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#### **MAJOR RELEASE**

### Stocks of Canadian grain

March 31, 1994

#### Canola and flaxseed

Despite a 38.2% production increase, record marketings of canola from August 1993 through March 1994 have left only 750 thousand tonnes of canola on farms—the lowest farm-stock level in almost 10 years.

Farm stocks of flaxseed at March 31 were 240 thousand tonnes, a 14.3% decrease from last year's stocks of 280 thousand tonnes and the lowest level since 1990 (when farm stocks at March 31 were 125 thousand tonnes). Stocks of flaxseed in all positions totalled 405 thousand tonnes, down 9.0% from last year.

#### Wheat

At March 31, farm stocks of all wheat excluding durum were up 4.2% from last year, to 14.0 million tonnes. This increase in stocks was due to a decline in the volume of wheat marketings between August 1993 and March 1994, as compared to the same period a year earlier. Stocks of all wheat excluding durum in all positions totalled 18.4 million tonnes, down 1.0% from March 1993.

Farm stocks of durum wheat were 2.4 million tonnes at March 31, up 3.1% from last year's 2.3 million tonnes. Stocks of durum wheat in all positions totalled 3.2 million tonnes, down 1.9% from a year earlier.

#### **Barley**

Farm stocks of barley were 6.5 million tonnes at March 31, 24.5% higher than last March's stocks of 5.2 million tonnes. Stocks of barley in all positions totalled 7.6 million tonnes at March 31, 1994.

#### Corn for grain and soybeans

Farm stocks of corn for grain were 2.1 million tonnes at March 31, nearly identical to last year's level.

At March 31, farm stocks of soybeans were 252 thousand tonnes, a 6.7% decrease from last year's stocks of 270 thousand tonnes.

Field crop reporting series no. 3: stocks of Canadian grain at March 31, 1994 (22-002, \$15/\$85) is now available. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Karen Gray (204-983-2856) or Tony Dupuis (613-951-0572), Crops Section, Division of Agriculture.

#### DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Steel primary forms

Week ending May 7, 1994 (preliminary)

Steel primary forms production for the week ending May 7, 1994, totalled 261 443 tonnes, down 4.7% from the week-earlier 274 383 tonnes and down 7.6% from the year-earlier 283 075 tonnes.

The cumulative total at the end of the week was 4749 756 tonnes, a 5.5% decrease from 5 027 247 tonnes for the same period in 1993.

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

#### Steel primary forms

March 1994

Steel primary forms production for March 1994 totalled 1 202 437 tonnes, a 5.6% decrease from 1 273 572 tonnes in March 1993.

Year-to-date production at the end of March 1994 reached 3 322 126 tonnes, down 5.0% from 3 496 244 tonnes a year earlier.

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

The March 1994 issue of *Primary iron and steel* (41-001, \$6/\$60) will be available later.

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

#### Steel pipe and tubing

March 1994

Steel pipe and tubing production for March 1994 totalled 164 181 tonnes, a 2.4% increase from 160 357 tonnes a year earlier.

Year-to-date production at the end of March 1994 totalled 472 236 tonnes, up 2.4% from 461 267 tonnes produced during the same period in 1993.

#### Available on CANSIM: matrix 35.

The March 1994 issue of Steel pipe and tubing (41-011, \$6/\$60) will be available later.

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

#### Railway carloadings

Seven-day period ending April 21, 1994

The number of railway cars loaded in Canada during the seven-day period decreased by 5.0% from the year-earlier period; revenue-freight loaded decreased by 0.4% to 4.7 million tonnes.

Piggyback traffic tonnage, which is included in total carload traffic, increased 5.8% during the same period.

Tonnage of revenue-freight loaded as of April 21, 1994 increased 2.0% from the previous year.

Cumulative data for 1993 and 1994 have been revised.

For further information on this release, contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2528, fax: 613-951-0579), Surface Transport Unit, Transportation Division.

## Passenger bus and urban transit statistics

March 1994

In March 1994, a total of 82 urban transit systems with annual operating revenues of \$1 million or more (subsidies included) carried 128.8 million fare passengers, down 4.5% from March 1993. Operating revenues in March totalled \$130.3 million, down 1.7% from March 1993.

During the same period, 29 passenger bus carriers that earn \$1 million or more annually from intercity and rural bus operations carried 1.0 million fare passengers, up 5.6% from March 1993. March's operating revenues from the same services totalled \$20.6 million, a 5.3% increase from March 1993.

All 1993 figures and 1994 cumulative data have been revised.

#### Available on CANSIM: matrices 351 and 352.

The March 1994 issue of *Passenger bus and urban transit statistics* (53-003, \$8/\$80) will be available next week. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Réjean L'Heureux (613-951-0522), Transportation Division.

#### Particleboard, waferboard and fibreboard March 1994

Waferboard production in March 1994 totalled 211 295 cubic metres, a 7.6% increase from 196 306 cubic metres in March 1993. Particleboard production reached 127 355 cubic metres, up 15.7% from 110 075 cubic metres in March 1993. Fibreboard production in March was 9 792 thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, up 15.0% from 8 517 thousand square metres in March 1993.

For January to March 1994, year-to-date waferboard production totalled 573 739 cubic metres, up 2.7% from 558 813 cubic metres a year earlier. Year-to-date particleboard production was 340 159

cubic metres, up 12.6% from 302 075 cubic metres a year earlier. Year-to-date fibreboard production reached 25 559 thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, up 7.9% from 23 694 thousand square metres during the same period in 1993.

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

The March 1994 issue of *Particleboard*, waferboard and fibreboard (36-003, \$6/\$60) will be available later.

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

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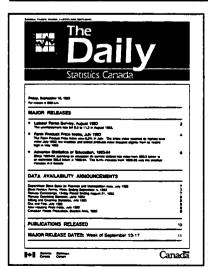
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