



- **Topic of the week**

The composition of Canadian exports has undergone considerable change over the past decade. The share accounted for by commodities has always been substantial, but after falling over the two previous decades, it bounced back to just over 64% in 2010. Until 2007, the appreciation of the Canadian dollar contributed to squeeze export prices for finished goods, while export prices for commodities rose. Between 2007 and 2010, volume effects played more of a role than prices did. In this regard, the economic recession had much less of an impact on exports of commodities than on those of finished goods.

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## Canada: change in composition of merchandise exports

### Summary

- From 1999 to 2010, the share of exports in value terms accounted for by commodities grew 42% to just over 64%.
- Over this period, not only the share of exports accounted for by finished goods decreased, these exports also decreased in value terms. Until 2007, this decline reflected the impact on export prices of the Canadian dollar's appreciation against the greenback. Since 2007, it has derived instead from a generalized drop in export volumes owing to the economic recession.
- From 1999 to 2007, the higher share of exports accounted for by commodities was due above all to higher prices, as export volumes remained essentially flat. From 2007 to 2010, it had more to do with export volumes diminishing at a slower pace for commodities than for finished goods during the recession.
- After cresting at 84% in 1999, exports to the United States as a share of Canada's total exports fell back to 73% in 2009 and 2010, that is, to the same level they were at when the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement was signed.

## Canada: exporter of commodities

The Canadian dollar is one of three cyclical currencies in the industrialized world, the other two being the Australian and New Zealand dollars. They derive this appellation from the fact that their exchange rates are extremely sensitive to global economic fluctuations. In the loonie's case, the sensitivity stems from the importance of exports to the Canadian economy and to the large share of these exports accounted for by commodities, demand for which is highly contingent upon the economic cycle.

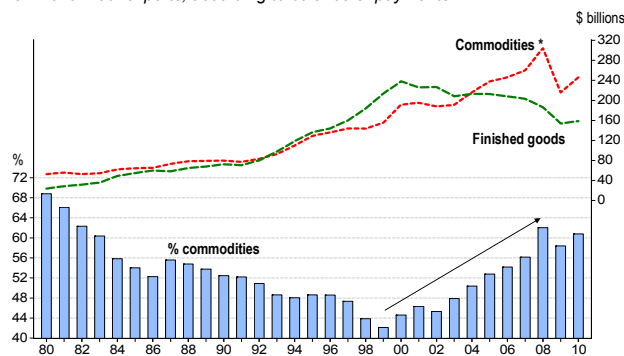
However, it is important to clarify what exactly is meant by *commodities*. If you stick to an intuitive definition of the term and associate it only with products from the primary sector of the economy, such as crude oil, natural gas, ores, logs, unprocessed agricultural products, natural fibres, fish and seafood, you might be very surprised to find out that commodities accounted for 60% of the value of Canadian merchandise exports in 2010.

This is because *commodities* cover more than just raw materials. As used for statistical purposes, the term includes agricultural and fishing products as well as crude or fabricated inedible materials grouped under three major categories, namely, energy products, forest products and industrial goods. For example, most people might consider paper a finished product. Instead, according to the prevailing terminology, it is a fabricated material. Books or magazines printed on the paper are what qualify as finished products.

With this understood, Chart 1 allows us to see how the composition of Canadian merchandise exports has changed over the past three decades.

### (1) Canada: share of total merchandise exports in value terms accounted for by commodities

Nominal annual exports, according to balance of payments

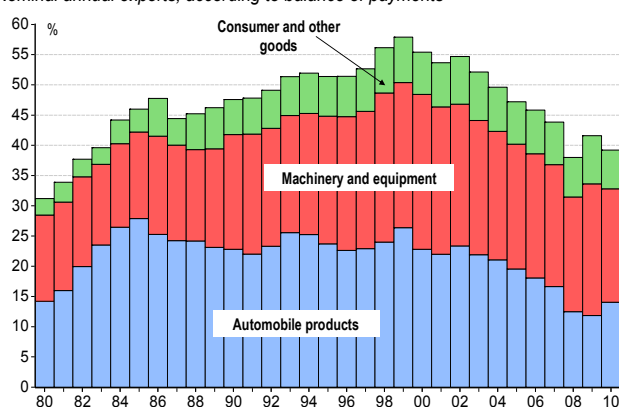


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### (2) Canada: share of total merchandise exports accounted for by finished goods

Nominal annual exports, according to balance of payments



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Canada's reputation as an exporter of commodities is no exaggeration. In 1980, these accounted for 68% of merchandise exports in value terms. This proportion slipped steadily over the next two decades and struck a low of 42% in 1999 in favour of finished goods. In the

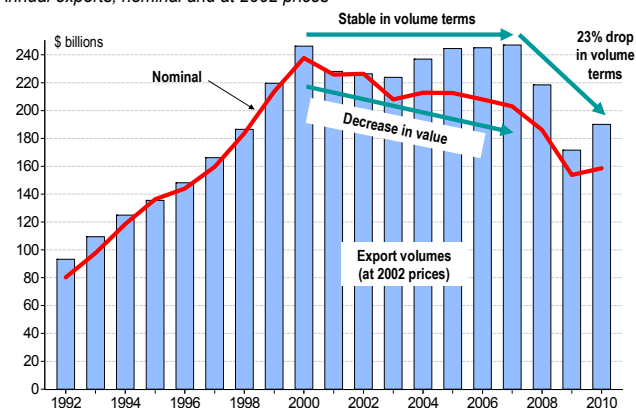
1980s, the impetus came from automobile products; in the 1990s, machinery and equipment were the driving force.

### Exports of finished goods

From 2000 to 2008, the share of exports accounted for by finished goods declined (Chart 2). Exports of finished goods even decreased in value terms (Chart 1). Chart 3 shows the volume of finished goods exported relative to their value.

### (3) Canada: exports of finished goods

Annual exports, nominal and at 2002 prices



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In 2001, finished goods exports dropped when the tech bubble burst. Then, the volume exported began trending up as of 2004 to the point that, in 2007, it had climbed back to its 2000 level. However, during this period, exports in value terms decreased, which can only mean that lower prices (when converted in Canadian dollars) were received for the finished goods exported. This decrease in export prices was especially obvious from 2003 to 2007, when export prices fell 25% for automobile products and 10% for machinery and equipment. Given that the price of these exports is often denominated in U.S. dollars on the markets, the fact that the Canadian dollar appreciated by 46% against the greenback during this period was no doubt the reason why prices in Canadian dollars declined.

### Since 2007

In 2008 and 2009, the value of finished goods exports continued to sink more as a result of the economic recession than of price fluctuations. In fact, the Canadian dollar depreciated by 6.6% in 2009, which had a positive effect on export prices in Canadian dollars, all other things being equal.

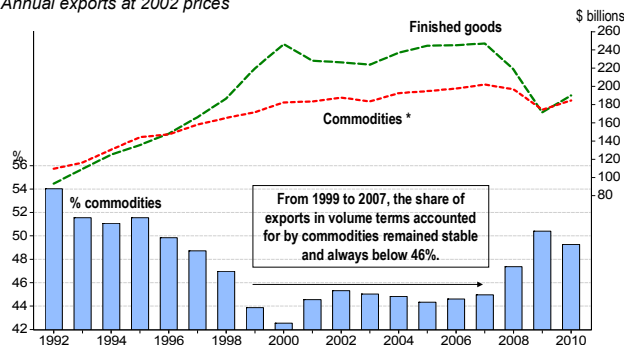
In 2010, the volume of finished goods exports was far from having made up the ground lost during the recession, as it remained 23% short of its 2007 level. More specifically, this percentage was 26% for automobile products, 19% for machinery and equipment, and 12% for consumer goods.

## Exports of commodities

From 1999 to 2007, the share of exports in value terms accounted for by commodities grew progressively from 42% to 56% due to rising prices. Indeed, in volume terms (at 2002 prices), the share of commodities remained virtually flat over this period, never attaining the 46% mark.

### (4) Canada: share of merchandise exports in volume terms accounted for by commodities

Annual exports at 2002 prices



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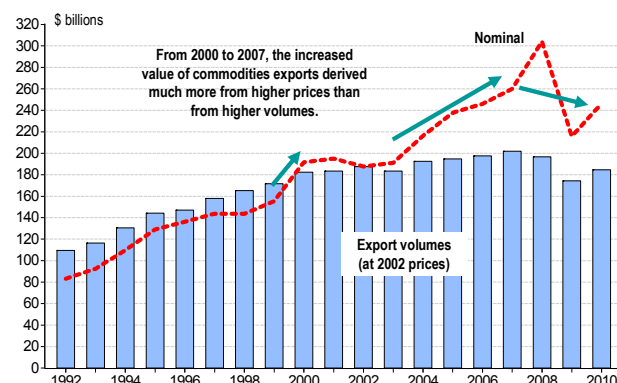
Chart 5 shows that, during this period, higher prices were at play in 2000 and again from 2004 to 2007. In other words, the greater share of exports in value terms accounted for by commodities over these years (see Chart 1) derived exclusively from the relative increase in their export prices.

Exports of commodities were less affected by the recession than exports of finished goods were. Indeed, in 2010, the volume of commodities exports was 8.6% shy of its 2007 peak. As mentioned above, finished goods exports were 23% off their 2007 high. Hence, the share of exports in volume terms accounted for by commodities bounced back over these years, topping 50% momentarily in 2009<sup>1</sup>. The difference in export price fluctuations between the two categories of goods from 2007 to 2010 (+3.5% for commodities, -1.6% for finished goods) had a rather secondary effect. Consequently, the increase from 56% to 61% in the share of the total value of exports accounted for by commodities over this period was due more to changes in export volumes than to changes in export prices, though the latter were a factor as well.

<sup>1</sup> The choice of the year of reference for prices is crucial in comparing export volume levels. For example, in 2002, the average price of WTI crude oil was US\$26/barrel. In 2007, it stood instead at US\$72. Given that few prices more than doubled during this period, the weight of a barrel of oil in a measure of the volume of a bundle of goods would be higher if 2007 prices were used instead of 2002 prices.

