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Cigarette shipments and production

July 1994

Manufacturers produced 2.3 billion cigarettes in July, a 61% drop from the previous month, the result of regular July plant closings.

Shipments of 3.9 billion cigarettes were down proportionally less (-26%), causing a reduction in inventories from 6.0 billion to 4.4 billion cigarettes. Domestic shipments (3.6 billion) continued their relative gain at the expense of exports, which amounted to 220 million in July.

Compared to July 1993, production levels were more than twice as high (+120%). This reflects the fact that plants were closed fewer days this July than in previous years. Exports were down 64% compared to the same month last year.

Domestic and export data are the aggregates of shipments reported by Canadian manufacturers and are not retail level sales or final consumption. Data on cigarette consumption are available from the survey on smoking in Canada, released in the August 18, 1994, *Daily*.

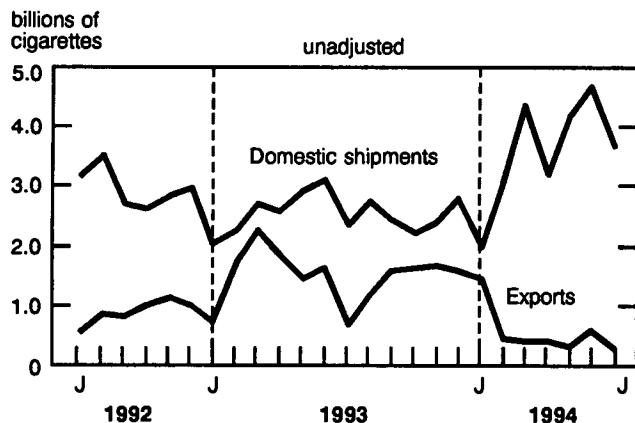
Exports are excise duty-free cross-border shipments to any country outside Canada. Detailed exports by country are available approximately 60 days after the reference month in *Exports by commodity* (65-004 \$60/\$600).

Available on CANSIM: matrix 46.

The July 1994 issue of *Production and disposition of tobacco products* (32-022, \$6/\$60) will be available shortly. See "How to order publications".

For further information, contact Peter Zylstra (613-951-3511), Industry Division. □

Domestic shipments and exports



Volume of cigarettes

	July 1994	June 1994	July 1993	January to July 1994	January to July 1993 ^r	July 1993 to July 1994	January- July 1993 to January- July 1994
	millions				% change		
Domestic sales	3,649	4,682	2,311	25,053	17,777	57.9	40.9
Exports	220	547	614	3,590	10,001	-64.2	-64.1
Total sales ¹	3,911	5,283	2,948	28,886	27,961	32.7	3.3
Production	2,315	5,962	1,051	30,719	26,829	120.3	14.5

^r Revised figures

¹ Total sales include domestic excise-duty-free sales, in addition to domestic sales and exports.

July 31 estimates of production of principal field crops

Farmers anticipate a record production of canola this year and increased production of flaxseed, durum wheat and oats. Production decreases are expected in spring wheat and barley.

Major Increases expected in canola, flaxseed

With a record seeded area and the prospect of above-average yields, farmers expect to harvest a record canola crop of 8.1 million metric tonnes, an increase of 50.9% over last year's record production of 5.4 million metric tonnes.

If early yield estimates are realized at harvest, flaxseed production could increase 56.1% to 968 thousand metric tonnes. That would be the highest production level since 1986 when production hit 991 thousand metric tonnes. An increase in seeded area and the potential for record yields are the main reasons for the expected production increase.

Spring wheat may hit lowest level since 1988

With seeded area and expected yield both down, farmers may harvest a spring wheat crop of only 17.8 million metric tonnes this year, a drop of 25.0% from last year's production of 23.8 million metric tonnes. It would be the lowest level since 1988 when production fell to 12.6 million metric tonnes.

Despite an expected decrease in yield, durum wheat production could increase 33.6% to 4.5 million metric tonnes due to the increase in seeded area.

Note to users

Results in this report are based on a producer survey conducted between July 27 and August 3, 1994, and do not take into consideration any weather conditions after that eight-day period.

