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Major Releases

Wholesale Trade

July 1988

Highlights

Sales

- Preliminary estimates indicate that wholesale merchants' sales for July 1988 were 2.8% above those of July 1987. In the first seven months of 1988, cumulative sales were up 10.8% compared to the corresponding period in 1987.
- In July 1988, six of the nine major trade groups within wholesale trade registered increased sales over a year earlier. The three largest trade groups all recorded increases over July 1987: wholesalers of electrical and non-electrical machinery, equipment and supplies (+9.9%), wholesalers of food (+1.6%), and "other wholesalers" (+12.2%).
- Three major trade groups registered decreased sales compared to July 1987: wholesalers of farm machinery, equipment and supplies (-17.4%), wholesalers of tobacco, drugs and toilet preparations (-13.5%) and wholesalers of motor vehicles and accessories (-9.8%).

- On a geographic basis, three regions posted increases between July 1987 and July 1988 while two registered decreases. Quebec had the strongest increase with +6.7% while the Prairie provinces registered the largest decrease with -3.9%.

Inventories

- Inventory levels in July 1988 were 11.4% higher than those reported in July 1987. The ratio of inventories to sales at the end of July 1988 stood at 1.54:1, up from 1.42:1 in the corresponding month of 1987.

(see table on page 3)

Available on CANSIM: matrices 44 and 50.

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

Major Trade Groups - Regions	Sales			Inventories		Stocks/Sales Ratios	
	June 1988/87 ^r	July 1988/87 ^p	Jan.-July 1988/87 ^p	June 1988/87 ^r	July 1988/87 ^p	July 1987	July 1988 ^p
Total all trades	12.7	2.8	10.8	11.9	11.4	1.42	1.54
Food	7.5	1.6	3.3	2.7	1.0	0.66	0.66
Tobacco, drugs and toilet preparations	2.0	-13.5	2.7	3.0	-13.1	0.97	0.97
Apparel, dry goods, furniture and general merchandise	11.8	6.1	4.4	13.3	13.2	1.99	2.13
Motor vehicles and accessories	0.4	-9.8	2.5	2.7	4.9	1.81	2.10
Farm machinery, equipment and supplies	-4.5	-17.4	-0.8	-4.6	-3.0	2.81	3.30
Other machinery, equipment and supplies ¹	22.4	9.9	19.5	12.1	13.1	1.56	1.60
Metals, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment	16.2	3.7	17.3	21.4	24.7	1.52	1.83
Lumber and building materials	12.0	1.2	8.4	31.1	27.5	1.24	1.57
Other wholesalers ²	18.2	12.2	16.1	19.2	15.5	1.46	1.50
Regions							
Atlantic provinces	7.2	-0.7	10.3	11.5	12.1	1.22	1.37
Quebec	16.6	6.7	13.0	20.3	18.5	1.37	1.52
Ontario	13.3	2.7	9.7	8.8	11.3	1.41	1.53
Prairie provinces	8.0	-3.9	11.4	9.3	6.2	1.75	1.93
B.C., Yukon and Northwest Territories	11.0	4.8	9.4	9.6	5.9	1.22	1.23

^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.

Sales of Natural Gas

July 1988

Sales of natural gas (including direct sales) in Canada during July 1988 totalled 2 677.5 million cubic metres, a 6.2% increase from the level recorded the previous year.

On the basis of rate structure information, sales in July 1988 were broken down as follows, with the percentage changes from July 1987 in brackets: residential sales, 333.3 million cubic metres (-2.0%); commercial sales, 286.4 million cubic metres (-1.5%) and industrial sales (including direct sales) 2 057.8 million cubic metres (+8.9%).

Year-to-date figures for the first seven months of 1988 indicate that sales of natural gas in Canada amounted to 31 735.2 million cubic metres, a 9.9% increase from the level recorded during the same period in 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, 8 227.0 million cubic metres (+11.6%); commercial sales, 6 873.0 million cubic metres (+12.0%) and industrial sales (including direct sales) 16 635.3 million cubic metres (+8.2%).

