	1,122	-0.6	1,128	1,229	1,246	1,177	1,122	-4.7	-0.6
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories	3,491	3,309	3,544	1.5	3,523	3,562	3,546	3,458	3,600	4.1	2.2
Metals, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies	1,958	2,080	2,102	7.4	2,059	2,158	2,159	2,170	2,207	1.7	7.2
Lumber and building materials	2,150	2,245	2,308	7.4	2,271	2,403	2,410	2,428	2,458	1.2	8.2
Farm machinery, equipment and supplies	1,380	1,173	1,192	-13.6	1,396	1,326	1,295	1,255	1,227	-2.2	-12.1
Other machinery, equipment and supplies	6,966	6,993	6,855	-1.6	7,175	7,067	7,119	7,112	7,086	-0.4	-1.2
Other products	2,958	3,247	3,276	10.8	3,042	3,149	3,229	3,289	3,325	1.1	9.3
Total, all trades	23,516	24,270	24,582	4.5	24,164	24,895	25,095	25,024	25,272	1.0	4.6

^r Revised figure.^p Preliminary figure.

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Farm Cash Receipts

January-December 1992

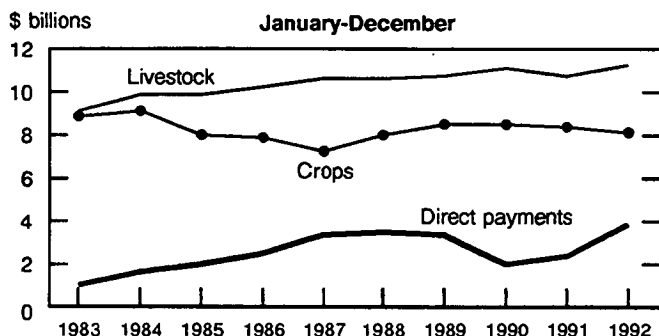
Farm cash receipts in the January to December 1992 period reached a record \$23.3 billion, 8.8% higher than the 1991 level of \$21.4 billion. (The previous record of \$22.5 billion was attained in 1989.) An increase of \$1.5 billion (+64%) in direct program payments was mainly responsible for the rise in total receipts. The strong increase in direct payments combined with a 5.4% rise in livestock receipts more than offset a 2.3% decrease in crop receipts.

Note to Users

Farm cash receipts measure the gross returns to farmers in current dollars from the sale of all agricultural products except those associated with direct sales between farms in the same province. They also include Canadian Wheat Board and Ontario Wheat Producers' Marketing Board payments, deferred grain receipts and direct payments to farmers from various federal, provincial and municipal programs.

Realized net farm income, which takes into account producers' operating expenses and depreciation charges, is published in Agriculture Economic Statistics (21-603E, \$21/\$42).

Farm Cash Receipts, Canada



Provincially, Alberta (+17%) and Ontario (+11%) recorded the largest gains in farm cash receipts in 1992. Higher direct payments were largely responsible. Alberta also benefited from higher cattle receipts, while Ontario experienced increases in cattle and wheat receipts. Cash receipts declined only in Prince Edward Island, where potato receipts fell 25%.

Direct Program Payments

Direct program payments rose sharply, from \$2.3 billion in 1991 to a record \$3.8 billion in 1992. Payments under the new safety net programs and strong increases in both other (ad hoc) and tripartite payments were mainly responsible.

- Payments for the 1991/92 and 1992/93 crop years under the Gross Revenue Insurance Plan totalled \$1.3 billion in 1992. During the same period, Net Income Stabilization Account payments based on

producers' 1990 and 1991 incomes were \$337 million. Payments under these two new safety net programs began in September 1991.

- Other (ad hoc) payments totalled \$669 million in 1992, an increase of \$432 million from the previous year. Most of these payments were delivered under the Farm Support and Adjustment Measures II program. The main thrust of this program was to provide emergency support to grain and oilseed producers during the international grain trade war between the United States and the European Community.
- Tripartite payments totalled \$371 million in 1992 compared to \$108 million in 1991. Lower market prices triggered larger payments on both hogs (\$195 million) and slaughter cattle (\$131 million).

Livestock and Animal Products Receipts

Livestock and animal products receipts reached a record \$11.3 billion in 1992, 5.4% above the year-earlier \$10.8 billion. The increase was primarily due to higher cattle receipts, which were partially offset by lower dairy product and hog receipts.

- Cattle receipts in 1992 were a record \$4.1 billion, 18% above the previous year's \$3.5 billion. The increase resulted from a \$463 million rise in the value of live animal exports. The number of animals exported was 1.3 million head, compared to 842,000 head in 1991. Export prices also rose (+11%). Both the value and the number of cattle exported reached record highs and were more than five times the 1986 levels.

