



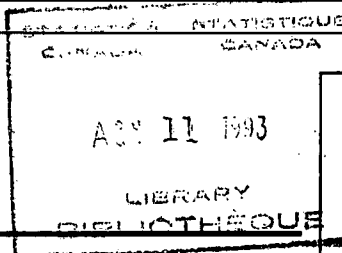
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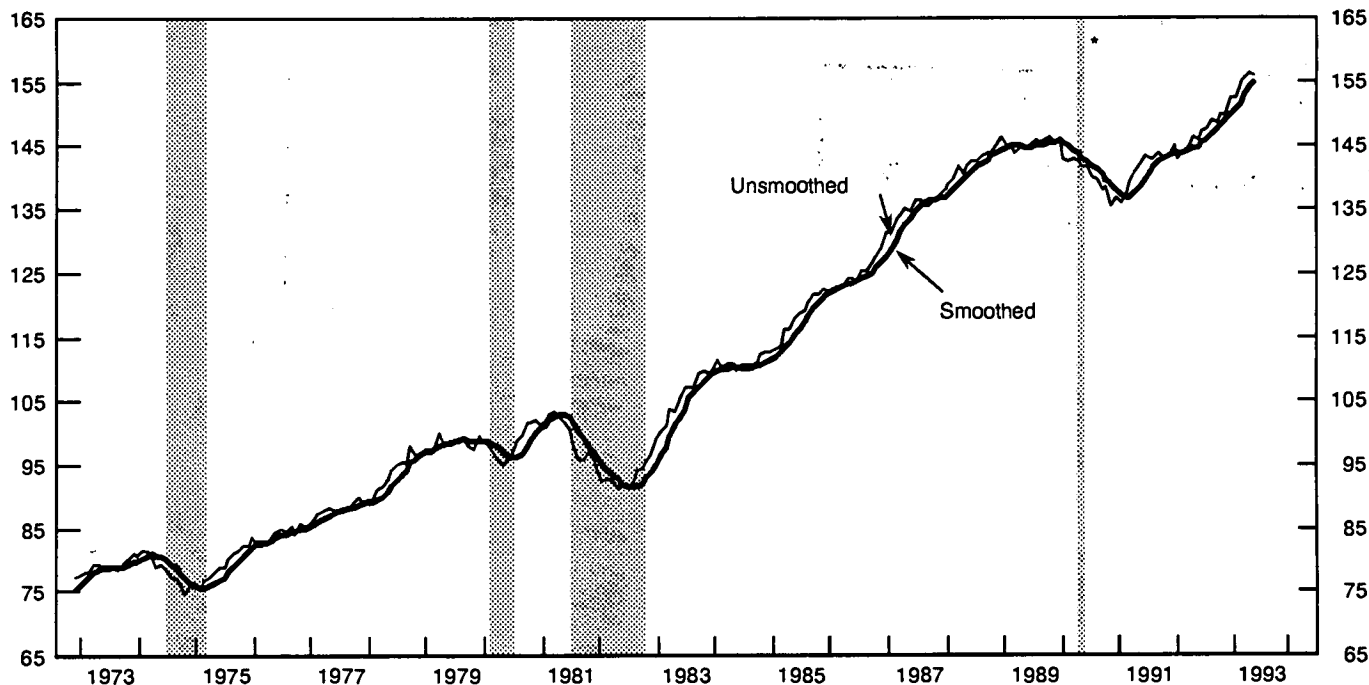
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Composite Index

1981 = 100



* Shaded areas represent periods of recession; the April 1990 onset of recession is tentative, and no end-date has been proposed.

Composite Indicator

July 1993

The composite index continued its year-long advance in July, up 0.6% after a revised increase of 0.7% in June. While export demand softened, the indicators of household spending continued to improve and financial markets again posted rapid gains. The unsmoothed index fell for the first time since November 1992.

