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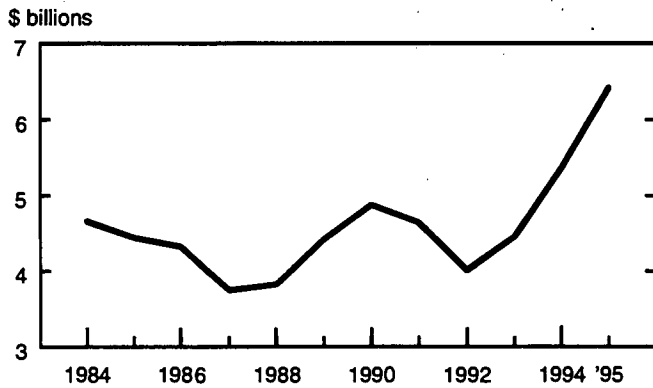
## MAJOR RELEASES

### Farm cash receipts

January to June 1995

Cash receipts of farm businesses totalled \$13.4 billion in the first half of 1995, 6% higher than the same period in 1994. Crop receipts, which jumped 20%, accounted for much of the growth, as farmers deferred revenue on grain delivered in 1994 to the first quarter of 1995. Livestock receipts rose a modest 1% due to increased dairy and cattle revenue. Program payments to farmers fell 33%.

**Crop receipts**  
January to June



Crop receipts reached \$6.4 billion in the first half of 1995, much higher than the \$5.4 billion attained in the first half of 1994. It was also above the \$4.7 billion average for the same period over the past five years. Crop farmers have enjoyed greatly improved growing and market conditions since 1992. Livestock revenue was \$6.3 billion, slightly above the year-earlier period. Program payments, at \$625 million, continued to trend down from the high of \$2.3 billion in the first half of 1992.

#### Note to readers

Farm cash receipts measure the gross revenue of farm businesses in current dollars. They are not a measure of profit because expenses have not been deducted. They include sales of crops and livestock products (except sales between farms in the same province) and program payments. They also include Canadian Wheat Board and Ontario Wheat Producers' Marketing Board payments and deferred grain receipts. Program payments measure the value of cheques issued to farmers to support their production, usually under ongoing programs jointly funded by farmers and federal and provincial governments.

### Farm cash receipts

	January to June 1994	January to June 1995	January- June 1994 to January- June 1995
	\$ millions		% change
Wheat	1,028.9	1,359.3	32.1
Canadian wheat board payments	734.7	768.6	4.6
Barley	251.9	364.5	44.7
Deferred grain receipts	356.1	772.8	117.0
Canola	800.9	850.8	6.2
Other cereals and oilseeds	572.2	712.6	24.5
Other crops	1,622.1	1,591.5	-1.9
<b>Crops, total</b>	<b>5,366.8</b>	<b>6,420.2</b>	<b>19.6</b>
Cattle	2,186.6	2,220.1	1.5
Hogs	1,095.4	1,044.3	-4.7
Dairy products	1,686.0	1,736.5	3.0
Hens and chickens	520.0	530.6	2.0
Other livestock	771.5	785.2	1.8
<b>Livestock, total</b>	<b>6,259.6</b>	<b>6,316.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>
Gross Revenue Insurance Plan	424.4	163.5	-61.5
Crop insurance	223.8	90.2	-59.7
Provincial stabilization	126.3	170.1	34.7
Tripartite	6.9	21.0	203.4
All other payments	152.9	180.3	17.9
<b>Payments, total</b>	<b>934.2</b>	<b>625.0</b>	<b>-33.1</b>
<b>Total, Canada</b>	<b>12,560.6</b>	<b>13,362.0</b>	<b>6.4</b>

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding.

## Strong 1994 income doubles deferments

Farmers in Western Canada deferred \$773 million of grain receipts from 1994 to the first quarter of 1995, compared with \$356 million a year earlier. When delivering grain, farmers may defer payment to the next calendar year, reducing current year taxable income. In 1994, a 17% increase in net cash income in Western Canada prompted farmers to more than double the amount of grain revenue deferred to 1995.

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Newfoundland	29.9	29.2	-2.3
Prince Edward Island	159.9	169.4	5.9
Nova Scotia	145.1	145.5	0.3
New Brunswick	149.7	144.3	-3.6
Quebec	2,125.0	2,141.6	0.8
Ontario	2,845.2	2,847.5	0.1
Manitoba	1,174.0	1,270.7	8.2
Saskatchewan	2,393.7	2,825.9	18.1
Alberta	2,826.1	3,054.9	8.1
British Columbia	711.9	732.9	3.0

*Note: Totals may not add due to rounding.*

Wheat receipts rose 32% as higher prices (+64%) offset lower deliveries by farmers. Wheat prices have soared in recent months due to concern about the effect of poor weather on the U.S. wheat crop and the low level of world stocks. A strong increase in prices (+59%) also drove barley receipts up 45%. Demand for

feed grain by livestock farmers in Western Canada has increased, while supplies of feed wheat have dropped.

Higher crop receipts allowed the Prairie provinces to record the strongest advances in total cash receipts. Saskatchewan posted the highest increase (+18%), followed by Manitoba and Alberta at 8% each.

