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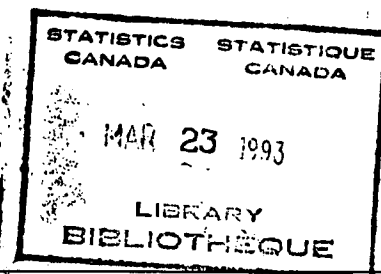
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Wholesale Trade

January 1993

Highlights

Seasonally Adjusted Sales

- Preliminary estimates indicate that wholesale merchants' sales were \$16.7 billion in January, up 1.5% from the previous month. Leading the overall increase were trade groups comprised of wholesalers who, to varying degrees, are involved in export sales.
- Seven of the nine trade groups registered sales increases. The most significant gain, based on dollar impact, was recorded by wholesalers of other products (paper products, agricultural supplies, industrial and household chemicals, etc.), up 3.4% from December. This was followed by suppliers of lumber and building materials (+3.3%), marking the fourth consecutive month of growth for this group. Also registering higher sales were motor vehicles, parts and accessory wholesalers (+1.8%). Tempering the rise were modest declines recorded by wholesalers of household goods and farm machinery, equipment and supplies, down 0.7% and 0.9%, respectively.
- Regionally, all provinces and territories, except Prince Edward Island, posted sales increases that

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.

ranged from 6.2% in the Yukon and Northwest Territories to 0.6% in Québec.

Seasonally Adjusted Inventories

- In January, wholesale merchants' inventories were \$25.1 billion, down 0.3% from December.
- The ratio of inventories to sales at the end of January dropped to 1.51:1 from 1.54:1 in December.

