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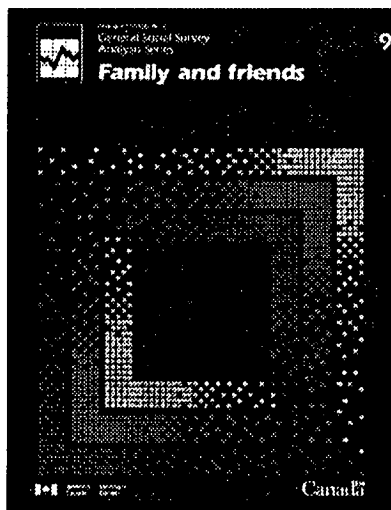
• Farm product price index, June 1994

The index decreased 0.7% to 105.8 in June as the crops index and the livestock and animal products index both decreased.

• New housing price index, June 1994

In June the index rose 0.1% from May 1994. This was the 12th consecutive month when the index did not change by more than 0.1%.

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Family and friends

1990 general social survey (GSS)

Canadians face many decisions concerning their relationships with family and friends. Marriage and common-law unions, child-bearing and birth intentions, sharing housework, helping family and friends, and family contacts are some of the themes addressed by this publication. One chapter focuses solely on the family structures and dynamics of older Canadians—those aged 45 to 64 and those aged 65 and over. A number of articles based on the GSS data have already been published in *Canadian social trends*, *Perspectives on labour and income* and other publications. Now *Family and friends* provides more extensive analyses, including detailed tabulations and some comparisons with the 1984 family history survey.

Family and friends (11-612E, \$40) is now available. See "How to order publications".

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Farm product price index

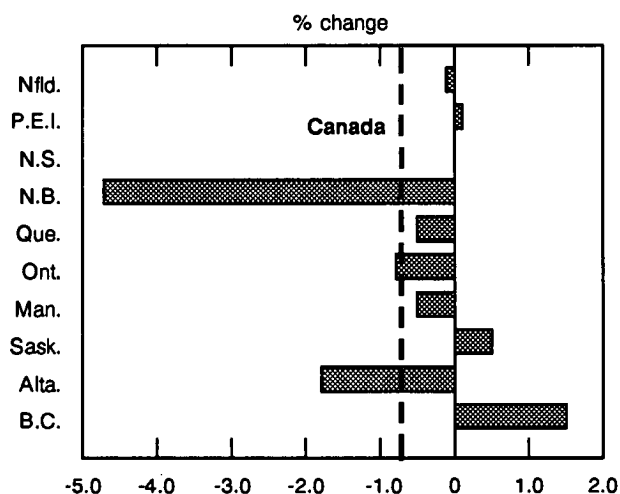
June 1994

The farm product price index (1986=100) for Canada stood at 105.8 in June, down 0.7% from 106.5 in May. On a year-over-year basis the index decreased 2.2%.

On a monthly basis, the crops index decreased 0.3% in June to 98.4 as decreases in cereal and potato prices more than offset an increase in oilseed prices. The livestock and animal products index fell 0.8% to 110.4 as the cattle and calves index (-1.5%) and the hogs index (-1.3%) both decreased.

Farm product price index

May to June 1994



Crops

The crops index decreased 0.3% to 98.4 with changes seen in cereals (-1.2%), oilseeds (+1.9%) and potatoes (-0.7%). The cereals index reached 76.5 in June. Despite month-to-month increases in two of the latest four months, the cereals index has been between 14% and 27% below year-earlier levels throughout the 1993/94 crop year. In June the cereals index stood 22.3% below its year-earlier level. Effective June 10, 1994, the Canadian Wheat Board increased initial payments for durum wheat by \$25 a tonne for all grades except the lowest grades, which it increased by between \$5 and \$20 a tonne. The increase brings the payment on delivery for Number

one 13% protein wheat to \$202 a tonne and for Number one wheat of uniform quality to \$185, the highest payment since 1988/89 but short of the record in 1981/82 (\$239 a tonne).

The oilseeds index rose 1.9% to 153.3 in June. On a year-over-year basis, the index was up 45.0%. Oilseeds have shown year-over-year price increases for the latest two years. The potatoes index decreased 0.7% to 182.5 in June. Potato prices have shown year-over-year price increases for the latest 13 months. In June the potatoes index stood 24.7% above the previous year's level.

Livestock and animal products

The livestock and animal products index fell 0.8% to 110.4 in June. Despite month-to-month decreases in six of the latest nine months, the index was 0.5% above year-earlier levels. For the latest 18 months, the livestock and animal products index has remained at or near record levels.

The cattle and calves index decreased 1.5% to 118.3 in June. Prices of cattle and calves have been at record levels since the beginning of 1993. In the United States, Omaha slaughter steer prices, at US\$63.15 per hundred-weight in June, were down 6.9% from May's price (US\$67.82 per hundred-weight). Oklahoma feeder steer prices were down 2.8%. In Canada, cattle and calves slaughter to the end of June was down 1.3% from 1993. But in the United States, cattle and calves slaughter to the end of June was up 2.0%. In June the cattle and calves index was 3.3% below its year-earlier level.