### (5) Canada: exports of commodities

Annual exports, nominal and at 2002 prices



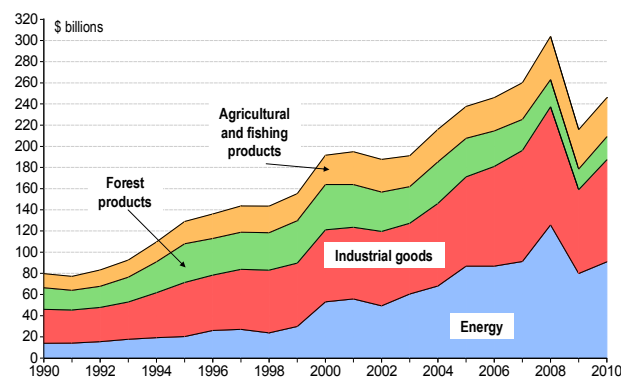
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## Components

Despite being punctuated by episodic run-ups in energy prices, the past four decades saw exports of industrial goods outdo energy exports in Canada every year save 2005, 2008 and 2009. In fact, it was not before 2000 that energy exports pulled ahead of each of the other two major categories of commodity, that is, agricultural and fishing products and forest products.

### (6) Canada: composition of commodities exports

Nominal annual exports, by major category

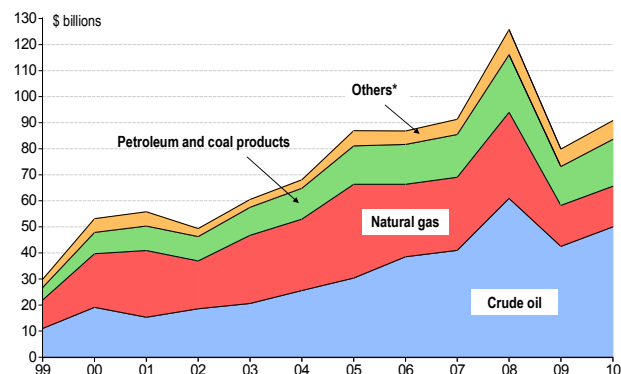


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From 2000 to 2005, natural gas exports surpassed crude oil exports in value terms. However, as illustrated in Chart 7, the situation has reversed since 2006.

### (7) Canada: composition of energy exports

Nominal annual exports, by major category



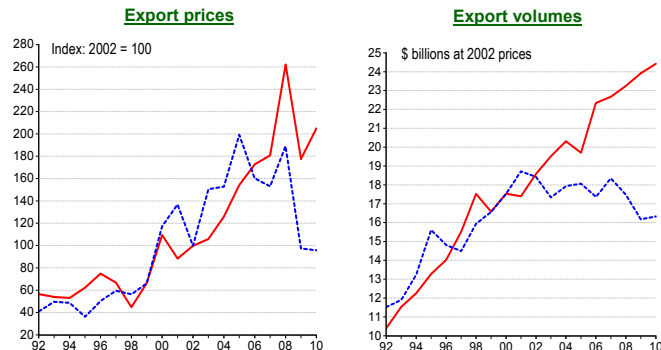
\*Electricity, coal and other crude bituminous substances

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Chart 8 shows that the decline in natural gas's share of energy exports in value terms was as much due to lower volumes as to lower export prices.

### (8) Exports of crude oil and natural gas, in terms of volume and export prices

Export price index (2002 = 100) and export volumes at 2002 prices



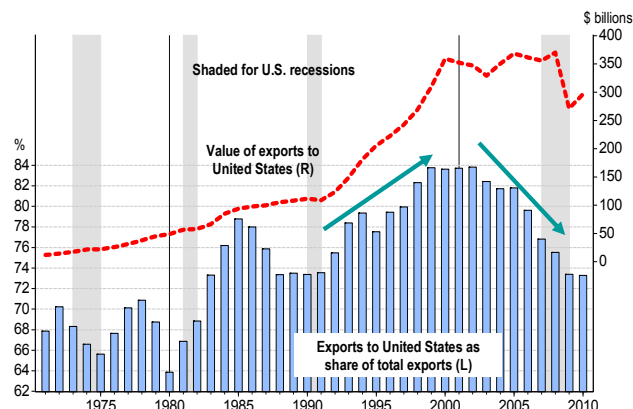
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Meanwhile, export prices for crude oil have been at historically high levels in the past four years, while export volumes have progressed without a break for the past ten years, with the exception of a glitch in 2005.

### Regional breakdown

Chart 9 shows that as of the end of the recession that immediately followed ratification of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement in 1988, Canadian exports to the United States as a share of total exports in value terms climbed from 73% to 84% in 1999.

### (9) Merchandise exports to United States



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From 1992 to 1999, exports to the United States increased 145% in value terms against 27% for exports to the rest of the world. In both cases, growth stemmed a little more from finished goods than from commodities.

Remarkably, since 2003, the share of exports shipped to the United States in total Canadian exports has been diminishing, reverting to 73% in 2009 and 2010. This is the same level that they were at in 1988 when the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement was signed.

### Canada exports Variation in the share shipped to the United States 2003-2010

	2003	2010	Var.
<b>Share shipped to the United States</b>			
Total exports *	85.7	74.9	-10.9
Finished goods **	89.1	79.4	-9.6
Other exports	83.5	73.0	-10.5

#### Contributions to the variation of U.S. share of total exports:

Variation in the U.S. share of total exports:	-10.9
Contribution of finished goods:	-3.9
Contribution of other exports	-6.3
Change in the composition of total exports ***:	-0.7

\* Custom basis.

\*\* Clothing, printing, machinery, computers & electronic products, electrical equipment, appliances & components, transportation equipment, furniture & related products and miscellaneous manufacturing.

\*\*\* Impact of the rising proportion of commodities in Canada's exports when U.S. share of these exports is smaller than U.S. share of finished products exports.

Source: Industry Canada

According to the above table, the drop in the U.S. share of Canadian exports came from finished goods as well as

commodities. However, the latter's contribution was larger<sup>2</sup>. This shows that commodities exports were an important factor explaining the regional diversification of Canadian exports that occurred during the period.

## Conclusion

While the share of Canadian exports accounted for by finished goods grew during the last two decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the situation has turned around since. Where commodities are concerned, their share of total exports in value terms jumped from 42% in 1999 to 61% in 2010. This change in the composition of exports was brought about by different factors at different times.

From 2003 to 2007, two elements were at play, namely, higher prices for commodities and lower export prices (in Canadian dollars) for finished goods, with the latter no doubt stemming from the impact of the Canadian dollar's appreciation against the greenback.

From 2007 to 2010, the shift had more to do with the fact that the economic recession had much less of an effect on export volumes of commodities than of finished goods.

In the wake of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement, exports to the United States as a share of the value of total Canadian exports sprang from 73% in 1988 to 84% in 1999. Remarkably, since 2003, this percentage has been sagging, reaching 73% in 2009 and 2010, that is, the point it was at when the FTA was ratified. This decrease was observed in the case of finished goods as well as of commodities. But the latter much more contributed to the decline. This shows that commodities exports were an important factor explaining the regional diversification of Canadian exports that occurred during the period.



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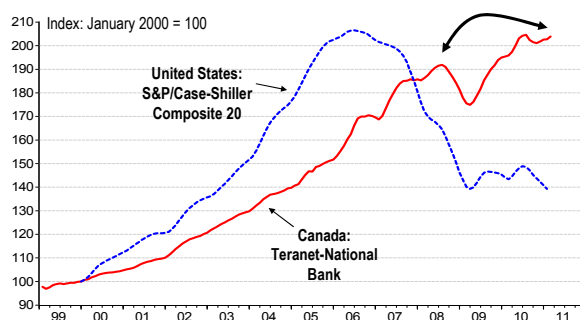
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<sup>2</sup> Due to the data available on exports by country of destination, we were constrained to aggregate exports, on a customs basis, by industries which typically export finished products. This is why the figures from the above table differ from those of Chart 9.



**Canada** – In March, the Teranet–National Bank National Composite House Price Index™ rose 0.6% for a fourth consecutive monthly increase after three straight declines. Prices were up in 5 of the 6 metropolitan areas covered: 1.2% in Montreal, 0.6% in Toronto and Vancouver, 0.4% in Ottawa, and 0.3% in Halifax. They ticked down 0.1% in Calgary, the weakest of 7 drops in the past 8 months. Year over year, the composite index was up 4.1% for a first acceleration in 9 months. Prices were up 7.5% in Montreal, 7.2% in Ottawa, 6.4% in Halifax, 4.7% in Vancouver, and 3.9% in Toronto. They sank 3.3% in Calgary.

#### Canada home prices 6.2% above pre-recession peak



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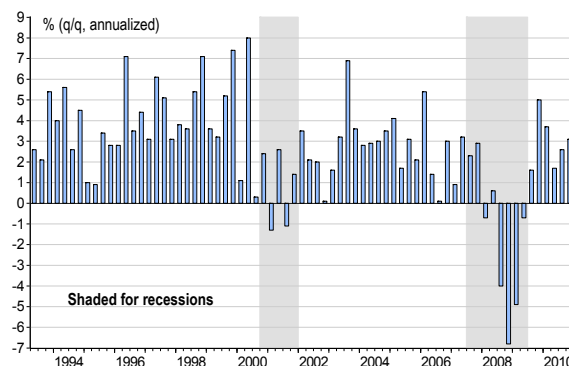
According to the Institut de la statistique du Québec (ISQ), in March, Quebec's trade deficit shrank by \$127 million to \$1.41 billion. The value of exports rose by \$591 million (or 12.6%) to \$5.30 billion. Advances were registered in 16 of 22 broad categories of goods, accounting for 73% of total exports. However, nearly half the gain was attributable to aerospace products (+\$265 million). Imports were up \$464 million (or 7.4%) to \$6.71 billion. They increased in 12 of the 24 major categories, representing 58% of total imports. Leading the charge was crude oil (+\$128 million) followed by non-ferrous metals (+\$99 million). In constant dollars, the trade deficit contracted by \$358 million to \$1.7 billion. Exports jumped \$658 million (or 14.8%) to \$5.09 billion. Imports sprang \$300 million (or 4.6%) to \$6.79 billion. Export prices retreated 2.0%, while import prices progressed 2.7%.

