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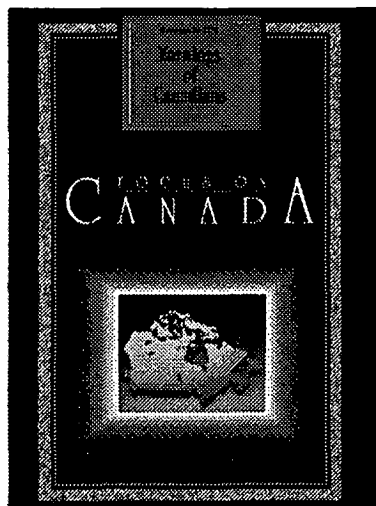
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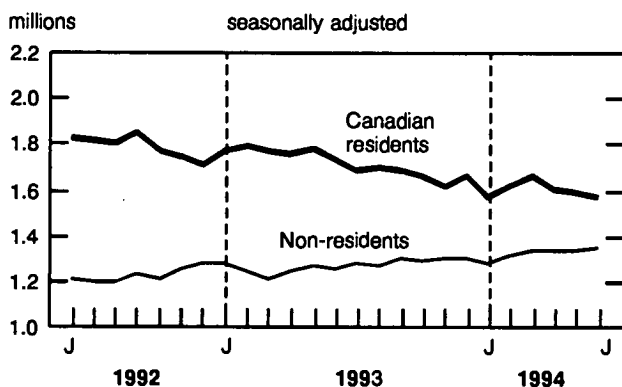
June 1994

Overnight travel to Canada, which has been gradually increasing over the past year, rose 0.7% in June. Meanwhile, same-day car trips by Canadian residents to the United States, a key indicator of cross-border shopping, dropped to their lowest level since June 1988.

Overnight visits to Canada increase

Foreigners made 1.3 million overnight trips (seasonally adjusted) to Canada in June, up 0.7% from May. This type of travel was relatively constant between late 1986 and early 1993. In April 1993 it began inching upward.

Trips of one or more nights between Canada and other countries



Residents of the United States made 1.0 million trips of one or more nights to Canada in June, up a slight 0.2% from May.

Overnight trips to Canada by residents of overseas countries increased 2.6% from May, to a record 296,000, continuing the uptrend evident since August 1992. Overnight visits from a number of countries were up substantially from June 1993, including Japan (+19.9% to 52,000), France (+25.8% to 51,000) and Australia (+25.6% to 16,000).

Note to users

Month-to-month comparisons in international travel use seasonally adjusted data (i.e., adjusted for variations that repeat annually and for variability caused by different volumes of travellers associated with different days of the week).

Year-over-year comparisons use unadjusted data, which are the actual traffic counts.

During the first half of 1994, residents of the United States and other countries made 6.0 million overnight trips to Canada, up 6.1% from the first half of 1993.

Estimated trips to Canada of one or more nights

Traveller's country of residence	January to June 1994P	Jan.-June 1993 to Jan.-June 1994 P
	'000	% change
	unadjusted	
United States	4,752	4.9
United Kingdom	216	1.1
Japan	192	16.5
France	154	23.5
Germany	129	6.1
Hong Kong	52	5.7
Australia	49	21.6
Netherlands	33	1.2
Switzerland	32	15.0
Italy	32	2.1

P Preliminary figures.

Impact of the Windsor Casino

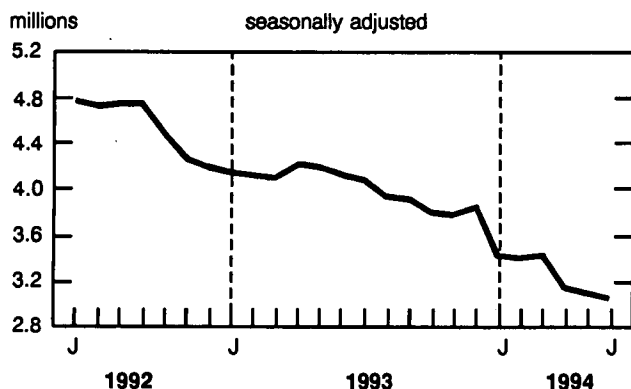
Residents of the United States made 2.0 million same-day car trips (unadjusted) to Canada in June 1994, an 8.6% increase from June 1993. Well above the national average, same-day car trips by U.S. residents through the Windsor Tunnel totalled 373,000, up an impressive 52.2% from June 1993. June 1994 was the Windsor Casino's first full month of operation.

Overnight car trips by U.S. residents through the Windsor Tunnel also surged, up 33.5% from June 1993, to 45,000. Overall, similar car trips to Canada totalled 1.0 million (unadjusted), a 10.5% increase from June 1993.

