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Trends in the business population

First quarter 1995

In the first quarter of 1995, the number of businesses employing people reached a record high as it increased 0.95% from a year earlier.

The seasonally adjusted number of remitting payroll deduction accounts increased 0.42% (to 930,650) from the previous quarter. All regions recorded increases in the first quarter. The largest percentage increases were in the Atlantic region, the Prairies and the Territories. The count increased in all provinces except Saskatchewan, where it remained almost unchanged.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 1420.

For further information on this release, contact Des Beckstead (613-951-6199), Business Register Division.

Sugar sales

April 1995

Refiners' sales in April totalled 74 373 tonnes for all types of sugar, comprising 69 508 tonnes in domestic sales and 4 865 tonnes in export sales. At the end of April 1995, year-to-date sales for all types of sugar totalled 307 219 tonnes: 275 039 tonnes in domestic sales and 32 180 tonnes in export sales.

This compares with sales of 84 606 tonnes in April 1994, of which 76 468 tonnes were domestic sales and 8 138 tonnes were export sales. The 1994 year-to-date sales for all types of sugar totalled 335 842 tonnes: 293 782 tonnes in domestic sales and 42 060 tonnes in export sales.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 141.

The April 1995 issue of *The sugar situation* (32-013, \$6/\$60) will be available shortly. See "How to order publications".

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

Cereals and oilseeds review

February 1995

Fluctuating exchange rates for the Canadian and U.S. dollars caused volatile grain prices in March. Adding to the market uncertainties was the start of the annual weather watch in the United States. This spring, U.S. farmers intend to plant less corn, soybeans and barley but more durum wheat, flax and sunflowers. The news had a limited effect on the U.S. markets, which were dominated by concerns about the weather, the lack of new export business for wheat, and the impending South American soybean harvest.

Also in March, labour strikes that were affecting the grain industry ended, and the St. Lawrence Seaway opened for the season.

The February 1995 issue of *Cereals and oilseeds review* (22-007, \$15/\$144) will be released tomorrow. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Jeannine Fleury (613-951-3859) or Karen Gray (204-983-2856), Grain Marketing Unit, Agriculture Division.

Specified domestic electrical appliances

March 1995

Data for March 1995 on shipments of kitchen appliances are confidential to meet the requirements of the Statistics Act.

The March 1995 issue of *Specified domestic electrical appliances* (43-003, \$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.

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Gypsum products, March 1995
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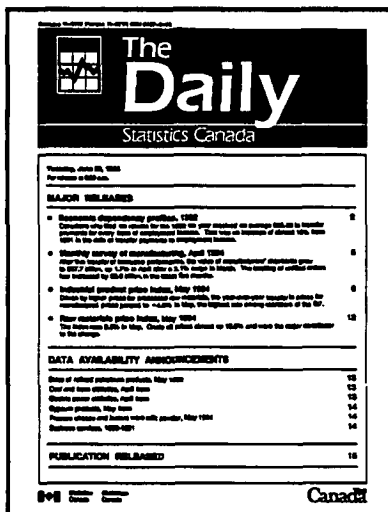
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