**United States** – In April, durable goods orders registered a larger-than-expected downturn, falling 3.6%. Understandably, the auto sector recorded a significant drop due in part to supply chain disruptions in the aftermath of the natural disasters in Japan. Moreover, new orders at Boeing had earlier signalled that civilian aircraft orders would be anaemic. Still, orders for non-defence capital goods excluding aircraft contracted by 2.6%. This follows a strong gain of 5.4% in March. However, with 3 out of 4 months in 2011 posting declines, the trend in the core component is pointing to a loss of impetus.

While the consensus view was for first-quarter GDP to be revised upward from 1.8% to 2.2%, an unexpected downward revision to consumption left GDP unchanged. Over the previous four quarters, the GDP deflator grew 1.6%.

#### U.S. GDP unchanged at 1.8% in 2011Q1

Unexpected downward revision to consumption keeps GDP level



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Again in April, despite increasing 7.3% to 323K, new-home sales remained at depressed levels and showed no momentum.

Still in April, personal income rose 0.4% in line with expectations based on gains in payroll employment and average hourly earnings reported previously. However, spending was slightly weaker than anticipated, matching the gain in income (0.4%). Revisions to the March data shaved 0.1% from both personal income and spending. These were pared back to 0.4% and 0.5%, respectively.

# THINGS TO WATCH – Canada & US

Economic releases & events								Earnings announcements			
	Time	Country	Release	Period	Previous	Consensus Estimate	NBF Estimate	Company	Time	Qtr	Cons. EPS
<b>Monday May 30</b>	8:30	CA	Quarterly GDP Annualized	1Q	3.30%	4.00%	4.10%	SEMAFO Inc	Aft-mkt	Q1 2011	0.08
	8:30	CA	Gross Domestic Product MoM	MAR	-0.20%	0.20%	0.30%	Mercator Minerals Ltd	0:00	Q1 2011	0.03
	8:30	CA	Current Account (BOP)	1Q	-\$11.0B	-\$3.3B		H&R REIT	0:00	Q1 2011	0.37
								Rubicon Minerals Corp	0:00	Q1 2011	-0.01
<b>Tuesday May 31</b>								Detour Gold Corp	0:00	Q1 2011	-0.18
								Northland Power Inc	0:00	Q1 2011	0.08
<b>Wednesday Jun 1</b>	9:00	CA	Bank of Canada Rate	May-31	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	Bank of Nova Scotia	7:30	Q2 2011	1.09
	9:00	US	S&P/CaseShiller Home Price Ind	MAR	139.3	--		Trinidad Drilling Ltd	Aft-mkt	Q1 2011	0.19
	9:00	US	S&P/CS Composite-20 YoY	MAR	-3.33%	-3.40%		Chorus Aviation Inc	0:00	Q1 2011	0.07
	10:00	US	Consumer Confidence	MAY	65.4	66.5	68.0				
<b>Thursday Jun 2</b>											
<b>Friday Jun 3</b>	7:00	US	MBA Mortgage Applications	May-27	1.10%	--		Allied Properties REIT	Aft-mkt	Q1 2011	0.38
	10:00	US	ISM Manufacturing	MAY	60.4	57.5	58.5	Bombardier Inc	0:00	Q1 2012	0.10
	17:00	US	Total Vehicle Sales	MAY	13.14M	12.80M	12.50M	Westport Innovations	0:00	Q4 2011	-0.18
<b>Friday Jun 3</b>	8:30	US	Change in Nonfarm Payrolls	MAY	244K	190K	250K	Canadian Western Bank	8:00	Q2 2011	0.52
	8:30	US	Unemployment Rate	MAY	9.00%	8.90%	8.80%	Laurentian Bank	0:00	Q2 2011	1.19
	10:00	US	ISM Non-Manf. Composite	MAY	52.8	54.0	54.0	Joy Global Inc	Bef-mkt	Q2 2011	1.35
								SAIC Inc	Aft-mkt	Q1 2012	0.33

Source: Bloomberg

**TABLE 1 - NORTH AMERICAN FINANCIAL INDICATORS**
**May 27, 2011**

Growth Rates Unless Otherwise Indicated	Reference Period	Level	Monthly Growth (%)			Annualized Growth		Since 12 Mos.	Cumulated since beginning of year	
			Past	Prev.	Month	Average of the last			ref.	prec.
			Month	Month	Before	3 Mos.	6 Mos.			
UNITED STATES										
MONETARY AGGREGATES										
		(\$Billions)								
M1	* Apr 2011	1901	0.6	0.9	1.1	12.1	13.7	11.8	10.6	7.1
M2	* Apr 2011	8946	0.4	0.2	0.6	4.8	5.0	4.9	4.5	1.8
CREDIT MEASURES										
Consumer Credit	Mar 2011	2426	0.2	0.3	0.2	2.5	0.7	0.0	-0.7	-4.5
Mortgage (Banks)	Apr 2011	3506	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9	-8.0	-4.4	-5.4	-4.6	-2.6
Business	Apr 2011	1250	0.7	0.9	0.2	6.5	2.8	1.9	-0.4	-19.3
CANADA										
MONETARY AGGREGATES										
M2+ gross	Mar 2011	1368	0.4	0.2	0.2	2.3	3.4	4.1	3.9	4.9
Personal Deposits (Banks) (2)	Apr 2011	673						3.5	3.5	4.7
CREDIT MEASURES										
Consumer	Mar 2011	473	0.2	0.3	0.5	4.7	3.9	3.8	4.1	9.5
Mortgages	Mar 2011	1049	1.1	0.4	0.9	8.7	7.1	7.7	7.4	6.9
Short - Term Business Loans	Apr 2011	326	0.5	-0.2	1.0	6.5	1.3	1.8	0.3	-15.7
Business (S.T. + L.T.)	Apr 2011	1263	0.4	0.3	0.6	7.4	5.6	4.9	4.6	-0.3
Private (Consumer+Business)	Mar 2011	2780	0.6	0.5	0.9	7.8	5.6	5.7	5.5	3.8
Federal Debt	Apr 2011	595	0.7	1.0	0.5	3.4	5.5	6.2	6.1	12.3
INTEREST AND EXCHANGE RATES										
	Reference Thursday	Last day	1 week ago	2 w. ago	Average of last Thursdays			13 w. ago	26 w. ago	52 w. ago
					13 w.	26 w.	52 w.			
UNITED STATES										
INTEREST RATES										
Federal Funds Target Rate	* 26 May	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
Prime Rate	* 26 May	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25
3-month Treasury Bills	* 26 May	0.05	0.05	0.02	0.06	0.10	0.12	0.13	0.16	0.17
2-year Bonds	* 26 May	0.46	0.54	0.56	0.65	0.65	0.59	0.69	0.52	0.85
5-year Bonds	* 26 May	1.68	1.83	1.88	2.03	2.04	1.78	2.15	1.53	2.16
10-year Bonds	* 26 May	3.06	3.17	3.20	3.34	3.37	3.09	3.44	2.92	3.35
30-year Bonds	* 26 May	4.22	4.31	4.35	4.45	4.49	4.23	4.54	4.30	4.26
Corporate High-yield (Lehman)	* 26 May	6.85	6.70	6.66	6.86	7.06	7.64	6.89	7.77	9.34
Corporate Invest. Grade (Lehman)	* 26 May	3.59	3.63	3.67	3.83	3.91	3.88	3.97	3.72	4.59
SPREADS										
Corp. High-yield - Treas. 10y.	* 26 May	3.79	3.53	3.46	3.52	3.68	4.55	3.45	4.86	5.99
Corp. Invest. grade - Treas. 10y.	* 26 May	0.53	0.46	0.47	0.49	0.54	0.80	0.53	0.81	1.24
Treasuries 30y. - 3-m. T.B.	* 26 May	4.17	4.26	4.33	4.38	4.39	4.11	4.41	4.14	4.09
EXCHANGE RATE										
Major currencies, traded-weighted	* 26 May	70.40	70.40	70.40	70.20	71.71	73.61	71.67	73.88	79.42
CANADA										
INTEREST RATES										
Prime Rate	* 26 May	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.90	3.00	3.00	2.25
Target overnight rate	* 26 May	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.90	1.00	1.00	0.25
30-day commercial paper	* 26 May	1.15	1.18	1.15	1.16	1.16	1.04	1.19	1.15	0.45
3-month Treasury Bills	* 26 May	0.95	0.97	0.98	0.97	0.97	0.86	0.96	1.01	0.46
1-year Treasury Bills	* 26 May	1.28	1.35	1.38	1.36	1.37	1.27	1.36	1.39	1.02
5-year Bonds	* 26 May	2.40	2.53	2.56	2.62	2.59	2.43	2.61	2.48	2.55
10-year Bonds	* 26 May	3.08	3.21	3.23	3.25	3.27	3.15	3.32	3.19	3.25
30-year Bonds	* 26 May	3.54	3.64	3.67	3.70	3.70	3.65	3.75	3.65	3.68
SPREADS										
Prime - 30d. Commercial paper	* 26 May	1.85	1.82	1.85	1.84	1.84	1.85	1.81	1.85	1.80
Long Term - Short Term	* 26 May	2.59	2.67	2.69	2.73	2.73	2.79	2.79	2.64	3.22
CANADA UNITED STATES SPREADS										
3-month T-Bills	* 26 May	0.90	0.92	0.96	0.91	0.87	0.74	0.83	0.85	0.29
Long Term Bonds	* 26 May	-0.68	-0.67	-0.68	-0.75	-0.79	-0.58	-0.79	-0.65	-0.58
EXCHANGE RATE										
US\$ /CDN\$ (GTIS)	* 26 May	1.0223	1.0335	1.0391	1.0336	1.0184	0.9945	1.0172	0.9903	0.9540
Trade-weighted (1990=100) G-10	* 26 May	114.1	115.4	115.5	115.5	114.3	112.1	114.2	112.0	108.7
STOCK INDICES										
	Reference Thursday	Level	Monthly Growth (%)			Growth Over (%)			Since beginning of year	
			Past	Prev.	Month	Average of the last			ref.	prec.
			Month	Month	Before	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year		
Dow Jones (U.S.)	* 26 May	12402.8	-1.5	3.1	0.7	2.2	11.8	24.3	7.2	-5.2
S&P 500 (U.S.)	* 26 May	1325.7	-1.6	2.5	-0.5	0.4	11.5	24.1	5.5	-5.2
NASDAQ (U.S.)	* 26 May	2782.9	-2.3	3.8	-1.4	0.1	9.8	26.7	4.4	-3.9
S&P/TSX (Can.)	* 26 May	13775.9	-1.0	-0.9	-0.1	-2.0	6.9	19.3	2.9	-1.8
* Update (1) Commercial Banks (2) Not seasonally adjusted										