Same-day car trips to the United States continue to drop

Canadian residents made 3.0 million same-day car trips (seasonally adjusted) to the United States in June, down 1.4% from May and substantially below the June 1993 figure. This is the lowest level in six years.

Same-day car trips by Canadian residents to the United States



Data collected by the international travel survey during the first three months of 1994 indicate that 87.3% of Canadians on same-day car trips to the United States shopped there.

Same-day car trips by Canadians across the border have been declining steadily since February 1992 after peaking at 5.3 million in November 1991.

A major factor in the downtrend in same-day cross-border car trips by Canadians has been the weakening Canadian dollar. The dollar has fallen to about US72 cents, from more than US88 cents in November 1991. Another factor is the rising price of gasoline in the United States. Combined, these two factors have narrowed the gap between Canadian and U.S. gas prices to C13 cents per litre. More recently (beginning in February 1994), the federal government and some of the provincial governments lowered taxes on tobacco products.

Unadjusted same-day car trips by Canadians to the United States dropped 26.3% from June 1993, to 3.3 million. All provinces recorded double-digit decreases from June 1993. At the four land crossings in the Niagara Peninsula (Ontario region), Canadians made 457,000 same-day cross-border car trips, down 29.1% from June 1993.

Same-day car trips by Canadian residents to the United States

	June 1994P	June 1993 to June 1994P
	'000	% change
	unadjusted	
Canada	3,271	-26.3
Province of re-entry		
New Brunswick	517	-32.7
Quebec	348	-27.8
Ontario	1,444	-25.3
Manitoba	62	-24.2
Saskatchewan	27	-48.8
Alberta	19	-19.6
British Columbia	850	-22.2
Yukon	4	-4.0

P Preliminary figures.

Canadians are making fewer overnight trips to the United States

Overall, Canadians made fewer overnight trips abroad in June. In terms of all travel modes, overnight trips by Canadians to all countries decreased 1.7% from May, to 1.6 million (seasonally adjusted), well below the June 1993 figure.

Including all modes of transportation, Canadians made 1.3 million overnight trips (seasonally adjusted) to the United States, down 2.7% from May. Overnight travel by Canadian residents to the United States has been decreasing generally since January 1992. As in same-day travel, a key factor in this downtrend has been the weakening Canadian dollar. It stood at US72 cents in both May and June, a level last seen in December 1986.

Canadians made 868,000 overnight car trips to the United States in June 1994, down 3.1% from May. Overnight trips to all other countries increased 2.8% from May, to 285,000.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2661-2697.

The June 1994 issue of *International travel, advance information* (66-001P, \$7/\$70) will be available shortly. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Ruth Martin (613-951-1791), International Travel Section, Education, Culture and Tourism Division. □

Travel between Canada and other countries

	April 1994 ^r	May 1994 ^r	June 1994 ^p	May 1994 to June 1994 ^p
	'000			% change
	seasonally adjusted			
Canadian trips abroad				
Car trips to the United States				
Same-day	3,119	3,082	3,039	-1.4
One or more nights	892	895	868	-3.1
Total trips, one or more nights				
United States ¹	1,314	1,314	1,279	-2.7
Other countries	285	277	285	2.8
Travel to Canada				
Car trips from United States				
Same-day	1,593	1,635	1,664	1.8
One or more nights	726	711	729	2.5
Total trips, one or more nights				
United States ¹	1,045	1,046	1,048	0.2
Other countries ²	279	288	296	2.6
	June 1994 ^p	June 1993 to June 1994 ^p	January to June 1994 ^p	January-June 1993 to January- June 1994 ^p
	'000	% change	'000	% change
	unadjusted			
Canadian trips abroad				
Car trips to the United States				
Same-day	3,271	-26.3	18,400	-23.1
One or more nights	765	-15.2	4,366	-14.7
Total trips, one or more nights				
United States ¹	1,100	-10.7	7,007	-11.2
Other countries	217	3.5	1,831	4.2
Travel to Canada				
Car trips from United States				
Same-day	1,991	8.6	8,493	2.3
One or more nights	1,029	10.5	3,141	5.8
Total trips, one or more nights				
United States ¹	1,522	6.9	4,752	4.9
Other countries ²	430	15.7	1,301	10.6

¹ Estimates for the United States include counts of car and bus, and estimated numbers for plane, train, boat and other methods.

² Figures for "other countries" exclude same-day entries by land only, via the United States.

^p Preliminary figures.

^r Revised figures.

Machinery and equipment price indexes

Second quarter 1994

The machinery and equipment price index (MEPI, 1986=100) by industry of purchase was at a preliminary level of 113.7 in the second quarter of 1994, up 1.6% from the first quarter of 1994. This is the largest increase since the fourth quarter of 1992. The domestic component rose 0.8%, while the import component rose 2.3%.

The total index for the second quarter of 1994 was up 5.6% from the second quarter of 1993. The domestic component rose 2.4% and the import component rose 8.6%. The increase in the import component reflects an 8.8% rise in the U.S. exchange rate.

