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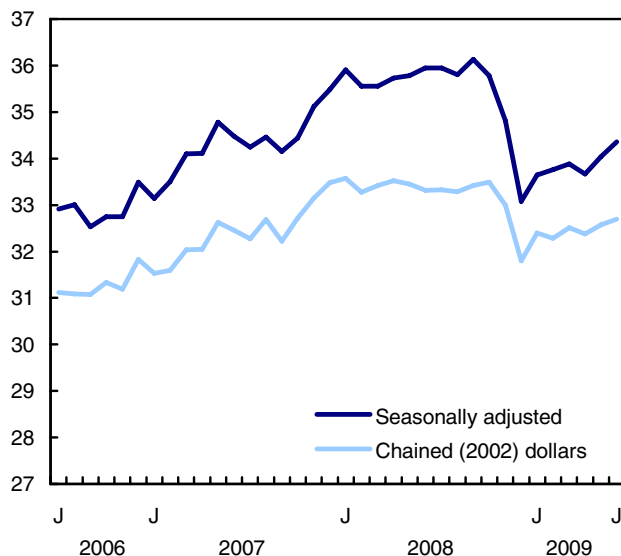
Retail trade

June 2009

Retail sales in current dollars rose in June, increasing 1.0% to \$34.4 billion. Most of the gain was driven by higher prices, especially for gasoline, as retail sales in volume terms increased 0.4%. Retail sales have risen in five of the last six months, following large drops at the end of 2008.

Retail sales up five of the last six months

\$ billions



Sales up for most store types

Sales rose in six of eight retail trade sectors in June. The automotive sector was the largest contributor to overall growth, with a 2.1% sales gain. A 4.7% rise in sales at gasoline stations was the main contributor to June's increase in the automotive sector. Higher gas prices drove this advance.

In the rest of the automotive sector, sales rose 2.2% at used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers. This second consecutive monthly increase followed six months of decreases, and was partly due to higher sales at parts dealers. Sales at new car dealers increased 0.4% in June after a strong gain in May.

Food and beverage stores saw sales increase 1.3% after being fairly flat in May. Most of the advance can be

Note to readers

Total retail sales by volume are measured by deflating values in current dollars of the various trade groups using consumer price indexes. This retail sales in chained dollars series (2002) is a chain Fisher volume index with 2002 as the reference year.

attributed to a 1.2% rise in sales at supermarkets, which completely offset the declines registered in the previous two months. The increase at beer, wine and liquor stores (+1.9%) was the seventh in nine months.

Sales at furniture, home furnishings and electronics stores increased in June for the second consecutive month with a 0.6% gain. This followed a downward trend that started in the middle of 2008. Strong sales at home electronics and appliance stores (+2.1%) were behind this advance. This may have been influenced by the introduction of new technologies in the telephones and home office electronics commodity group, which accounts for approximately 15% of sales at home electronics and appliance stores.

Sales at general merchandise stores declined 0.6% in June, giving back the gains of the previous two months. Sales for this store type have been relatively flat since October 2008.

The other sector where sales declined was building and outdoor home supplies stores. The 0.6% decline in June did not fully offset May's increase. Sales were down for home centres and hardware stores as well as at specialized building materials and garden stores.

Sales up in nine provinces

Retail sales were up in nine provinces in June. Sales in Quebec rose 1.8%, making it the largest contributor to the national increase. In addition to price-induced higher sales at gasoline stations, this advance reflects strong sales at new car dealerships.

The highest rates of increase were on the Prairies where Manitoba (+2.8%) and Saskatchewan (+2.3%) both built on their gains from the previous month.

Except for April, sales in Nova Scotia (+1.8%) have risen every month in 2009. Nova Scotia was the only province where retail sales in June were higher than in October 2008.

With a 1.0% increase, sales in Newfoundland and Labrador rose for the sixth consecutive month in June.

After a strong increase in May, retail sales in Ontario were essentially unchanged in June.

