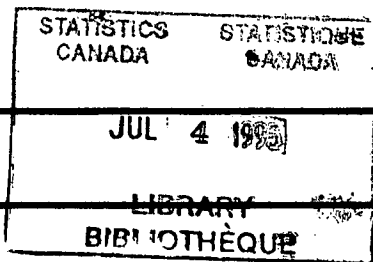


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Short-term expectations survey

Every month for the last five years Statistics Canada has canvassed a group of economic analysts (on average 20) for one-month-ahead forecasts of key economic indicators. Participants in this survey forecast the year-over-year changes in the consumer price index (CPI), the unemployment rate, and merchandise exports and imports. They also forecast the monthly change in gross domestic product (GDP) at constant prices.

An evaluation of the accuracy of the mean forecast (see the March 1993 issue of *Canadian economic observer*) showed it to be superior to the mean naive forecasts, and suggested that the quality of the forecasts improved over time.

- The forecast of the CPI for June is 2.7%. Opinions range from a minimum of 2.5% change to a maximum of 3.0%. One month ago, the mean forecast (+2.6%) underestimated the outcome of 2.9%.
- The forecasters see June's unemployment rate at 9.6%, with minimum of 9.4% and a maximum of 9.8%. In May the forecast (9.5%) matched the outcome.
- The forecast for exports in May is \$20.4 billion, down from \$21.0 billion a month earlier. Opinions range, from a minimum of \$19.5 billion to a maximum of \$21.5 billion. The current forecast for May imports is \$18.7 billion, with a minimum of \$18.2 billion and a maximum of \$19.1 billion. It is a decrease of \$0.3 billion from what was expected a month earlier, when the forecasters overestimated the outcome of \$ 18.8 billion.
- The experts believe that May's real GDP will show no change. Opinions range widely, from a minimum of -0.4% to a maximum of +0.3%. April's forecast matched the actual outcome of +0.1%.

The next release will be on August 1. For a set of tables or further information on this release, contact Diane Lachapelle (613-951-0568). ■

Canadian civil aviation operating statistics April 1995

Air Canada and Canadian Airlines International Ltd. (CAIL) reported growth of 26% in passenger-kilometres flown on international scheduled routes in April. The

cycle of international aviation activity is characterized by greater activity in the months from June to September, with noticeable slowdowns in February, April and November. However, in 1995, there was steady growth throughout the February-to-April period. As a result, there was substantial growth compared with April 1994.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 385.

Preliminary civil aviation data for April 1995 will be published in the July issue of the *Aviation statistics centre service bulletin* (51-004, \$11/\$105). See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Robert Lund (819-997-6188), Aviation Statistics Centre, Transportation Division. ■

Cement May 1995

Manufacturers shipped 1 051 912 tonnes of cement in May 1995, down 0.7% from 1 059 215 tonnes (revised) in May 1994 and up 30.7% from 804 753 tonnes in April 1995.

From January to May 1995, shipments totalled 3 289 818 tonnes, up 12.8% from 2 916 005 tonnes (revised) during the same period in 1994.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 92 and 122 (series 35).

The May 1995 issue of *Cement* (44-001, \$6/\$60) will be available at a later date. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Roland Joubert (613-951-3527), Industry Division. ■

Crushing statistics May 1995

The canola crush was down again in May as several plants closed for maintenance. Oilseed processors reported 189 000 tonnes of canola crushed in May compared with 215 000 tonnes in April and 186 000 tonnes in May 1994. The crop year-to-date crush now stands at 2 142 000 tonnes, up from 1 839 000 tonnes at the same time last year.

Oilseed crushers produced 80 000 tonnes of oil and 118 000 tonnes of meal in May. Processors' stocks of seed, oil and meal were down at the end of May compared with April levels.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5687

The May 1995 issue of *Cereals and oilseeds review* (22-007, \$15/\$144) will be released in August. 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. ■

Cereals and oilseeds review April 1995

Late seeding and weather concerns dominated grain markets in May. Expectations that world stocks would be tight at the end of the 1995-96 crop year led to increases in wheat and coarse grain prices. Oilseed prices dropped on a lack of demand but rallied when rains further delayed planting of U.S. soybeans.

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

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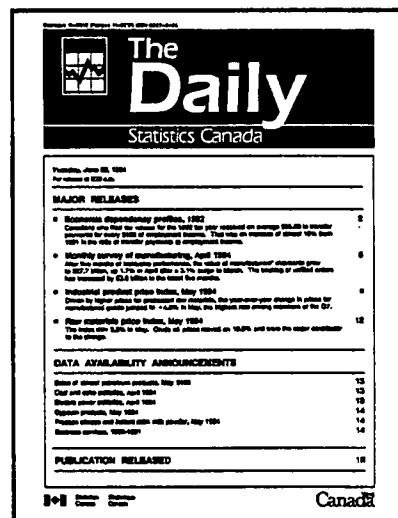
Cable television industry 1994

Preliminary data for 1994 are now available for the cable television industry.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1801-1802.

The issue of *Communications service bulletin: Cable television statistics, 1994*, vol. 25, no. 2 (56-001, \$12/\$40) is now available. See "How to order publications".

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