There were no signs that the recovery of household demand in the first half of the year was slowing in July. Demand for personal services was particularly strong, boosting services employment for the second month in a row. Housing starts rebounded after an upturn in existing house sales this spring, causing the housing index to post its largest increase in two years. Furniture and appliance sales grew steadily in May, while auto sales remained the

major source of weakness in outlays for durable goods.

New orders for durable goods slipped by 0.1%, after strong growth earlier in the year. The drop originated in lower auto exports, despite robust auto sales in the United States. Inventories fell in tandem with shipments, leaving the ratio unchanged. The average workweek fell 0.3%, and manufacturing employment has weakened recently.

The financial market indicators continued to grow vigorously. The money supply expanded by another 1.4%, while the stock market recorded its sixth straight hike.

The U.S. leading index fell marginally, as manufacturing was weak and consumer confidence fell again. However, final demand in the second quarter was solid, particularly in key sectors for Canadian exports such as autos, housing and business investment.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 191.

For more information on the economy, order the August issue of *Canadian Economic Observer* (11-010, \$22/\$220), which will be available the week of August 16-20. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release or about the next release dates, contact Francine Roy (613-951-3627), Current Economic Analysis Division.

Composite Index

1993

Data used in the composite index calculation for:	February	March	April	May	June	July	Last month of data available
							% change
Composite Leading Indicator (1981 = 100)	149.7	150.5	151.6	152.8	153.9	154.8	0.6
Unsmoothed	152.4	152.4	155.0	155.3	156.0	155.8	-0.1
Housing index ¹	126.1	122.4	121.3	121.3	121.9	124.6	2.2
Business and personal services employment (thousands)	1,780	1,783	1,783	1,783	1,785	1,791	0.3
TSE 300 stock price index (1975 = 1000)	3,332	3,375	3,456	3,560	3,676	3,783	2.9
Money supply (M1) (millions of 1981 \$) ²	25,728	25,896	26,169	26,475	26,849	27,222	1.4
United States composite leading index (1967 = 100) ³	206.9	207.9	208.6	209.0	209.2	209.1	-0.1
Manufacturing							
Average workweek	38.3	38.4	38.5	38.5	38.5	38.4	-0.3
New orders - durables (millions of 1981 \$) ⁴	9,354.6	9,490.0	9,729.1	10,038.2	10,195.6	10,181.3	-0.1
Shipments to inventories ratio ⁴	1.43	1.43	1.44	1.45	1.45	1.45	0.00*
Retail Trade							
Furniture and appliance sales (millions of 1981 \$) ⁴	1,056.7	1,065.9	1,073.1	1,079.3	1,085.7	1,090.8	0.5
Other durable goods sales (millions of 1981 \$) ⁴	3,600.7	3,610.2	3,610.0	3,613.7	3,626.4	3,641.2	0.4

¹ Composite index of housing starts (units) and house sales (MLS).

² Deflated by the consumer price index for all items.

³ The figures in this row reflect data published in the month indicated but the figures themselves refer to data for the immediately preceding month.

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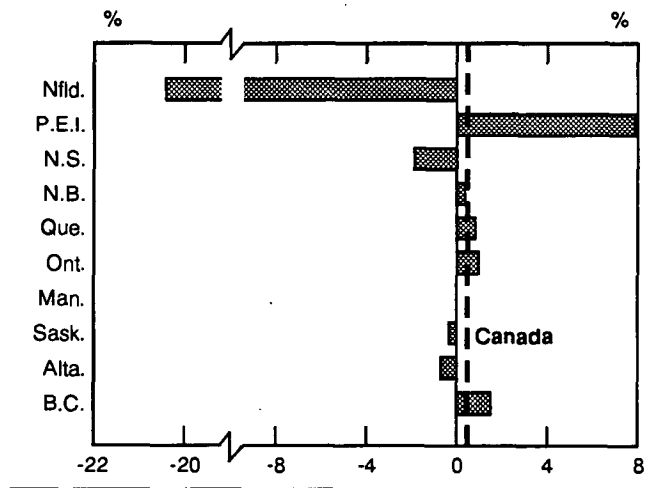
* Difference from previous month.

