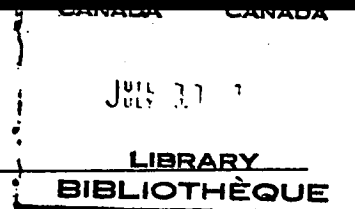


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Estimates of Labour Income

April 1988

The preliminary estimate of labour income, which amounts to approximately 50% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the National Income and Expenditure Accounts, was \$25.4 billion in April. The April 1988 increase of 7.5% from April 1987 is similar to the year-to-year changes in the first three months of 1988.

Seasonally adjusted

The seasonally adjusted estimate of wages and salaries¹ for April 1988 increased by 0.5% from the previous month. During the past 12 months the month-to-month increases in wages and salaries were between 0.3% (July and December 1987) and 0.9% (May 1987 and January 1988).

In the goods-producing industries the estimate of wages and salaries increased by 1.0% from March 1988. Forestry showed the largest gain (2.1%) in wages and salaries followed by manufacturing (1.3%) and construction (0.7%). Wages and salaries in the remaining industries were little changed from their March 1988 level.

In the service-producing industries, the estimate of wages and salaries increased marginally (0.3%) in April 1988 from the previous month. Increases were noted in health and welfare services (1.1%), and in commercial and personal services (0.8%). Transportation, communication and other utilities, and federal administration and other government offices showed declines in wages and salaries while the remaining industries showed little change.

On a provincial basis, the seasonally adjusted estimates of wages and salaries showed changes of less than 1.0% from their March levels in all provinces.

Unadjusted for seasonal variation

On a year-over-year basis, the April 1988 estimate of wages and salaries in the goods-producing industries rose by 8.5% from April 1987, slightly stronger than

the yearly growth of 7.8% recorded in March 1988. This increase was mainly due to the strong growth rates in forestry (11.4%), construction (10.3%) and manufacturing (8.3%).

In the service-producing industries, the year-over-year growth rate in wages and salaries was 7.0%, slightly less than the 7.4% increase noted in March 1988. The yearly rates of change decelerated slightly in transportation, communication and other utilities; in trade; and in finance, insurance and real estate. The remaining industries had similar yearly rates of change in April and March 1988.

At the provincial level, the yearly growth rates in wages and salaries decelerated slightly in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba, and Alberta from the yearly growth rate recorded in March. The remaining provinces showed little change in yearly rates of growth.

Note to Users

Revised estimates of labour income covering the period 1984 to 1987 are released with the results for April 1988. The data have been revised to incorporate the most current source data and revised seasonal patterns.

March 1988 revised data are being released with the preliminary estimates of April 1988. Users should note that preliminary estimates for March 1988 were never published.

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Available on CANSIM: matrices 1791 and 1792.

The April-June 1988 issue of *Estimates of Labour Income* (72-005, \$17.25/\$69), will be available in October 1988. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Georgette Gauthier (613-951-4051), Labour Income Section, Labour Division.

¹ Wages and salaries account for 90% of labour income.

Wages and Salaries and Supplementary Labour Income
(millions of dollars)