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

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

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

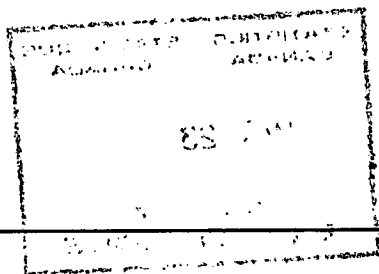


Chart 1

Wholesale Merchants' Sales

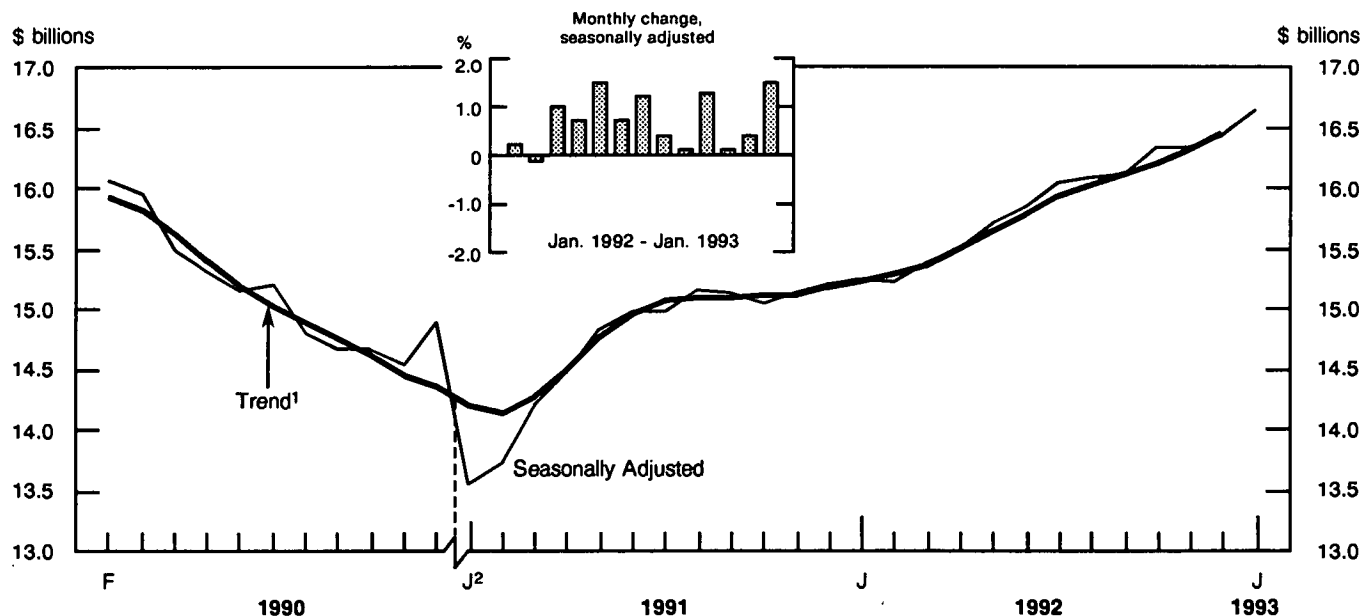
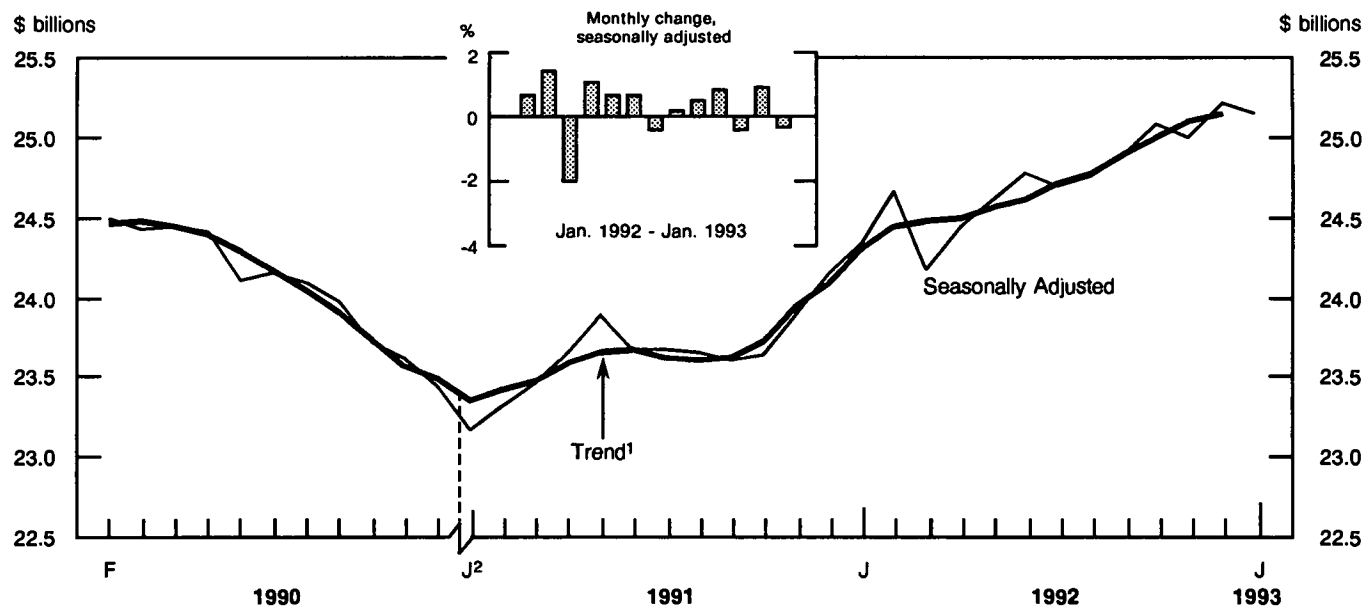


