

TABLE 3
CANADIAN IMPORTS AND EXPORTS WITH MEXICO
(2000 Canadian dollars)

	1988	1987	1986	1985
	EXPORTS FROM MEX	EXPORTS TO MEX	EXPORTS TO MEX	IMPORTS FROM MEX
hand tools	8	3	8	
hand saws				
chain saw blades	170	1		
chain saw blades	88	29		
motor tools	234	2	2,787	
bolts				
jack hammers	144	17		
cranes	24	70		
vice, clamps	88	13		
sawing equipment	1			
drilling equipment	181	38		
other woodworking	10	182		
TOTAL	485	388	2,793	

Source: Statistics Canada - International Trade Division

According to official Canadian data, Canadian exports to Mexico increased 52% from Cdn\$28,000 in 1985 to Cdn\$182,000 in 1988. The largest categories are saws and saw blades (48%), woodworking equipment (32%) and metals handling equipment (15%). Canadian imports from Mexico were Cdn\$8.8 million in 1988 and Cdn\$1.3 million in 1985, consisting mostly of hand saws and other motor driven hand tools and bolts.

4 THE MEXICAN FORESTRY SECTOR

4.1 RESOURCES

Mexico's forestry sector, comprising wood and wood products, accounted for 1.8% of the country's total GDP and 3.4% of manufacturing GDP in 1988, equivalent to Mex\$2.2 billion (1980 pesos for roughly \$1.8 billion). During the 1981-1989 period, this sector decreased at an average annual rate of 1.75%, as compared to a 0.45% annual increase of manufacturing GDP as a whole. Although during the 1981-1989 period the forestry sector followed the general trend of manufacturing GDP, between 1987 and 1989 the latter has experienced moderate growth rates, while the forestry sector has shown a continuing decline.

Mexico's total forested areas represent 144 million hectares, or 73% of the country's total territory. This places Mexico among the 11 countries in the world with the largest forestry resources. Approximately 12 million people live in forested areas and an estimated 300,000 live off primary forestry production.