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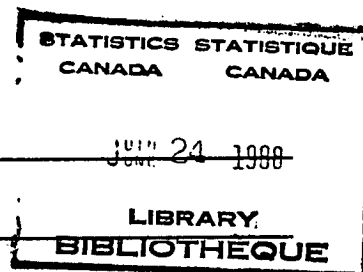
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Sales

- Preliminary estimates indicate that wholesale merchants' sales for April 1988 were 7.5% above those of April 1987. In the first four months of 1988, cumulative sales were up 11.9% compared to the corresponding period in 1987.
- In April 1988, all major trade groups within wholesale trade registered increased sales over a year earlier except wholesalers of food (-2.0%) and wholesalers of farm machinery, equipment and supplies (-2.0%). Two of the three largest trade groups recorded increases over April 1987: wholesalers of electrical and non-electrical machinery, equipment and supplies (+17.9%); and other wholesalers (+10.9%).
- Wholesale trade increases between April 1987 and April 1988 were posted in all regions, ranging from 11.9% in the Prairies to 6.2% in Ontario.

Inventories

- Inventory levels in April 1988 were 12.7% higher than those reported in April 1987. The ratio of inventories to sales at the end of April 1988 stood at 1.51:1, up from 1.44:1 in the corresponding month of 1987.

(see table on page 3)

Available on CANSIM: matrices 44 and 50.

The April 1988 issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-008, \$5.50/\$55) will be available the third week of July. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Gilles Simard 613-951-3541, Wholesale Trade Section, Industry Division.

Wholesale Trade

Percentage Change in Sales and Inventories for April 1988/1987

Major Trade Groups - Regions	Sales			Inventories		Stocks/Sales Ratios	
	March 1988/87 ^r	April 1988/87 ^p	Jan.-Apr. 1988/87 ^p	March 1988/87 ^r	April 1988/87 ^p	April 1987	April 1988 ^p
Total all trades	17.0	7.5	11.9	12.5	12.7	1.44	1.51
Food	5.4	-2.0	1.8	2.4	3.3	0.67	0.71
Tobacco, drugs and toilet preparations	8.5	2.1	5.8	1.8	3.5	0.93	0.94
Apparel, dry goods, furniture and general merchandise	6.1	2.6	0.6	16.4	15.3	2.00	2.25
Motor vehicles and accessories	8.4	0.9	5.6	6.3	7.3	1.64	1.75
Farm machinery, equipment and supplies	31.5	-2.0	10.0	2.1	-0.1	2.65	2.70
Other machinery, equipment and supplies ¹	26.0	17.9	20.7	10.0	8.4	1.65	1.52
Metals, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment	24.6	15.6	20.5	17.9	15.5	1.57	1.56
Lumber and building materials	12.1	4.5	8.6	34.2	34.5	1.36	1.75
Other wholesalers ²	23.5	10.9	16.7	17.7	22.4	1.44	1.59
Regions							
Atlantic provinces	18.1	9.2	13.5	13.7	13.0	1.42	1.47
Quebec	17.8	7.5	12.8	17.4	19.0	1.36	1.50
Ontario	15.3	6.2	10.1	12.3	12.9	1.38	1.46
Prairie provinces	25.0	11.9	18.2	8.7	8.0	1.92	1.85
B.C., Yukon and Northwest Territories	12.0	6.4	8.8	8.9	7.0	1.26	1.27

^r Revised estimates.

^p Preliminary estimates.

-- Amount too small to be expressed.

¹ Includes: electrical machinery, equipment and supplies; and machinery and equipment, n.e.s.

² Includes: farm products (excluding grain); paper and paper products; scrap and waste materials; and wholesalers, n.e.s.

Data Availability Announcements

Deliveries of Major Grains

May 1988

Producer deliveries of major grains by Prairie farmers during May 1988 were as follows (in thousand tonnes):

• Wheat (excluding durum)	1 165.8
• Durum wheat	115.3
• Total wheat	1 281.1
• Oats	32.8
• Barley	341.6
• Rye	11.2
• Flaxseed	37.3
• Canola (rapeseed)	157.5

Available on CANSIM: matrices 976-981.

