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Canadian Potato Production 1988

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Due to wet conditions and a late harvest in Prince Edward Island the release of the potato survey results will be delayed until Friday, November 18, 1988.

For further details, contact L.D. Kemp (613-951-8727), Agriculture Division.



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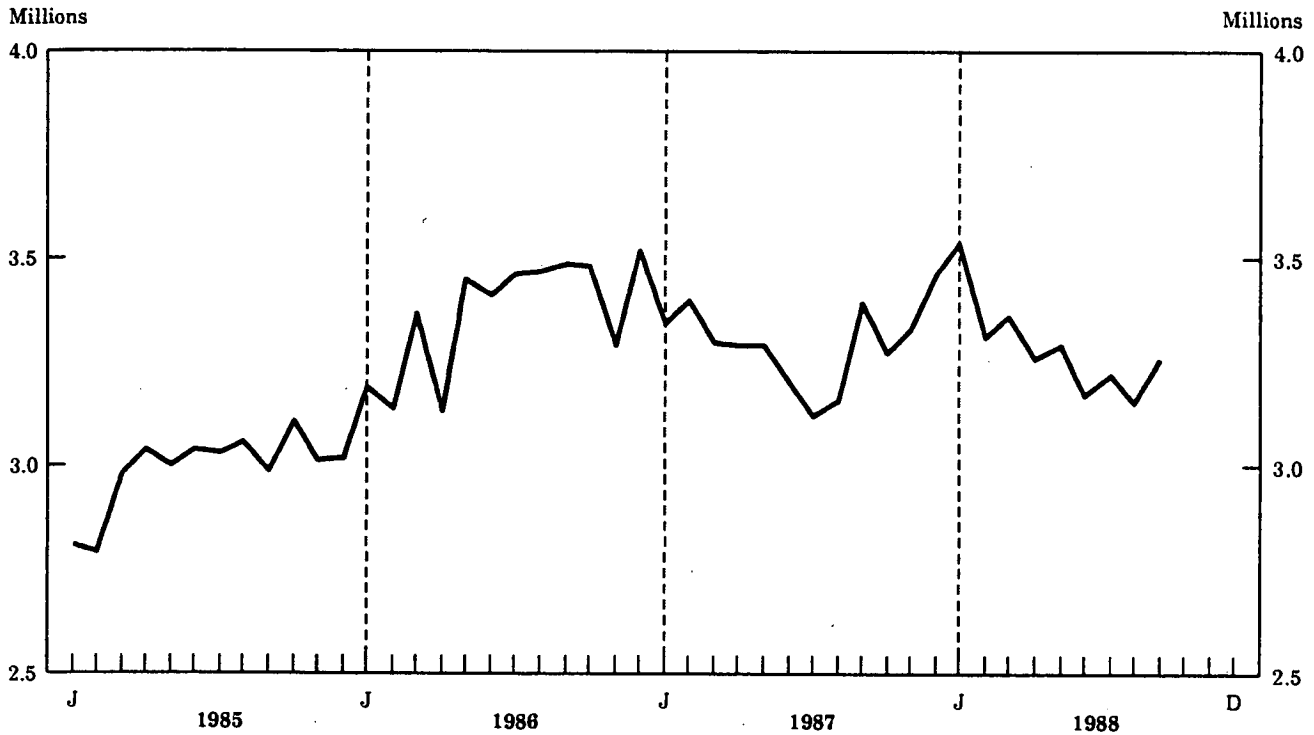
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Total Trips to Canada by Non-residents, Seasonally Adjusted