The hogs index decreased 1.3% to 89.7 in June. Hog prices have been declining every month since February. For the first six months of 1994, hog slaughter in Canada was up 0.9% from the same period last year. But in the United States hog slaughter was down 0.6%. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the number of hogs in the United States at June 1, 1994 was 3% above the year-earlier number. In June the hogs index stood below its year-earlier level (-0.7%) for the first time since August 1992.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 176.

The June issue of the *Farm product price index* (62-003, \$8/\$76) will be released on August 18th. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Bernie Rosien (613-951-2441), Farm Income and Prices Section, Agriculture Division. □

Farm product price index
(1986 = 100)

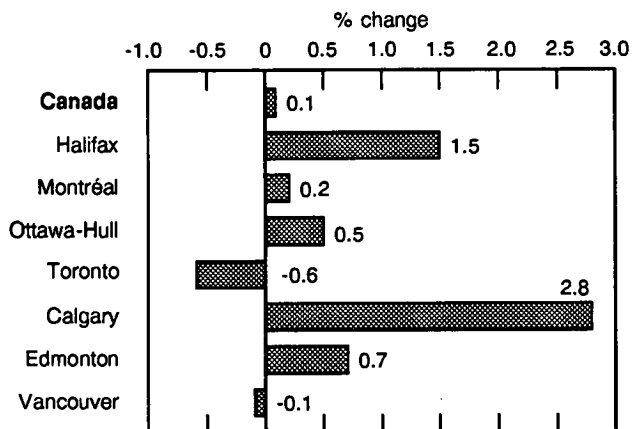
	June 1993	May 1994	June 1994	June 1993 to June 1994	May 1994 to June 1994
				% change	
Total Index	108.2	106.5	105.8	-2.2	-0.7
Crops	105.4	98.7	98.4	-6.6	-0.3
Cereals	98.4	77.4	76.5	-22.3	-1.2
Oilseeds	105.7	150.5	153.3	45.0	1.9
Potatoes	146.4	183.7	182.5	24.7	-0.7
Livestock and animal products	109.8	111.3	110.4	0.5	-0.8
Cattle and calves	122.3	120.1	118.3	-3.3	-1.5
Hogs	90.3	90.9	89.7	-0.7	-1.3

New housing price index

June 1994

The new housing price index (1986=100) stood at 136.2 in June 1994, a slight 0.1% increase from May 1994.

New housing price indexes June 1993 to June 1994



Of the 20 cities surveyed, seven indexes registered no monthly changes. Of the six cities showing monthly increases, the largest were for

Toronto (+0.6%), Hamilton (+0.6%), Calgary (+0.6%) and St. Catharines-Niagara (+0.5%). Of the seven cities registering monthly decreases, the largest were for St. John's (-0.6%) and Victoria (-0.5%).

The estimated house-only index increased 0.2%, while the estimated land-only index remained unchanged.

The index of housing contractors' selling prices was up 0.1% from a year earlier. This movement was influenced by year-over-year increases in the indexes for Regina (+4.4%), Winnipeg (+3.2%), Calgary (+2.8%), Sudbury-Thunder Bay (+1.9%), Halifax (+1.5%) and Saskatoon (+1.0%). These increases were offset, however, by year-over-year decreases in the indexes for St. Catharines-Niagara (-3.6%), Kitchener-Waterloo (-3.3%), and Québec (-0.8%). Toronto's index also registered a year-over-year decrease (-0.6%). This was the 51st consecutive month when the year-over-year change was negative for Toronto.

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The second quarter 1994 issue of *Construction price statistics* (62-007, \$19/\$76) will be available in September. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Paul-Roméo Danis (613-951-3350), Information and Current Analysis Unit, Prices Division (fax: 613-951-2848). □

New housing price indexes
(1986 = 100)

	June 1993	May 1994	June 1994	June 1993 to June 1994	May 1994 to June 1994
	% change				
Canada total	136.1	136.0	136.2	0.1	0.1
House only	125.6	125.3	125.6	-	0.2
Land only	169.1	169.4	169.4	0.2	-
St. John's	127.0	128.2	127.4	0.3	-0.6
Halifax	114.2	115.9	115.9	1.5	-
Saint John-Moncton-					
Fredericton	115.3	115.4	115.5	0.2	0.1
Québec	135.6	134.6	134.5	-0.8	-0.1
Montréal	135.9	136.4	136.2	0.2	-0.1
Ottawa-Hull	122.5	123.4	123.1	0.5	-0.2
Toronto	137.9	136.3	137.1	-0.6	0.6
Hamilton	127.2	126.5	127.2	-	0.6
St. Catharines-Niagara	127.0	121.8	122.4	-3.6	0.5
Kitchener-Waterloo	127.2	122.9	123.0	-3.3	0.1
London	146.1	146.3	146.3	0.1	-
Windsor	127.4	127.0	127.0	-0.3	-
Sudbury-Thunder Bay	135.1	137.7	137.7	1.9	-
Winnipeg	112.7	116.3	116.3	3.2	-
Regina	122.4	127.8	127.8	4.4	-
Saskatoon	111.3	112.6	112.4	1.0	-0.2
Calgary	137.0	140.1	140.9	2.8	0.6
Edmonton	147.2	148.2	148.2	0.7	-
Vancouver	145.9	145.8	145.7	-0.1	-0.1
Victoria	132.0	131.1	130.4	-1.2	-0.5

- Nil or zero.