Farm Product Price Index

June 1993

The Farm Product Price Index (1986=100) for Canada stood at 103.8 in June, up 0.4% from 103.4 (revised) in May. The livestock and animal products index rose 0.2% to 110.1 — another record high — because of a strong seasonal increase in the hogs index. The crops index rose 0.8% to 93.5, as a 39.8% increase in the potatoes index more than offset decreases in the cereals and oilseeds indices.

Percentage change in the Farm Product Price Index from May to June 1993



Crops

The crops index rose 0.8% to 93.5 as the potatoes index increased. Since the beginning of the 1992/93 crop year in August 1992, the crops index has remained at lows not seen since 1986/87. In June, it stood 6.9% below its year-earlier level.

The potatoes index increased 39.8% to 158.2 following increases of 10.7% in May and 7.2% in April because stocks of potatoes were depleted before the new crop arrived on the market in July and August. The index stood 16.0% above its year-earlier level, a reversal of the situation observed during the 1992/93 crop year.

The cereals index fell 0.5% to 76.3. Throughout 1992/93, the cereals index has been at its lowest levels since 1972/73. Effective June 1, 1993, Canadian Wheat Board initial prices for both durum and red spring wheat increased by \$12 per tonne. In contrast, oats, barley and corn prices fell in most provinces. The cereals index in June stood 18.2% below its year-earlier level.

The oilseeds index decreased 0.4% to 116.0. In general, flaxseed and canola prices fell while soybean prices were stable. The oilseeds index has decreased in the last four months. In June, it stood 11.1% above its year-earlier level.

Livestock and Animal Products

The livestock and animal products index rose 0.2% to 110.1. The index, which stood at or near record highs during the first half of 1993, achieved a new peak in June. In June, the index stood 9.3% above its year-earlier level.

The cattle and calves index decreased 1.1% to 121.5, following five consecutive months of record highs. In the United States, Omaha slaughter steer prices fell 5.9%, the third consecutive monthly decrease, following increases in the first quarter. Canadian cattle and calves slaughter to the end of June was off 6.5% from the same period last year; in the United States, the Department of Agriculture's June 1 Cattle-on-feed Report showed feedlot inventories up 7% from year-earlier levels. In June, the cattle and calves index stood 14.8% above its year-earlier level.

The hogs index rose 4.8% to 90.3, the ninth increase in the last 10 months. Increases of 3.1% in May and 4.8% in June followed normal seasonal trends. For the first half of 1993, Canadian slaughter was down 0.6% from the same period last year but U.S. slaughter was up 0.7%. The hogs index stood 10.5% above its year-earlier level.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 176.

The June issue of the *Farm Product Price Index* (62-003, \$7.10/\$71) is scheduled for release on August 18. 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. □

Farm Product Price Index
(1986 = 100)

	June 1992	May 1993	June 1993	May 1993 to June 1993	June 1992 to June 1993
				% change	
Total Index	100.6	103.4	103.8	0.4	3.2
Crops	100.4	92.8	93.5	0.8	-6.9
Cereals	93.3	76.7	76.3	-0.5	-18.2
Oilseeds	104.4	116.5	116.0	-0.4	11.1
Potatoes	136.4	113.2	158.2	39.8	16.0
Livestock and Animal Products	100.7	109.9	110.1	0.2	9.3
Cattle and Calves	105.8	122.9	121.5	-1.1	14.8
Hogs	81.7	86.2	90.3	4.8	10.5

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Raw Materials Price Index – Early Estimate

July 1993

The Raw Materials Price Index is estimated to have decreased 1.4% in July from June 1993. The mineral fuels index led the downward movement, decreasing 6.8%. Moderating this overall decrease were the indices for metals (+2.8%), wood (+0.4%) and animal and vegetable products (+0.2%). The RMPI excluding mineral fuels is estimated to have risen 0.8% in July.