Travel Between Canada and Other Countries

September 1988

Seasonally Adjusted

Total Travel

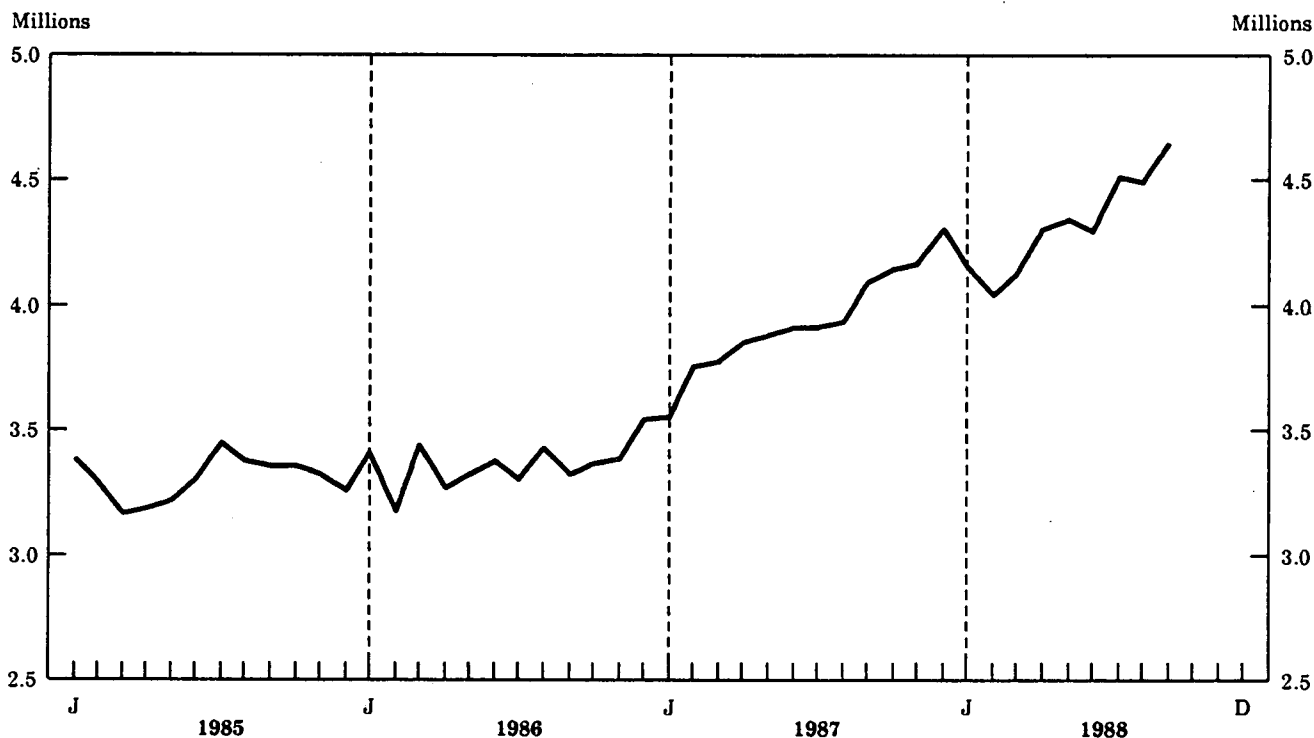
- On a seasonally adjusted basis, the September volume of foreign travel to Canada increased by 3.4% from August, to reach its highest level since March 1988. Total foreign visits to Canada reached a peak in January 1988, at the onset of the Calgary Olympics. A declining trend in non-resident traffic had been persisting since that period.
- Total trips to Canada by United States residents increased by 3.4% from the previous month. It is

too early to say whether this change represents a reversal from the generally downward movement experienced since the peak of January 1988.

- In September, trips by overseas residents to Canada rose by 3.1% from the preceding month, to a level higher than in the previous five months. During the Winter Olympics, in February 1988, overseas visits had reached a record level on a seasonally adjusted basis.
- Total international trips by Canadian residents in September reached a record level and were 3.7% above the August figure, reflecting an increase in visits to the United States.

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Total Trips Abroad by Canadian Residents, Seasonally Adjusted



- Trips by Canadian residents to the United States, measured on their return, increased by 3.9% from the previous month. After a decline in the first two months of 1988, presumably reflecting the impact of the Winter Olympics, the level of Canadian visits to the U.S. has been generally on the rise.
- Trips by Canadian residents to overseas countries increased by only 0.4% between August and September, but still represented the highest results since February 1988. After a decline following the Winter Olympics, seasonally adjusted trips to overseas countries by Canadians have since July reversed the downward movement.

