



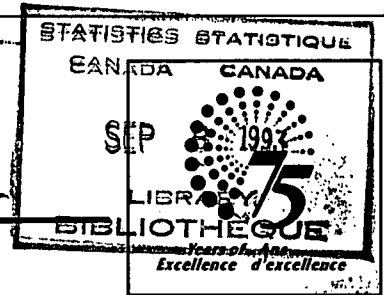
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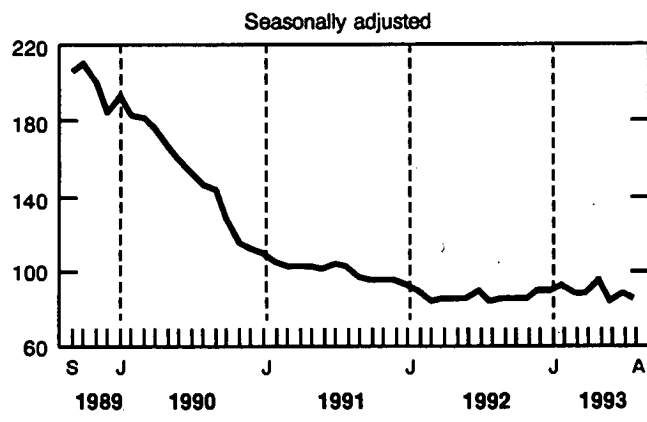
August 1993

Seasonally adjusted, the Help-wanted Index (1991 = 100) for Canada declined 2% to 85 in August. The decreases observed in three regions were moderated by advances in the Prairie region and in British Columbia.

The Help-wanted Index serves as an early indicator of changes in the demand for labour by monitoring the number of help-wanted ads published in 20 major metropolitan areas.

After reaching a peak of 217 at the beginning of 1989, the index declined, falling to 83 in early 1992. After fluctuating close to this level until November, it increased to 88 in December 1992. Since then, the index has behaved erratically but generally has remained near this level.

Help-wanted Index (1991 = 100)



Regional Changes

Between July and August 1993, the index increased 7% in British Columbia and 2% in the Prairie provinces. The Help-wanted Index decreased 4% in the Atlantic provinces, 3% in Quebec and 2% in Ontario.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 105 (levels 8 and 9).

Help-wanted indices for metropolitan areas included in the survey and trend-cycle estimates are available on request.

For further information, contact André Picard (613-951-4045) or Horst Stiebert (613-951-4044), Labour Division (fax: 613-951-4087).

Help-wanted Index (1991 = 100)

	August 1992	June 1993	July 1993	August 1993	August 1992 to August 1993	July 1993 to August 1993
	seasonally adjusted				% change	
Canada	83	83	87	85	2	-2
Atlantic Provinces	84	94	91	87	4	-4
Quebec	82	87	96	93	13	-3
Ontario	85	82	83	81	-5	-2
Prairies Provinces	81	81	82	84	4	2
British Columbia	86	85	83	89	3	7

Field Crop Reporting Series No. 6: Stocks of Canadian Grain at July 31, 1993

At July 31, farm stocks of all wheat excluding durum totalled 3.6 million tonnes, up 53.2% from last year.

Total stocks in all positions (farm and commercial) were up 29.6% to 10.2 million tonnes, the highest level since 1987. Exports of all wheat excluding durum were down 20% from last year.

Farm stocks of durum wheat at the end of the 1992/93 crop year totalled 1.1 million tonnes, down 5.3% from last year. Stocks in all positions totalled 2.0 million tonnes, down 7.2% from last year.

Canola and Flaxseed

Canola stocks on Canadian farms at July 31 were estimated to be 110 thousand tonnes, down 66.7% from a year earlier. As a result, the year-end total canola stocks (including commercial) fell from 734 thousand tonnes in July 1992 to 663 thousand tonnes in July 1993, down 9.7%.

Farm stocks of flaxseed at July 31 were 105 thousand tonnes, less than half the amount of stocks held in either July 1992 or July 1991. Total stocks in all positions were 229 thousand tonnes, down 47%

from July 1992. Flaxseed production in 1992 had also declined by 47%.

Corn and Soybeans

At July 31, farm stocks of corn were down 17.1% from last year, to 875 thousand tonnes. Stocks in all positions totalled 1.5 million tonnes. Soybean farm stocks were virtually nil.

Oats and Barley

Farm stocks of oats increased 23.6% from last year to 560 thousand tonnes. Stocks in all positions totalled 695 thousand tonnes.

Barley farm stocks at July 31 totalled 1.8 million tonnes and stocks in all positions totalled 3.4 million tonnes. Both farm and commercial stocks were at their highest levels since July 1988.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5628.

Field Crop Reporting Series No. 6: Stocks of Canadian Grain at July 31, 1993 (22-002, \$12/\$80) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, please contact the Crops Section (613-951-3862), Agriculture Division. ■

Short-term Expectations Survey

The year-over-year increase in the Consumer Price Index for August is forecast at 1.7%, with minimum and maximum values of +1.4% and +1.9%, respectively. In July, the mean forecast matched the actual outcome of +1.6%

The mean forecast of the unemployment rate for August is 11.5% (minimum 11.3%, maximum 11.7%). For July, the mean forecast (11.2%) underestimated the outcome of 11.6%.

July's merchandise exports are forecast to be \$14.9 billion, with a minimum of \$14.5 billion and a maximum of \$15.1 billion. For June, the mean forecast matched the actual outcome of \$14.7 billion. The forecast of imports for July is \$13.9 billion, with a minimum of \$13.6 billion and a maximum of \$14.2 billion. For June, the mean forecast (\$13.9 billion) overestimated the outcome by a slight \$0.1 billion.