The July 1988 issue of *Gas Utilities* (55-002, \$11.50/\$115) will be available the third week of October. 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

July 1988

	Rate structure				
	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Direct	Total
	(thousands of cubic metres)				
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-	-
Quebec	12 899	35 722	221 708	3 300	273 629
Ontario	163 791	101 127	482 018	101 000	847 936
Manitoba	14 533	11 820	36 773	-	63 126
Saskatchewan	22 373	13 063	60 104	60 000	155 540
Alberta	73 600	74 836	874 761	-	1 023 197
British Columbia	46 141	49 871	112 986	105 108	314 106
July 1988 - Canada	333 337	286 439	1 788 350	269 408	2 677 534
July 1987 - Canada	340 225	290 892	1 759 122	131 208	2 521 447
% change	-2.0	-1.5	8.9		6.2
Year to date 1988 - Canada	8 226 955	6 872 996	14 712 112	1 923 154	31 735 217
Year to date 1987 - Canada	7 369 674	6 136 572	14 497 624	880 843	28 884 713
% change	11.6	12.0	8.2		9.9

- Nil.

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

Data Availability Announcements

Major Appliances

August 1988

Domestic sales of major appliances by Canadian manufacturers decreased to 184,284 units in August 1988, down 22.6% from 238,082 units in July 1988 but up 10.9% from the 166,197 units sold in the same month of 1987.

Year-to-date domestic sales to August 1988 amounted to 1,562,783 units, up 3.4% from 1,511,340 units for the same period in 1987.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 65, 66 and 122 (series 30).

The August 1988 issue of *Production, Sales and Stocks of Major Appliances* (43-010, \$4.50/\$45) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Mineral Wool

August 1988

Manufacturers shipped 3 328 898 square metres of R12 factor (RSI 2.1) mineral wool batts in August 1988, down 8.5% from the 3 639 923 square metres shipped a year earlier but up 14.4% from the 2 909 737 square metres shipped the previous month.

Year-to-date shipments to the end of August 1988 totalled 24 584 451 square metres, a decrease of 8.2% from the same period in 1987.

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

The August 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.

Processed Fruit And Vegetables

June 1988

Data on processed fruit and vegetables for June 1988 are now available.

Canned and Frozen Fruit and Vegetables (32-011, \$4.50/\$45) will be released at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For further detailed information, contact Brian Preston (613-951-3511), Industry Division.

Frozen Fruit and Vegetable Industry

1986 Census of Manufactures

In 1986, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the frozen fruit and vegetable industry (SIC 1032) totalled \$679.4 million, up 15.7% from \$587.0 million in 1985.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5384.

Data for the industry will be published at a later date (32-250B 1032, \$4). See "How to Order Publications".

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

Coated and Treated Paper Industry

1986 Census of Manufactures

In 1986, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the coated and treated paper industry (SIC 2791) totalled \$495.8 million, up 22.2% from \$405.7 million in 1985.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5492.

Data for the industry will be published at a later date (36-250B 2791, \$4). See "How to Order Publications".

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

**Upholstery and Coil Spring Industry
and Other Wire Products Industries**

1986 Census of Manufactures

In 1986, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the upholstery and coil spring industry and other wire products industries (SIC 3058) totalled \$715.8 million, up 23.9% from \$577.7 million in 1985.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5530.

Data for the industry will be published at a later date (41-251B 3058, \$4). See "How to Order Publications".

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

Small Electrical Appliance Industry

1986 Census of Manufactures

In 1986, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the small electrical appliance industry (SIC 3311) totalled \$545.8 million, up 8.3% from \$504.2 million in 1985.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5568.

Data for the industry will be published at a later date (43-250B 3311, \$4). See "How to Order Publications".

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

**Communications and Energy Wire and
Cable Industry**

1986 Census of Manufactures

In 1986, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the communications and energy wire and cable industry (SIC 3381) totalled \$1,425.7 million, up 3.7% from \$1,374.7 million in 1985.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5583.

Data for the industry will be published at a later date (43-250B 3381, \$4). See "How to Order Publications".

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

**Industrial Organic Chemical Industries,
n.e.c.**

1986 Census of Manufactures

In 1986, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the industrial organic chemical industries n.e.c. (SIC 3712) totalled \$4,351.0 million, down 7.6% from \$4,708.9 million in 1985.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 6871.

Data for the industry will be published at a later date (46-250B 3712, \$4). See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact T. Raj Sehdev (613-951-3513), Industry Division.

Pharmaceutical and Medicine Industry
1986 Census of Manufactures

In 1986, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the pharmaceutical and medicine industry (SIC 3741) totalled \$2,489.3 million, up 11.4% from \$2,247.3 million in 1985.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 6876.

Data for the industry will be published at a later date (46-250B 3741, \$4). See "How to Order Publications".

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Department Store Sales and Stocks, January 1988. Catalogue number 63-002
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28	Unemployment Insurance Statistics	July 1988
28	Security Transactions with Non-residents	July 1988
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30	Industrial Product Price Index	August 1988
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