Note to Users

The objective of seasonal adjustment is to reveal the underlying trend-cyclical movement in a time series. Seasonally adjusted figures are especially important for the analysis of short-term movements of less than one year. At the national level of aggregation, "total trips" have an MCD (months of cyclical dominance) of four, which means that within that four-month period, the month-to-month comparisons would be dominated by erratic movements. Comparing the most recent seasonally adjusted estimate with the estimate four months earlier will yield a good indication of changes in the short-term trend.

Seasonally adjusted data on overnight travel will be available at a later date.

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Unadjusted Data

Total Travel

- Total trips to Canada by United States residents decreased by 1.6% from September 1987 to 3,471,000. In the first nine months of 1988, the number of U.S. visits to Canada declined by 2.0% from the comparable period last year.
- Total trips to Canada by residents of countries other than the United States increased by 20.6% from last year to 369,000 during September 1988. In the first nine months of 1988, the number of visits to Canada by residents of countries other than the U.S. increased by 16.1% over the same period in 1987.
- Total international trips to all foreign destinations by Canadian residents numbered 4,717,000 - an increase of 17.3% above September 1987. On a year-to-date basis, this number has risen by 12.6% from the comparable period last year.

Overnight Travel

- Preliminary estimates indicate that non-resident trips of one or more nights to Canada, at 1,743,000, registered the highest September level on record, 5.9% higher than in September

1987. In the first nine months of 1988, these volumes were up 3.0% over the same period in 1987.

- The number of overnight visits by Canadian residents returning from trips abroad reached a new September record level of 1,395,000 or 10.2% above September 1987. In the first nine months of 1988, these volumes were up 8.8% over the same period in 1987. Canadian overnight trips to the U.S. increased at a faster rate (9.7%) than to other countries (4.4%) in the first nine months of 1988.

The accompanying graphs show traveller entries and re-entries, seasonally adjusted, for the period 1985 to 1988.

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Available on CANSIM: matrices 2661 - 2695.

The September 1988 issue of *International Travel - Advance Information* (66-001P, \$5.50/\$55) will be available mid-November. See "How to Order Publications".

For special tabulations and more detailed information on this release, contact Paul L. Paradis (613-951-8933), International Travel Section, Education, Culture and Tourism Division.

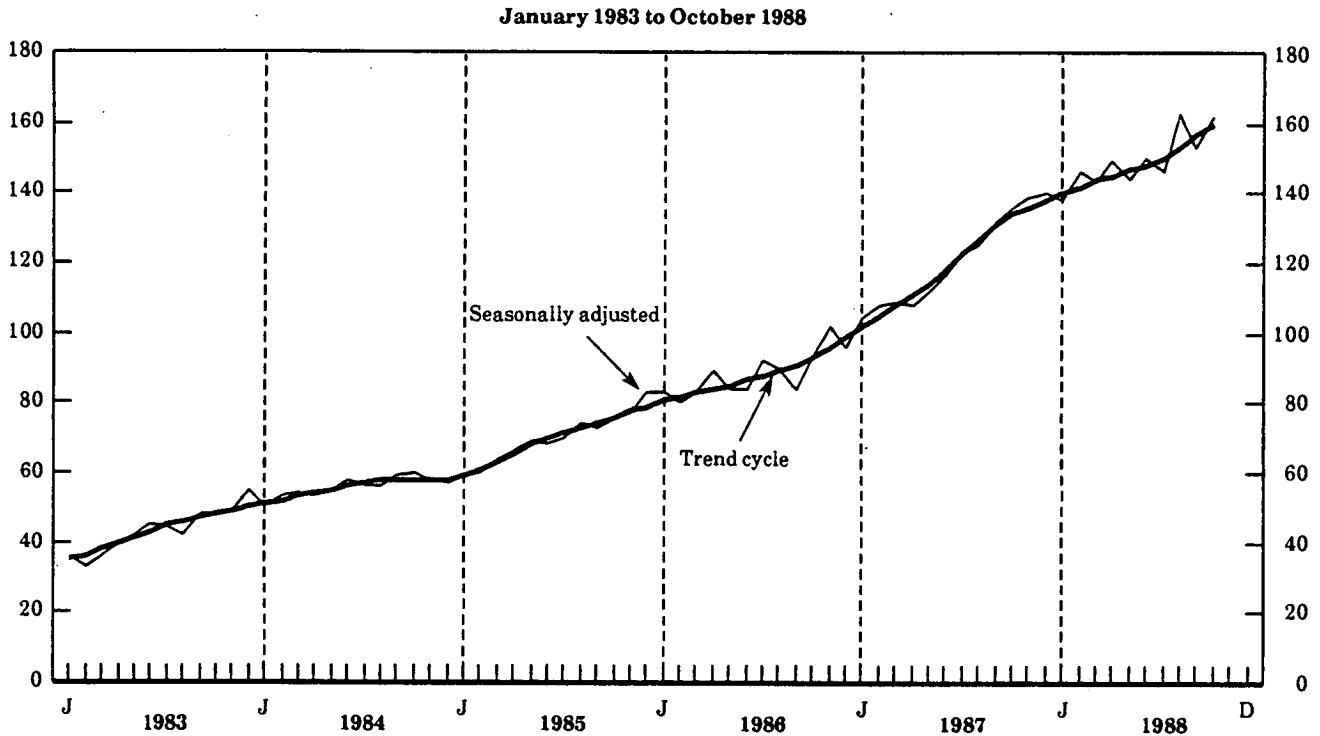
Summary of Preliminary Estimates on International Travel¹