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Raw materials price index early estimate

July 1994

The raw materials price index (RMPI) is estimated to have increased 1.1% from June 1994 to July 1994. The upward pressure came from the indexes for mineral fuels (+2.9%), metals (+1.8%), and wood (+1.4%). Declining 1.1% in July, the animal and vegetable products index moderated the overall increase. The RMPI excluding mineral fuels is estimated to have increased 0.3% in July.

This early estimate of the index is based on partial returns and other indicators. The regular index will be published at the end of this month.

For further information on this release, contact Paul-Roméo Danis (613-951-3350), Information and Current Analysis Unit, Prices Division (fax: 613-951-2848). ■

Railway carloadings

Seven-day period ending July 21, 1994

The number of railway cars loaded in Canada during the seven-day period increased by 10.8% from the year-earlier period; revenue-freight loaded increased 18.6% to 4.5 million tonnes.

Piggyback traffic tonnage, which is included in total carload traffic, increased 7.4% during the same period.

Tonnage of revenue-freight loaded as of July 21, 1994 increased 5.2% 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. ■

Steel pipe and tubing

June 1994

Steel pipe and tubing production for June 1994 totalled 174 583 tonnes, a 15.9% increase from 150 524 tonnes a year earlier.

Year-to-date production at the end of June 1994 totalled 948 407 tonnes, up 5.5% from 898 580 tonnes produced during the same period in 1993.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 35.

The June 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. ■

Fabricated structural steel price indexes

Second quarter 1994

Price indexes for the second quarter of 1994 for fabricated structural steel-in-place are now available. These indexes, at a Canada level, increased 0.8% from the first quarter of 1994 and increased 3.2% from the second quarter of 1993.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2044.

The second quarter 1994 issue of *Construction price statistics* (62-007, \$19/\$76) will be available in September. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Paul-Roméo Danis (613-951-3350), Information and Current Analysis Unit, Prices Division, (fax: 613-951-2848). ■

Pulpwood and wood residue statistics

June 1994

In June pulpwood receipts totalled 2 780 841 cubic metres, up 5.8% from 2 627 615^r (revised) cubic metres in June 1993. Receipts of wood residue totalled 6 389 564 cubic metres, a 6.1% increase from 6 021 727^r cubic metres in June 1993. Consumption of pulpwood and wood residue totalled 8 881 114 cubic metres, up 2.2% from 8 692 383^r cubic metres in June 1993. The closing inventory of pulpwood and wood residue decreased 13.3% to 9 449 766 cubic metres, from 10 902 051^r cubic metres a year earlier.

At the end of June 1994, year-to-date receipts of pulpwood totalled 16 373 208^r cubic metres, up 4.3% from 15 693 721^r cubic metres a year earlier. Year-to-date receipts of wood residue increased 5.6% to 35 993 383^r cubic metres, from the year-earlier 34 089 836^r cubic metres. Year-to-date consumption of pulpwood and wood residue (53 234 386^r cubic metres) rose 3.3% from 51 550 387^r cubic metres a year earlier.

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The June 1994 issue of *Pulpwood and wood residue statistics* (25-001, \$7/\$70) will be available later.

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

Footwear statistics

Second quarter 1994

Manufacturers of footwear produced 6,127,377 pairs in the second quarter of 1994, a 6.0% increase from 5,778,178 pairs a year earlier.

Year-to-date production at the end of June 1994 totalled 11,565,128^r (revised) pairs, up 4.4% from 11,076,468 pairs produced during the same period in 1993.

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The second quarter 1994 issue of *Footwear statistics* (33-002, \$6/\$24) will be available later.

For further information on this release, contact Don Grant (613-951-5998), Industry Division. ■

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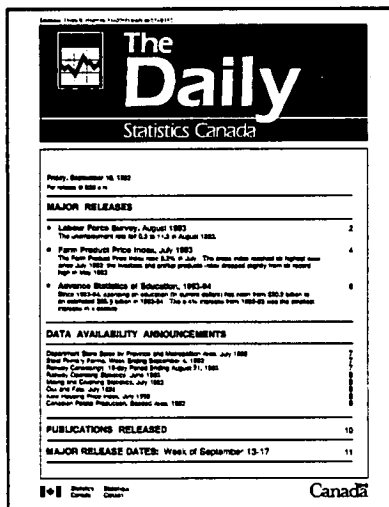
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