**TABLE 2 - UNITED STATES ECONOMIC INDICATORS**

May 27, 2011										
Growth Rates Unless Otherwise Indicated	Reference Period	Monthly Growth (%)			Annualized Growth (%)			Cumulated since beginning of year		
		Past	Prev.	Month	Average of the last			Since	ref.	prec.
		Month	Month	Before	3 Mos.	6 Mos.	12 Mos.			
Index of 12 Leading Indicators	Apr 2011	-0.3	0.7	0.9	6.8	6.9	6.3	5.0	5.4	10.0
Consumer Confidence Index (1985=100)	Apr 2011	65.4	63.8	72.0	67.1	64.5	58.9	57.7	66.5	53.2
I.S.M. Manufacturing Index (level)	Apr 2011	60.4	61.2	61.4	61.0	60.1	58.0	59.6	61.0	58.9
- Non-manufacturing (level)	Apr 2011	53.7	59.7	66.9	60.1	61.2	59.1	58.9	61.2	56.2
<b>DOMESTIC DEMAND</b>										
Sales new autos & light trucks (000,000)	Apr 2011	13.2	13.1	13.4	13.2	12.9	12.2	11.3	13.1	11.1
Retail Sales	Apr 2011	0.5	0.9	1.3	11.4	10.6	7.0	7.6	8.1	6.1
- Motor vehicle	Apr 2011	0.2	-0.7	1.7	10.6	16.3	12.2	11.0	15.0	8.0
- Other	Apr 2011	0.6	1.2	1.2	11.6	9.4	6.0	6.9	6.7	4.0
Consumer Spending: Total (\$ current)	* Apr 2011	0.4	0.5	0.8	6.7	5.5	3.8	4.8	4.4	3.4
Total (\$ constant)	* Apr 2011	0.1	0.1	0.4	2.2	3.0	2.3	2.6	2.7	1.0
Personal Income	* Apr 2011	0.4	0.4	0.4	6.7	4.6	3.8	4.4	4.6	2.4
Personal Savings Rate (3)	* Apr 2011	4.9	4.9	5.0	4.9	5.2	5.6	6.0	5.1	5.6
New Orders	* Mar 2011	3.4	-0.3	3.4	24.9	13.3	12.5	13.4	12.0	13.6
- Non-Defence Capital Goods exc. Aircraft	* Apr 2011	-2.6	5.4	-0.1	2.0	7.3	17.0	11.1	13.0	13.1
Unfilled Orders	* Mar 2011	0.2	0.7	0.5	6.0	6.1	0.8	5.2	5.0	-9.9
Business Inventories	Mar 2011	1.0	0.7	1.0	11.1	10.7	5.0	9.7	9.4	-6.7
Inventories / Shipments Businesses	Mar 2011	1.23	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.25	1.26	1.25	1.24	1.26
Manufacturers' Shipments	Mar 2011	2.7	0.2	1.8	21.5	12.8	9.6	11.6	10.9	7.0
Manufacturers' Inventories	Mar 2011	1.2	1.2	1.4	16.3	12.6	5.8	11.2	10.5	-3.8
Inventories / Shipments Manuf.	Mar 2011	1.30	1.32	1.31	1.31	1.32	1.32	1.31	1.31	1.32
Housing Starts (000) (1)	* Apr 2011	523	585	518	542	557	563	687	566	633
New Home Sales	* Apr 2011	7.3	8.3	-10.3	-10.7	10.2	-22.4	-23.1	-18.9	8.0
Existing Home Sales	Apr 2011	-0.5	3.7	-8.9	-6.4	17.9	-10.3	-12.6	-4.4	12.1
<b>PRODUCTION</b>										
Industrial Production	Apr 2011	0.0	0.7	-0.3	2.9	4.2	6.3	5.0	5.3	2.3
- Consumer Goods	Apr 2011	-0.7	0.9	-0.5	1.9	2.0	4.3	3.9	3.3	3.0
- Hitech goods	Apr 2011	2.3	1.3	0.0	15.9	16.6	12.4	13.5	13.0	16.5
<b>EXTERNAL AND FISCAL BALANCES</b>										
Exports	Mar 2011	4.6	-1.5	2.6	20.5	17.1	16.4	14.9	14.9	16.2
Imports	Mar 2011	4.9	-1.9	5.4	35.2	11.8	19.3	16.4	16.7	18.1
Merch. Trade Balance (\$ billions)	Mar 2011	-48.2	-45.4	-47.0	-46.9	-42.9	-43.5	-39.5	-46.9	-38.0
Real merchandise trade balance	Mar 2011	-50.1	-49.3	-50.3	-49.9	-47.6	-48.2	-44.0	-49.9	-42.3
Federal budget balance last 12 months (2)	Apr 2011	-1364.4	-1406.6	-1283.9				-1413.1	-500.9	-411.6
<b>INFLATION AND COSTS</b>										
Consumer Prices	Apr 2011	0.4	0.5	0.5	6.0	3.6	1.7	3.2	2.4	2.4
- Excluding Food and Energy	Apr 2011	0.2	0.1	0.2	2.0	1.2	0.9	1.3	1.1	1.2
PCE Deflator exc. Food and Energy	* Apr 2011	0.2	0.1	0.2	1.7	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.7
Industrial Prices, Finished Goods	Apr 2011	0.8	0.7	1.6	14.0	8.3	4.3	6.6	5.5	5.1
Average Hourly Earnings (4)	Apr 2011						2.3	2.1	2.1	2.5
Industrial Capacity Utilization Rate	Apr 2011	76.9	77.0	76.5	76.8	76.6	75.9	73.2	76.8	72.5
Median Price, Single-Family Homes (5)	Apr 2011	1.6	2.4	-1.0	-13.7	-15.1	-1.4	-5.4	-4.6	0.3
<b>LABOUR MARKET</b>										
New Jobs (000) (6)	Apr 2011	244	221	235	233	169	109	1313	768	395
- Manufacturing (000)	Apr 2011	29	22	37	29	28	16	197	141	53
- Services (000)	Apr 2011	200	184	154	179	134	90	1078	568	398
Average weekly hours (6)	Apr 2011	0.2	0.3	0.8	3.9	2.0	1.6	2.1	2.2	-2.3
Civilian Unemployment Rate (7)	Apr 2011	9.0	8.8	8.9	8.9	9.2	9.4	9.8	8.9	9.7
<b>NATIONAL ACCOUNTS AND OTHER</b>										
<b>QUARTERLY INDICATORS</b>										
		Q1 2011	Q4 2010	Q3 2010	Q2 2010	Q1 2010	Q1 2010	2010	2009	2008
GDP Chained 2005 dollars	*	1.8	3.1	2.6	1.7	3.7	5.0	2.9	-2.6	0.0
Consumption	*	2.2	4.0	2.4	2.2	1.9	0.9	1.7	-1.2	-0.3
Residential Construction	*	-3.3	3.3	-27.3	25.6	-12.3	-0.8	-3.0	-22.9	-24.0
Business Investment	*	3.4	7.7	10.0	17.2	7.8	-1.4	5.7	-17.1	0.3
- Machinery and Equipment	*	11.6	7.7	15.4	24.8	20.5	14.6	15.3	-15.3	-2.4
Government Spending	*	-5.1	-1.7	3.9	3.9	-1.6	-1.4	1.0	1.6	2.8
Exports	*	9.2	8.6	6.7	9.1	11.4	24.4	11.7	-9.5	6.0
Imports	*	7.6	-12.6	16.8	33.5	11.2	4.9	12.6	-13.8	-2.6
Change in Inventories (1) (2)	*	52.2	16.2	121.4	68.8	44.1	-36.7	62.6	-113.1	-37.6
GDP Deflator	*	1.9	0.3	2.0	2.0	1.1	-0.3	1.0	0.9	2.2
Personal Disposable Income	*	0.8	1.1	1.0	5.6	1.3	0.0	1.4	0.6	1.7
		Q1 2011	Q4 2010	Q3 2010	Q2 2010	Q1 2010	Q4 2009	2010	2009	2008
Labour Productivity (4)		1.6	2.9	2.3	-1.7	4.6	6.7	3.9	3.7	1.0
Unit Labor Costs (4)		1.0	-1.0	0.1	4.9	-4.6	-4.1	-1.5	-1.6	2.3
		Q4 2010	Q3 2010	Q2 2010	Q1 2010	Q4 2009	Q3 2009	2010	2009	2008
Current Account (current \$)		-453.4	-502.0	-490.9	-434.7	-403.6	-390.0	-470.2	-378.4	-668.9
as a % of GDP		-3.0	-3.4	-3.4	-3.0	-2.8	-2.8	-3.2	-2.7	-4.7
		Q1 2011	Q4 2010	Q3 2010	Q2 2010	Q1 2010	Q4 2009	2010	2009	2008
Corporate Profits (8)	*	5.3	9.6	6.6	12.7	48.9	42.7	29.2	-0.4	-16.4
as a % of GDP		11.3	11.3	11.1	11.1	10.8	9.9	11.1	11.5	11.3
* Update										
(1) Annual Rate										
(2) \$ Billions										
(3) Personal Savings as a % of Personal Disposable Income										
(4) Nonfarm Business										
(5) Existing Homes Sold										
(6) Non-Farm Payroll Survey										
(7) Household Survey										
(8) Current \$ and before taxes										