	September	August	July	1988 June	May	April
	(in thousands)					
	Adjusted for seasonal variation					
Total Number of Trips						
Non-resident Travellers						
All Countries	3,266	3,159	3,228	3,176	3,291	3,264
United States	3,005	2,905	2,974	2,938	3,034	3,008
Other Countries	262	254	254	238	257	256
Residents of Canada						
All Countries	4,659	4,493	4,513	4,297	4,352	4,299
United States	4,430	4,265	4,290	4,078	4,130	4,074
Other Countries	229	228	223	219	222	225
	September 1988	September 1987	% Change	Jan.-Sept. 1988	Jan.-Sept. 1987	% Change
	(in thousands)			(in thousands)		
	Unadjusted					
Total Number of Trips						
Non-resident Travellers						
All Countries	3,841	3,836	0.1	32,012	32,264	-0.8
United States	3,471	3,529	-1.6	29,441	30,049	-2.0
Other Countries	369	306	20.6	2,571	2,215	16.1
Residents of Canada						
All countries	4,717	4,022	17.3	41,402	36,769	12.6
United States	4,495	3,806	18.1	39,159	34,621	13.1
Other Countries	222	216	2.8	2,243	2,148	4.4
Estimated Overnight Trips²						
Non-resident Travellers						
All Countries	1,743	1,646	5.9	13,067	12,688	3.0
United States	1,421	1,386	2.5	10,779	10,764	0.1
Other Countries	322	259	24.3	2,288	1,923	19.0
Residents of Canada						
All Countries	1,395	1,266	10.2	13,094	12,039	8.8
United States	1,173	1,050	11.7	10,851	9,892	9.7
Other Countries	222	216	2.8	2,243	2,148	4.4

¹ Totals may not add up due to rounding.

² Seasonally adjusted overnight trips will be available at a later date. Overnight estimates for the United States include auto and bus for one or more nights, and estimated long-term numbers for plane, train, boat and other methods. Figures for "Other Countries" exclude entries by land same day via the U.S. only.

Help-wanted Index, Canada (1981 = 100)



Help-wanted Index October 1988

The Help-wanted Index serves as an indicator of the demand for labour by monitoring the space devoted to help-wanted ads published in 18 major metropolitan area newspapers.

Highlights

- The seasonally adjusted Help-wanted Index for Canada (1981=100) increased to 162 from 153 between September and October 1988, almost returning to its peak observed in August (163).
- The Canada trend-cycle¹ continued in October its advance which began in December 1982 (see chart). However, the increases in 1988 have been smaller than those observed in 1987.

¹ The trend cycle provides an indication of the direction in the demand for labour as estimated by the Help-wanted Index. It is calculated by the X-11 ARIMA seasonal adjustment program. Essentially, the calculation involves a 13-term Henderson moving average which smooths irregular fluctuations in the seasonally adjusted data.