- Receipts from the sale of dairy products fell for the first time since 1983, declining 3.2% in 1992 to \$3.0 billion. A 5.1% drop in quantities delivered more than offset a 2.1% increase in price. The lower deliveries followed reductions in the Market Sharing Quota (MSQ), which reflected a declining demand for butterfat.
- Hog receipts fell 4.4% in 1992 to \$1.76 billion, the lowest level since 1983. A 7.4% drop in prices more than offset increased marketings. Expansion of North American hog output during 1992 put downward pressure on prices. Hog slaughter in 1992 was above year-earlier levels in both Canada (+3.8%) and the United States (+8.8%).

Crop Receipts

Crop receipts in the January to December 1992 period totalled \$8.1 billion, a drop of 2.3% from the previous year's \$8.3 billion. Lower receipts for wheat and barley and fewer liquidations of deferred grain receipts were partially offset by an increase in Canadian Wheat Board payments and canola receipts.

- Receipts fell from the sale of both wheat (-20%) and barley (-18%). Wheat receipts declined to \$2.2 billion in 1992 from the year-earlier \$2.7 billion. Strong export movement limited the drop in producer deliveries to 2.8%, but prices fell

18%. Barley receipts dropped to \$384 million, the lowest level since 1977, as deliveries fell 21% in response to lower exports.

- Grain receipts liquidated in 1992 for grain marketed in 1991 were \$326 million compared to \$430 million the previous year. This was the lowest level of liquidations since 1974.
- Canadian Wheat Board payments were \$482 million in 1992 compared to \$332 million in 1991. Interim payments totalling \$253 million were paid in November 1992 on all 1991/92 pool accounts. By contrast, producers received interim payments of just \$11 million in November 1991 following the collapse of international grain prices at the beginning of the 1990/91 crop year.
- A surge in canola deliveries during the fourth quarter pushed calendar year 1992 deliveries up 12% and cash receipts up 17% compared to 1991 levels.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3582 to 3592.

The January-December 1992 issue of *Farm Cash Receipts* (21-001, \$11/\$44) will be available the first week of March. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Ed Hamilton (613-951-8707) or Gwen Cromwell (613-951-2439), Agriculture Division.

Total Cash Receipts from Farming Operations

January - December
(Millions of Dollars)

	1991	1992	1992/1991 %
Newfoundland	62.0	62.7	1.2
Prince Edward Island	239.6	222.9	-7.0
Nova Scotia	310.8	312.0	0.4
New Brunswick	253.6	261.3	3.0
Quebec	3,693.1	3,776.6	2.3
Ontario	5,413.6	6,028.0	11.3
Manitoba	1,949.8	2,086.4	7.0
Saskatchewan	4,058.4	4,303.6	6.0
Alberta	4,203.5	4,909.9	16.8
British Columbia	1,231.0	1,339.1	8.8
Canada	21,415.2	23,302.5	8.8

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding.

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mineral Wool Including Fibrous Glass Insulation

January 1993

Manufacturers shipped 3 023 325 square metres of R12 factor (RSI 2.1) mineral wool batts in January 1993, up 8.5% from the 2 785 277 square metres shipped a year earlier and up 16.7% from the 2 590 529 square metres shipped the previous month.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 40 and 122 (series 32 and 33).

The January 1993 issue of *Mineral Wool Including Fibrous Glass Insulation* (44-004, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Roland Joubert (613-951-3527), Industry Division. ■

Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies

December 1992

Production of lumber in sawmills east of the Rockies increased 26.9% to 1 863 856 cubic metres in December 1992, up from 1 468 456 cubic metres after revisions in December 1991.

Stocks on hand at the end of December 1992 totalled 2 460 489 cubic metres, a decrease of 12.5% compared to 2 811 669 cubic metres in December 1991.

Year-to-date production at the end of December 1992 amounted to 22 916 870 cubic metres, an increase of 10.9% compared to 20 661 100 cubic metres after revisions for the same period in 1991.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 53 (except series 1.2, 2.2 and 3.2) and 122 (series 2).

The December 1992 issue of *Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies* (35-002, \$10/\$100) will be available at a later date.

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

Pack of Processed Corn

1992

Data on the pack of processed corn for 1992 are now available.

Pack of Processed Corn (32-236, \$13) will be released at a later date.

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

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- Real Gross Domestic Product at Factor Cost by Industry, July 1992: 2
Direct Government Purchase at factor cost was unchanged in July following a 1.5% gain in June.
- Unemployment Insurance Statistics, July 1992: 2
The number of unemployment insurance recipients reported for September 1992, estimated at 6.4% in June to 1.4 factor.
- Building Permits, July 1992: 2
The preliminary value of building permits issued in Canada declined 0.3% to \$2.16 billion in July from \$2.18 billion in June.
- Imported Oiling - Canada, 1991: 2
From 1981 to 1991, the number of permits granted with imported oiling in Canada declined 37%, from 402,000 to 257,000.

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Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products,
January 1993.

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Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers, January 1993.

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**Department Store Monthly Sales by Province and
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