The May 1988 issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review* (22-007, \$11.50/\$115) is scheduled for release in July. See "How to Order Publications".

For further detailed information on this release, contact Anthony Dupuis (613-951-3871), Agriculture Division.

Deliveries of Major Grains

April 1988

Producer deliveries of major grains by Prairie farmers during April 1988 were as follows (in thousand tonnes):

• Wheat (excluding durum)	1 848.0
• Durum wheat	265.7
• Total wheat	2 113.7
• Oats	50.7
• Barley	465.6
• Rye	16.5
• Flaxseed	43.0
• Canola (rapeseed)	279.4

Available on CANSIM: matrices 976-981.

The April 1988 issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review* (22-007, \$11.50/\$115) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

For further detailed information on this release, contact Anthony Dupuis (613-951-3871), Agriculture Division.

Oilseed Crushings

May 1988

Domestic crushings of vegetable oilseeds and the subsequent production of oil and meal for May 1988 were as follows:

- Canola-rapeseed: 107 210 tonnes of crushings, with 44 382 tonnes of oil and 61 137 tonnes of meal produced.
- Soybeans: 80 689 tonnes of crushings, with 14 119 tonnes of oil and 61 662 tonnes of meal produced.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5687.

The May 1988 issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review* (22-007, \$11.50/\$115) is scheduled for release in July. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact A. Dupuis (613-951-3871), Agriculture Division.

Precast Concrete Price Indexes

Second Half 1987

Price indexes for the second half of 1987 for precast concrete-in-place are now available. These indexes, at the Canada level, show an increase of 2.7% from the first half of 1987 and an increase of 5.5% from the second half of 1986.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 421.

The first quarter 1988 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$16.50/\$66) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Bernard Lebrun (613-951-3389), Prices Division.

Wooden Box and Pallet Industry

1986 Census of Manufactures

In 1986, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the wooden box and pallet industry (SIC 2561) totalled \$217.6 million, up 9.8% from \$198.2 million in 1985.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5467.

Data for the industry will be published at a later date (35-250B 2561, \$4). See "How to Order Publications".

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

Pulp Industry

1986 Census of Manufactures

In 1986, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the pulp industry (SIC 2711) totalled \$4,267.4 million, up 20.4% from \$3,544.8 million in 1985.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5483.

Data for the industry will be published at a later date (36-250B 2711, \$4). See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Sandra Bohatyretz (613-951-3531), Industry Division.

Particleboard Industry

1986 Census of Manufactures

In 1986, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the particleboard industry (SIC 2592) totalled \$295.5 million, up 29.7% from \$227.9 million in 1985.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5470.

Data for the industry will be published at a later date (35-250B 2592, \$4). See "How to Order Publications".

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

Aluminum Rolling, Casting and Extruding Industry

1986 Census of Manufactures

In 1986, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the aluminum rolling, casting and extruding industry (SIC 2961) totalled \$1,399.9 million, up 4.2% from \$1,343.7 million in 1985.

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Data for the industry will be published at a later date (41-250B 2961, \$4). See "How to Order Publications".

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

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Fourth Quarter 1987.

Catalogue number 13-002

(Canada: \$35/\$140; Other Countries: \$36/\$144).

System of National Accounts: Aggregate
Productivity Measures, 1985-1986.

Catalogue number 15-204

(Canada: \$28; Other Countries: \$29).

Crude Petroleum and Natural
Gas Production, February 1988.

Catalogue number 26-006

(Canada: \$9/\$90; Other Countries: \$10/\$100).

Imports, Merchandise Trade, 1987.

Catalogue number 65-203

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28	Retail Trade	April 1988
28	Department Store Sales and Stocks	April 1988
28	Employment, Earnings and Hours	April 1988
29	Gross Domestic Product at Factor Cost by Industry	April 1988
29	Unemployment Insurance Statistics	April 1988
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