Changes between September and October 1988 by region:

- The Atlantic region index advanced to 207 from 194, almost returning to the level registered in April 1988 (209).
- The Ontario index, after decreasing slightly last month, reached a new peak by advancing to 227 from 207.
- The Prairie region index increased for the third consecutive month, to 78 from 69. This is the highest level since January 1982 when the index stood at 80.
- Small decreases in the index were observed in Quebec (to 162 from 165) and in British Columbia (to 68 from 70).

Available on CANSIM: matrix 105.

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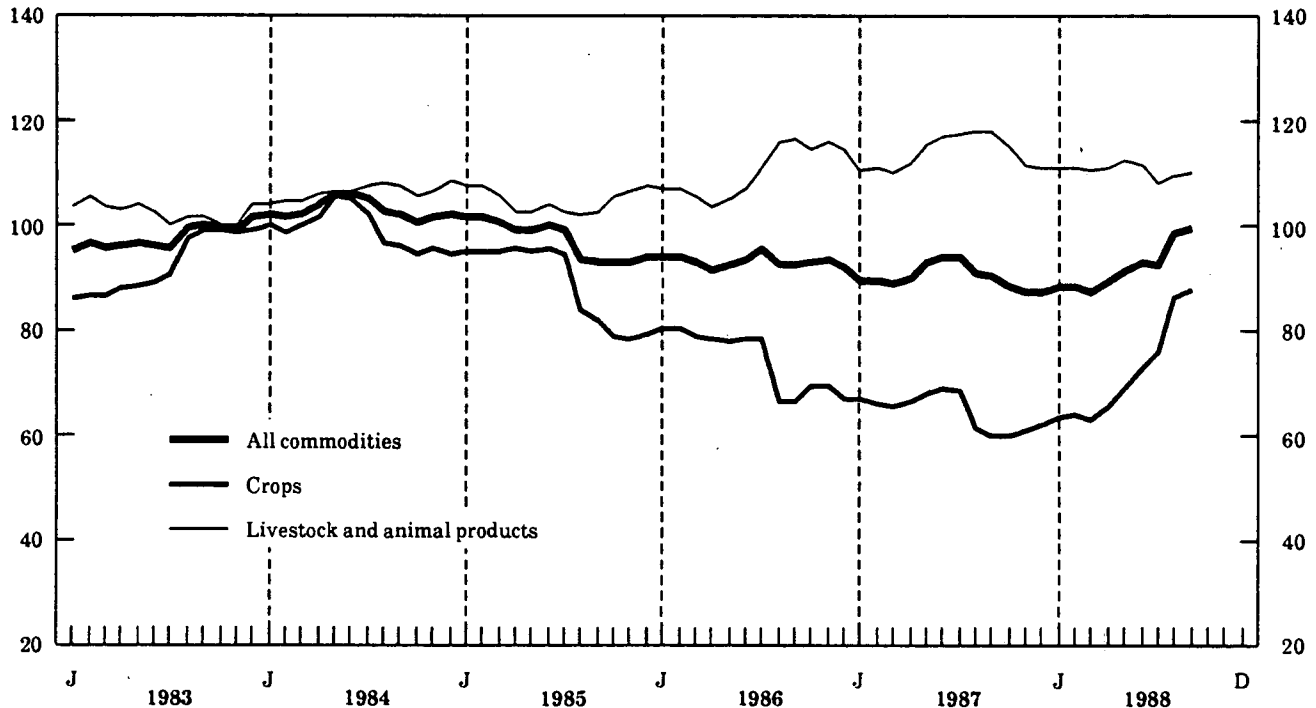
For historical data, covering the period from January 1962 to December 1987, order *Help-wanted Index* (71-204, \$15), now available. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Jean-Pierre Maynard (613-951-4045) or Horst Stiebert (613-951-4044), Labour Division.

**Help-wanted Index (1981 = 100), Canada and Regions
Seasonally Adjusted**

Year and month	Canada	Atlantic Region	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Region	British Columbia
1987						
October	136	170	148	185	55	55
November	139	173	154	184	59	57
December	140	164	150	189	58	55
1988						
January	138	181	144	190	62	58
February	146	154	163	197	58	58
March	143	172	160	194	60	56
April	149	209	155	201	70	60
May	144	189	153	198	66	56
June	150	183	172	196	64	60
July	146	191	173	190	61	59
August	163	195	196	209	66	68
September	153	194	165	207	69	70
October	162	207	162	227	78	68

Farm Product Price Index (1981 = 100)



Farm Product Price Index September 1988

The Farm Product Price Index (1981=100) for Canada stood at 99.4 in September, up 0.9% from the revised August level of 98.5. The index is now at its highest level since June 1985. The crops index was up 1.7% and the livestock index rose 0.4%. The September 1988 index stood 10.1% above the year-earlier level of 90.3.

