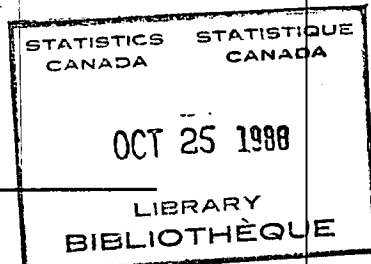


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Sales of natural gas (including direct sales) in Canada during August 1988 totalled 2 754.8 million cubic metres, a 7.5% increase from the level recorded the previous year.

On the basis of rate structure information, sales in August 1988 were broken down as follows, with the percentage changes from August 1987 in brackets: residential sales, 317.4 million cubic metres (-4.3%); commercial sales, 278.7 million cubic metres (-2.1%) and industrial sales (including direct sales) 2 158.7 million cubic metres (+10.9%).

Year-to-date figures for the first eight months of 1988 indicate that sales of natural gas in Canada amounted to 34 490.0 million cubic metres, a 9.7% increase from the level recorded during the same period of 1987.

On the basis of rate structure information, year-to-date sales were broken down as follows, with the percentage changes from the corresponding period in 1987 in brackets: residential sales, 8 544.4 million cubic metres (+10.9%); commercial sales, 7 151.7 million cubic metres (+11.4%) and industrial sales (including direct sales) 18 794.0 million cubic metres (+8.5%).

The August 1988 issue of *Gas Utilities* (55-002, \$11.50/\$115) will be available the third week of November. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Sales of Natural Gas - Preliminary Data

August 1988

	Rate structure				Total
	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Direct	
	(thousands of cubic metres)				
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-	-
Quebec	12 658	39 236	233 054	3 000	287 948
Ontario	148 128	104 029	518 650	104 739	875 546
Manitoba	12 639	10 332	28 315	-	51 286
Saskatchewan	23 158	14 221	55 070	65 000	157 449
Alberta	85 141	70 657	895 444	-	1 051 242
British Columbia	35 721	40 187	124 763	130 685	331 356
August 1988 - Canada	317 445	278 662	1 855 296	303 424	2 754 827
August 1987 - Canada	331 600	284 752	1 821 218	125 603	2 563 173
% change	-4.3	-2.1	10.9		7.5
Year to date 1988 - Canada	8 544 400	7 151 658	16 567 408	2 226 578	34 490 044
Year to date 1987 - Canada	7 701 274	6 421 324	16 318 842	1 006 446	31 447 886
% change	10.9	11.4	8.5		9.7

- Nil.

Note: Revised figures will be available in *Gas Utilities* (55-002) as well as on CANSIM.

Data Availability Announcements

Process Cheese and Instant Skim Milk Powder

September 1988

Production of process cheese in September 1988 totalled 9 554 414 kilograms, an increase of 33.8% from August 1988 and an increase of 73.5% from September 1987.

The 1988 year-to-date production totalled 57 086 548 kilograms, compared to the corresponding 1987 amount of 57 491 108 kilograms (revised figure).

Total production of instant skim milk powder during the month was 242 814 kilograms, a decrease of 52.8% from August 1988 and a decrease of 33.0% from September 1987. Cumulative year-to-date production totalled 3 549 958 kilograms, compared to the 3 898 402 kilograms reported for the corresponding period in 1987.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 188 (series 1.10).

The September 1988 issue of *Production and Inventories of Process Cheese and Instant Skim Milk Powder* (32-024, \$4.50/\$45) will be released at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Brian Preston (613-951-3511), Industry Division.

Tobacco Products

September 1988

Canadian tobacco product firms produced 4,808,322,000 cigarettes in September 1988, an 11.1% decrease from the 5,410,924,000 cigarettes manufactured during the same period in 1987. Production for January to September 1988 totalled 40,481,196,000 cigarettes, down from 40,500,768,000 cigarettes for the corresponding period in 1987.

Domestic sales in September 1988 totalled 4,581,504,000 cigarettes, a decrease of 5.1% from the 4,826,194,000 1987 amount of cigarettes. Year-to-date sales in 1988 totalled 38,055,229,000 cigarettes, down 0.8% from the 1987 cumulative amount of 38,355,674,000 cigarettes.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 46.

The September 1988 issue of *Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products* (32-022, \$4.50/\$45) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Brian Preston (613-951-3511), Industry Division.

Mineral Wool

September 1988

Manufacturers shipped 3 911 646 square metres of R12 factor (RSI 2.1) mineral wool batts in September 1988, down 7.4% from the 4 222 329 square metres shipped a year earlier but up 17.5% from the 3 328 898 square metres shipped the previous month. Year-to-date shipments to the end of September 1988 totalled 28 496 097 square metres, a decrease of 8.0% from the same period in 1987.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 40 and 122 (series 32 and 33).

The September 1988 issue of *Mineral Wool including Fibrous Glass Insulation* (44-004, \$4.50/\$45) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Sharon McLinton (613-951-3527), Industry Division.

Imports by Commodity (H.S. Based)

August 1988

Commodity-country import trade statistics based on the Harmonized System (H.S.) for August 1988 are now available on microfiche, computer printouts or magnetic tapes in advance of the monthly publication.

Available on CANSIM (for selected information): matrices 3718 and 3887-3913.

The August 1988 issue of *Imports by Commodity (H.S. Based)* (65-007, \$50/\$500) will be available the third week of November. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Gordon Blaney (613-951-9647), International Trade Division.

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