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Real gross domestic product at factor cost by industry

August 1994

After pausing in July, the economy resumed growing in August. Gross domestic product at factor cost rose 0.5%, equal to its pace during the second quarter. A boost in production by manufacturers accounted for more than half the overall gain. Recovery in the finance group and a good month for wholesalers and retailers reinforced the strong performance in manufacturing.

For July and August together, GDP averaged 0.8% above its second-quarter level, while employment grew 1.0% for the third quarter as a whole.

Demand for manufactured goods remains strong

Manufacturers boosted production 1.7% in August as domestic and foreign demand remained high. Since March shipments have increased 0.8% or more per month and the order backlog has continued to swell. By August, when 17 of 21 major groups recorded higher production, manufacturing output was 1.8% above its pre-recession peak (February 1989). The advance in August was concentrated in durables, where manufacturers of transportation equipment led a 2.4% gain. Production of primary metals and fabricated metal products also rose substantially.

Output of transportation equipment rose 2.8% after declining 0.6% in July. The gain was mostly due to higher motor vehicle parts production, which was curbed in July by longer than normal annual shutdowns in the motor vehicle industry and by weaker demand from the United States.

Producers of primary metals raised output 2.9%, its fifth increase in the latest six months. Manufacturers of pipe and tube boosted output 15.1%, reflecting a sharp increase in pipe production for pipelines. Along with higher demand for steel by the automotive industries over the latest few months, this sparked a 2.5% gain in production of iron and steel on the heels of a 2.0% advance in July.

Production of fabricated metal products (+3.4%), machinery (+3.7%) and electrical and electronic equipment (+1.4%) continued to advance after increasing almost every month this year.

Manufacturers of chemical products accounted for about half a 0.8% gain in non-durables production,

which was restrained by declines in food, tobacco, and paper and allied products.

Higher activity in real estate and the stock markets ends slide of the finance group

Finance, insurance and real estate services rebounded 0.7% after slumping since March. A surge in the value of shares traded on stock exchanges and higher activity by real estate agents, especially in Ontario and British Columbia, sparked the turnaround. After increasing substantially from February through July, mortgage rates have eased somewhat; this may improve the resale housing market in coming months.

Wholesalers and retailers enjoy higher sales

Wholesaler's enjoyed a 1.1% surge in sales in August following slower growth in June and July. Higher sales of machinery and equipment, motor vehicles, and hardware products led gains by 7 of 11 trade groups. Lower sales of food, drugs, tobacco, and alcoholic beverages moderated the increase.

Retail sales rose 0.6%, but this was not enough to make up for a 1.9% loss in July. Sales by 11 of 18 trade groups increased, with motor vehicle dealers and department stores advancing the most. Higher spending on repairs and motor vehicle parts boosted sales by motor vehicle dealers, as spending on vehicles actually fell. Vehicle sales for the first two months of the third quarter were well below levels of the previous two quarters.

Mining growth pauses

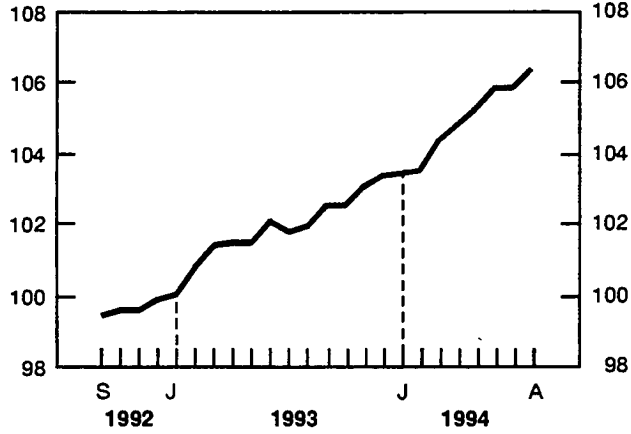
After increasing an average 2.2% a month between March and July, output of mining, quarrying and oil wells inched down 0.3%. Iron, gold and potash mines recorded the only increases. Coal production fell 5.1% after five consecutive monthly gains. Despite the decline in production, demand abroad remained firm and was satisfied from inventories. Output of crude oil and natural gas sagged 0.3% as lower production of crude oil outweighed a gain for natural gas. Growth in natural gas production slowed, however, as storage levels were high and demand abroad softened. Even so, domestic consumption rose 3.0% and was mainly responsible for an increase in the transportation of natural gas.