**TABLE 3 - CANADIAN ECONOMIC INDICATORS**

May 27, 2011										
Growth Rates Unless Otherwise Indicated	Reference Period	Monthly Growth (%)			Annualized Growth (%)			Since 12 Mos.	Cumulated since beginning of year	
		Past	Prev.	Month	Average of the last				ref.	prec.
		Month	Month	Before	3 Mos.	6 Mos.	12 Mos.			
Index of Leading Indicators (Stat. Can.)	Apr 2011	0.8	0.6	0.9	8.5	5.8	9.3	6.7	7.2	7.4
DOMESTIC DEMAND										
New motor vehicle sales (000)	Mar 2011	135.3	132.6	132.8	133.5	133.1	132.2	1586.8	400.6	395.8
Retail Sales (\$ current)	Mar 2011	0.0	0.5	-0.5	-0.2	5.9	4.3	0.9	2.5	7.7
- Motor vehicle and parts dealers	Mar 2011	0.3	-0.8	-1.7	-12.9	7.8	5.4	-1.7	2.0	12.2
- Other	Mar 2011	-0.1	0.8	-0.2	3.7	5.3	3.9	1.7	2.7	6.2
Retail Sales (\$ constant)	Mar 2011	-0.8	0.4	-0.7	-3.1	3.0	3.9	-0.6	1.7	6.2
Manufacturer's Shipments (\$ current)	Mar 2011	1.9	-1.8	3.7	16.9	9.9	9.8	10.4	10.1	6.2
New Orders	Mar 2011	11.3	-1.6	6.1	42.2	13.6	13.8	22.8	14.5	8.8
- Durables	Mar 2011	21.3	-3.2	11.1	78.5	16.8	21.1	38.0	21.7	12.0
Unfilled Orders	Mar 2011	9.5	1.0	0.9	16.4	-1.1	-3.1	9.6	3.0	-19.5
Manufacturer's Inventories	Mar 2011	2.1	0.1	0.5	7.9	6.9	-1.3	6.5	4.2	-10.6
Inventories / Shipments Ratio	Mar 2011	1.30	1.30	1.28	1.29	1.31	1.32	1.35	1.29	1.37
Manufacturer's Shipments (\$ constant)	Mar 2011	1.9	-2.5	5.1	18.6	5.2	8.3	6.8	7.1	8.6
Housing Starts (000) (1)	Apr 2011	179.0	184.7	180.8	181.5	179.7	184.5	205.4	178.4	199.5
Number of existing homes sold (MLS)	Apr 2011	-4.4	-1.1	-1.7	-4.8	23.1	-14.8	-9.4	-7.7	36.7
PRODUCTION										
Real Domestic Product	Feb 2011	-0.2	0.5	0.5	5.0	2.8	3.5	2.9	3.1	1.8
- Manufacturing	Feb 2011	-1.6	2.5	1.5	8.5	1.2	6.3	3.6	5.0	0.9
- Construction	Feb 2011	0.1	0.3	-0.3	0.8	3.9	7.0	4.1	4.2	2.1
Services	Feb 2011	0.0	0.3	0.3	3.7	2.4	2.4	2.1	2.1	3.0
EXTERNAL, FISCAL AND EXCHANGE BALANCES										
Exports	Mar 2011	3.5	-5.7	2.6	23.2	18.6	12.2	14.7	13.4	2.9
Imports	Mar 2011	2.8	-3.1	4.1	13.7	5.9	12.5	8.8	10.9	3.4
- Capital Goods	Mar 2011	1.5	-2.1	2.4	2.3	4.3	12.2	12.4	14.8	-16.4
Merch. Trade Balance (\$ millions)	Mar 2011	627	356	1,387	790	420	-557	-1,179	790	-16
Change in Official Reserves	Feb 2011	1,625	1,556	580	1,254	401	249	2,990	3,181	1,365
Level (US\$): \$60.3 billion									Fiscal year	
Fed. budget balance last 12 months (\$ billions) *	Mar 2011	-34.4	-34.7	-35.0				-45.4	-34.4	-47.0
INFLATION AND COSTS										
Consumer Prices	Apr 2011	0.3	1.1	0.3	5.2	2.8	2.1	3.3	2.8	1.7
- Excluding Food and Energy	Apr 2011	0.0	0.6	0.3	2.0	1.3	1.4	1.7	1.6	1.2
- Core inflation (4)	Apr 2011	0.2	0.7	0.2	2.4	1.2	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.9
Average Hourly Earnings (2)	Apr 2011						2.4	2.5	2.6	2.2
Price of New Housing including land	Mar 2011	0.0	0.4	0.2	2.5	1.6	2.5	1.9	2.0	0.9
Avg. Price of Existing Homes Sold (MLS)	Apr 2011	-0.5	0.3	3.1	24.5	15.1	3.8	6.6	6.9	17.3
Industrial Prices (1992=100)	Mar 2011	0.9	0.9	0.4	8.7	5.4	2.1	5.0	3.9	-0.2
LABOUR MARKET										
Labour Force	Apr 2011	0.3	-0.1	0.1	2.2	0.6	1.2	1.1	1.3	0.9
Job creation (000)	Apr 2011	58.3	-1.5	15.1	24.0	29.6	23.6	283.1	141.1	156.1
- Manufacturing	Apr 2011	-0.8	-9.4	9.0	-0.4	4.7	4.8	57.4	2.8	-16.4
- Services	Apr 2011	69.6	-20.5	1.1	16.7	20.6	15.8	189.6	99.6	108.7
- Full Time	Apr 2011	17.2	90.6	-23.8	28.0	23.8	21.4	256.3	115.2	74.0
- Part Time	Apr 2011	41.1	-92.1	38.9	-4.0	5.8	2.2	26.8	25.9	82.1
Unemployment Rate	Apr 2011	7.6	7.7	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.8	8.1	7.7	8.2
NATIONAL ACCOUNTS AND OTHER										
Annualized Growth Rates										
QUARTERLY INDICATORS		Q4 2010	Q3 2010	Q2 2010	Q1 2010	Q4 2009	Q3 2009	2010	2009	2008
GDP Chained (2002) \$		3.3	1.8	2.2	5.5	4.9	0.9	3.1	-2.5	0.5
Consumption		4.9	2.7	1.9	4.1	3.9	3.8	3.4	0.4	2.9
Business Investments		10.4	18.6	15.2	12.7	-9.8	1.1	5.2	-19.9	3.4
-Machinery and Equipment		0.7	24.6	29.7	14.8	-8.1	17.6	11.2	-20.3	-0.9
Residential Construction		-0.6	-3.9	0.0	20.6	26.3	9.1	10.4	-8.2	-3.7
Government Expenditures		3.2	0.6	3.6	1.0	6.9	6.6	3.4	3.5	3.9
Final Domestic Demand		4.7	3.7	3.7	5.4	5.0	5.3	4.4	-1.8	2.8
Exports		17.1	-1.7	7.3	6.7	13.8	9.5	6.4	-14.2	-4.6
Imports		0.5	7.8	19.7	13.6	12.4	27.3	13.4	-13.9	1.2
Change in Inventories (1)		-5.3	18.7	15.3	6.7	-1.2	-1.6	8.8	-2.9	9.0
Real Disposable Income		5.0	-7.4	15.5	3.8	0.1	0.7	3.3	1.1	3.7
Personal savings Rate		4.0	3.9	6.3	3.4	3.5	4.4	4.4	4.5	3.6
GDP Price Deflator		3.6	1.7	0.7	4.4	4.4	3.8	3.0	-2.1	4.0
Corporate Profits (nominal)		41.1	0.4	-6.9	38.2	36.8	44.5	18.4	-32.3	8.0
as a % of GDP		11.2	10.4	10.5	10.8	10.2	9.6	10.7	9.6	13.6
Indust. Capacity Utilization Rate		76.4	76.2	75.8	74.7	72.8	70.7	75.8	71.3	77.5
Labour Productivity, Business Sector		1.9	1.5	-2.3	2.7	4.7	-0.8	1.5	0.3	-0.9
Unit Labour Cost, Business Sector		2.6	1.9	2.3	-1.0	-0.3	0.0	0.6	2.6	4.0
		Q4 2010	Q3 2010	Q2 2010	Q1 2010	Q4 2009	Q3 2009	2010	2009	2008
Current Account (current \$) (1)		-44.2	-67.9	-53.5	-34.3	-40.8	-55.1	-50.0	-43.5	6.9
as a % of GDP		-2.7	-4.2	-3.3	-2.1	-2.6	-3.6	-3.1	-2.7	0.5
* Update										
(1) Annual Rate, \$ billions					(4) C.P.I. excluding the 8 most volatile components and the effect of indirect taxes					
(2) Not Seasonally Adjusted										
(3) Current and before taxes										

