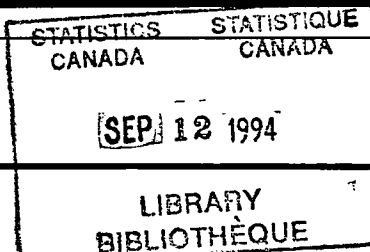


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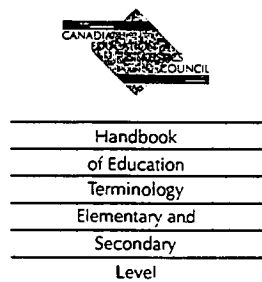
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### Handbook of education terminology—elementary and secondary level September 1994

*Handbook of education terminology—elementary and secondary level* is a new publication which provides definitions and explanatory notes for the variables and derived measures used in the publication *Statistical portrait of elementary and secondary education in Canada*. Both of these reports are published under the aegis of the Canadian Education Statistics Council, which represents Statistics Canada and the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada.

The handbook defines and explores principal concepts in elementary and secondary education statistics, as well as detailed variables and derived measures such as enrolment, language education, graduates, school leavers, educators and finance. Other related aspects are included for each variable or derived measure such as cautionary notes, data limitations, analytical applications, historical continuity and coverage. The handbook also contains appendices and an alphabetical index. In addition, data-related aspects such as editing and verification procedures, data sources, and precision of statistics are included.

*Handbook of education terminology—elementary and secondary level* (\$15) is now available. Contact the Education, Culture and Tourism Division, (613-951-8356).



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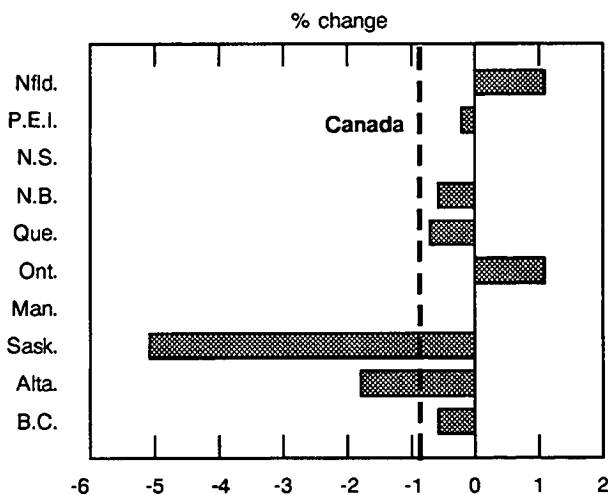
### Farm product price index

July 1994

The farm product price index (1986=100) stood at 104.6 in July, down 0.9% from the June index of 105.6. This is the third consecutive month the index has declined. On a year-over-year basis the index fell 2.3% in July.

#### Farm product price index

June to July 1994



The crops index declined 1.5% in July to a level of 97.3 with decreases in cereal and oilseed prices more than offsetting an increase in potato prices. The livestock and animal products index fell 0.6% to 109.1 with decreases in both the hogs and the cattle and calves indexes.

#### Crops

The crops index dropped 1.5% in July to 97.3 with changes in cereals (-1.4%), oilseeds (-7.3%) and potatoes (+8.5%). The cereals index declined to 76.1 in July. Throughout 1993/94 the cereals index has been between 14% and 27% below year-earlier levels and in July, stood 20.7% below a year ago.

The oilseeds index fell 7.3% in July to 142.0. Prices of soybeans, flaxseed and canola fell in most provinces. This is the first time oilseed prices have

declined since October 1993. On a year-over-year basis, the index was up 20.2%. Oilseeds have shown year-over-year price increases since June 1992.

The potato index increased 8.5% to 197.4 in July. Potato prices have shown year-over-year price increases since June 1993. In July 1994 the potatoes index stood 6.6% above the previous year's level.

#### Livestock and animal products

The livestock and animal products index fell 0.6% to 109.1 in July. Despite month-to-month decreases in four of the last five months, the July index was 1.5% above year-earlier levels. Since the beginning of 1993 the livestock and animal products index has remained at or near record levels.

The cattle and calves index decreased 1.6% in July to 116.4. This is the lowest that cattle and calves prices have been since December 1992. In the United States, Omaha slaughter steer prices at US\$63.94 per hundred-weight in July, were up 1.3% from the June price of US\$63.15. Oklahoma feeder steer prices were up 3.9%.

While Canadian cattle and calves slaughter to the end of July was down 0.8% from 1993, the United States reported slaughter up 2.1%. In July the cattle and calves index was 2.0% below the year earlier level.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the number of cattle and calves in the United States at July 1, 1994 is up 2% from a year ago. Beef cow numbers in the United States are up an estimated 3%. In Canada, total cattle and calves are up an estimated 6%, and beef cows up 5% from a year ago.

The hogs index decreased 0.2% to 90.1 in July. Hog prices have declined every month since February. For the first seven months of 1994, hog slaughter in Canada was up 1.0% from the same period last year, while U.S. slaughter was down 0.1%. In July the hog index stood 1.0% above a year ago.

#### Available on CANSIM: matrix 176.

The July issue of *Farm product price index* (62-003, \$8/\$76) will be available September 19th. See "How to order publications".