Gross domestic product

Seasonally adjusted at 1986 prices

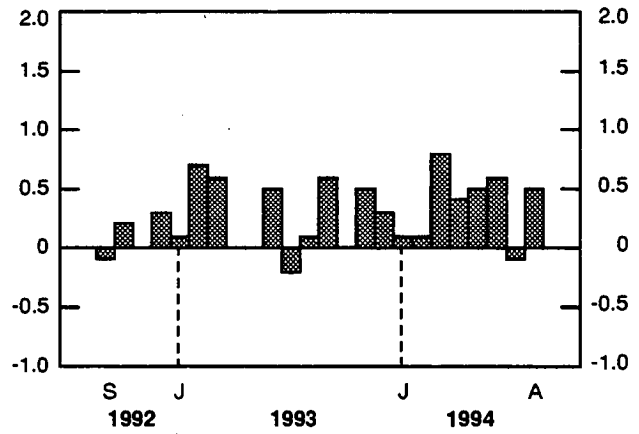
Total economy

Index (January 1993 = 100)



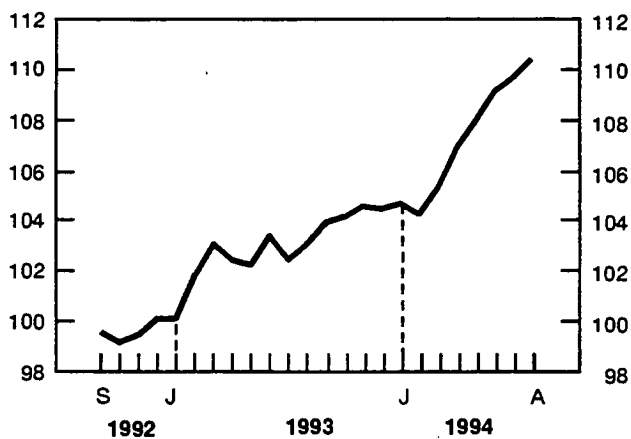
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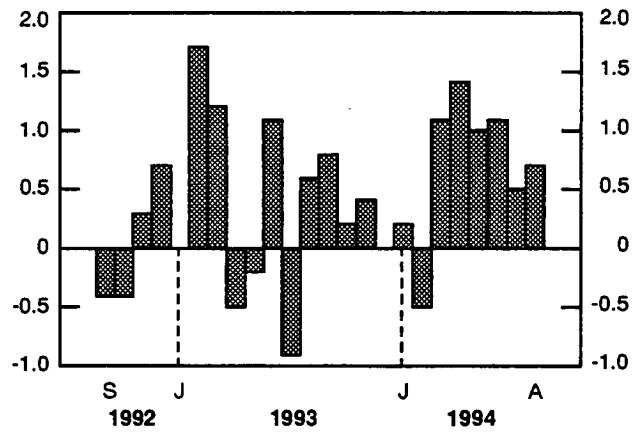


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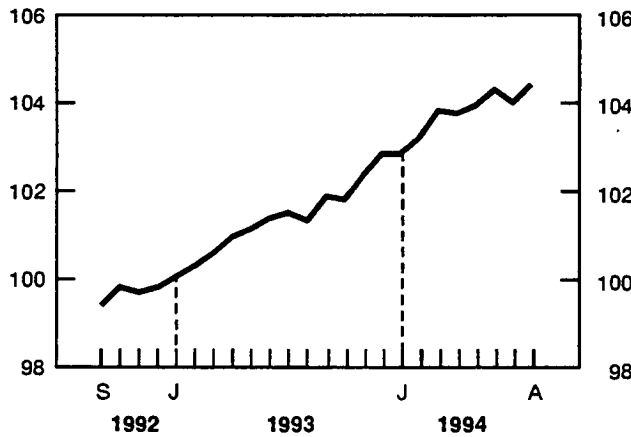


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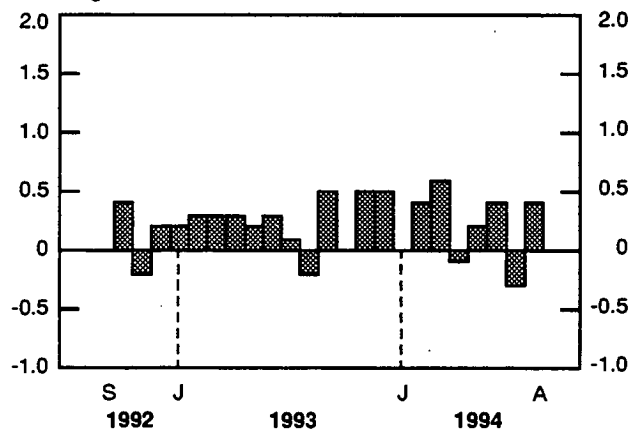