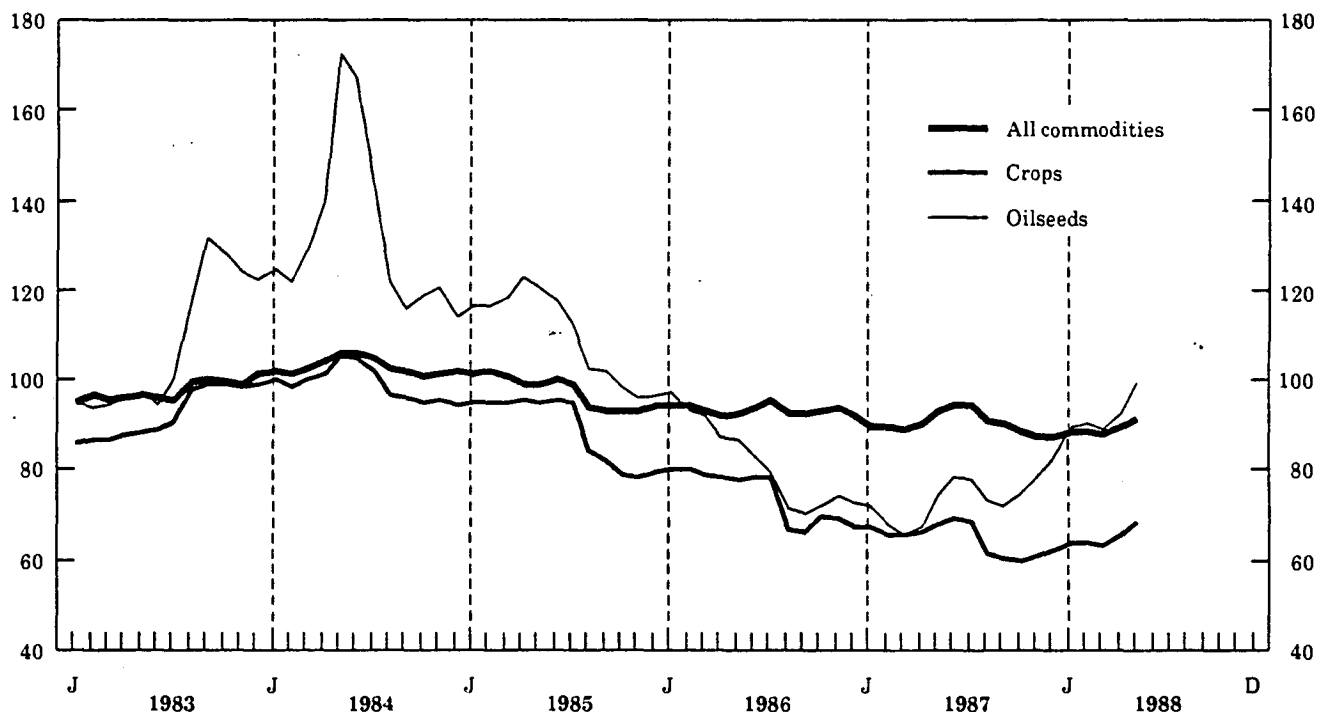
	April 1988 ^p	March 1988 ^r	February 1988 ^f	April 1987
Unadjusted for seasonal variation				
Agriculture, fishing and trapping	143.6	124.4	105.5	141.0
Forestry	127.6	137.8	150.3	114.5
Mines, quarries and oil wells	567.4	578.1	581.5	524.8
Manufacturing industries	4,858.3	4,750.1	4,721.7	4,487.5
Construction industry	1,314.7	1,196.2	1,151.8	1,192.5
Transportation, communications and other utilities	2,252.4	2,268.6	2,219.5	2,146.9
Trade	3,182.1	3,162.9	3,075.9	2,927.4
Finance, insurance and real estate	1,912.0	1,888.3	1,840.9	1,758.4
Commercial and personal service	3,096.3	3,003.3	3,023.8	2,874.2
Education and related services	2,031.6	2,035.9	2,022.9	1,894.5
Health and welfare services	1,588.1	1,567.4	1,559.8	1,485.9
Federal administration and other government offices	758.1	767.1	755.7	747.8
Provincial administration	571.0	573.7	565.1	549.5
Local administration	482.2	477.3	476.1	448.8
Total wages and salaries	22,885.6	22,531.1	22,250.5	21,293.8
Supplementary labour income	2,463.9	2,424.8	2,394.3	2,288.9
Labour income	25,349.5	24,955.9	24,644.8	23,582.5
Adjusted for seasonal variation				
Agriculture, fishing and trapping	186.8	187.7	188.6	181.9
Forestry	165.5	162.1	163.7	152.4
Mines, quarries and oil wells	581.2	580.9	581.0	544.5
Manufacturing industries	4,915.9	4,854.0	4,818.9	4,541.0
Construction industry	1,416.1	1,406.8	1,388.7	1,308.1
Transportation, communications and other utilities	2,278.4	2,292.2	2,271.3	2,172.3
Trade	3,221.4	3,214.7	3,164.2	2,956.2
Finance, insurance and real estate	1,904.9	1,898.4	1,876.0	1,764.4
Commercial and personal service	3,138.9	3,114.3	3,129.8	2,919.3
Education and related services	1,966.3	1,961.0	1,949.9	1,832.7
Health and welfare services	1,598.0	1,580.6	1,590.8	1,494.9
Federal administration and other government offices	763.1	768.9	768.6	752.8
Provincial administration	583.1	583.3	582.9	561.6
Local administration	500.0	497.2	491.9	463.3
Total wages and salaries	23,272.1	23,154.9	22,991.7	21,871.8
Supplementary labour income	2,504.5	2,491.9	2,474.3	2,332.3
Labour income	25,776.6	25,646.8	25,466.0	24,004.1

^p Preliminary estimate.

^r Revised estimate.

^f Final estimate.

Farm Product Price Index (1981 = 100)



Farm Product Price Index May 1988

The Farm Product Price Index (1981 = 100) for Canada stood at 91.6 in May, up 2.6% from the revised April level of 89.3. This was the second consecutive increase in the index. Higher crop and livestock prices contributed to the increase in the overall index. The May 1988 index stood 1.3% below the year-earlier level of 92.8.

The percentage changes in the index between April and May 1988 by province were as follows:

• Newfoundland	0.2%
• Prince Edward Island	-0.5%
• Nova Scotia	1.5%
• New Brunswick	1.2%
• Quebec	3.3%
• Ontario	1.9%
• Manitoba	4.5%
• Saskatchewan	3.9%

• Alberta	1.6%
• British Columbia	1.1%
• Canada	2.5%

Crops

A 4.9% increase in the crops index in May was the largest monthly gain since August 1983 and was due mainly to higher cereal and oilseed prices. The index stood at 68.8.