Real Gross Domestic Product at Factor Cost is forecast to have changed by 0.2% between June and

Note to Users

Since April 1990, Statistics Canada has been asking a small group of economists (an average of 23) to forecast certain key economic indicators for the coming month.

This month, the economists were asked to forecast the year-over-year change in the Consumer Price Index, the unemployment rate for August 1993, the level of merchandise exports and imports for July 1993, and the month-to-month change in Real Gross Domestic Product at Factor Cost for July 1993.

July 1993 (minimum -0.2% and maximum +0.4%). Between May and June 1993, the mean forecast (+0.3%) underestimated the outcome by 0.1%.

For a complete set of tables or more information about this survey, contact Diane Lachapelle (613-951-0568). □

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics July 1993

In July 1993, pulpwood receipts totalled 2 924 652 cubic metres, down 1.9% from 2 981 132 cubic metres in July 1992. Receipts of wood residue totalled 5 483 317 cubic metres, up 42.6% from 3 844 915^r (revised) cubic metres in July 1992. Consumption of pulpwood and wood residue totalled 8 840 997 cubic metres, up 27.9% from 6 913 436^r cubic metres in July 1992. The closing inventory of pulpwood and wood residue decreased 23.2% to 10 244 277 cubic metres, from 13 331 928^r cubic metres a year earlier.

At the end of July 1993, year-to-date receipts of pulpwood totalled 18 618 373^r cubic metres, down 3.8% from 19 350 557 cubic metres a year earlier. Year-to-date receipts of wood residue increased 16.4% to 39 573 153^r cubic metres, from the year-earlier 34 006 652^r cubic metres. Year-to-date consumption of pulpwood and wood residue (60 391 384^r cubic metres) was up 6.8% from 56 564 241^r cubic metres a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 54.

The July 1993 issue of *Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics* (25-001, \$6.10/\$61) will be available at a later date.

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

Air Carrier Fare Basis Statistics Fourth Quarter 1992 and 1992 (Preliminary)

Preliminary data on fare type utilization of the four major carriers (AirBC, Air Canada, Canadian Airlines International and Time Air) are now available for the fourth quarter of 1992 and for 1992.

In 1992, a record 67.5% of all domestic scheduled passengers flew on discount fares, up from the previous record of 66.2% in 1991. In the fourth

quarter of 1992, 67.9% of passengers on domestic scheduled services travelled on discount fares, up from 66.4% for the fourth quarter of 1991.

Discount fares accounted for a record 71.9% of total domestic passenger-kilometres in 1992; up from the previous record of 71.3% in 1991. For the fourth quarter of 1992, discount fares accounted for 72.0% of all domestic passenger-kilometres, up slightly from the fourth quarter of 1991.

The highest rate of discount fare use in 1992 was on longhaul services in the southern domestic (deregulated) sector, where 72.9% of passengers travelled on discount fares.

The average fare (all types) paid in 1992 by passengers on all domestic city-pairs was \$178, down 1.7% from \$181 in 1991 and well below the record \$190 in 1990.

For further information on this release, contact Lisa Di Piéto (819-997-6176) or Bradley Snider (819-997-1989), Aviation Statistics Centre, Transportation Division. ■

Hospital Annual Statistics 1989-1990

Hospital statistics and indicators for the 1989-1990 reporting year are now available in advance of the release of the publications. These present a comprehensive picture of hospital utilization and expenditures.

For all hospitals, key variables include number of admissions, counts of patient days, occupancy rates and length of stay. For all public hospitals, data on cost per patient day, salaries, and other financial statistics and indicators are available. The data are compiled by province and by hospital type and size. Other cross-classifications of data are available on request.

For more information, contact Information Requests Unit (613-951-1746 or fax: 613-951-0792), Canadian Centre for Health Information. ■

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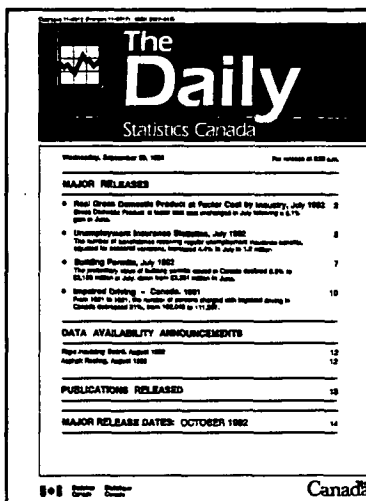
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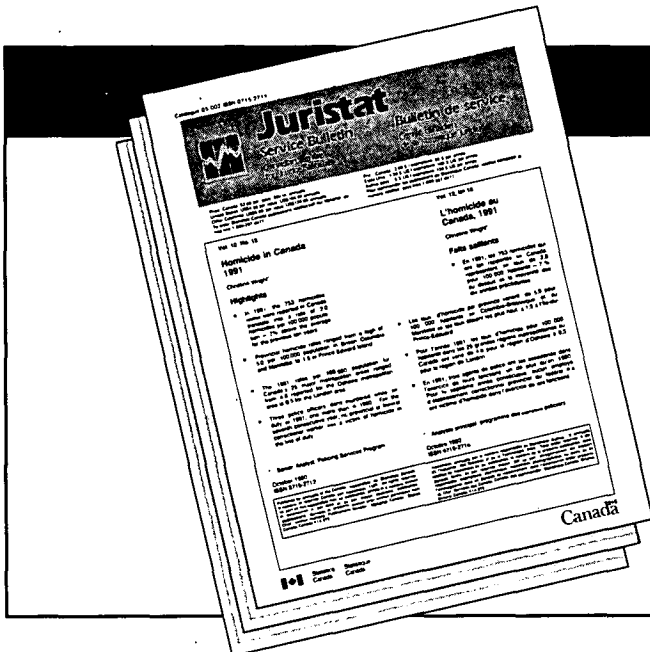
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