This is an early estimate of July's Raw Materials Price Index based on partial returns and other indicators. The regular index will be published at the end of this month.

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

Steel Primary Forms

June 1993

Steel primary forms production for June 1993 totalled 1 160 618 tonnes, down 4.5% from 1 215 227 tonnes the previous year.

Year-to-date production at the end of June 1993 totalled 7 138 162 tonnes, up 3.0% from 6 928 479 tonnes a year earlier.

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

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

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

Particleboard, Waferboard and Fibreboard

June 1993

A total of 204 801 cubic metres of waferboard were produced in June 1993, up 18.9% from 172 186^r (revised) cubic metres in June 1992. Particleboard production totalled 126 444 cubic metres, up 14.1%

from 110 851^r cubic metres in June 1992. Fibreboard production totalled 8 632 thousand square metres (basis 3.175mm), up 14.6% from 7 530 thousand square metres in June 1992.

At the end of June 1993, year-to-date waferboard production totalled 1 159 311 cubic metres, up 20.3% from 963 335^r cubic metres in 1992. Year-to-date particleboard production totalled 672 327^r cubic metres, up 15.8% from 580 831^r cubic metres in 1992. Year-to-date fibreboard production totalled 50 121^r thousand square metres (basis 3.175mm), up 8.7% from 46 122 thousand square metres in 1992.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 31 (series 2, 3 and 4) and 122 (series 8 and 34).

The June 1993 issue of *Particleboard, Waferboard and Fibreboard* (36-003, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

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

Oils and Fats

June 1993

Production of all types of deodorized oils in June 1993 totalled 63 845 tonnes, up 2.0% from 62 614 tonnes in May 1993. Year-to-date production at the end of June 1993 totalled 381 400 tonnes, up 1.5% from 375 667 tonnes in 1992.

Manufacturers' packaged sales of shortening totalled 10 694 tonnes in June 1993, up from 8 972 tonnes in May 1993. Year-to-date at the end of June, 58 959 tonnes were sold (54 984 tonnes in 1992).

Sales of packaged salad oil totalled 4 312 tonnes in June 1993, down from 5 028 tonnes in May 1993. Year-to-date, 32 710 tonnes were sold (33 388 tonnes in 1992).

Available on CANSIM: matrix 184.

The June 1993 issue of *Oils and Fats* (32-006, \$5/\$50) will be available shortly.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Peter Zylstra (613-951-3511), Industry Division. ■

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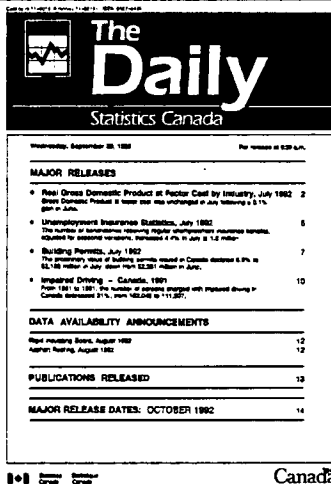
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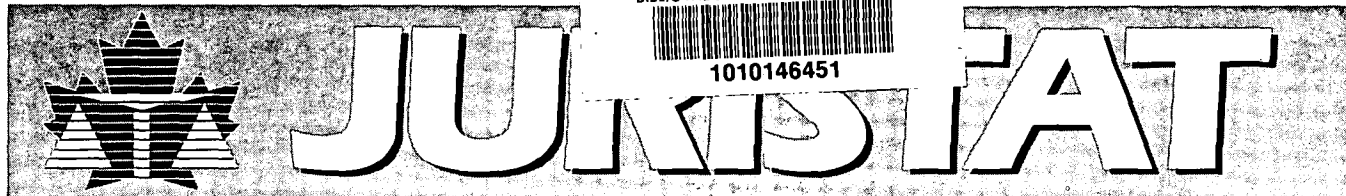
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