Economic and Strategy Team										
TABLE 4 - PROVINCIAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS										
May 27, 2011										
Growth Rates Unless Otherwise Indicated	Reference Period	Monthly Growth (%)			Annualized Growth (%)			Since 12 Mos.	Cumulated since beginning of year	
		Past Month	Prev. Month	Month Before	Average of the last				ref.	prec.
					3 Mos.	6 Mos.	12 Mos.			
QUEBEC										
DOMESTIC DEMAND AND REVENUE										
Retail Sales	Mar 2011	0.5	-0.5	-1.2	-2.5	6.2	4.0	-3.0	0.7	9.9
Manufacturing Shipments	Mar 2011	2.0	-2.7	7.0	17.9	6.2	5.2	6.8	5.5	3.3
Housing Starts (000) (2)	Apr 2011	44.9	50.4	42.9	46.1	46.4	48.9	53.3	46.7	52.6
Number of existing homes sold (MLS)	Apr 2011	-2.5	-3.5	-4.0	-22.5	8.4	-10.4	-9.5	-10.3	31.7
Wages and Salaries	Dec 2010	0.6	-0.1	0.7	5.1	4.8	3.6	4.4	3.6	1.6
Value of merchandise exports (1)	Mar 2011						5.2	6.7	3.8	-5.9
PRICES										
Consumer Price Index (1)	Apr 2011	0.2	1.4	0.3	6.7	3.7	1.6	3.2	2.7	1.9
Average Hourly Earnings (1)	Apr 2011						1.7	1.5	2.0	1.8
Price of New Housing inc. Land (1)	Mar 2011	0.0	0.3	0.5	2.1	3.4	3.3	2.7	3.3	2.6
Avg. Price of Existing Homes Sold (MLS)	Apr 2011	-1.2	0.6	0.8	3.8	7.5	5.5	2.8	4.5	10.5
LABOR MARKET										
Job creation (000)	Apr 2011	5.9	-14.7	8.0	-0.3	2.3	3.8	45.7	2.3	49.0
Unemployment rate	Apr 2011	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.9	7.9	7.8	8.0
Participation rate	Apr 2011	65.4	65.3	65.5	65.4	65.4	65.5	65.4	65.5	65.2
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DOMESTIC DEMAND AND REVENUE										
Retail Sales	Mar 2011	-0.8	0.9	-0.6	-0.4	5.5	4.8	1.6	3.7	6.1
Manufacturing Shipments	Mar 2011	0.1	-2.4	5.1	15.6	7.4	10.9	8.5	9.7	11.0
Housing Starts (000) (2)	Apr 2011	68.1	74.8	66.3	69.7	64.9	61.6	64.9	65.1	64.1
Number of existing homes sold (MLS)	Apr 2011	-3.7	0.5	-2.5	-7.3	21.8	-14.5	-13.1	-11.6	44.4
Wages and Salaries	Dec 2010	0.2	0.1	1.0	5.3	4.6	4.2	4.8	4.2	-1.1
Value of merchandise exports (1)	Mar 2011						16.6	6.1	9.6	7.9
PRICES										
Consumer Price Index (1)	Apr 2011	0.4	1.2	0.2	4.1	2.8	2.9	3.6	3.1	1.8
Average Hourly Earnings (1)	Apr 2011						2.5	3.8	3.1	2.1
Price of New Housing inc. Land (1)	Mar 2011	0.2	0.5	0.3	3.4	2.4	2.7	2.7	2.4	1.4
Avg. Price of Existing Homes Sold (MLS)	Apr 2011	0.8	1.4	2.6	19.4	9.0	3.9	5.4	4.0	18.6
LABOR MARKET										
Job creation (000)	Apr 2011	54.8	5.6	-10.7	16.6	21.3	13.1	157.0	86.0	75.6
Unemployment rate	Apr 2011	7.9	8.1	8.0	8.0	8.1	8.3	8.7	8.0	8.9
Participation rate	Apr 2011	67.2	66.9	66.8	67.0	66.9	67.0	67.1	67.0	67.1
NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR										
DOMESTIC DEMAND AND REVENUE										
Retail Sales	Mar 2011	2.0	0.0	1.9	14.1	7.8	3.4	2.5	3.9	9.0
Manufacturing Shipments	Mar 2011	25.8	-19.8	-1.4	-20.7	32.9	39.1	70.8	73.6	-18.9
Housing Starts (000) (2)	Apr 2011	2.3	4.2	3.0	3.2	3.4	3.6	5.4	3.6	5.4
Number of existing homes sold (MLS)	Apr 2011	-2.6	4.3	1.1	84.8	10.8	-11.8	-2.8	-6.9	18.8
Wages and Salaries	Dec 2010	0.8	0.3	1.3	10.1	6.1	5.1	7.8	5.1	4.9
Value of merchandise exports (1)	Mar 2011						17.6	92.6	45.4	-7.9
PRICES										
Consumer Price Index (1)	Apr 2011	0.5	1.0	0.6	8.0	3.3	2.5	3.8	3.0	2.9
Average Hourly Earnings (1)	Apr 2011						4.8	3.6	3.3	5.5
Price of New Housing inc. Land (1)	Mar 2011	0.0	0.0	0.2	6.5	7.8	6.1	6.2	6.2	5.4
Avg. Price of Existing Homes Sold (MLS)	Apr 2011	1.9	1.5	4.6	18.2	9.2	12.2	10.3	8.6	15.7
LABOR MARKET										
Job creation (000)	Apr 2011	3.1	0.9	-0.1	1.3	1.6	1.3	15.0	8.8	2.2
Unemployment	Apr 2011	11.1	12.4	12.8	12.1	12.8	13.4	15.0	12.2	15.0
Participation rate	Apr 2011	60.8	60.7	60.8	60.8	60.5	60.3	59.6	60.7	59.5
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND										
DOMESTIC DEMAND AND REVENUE										
Retail Sales	Mar 2011	4.4	1.1	1.9	11.0	4.2	3.6	3.9	2.1	8.6
Manufacturing Shipments	Mar 2011	10.3	5.4	-13.5	-2.1	2.0	-4.6	1.0	1.5	-13.6
Housing Starts (000) (2)	Apr 2011	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.1	0.8	0.6
Number of existing homes sold (MLS)	Apr 2011	-11.5	7.4	-7.6	-23.2	14.3	0.8	-16.1	-4.2	10.4
Wages and Salaries	Dec 2010	1.9	0.6	0.8	10.4	3.9	2.7	6.8	2.7	4.5
Value of merchandise exports (1)	Mar 2011						-2.3	0.5	4.4	-23.2
PRICES										
Consumer Price Index (1)	Apr 2011	0.9	0.9	0.8	6.9	2.7	1.6	3.5	2.3	3.1
Average Hourly Earnings (1)	Apr 2011						6.1	4.6	3.8	1.4
Price of New Housing inc. Land (1)	Mar 2011	0.0	1.5	0.0	3.5	0.0	-1.5	0.6	-0.4	-0.6
Avg. Price of Existing Homes Sold (MLS)	Apr 2011	12.0	-0.2	-4.5	2.3	1.9	-0.1	3.1	0.0	4.0
LABOR MARKET										
Job creation (000)	Apr 2011	-0.1	1.4	-0.4	0.3	0.2	0.0	-0.6	1.6	1.4
Unemployment	Apr 2011	11.2	11.2	11.7	11.4	11.6	11.8	9.2	11.4	10.0
Participation rate	Apr 2011	67.8	68.0	67.2	67.6	67.6	67.9	68.0	67.6	68.1

