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1991 Census

The *Public-use microdata file on households and housing* is now available on CD-ROM. This file is based on a 3% sample (298,960) of unaggregated, anonymous records from the 1991 Census database.

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Microdata files are available for the provinces and territories, as well as selected census metropolitan areas. All variables covered by the census are included, allowing quick access to comprehensive social and economic data.

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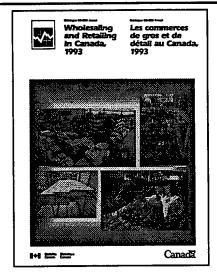
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Wholesaling and retailing in Canada

A new annual publication covering the distributive trades, Wholesaling and retailing in Canada, which replaces Wholesale trade statistics and Annual retail trade, uses the new Annual Wholesale and Retail Trade Survey as its data source. This new survey collects data from a sample of wholesalers and retailers and follows the same sampling strategy used by the Monthly Wholesale and Retail Trade Surveys. The two annual publications being replaced used annual surveys that compiled estimates from surveys and administrative data.

Two articles in Wholesaling and retailing in Canada, 1993 review the performance of these sectors in 1993. Also included are data on operating revenues and expenditures by trade group at national, provincial and territorial levels.

The 1993 issue of *Wholesaling and retailing in Canada* (63-236, \$45) is now available. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Gilles Simard (613-951-3541), Wholesale Trade Section or Serge Grenier (613-951-3556), Retail Trade Section.

OTHER RELEASES

Steel primary forms

Week ending May 6, 1995 (preliminary)

Steel primary forms production for the week ending May 6, 1995 totalled 290 719 tonnes, down 1.3% from 294 601 tonnes a week earlier, but up 11.2% from 261 443 tonnes a year earlier.

The year-to-date total at the end of the week was 5 069 127 tonnes, a 7.1% increase from 4 733 981 tonnes for the same period in 1994.

For further information on this release, contact Greg Milsom (613-951-9827), Industry Division.

Railway carloadings

Seven-day period ending April 14, 1995

Carloadings of freight (excluding intermodal traffic) in the seven-day period increased 9.2% to 5.1 million tonnes. The number of railway cars loaded increased 3.6% from the same period of last year.

Intermodal (piggyback) tonnage totalled 341 thousand tonnes, an increase of 27.2% from the comparable week last year. The year-to-date figure increased 23.4%.

Total traffic (carload freight and intermodal traffic) increased 10.2% during the week. This brought the year-to-date total to 70.3 million tonnes, an increase of 8.0% from the previous year.

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

Footwear

First quarter 1995

Footwear manufacturers made 4,341,390 pairs in the first quarter of 1995, a 20.4% decrease from 5,458,701 pairs (revised) a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 8.

The first quarter 1995 issue of *Footwear statistics* (33-002, \$6/\$24) will be available shortly. See "How to order publications".

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

Pulpwood and wood residue

March 1995

In March, pulpwood receipts totalled 3 339 651 cubic metres, down 4.8% from 3 508 001 cubic metres in March 1994. Wood residue receipts totalled 6 915 902 cubic metres, up 10.1% from 6 281 124 cubic metres in March 1994. Consumption of pulpwood and wood residue totalled 9 794 144 cubic metres, up 9.8% from 8 920 576 cubic metres (revised) in March 1994. The closing inventory of pulpwood and wood residue increased 3.0% to 12 820 255 cubic metres, from 12 448 620 (revised) cubic metres a year earlier.

At the end of March 1995, year-to-date receipts of pulpwood totalled 10 974 462 cubic metres (revised), up 3.3% from 10 618 903 cubic metres a year earlier. Year-to-date receipts of wood residue increased 9.0% to 18 721 670 cubic metres, from 17 172 312 cubic metres a year earlier. Year-to-date consumption of pulpwood and wood residue totalled 27 772 956 cubic metres (revised), a 6.0% increase from 26 191 788 cubic metres (revised) a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 54.

The March 1995 issue of *Pulpwood and wood residue statistics* (25-001, \$7/\$70) will be available shortly. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Bob Traversy (613-951-3531), Industry Division.

Electric storage batteries

March 1995

Manufacturers of electric storage batteries sold 114,157 automotive and heavy-duty commercial replacement batteries in March, a 25.6% decrease from 153,394 batteries in March 1994.

For January to March 1995, shipments totalled 320 993 batteries, down 35.3% from 495 910 batteries the previous year.

Data on the sales of other types of storage batteries are also available.

The March 1995 issue of *Factory sales of electric storage batteries* (43-005, \$6/\$60) will be available shortly. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Laurie Vincent (613-951-3523), Industry Division.

Steel wire and specified wire products March 1995

Shipments of steel wire and specified wire products totalled 75 994 tonnes in March 1995, up 9.7% from 69 295 tonnes (revised) in March 1994. Data on the production and export markets of selected commodities are also available.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 122 (series 19).

The March 1995 issue of *Steel wire and specified wire products* (41-006, \$6/\$60) will be available shortly. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Bruno Pépin (613-951-9837), Industry Division.

Steel pipe and tubing March 1995

Steel pipe and tubing production for March totalled 192 581 tonnes, a 17.3% increase from 164 181 tonnes a year earlier.

Year-to-date production to the end of March 1995 totalled 548 779 tonnes, up 16.2% from 472 236 tonnes produced during the same period in 1994.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 35.

The March 1995 issue of *Steel pipe and tubing* (41-011, \$6/\$60) will be available shortly. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Greg Milsom (613-951-9827), Industry Division.

Farm product prices

March 1995

In March, prices received by farmers for their products remained unchanged. This was the net result of a 2.5% increase in crop prices and a 1.6% decrease in livestock and animal product prices.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 176.

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

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Oil pipeline transport, February 1995 Catalogue number 55-001

(Canada: \$11/\$110; United States: US\$14/US\$132;

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Wholesaling and retailing in Canada, 1993 Catalogue number 63-236

(Canada: \$45; United States: US\$54; other countries:

US\$63).

Building permits, February 1995 **Catalogue number 64-001**

(Canada: \$24/\$240; United States: US\$29/US\$288;

other countries: US\$34/US\$336).

Exports by commodity, February 1995 Catalogue number 65-004

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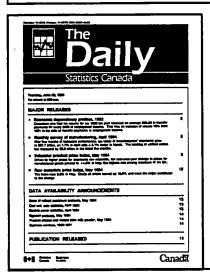
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