The only province where sales decreased in June was New Brunswick. The 0.2% dip in sales follows a month in which the province posted the largest growth in sales nationally.

It is possible to consult the tables of unadjusted data by industry and by province and territory from the *Tables by subject* module of our website.

For information on related indicators, refer to the *Latest statistics* page on our website.

Available on CANSIM: tables 080-0014 to 080-0017.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 2406 and 2408.

The June 2009 issue of the publication *Retail Trade* (63-005-X, free) will be available shortly.

Data on retail trade for July will be released on September 22.

For more information, or to order data, contact Client Services (613-951-3549; toll-free 1-877-421-3067; retailinfo@statcan.gc.ca). For analytical information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Mark Switzer (613-951-7137), Distributive Trades Division.

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Retail sales

	June 2008	March 2009 ^r	April 2009 ^r	May 2009 ^r	June 2009 ^p	May to June 2009	June 2008 to June 2009
Seasonally adjusted							
	\$ millions					% change	
Automotive	12,527	10,394	10,264	10,524	10,744	2.1	-14.2
New car dealers	6,125	5,456	5,405	5,591	5,616	0.4	-8.3
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	1,593	1,503	1,476	1,499	1,532	2.2	-3.9
Gasoline stations	4,809	3,435	3,383	3,434	3,597	4.7	-25.2
Furniture, home furnishings and electronics stores	2,621	2,379	2,359	2,380	2,395	0.6	-8.7
Furniture stores	865	774	762	763	771	1.0	-10.8
Home furnishings stores	519	453	456	472	460	-2.6	-11.5
Computer and software stores	122	108	107	105	102	-2.7	-16.4
Home electronics and appliance stores	1,115	1,044	1,034	1,040	1,062	2.1	-4.8
Building and outdoor home supplies stores	2,284	2,189	2,196	2,220	2,206	-0.6	-3.4
Home centres and hardware stores	1,869	1,776	1,786	1,806	1,796	-0.6	-3.9
Specialized building materials and garden stores	415	412	411	414	410	-1.0	-1.3
Food and beverage stores	7,953	8,354	8,256	8,270	8,374	1.3	5.3
Supermarkets	5,686	6,045	5,988	5,978	6,049	1.2	6.4
Convenience and specialty food stores	840	849	834	844	851	0.9	1.3
Beer, wine and liquor stores	1,427	1,460	1,435	1,448	1,475	1.9	3.3
Pharmacies and personal care stores	2,424	2,484	2,476	2,524	2,543	0.8	4.9
Clothing and accessories stores	2,032	1,938	1,927	1,927	1,929	0.1	-5.1
Clothing stores	1,558	1,485	1,475	1,478	1,476	-0.1	-5.3
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	474	453	452	449	452	0.6	-4.6
General merchandise stores	4,280	4,336	4,355	4,366	4,341	-0.6	1.4
Miscellaneous retailers	1,829	1,814	1,833	1,829	1,831	0.1	0.1
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	918	912	916	928	941	1.4	2.5
Miscellaneous store retailers	911	902	917	900	890	-1.2	-2.3
Total retail sales	35,951	33,887	33,666	34,039	34,363	1.0	-4.4
Total excluding new car dealers, used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	28,232	26,928	26,785	26,950	27,215	1.0	-3.6
Provinces and territories							
Newfoundland and Labrador	587	591	592	600	606	1.0	3.2
Prince Edward Island	147	141	143	142	142	0.2	-3.1
Nova Scotia	1,013	991	990	1,001	1,020	1.8	0.6
New Brunswick	829	800	793	808	807	-0.2	-2.7
Quebec	7,983	7,770	7,632	7,731	7,868	1.8	-1.4
Ontario	12,804	12,195	12,051	12,221	12,230	0.1	-4.5
Manitoba	1,260	1,206	1,203	1,211	1,245	2.8	-1.2
Saskatchewan	1,216	1,167	1,144	1,163	1,191	2.3	-2.1
Alberta	5,162	4,597	4,631	4,650	4,710	1.3	-8.8
British Columbia	4,819	4,302	4,364	4,385	4,416	0.7	-8.4
Yukon	45	42	41	42	43	2.0	-3.6
Northwest Territories	59	57	54	57	59	3.0	-0.4
Nunavut	27	27	27	27	28	1.7	4.0

^r revised

^p preliminary

Note: Figures may not add up to total due to rounding.