Services

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Production by metal mines excluding gold dropped 1.1% after rising by over 20% since February. Shutdowns curtailed production in the first two months of 1994, but output rose sharply in the following months, helped by improving economic conditions, especially by higher demand for copper and nickel on foreign markets. Production of copper and nickel continued to rise in August, but the gains were offset by a decline in uranium output. Smelting and refining activities related to copper and nickel also improved rapidly over the latest six months. As demand for these two commodities has risen, the price of non-ferrous metal products has soared, and in August it was back to its level of four years earlier.

Less homebuilding curbs construction

Construction dropped 0.4% in August following several monthly gains. Homebuilding fell by 1.3% in

July and by 2.6% in August because higher mortgage rates have been gradually eroding the new housing market. Although rates have eased somewhat since July, declines in housing starts through August auger further cutbacks in work-put-in-place over the next few months. Activity on industrial and commercial projects continued to increase, however, and resulted in a 1.8% gain in non-residential construction. Engineering construction was unchanged in the month.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 4671-4674.

The August 1994 issue of *Gross domestic product by industry* (15-001, \$14/\$140) will be released in November. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Michel Girard (613-951-9145), Industry Measures and Analysis Division. □

Gross domestic product at factor cost by industry, at 1986 prices

	August 1993	June 1994 ^r	July 1994 ^r	August 1994 ^p	May 1994 to June 1994	June 1994 to July 1994	July 1994 to August 1994	August 1993 to August 1994
seasonally adjusted at annual rates								
	\$ millions				% change			
Total economy	511,085.5	531,318.4	531,039.8	533,865.8	0.6	-0.1	0.5	4.5
Goods-producing industries	170,955.4	181,043.2	181,959.6	183,272.5	1.1	0.5	0.7	7.2
Services-producing industries	340,130.1	350,275.2	349,080.2	350,593.3	0.4	-0.3	0.4	3.1
Business sector	418,765.2	439,405.3	439,327.0	441,964.5	0.7	-0.0	0.6	5.5
Goods	170,046.0	180,125.4	181,043.0	182,355.9	1.1	0.5	0.7	7.2
Agriculture	10,690.2	10,743.6	10,650.0	10,588.9	-1.0	-0.9	-0.6	-0.9
Fishing and trapping	1,215.0	1,018.8	1,028.7	1,012.6	-1.3	1.0	-1.6	-16.7
Logging	2,648.1	2,952.1	2,935.3	2,845.4	1.0	-0.6	-3.1	7.5
Mining	22,036.0	23,613.8	24,031.8	23,957.0	2.0	1.8	-0.3	8.7
Manufacturing	91,222.1	96,887.5	97,503.9	99,178.2	0.6	0.6	1.7	8.7
Construction	25,643.8	27,649.9	27,710.3	27,608.9	2.2	0.2	-0.4	7.7
Other utility industries	16,590.8	17,259.7	17,183.0	17,164.9	1.8	-0.4	-0.1	3.5
Services	248,719.2	259,279.9	258,284.0	259,608.6	0.4	-0.4	0.5	4.4
Transportation and storage	21,779.3	22,872.1	22,920.2	23,157.4	0.4	0.2	1.0	6.3
Communications	19,683.3	20,982.0	20,920.6	20,942.2	1.4	-0.3	0.1	6.4
Wholesale trade	31,026.2	33,948.2	34,017.9	34,379.4	0.5	0.2	1.1	10.8
Retail trade	31,376.3	33,323.3	32,681.0	32,873.9	1.3	-1.9	0.6	4.8
Finance, insurance and real estate	83,356.2	85,218.0	84,659.1	85,237.8	0.0	-0.7	0.7	2.3
Community, business and personal services	61,497.9	62,936.3	63,085.2	63,017.9	0.3	0.2	-0.1	2.5
Non-business sector	92,320.3	91,913.1	91,712.8	91,901.3	0.1	-0.2	0.2	-0.5
Goods	909.4	917.8	916.6	916.6	0.7	-0.1	0.0	0.8
Services	91,410.9	90,995.3	90,796.2	90,984.7	0.1	-0.2	0.2	-0.5
Government services	33,553.9	33,385.4	33,235.4	33,255.9	-0.1	-0.4	0.1	-0.9
Community and personal services	54,501.0	54,351.0	54,354.6	54,480.6	0.3	0.0	0.2	-0.0
Other services	3,356.0	3,258.9	3,206.2	3,248.2	0.4	-1.6	1.3	-3.2
Other aggregations								
Industrial production	130,758.3	138,678.8	139,635.3	141,216.7	1.0	0.7	1.1	8.0
Non-durable manufacturing	41,506.6	43,041.6	43,515.6	43,872.9	0.5	1.1	0.8	5.7
Durable manufacturing	49,715.5	53,845.9	53,988.3	55,305.3	0.7	0.3	2.4	11.2

^r Revised figures.