- The oilseeds index increased in May for the seventh time in eight months as prices rose for soybeans, canola and flaxseed. Contributing to the increase in oilseed prices was the prospect of tight supplies of oilseeds due to very dry weather in parts of the midwestern U.S. and the Canadian Prairies. The index has risen 38% since September 1987. The increase in May brought it to its highest point since September 1985.

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- The cereals index stood at 53.7 in May, up 6.1% from the previous month. Higher prices for Western wheat, oats and barley delivered to the Canadian Wheat Board were the main reason for the increase. Effective April 18, the Canadian Wheat Board adjusted the initial prices it pays to producers upward by \$10/tonne on spring wheat, \$15/tonne on durum wheat, \$5/tonne on feed barley, \$20/tonne on designated barley and \$10/tonne on feed oats. The full impact of the price increases was not felt until May as the adjustment came into effect approximately half-way through April. Despite the price increases, the cereals index remained 2.4% below its year-earlier level.

Livestock and Animal Products

The total livestock and animal products index increased in May for only the third time since reaching its peak in August 1987. Higher prices for hogs, eggs, milk and poultry offset lower prices for cattle. Despite the 1.4% increase in May 1988, the index still lies 4.8% below the record level reached in August 1987.

- After falling in March and April, hog prices rose 8.6% in May 1988. This was the largest monthly increase since June 1987. The hog index has risen in May in each of the past nine years. Even with the increase in May, the index stood at 98.3, 20% below its year-earlier level.

- The cattle index decreased 0.5% in May mainly due to lower slaughter and feeder cattle prices. Despite the decrease in May 1988, the index remained only 0.9% below the record level set in September 1987.

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 final payments. Sub-indexes for livestock, crops and their components are also available on a provincial basis.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 176.

The April issue of *Farm Product Price Index* (62-003, \$6.50/\$65) is scheduled for release July 22. See "How to Order Publications".

For more information on this release, contact Peter Lys (613-951-2436), Farm Income and Prices Section, Agriculture Division.

Data Availability Announcements

Exports of Wheat Flour and Barley Malt April 1988

Customs exports of wheat flour and barley malt during April 1988 were as follows (in thousand tonnes):

• Wheat flour	4.2
• Malt	11.7

Available on CANSIM: matrices 5612 (series 1), and 5630. CANSIM matrix 5613 has been terminated. Refer to matrix 5630 for replacement data expressed in terms of wheat equivalent.

The April 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.

Exports of Major Grains April 1988

Export clearances of the major grains during April 1988 were as follows (in thousand tonnes):

• Total wheat	2 250.8
• Oats	14.8
• Barley	388.8
• Rye	15.0
• Flaxseed	35.1
• Canola (rapeseed)	148.4

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2650-2656.

The April 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.

Shipments of Rolled Steel May 1988

Rolled steel shipments for May 1988 totalled 1 170 113 tonnes, an increase of 3.5% from the preceding month's total of 1 130 131 tonnes and an increase of 9.4% from the year-earlier level of 1 069 100 tonnes.

Year-to-date shipments totalled 5 720 186 tonnes, an increase of 7.7% compared to 5 313 207 tonnes the previous year.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 58 and 122 (series 22-25).

The May 1988 issue of *Primary Iron and Steel* (41-001, \$4.50/\$45) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics

May 1988

Pulpwood receipts amounted to 2 654 820 cubic metres in May 1988, an increase of 11.2% from 2 387 413 cubic metres a year earlier. Receipts of wood residue totalled 4 714 519 cubic metres, up 0.4% from 4 693 817^r cubic metres in May 1987.

Consumption of pulpwood and wood residue was reported at 8 073 167 cubic metres, an increase of 0.2% from the 8 058 284 cubic metres reported the previous year. The closing inventory of pulpwood and wood residue totalled 17 190 539 cubic metres, an increase of 1.1% from 17 008 614^r cubic metres a year earlier.

Year-to-date receipts of pulpwood totalled 16 751 249 cubic metres, a decrease of 3.9% from the 17 436 067^r cubic metres a year earlier. Receipts of wood residue decreased 1.1% to 23 203 338 cubic metres from the year-earlier level of 23 455 311 cubic metres. Consumption of pulpwood and wood residue, at 42 044 503 cubic metres was up 1.2% from 41 557 238 cubic metres a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 54.

The May 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 further information, contact Jacques Lepage (613-951-3516), Industry Division.

Steel Pipe and Tubing

May 1988

Steel pipe and tubing production for May 1988 totalled 159 153 tonnes, an increase of 41.5% from the 112 505 (revised figure) tonnes produced a year earlier.

Year-to-date production totalled 784 516 tonnes, up 39.8% from the 561 098 (revised figure) tonnes produced during the same period in 1987.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 35.

The May 1988 issue of *Steel Pipe and Tubing* (41-011, \$4.50/\$45) will be available at a later date.

For further information, contact: Gerry Barrett (613-951-3515), Industry Division.



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Catalogue number 15-202
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Industry Price Indexes, April 1988.
Catalogue number 62-011
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Catalogue number 63-004
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Construction in Canada, 1986-1988.
Catalogue number 64-201
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