

## News Releases

# Air Canada reports May traffic

MONTREAL, June 8 /CNW Telbec/ - For the month of May, Air Canada today reported a load factor of 79.5 per cent on a consolidated basis with Jazz, versus 83.2 per cent in May 2008, a decrease of 3.7 percentage points. System traffic decreased 10.3 per cent on a capacity reduction of 6.1 per cent system wide.

Air Canada mainline reported a load factor of 81.0 per cent in May 2009 compared to 84.3 per cent in May 2008; a decrease of 3.3 percentage points. The mainline carrier flew 10.4 per cent fewer revenue passenger miles (RPMs) in May 2009 than in May 2008 on a capacity decrease of 6.7 per cent.

Jazz, from which Air Canada purchases regional capacity, reported a load factor of 65.6 per cent, a decrease of 6.8 percentage points from 72.4 per cent in May 2008. Capacity increased by 0.2 per cent from May 2008 and the carrier flew 9.2 per cent fewer RPMs than in the previous May.

"For the month of May, Air Canada reported a load factor of 79.5 per cent on a consolidated basis with Jazz," said Calin Rovinescu, President and Chief Executive Officer. "Despite downward pressure on travel demand due to the weakened economy and concerns over the H1N1 influenza virus, we were able to maintain a relatively stable performance during the month. We will continue to manage capacity in a disciplined manner and this includes redeploying capacity to pursue new strategic revenue generation opportunities. Over the past five weeks, we have inaugurated new non-stop services from Calgary to San Diego, CA, London, ON, and Whitehorse, YT. We are also very pleased with the market's reaction to our new year-round non-stop Montreal-Geneva service to this important international business and leisure destination that includes the French Rhone-Alpes region. During the past weeks we continued the implementation of initiatives to re-engage customers and the travel trade community alike, with the introduction of our Low Fare Guarantee and, most recently, a commission program to Canadian travel agents in reward for their support.

Also in May, we completed the planned refurbishment of the fleet to offer a market-leading product which has been well received by customers.

"I commend our employees who exceeded, once again for the fourth consecutive month, both Customer Satisfaction and On-Time performance objectives for the month, achieving on-time arrival performance of 84 per cent for the month of May."

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### AIR CANADA MAINLINE (Includes Jetz & Tier 3)

	May			Year-To-Date		
	2009	2008	Change	2009	2008	Change
Traffic (RPMs millions)	3,546	3,956	-10.4%	17,202	18,892	-8.9%
Capacity (ASMs millions)	4,376	4,691	-6.7%	21,218	23,058	-8.0%
Load Factor	81.0%	84.3%	-3.3 pts	81.1%	81.9%	-0.8 pts
RPMs	1,069	1,203	-11.1%	4,845	5,139	-5.7%
Canada ASMs	1,347	1,467	-8.2%	5,984	6,236	-4.0%
Load						

	Factor	79.4%	82.0%	-2.6 pts	81.0%	82.4%	-1.4 pts
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	RPMs	440	499	-11.8%	2,801	3,246	-13.7%
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Trans-	ASMs	569	620	-8.2%	3,514	4,084	-14.0%
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	Load						
	Factor	77.3%	80.5%	-3.2 pts	79.7%	79.5%	+0.2 pts
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	RPMs	1,083	1,129	-4.1%	4,216	4,581	-8.0%
Atlantic	ASMs	1,286	1,290	-0.3%	5,270	5,554	-5.1%
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	Load						
	Factor	84.2%	87.5%	-3.3 pts	80.0%	82.5%	-2.5 pts
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	RPMs	617	719	-14.2%	2,741	3,311	-17.2%
Pacific	ASMs	744	807	-7.8%	3,151	3,946	-20.1%
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	Load						
	Factor	82.9%	89.1%	-6.2 pts	87.0%	83.9%	+3.1 pts
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	RPMs	337	406	-17.0%	2,599	2,615	-0.6%
Latin	-----						
America	ASMs	430	507	-15.2%	3,299	3,238	+1.9%
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	Load						
	Factor	78.4%	80.1%	-1.7 pts	78.8%	80.8%	-2.0 pts
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AIR CANADA'S REGIONAL CAPACITY PROVIDER  
(Jazz)  
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	May			Year-To-Date			
	2009	2008	Change	2009	2008	Change	
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Traffic							
(RPMs millions)	317	349	-9.2%	1,478	1,740	-15.1%	
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Capacity							
(ASMs millions)	483	482	+0.2%	2,190	2,355	-7.0%	
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Load Factor	65.6%	72.4%	-6.8 pts	67.5%	73.9%	-6.4 pts	
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	RPMs	228	248	-8.1%	1,037	1,299	-20.2%
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Canada	ASMs	320	329	-2.7%	1,416	1,693	-16.4%
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	Load						
	Factor	71.3%	75.4%	-4.1 pts	73.2%	76.7%	-3.5 pts
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	RPMs	89	101	-11.9%	441	441	0.0%
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Trans-	ASMs	163	153	+6.5%	774	662	+16.9%
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	Load						
	Factor	54.6%	66.0%	-11.4 pts	57.0%	66.6%	-9.6 pts
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CONSOLIDATED  
(Air Canada Mainline and Jazz)  
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	May			Year-To-Date			
	2009	2008	Change	2009	2008	Change	
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Traffic							
(RPMs millions)	3,863	4,305	-10.3%	18,680	20,632	-9.5%	
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Capacity							
(ASMs millions)	4,859	5,173	-6.1%	23,408	25,413	-7.9%	
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Load Factor	79.5%	83.2%	-3.7 pts	79.8%	81.2%	-1.4 pts	
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	RPMs	1,297	1,451	-10.6%	5,882	6,438	-8.6%
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Canada	ASMs	1,667	1,796	-7.2%	7,400	7,929	-6.7%
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	Load						
Factor	77.8%	80.8%	-3.0 pts	79.5%	81.2%	-1.7 pts	

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U.S. Trans- border	RPMs	529	600	-11.8%	3,242	3,687	-12.1%
	ASMs	732	773	-5.3%	4,288	4,746	-9.7%
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	Load						
	Factor	72.3%	77.6%	-5.3 pts	75.6%	77.7%	-2.1 pts
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Interna- tional	RPMs	2,037	2,254	-9.6%	9,556	10,507	-9.1%
	ASMs	2,460	2,604	-5.5%	11,720	12,738	-8.0%
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	Load						
	Factor	82.8%	86.6%	-3.8 pts	81.5%	82.5%	-1.0 pts
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