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TABLE 4 - PROVINCIAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS (Continues from page A4)										
May 27, 2011										
Growth Rates Unless Otherwise Indicated	Reference Period	Monthly Growth (%)			Annualized Growth (%)			Since 12 Mos.	Cumulated since beginning of year	
		Past Month	Prev. Month	Month Before	Average of the last				ref.	prec.
					3 Mos.	6 Mos.	12 Mos.			
NOVA SCOTIA										
DOMESTIC DEMAND AND REVENUE										
Retail Sales	Mar 2011	2.4	-1.1	-0.5	-1.9	1.7	2.9	0.1	0.7	7.6
Manufacturing Shipments	Mar 2011	10.4	-0.3	-1.9	24.0	21.0	14.9	24.8	19.4	4.3
Housing Starts (000) (2)	Apr 2011	3.9	3.2	4.3	3.8	3.8	4.3	3.9	4.2	4.3
Number of existing homes sold (MLS)	Apr 2011	-5.1	6.6	1.4	-1.8	7.0	-7.9	-8.9	-7.3	20.0
Wages and Salaries	Dec 2010	1.4	-0.1	0.1	7.5	5.3	4.7	6.5	4.7	1.8
Value of merchandise exports (1)	Mar 2011						9.9	15.0	21.9	-14.9
PRICES										
Consumer Price Index (1)	Apr 2011	0.5	1.2	0.4	7.7	4.3	2.5	4.2	3.6	2.7
Average Hourly Earnings (1)	Apr 2011						4.1	1.1	2.5	4.0
Price of New Housing inc. Land (1)	Mar 2011	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	2.4	1.2	1.6	1.7	0.6
Avg. Price of Existing Homes Sold (MLS)	Apr 2011	-6.5	7.5	-6.3	-13.5	10.7	2.6	0.9	2.3	9.9
LABOR MARKET										
Job creation (000)	Apr 2011	-5.5	0.7	-1.4	-2.1	-0.2	-0.4	-5.4	0.0	0.5
Unemployment	Apr 2011	9.2	9.0	9.5	9.2	9.5	9.4	8.6	9.3	9.0
Participation rate	Apr 2011	63.2	63.9	64.2	63.8	63.9	64.2	63.9	63.9	63.9
NEW BRUNSWICK										
DOMESTIC DEMAND AND REVENUE										
Retail Sales	Mar 2011	2.1	-0.3	3.5	11.5	5.5	3.7	3.8	3.6	9.0
Manufacturing Shipments	Mar 2011	4.0	1.9	-3.4	41.7	23.3	19.9	23.8	18.4	23.3
Housing Starts (000) (2)	Apr 2011	2.6	1.3	1.0	1.6	2.4	3.6	6.1	1.8	4.6
Number of existing homes sold (MLS)	Apr 2011	18.9	-8.3	-8.0	9.2	14.6	-8.6	9.4	-2.1	12.6
Wages and Salaries	Dec 2010	0.5	0.5	0.0	5.6	3.6	3.7	4.3	3.7	2.4
Value of merchandise exports (1)	Mar 2011						19.7	22.9	10.5	42.2
PRICES										
Consumer Price Index (1)	Apr 2011	0.5	1.0	0.9	8.4	3.7	1.9	3.6	2.6	3.3
Average Hourly Earnings (1)	Apr 2011						2.3	4.2	3.8	2.2
Price of New Housing inc. Land (1)	Mar 2011	0.4	-0.1	-0.2	-0.7	0.7	1.8	1.8	1.6	0.7
Avg. Price of Existing Homes Sold (MLS)	Apr 2011	-1.2	6.5	3.8	25.2	0.0	1.3	4.1	2.5	4.1
LABOR MARKET										
Job creation (000)	Apr 2011	-1.2	0.7	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5	-6.6	-1.3	1.2
Unemployment	Apr 2011	10.0	9.6	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.6	8.5	9.6	8.8
Participation rate	Apr 2011	63.3	63.3	63.3	63.3	63.3	63.4	63.8	63.2	63.9
MANITOBA										
DOMESTIC DEMAND AND REVENUE										
Retail Sales	Mar 2011	-0.3	2.3	-0.1	7.6	5.6	4.5	4.0	3.6	8.2
Manufacturing Shipments	Mar 2011	-1.7	3.8	-9.1	-1.1	8.5	3.0	4.5	8.8	-9.5
Housing Starts (000) (2)	Apr 2011	4.8	4.1	5.4	4.8	5.0	5.7	7.4	4.5	5.6
Number of existing homes sold (MLS)	Apr 2011	-6.9	-0.4	-2.9	-9.1	17.2	0.1	-5.8	5.4	7.5
Wages and Salaries	Dec 2010	0.1	0.1	0.7	5.4	3.8	3.4	4.0	3.4	2.2
Value of merchandise exports (1)	Mar 2011						3.8	8.7	11.8	-12.8
PRICES										
Consumer Price Index (1)	Apr 2011	0.3	0.8	0.3	5.9	3.2	1.2	3.0	2.5	1.4
Average Hourly Earnings (1)	Apr 2011						4.1	4.7	4.5	2.1
Price of New Housing inc. Land (1)	Mar 2011	0.3	0.7	0.7	8.0	3.9	5.1	4.5	5.0	3.6
Avg. Price of Existing Homes Sold (MLS)	Apr 2011	-4.0	2.1	-0.8	-6.0	10.2	8.7	2.5	6.0	10.4
LABOR MARKET										
Job creation (000)	Apr 2011	-3.3	2.4	0.3	-0.2	-0.3	0.5	5.5	3.5	12.3
Unemployment	Apr 2011	5.2	5.5	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.4	5.0	5.3	5.3
Participation rate	Apr 2011	69.2	69.9	69.5	69.4	69.4	69.6	69.4	69.5	69.4
SASKATCHEWAN										
DOMESTIC DEMAND AND REVENUE										
Retail Sales	Mar 2011	0.3	0.3	2.7	9.7	8.2	3.4	5.0	5.7	4.8
Manufacturing Shipments	Mar 2011	9.0	0.0	-3.3	1.6	13.6	1.2	14.3	9.2	-11.4
Housing Starts (000) (2)	Apr 2011	6.0	5.3	9.3	6.9	7.3	6.5	5.6	6.7	5.4
Number of existing homes sold (MLS)	Apr 2011	-0.4	-4.6	-9.2	-29.7	12.9	-4.7	0.5	3.7	14.5
Wages and Salaries	Dec 2010	1.9	1.4	0.8	13.6	7.3	5.9	8.5	5.9	4.0
Value of merchandise exports (1)	Mar 2011						10.5	15.7	17.4	15.3
PRICES										
Consumer Price Index (1)	Apr 2011	0.2	0.9	0.2	4.4	2.7	1.7	2.6	2.5	1.4
Average Hourly Earnings (1)	Apr 2011						3.1	3.5	2.6	5.2
Price of New Housing inc. Land (1)	Mar 2011	0.1	0.8	0.1	2.5	1.8	4.6	3.7	4.0	1.2
Avg. Price of Existing Homes Sold (MLS)	Apr 2011	-0.8	2.8	-2.5	-4.7	10.2	4.4	3.4	5.4	4.4
LABOR MARKET										
Job creation (000)	Apr 2011	-0.1	1.2	-3.3	-0.7	0.3	-0.1	-1.6	0.2	4.7
Unemployment	Apr 2011	5.0	5.2	5.7	5.3	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.3	4.9
Participation rate	Apr 2011	69.2	69.4	69.6	69.4	69.6	69.8	70.4	69.5	70.0

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TABLE 4 - PROVINCIAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS (Continues from page A5)										
May 27, 2011										
Growth Rates Unless Otherwise Indicated	Reference Period	Monthly Growth (%)			Annualized Growth (%)			Since 12 Mos.	Cumulated since beginning of year	
		Past Month	Prev. Month	Month Before	Average of the last				ref.	prec.
					3 Mos.	6 Mos.	12 Mos.			
ALBERTA										
DOMESTIC DEMAND AND REVENUE										
Retail Sales	Mar 2011	-0.1	0.9	-1.1	1.1	10.2	5.4	4.4	4.4	6.7
Manufacturing Shipments	Mar 2011	3.7	0.3	0.7	22.3	20.6	15.2	17.8	16.1	1.6
Housing Starts (000) (2)	Apr 2011	21.1	20.8	22.4	21.4	21.0	24.1	29.4	20.9	29.3
Number of existing homes sold (MLS)	Apr 2011	-1.2	-1.7	-0.3	0.7	27.5	-19.3	-5.3	-3.9	21.4
Wages and Salaries	Dec 2010	0.3	0.1	0.6	5.5	5.1	4.7	6.6	4.7	-0.2
Value of merchandise exports (1)	Mar 2011						11.8	15.9	10.8	10.5
PRICES										
Consumer Price Index (1)	Apr 2011	1.2	0.2	0.6	6.2	1.9	1.2	3.0	1.8	1.3
Average Hourly Earnings (1)	Apr 2011						1.2	0.7	1.5	1.8
Price of New Housing inc. Land (1)	Mar 2011	-0.1	0.4	0.0	1.2	0.0	1.1	0.5	0.6	-1.7
Avg. Price of Existing Homes Sold (MLS)	Apr 2011	3.2	-2.0	0.9	3.8	-0.1	1.3	0.5	0.9	7.9
LABOR MARKET										
Job creation (000)	Apr 2011	-4.2	-3.2	13.7	2.1	3.7	4.9	58.6	27.9	-19.7
Unemployment	Apr 2011	5.9	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.7	6.0	7.6	5.8	7.1
Participation rate	Apr 2011	73.2	73.2	73.4	73.2	72.9	72.9	73.4	73.2	73.1
BRITISH COLUMBIA										
DOMESTIC DEMAND AND REVENUE										
Retail Sales	Mar 2011	0.2	0.7	-0.5	-4.9	1.8	2.9	0.0	-0.3	9.1
Manufacturing Shipments	Mar 2011	2.2	0.1	2.8	21.2	9.8	8.9	8.6	8.6	6.6
Housing Starts (000) (2)	Apr 2011	24.6	20.0	25.7	23.4	24.6	25.5	28.3	24.3	27.8
Number of existing homes sold (MLS)	Apr 2011	-11.2	-2.4	3.0	19.8	49.0	-21.5	-5.7	-1.2	51.2
Wages and Salaries	Dec 2010	0.8	0.2	0.6	5.7	3.6	3.0	3.5	3.0	-1.8
Value of merchandise exports (1)	Mar 2011						19.9	17.8	17.8	-0.1
PRICES										
Consumer Price Index (1)	Apr 2011	0.2	0.8	0.3	3.9	1.9	1.9	2.7	2.5	0.8
Average Hourly Earnings (1)	Apr 2011						2.6	1.1	1.9	2.4
Price of New Housing inc. Land (1)	Mar 2011	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	-1.7	2.2	-0.6	-0.3	1.0
Avg. Price of Existing Homes Sold (MLS)	Apr 2011	0.5	-1.1	3.9	45.3	26.1	8.7	13.7	14.0	18.3
LABOR MARKET										
Job creation (000)	Apr 2011	8.9	3.5	8.9	7.1	0.9	1.3	15.7	12.2	28.8
Unemployment	Apr 2011	7.9	8.1	8.8	8.3	7.9	7.7	7.4	8.3	7.8
Participation rate	Apr 2011	65.4	65.4	65.8	65.6	65.4	65.4	65.6	65.5	65.7