Farm cash receipts

First half of 2009

Total farm cash receipts, which include crop and livestock revenues plus program payments, amounted to \$22.3 billion in the first half of 2009, down 1.4% from the same period last year.

Market receipts for Canadian farmers from the sale of crops and livestock amounted to \$20.8 billion during the first half of 2009, up 2.0% from the same period a year earlier.

Crop receipts increased 2.4% to \$11.7 billion, while livestock receipts rose 1.6% to \$9.1 billion.

In the crop sector, the increase was due mainly to strong sales, particularly for canola and wheat. Although prices have retreated somewhat from highs set in 2008, production and market demand have both been strong.

In the livestock sector, hog receipts increased 10.2% from the first half of 2008 to \$1.6 billion. Despite this increase, hog prices and receipts remained at low levels.

Cattle and calves receipts declined 3.2% to \$2.9 billion in the first half of 2009, despite improved market prices. Receipts declined as fewer animals were slaughtered domestically and fewer animals were exported to the United States.

Canada's livestock sector has been affected by several factors. These include high feed costs; inventory reductions; the US Country of Origin Labeling legislation; the H1N1 flu virus; and the economic crisis, which put downward pressure on US demand for live animals.

Cash receipts for farmers in the supply-managed sector increased 2.3%, due mainly to higher dairy and

poultry prices. This sector accounted for more than 45% of total livestock receipts.

Program payments fell 32.7% to \$1.5 billion in the first half of 2009.

Note: Farm cash receipts measure gross revenue for farm businesses only. They do not represent their bottom line, as farmers have to pay their expenses and loans and cover depreciation.

Information on net farm income for 2008 was released in *The Daily* on May 25, 2009. Preliminary information on net farm income for 2009 will be available in May 2010.

All data in this release are expressed in current dollars.

Available on CANSIM: tables 002-0001 and 002-0002.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 3437 and 3473.

Data tables are available from the *Summary tables* module of our website.

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Farm cash receipts

	January to June 2008	January to June 2009 ^P	January-June 2008 to January-June 2009	April to June 2008	April to June 2009 ^P	April-June 2008 to April-June 2009
	\$ millions		% change	\$ millions		% change
Total farm cash receipts	22,593	22,285	-1.4	11,023	10,528	-4.5
Total market receipts¹	20,401	20,810	2.0	10,122	9,923	-2.0
All wheat ²	2,964	2,319	-21.8	1,610	1,157	-28.1
Wheat excluding durum ²	2,088	1,822	-12.7	1,180	909	-23.0
Durum wheat ²	877	497	-43.3	430	248	-42.3
Barley ²	461	464	0.7	213	216	1.4
Deferments	-414	-413	-0.2	-254	-257	1.2
Liquidations of deferments	909	1,147	26.2	11	6	-45.5
Canola	2,334	2,756	18.1	1,096	1,351	23.3
Soybeans	427	562	31.6	167	240	43.7
Corn	771	637	-17.4	386	291	-24.6
Other cereals and oilseeds	419	285	-32.0	234	156	-33.3
Special crops	663	899	35.6	277	397	43.3
Potatoes	441	596	35.1	214	255	19.2
Floriculture and Nursery	973	890	-8.5	689	639	-7.3
Other crops	1,472	1,551	5.4	985	1,074	9.0
Total crops	11,423	11,692	2.4	5,628	5,525	-1.8
Cattle and calves	3,032	2,936	-3.2	1,497	1,383	-7.6
Hogs	1,461	1,610	10.2	783	750	-4.2
Dairy products	2,647	2,731	3.2	1,319	1,382	4.8
Poultry and eggs	1,453	1,466	0.9	758	746	-1.6
Other livestock	386	374	-3.1	136	137	0.7
Total livestock	8,978	9,118	1.6	4,494	4,398	-2.1
Net Income Stabilisation Account	233	202	-13.3	5	0	-100.0
Crop Insurance	233	289	24.0	23	40	73.9
Income Disaster Assistance Programs	1,367	721	-47.3	634	367	-42.1
Provincial stabilization	181	232	28.2	212	175	-17.5
Other programs	177	31	-82.5	27	23	-14.8
Total payments	2,192	1,475	-32.7	901	605	-32.9