Chart 2

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

January 1993

Trade group	Unadjusted				Seasonally adjusted						
	Jan. 1992	Dec. 1992 ^r	Jan. 1993 ^p	Jan. 1993/ 1992	Jan. 1992	Oct. 1992 ^r	Nov. 1992 ^r	Dec. 1992 ^r	Jan. 1993 ^p	Jan. 1993/ Dec. 1992	Jan. 1993/ 1992
	millions of \$			%	millions of \$				%	%	
Canada											
Food, beverage, drug and tobacco products	3,639	4,482	3,954	8.7	3,874	4,304	4,313	4,380	4,399	0.4	13.5
Apparel and dry goods	313	265	366	17.1	370	408	427	434	447	3.2	20.8
Household goods	447	589	481	7.7	538	589	609	603	599	-0.7	11.3
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories	1,439	1,475	1,479	2.7	1,714	1,724	1,731	1,774	1,806	1.8	5.4
Metals, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies	1,005	994	1,076	7.1	1,088	1,139	1,127	1,173	1,196	1.9	9.9
Lumber and building materials	979	1,133	1,096	11.9	1,392	1,501	1,508	1,551	1,603	3.3	15.2
Farm machinery, equipment and supplies	218	315	211	-3.1	338	354	342	350	346	-0.9	2.4
Other machinery, equipment and supplies	3,225	3,868	3,235	0.3	3,423	3,760	3,710	3,621	3,644	0.6	6.4
Other products	2,187	2,465	2,223	1.7	2,492	2,544	2,578	2,527	2,612	3.4	4.8
Total, all trades	13,451	15,589	14,122	5.0	15,231	16,322	16,344	16,413	16,653	1.5	9.3
Regions											
Newfoundland	143	167	143	0.2	162	167	170	167	172	2.6	6.2
Prince Edward Island	35	43	35	0.4	40	43	41	43	43	-0.4	7.1
Novemba Scotia	286	360	319	11.3	348	359	355	371	389	4.9	11.9
New Brunswick	207	230	205	-1.3	247	241	232	238	247	3.9	0.2
Quebec	3,250	3,639	3,291	1.3	3,677	4,067	4,017	3,964	3,986	0.6	8.4
Ontario	5,689	6,617	5,996	5.4	6,356	6,806	6,894	6,915	6,990	1.1	10.0
Manitoba	426	511	466	9.5	503	559	551	567	580	2.3	15.3
Saskatchewan	398	453	401	0.7	473	471	455	474	486	2.5	2.7
Alberta	1,242	1,413	1,301	4.7	1,424	1,457	1,464	1,469	1,510	2.8	6.0
British Columbia	1,760	2,136	1,946	10.6	1,980	2,128	2,142	2,181	2,224	1.9	12.3
Yukon and Northwest Territories	16	20	20	23.5	20	24	23	23	24	6.2	21.6

Wholesale Merchants' Inventories, by Trade Group

January 1993

Trade group	Unadjusted				Seasonally adjusted						
	Jan. 1992	Dec. 1992 ^r	Jan. 1993 ^p	Jan. 1993/ 1992	Jan. 1992	Oct. 1992 ^r	Nov. 1992 ^r	Dec. 1992 ^r	Jan. 1993 ^p	Jan. 1993/ Dec. 1992	Jan. 1993/ 1992
	millions of \$				%	millions of \$				%	%
Canada											
Food, beverage, drug and tobacco products	2,728	3,276	3,216	17.9	2,784	3,160	3,194	3,282	3,303	0.7	18.7
Apparel and dry goods	845	882	943	11.6	867	930	940	950	955	0.6	10.1
Household goods	1,110	1,120	1,123	1.1	1,110	1,246	1,177	1,120	1,123	0.2	1.1
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories	3,598	3,566	3,548	-1.4	3,582	3,548	3,454	3,609	3,529	-2.2	-1.5
Metals, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies	2,003	2,097	2,109	5.3	2,082	2,156	2,165	2,196	2,197	-	5.5
Lumber and building materials	2,254	2,310	2,402	6.6	2,347	2,413	2,433	2,464	2,488	1.0	6.0
Farm machinery, equipment and supplies	1,381	1,207	1,249	-9.5	1,393	1,301	1,264	1,252	1,269	1.3	-8.9
Other machinery, equipment and supplies	6,904	6,834	6,833	-1.0	7,099	7,109	7,097	7,049	7,022	-0.4	-1.1
Other products	3,055	3,271	3,268	7.0	3,068	3,220	3,271	3,304	3,260	-1.3	6.3
Total, all trades	23,878	24,564	24,690	3.4	24,332	25,083	24,994	25,226	25,146	-0.3	3.3

^r Revised figure.^p Preliminary figure.

- Amount too small to be expressed.

Crude Oil and Natural Gas

December 1992

Highlights

- Preliminary estimates indicate that production of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons in December amounted to 8.4 million cubic metres, a decrease of 0.2% from December 1991. Production in 1992 rose 4.4% over 1991, to 101.0 million cubic metres.
- Imports of crude oil increased 0.8% from December 1991 to 3.2 million cubic metres. Imports for 1992 amounted to 29.8 million cubic metres, a decrease of 5.6% from 1991.
- Exports of crude oil increased 4.5% from December 1991 to 4.3 million cubic metres.

Exports in 1992 were 48.7 million cubic metres, 10.1% higher than in 1991.

- Marketable production of natural gas, at 11.1 billion cubic metres, posted a 5.7% gain over December 1991. Production in 1992 was 10.3% higher than 1991 at 116.1 billion cubic metres.
- Exports of natural gas, at 5.5 billion cubic metres, rose 13.6% over December 1991. Exports in 1992, at 58.0 billion cubic metres, posted a 21.5% gain over 1991.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 127 and 128.