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TABLE 5 - INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS										
May 27, 2011										
Growth Rates Unless Otherwise Indicated	Reference Period	Monthly Growth (%)			Annualized Growth (%)			Since 12 Mos.	Cumulated since beginning of year	
		Past	Prev.	Month	Average of the last				ref.	prec.
		Month	Month	Before	3 Mos.	6 Mos.	12 Mos.			
OECD leading index	Mar 2011	0.1	0.1	0.2	2.1	0.6	3.5	0.3	0.5	10.3
JAPAN										
Consumer confidence - percentbtag (1)	Apr 2011	33.4	38.3	40.6	37.4	39.0	40.7	42.0	38.4	40.4
Retail Sales (1)	* Apr 2011						0.0	-4.8	-3.4	4.1
Industrial Production, Volume Index	Mar 2011	-15.5	1.8	0.0	-7.8	-3.2	9.0	-13.1	-2.5	27.6
Exports	* Apr 2011	-5.5	-8.3	4.2	-9.9	-4.1	10.5	-13.2	-1.5	41.9
Imports	* Apr 2011	3.8	-1.3	-0.5	13.7	11.4	14.9	11.5	11.4	20.4
Merchandise trade bal. (Billions of ¥)	Mar 2011	333	4,907	3,970	3,070	4,499	5,397	8,557	9,210	23,798
Current account (Billions of ¥)	Mar 2011	753	1,219	1,090	1,021	1,230	1,308	1,660	3,062	4,531
Inflation (CPI)	* Apr 2011	0.0	-0.1	0.2	0.4	0.9	-0.3	0.3	0.1	-1.2
Job offers to applicants ratio	Mar 2011	0.63	0.62	0.61	0.62	0.60	0.56	0.48	0.62	0.47
Unemployment Rate	Mar 2011	4.6	4.6	4.9	4.7	4.9	5.0	5.0	4.7	5.0
		Q1 2011	Q4 2010	Q3 2010	Q2 2010	Q1 2010	Q4 2009	2010	2009	2008
Gross Domestic Product (Constant Yen)		-3.7	-3.0	3.8	0.2	9.1	6.3	4.0	-6.3	-1.2
Euro-zone										
Volume Retail Sales	* Mar 2011	-1.1	0.4	0.4	-0.1	-0.3	0.6	-1.0	0.0	0.5
Industrial Production	Feb 2011	0.4	0.2	0.2	7.2	5.6	8.0	7.4	6.9	3.8
Exports	Mar 2011	1.1	1.6	5.9	31.6	14.4	21.5	14.5	20.3	12.1
Imports	Mar 2011	0.3	0.8	6.4	35.9	15.0	24.8	15.7	23.5	8.8
Merch. Trade Bal. (Millions of euros)	Mar 2011	-935	-2,052	-3,152	-2,047	-2,507	-2,901	-823	-6,140	4,349
Inflation (CPI)	Apr 2011	0.6	1.4	0.4	5.1	2.6	2.1	2.8	2.6	1.3
Unemployment Rate	Mar 2011	9.9	9.9	10.0	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.1	9.9	10.0
		Q1 2011	Q4 2010	Q3 2010	Q2 2010	Q1 2010	Q4 2009	2010	2009	2008
Gross Domestic Product (Constant Euro)		3.3	1.1	1.4	4.0	1.6	0.8	1.8	-4.1	0.4
UNITED KINGDOM										
Consumer Confidence (Diffusion index)	* May 2011	-15	-24	-22	-20	-21	-18	-10	-21	-6
Retail Sales	Apr 2011	1.1	0.3	-1.0	0.9	0.8	1.1	2.8	2.5	0.2
Industrial Production	Mar 2011	0.2	-1.2	0.4	1.2	2.2	2.6	0.7	2.5	0.2
Exports (1)	Mar 2011	-0.5	-0.1	5.0	28.8	19.9	18.9	15.5	20.7	11.4
Imports (1)	Mar 2011	1.7	-1.9	-2.6	0.2	15.2	18.2	11.2	14.7	10.1
Merchandise Trade Bal. (Millions of £)	Mar 2011	-7,660	-6,988	-7,597	-7,415	-8,090	-8,636	-8,935	-22,245	-22,609
Inflation (CPI harmonized) (1)	Apr 2011	1.0	0.2	0.8	5.7	3.8	3.2	4.1	3.7	3.0
Producer price index, manufacturing (1)	Apr 2011	0.8	1.1	0.5	9.9	5.8	4.6	5.3	5.3	4.2
House prices	Apr 2011	-1.4	0.0	-0.9	-4.6	-3.7	0.0	-4.9	-3.3	5.7
Unemployment Rate	Feb 2011	7.7	7.8	7.9	7.8	7.9	7.8	8.0	7.8	8.0
		Q1 2011	Q4 2010	Q3 2010	Q2 2010	Q1 2010	Q4 2009	2010	2009	2008
Gross Domestic Product (Constant £)	*	1.9	-1.9	2.9	4.3	0.8	4.3	1.3	-4.9	-0.1
INTEREST AND EXCHANGE RATES										
	Reference Thursday	Current Week	Prev. Week	Week Before	Average of last Thursdays			13 w. ago	26 w. ago	52 w. ago
					13 W.	26 W.	52 W.			
JAPAN										
Prime Rate	* 26-May-11	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30
3-month Financing Bill Rate	* 26-May-11	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.12	0.11
- Spread with U.S.	* 26-May-11	0.05	0.05	0.08	0.04	0.01	-0.01	-0.02	-0.05	-0.06
Yield on 10-year Gov't Bonds	* 26-May-11	1.14	1.15	1.13	1.22	1.22	1.13	1.23	1.14	1.25
- Spread with U.S.	* 26-May-11	-1.92	-2.02	-2.07	-2.12	-2.15	-1.96	-2.21	-1.78	-2.11
Exchange Rate (¥/U.S.\$)	* 26-May-11	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9
Euro Zone										
3-month Treasury Bills	* 26-May-11	1.38	1.38	1.37	1.25	1.12	0.98	1.05	0.97	0.64
- Spread with U.S.	* 26-May-11	1.33	1.33	1.35	1.19	1.02	0.85	0.92	0.81	0.47
Yield on 10-year Gov't Bonds	* 26-May-11	3.01	3.06	3.09	3.23	3.14	2.81	3.15	2.63	2.59
- Spread with U.S.	* 26-May-11	-0.05	-0.11	-0.11	-0.11	-0.24	-0.28	-0.29	-0.29	-0.76
Exchange Rate (U.S.\$/Euro)	* 26-May-11	1.41	1.43	1.42	1.43	1.38	1.35	1.38	1.34	1.24
(Yen/Euro)	* 26-May-11	115.95	116.83	114.54	116.78	113.97	112.85	112.69	111.35	110.79
(Euro / £ )	* 26-May-11	1.15	1.13	1.15	1.14	1.16	1.17	1.17	1.18	1.18
UNITED KINGDOM										
3-month Treasury Bills (tender)	* 26-May-11	0.52	0.53	0.54	0.55	0.53	0.51	0.53	0.49	0.50
- Spread with U.S.	* 26-May-11	0.47	0.48	0.52	0.49	0.43	0.39	0.40	0.33	0.33
Yield on 30-year Gov't Bonds	* 26-May-11	4.13	4.24	4.20	4.29	4.35	4.24	4.37	4.28	4.28
- Spread with U.S.	* 26-May-11	-0.09	-0.07	-0.15	-0.16	-0.14	0.01	-0.16	-0.02	0.02
Exchange Rate (U.S.\$ / £ )	* 26-May-11	1.64	1.62	1.63	1.63	1.60	1.58	1.61	1.58	1.46
STOCK INDICES										
		Monthly Growth (%)			Growth Over (%)			Since beginning of year		
	Reference	Past	Prev.	Month	Average of the last			1 Year	ref.	prec.
		Level	Month	Month	Before	3 Months	6 Months			
MSCI Eafe	* May 2011	223	-0.1	0.5	-2.8	-2.3	6.8	20.2	2.9	-9.4

TABLE 6 - COMMODITY PRICES									
May 27, 2011									
	Spot Price		Weekly Growth (%)			Annualized Growth (%)			Last Year
	May 26	May 19	Last Week	Prev. Week	Week Before	For the Last			
						13 W.	26 W.	52 W.	
CRB Index									
Total	647.1	638.5	1.3	1.0	-0.7	-7.5	30.1	39.8	462.9
Energy	736.3	713.6	3.2	-1.0	-0.5	24.6	34.1	24.3	592.4
Grain	508.6	505.6	0.6	7.1	-1.8	24.1	47.4	71.1	297.2
Industrials	692.2	682.6	1.4	3.2	-1.4	-41.5	33.7	50.3	460.5
Livestock & Meat	361.3	373.4	-3.2	-2.7	0.4	-31.8	14.7	12.1	322.2
Precious Metals	1343.8	1303.3	3.1	-0.2	-0.9	28.1	37.2	42.6	942.2
PRECIOUS METALS									
Gold (\$/ounce) (AM fixing London)	1521.50	1488.75	2.2	0.0	-1.7	33.9	23.2	25.7	1210.75
Platinum (\$/ounce) (AM fixing London)	1777.0	1769.0	0.5	0.8	-3.7	1.1	15.3	14.9	1547.0
Silver (\$/ounce) (Handy & Harman)	37.0	35.3	5.0	3.8	-7.1	57.8	81.5	99.7	18.5
Palladium (\$/ounce troy)	755.0	736.0	2.6	2.9	-1.9	-7.6	18.7	65.9	455.0
OTHER METALS (LME)									
Aluminum (\$/tonne)	2,557	2,481	3.1	-5.8	0.3	7.6	28.8	25.7	2,035
Copper (\$/tonne)	9,010	8,927	0.9	2.5	-0.9	-19.2	15.4	29.5	6,955
Zinc (\$/tonne)	2,241	2,115	6.0	-0.6	1.0	-29.3	4.8	17.4	1,909
Nickel (\$/tonne)	22,821	23,545	-3.1	-4.1	0.2	-52.4	0.4	5.0	21,726
Lead (\$/tonne)	2,512	2,483	1.2	7.1	-0.4	1.6	18.4	38.2	1,817
OTHER COMMODITIES									
Oil (\$/barrel) 1-month future (West Texas Intermediate)	100.26	98.50	1.8	-0.1	0.1	14.1	41.7	34.5	74.52
Corn (¢/bushel) (Illinois #2)	738.0	737.0	0.1	10.9	-3.1	54.0	100.3	112.1	348.0
Soy beans (¢/bushel) (Illinois #1)	1373.5	1364.5	0.7	2.7	2.2	29.5	24.5	46.7	936.0
Pork (¢/lb)	125.0	125.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-14.5	80.7	-3.8	130.0
Beef (Cattle feeder index) (CME)	125.5	128.0	-2.0	-1.0	-0.5	-9.3	20.6	15.8	108.4
Woodpulp NBSK Metric ton delivered in U.S.	1020	1020	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.8	10.6	6.3	960
Natural Gas (mmbtu) Henry Hub future NYMEX	4.33	4.06	6.7	-1.1	-6.9	62.6	25.9	2.1	4.24
Lumber 2X4	218	228	-4.4	-3.4	0.0	-67.2	-36.2	-15.5	258
All prices are in US dollars									