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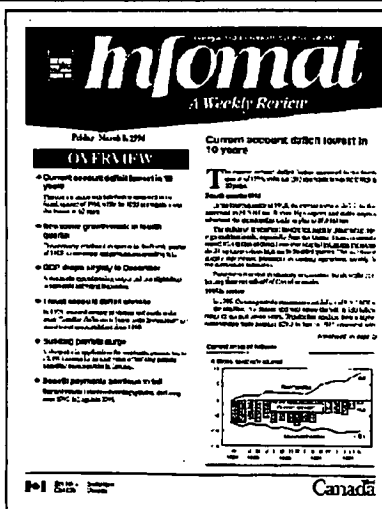
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Deliveries of major grains

February 1996

Farmers' deliveries of wheat (including durum wheat) rose in February. This second consecutive monthly increase brought deliveries to their highest volume since September 1995. Marketings were prompted by expectations that prices of wheat other than durum will soften and that durum wheat prices will be sharply lower in the next crop year (1996/97) compared with the excellent prices received this crop year. The Canadian Wheat Board issued numerous contract calls and terminations in order to meet its sales commitments.

Deliveries of flaxseed and canola also increased in February, reversing the gradual decline seen since October. Price movements for these oilseeds have been sluggish. Hoping for better prices, farmers have been holding onto their crops. However, reports that prices may have reached seasonal peaks stimulated deliveries in February, particularly of canola. Deliveries of flaxseed so far this crop year (1995/96) are about the same as last crop year. By contrast, canola deliveries are down substantially.

Farmers brought slightly lower amounts of oats and barley to market in February than in January, but marketings of rye continued to be strong.

Deliveries of major grains, Western Canada

	Feb. 1995	Feb. 1996	Feb. 1995 to Feb. 1996
	tonnes ('000)		% change
Major grains, total	2 156.2	2 958.4	37.2
Wheat, excluding durum	1 134.6	1 592.3	40.3
Durum wheat	126.8	290.6	129.2
Wheat, total	1 261.4	1 882.9	49.3
Oats	124.4	107.7	-13.4
Barley	330.1	510.3	54.6
Rye	13.2	16.1	22.0
Flaxseed	59.5	63.7	7.1
Canola	367.6	377.6	2.7

Available on CANSIM: matrices 976-981.

The data on grain deliveries for February will appear in the February 1996 issue of *Cereals and*

oilseeds review (22-007-XPB, \$15/\$144), which will be released in May. 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. ■

Government spending on adult correctional services

1994/95

Governments spent \$1.9 billion, or \$65 for every Canadian, to operate the adult correctional system in Canada during the 1994/95 fiscal year.

About 80% of this was spent keeping offenders behind bars, 12% was spent supervising offenders on probation and parole, and the remainder was spent on administration. About one-quarter of offenders were in prison, while three-quarters were on probation or parole.

It costs Canadians about \$40,000 a year to keep an inmate behind bars. After adjusting for inflation, the total cost of operating the corrections system fell 2% between the 1990/91 and 1994/95 fiscal years.

Correctional administrators have contained costs, despite record-level caseloads, largely through double-bunking practices. At the federal level, about one-quarter of prison cells built for one person are currently shared by two; there was no double-bunking a decade ago.

Note: The data contained in this report were first released on January 24, 1996 in the annual publication *Adult correctional services in Canada, 1994/95* (85-211). The *Juristat* released today provides a detailed analysis of correctional costs.

The vol. 16, no. 3 *Juristat: Government spending on adult correctional services* (85-002, \$10/\$90) is now available. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Information and Client Services (613-951-9023, toll-free in Canada: 1-800-387-2231), Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics. ■

Hospital annual statistics and indicators 1992/93

The workload in Canadian hospitals continues to shift from inpatient treatment to outpatient treatment.

Between the 1986/87 and 1992/93 fiscal years, the number of reported outpatient visits to general and special clinics, day- and night-care programs, surgical day-care and emergency units increased 13% to 37.7 million visits.

Over this same period, visits to emergency units rose only 4% (to 16.5 million). This contrasted with an increase of 32% in visits to surgical day-care (to 1.8 million), 31% in visits to day- and night-care programs (to 2.4 million), and 18% in visits to general and special clinics (to 17.1 million).

The number of hospital beds in operation reached its maximum in 1986/87, the same year inpatient days peaked. From 1986/87 to 1992/93, hospitals reported that the number of inpatient days dropped 16% to 45.1 million. In 1992/93, hospitals reported 147,879 beds in operation, a 14% decrease from the 1986/87 peak.

Hospital costs climbed in 1992/93 to just over \$24 billion. The total operating expenses of Canada's public hospitals increased 48% between 1986/87 and 1992/93. Over the same period, the cost per visit to a surgical suite increased 61% to \$279 (this cost includes nursing and support staff salaries and some supplies, but excludes medical staff fees and overhead). More than half the visits (53%) to surgical suites were outpatient visits.

This information is based on data reported by 92% of the 1,031 public hospitals in Canada, representing 96% of 163,261 approved beds. Private and federal hospitals, which together comprise 14% of all hospitals, but only 4% of all beds, are not required to report financial information on this survey.

Hospital statistics for the fiscal year 1992/93 appear in *Hospital annual statistics, 1992/93* (83-242, microfiche version \$65, paper \$90) and *Hospital indicators, 1992/93* (83-246, microfiche \$45, paper \$60), which will be available shortly. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Patricia Tully (613-951-8782) or the Information Requests Unit (613-951-1746), Health Statistics Division. ■

Pulpwood and wood residue January 1996

Pulpwood receipts in January totalled 3 812 234 cubic metres, up 6.1% from 3 593 325 cubic metres in January 1995. Wood residue receipts totalled 5 918 666 cubic metres, a 2.7% rise from 5 765 548 cubic metres in January 1995. Consumption of pulpwood and wood residue totalled 9 225 194 cubic metres, down 1.4% from 9 356 856 cubic metres in January 1995. The closing inventory of pulpwood and wood residue climbed 30.3% to 15 212 155 cubic metres, up from 11 674 973 cubic metres in January 1995. All January 1995 figures have been revised.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 54.

The January 1996 issue of *Pulpwood and wood residue statistics* (25-001-XPB, \$7/\$70) will be available shortly. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Bruno Pépin (613-951-3516), Industry Division. ■

Telephone statistics January 1996

The 13 major telephone systems reported monthly revenues of \$1,218.0 million in January, a 5.9% increase from January 1995.

Operating expenses totalled \$926.5 million, up 4.0% from January 1995. Net operating revenue totalled \$291.5 million, a 12.5% advance from January 1995.

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The January 1996 issue of *Telephone statistics* (56-002-XPB, \$9/\$90) will be released shortly. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact J.R. Slattery (613-951-2205), Services, Science and Technology Division. ■



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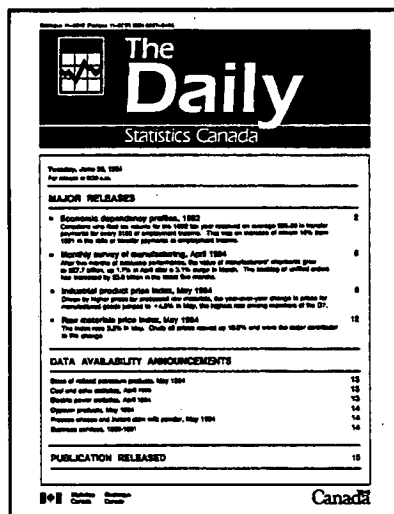
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