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Crude petroleum and natural gas industry: Volume and value of marketable production

1995 (advance)

Strong exports to the United States continued to spur the production of crude oil and natural gas in 1995. Both posted solid advances last year. Natural gas production rose 6.9%, while the production of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons increased 3.9%. Synthetic crude oil production (including crude bitumen) has increased sharply in the last 10 years; in 1995, it accounted for 21.5% of crude oil production.

Much of the growth in natural gas production in 1995 can be attributed to increased foreign demand. Over 53% of Canada's annual production is now exported to the United States. However, Canadian exports are fast approaching the capacity of pipelines to transport natural gas into the United States.

Exports of crude oil rose strongly in 1995, up a solid 8.4% in the first 10 months of 1995 compared with the same period in 1994. Exports have been helped by pipeline expansion. This expansion has allowed a greater flow of crude to the United States, especially to refineries in the Chicago area. Canadian crude oil has found a ready market in the United States, where indigenous production has been declining in recent years.

The healthy advances in crude oil and natural gas production during the last four years—fuelled by strong foreign demand—have spurred a sharp increase in exploration activity. Drilling activity posted its third-best year on record in 1995. (The second-best year was 1994.) Capital expenditures in 1995 amounted to \$10.0 billion, down 4.3% from the record levels in 1994.

The value of natural gas production is estimated at \$6.8 billion in 1995. This represents a sharp 27.7% decline from 1994, a result of much lower natural gas prices. The value of the crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons produced in 1995 totalled an estimated \$15.4 billion, up 15.6% from 1994.

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

Crude petroleum and natural gas industry: Volume and value of marketable production

	1994	1995	1994 to 1995 % change
Crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons			
Volume (thousands of cubic metres)	110 451.6	114 802.4	3.9
Value (\$ millions)	13,345.1	15,424.5	15.6
Natural gas			
Volume (millions of cubic metres)	138 856.4	148 481.4	6.9
Value (\$ millions)	9,428.6	6,845.6	-27.7
Natural gas by-products¹			
Volume (thousands of cubic metres)	22 665.6	24 917.1	9.9
Value (\$ millions)	1,623.5	1,751.2	7.9

¹ Excludes pentanes plus and elemental sulphur.

Sales of natural gas

November 1995 (preliminary)

Natural gas sales totalled 6 173 470 000 cubic metres in November, up 12.1% from November 1994. Colder than normal weather throughout most of the country resulted in sharply higher sales to the residential (+21.1%) and commercial (+18.1%) sectors. Sales to the industrial sector (including direct sales) increased 5.9%, largely due to greater use of natural gas by electric utilities and the chemical industry.

Year-to-date sales to the end of November 1995 were up 3.4% from the same period in 1994. Sales decreased to the residential (-0.9%) and commercial (-2.3%) sectors due to milder weather in January and February 1995. Industrial sector sales (including direct sales) posted a strong 7.1% increase from the same period last year.

Natural gas sales

	Nov. 1995 ^P	Nov. 1994	Nov. 1994 to Nov. 1995
	'000 cubic metres		% change
Natural gas sales	6 173 470	5 505 232	12.1
Residential	1 722 497	1 422 894	21.1
Commercial	1 238 514	1 048 511	18.1
Industrial	2 109 612	2 050 895	5.9
Direct	1 102 847	982 932	

	Jan.-Nov. 1995 ^P	Jan.-Nov. 1994	Jan.-Nov. 1994 to Jan.-Nov. 1995
	'000 cubic metres		% change
Natural gas sales	56 038 336	54 220 373	3.4
Residential	13 382 559	13 499 443	-0.9
Commercial	9 862 736	10 090 588	-2.3
Industrial	22 205 131	22 358 921	7.1
Direct	10 587 910	8 271 421	

^P Preliminary figures.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1052-1055.

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

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

Production and disposition of tobacco products

December 1995

Canadian manufacturers made 4.11 billion cigarettes in December, a drop of 5.8% from December 1994. Monthly cigarette production since June 1995 has fallen below the corresponding 1994 monthly levels.

Shipments in December totalled 4.82 billion cigarettes, also lower than the December 1994 level (-12.4%). The domestic and export components both declined.

Closing inventories fell to 4.36 billion cigarettes at December 31, 1995, a 23.4% drop from a month earlier. Higher shipments and lower production, compared with the previous month, were responsible for the drop.

Cigarette production in 1995 stood at 51.49 billion cigarettes, down 7.2% from a year earlier. Shipments fell to 51.52 billion cigarettes, a 2.4% decrease from the 1994 level. Most of this decrease was due to an 18.4% drop in exports; domestic sales retreated only marginally (-0.4%).

Data on domestic shipments are an aggregate of shipments reported by Canadian manufacturers, and are not data on retail sales or final consumption.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 46.

The December 1995 issue of *Production and disposition of tobacco products* (32-022, \$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. ■

Stocks of frozen poultry meat

January 1, 1996

Preliminary data for January 1, 1996 on the stocks of frozen poultry meat in cold storage are now available.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 5675-5677.

For further information on this release, contact Peter Meszaros (613-951-2510), Livestock and Animal Products Section, Agriculture Division. ■

Farm financial follow-up survey

1995

Data from the Farm Financial Follow-up Survey are now available. The survey provides assessments of agricultural safety net programs. The data can be tabulated for Canada and selected regions.

For further information on this release, contact Paul Spooner (613-951-5027), Agriculture Division. ■



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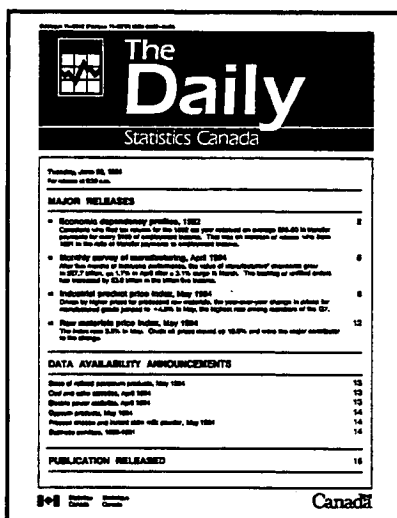
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