With both seeded area and expected yield up, winter wheat production could more than double this year, reaching 1.4 million metric tonnes, the highest level since 1990 when production was 1.7 million metric tonnes.

Oats expected to rise, barley to fall

Producers expect oats production to increase by only 6.8% this year, reaching a potential production of 3.9 million metric tonnes.

Barley production is expected to fall due to both a decrease in area and potentially lower yields. Production may reach only 12.5 million metric tonnes, a decrease of 6.6% from last year's 13.3 million metric tonnes.

Field crop reporting series no. 5: July 31 estimates of production of principal field crops, Canada (22-002, \$15/\$85) is now available. See "How to order publications".

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Railway carloadings

Seven-day period ending August 7, 1994

The number of railway cars loaded in Canada during the seven-day period increased 12.8% from the year-earlier period; revenue-freight loaded increased 17.7% to 4.4 million tonnes.

Piggyback traffic tonnage, which is included in total carload traffic, increased 8.6% during the same period.

Tonnage of revenue-freight loaded as of August 7th increased 5.8% from the previous year.

Cumulative data for 1993 and 1994 have been revised.

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

Hospital statistics

Preliminary annual report 1992/93

The average cost per patient-day in public hospitals continued on an upward trend in 1992/93, increasing to \$553, up 6.8% from \$516 in 1991/92. Total operating cost for these hospitals was \$24.4 billion. Gross salaries and wages and employee benefits accounted for 73% of this cost.

There were 3.5 million hospital admissions in 1992/93 and 45.5 million patient-days. The occupancy rate was 79.1%, up slightly from 78.7% in 1991/92. The average length of stay also increased slightly to 12.5 days, up from 12.4 days in 1991/92.

These preliminary data represent 92% of public hospitals and over 96% of the 159,058 provincially approved beds in public hospitals.

Preliminary hospital statistics for fiscal year 1992/93 are now available in advance of the release of the 1992/93 issue of *Hospital statistics, preliminary annual report* (83-241, \$15). The report will be available at a later date. See "How to order publications".

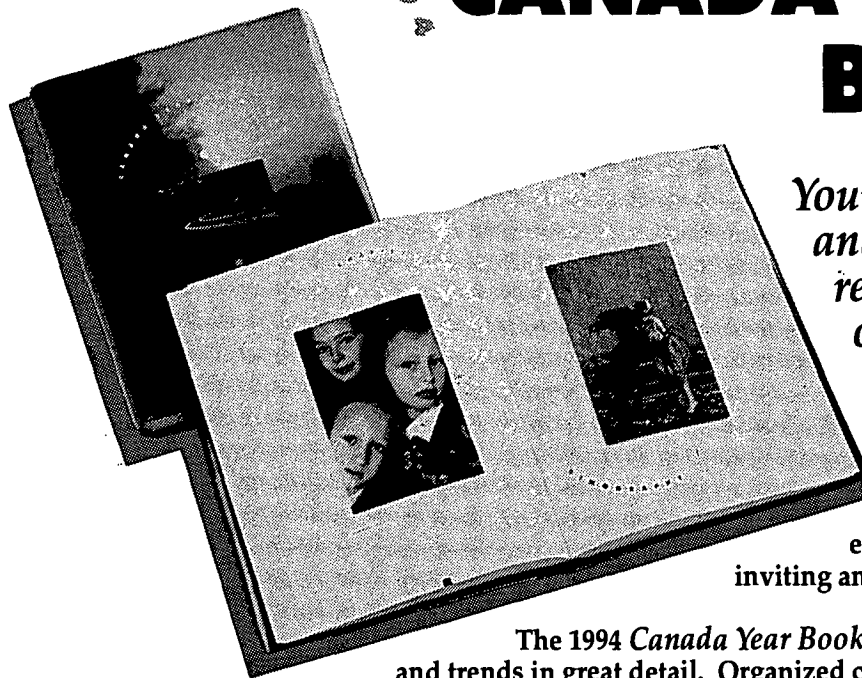
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