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Education in Canada, 1995 (81-229-XPB, \$49) is now available. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Jim Seidle (613-951-1500, fax: 613-951-9040, the Internet: seidjim@statcan.ca), Education, Culture and Tourism Division.

OTHER RELEASES

Livestock inventories

January 1, 1996

The number of cattle and calves on Canadian farms reached 13.4 million head as of January 1, 1996. This year's January 1 inventory was 4.1% higher than last year's and the largest in 20 years. The herd's growth remained concentrated in Western Canada, where there was an unprecedented 9.4 million head, up 4.5% from January 1, 1995. Although the inventory in Eastern Canada grew more modestly (+3.2%), it still showed stronger growth for this period than it has in years.

Cattle inventories climbed despite escalating feed grain prices throughout 1995 and recent decreases in Alberta and Toronto market prices for steers. The West has largely dominated the cattle industry's expansion because of several factors that favour the beef sector's growth. These include recent investments in feedlots and slaughter plants; export demand from the United States; assured access to the U.S. market under the North American Free Trade Agreement; and the availability of quality feed grains, which may become more abundant with the recent demise of the Crow Rate transportation subsidy. Currently, three out of four beef cows in Canada are found west of Ontario.

Canada's hog inventory reached its highest January level on record, continuing a long-term upward trend. The number of pigs on farms as of January 1, 1996 hit 11.9 million head, up 1.8% from a year earlier, but down slightly from the previous quarter. Both market-hog and breeding-herd inventories contributed to the higher January levels. Hog marketings reached a new peak in 1995 as higher production and inventories were supported by favourable prices, particularly in the second half of the year. On the trade side, live hog exports to the United States climbed to an all-time high, doubling the previous year's exports. Domestic hog slaughter rose 2%.

At January 1, the number of sheep and lambs on Canada's farms reached 676,900 head, a 9.2% increase from January 1, 1995. It was also the highest January 1 inventory reported since the mid-1960s. Sheep and lamb numbers began to expand in July 1995 following several periods of decline. The population had previously peaked in 1991. The breeding herd

(including rams, ewes and breeding lambs) as of January 1 had grown by a strong 11.2%, an indication of farmers' intentions to continue herd expansion.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1150-1151, 1166, 5645 and 9500-9510.

The January 1, 1996 estimates of the inventories of cattle, pigs and sheep will be available in mid-March in *Livestock statistics update 4* (10-600E, \$144). See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Russell Kowaluk (613-951-2511), Agriculture Division.■

Electric lamps

January 1996

Light bulb and tube manufacturers sold 28,574,000 light bulbs and tubes in January, a 17.8% increase from the 24,260,000 sold in January 1995.

The January 1996 issue of *Electric lamps* (43-009-XPB, \$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.

Cement

January 1996

Manufacturers shipped 357 713 tonnes of cement in January, down 14.9% from 420 433 tonnes in January 1995, and down 27.1% from 490 582 tonnes in December 1995.

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

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(Canada: \$6/\$60; United States: US\$8/US\$72; other countries: US\$9/US\$84).

Canned and frozen fruits and vegetables, monthly, December 1995

Catalogue number 32-011-XPB

(Canada: \$6/\$60; United States: US\$8/US\$72; other

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Production, shipments and stocks on hand of sawmills east of the Rockies, December 1995 Catalogue number 35-002-XPB

(Canada: \$11/\$110; United States: US\$14/US\$132;

other countries: US\$16/US\$154).

Production, shipments and stocks on hand of sawmills in British Columbia, December 1995 Catalogue number 35-003-XPB

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Railway carloadings, December 1995 Catalogue number 52-001-XPB

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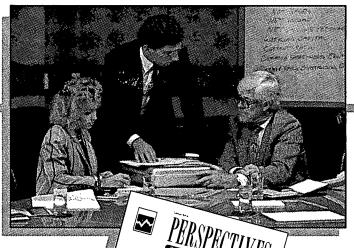
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