^P preliminary

0 true zero or a value rounded to zero

1. Total market receipts is the sum of crop and livestock receipts.

2. Includes Canadian Wheat Board payments.

Note: Figures may not add to totals because of rounding.

Provincial farm cash receipts

	January to June 2008	January to June 2009 ^P	January-June 2008 to January-June 2009	April to June 2008	April to June 2009 ^P	April-June 2008 to April-June 2009
	\$ millions		% change	\$ millions		% change
Canada	22,593	22,285	-1.4	11,023	10,528	-4.5
Newfoundland and Labrador	59	55	-6.8	28	26	-7.1
Prince Edward Island	189	219	15.9	88	97	10.2
Nova Scotia	235	225	-4.3	93	96	3.2
New Brunswick	232	257	10.8	119	129	8.4
Quebec	3,437	3,597	4.7	1,915	1,953	2.0
Ontario	4,724	4,519	-4.3	2,456	2,418	-1.5
Manitoba	2,459	2,477	0.7	1,110	1,075	-3.2
Saskatchewan	4,853	4,758	-2.0	2,055	1,858	-9.6
Alberta	5,196	5,012	-3.5	2,505	2,246	-10.3
British Columbia	1,211	1,165	-3.8	655	630	-3.8

^P preliminary

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Natural gas sales

June 2009 (preliminary)

Natural gas sales totalled 3 425 million cubic metres in June, down 12.3% from June 2008.

The volumes of sales to the industrial, including direct sales (-13.7%), commercial (-11.2%) and residential (-5.9%) sectors were down in June compared with June 2008.

Total sales in June were 19.7% lower compared with May 2009.

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Natural gas sales

	June 2008	May 2009	June 2009 ^P	May to June 2009	June 2008 to June 2009
	thousands of cubic metres			% change	
Total sales	3 905 441	4 267 134	3 424 978	-19.7	-12.3
Residential ¹	547 703	864 180	515 623	-40.3	-5.9
Commercial ²	433 627	640 407	385 095	-39.9	-11.2
Industrial ³ and direct sales ⁴	2 924 111	2 762 547	2 524 260	-8.6	-13.7

^P preliminary

1. Gas sold for domestic purposes, including space heating, water heating and cooking, to a residential dwelling unit.

2. Gas sold to customers engaged in wholesale or retail trade, governments, institutions, office buildings, etc.

3. Gas sold to customers engaged in a process that creates or changes raw or unfinished materials into another form or product. Includes mining and manufacturing establishments. Includes firm, interruptible and buy/sell agreements.

4. Represents direct, non-utility, sales for consumption, where the utility acts solely as the transporter.

Annual Survey of Manufactures and Logging: Products consumed and produced by manufacturing industries 2007

Data on products consumed and produced by manufacturing industries for Canada, the provinces and the North are now available for 2007. This information is collected using the Annual Survey of Manufactures and Logging.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2103.

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Induced abortions

2006

Counts and rates of induced abortions in Canada from the Therapeutic Abortion Survey are now available for 2006.

Available on CANSIM: tables 106-9005, 106-9013 and 106-9034.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3209.

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