The percentage changes in the index between August and September 1988 by province were as follows:

• Newfoundland	-0.2%
• Prince Edward Island	3.6%
• Nova Scotia	0.3%
• New Brunswick	2.9%
• Quebec	-0.1%
• Ontario	-0.2%
• Manitoba	2.9%
• Saskatchewan	1.4%

• Alberta	1.8%
• British Columbia	0.5%
• Canada	0.9%

Crops

The crops index rose 1.7% in September to a level of 87.9. This was the sixth consecutive monthly increase in the index, which has now increased 39.3% since March.

- The cereals index reached 75.8 in September, a 1.9% increase from the August level. Feed grain prices continued to rise as production was adversely affected by dry conditions in parts of the Canadian Prairies, Ontario, and the mid-western United States. Canadian grain production in 1988 was down 29.7% from 1987. September estimates of grain production from the United States Department of Agriculture indicated a drop of 31% compared to 1987.

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Canadian Wheat Board average prices were up marginally in September, as a greater proportion of higher grade cereals was marketed. The cereals index has been trending upwards over the last six months, and is now 58.9% above the March 1988 level.

- The oilseeds index rose 2.5% in September. Soybean prices increased following a dip in August. Canadian soybean production was estimated to be down 13.0% in 1988. In the United States, 1988 soybean production has been estimated to be at its lowest level since 1976. Flaxseed prices continued their rising trend of the past six months. Canadian production of flaxseed in 1988 was estimated at 40.4% below last year's level. On the international scene, world flaxseed production is reported to be 25% lower than last year. Canada produces about 40% of the world's flaxseed. Canola prices fell for the second consecutive month.

Livestock and Animal Products

The livestock and animal products index increased 0.4% in September. This was the second consecutive monthly rise in the index, which remains 6.7% below the previous year's level. In September, higher prices for hogs, poultry, eggs, and dairy products more than offset lower prices for cattle and calves.

- The hogs index rose 0.7% in September. This increase paralleled higher prices for market hogs in the United States. Nevertheless, the index for September was 29.9% below the year-earlier level.

User Note

The index is designed to measure changes in prices received by producers when ownership of a commodity first changes hands. Prices used in the index for Western wheat, oats and barley sold to the Canadian Wheat Board prior to August 1987 are final prices. Beginning in August 1987, initial prices are used and, therefore, exclude any forthcoming adjustment or final payments. Sub-indexes for livestock, crops, and their components are also available on a provincial basis.

- The cattle and calves index fell 0.2% from August, showing a continued moderation of the downward trend experienced since April. In both August and September the index fell by 0.2% following drops of 3.1% in June and 3.4% in July.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 176.

The August issue of *Farm Product Price Index* (62-003, \$6.50/\$65) is scheduled for release November 24. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Liz Leckie (613-951-2442), Farm Income and Prices Section, Agriculture Division.

Data Availability Announcements

Housing Starts

September 1988

Highlights

Total (all areas)

- Seasonally adjusted at annual rates, September housing starts posted their largest monthly decline this year (-15.4%), to 215,000 units.
- The multiple housing sector was totally responsible for this decrease.

Urban Centres (10,000 population and over)

- Reflecting a 36.5% drop in the number of multiple dwellings in September, housing starts in urban centres declined 17.3%.
- On a regional basis, all regions except the Prairies (+16.7%) reported large drops, ranging from -16.2% in Ontario to -42.9% in the Atlantic region.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 23, 24, 25, 29, 988, 4091 and 4092.

The September 1988 issue of *Housing Starts and Completions* (64-002, \$16.50/\$165) is scheduled for release the third week of December. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact M. Lavigne (613-951-2583), Science, Technology and Capital Stock Division.

Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics

September 1988

In September 1988, a total of 69 Canadian urban transit systems with gross annual total operating revenues of \$500,000 or more (subsidies included) carried 134,980,534 fare passengers, an increase of 28.0% from the previous month. Operating revenues totalled \$95,929,018 - up 20.9% from August 1988.

During the same period, 20 passenger bus carriers earning \$500,000 or more annually from intercity and rural bus operations carried 1,707,647 fare passengers, down 12.5% from the previous month. Earnings for these carriers totalled \$18,988,354, a 19.5% decrease from August 1988 operating revenues.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 351 and 352.

The September 1988 issue of *Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics* (53-003, \$6.50/\$65) will be available the third week of November. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2484), Transportation Division.

Steel Pipe and Tubing

September 1988

Steel pipe and tubing production for September 1988 totalled 156 393 tonnes, an increase of 12.3% from the 139 322 tonnes produced a year earlier.

Year-to-date production totalled 1 352 127 tonnes, up 29.2% from the 1 046 907 (revised figure) tonnes produced during the same period in 1987.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 35.

The September 1988 issue of *Steel Pipe and Tubing* (41-011 \$4.50/\$45) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Gerry Barrett (613-951-3515), Industry Division.

Steel Ingots

Week Ending November 4, 1988

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel ingot production for the week ending November 4, 1988 totalled 315 119 tonnes, an increase of 3.7% from the preceding week's total of 303 838 tonnes and up 6.4% from the year-earlier level of 296 156 tonnes. The cumulative total in 1988 was 12 470 766 tonnes, an increase of 0.003% from 12 467 009 tonnes for the same period in 1987.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Greg Milsom (613-951-9827), Industry Division.

Pulpwood and Wood Residue

September 1988

Pulpwood receipts amounted to 4 260 913 cubic metres in September 1988, an increase of 0.3% from 4 247 647 cubic metres a year earlier. Receipts of wood residue totalled 4 727 168 cubic metres, down 1.0% from 4 774 260 cubic metres in September 1987. Consumption of pulpwood and wood residue was reported at 7 681 071 cubic metres, an increase of 4.5% from 7 350 534 cubic metres reported the previous year. The closing inventory of pulpwood and wood residue totalled 18 887 039 cubic metres, an increase of 2.0% from 18 508 314 cubic metres a year earlier.

Year-to-date receipts of pulpwood totalled 33 604 253^r (r: revised figure) cubic metres, an increase of 1.0% from 33 276 349 cubic metres a year earlier. Receipts of wood residue decreased 0.2% to 42 077 173^r cubic metres from the year-earlier level of 42 147 231^r cubic metres. Consumption of pulpwood and wood residue, at 75 415 046^r cubic metres, was up 1.8% from 74 108 007^r cubic metres a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 54.

The September 1988 issue of *Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics* (25-001, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Jacques Lepage (613-951-3516), Industry Division.

Electric Lamps

October 1988

Preliminary data for electric lamps (light bulbs and tubes) for October 1988 are now available.

Electric Lamps (Light Bulbs and Tubes) (43-009, \$4.50/\$45) will be released at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Laurie Vincent (613-951-3523), Industry Division.

Production of Eggs

September 1988

Canadian egg production decreased by 0.1% to 38.6 million dozen in September 1988 from 38.8 million a year earlier. The average number of layers decreased by 0.1% from September 1987 to 1988, while the number of eggs per 100 layers increased to 2,080 from 2,078.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1145, 1146 and 5689-5691.

The September 1988 issue of *Production and Stocks of Eggs and Poultry* (23-003, \$11/\$110) will be available the week of November 28. See "How to Order Publications."

For more detailed information on this release, contact Robert Koroluk (613-951-2549), Livestock and Animal Products Section, Agriculture Division.

**Other Stamped and Pressed Metal
Products Industries**

1986 Census of Manufactures

In 1986, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the other stamped and pressed metal products industries (SIC 3049) totalled \$2,531.9 million, up 0.7% from \$2,514.9 million in 1985.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5526.

Data for the industry will be published at a later date (41-251B 3049, \$4). See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Bruro Pépin (613-951-9837), Industry Division.

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Farm Product Price Index, August 1988.

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