Among the industry divisions, the largest contributors to the overall quarterly price increase were manufacturing (+2.1%) and transportation,

communications, storage and utilities (+1.5%). Comparing the second quarters of 1993 and 1994, these same two industry divisions were the largest contributors to the year-over-year price increase, at 6.7% and 4.0% respectively. Of all the industry divisions, construction recorded the highest quarterly (+2.4%) and year-over-year (+8.4%) rates of change in the second quarter of 1994. The finance, insurance and real estate industry recorded the lowest quarterly (+0.9%) and year-over-year (+3.3%) rates of change.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2023-2025.

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, fax: 613-951-2848), Information and Current Analysis Unit, Prices Division.

Machinery and equipment price indexes (1986 = 100)

	Relative importance ¹	Second quarter 1993 ^r	First quarter 1994 ^r	Second quarter 1994 ^p	First quarter 1994 to Second quarter 1994	Second quarter 1993 to Second quarter 1994
					% change	
Machinery and equipment price index	100.0	107.6	111.9	113.7	1.6	5.6
Industry						
Agriculture	11.0	122.0	127.4	128.7	1.0	5.5
Forestry	1.5	117.2	121.3	122.6	1.1	4.6
Fishing	0.6	108.0	112.6	114.6	1.8	6.1
Mines, quarries and oil wells	6.0	106.3	111.8	114.0	2.0	7.2
Manufacturing	29.9	110.3	115.3	117.7	2.1	6.7
Construction	3.5	108.0	114.4	117.1	2.4	8.4
Transportation, communications, storage and utilities	25.9	105.3	107.9	109.5	1.5	4.0
Trade	4.0	101.3	105.0	106.4	1.3	5.0
Finance, insurance and real estate	1.8	99.0	101.4	102.3	0.9	3.3
Community, business and personal services	11.1	95.4	99.0	99.9	0.9	4.7
Public administration	4.7	106.8	111.6	113.4	1.6	6.2

^p Preliminary figures.

^r These indexes might have been revised from the previous quarter and have not been finalized.

¹ Weights for the industry divisions are based on the value of capitalized expenditures on new machinery and equipment for the years 1979-1983 at 1986 prices (Public and private investment in Canada, 1979-1983).

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Precast concrete price indexes

First half 1994

Price indexes for the first half of 1994 for precast concrete in-place are now available. These indexes, at a Canada level, decreased 1.1% from the second half of 1993 and decreased 0.9% from the first half of 1993.

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Dairy review

June 1994

Creamery butter production totalled 7.6 thousand tonnes in June, a 2.5% decrease from June 1993. Cheddar cheese production amounted to 10.3 thousand tonnes, a 3.9% increase from June 1993.

An estimated 630.3 thousand kilolitres of milk were sold off farms for all purposes in May 1994, a 3.6% increase from May 1993. This brought the total estimate of milk sold off farms during the first five

months of 1994 to 2.9 million kilolitres, a 3.5% increase over the January to May 1993 period.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3428, 5632-5638, 5650-5661, 5664-5667 and 5673.

The June 1994 issue of *The dairy review* (23-001, \$14/\$138) will be released on August 26th. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Robert Freeman (613-951-2508), Agriculture Division.

Egg production

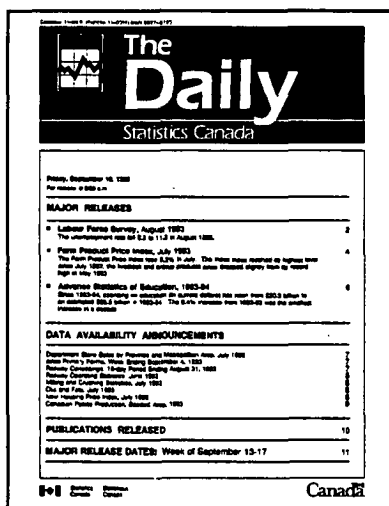
June 1994

Egg production in June totalled 39.2 million dozen, a 0.2% decrease from June 1993. For the same period, the average number of layers decreased 0.2%, while the number of eggs per 100 layers remained unchanged at 2,157.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1145, 1146 and 5689-5691.

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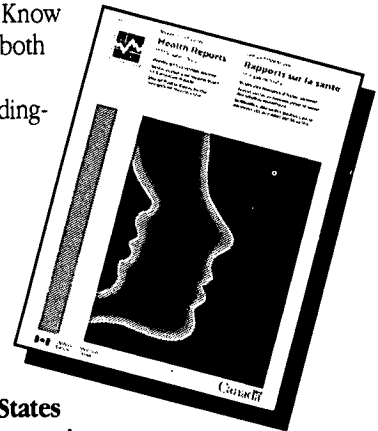
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