The December 1992 issue of *Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production* (26-006, \$10/\$100) will be available during the fourth week of March. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Gerard O'Connor (613-951-3562), Energy Section, Industry Division.

Crude Oil and Natural Gas

	December 1992	% Change from December 1991	January - December 1992	% Change from January - December 1991
	(m ³ thousands)		(m ³ thousands)	
Crude oil and equivalent¹				
Production	8 443.7	-0.2	100 963.0	4.4
Exports	4 286.8	4.5	48 725.1	10.1
Imports	3 160.7	0.8	29 763.3	-5.6
Refinery receipts	7 272.4	-4.1	81 363.8	-3.6
	(m ³ millions)		(m ³ millions)	
Natural gas²				
Marketable production	11 132.8	5.7	116 086.4	10.3
Exports	5 546.1	13.6	57 953.5	21.5
Canadian sales	6 561.1	3.7	56 308.2	2.7

¹ Disposition may differ from production due to inventory change, industry own-use, etc.

² Disposition may differ from production due to inventory change, usage as pipeline fuel, pipeline losses, line-pack fluctuations, etc. ■

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mineral Wool Including Fibrous Glass Insulation

February 1993

Manufacturers shipped 1 460 752 square metres of R12 factor (RSI 2.1) mineral wool batts in February 1993, down 39.0% from the 2 394 040 square metres shipped a year earlier and down 51.7% from the 3 023 325 square metres shipped the previous month.

Year-to-date shipments to the end of February 1993 totalled 4 484 077 square metres, a decrease of 13.4% from the same period in 1992.

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

The February 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 in British Columbia

January 1993.

Sawmills in British Columbia produced 2 578 754 cubic metres of lumber and ties in January 1993, a decrease of 1.6% from the 2 619 650 cubic metres produced in January 1992.

Available on CANSIM matrices 53 (series 1, 1.2, 2, 2.2, 3, 3.2) and 122 (series 2).

The January 1993 issue of *Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia* (35-003, \$7.10/\$71) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Ted Brown (604-666-3694), Statistics Canada, Pacific Region, Sinclair Centre, 757 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6C 3C9. ■

Electric Power Statistics

January 1993

Highlights

- Net generation of electric energy in Canada in January 1993 increased to 51 072 gigawatt hours (GWh), up 1.8% from January 1992. Exports increased 9.2% to 2 610 GWh, while imports decreased from 609 GWh to 570 GWh.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3987- 3999.

The January 1993 issue of *Electric Power Statistics* (57-001, \$9/\$90) will be available the fourth week of March. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Dave Madsen (613-951-9823), Energy Section, Industry Division. ■

Construction Type Plywood

January 1993

Canadian firms produced 142 224 cubic metres of construction type plywood during January 1993, an increase of 3.2% from the 137 764 cubic metres produced during January 1992.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 122 (level 1).

The January 1993 issue of the *Construction Type Plywood* (35-001, \$5/ \$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more information on this release, contact Ted Brown (604-666-3694), Pacific Region, Statistics Canada, Sinclair Centre, 757 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6C 3C9. ■

Fur Production

1991-92

Value of fur pelt production, excluding hair seals, during the 1991-92 season was \$45,386,848. Wildlife pelts brought in \$22,919,936. Ranch-raised fur production accounted for \$22,452,194.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 5692-5699, 9511-9515.

For further information, order the new loose-leaf binder publication entitled *Livestock Statistics* (23-603E), available in early April, or contact B. Rosien (613-951-8716), Agriculture Division. ■

Farm Taxation Data 1991

Final estimates of 1991 farm revenues and expenses (from taxation data), by farm type and sales class, are now available. Data on additions and dispositions of depreciable assets are also available. This information covers all provinces for both unincorporated and incorporated farms. Sources and levels of off-farm income for unincorporated operators are also available.

For further information, or to request custom or special tabulations, contact Mario Ménard (613-951-2446), Agriculture Division. ■



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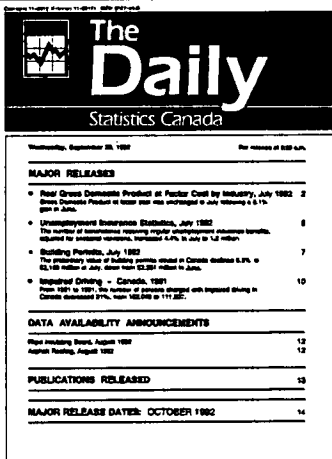
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