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

**Farm product price index**  
(1986 = 100)

	July 1993	June 1994	July 1994	July 1993 to July 1994	June 1994 to July 1994
				% change	
<b>Total index</b>	<b>107.1</b>	<b>105.6</b>	<b>104.6</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>-0.9</b>
Crops	106.6	98.8	97.3	-8.7	-1.5
Cereals	96.0	77.2	76.1	-20.7	-1.4
Oilseeds	118.1	153.1	142.0	20.2	-7.3
Potatoes	185.2	182.0	197.4	6.6	8.5
Livestock and animal products	107.5	109.8	109.1	1.5	-0.6
Cattle and calves	118.8	118.3	116.4	-2.0	-1.6
Hogs	89.2	90.3	90.1	1.0	-0.2

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## DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Raw materials price indexes—early estimate

August 1994

The raw materials price index (RMPI) decreased an estimated 1.2% in August 1994 from July 1994. The downward pressure came from the mineral fuels index (-6.6%). This large decline was partially offset by increases in the animal and vegetable products index (+1.5%) followed by metals (+1.2%) and wood (+0.3%). The RMPI excluding mineral fuels increased an estimated 1.0% in August.

This is an early estimate of the August movement of the raw materials price index. These numbers are based on partial returns and other indicators. The regular index will be published at the end of this month.

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

### Passenger bus and urban transit statistics

July 1994

In July 1994, a total of 82 urban transit systems with annual operating revenues of \$1 million or more (subsidies included) carried 94.7 million fare passengers, down 0.9% from July 1993. Operating revenues in July totalled \$103.6 million, down 0.4% from July 1993.

During the same period, 29 passenger bus carriers that earn \$1 million or more annually from intercity and rural bus operations carried 1.1 million fare passengers, up 5.6% from July 1993. July's

operating revenues from the same services totalled \$24.1 million, a 3.6% increase from July 1993.

All 1993 figures and 1994 cumulative data have been revised.

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

The July 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, contact Réjean L'Heureux (613-951-4105), Transportation Division. ■

### Public-use microdata file—adults in households

1991 Health and activity limitation survey

This public-use microdata file on adults residing in households originated from the 1991 Health and activity limitation survey (HALS). The file contains unaggregated anonymous records (91,000) on 26,000 persons with disabilities and 65,000 persons without disabilities. The file has been created in a manner which ensures the confidentiality of all records.

The file contains data for the provinces and territories and for selected census metropolitan areas. Each record for persons with disabilities contains over 900 variables from the HALS and 25 variables from the 1991 Census. Records for persons without disabilities contain data for the 25 census variables.

The 1991 HALS public-use microdata file program consists of two files. The second, scheduled for the spring of 1995 will cover adults living in institutions. The *Adults in households* file is now available (\$2,000).

For further information or to order, contact Janet Pantalone (613-951-2050), Post-Censal Surveys Program. ■

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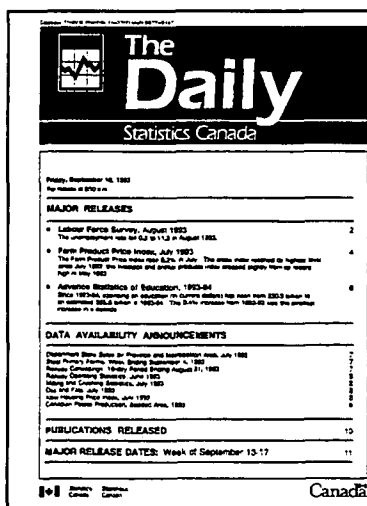
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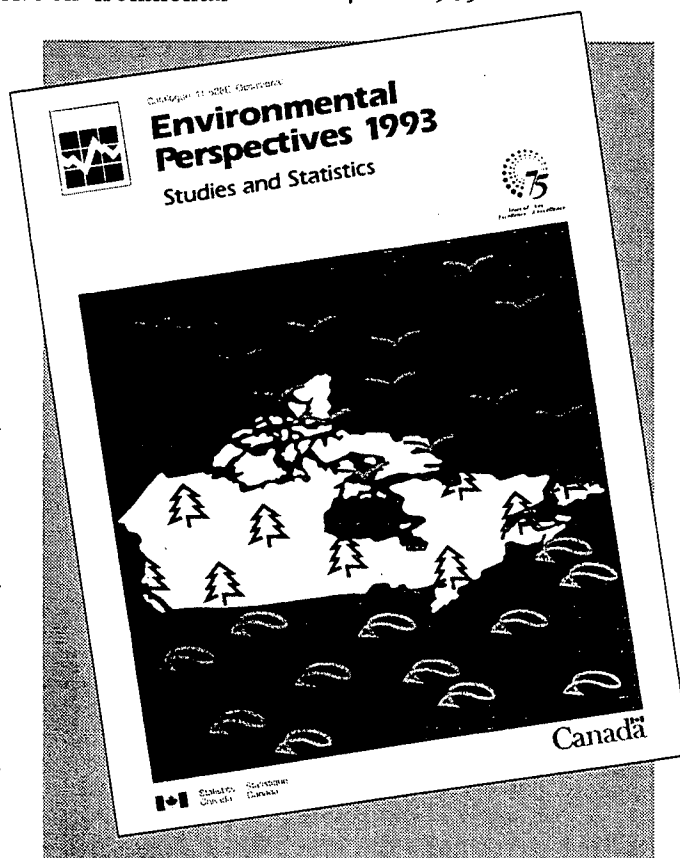
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