^p Preliminary figures.

OTHER RELEASES

Sales of refined petroleum products

September 1994 (preliminary)

Sales of refined petroleum products totalled 7 017 200 cubic metres in September, up 0.2% from September 1993. The advance was due to higher demand for diesel fuel oil (+142 800 cubic metres or +9.2%) and motor gasoline (+39 300 or +1.3%). Largely offsetting these gains was a sharp decline in sales of petrochemical feedstocks (-167 000 cubic metres or -53.2%). The decrease was partly due to a maintenance shutdown, which curtailed both production and sales.

To the end of September 1994, year-to-date sales for all refined products were up 2.9% from the same period in 1993. Five of the seven major product groups, accounting for 88% of total sales volume, registered increased sales. Higher demand by the transport sector (railways and the truck transport industry) and increased usage by the crude petroleum and natural gas industry, due to expanded drilling activity, led to a strong 11.1% gain in diesel fuel oil sales. Heavy fuel oil sales declined 12.6% from the same period in 1993, reflecting decreased use of the product by electric utilities and by the pulp and paper industry.

Sales of refined petroleum products

	September 1994	September 1993 to September 1994
	thousands of cubic metres	% change
Total, all products	7 017.2	0.2
Motor gasoline	3 058.9	1.3
Diesel fuel oil	1 697.5	9.2
Light fuel oil	306.5	1.0
Heavy fuel oil	477.5	-1.7
Aviation turbo fuels	419.9	1.2
Petrochemical feedstocks ¹	146.8	-53.2
All other refined products	910.1	0.8
	January to September 1994	Jan.-Sept. 1993 to Jan.-Sept. 1994
	thousands of cubic metres	% change
Total, all products	61 717.3	2.9
Motor gasoline	26 360.1	3.7
Diesel fuel oil	13 586.9	11.1
Light fuel oil	4 241.0	1.6
Heavy fuel oil	4 768.3	-12.6
Aviation turbo fuels	3 556.3	4.1
Petrochemical feedstocks ¹	2 604.4	-8.8
All other refined products	6 600.3	2.5

¹ Materials produced by refineries that are used by the petrochemical industry to produce petroleum-based chemicals.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 628-642 and 644-647.

The September 1994 issue of *Refined petroleum products* (45-004, \$20/\$200) will be available the third week of December. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Gérard O'Connor (613-951-3562), Energy Section, Industry Division. ■

Restaurants, caterers and taverns

August 1994

Restaurant, caterer and tavern receipts totalled \$1,899 million for August 1994, up 5.7% from \$1,797 million in August 1993.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 52.

The August 1994 issue of *Restaurants, caterers and taverns* (63-011, \$7/\$70) will be available in three weeks. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact William Birbeck (613-951-3506), Services, Science and Technology Division. ■

Asphalt roofing

September 1994

Shipments of asphalt shingles totalled 4 036 337 metric bundles in September 1994, a 5.5% increase from 3 825 788^r (revised) metric bundles shipped a year earlier.

For January to September 1994, shipments totalled 32 151 250 metric bundles, up 6.6% from 30 161 351^r metric bundles shipped during the same period in 1993.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 32 and 122 (series 27 and 28).

The September 1994 issue of *Asphalt roofing* (45-001, \$6/\$60) will be available later.

For further information on this release, contact Sandra Bohatyretz (613-951-3516), Industry Division. ■

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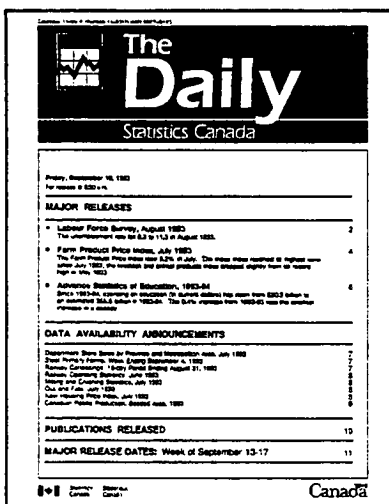
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