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For further information on this release, contact Paul Spooner (613-951-5027) or Eileen Foley (613-951-5028), Agriculture Division (fax: 613-951-3868).



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DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trends in the business population

First quarter 1994

The first quarter of 1994 was the third consecutive quarter of growth in the employer business population in Canada, as measured by the seasonally adjusted number of remitting payroll deduction (PD) accounts. For the first quarter of 1994, the number of remitting PD accounts was 922,372, a 0.90% increase from 914,395 accounts in the fourth quarter of 1993. This growth followed more modest growth in the previous two quarters (+0.06% in the third quarter of 1993 and 0.41% in the fourth quarter of 1993).

The growth in the first quarter of 1994 was observed in all provinces, ranging from a low of +0.16% in Newfoundland to a high of +1.67% in British Columbia.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 1421.

For further information on this release, contact Des Beckstead (613-951-6199), or Stewart Taylor (613-951-0389), Business Register Division. ■

Cereals and oilseeds review

May 1994

Seeding of grains progressed well on the Prairies in May despite some delays due to rain. The moisture was welcome in some districts where strong winds had dried topsoils and had prevented seeding or germination of oilseeds.

In Ontario, warm weather permitted farmers to finish planting corn and to make good progress planting soybeans. Ontario's winter wheat crop is in good condition, although about 10% suffered from winterkill.

Grain markets focussed mainly on the weather in May, particularly in the United States. A weather rally from mid-May to late May was supportive to prices. Other market influences were: the U.S. Department of Agriculture's projections for very large corn and soybean crops and for a small wheat crop; Statistics Canada's release of the March 31st stocks on farms; and the usual seasonal shift from feeding to pastures.

The May 1994 issue of *Cereals and oilseeds review* (22-007, \$15/\$144) will be released in July. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Alain Y. Bertrand (613-951-3859) or Karen Gray (204-983-2856), Grain Marketing Unit, Agriculture Division. ■

Crushing statistics

May 1994

Oilseed processors crushed 186 thousand tonnes of canola in May 1994, a 3% decrease from April 1994 but a 13% increase from May 1993 (165 thousand tonnes). Canola crushings for the current crop year (from August 1, 1993 to July 31, 1994) continued at a record 1.8 million tonnes.

Canola oil output totalled 77 thousand tonnes in May, while canola meal production totalled 113 thousand tonnes. Oil stocks rose to 30 thousand tonnes in May, from 29 thousand tonnes in April. Canola meal stocks were 36 thousand tonnes in May.

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Architectural service industry

1991

Data for 1991 from the annual survey of architects (SIC 7751) are now available.

For further information on this release, contact Michèle LeBel (613-951-3176), Business Services Section, Services, Science and Technology Division. ■

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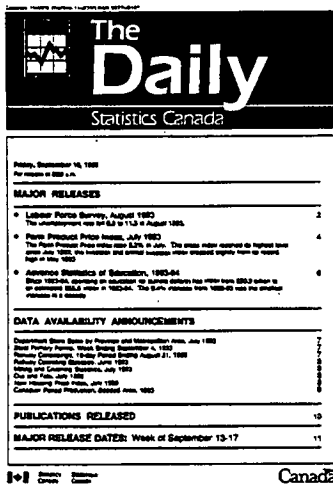
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