## Livestock receipts increase 1%

Livestock revenue for the first half of 1995 increased slightly from a year earlier. Dairy receipts rose 3%, as both quantities sold and prices received showed small increases. Cattle receipts (+2%) also rose, as increases in live exports and slaughter offset lower prices. Hog receipts fell 5%, as higher slaughter in both Canada and the United States drove prices down 12%.

## Program payments to farmers fall 33%

Program payments fell sharply in the first half of 1995. Large drops in Gross Revenue Insurance Plan (-\$261 million) and crop insurance (-\$134 million) payments reflected higher market returns and improved growing conditions. Provincial stabilization (+\$44 million) and tripartite (+\$14 million) payments both rose over this period.

## Available on CANSIM: matrices 3582-3592.

The January-June 1995 issue of *Farm cash receipts and product price index* (21-001, \$19/\$62) will be available at the end of August. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Liz Leckie (613-951-2448), Agriculture Division. ■

## OTHER RELEASES

**Sales of natural gas**

June 1995 (preliminary)

Natural gas sales totalled 3 365 344 thousand cubic metres in June, up a modest 0.4% from June 1994. Sales to the industrial sector (including direct sales) increased, while residential and commercial sales declined. The gain in sales to the industrial sector (including direct sales) was due to higher demand for natural gas by electric utilities and the chemical industry.

Year-to-date sales to the end of June 1995 were up 2.4% from the same period in 1994. Sales to the residential (-5.3%) and commercial (-6.1%) sectors decreased due to milder weather in January and February 1995. Industrial sector sales (including direct sales) continued to maintain their strong growth, posting a 10.7% increase from the same period last year.

**Sales of natural gas**

	June 1995p	June 1994	June 1994 to June 1995
	thousands of cubic metres		% change
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 365 344</b>	<b>3 352 734</b>	<b>0.4</b>
Residential	442 780	503 412	-12.0
Commercial	337 718	374 583	-9.8
Industrial	1 821 005	1 828 127	4.4
Direct	763 841	646 612	
	January to June 1995p	January to June 1994	January - June 1994 to January - June 1995
	thousands of cubic metres		% change
<b>Total</b>	<b>35 003 017</b>	<b>34 177 913</b>	<b>2.4</b>
Residential	9 427 410	9 959 867	-5.3
Commercial	6 937 713	7 387 110	-6.1
Industrial	12 749 585	12 379 478	10.7
Direct	5 888 309	4 451 458	

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Available on CANSIM: matrices 1052-1055.

The June 1995 issue of *Gas utilities* (55-002, \$14/\$140) will be available the third week of September. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Gary Smalldridge (613-951-3567), Energy Section, Industry Division. ■

**Industrial monitor**

August 1995

The August 1995 edition of *Industrial monitor* is now available. Its tables present up-to-date statistics on 165 manufacturing industries in 22 sectors.

You can purchase the *Industrial monitor* as a full package (22 sectors) or by industrial sector. The annual subscription for total manufacturing (15F0017XPE) costs \$50; each industrial sector, \$200. The full 22-sector package (150015XPE) costs \$3,000, a savings of \$650. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact the client services representative (613-951-9060), Industry Measures and Analysis Division. ■

**Farm product prices**

June 1995

In June, prices received by farmers for their products rose 1.7%. This was the first monthly increase in prices since February. The advance was the net result of a 1.3% increase in crop prices and a 2.1% increase in livestock and animal product prices.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 176.

The April-June 1995 issue of *Farm cash receipts and farm product price index* (21-001, \$19/\$62) is scheduled for release on August 21. See "How to order publications".

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

## Stocks of frozen poultry meat August 1, 1995

Preliminary estimates on stocks of frozen poultry meat in cold storage as of August 1, 1995 are now available.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 5675-5677.

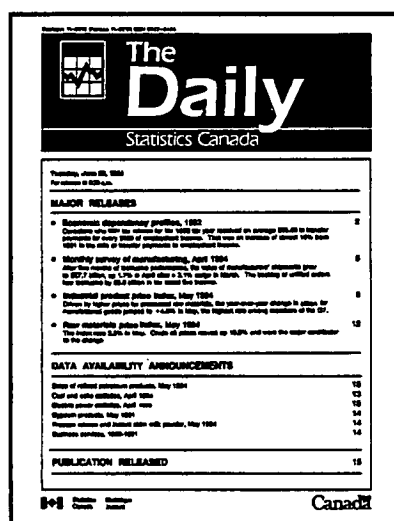
For further information on this release, contact Conrad Ogrodnik (613-951-2860), Livestock and Animal Products Section, Agriculture Division. ■

## Air charter statistics 1994

Preliminary annual data on air charters for 1994 are now available.

The August issue of the *Aviation statistics centre service bulletin* (51-004, \$11/\$105) will be available soon. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Francesca Thibeault (819-997-6173), Aviation Statistics Centre, Transportation Division. ■



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### Shipments of plastic film and bags manufactured from resin, quarter ended June 30, 1995

#### Catalogue number 47-007

(Canada: \$10/\$32; United States: US\$12/US\$39; other  
countries: US\$14/US\$45).

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