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Wholesale Trade

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Sales

- Preliminary estimates indicate that wholesale merchants' sales for June 1988 were 14.0% above those of June 1987. In the first six months of 1988, cumulative sales were up 12.4% compared to the corresponding period in 1987.
- In June 1988, all major trade groups within wholesale trade registered increased sales over a year earlier, except wholesalers of farm machinery, equipment and supplies (-5.0%). The three largest trade groups recorded increases over June 1987: wholesalers of electrical and non-electrical machinery, equipment and supplies (+23.0%), other wholesalers (+22.2%) and wholesalers of food (+8.4%).

- Wholesale trade increases between June 1987 and June 1988 were posted in all regions, ranging from 18.0% in Quebec to 9.0% in the Atlantic provinces.

Inventories

- Inventory levels in June 1988 were 12.2% higher than those reported in June 1987. The ratio of inventories to sales at the end of June 1988 stood at 1.32:1, down slightly from 1.34:1 in the corresponding month of 1987.

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Available on CANSIM: matrices 44 and 50.

The June 1988 issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-008, \$5.50/\$55) will be available the third week of September. 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 June 1988/1987

Major Trade Groups - Regions	Sales			Inventories		Stocks/Sales Ratios	
	May 1988/87 ^r	June 1988/87 ^p	Jan.-June 1988/87 ^p	May 1988/87 ^r	June 1988/87 ^p	June 1987	June 1988 ^p
Total all trades	12.3	14.0	12.4	12.0	12.2	1.34	1.32
Food	5.2	8.4	3.7	1.6	3.0	0.67	0.63
Tobacco, drugs and toilet preparations	2.1	2.1	5.5	1.5	3.3	0.87	0.88
Apparel, dry goods, furniture and general merchandise	12.9	12.1	4.2	19.1	12.6	2.28	2.29
Motor vehicles and accessories	8.3	0.9	4.7	6.2	2.8	1.70	1.73
Farm machinery, equipment and supplies	-3.5	-5.0	2.3	-0.8	-4.6	2.77	2.78
Other machinery, equipment and supplies ¹	20.4	23.0	21.3	10.6	12.0	1.54	1.40
Metals, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment	20.7	17.8	20.0	19.1	20.6	1.40	1.43
Lumber and building materials	11.3	13.4	10.1	32.0	33.3	1.14	1.34
Other wholesalers ²	14.2	22.2	17.5	16.6	20.6	1.17	1.16
Regions							
Atlantic provinces	13.0	9.0	12.8	13.5	11.8	1.23	1.26
Quebec	14.4	18.0	14.3	21.8	20.7	1.28	1.31
Ontario	11.4	14.5	11.1	9.1	9.7	1.33	1.28
Prairie provinces	8.9	9.4	14.5	7.6	8.7	1.65	1.64
B.C., Yukon and Northwest Territories	14.9	12.2	10.4	9.9	9.6	1.14	1.12

^r Revised estimates.

^p Preliminary estimates.

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

Process Cheese and Instant Skim Milk Powder

July 1988

Production of process cheese in July 1988 totalled 5 168 328 kilograms, a decrease of 18.1% from June 1988 and a decline of 22.2% from July 1987. The 1988 year-to-date production totalled 40 486 820 kilograms, compared to the corresponding 1987 amount of 44 082 244 kilograms.

Total production of instant skim milk powder during the month was 234 476 kilograms, a decrease of 49.2% from June 1988 but an increase of 18.2% from July 1987. Cumulative year-to-date production totalled 2 779 661 kilograms, compared to the 3 000 220 kilograms reported for the corresponding period in 1987.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 188 (series 1.10).

The July 1988 issue of *Production and Inventories of Process Cheese and Instant Skim Milk Powder* (32-024, \$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.

Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers

July 1988

Canadian domestic shipments of corrugated boxes and wrappers totalled 160 493 thousand square metres in July 1988, a decrease of 5.3% from the 169 513 thousand square metres shipped a year earlier.

January to July 1988 domestic shipments totalled 1 330 373^r (revised figure) thousand square metres, up 5.5% from the 1 260 473 thousand square metres for the same period in 1987.

The July 1988 issue of *Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers* (36-004, \$4.50/\$45) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Electric Lamps

Second Quarter 1988

Data on manufacturers' imports, production and inventories of electric lamps for the second quarter of 1988 are now available.

For more detailed information, contact J.P. Beauparlant (613-951-3526), Industry Division.

Publications Released

Field Crop Reporting Statistics, No. 5, Stocks of Canadian Grain at July 31, 1988.

Catalogue number 22-002

(Canada: \$7.50/\$75; Other Countries: \$8.50/\$85)

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Monthly Production of Soft Drinks, July 1988. Catalogue number 32-001

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Catalogue number 41-001

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(Canada: \$4.50/\$45; Other Countries: \$5.50/\$55).

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Catalogue number 47-250B 3911

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Railway Operating Statistics, May 1988.

Catalogue number 52-003

(Canada: \$9.50/\$95; Other Countries: \$10.50/\$105).

Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics, June 1988. Catalogue number 53-003

(Canada: \$6.50/\$65; Other Countries: \$7.50/\$75).

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